

Alumni & Friends  
**NEWS  
LETTER**

Fall Edition 2019

# FOOTPRINTS



**2019 IHSA STATE CHAMPS (#bluesmoke)**

## INSIDE:

State Champs ..... Pg 1-2

Outstanding Alumni ..... Pg 2

Running Start ..... Pg 3

Student Spotlight ..... Pg 3

Alumni & Family Weekend .... Pg 4

### STAY CONNECTED!

#### PLEASE UPDATE YOUR INFO

Contact Diane Whalen with phone,  
email or address updates at  
[dwhalen@marquetteacademy.net](mailto:dwhalen@marquetteacademy.net)  
815-433-0125 ext 1018.

## MAKING HISTORY

Written by: Charlie Ellerbrock

Call it fate, call it destiny or call it all part of “the grand plan” of how things should be, there are happenings that occur and goals that are achieved just because the circumstances surrounding them seem to fall into the perfect place at the perfect time.

#### Case in point: the 2019 Marquette Academy baseball team.

When the Crusaders’ Luke Couch slipped a curveball past Waterloo Gibault batter Preston Oberk fell for strike three and the final out of the IHSA Class 1A championship game, that was the last of the many tumbler to fall into place over a two-month span, allowing the door to swing open and history to be made for the school, *the first state team title not only for Marquette, but also for the city of Ottawa.*

Despite the ups and downs of rainouts and reschedulings, it was a season of near perfection for the Crusaders, the only flaw in their 33-1 season an 11-6 loss at home to Class 3A Peoria Notre Dame. That defeat humbled the Crusaders, showing them that their 16 wins to that point meant nothing unless they took the field each and every day focused and prepared to do whatever need be done to win.

Blessed with a plethora of returning players from the club that took fourth at state a year ago, the Crusaders leaned on a 12-man senior class –among them starters Logan Komater, Nate Melvin, Jack Snook, Haydon Price, Max Donahue and Bryce Jones – to make sure that was the case the rest of the way. With terrific pitching, solid defense and a “small ball” offense to manufacture runs, the wins kept piling up.

A 10-0 and 2-0 sweep of Seneca on consecutive days early in May gave MA the outright Tri-County Conference championship for the seventh straight season. But the victory that set the tone heading into the post season was over 2A defending state champion Spring Valley Hall, taking a come-from-behind 8-7 decision on a game-winning hit in the last of the eighth inning by Komater.



Marquette Academy  
1000 Paul Street  
Ottawa, IL 61350  
815-433-0125  
[marquetteacademy.net](http://marquetteacademy.net)





## Final Record 33-1

### 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.

To make a donation online: [marquetteacademy.net](http://marquetteacademy.net), click the Donate link at the top of the page.

The Cru breezed through the Dwight Regional with 11-3 win over Midland and a 11-1 victory over the host Trojans, but needed a key RBI single by Couch to up end Delavan in the Illinois Wesleyan Sectional opener, and standout mound performances by Jones and Couch, plus a big RBI hit by Price, to defeat LeRoy, 1-0.

Back at Horenberger Field for the supersectional, Marquette answered two tie-breaking runs by Catlin Salt Fork in the top of the sixth with a whopping nine-run rally in the bottom half, creating the 10-4 victory. The Crusaders were ready to succeed where the year before that had failed, using Snook's four hits and three RBIs, two hits and three RBIs from Nick Melvin and two hits and two RBIs from Komater to score eight runs on 11 hits in the first five innings of a 10-8 win over Harvest Christian that sent them to the final.

There, the Cru bats stayed red hot against Gibault, taking the lead on a two-run home run by Snook and going on to post eight runs in that inning, taking control literally right off the bat. Meanwhile, junior John Thompson was masterful for six innings, and Couch for the final frame, and Marquette had its historic 14-5 victory.

While the seniors have moved on to their collegiate plans, and many of that team's underclassmen are now spending time in Hopkins' summer basketball program in Bader Gym. The monumental feat they came together to achieve likely still isn't completely appreciated by those who performed it, or by those who watched it and cherished it.

It was a season that will be remembered by many, associated with Marquette, or the city of Ottawa or not, for all time. It was a season when everything just fell together for a determined, focused group of young men who saw what needed to be done ... and did it.

**Crusaders:** Luke Couch, Jack Snook, Logan Komater, Jake Thomas, Liam Dougherty, Jay Scott, Nick Melvin, Jalen Flavel, Connor Durdan, Grant Waldron, Evan Green, Nate Melvin, Lennon Daniels, Haydon Price, Hayden McKenna, Bryce Jones, John Thompson, Hunter McAlpine, Jack Durdan, Max Donahue, Max Mitchell, Caleb Boucher

**Head Coach -** Todd Hopkins, **Asst Coach -** Brad Waldron, **Asst. Coach -** Brian Bressner, **Asst. Coach -** Eric Price, **Asst. Coach -** Steve Scherer

## OUTSTANDING ALUMNI

**BOB GUYETTE**, a 1971 graduate of Marquette (High School) Academy, is our **Spotlight Alumni**. After retiring from basketball, he earned a dental degree from the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry, followed by a medical degree from the University of Alabama School of Medicine. He is currently running a maxillofacial surgery clinic, in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Recently, Bob was inducted into the NewsTribune's Illinois Valley Sports Hall of Fame

- A 1971 Marquette graduate and a three-year varsity player, Guyette remains the program's all-time leading scorer (2,009 points) and his No. 45 is the only retired number in program history
- All-State in junior season and All-American senior year
- An inaugural member of Marquette's John Pociavsek Athletic Hall of Fame and a member of the Marquette Alumni Hall of Fame
- Played college basketball at Kentucky where he was a member of the Wildcats' 1975 NCAA Tournament runner-up team. In the 1975 title game against UCLA, he had 16 points and seven rebounds in the loss
- Drafted by the Kansas City Kings in the 1975 NBA Draft and by the New Jersey Nets in the 1975 ABA Draft, he signed with FC Barcelona of the Spanish League. With Barcelona, he won Spanish King's Cup titles in 1978, 1979 and 1980. He was the league's leading scorer with 32 points per game in the 1977 season



At a height of 6' 9", Guyette played at the power forward position.



**2019 MA graduates earned nearly \$1.8 in scholarships!**

## RUNNING START

Marquette Academy is proud to be the only school in the area that offers the **Running Start** program, available to qualified MA juniors and seniors who are academically motivated and able to take college courses at both MA and IVCC. Running Start satisfies part of their High School course pattern requirements while working toward the completion of an Associates Degree by HS graduation. Students benefit from **Time Saving** – earning college credit for their high school course pattern requirements, **Ease of transition** from High School to College – the transition from a High School student and College student becomes seamless, and **Cost Savings** – The Dual Credit classes will be taken at sixty percent of the cost of standard IVCC tuition.

### Running Start Graduates

2012-2013 - Elliot Kowalski  
 2013-2014 - Paul Jones, Christian Lovetere, Jacob Martini, Carolann Wackerlin, Casey Wheatland, Antoinette White  
 2014-15 - Madison Anderson, Alyssa Steege  
 2015-16 - Kylie Jewett, Alex Kissel, Allie Nona  
 2016-17 - Ryan Mann  
 2018-19 - Wyatt Hettel

**Illinois Articulation Initiative** (General Education certificate non degree) 2018- 2019 was the first year of this program recipients are Ashley Bowden, Hannah Cowie, Jackson Durdan, Madeline Eager, Mallory Martini, Kendra Zitt. This program allows students to receive college credits for classes without receiving an Associates Degree.

## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Wyatt Hettel  
Class of 2019

Marquette Academy's Wyatt Hettel is the first high school student to receive **two associates degrees** from IVCC while in high school. On May 18, he received both his Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degrees from Illinois Valley Community College; and on May 26 he received his high school diploma from Marquette Academy. By enrolling in our Running Start program, Wyatt worked extremely hard and took advantage of this opportunity to get a jump start on college. We are so proud of Wyatt and all his accomplishments, his dedication will certainly take him far!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 7, 2019  
Saints & Sinners Golf Outing  
Pine Hills Golf Course

Sept 27, 2019  
Homecoming Game  
7pm at Gould Stadium

Sept 27-28, 2019  
Alumni & Family Weekend  
Details on pg. 4

Nov 3, 2019  
Turkey Dinner  
Elementary Campus

Nov 16, 2019  
Merry Everything: Food Tasting and Christmas Bazaar  
Elementary Campus

Nov 16, 2019  
5K Runner's Crusade  
High School Campus

May 2, 2020  
Marquette May Merriment 38  
Bader Gym

To view the full calendar of events and athletic schedules visit: [marquetteacademy.net](http://marquetteacademy.net)

## THANK YOU!

Marquette May Merriment 37 was a great success, raising over \$250,000 to help keep quality Catholic Education affordable for our students. We would like to thank our sponsors, guests, donors, volunteers and all who have supported Marquette Academy. We shine bright because of all of you!

**Special thanks to our GOLD Sponsors:** Ottawa Funeral Home, Bill Walsh Automotive Group, Marseilles Sheet Metal, Ottawa Catholic Communities; St. Pat's, St. Francis and St. Columba Parishes, St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Cantlin Law Firm, IV Cellular, HR Imaging Partners, the Knights of Columbus, JJ's Pub, Shearer Tree Service, Dorothy Cioni, and Tom Ganiere Appraisal Service



Buy tickets online at [marquetteacademy.net/advancement/events.cfm](http://marquetteacademy.net/advancement/events.cfm) or at the HS Campus. Call Julie Verona in the Advancement Office at 815-433-0125 ext 1017 with questions. *Space is limited so make your plans to come home today!*

GET ALL THE DETAILS AT [www.marquetteacademy.net/advancement/events.cfm](http://www.marquetteacademy.net/advancement/events.cfm)

## You can always come HOME!

Marquette Academy's Alumni & Family Weekend (during Homecoming '19) is the best time to connect with friends, old and new, and share your Crusader pride with family of all ages!

**Friday • 9-27:** Tailgate with the Marquette family from 4-7:00pm before cheering on the CRU for the big Homecoming game vs. Rockford Christian. Kick-off is 7pm at Gould Stadium. Entrance for the Tailgate is across from the Ticket Gate at Gould. \$25 Entrance Fee includes great food, craft beer from Tangled Roots, pop, water, and loads of fun! Stop at the Spirit Wear tables to get your Crusader swag before you head into the game. Don't miss out on all the fun, exciting raffles and prizes!

**Saturday • 9-28:** Alumni Dinner at the Knights of Columbus in Ottawa at 5:30pm. \$20 ticket includes a butterfly pork chop and sides. Cash bar. Perfect place for your class reunions! **Tickets must be purchased by September 20.** Buy online or at the HS.

**"Changes in Latitude" Winner's Choice Raffle •** \$100 ticket enters you to win your choice of 5 ultimate vacation packages! Only 200 chances will be sold. Winner will be chosen on Saturday at 8:00pm. Need not be present to win. Visit our website to view vacation package details (*see web address above*). Buy raffle tickets online or at the HS.



[www.marquetteacademy.net](http://www.marquetteacademy.net) **815-433-0125** Follow us on Social Media



Marquette Academy  
1000 Paul Street  
Ottawa, IL 61350

NON PROFIT  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
OTTAWA, IL  
PERMIT  
NO. 322

RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED