

2016 FOOTBALL STELLAR SEASON

HALFACRE 25TH JUBILEE
(ARTICLE FROM The Times)

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN** BRINGS TECHNOLOGY TO STUDENTS

Alumni Kelsey Sheridan is

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ANNUAL REPORT

## Successes!

### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PLAN AND THANK YOU!

In the winter of 2016, with the assistance of the Steier Group from Omaha, Marquette Academy embarked on an ambitious capital campaign. Proud of our Past, Investing in our Future. The official appeal has ended and the campaign has realized a total of just over \$1,220,000 in outright gifts and pledges over a three year period. The mission of the campaign was threefold. 1. Improve technology available to our students in the classroom. 2. Make needed repairs to our facilities. 3. Increase our endowment for future Marquette families.

In year one, we have already begun to implement the plan. A new server to connect both schools and increase wifi capability has been purchased and is in process of installation. Two Chrome Carts have been purchased and 60 portable tablets are in use by the High School students on a daily basis. Teachers and students have received training on the tablets and the use of Google docs and Google Classroom apps. In the spring Partnership with Project Lead the Way for all STEM programming will begin, and bids will be let for the completion of a much needed new roof at the high school campus. In year two (2017-2018), plans are to continue STEM learning and update the labs at both schools to meet the concept criteria. We will also be updating kitchen equipment and HVAC/Boiler systems. By year three (2018-2019), many exciting changes will already be in place and we will continue the STEM program by implementing biomedical and engineering based cousework. We will purchase more smartboards and finally install new windows and renovate and restructure the high school gymnasium.



As you can see, the funds raised in this campaign are being put to good, practical use. Of course, we send a heartfelt THANK YOU to all who have helped by contributing or volunteering in this major effort..

All donors are listed in the 2015-2016 Annual Report which is part of this publication. The donors will also receive permanent recognition on a plaque in the main hallway at the high school.

We did not quite meet our goal of \$1,500,000, and budgeted expenses are always ongoing and increasing. If you still wish to donate to the campaign, you may do so at any time over the course of the next three years.





Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the 2016-2017 school year! 2015-2016 was a tremendous year, from our playoff bound football team to a successful Capital Campaign the 2015-16 school year will be tough to beat, but we are certainly up to the challenge! Although it was a busy summer it was exciting opportunity to prepare for our students return. We had many projects including purchasing sixty chrome books and two chrome charts for our students daily usage and increasing our bandwidth and Wi-Fi capabilities at both campuses. We also installed a new server to connect both of our campuses and installed a



brand new VoIP phone system at then high school. Along with this we also purchased new Biotech materials for our high school science labs and introductory Biotech based materials for our junior high science labs. Our faculty has continued with the Google Classroom trainings and have begun implementing these concepts into their classrooms. It certainly is an exciting time around here and it is all thanks to you! The diligent work of the supporters and stakeholders of Marquette Academy has helped us to increase and improve not only our technology and curriculum but also our school. These newest updates will certainly transition into what is sure to be another successful school year.

Our administration, faculty and staff are comprised of highly qualified individuals and educators who are committed to providing our students with the support and opportunities that they will need to become lifelong learners. Our students' success is our primary goal at Marquette Academy. We believe that every student can and should learn at his or her highest level. We are prepared to offer the time and support that each student needs to accomplish this goal. We offer a variety of opportunities through our unique programming to help personalize our students' education to best prepare them for their future endeavors. Our pre-K- through - twelve curriculum is designed to prepare students by developing the skills needed to be successful in the careers of tomorrow. It is with great pride in our school and community that we help to provide a foundation for future success for all of our students. For the administration, faculty, and staff of Marquette Academy education is more than a job, it is a vocation.

As the beautiful fall colors ascend upon us and the halls of Marquette Academy's campuses again become filled with students and activity, I again wish to welcome you back to another exciting year as the Knights and Crusaders of Marquette Academy. As we move forward in our mission of high quality Catholic education, we always remember that at Marquette Academy traditions are embraced, dedication is the norm and excellence is the expectation.

Respectfully yours,

Brooke Rick, Principal

MARQUETTE ACADEMY ADMINISTRATION

### DONAHUES HAVE BEEN DOMINANT FOR THE CRU

The name of "Donahue" is a proud one whenever it's mentioned in the same breath as Marquette Academy, but it's also a revered name when more specifically linked to Crusaders football.

This fall, playing for the state-ranked, undefeated and 1A playoff No. 1-seeded Cru are four young men – two sets of brothers first cousins to each other – who are most definitely doing that name proud, each in a different way according to his own personality.

There's "the Leader," Sam Donahue, the senior lineman who is soft-spoken or vocal, depending on what's needed, to keep the Cru motivated in practice and in the weight room and on-task with the gameplan on field.

There's "the Attitude," his brother Max Donahue, a hard-hitting sophomore back and linebacker who puts the swagger into the Crusaders persona and has the aggressive talent, speed and physical style on both sides of the ball to back it up.

There's "the Brain," bookish-looking, bespectacled Ryan Donahue, who excels at the thinking man's aspect of the sport every bit as well as the quiet but speedy senior back excels running away from opposing defenders.

And there's "the Comic," confident sophomore back Eric Donahue, who is cocky enough, glib enough and talented enough to step into any position in the backfield and have the team not miss a beat, in play or demeanor.

Together, they provide an essential core on and off the field for one of the best teams in school history.

"The first thing I will say about those four is that they have a tremendous work ethic, all of them," said MA coach Tom Jobst. "They don't miss a weightlifting session or a summer practice, other than a day or two for family vacation. Football is in their DNA. They love it, and they're good at it, plus they're all intelligent and really good kids.

"They bring the best of everything to this team."

The MArquette Crusaders' drive to the Class 1A football payoffs this season has been fueled in part bt four Donahue cousins: brothers sophomore Max and senior Sam, and brothers senior Ryan and sophomore Eric. This is the second season together for Sam and Max, the sons or former MA standout Tim Donahue (1984-87) and his wife, Cindy, whose elder son Jack still plays for Knox College. Sam and Max were starters on MA's 12-1 Class 1A semifinalists a year ago. However, this is a new experience for Ryan. The son of Tim's sister, Kerri, didn't start until late a year ago but came through huge in that postseason. Eric played JV in 2015, but is earning varsity time this season.

But it was the thrill of a lifetime for their grandparents, former MA gridder Earl Donahue (1953-55) and his wife, Phyllis, when all four cousins played in the same backfield. Jobst put Max at quarterback and Sam at fullback between his speedy cousins in the Sept. 30 homecoming 58-7 rout of Westminster Christian.

"That was something special, a throwback to our youth (football) days," said Sam, whose line play has helped the Cru rush for 339.9 yards per game on offense and, with his 41 total tackles, eight for a loss, hold foes to 53.4 ground yards a game. "My grandpa has joked about it all summer, but we never thought it would come true. I hadn't carried the ball since eighth grade, but Max came to the huddle and knelt down like he owned the place.

"It's been great, all of us together supporting each other, having someone to talk to about a play, a scheme or a team we're playing. ... The whole season has been very special for all of us."

"I'm not surprised we're doing so well, because everyone's stepped up," said Max, who has accounted for 510 yards and 13 touchdowns along with 26 total tackles, six for a loss on defense. "This year we have a bunch of new guys, especially on defense, and we came in knowing we could count on them. ... Sam's tough on us, but he keeps us all in line, and Ryan and Eric have both made big runs.

"The Donahue backfield was a proud moment for our entire family, especially for Sam's last ride. I'm putting it all out there for him and all the seniors."

"It's been great playing with these guys I know so well," said Ryan, a 563-yard rusher with six TDs and the top receiver with 158 yards and two scores this season as well as 24 tackles, five for a loss. "Being so close, it not only makes the team better and more fun, but makes for better team bonding. . . . It's been a great season with them, and hopefully it won't be over for a while yet."

"Sharing this with family gives us something to talk about over dinner," deadpanned Eric, who has 150 rush yards and two scores, including that 64-yard TD run against Alden-Hebron. "What's it like on the sideline watching them? Cold ... but still warm at the same time. They're crazy good, all three of them."

How well do these guys know one another? When Max was told that Eric had been asked which one of the four was the best athlete, he just smiled.

"He said himself, didn't he?," Max said, shaking his head. "That's Eric. He's a Donahue."

Article written by Charlie Ellerbrock published in the Times newspaper.



## Scenes from around Marquette, Academy High, School

# Applause.



#### THE 2016 HOMECOMING COURT

Queen & King: Gracy Neilson & Sam Donahue

Senior attendants: Maddie Dougherty & Brenda Morales

Junior attendants: Anna Sypniewski, Alyssa Vesley, & Allie Snook

Sophomore attendants: Megan Machetta & Kendra Zitt

Freshman attendants: Chloe Garkey & Emma Thomas

Special thanks to the Lone Buffalo for letting us take pictures at the restaurant.

#### THE CRUSADERS

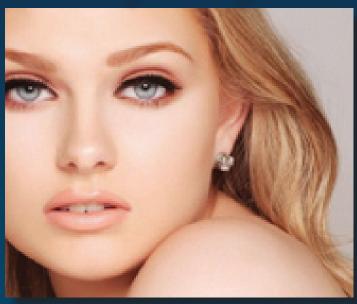
With a stellar season under their belts and the playoffs well under way, the Crusaders have done more than just win games. They have set the bar high as role models for our younger Knights who want nothing more than to grow up to be just like them! Congratulations to Coach Jobst, his staff and the CRU for setting such an honorable example.





## Student Spotlight!







#### STEPHANY TIPSORD

The MAHS Class of 2017 has a National Fashion Model and National Pageant Queen! Stephanney Tipsord started her natural pageant career in 2015 in an effort to focus on gaining interview skills and public speaking experience. In 2016, while building her pageant experience, she was discovered by American Model and Pageant Magazine and walked the runway as a model for national shoe designer Marc Defang, was selected by International photographer Marc Tuscher to attend an International Model Discovery Cruise, offered a call back to The Rock Talent Agency and will be featured this fall in American Model and Pageant Magazines' upcoming issues. In June, Stephanney completed at America's Natural Supreme Beauties' National Pageant where she competed against contestants all over the United States. Stephanney successfully won National Senior Cover Model and also won National Divisional Top Model, Actress, Outstanding Program Participant and 3rd Runner Up. In Addition, Stephanney is America's Natural Supreme Beauties' reigning Miss Illinois and will competing again in Kentucky for a national title in June of 2017.

On October 23rd, 2016, Stephanney was a featured runway model for Chicago's Fashion Week during Live Out Loud Charity's 7th Annual Fashion Show raising awareness while rocking the runway for suicide prevention, anti-bullying awareness and core character development. During this show, she also walked as a Pageant Queen as a part of an additional awareness campaign and will be featured in Tiara Magazine as both a model and pageant queen. Throughout the upcoming year, she will be focusing on raising awareness with Live Out Loud Charity and will be working on several regional print modeling projects. Stephanney is a Varsity Cheerleader and member of the Crazy Cru. She is the daughter of Troy and Kim Tipsord, sister of Marquette Academy 7th Grader Sheyanne Tipsord and the granddaughter of Jim and Linda Swanson, Carol Tipsord and Jim and Lorri Tipsord.

#### SUPPAN SPEAKS...

Heinz Suppan has been teaching German and History at MAHS for 34 years. He has authored and published two books; Remember Indian Creek and Marking Time, the Radium Girls of Ottawa. He recently was selected to speak at the Illinois State Historical Society at its annual Conference for Illinois History Scholars on October 7th in Springfield. He presented his recent paper on the Ottawa Rescue Case which deals with the successful attempt of several abolitionists in Ottawa who helped a captured runaway slave, Jim Gray, to escape from Ottawa. He had been brought here to appear before the State Supreme Court because of the Fugitive Slave Law that had been enacted as a result of the Compromise of 1850. He was aided in his escape by wealthy grain and lumber dealer, John Hossack, who had hidden several runaway slaves in his home on Prospect Street. The escape was successful, and Gray made his way to freedom in Canada. Mr. Suppan has aspirations to turn this local legend story into his next book.



## HALFACRE 25TH JUBILEE

(ARTICLE FROM The Times)

During his life as a priest, La Salle County has become home to Msgr. Philip Halfacre.

The pastor at Streator's St. Michael the Archangel and Seneca's St. Patrick churches also has served in Ottawa, Utica and Naplate as well as past Chaplain and continuing to teach at Marquette Academy.

Halfacre celebrated his 25th Jubilee in the priesthood in May if 2016, a milestone he likens to a long-time married couple's anniversary.

"My silver jubilee was first of all an opportunity for me to express my gratitude to God for calling me to the priesthood and sustaining me these past 25 years," Halfacre said. "The occasion was a celebration for the entire parish because of the mutual roles we have in each other's lives. I am grateful that they are my parishioners; they are grateful that I am their pastor — and together, we give thanks to God."

Although Halfacre was not born and raised Catholic, he said from his earliest days he has always been interested in what might be called "the things of God." During his youth and young adulthood in the 1970s and 1980s, he walked to church every Sunday morning.

He entered Indiana University in the fall of 1982, the same year he converted to Catholicism. Daily Mass attendance has been a stronghold of his life since his early college days.

"I originally began my studies with a view toward becoming a medical doctor but in the beginning of my second year at Indiana University, though I had really never considered it before that time, I felt a very strong desire to become a priest," he said. "I look back on that as God making known to me what he wanted me to do with my life. The rest, as they say, is history."

Halfacre graduated from Indiana University with a degree in philosophy. He then applied to the Diocese of Peoria and was sent to Mount Saint Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md., the following year. He possesses a Master of Arts in Sacred Theology and on May 25, 1991 was ordained to the priesthood. For the past 24 of his 25 years, Halfacre has been assigned to what is known in the Diocese administratively as the Ottawa Vicariate.

"I can only say that I have very much enjoyed being here in this part of the Diocese these many years," he said. "When I first came to the area, a colleague at Marquette said to me upon my arrival, 'La Salle County may not be paradise — but it's not a bad place to serve the Lord.'

Meanwhile, he senses a change in the public perception of religion and Catholicism in particular.

Halfacre's hope is that those he ministers to will see God as more than a rule maker and will thoroughly integrate a Christian outlook into their lives "that seriously takes into account the significance of ordinary life and work, the greatness of family life, Jesus' teaching on suffering and the Cross, the need to practice real forgiveness, the importance of making commitments and keeping them."

## The "Older" and the "Younger"

#### Class of 1950

The MHS Class of 1950 was a pioneer class in that it was the first co-ed class to graduate from Marguette High School. There were many outstanding students in that class who went on to stellar careers in a multitude of endeavors, and who became pioneers in their respective fields, or who became stay-at-home wives and mothers that raised a generation of proud catholic families. Many of them saw their children, grandchildren, and beyond attend Marguette. Sadly, the class has lost many members, and those who remain are in their young eighties. Following is a little information on a few of them who have stood out as pioneers.

#### Mr. Robert E. McGrath

After appearing as a struggling young artist, Arthur Crefont in Marquette's production of the operetta "Pickles" in 1950, Bob went on the University of Michigan. He graduated from the School of Music in 1954, and was a member of the University's prestigious Glee Club. He has received its Lifetime Achievement Award. From 1959-1964 Bob was the featured tenor on the Sing Along with Mitch TV series. In the mid 1960's he became a popular recording artist in Japan with a series of Irish folk songs in Japanese. This became the basis of his "secret" when he appeared on the TV game shows To Tell The Truth and I've Got A Secret. For 38 years, McGrath was a fixture on Canadian television. He has written several children's books and songs. Including "Sing Me A Story" which was nominated for children's album of the year. Among all of these pioneering accomplishments, Bob is perhaps best known for his role as neighborhood pal Bob Johnson for over 40 years on the wildly popular Sesame Street children's series. Bob was one of the original cast members and sang memorable songs such as "The People In Your Neighborhood". Bob and his wife Ann have five children and eight grandchildren. Today they reside in Teaneck, NJ. Bob has fond memories of his childhood in Ottawa and his years with his classmates at MHS.

#### F.M. (Mike) Scherer

F.M. Scherer is an American economist and an expert on industrial organization. He received his A.B. degree from the University of Michigan in 1954, his M.B.A. with distinction from Harvard in 1958, and his PhD from the same institution in 1963. Since 2006 he continues as a Professor of Public Policy and Corporate Management in the Aetna Chair at the JFK School of Government at Harvard University. Scherer served as the chief economist for the Federal Trade Commission in 1974-1976. His research includes industrial economics and the economics of technological change. Since 1962 he has written as many as 75 much cited major articles on the subject of economics. In 1971 he authored a textbook on Industrial Organization. It has gone through many editions, and he still serves on the advisory board for the scholarly magazine of the same name. Mike has served as president of the Industrial Organization Society and the International Joseph A. Schumpeter Society and V-P of the American Economic Association. He fondly remembers the time that as editors, he and JoAnne Maier conspired to change the name of the school newspaper from "The Shield" to "Voyageur". Their classmates were outraged that they would not implement the democratic process. Ultimately, the name did not change, and he gained a new respect for democracy.

#### **Robert Hagglund**

Bob was hired as the President of EMI Medical, Inc. in 1976. EMI Medical was the U.S. operation of the British based EMI medical technology firm. Bob worked closely with Dr. John Powell who was instrumental in the development of, and clinical trials of the CT and MRI

scanners in Europe during the 1970's. Bob worked tirelessly to bring them to the American market and make them affordable. Dr. Powell thought that the company needed a more rounded general manager in this phase of its expansion. Hagglund had previously served as executive VP of G.D. Searle's diagnostic business, and had the broader outlook required to manage this larger integrated operation. With Bob's assistance, in 1976, EMI acquired SHM Nuclear Corporation, a California Company that had developed linear cancer therapy, and six months later acquired 60% of a large supplier of ultrasound equipment. The 1976 Annual Report stated "We have every reason to believe that this new grouping of scientific and technological resources will prove of national benefit in securing a growing share of worldwide markets for high technology products." Under Bob's direction, by the close of 1976 EMI's sales of electronics products had risen from 84M to 207M, largely due to the scanner. Bob currently resides in Barrington Hills,

## Alumni participate in Chicago Marathon for charity

The Bank of America Chicago Marathon is the pinnacle of achievement for elite athletes and amateur runners alike. This year among the over 40,000 runners were several Marquette alumni including Sarah (Mitchell '01) Heuser who ran to support their favorite charity-World Vision-whose mission is to provide clean, fresh drinking water to third world countries. Sarah raised \$5,765 personally at the Marathon and raised an additional \$5,000 at an event at Jeremiah Joe in Ottawa. Sarah said the entire process was an incredible experience. "Running for a charity gave my training more purpose than I could have imagined. World Vision and the friends I ran with were extremely empowering and the journey has been life changing. I hope reflecting on this



experience with my children someday will teach them that they too should choose compassion, kindness, and empathy towards others, that life is not to be taken for granted, and that discipline and prayer may be difficult at times, but rewarding. For me, it was much more than just a 26.2 mile run". Sarah's son Hunter is a kindergarten student at MA.

Other MHS alumni runners included: Katie Bugelholl '12, Mike Hall '02, Sara (Aussem '98) Bretag, Jenny (Ausssem '94) Leigh, and Brenda (Parrott '81) Dougherty, Sarah Haines '11.

#### MAHS ALUM IS ONE LUCKY FAN!

Mason Snyder of the Class of 2011 and his Dad Robb were lucky enough to have tickets to game 7 of the World Series in Cleveland. The luck did not stop there. They had earlier been put on the list for the front office after party by a friend of theirs. There they met and hung out with Chris Chelios and Eddie Vedder. At about 2:45 a.m., they decided to wander onto Progressive Field and into the Cubs dugout just to check it out. From there they went down the stairs, through the tunnel and ended up in the Cubbies clubhouse! Several of the players and coaches, as well as the trophy were still around. "It was a once in a lifetime experience" says Mason. "I am not even a big Cubs fan, just a huge baseball fan. Really wasn't much too it other than just walking down in there and hanging out/partying with the Cubs." Mason and Rob even received a bottle of champagne right off the ice, a ball, and several one on one photos with Baez, Arietta, Chapman, Epstein and Maddon. They chatted with Grimm, Heyward, Fowler and Lester. Mason's

brother Evan is a MAHS grad of the Class of 2016. Mason tells this writer that Evan is going to have a very good Christmas!





#### BACK HOME - Kelsey Sheridan

In 2008, I graduated Marquette High School with hopes of becoming a teacher. With the help of Illinois Valley Community College courses at Marquette, I decided to finish out my Associates at IVCC. I applied for the Ponti Family Scholarship, a scholarship for a future teacher in elementary education, that allowed for a paid tuition to IVCC and Illinois State University. With an essay about why I wanted to teach, the foundation gave me the biggest honor by choosing me to live out my goals. Their faith in me catapulted me into years of fun, challenging, and unforgettable experiences in and out of the classroom.

Before graduating at ISU in 2011, I applied myself in the Professional Development School program that allowed me to live in Springfield, Illinois to student teach for an entire school year. This new experience gave me the confidence that I needed to feel as if I could teach anywhere. I signed up for the University of Northern

lowa Overseas Job Fair for Educators and started interviewing for places all over such as Mexico, Puerto Rico, etc... I was student teaching first grade at the time and Puerto Rico had a first grade position open. Out of all the schools at the job fair, I knew that Guamani Private School (Bi-lingual School) in Guayama, Puerto Rico was the right choice for me.

Instantly, I was immersed into a country that I knew little about and into a school that I have never been to. I was unfamiliar with the culture and language and wasn't quite sure if I was fit for this experience. However, I knew after my first day at Guamani, that I was where I belonged. Education is universal. Even with a language barrier, the students came ready to learn as did I from them. They taught me how to become a better teacher along with a new Spanish vocabulary.

After three years of teaching first grade in Puerto Rico, my students, co-

workers, and friends made it possible for me to come back to Illinois with so many amazing and unforgettable experiences in and outside of education. I feel even more blessed to be able to share my love with the Spanish culture and language to my students at Marquette Academy. I had not planned on becoming a Spanish teacher at Marquette, however, I know God had this planned for me. I am right back where I started and it feels so good to be teaching about my second home within my home.



## Milestones

#### **BIRTHS**

**Kylin Louis Rick**, 6lbs. 11 oz. 21 in., was born on September 2, 2016. She joins her sisters Keeley, Kinley and Kooper. Her parents are Brooke (Schneider '99) and Justin '99 Rick. Brooke is the current principal at Marquette Academy.

MAHS teacher **Kathryn Ewers** and her husband Jason welcomed their first child, a daughter, Jae Amelia on May 19th. She weighed in at 5 lbs. 13 ozs.

#### **REUNIONS**

#### 60th

Forty people gathered for the MHS Class of 1956 60th reunion on September 18th. They came from Florida, New Hampshire, Missouri, North Carolina, Texas, Virginia, throughout Illinois and Grand Ridge to celebrate with their high school friends. The day started with a memorial Mass at St. Columba Church where class members participated by being lectors, extra ordinary ministers of communion, and gift bearers. It concluded with the congregation singing the Marquette Loyalty song. Mass was followed by a delicious Ottawa family style luncheon at Montes Riverside Inn where everybody laughed, reminisced and ate the "Classy Cake" decorated with the original 1956 class photo, a tradition at their class parties. Before dispersing, the group decided to have an 80th birthday party in the fall of 2018.

#### 50th

The MHS Class of 1966 held its 50th Reunion on Friday, August 5th at the Knights of Columbus. Classmate Jerry Jerde who was killed on Mother's Day in 1967 during the Viet Nam war was honored with a special remembrance plaque that will be displayed in the hallway at MAHS. It was a great turnout and everyone enjoyed sharing their high school memories and visiting with old friends. Frank Scerini made a stained glass piece for a raffle. The winner, John Schirz donated it back to the school to be auctioned at this year's May Merriment event. Special thanks to Frank and Rita Mussato and Hope and Larry Keeley for hosting the reunion meetings. The planning was lots of fun!

#### 40th

The Class of 1976 held their 40th Reunion at Annie's Hideaway on September 10th. Thank you to all who attended and to the committee of Jan (Smith) Paoletti, Nancy

(Corcoran)
Faber, Jim
Rick, Celine
(Ruder)
Bennetts,

Pat (Norton) Braidia, Pat (Durdan) Duffield and Karen (McGinnis) Conness who organized the event. A great time was had by all!

#### WEDDINGS

Brandon Wilson '10, son of Amy (Kotek '87) Lechner and grandson of Ray '63 and Sandy (Schmanske '64) Kotek, wed Toria Duffey on October 28th. They were married at Duck Creek Golf Course in Davenport, Ia. Brandon is a correctional officer at the East Moline Correctional Center.

**Stefanie Kaufmann '98** and **Don Phillis '05** were wed on June 25th at St. Patrick's Church.

**Orsola Evola '05** became the wife of Joel Sovich on 9/12/15 in Joliet, Ill.

Classmates of the class of 2008, **Krista (Bella) Taglia** and **Corey Brown** were married on
September 4th at St. Patrick's in Ottawa. They
enjoyed a pre-wedding visit to their Alma
Mater!



#### **ENGAGEMENT**

#### A MAHS Pre-K teacher, Hannah Eager

'08 was recently surprised. She went on a last minute trip to San Francisco with some friends. During a visit to a winery in the Napa Valley, her boyfriend, Stephen Kupferschmid became her fiancé. He popped the question and she said Yes! When they arrived at the air-

port for the return trip to Illinois, he surprised her again by whisking her off to Hawaii for a week-long celebration.- Kudos to Stephen who was assisted in the surprise by Hannah's good friend and also alumnus, Abby Callaway '08. She was totally caught off guard by the whole thing. They are planning to wed on September 16, 2017.

## WEDDING ANNIVERESARIES 50th

Past parents **Bob and Phyllis Potusna** were married on May 7, 1966 at Sacred Heart Church inKinsman. They celebrated 50 years on May 14th with a family dinner at Montes.

**Bob Durdan '63** married his "first" wife, **Cheryl Vogel** on April 16, 1966 at St. Patrick's in Ransom. Bob and Cheryl are parents of Marquette alums Tim, Paul, Sherrie, Christie and Karen and grandparents of 14 and 1 deceased, many of whom have or are now attending Marquette. A family celebration was held.

On October 16, 1966 high school sweethearts **Don Kiesig'64 and Judy (Abernathy '64)** were wed at St. Mary's in Naplate. They are the parents of Marquette alumni Kala, Don Jr. and Kevin and grandparents of Dalton and Carlton. Don and Judy celebrated 50 years of happiness with a party of family and friends and a trip for two to Mexico.

#### Hubert '52 and Pearl (Brownfield '54)

**Scherer** will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on October 29th with a dinner with their five children and brothers and sisters. They were married at St. Columba Church on October 27, 1956. Their children Steve, David, Cora, Karen and Vickie all graduated from MHS.

#### 40th

**Kelly and Penny (Crowley '61) Magoonaugh** celebrated their 40th Anniversary in October. They received a blessing in front of friends and the congregation at St. Patricks.



#### MAROUETTE MAY MERRIMENT XXXIV was

held on May 7, 2015. The general chairmen, Brian and Jean Garland, Kevin and Emily Dale and Honorary chairs Roy and Janet Garland brought the beauty of the Secret Garden to Bader gym. The well-attended event raised \$160,000 plus for the Academy! A sincere thank you to the donors, guests, alumni, volunteers and chairmen for a huge success. Plans are already underway for MMMXXXV to be held on Saturday, May 6, 2017. Save the date and join us!

## Looking Ahead

#### **MARQUETTE MAY MERRIMENT XXXV**

Honorary Chairpeople: Bill and Phyllis Durdan Chairpeople: Jamie and Mindy McConnaughhay Scott and Kathleen Sypniewski

This year's theme is

Fly me to the Moon
The Rat Pack is Back!"



## Marquette Academy Ottawa, Illinois 2015-2016 Annual Report

#### Marquette Mission Statement

Marquette Academy is a PreK-12 Roman Catholic learning community that strives to promote spiritual, academic, social, emotional, and physical growth. We believe in developing critical thinking skills, a lifelong love of learning, and in preparing our students to enter an increasingly interconnected society.

Traditions are embraced. Dedication is the norm. Excellence is the expectation.

#### Academic Philosophy

We impart to our students that learning is a lifelong process that begins with serious individual effort and continues through class work, home studies, tests, and applying what is learned to life. We provide a college-preparation environment characterized by high expectations and respect for academic excellence. Marquette students and staff seek to instill a strong catholic attitude in the entire school environment.



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## MARQUETTE ACADEMY REVENUE & EXPENSE ACTUAL 2015-2016

#### 2015-2016 Actual

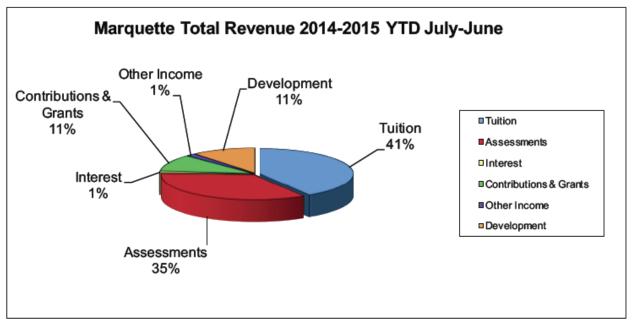
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Total Expense Total Revenue	3,261,393.08 4,727,789.56

1,466,396.48

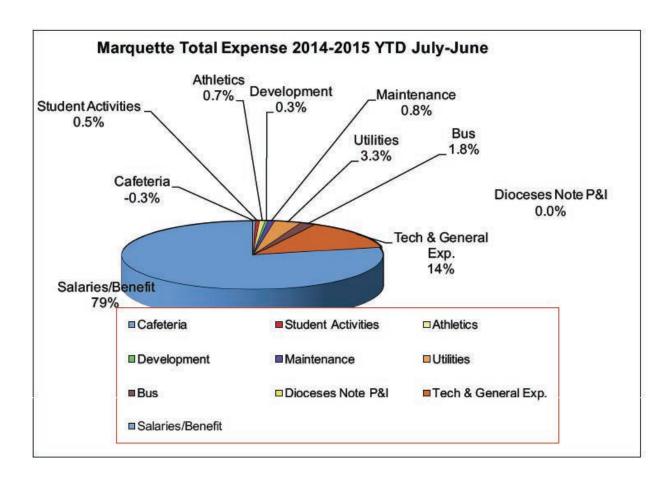
### MARQUETTE ACADEMY REVENUE & EXPENSE Year To Date July-June 2014-2015

#### 2014-2015 Year To Date July-June

Total Revenue \$3,407,860.19



Total Expenses \$3,109,124.88



## MARQUETTE SOCIETY ANNUAL GIFT FUND APPEAL 10/15/15 TO 6/30/16

The Marquette Society was formed in the fall of 2003. The following Clubs were established, and donors were invited to join the Society to become a member of one of the Clubs. Over the years, many have climbed the ladder and many more have joined the society. There are presently approximately 300 members in the Marquette Society.

The goal is to double the membership. The 2015-2016 Annual Gift Fund Appeal raised slightly over \$61,500.00 Time and time again, Marquette has been blessed with alumni, parents and friends who realize that the advancement of the school depends not only on the vision of the current administration, but also on those benefactors who provide consistent annual support. Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support.

#### 1000 Paul Street Club (\$10,000 and over)

Marquette has changed thousands of lives over its 157 year history. The first structure was a frame building situated at Washington and Paul Streets in Ottawa, Il. The historic address is used to name this level to recognize those farsighted individuals who have committed to the vision of Marquette into the future.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Ruder

#### Shield Club (\$5,000-\$9,999)

Three outstanding virtues of a Christian Crusader are symbolized in the traditional crusader shield; the drawn sword for courage and fortitude, St. Joseph's staff for purity and family dedication and the lighted lamp for wisdom and knowledge. Finally, the cross is the symbol of our faith.

No new members for 2015-2016

#### Victory Club (\$2,500-\$4,999)

This level is a nod to the success of those students who have struggled against odds or difficulties in the class-room, on the playing field or in an extracurricular program.

Mr. Gerald E. McGinnis Mrs. Mary O'Brien

#### Principals Club (\$1,000-\$2,499)

Since 1859, the Principal has been the educational and spiritual leader of our school. This club is dedicated to the alumni and friends who have mirrored this leadership in their Christian lives. Members are acknowledged for advancing the educational opportunities at Marquette.

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"...the matter being duly discussed is finally and unanimously agreed upon that a colony of five should go upon said mission. The Rev. Mr. Terry with the consent of the Bishop of Peoria preparing to make ample provision for the Sisters until such a time as the revenue arising from the school would be adequate to support them." Sister Xavier, Superior-August 18, 1859.

No new members for 2015-2016

#### Ambassadors Club (\$500-\$749)

We are all ambassadors of Christ. We honor these donors for the investment they have chosen to make that secures Marquette High School's place in the forefront of secondary education.

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#### Crusaders Club (\$250-\$499)

Crusaders zealously strove to win the Holy Land from the Muslims in the 11th, 12th and 13th centuries. The Academy Knights and Crusaders continue to strive to learn and practice the Christian values and principles for which our ancestors fought.

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#### Gold Club (\$100-\$249)

"For the Blue and Gold will always stand..." The students who come through our doors each year and the lives they lead after graduation are the true measure of our success. Contributors to the Gold Club insure the continuance of this tradition.

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A Duke was a leader in battle. Members of the Dukes Club are recognized for their commitment to educating young people to be leaders, confident of the future because of the education they have acquired at Marquette.

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The Father Duke Legacy Society is an honorary society comprised of alumni, parents, and benefactors who have provided for the future of Marquette in their estate plans. The Fr. Duke Society was established in 1997 to honor and recognize people who have remembered us in this planned giving way. The individual's name is included on the plaque at the time the donor states his or her intention to include Marquette Academy in their planned giving. If you wish to honor Marquette with this type of gift, please contact the Advancement Office.

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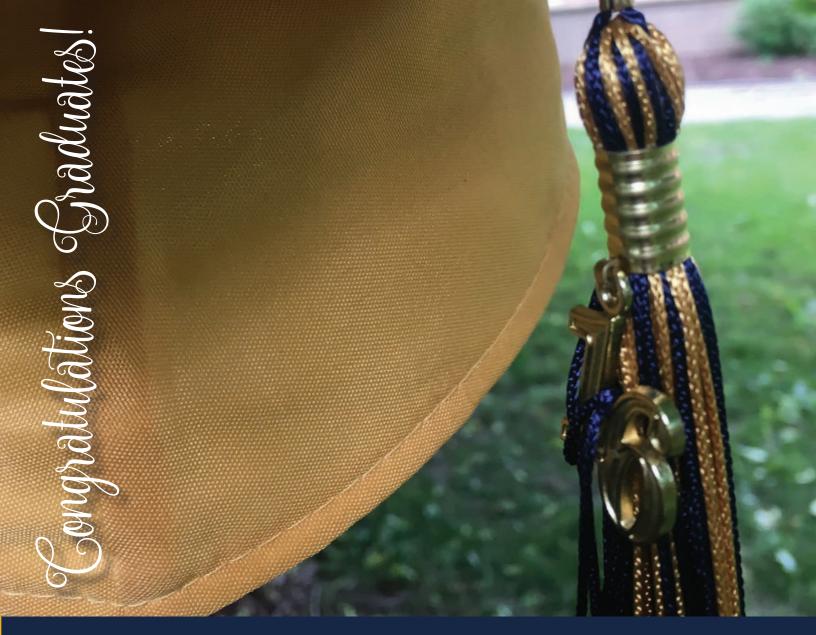
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