

FOOTPRINTS

[SUMMER/FALL 2014]



From left: Emily Owens, Maddy Dougherty, Emma Verona, Erin Miskell, Becka Pearson, King Cory Bugelhoff, Queen Olivia Rhoades, Lauren Meyer, Katie Sypniewski, Haleigh Couch, Caelyn Maltby

**Come Home for
Homecoming!
9.19.14**

**Zollars & Hess
Featured Students
Heinz
Speaks**



COMING MAY *2015*

SAVE THE DATE - MAY 2, 2015

Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the 2014-2015 school year! I hope that the summer months provided everyone with some rest, relaxation, and an opportunity to rejuvenate. Now that the summer is coming to an end, we are ready for the start of a fantastic new school year. The beginning of each school year is a time filled with great anticipation of what is to come. We have had a busy summer preparing for our student's return. With a new school year comes a great deal of hard work and preparation by many. From tearing down the apartment buildings to adding WIFI capabilities at each campus, it has been a summer full of activity. The diligent work of the supporters and stakeholders of Marquette Academy has helped us to 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 summer months fade into fall and the halls of Marquette Academy's three campuses again become filled with students and activity, I again wish to welcome you back to another exciting year as 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

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50 years of memories and reflection dominated a lively reunion of the class of 1964 September 5 - 7. Activities began Friday evening as the group gathered at Bianchi's, a location they well remembered. The class of some 109 graduates honored 24 deceased members during a candle lighting at a mass offered by Monsignor Halfacre at the MHS Chapel. Following the mass, 52 classmates convened for a wonderful evening of memories, entertainment and pledges to "get back together!" The class has also initiated a scholarship fund for future Marquette students and is well on its' way to achieving a goal of \$50,000.

Moving on...

On August 16th, the two story, four unit apartment building that stood adjacent to the MHS campus at the corner of Washington and Post Streets was demolished to make way for additional parking for Marquette Academy. At May Merriment XXXII, a Fund-A-Need appeal was made for this project.



Once again, our generous donors jumped on board and pledged \$50,000 to complete the project.

The apartment building has long outlived any benefits that have been received from it, and its demolition will make way for new bus parking. The buses will be removed from the general student parking lot and will have their own space with easy access to the street. A drive through lane to the street will eliminate turning around and backing up. It will make our entire parking situation much safer.

The space will also be reserved for visiting buses and student loading and drop off.

The student area of the lot will also be refreshed with striped spaces. The apartment building that was built by Marquette past parent, Martin J. Serena in the 1970's was later purchased by the school.



We ask your prayers for Marquette Academy: for its students, the administration, faculty, and staff – and for all the members of the Marquette family. Our Lord has blessed us and enabled us to provide a Catholic education for over 150 years. May his grace carry us into the future.

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.



*Scenes from around
Marquette Academy
High School*



Student Spotlight!



Eagle Scout Honor

Matthew Hess, class of 2014 was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout in November, 2013. Matt is from Yorkville and has been a member of Plano Troop 71 since he joined in the 5th grade. Prior to that he belonged to Cub Scout Pack 317 where he rose through the ranks to earn Arrow of Light, the highest achievement in Cub Scouting. On his way to attaining Eagle Scout, Matt earned 37 merit badges. He held the positions of Scribe, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader, Web Master, Order of the Arrow Representative, Assistant Scoutmaster and Troop Chaplain's Aid. He also earned the Catholic awards of Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII. For his Eagle rank project, Matthew planned and supervised the landscaping and installation of benches at his parish, St. Mary's in Plano in the Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Garden. During his four years at Marquette, Matt participated in basketball, baseball and track and served as teen staff member in Kendall County Operation Snowball. He plans to study film production in college. In reflecting on his scouting career, he said, "I would tell younger scouts to stick with it. It is worth it to do the work to earn the Eagle rank. Sports will come and go, but Scouts are always there for you." Matthew is the son of Brian Hess of Aurora and Laura Hess of Yorkville. His sister Melanie is a sophomore at Marquette.



The Sky's the Limit!

Marquette Academy Junior, Kenneth Zollars has achieved his childhood dream. In June of 2014, on his 16th birthday, and before he had a driver's license, he completed all required schooling and training to qualify for and obtain his private pilot's license. When he was 8 years old, Kenny became fascinated with airplanes when he first flew in one. Right then he decided that his dream career was to become a professional pilot. He continued on that path by taking flight lessons at the Aurora Municipal Airport. In about one year he had met all of the requirements to take his first solo flight. On his 16th birthday he flew solo in a Cessna 172 four passenger private plane. When he turns 17, Kenny will legally receive his private pilot's license. After that, he plans to continue down the path of becoming a professional pilot. Ken is an example of achieving your dream when you keep your goal in mind. He says "When people ask me if I am scared of flying alone, I tell them that I do not have a chance to be. I have to focus on flying." He is the son of Dr. Kevin and Jane Zollars of Earlville.

Faculty Spotlight!



Long time Marquette history and German teacher, Heinz Suppan, has been selected for a second year to be a presenter at the Conference for Illinois History Teachers in Springfield.

His topic will be: Pana Crossroads of Crisis. This lesson is about a riot that took place in Pana, Illinois, in 1899. Several people were killed while trying to break a strike at a coal mine.

Heinz is also soon to become a published author. His book, *Remember Indian Creek*, is in the publication process.

Also, on August 21st Heinz was awarded the adjunct faculty professor award for excellent quality of education from Joliet Junior College.

Mr. Suppan is considered an expert on Illinois history and enjoys teaching it at Marquette as a part of his curriculum.

A full suit of historical plate armor, likely from the 16th or 17th century, standing on a wooden base. The armor is made of dark metal plates with visible rivets and decorative patterns. It includes a helmet with a large, ornate crest, a breastplate, arm guards, and leg pieces. A long, thin sword or rapier is held vertically in front of the armor.

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Milestones

ANNIVERSARIES

- 65th Robert '50 and Ivis (Donahue) McGrath
June 25, 1949 at St. Columba
- 60th Donald and Patricia (Nielsen '53) Mathieu
November 7, 1954 at St. Francis
- 50th Raymond '63 and Sandra
(Schmanske '64) Kotek
July 25, 1964 at St. Columba
- 50th Bill '57 and Phyllis (Kobold '60) Walsh
married at St. Columba
- 45th Phil and Fran (Leone '59) Minneci
November 1, 1969 at St. Columba
- 40th John and Diane Nelson
August 24, 1974 at St. Mary's in Naplate.
- 35th Craig and Maureen (Graham '72) Thurlby
November 4, 1978 at Starved Rock
- 25th Bill '78 and Amy (Graves '87) Jankowski
July 8, 1989 in Springfield
- 25th George and Kelly (Nagle '81) Shanley
February 17, 1989 at St. Columba

ENGAGEMENTS

Alyssa Wielgopolan '10 was engaged in November. She will be married to Anthony White on September 5, 2015 at St. Columba Church.

WEDDINGS

Sarah Fowler '04 was married on June 28, 2014 to John Haag. The wedding took place at St. Patrick's Church in Ottawa. Mr. and Mrs. Haag reside in Ottawa.

Brennan Wielgopolan '05 was married on September 14, 2013 to Jamie Peel. The wedding was held at Epiphany Church in Bloomington. Celebrant was Fr. Patrick Henahan, the former Chaplain at Marquette. The couple resides in Bloomington.

On July 5, 2014, Brett Worsley '03 was married to Andie Marsel at a destination ceremony in Breckenridge, Colorado. Brett is employed by Marquette Academy as PE teacher and coach. The couple makes their home in Ottawa.

On June 7th at Starved Rock, Michael Martin '02 married Mary Kozlowski. They reside in Serena.

We Are Marquette Academy!

Here, traditions are embraced, dedication is the norm,
and excellence is the expectation.

A color portrait photograph of a woman with short, dark brown hair, smiling. She is wearing a dark blue U.S. Air Force uniform jacket with a white shirt and a dark tie. Her jacket features several medals and ribbons on her left chest and pilot wings on her right chest. An American flag is visible in the background to the left.

Influential Woman - Anne Ewers ('70) is president and CEO of the Kimmel Center, Academy of Music and the Merriam Theater in Philadelphia. She was recently named one of Philly's most influential women by Philadelphia Style magazine. After spending nearly 30 years with the San Francisco Opera as a stage director, Anne came to Philly in July 2007. From that time to April of 2008 she was able to retire a \$30 million construction debt, build an endowment from \$40 million to \$72 million, and garner a \$10 million gift to start a city festival for the arts. She closed that season with a \$1.6 million surplus. She views this as her greatest success at the Kimmel Center. Miss Ewers is a true lover of the Arts in all forms, and believes that it takes you to a new realm and helps you connect with your inner self. Anne participated in all of the stage productions at Marquette during her high school career and starred in Camelot in 1970 to still record crowds. She is the daughter of Dr. Frank and Mary Ewers in whose memory the Marquette Fine Arts Festival is named. The Ewers' endowed the Fine Arts at Marquette in their estate.



behavior issues.” Brian’s excellent teaching skills are not the only reason that he has earned the award. He plans and coordinates school-wide monthly dance parties and provides reading support to students two days a week after school. Congratulations to Mr. Boam on this well-deserved honor!

Congratulations Graduates!

MAHS CLASS OF 2014

Andrew Michael Allen

Matthew D. Allen

Danielle Marie Aurit

John Ira Bloom

Andrew R. Blum

Patrick Burash

Aaron Michael Callaway

Jibril Church-Carr

Nolan Durdan

Lyndsey Paige Duttlinger

Haleigh Eller

Mitchell J. Endres

Joseph Dominic Garland

Austin C. Gildea

Lindsie Lorraine Haben

John Michael Haines

Anna Elizabeth Harmon

Dylan Hayes

Matthew F. Hess

Joseph Edward Hettel

Bryce Matthew Hinkelman

Michael McLean Hogan

Mary Elizabeth Johnson

Paul Andrew Jones

Patrick James Killelea

Bryn N. Landreth

Cole Hendrich Lindhout

Christian Taylor Lovetere

Olivia Madden

Michaela Jo Mandujano

Jenna Marie Martin

Jacob Andrew Martini

Luke Edward Miller

Dalton Wayne Morris

Kenneth James Murphy

Carly Jo Oakes

Amanda Jo Payne

Jonah Rorem

Henry Albert Edward Salt

Francesca Sanderson

Madison Linay Schramer

Matthew Schramer

Dominique Marie Smith

Christopher Gregory Stafford

Tyler Paul Verona

Carolann Jeanette Wackerlin

John Joseph Weissensel

Casey Joseph Wheatland

Antoinette I. White



MAES CLASS OF 2014

Luis Angel Aguilar

Keaton Evan Bailey

Nicholas Robert Bennett

Kyle Walter Cook

Hannah Ann DeBernardi

Noah Thomas Donahue

Nicholas Daniel Duchon

Zachary Thomas Dyche

Bret Robert Gallagher

Jeremy Nicholas Gerlach

Michael Joseph Killelea

Delaney Nicole Kissel

Emily Ann Makeever

Caelyn Rose Maltby

Jack Henry Thomas Marvel

Makena Louis McConaughay

Katherine Ann McGraw

Clayton Allen Morris

Robert Joseph Nikischer

Haley Marie Obenhin

Angelina Marie Sandora

Brandon Nicholas Sauvageau

Andrew Louis Schalk

Branden Michael Scherer

Erin Elizabeth Smith

Mackinzy Lynn Smith

Kaylor Ryan Speirer

Slaten Phillip Swords

Anna Marie Sypniewski

Allyssa Marie Vesely

Bryan Edward Williams

Emily Jeanne Zollars

Congratulations Graduates!

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*Let us know where you are
and what you're up to!*

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

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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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Marquette Academy, a Pre K-12 Roman Catholic learning community, promotes spiritual, academic, social, emotional, and physical growth.

Students at Marquette Academy develop critical thinking skills,
a lifelong love of learning, and are prepared
to enter into an increasingly interconnected society.