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Our Vision

“Lourdes Foundation is a catalyst for the growth and expansion of Lourdes High School through excellence in education.”

Our Mission

“Lourdes Foundation attracts, manages and channels philanthropic resources to ensure a vital Catholic education at Lourdes High School.”



A Letter from the Gander Family...

Dear Friends of Lourdes,

I have been a member of the Lourdes Foundation Board of Directors for three years. I was invited to join the board by good friend and past board president, Tom Graf. Tom knew I have always been very connected to LHS. My wife, Linda, and I are both Lourdes grads and feel a deep sense of appreciation for the quality Catholic education we received there. All three of our children - Nerissa, Holly, and Michael, are Lourdes alumni. So, I couldn't help but accept Tom's invitation.

Being on the Foundation Board has definitely broadened my education regarding the importance of tuition assistance for deserving Lourdes students and their families. Without the funds Lourdes Foundation provides each year, many talented students would simply not be able to attend. For the 2008-09 school year alone, LFI has gifted over \$101,000 to help defray tuition costs.

This past year I chaired the LFI Scholarship Committee. I learned a lot about all of the scholarships that have been established, and met and spoke with many people who feel the same way Linda and I do about Lourdes. It got me thinking of what we could do to help. Every year my kids ask me what I want for my birthday...and every year I tell them all I want is peace and tranquility, and then let them buy me a new shirt or gift certificates to go out to eat. I appreciated those things, but then a new idea dawned on me...I decided to ask for a gift that would last forever. I decided to start the Gander Family Scholarship Fund. It would be a

common bond between all of us. I asked my kids to send whatever they would have spent on a gift for me to Lourdes Foundation designated for our scholarship. Whatever they gave, I would match. I truly believe this is a great way for us to give to something we believe in so strongly. Our scholarship fund is slowly growing. When it reaches \$10,000 it will become fully funded and the first scholarship will be awarded. What a terrific legacy - something that will help Lourdes students forever!

I wish all of you could feel the same satisfaction I have knowing what a difference Lourdes Foundation scholarships make. The gifts our family is making now will make all the difference in the lives of Lourdes students for years to come. It's a great feeling.

I hope you will consider doing what we have. A scholarship can be established with any amount, and built on until it reaches that fully funded mark. It's very easy to do.

Bob, Linda, Nerissa, Holly, and Michael Gander



LFI Announces *Jerry Hrabe Scholarship...*

The Lourdes Foundation Scholarship Committee along with the Board of Directors is happy to announce the establishment of the Jerry Hrabe Scholarship. Jerry Hrabe retired from Lourdes after 39 years last June. To commemorate his dedication to teaching and the significant impact he has made on generations of Lourdes students, the Board unanimously voted to name a scholarship in his honor. According to Scholarship Committee Chair Bob Gander, "We are proud to add the Hrabe scholarship to those named for other outstanding retired Lourdes faculty - Coach Joe Mayer, Dick Sherman, and Gene Eiden to name a few. Lourdes has been blessed with many exceptional teachers."



Message from the Past President



It has been a busy year for the Lourdes Foundation. We've dealt with two office relocations and staff transitions. We've refocused our efforts on our events, eliminating some and ramping-up on others. Our web-site is gaining in popularity and will likely become our primary means of communication in the future. Our

endowment funds have grown, allowing us to provide more tuition assistance than ever before. And, we've pledged \$1M to the Lourdes Building Our Future campaign for the construction of a new Lourdes High School. (See adjacent article.)

As I think of the history of the Lourdes Foundation, I can't help but feel indebted to the strategic thinking of those individuals who got together 36 years ago to determine how they could help serve the future of Lourdes High School. We now have \$5M in assets and have provided over \$750,000 in tuition assistance.

I cannot stress enough how important our tuition assistance has been to the families who send their children to Lourdes High School. Sixty students received scholarships from us this school year – many could not attend Lourdes without this financial assistance. I extend my sincere gratitude for all your donations.

As powerful as our impact is in helping families afford Lourdes, let's not forget the importance of parish-based subsidies. Almost 80% of LHS students receive a parish-based subsidy, totaling over \$360,000. We are blessed to have the support of the Board of Trustees and the Rochester Catholic parishes.

I want to thank this past year's Executive Committee: Bob Gander, Sue Krecke, and Therese Armstead for their hard work, and the Board of Directors for their decisiveness and passion for our mission. I also want to thank departing Board members James Woodruff, Barb DeCramer, Tina Mohr, Tom Graf, and Terri Poterucha for their many years of dedicated service.

And lastly, I want to thank Tim Sitzler, Sheila Rainey, and Lynnette Stadtherr for their hard work running our office this past year. I believe we are well poised for the future.

I've thoroughly enjoyed my year in office and look forward to supporting next years' officers.

Foundation Pledges \$1 million to LBOF Campaign

The Board of Directors of Lourdes Foundation (LFI) has voted unanimously to pledge \$1 million to the *Lourdes Building Our Future* (LBOF) campaign. This decision came after many hours of discussion and research by an ad hoc committee of the Board.

"We are excited to be a part of building the new Lourdes High School through this major donation," said Steve Bieniek, 2007-08 LFI Board President. "While we will continue to focus our efforts on tuition assistance through our scholarship programs, this gift is consistent with our mission to ensure the perpetuity of Lourdes High School."

Funding for the pledge will come from the net sales proceeds when land north of the current LHS site owned by LFI is sold. This land, now being used as a parking lot, was originally purchased with the intent of providing space for future expansion of the school. The Board felt that using the money from the sale of the land towards building a new school honors this intention. Although the net proceeds from the sale cannot be determined until the land is sold, recent comparable sales were used to estimate its value.

In addition to estimating the value of the land, the ad hoc committee projected the future cash flow needs of Lourdes Foundation. Sue Krecke, LFI Treasurer and chair of the ad hoc committee stated, "It is important to protect the financial stability of the Foundation. The ad hoc committee wants to ensure that the Foundation is able to continue its primary mission of providing tuition assistance for students and meet its operating expenses. By tying the pledge to the sale of the land, the Foundation remains in a strong financial position."

Although Lourdes Foundation is not directly involved in the LBOF capital campaign or with construction at the new site, they are fully supportive of the process. LFI is working closely with the RCS Board of Trustees to market the sale of the block north of Lourdes in conjunction with the sale of the current LHS property.

A Few Words from the New President...

I am very excited to be involved with Lourdes Foundation as we move through the Lourdes Building Our Future campaign. Even though we are facing challenging economic times, the Foundation is committed to helping provide a strong Catholic high school education for students in Rochester now and in the future.

Along with the LFI Board of Directors, I look forward to working hard to continue to fulfill our mission. Your support is essential to that goal. We are so grateful for all that you have done and will continue to do. Lourdes Foundation's success is due to your generosity. Thank you.



2008 Annual Meeting – It's a Family Affair!

The Lourdes community is a family made up of families...and three of these exceptional families were recognized for their outstanding contributions to Lourdes Foundation at the LFI Annual Meeting on Wednesday evening, October 8, 2008.

Earl W. (Bill) and Mary Kesler were named recipients of the 2008 Alumni of the Year Award. Bill



Earl W. (Bill) and Mary Kesler

graduated in 1954 and Mary in 1953, and all of their children are Lourdes alumni as well - including their son, Mike, who is currently the Lourdes varsity football coach and an instructor at Holy Spirit Catholic School in northwest Rochester. Bill and Mary continue to be

seen at numerous Lourdes sporting events, concerts, and masses. This year the couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, and in honor of the event, their family established the Lourdes Foundation Kesler Family Scholarship. "Bill and Mary have been committed and loyal supporters of Catholic education in Rochester," stated LFI board member Chris Price in his comments prior to presenting the engraved crystal plaque, "we are so happy to honor them with this well deserved award."

The President's Award, given in honor of life-long dedication to Lourdes High School, was presented to



Teresa Vanselow

Teresa Vanselow. Teresa is a retired administrative assistant from Holy Spirit School where her warmth and compassion put her "in a class all her own," according to her peers. Both of the Vanselow children – Kyle & Katie attended Catholic grade school and graduated from Lourdes. Teresa and her husband Gary were dedicated

volunteers. Three years ago Gary passed away unexpectedly. Friends and family wanted to do something to help – they decided they would host a Lenten fish fry in Gary's name and use the proceeds to start a scholarship in his name. Little did anyone realize where that initial dinner at Holy Spirit

Catholic Church would lead. Through the efforts of Teresa and her family and loyal friends, the event exploded into a wonderful Rochester Catholic community Lenten event where hundreds of guests enjoy a tasty fish dinner with entertainment and door prizes. Thousands of dollars have been raised each year for Gary's scholarship. "Although Teresa always underplays her role, the love she shows towards each person she comes in contact with is extraordinary," added LFI past president Steve Bieniek, "we are blessed by the quiet impact of her presence."



The Poterucha Family

The Woodruff Award was presented by LFI Treasurer, Sue Krecke, to **Esther and Henry Poterucha**. The Woodruff Award is given in recognition of substantial financial contribution to Lourdes Foundation. Several of the Poterucha's children represented their parents in accepting the award. Esther and Henry's gifts have been pivotal in the growth of the Lourdes Foundation Music Endowment Fund. The Poterucha's daughter-in-law, Bonnie, is a past LHS band director. In his acceptance comments, oldest son Mike, related that his parents imbued a life-long love of music in all of their children. Many of their grandchildren are Lourdes grads and they now have a great-grandchild at St. Francis School. "My parents wanted to support the talented musicians at Lourdes High School and the quality music programs LHS provides. Their gifts to the Music Endowment Fund will enable that tradition to continue."

In closing the Foundation recognized outgoing emeritus board members Barbara DeCramer and James F. Woodard for their years of service. Also during the evening three new board members were welcomed - Julie Burgart, John Lawson, and Fritz Kvaternik.



Announcing Our New On-line Community Built on the Facebook Platform!

Facebook is the perfect place to connect with all of your Lourdes friends and alumni. To add the Lourdes Alumni Association/Lourdes Foundation to your Facebook profile, please follow these steps:

1. Visit the Lourdes Foundation website at: lourdesfoundation.org
2. Click the Facebook link at the bottom right hand side of the home page. This will take you to the Lourdes Foundation Facebook page.
3. Click the blue button in the upper right corner that says, "Go to Application."
4. On the next screen, click the button that says "Allow" to add the application to your Facebook profile.
5. After you have added the application to your profile, you will be brought to the next screen where you can link your Facebook profile to your Lourdes Alumni Online Community profile. To complete the linkage, follow the hyperlink that says, "Link your Facebook Account."
6. When you have clicked "Link your Facebook Account," you will be taken to the Lourdes Alumni log-in page. You will need to log into the site this one time during the set-up process. In the future, you won't need to go back to the Lourdes Foundation site to log in.
7. If you haven't signed up for Lourdes Alumni On-line Community, e-mail: LFIwebmaster@rochestercatholic.k12.mn.us with your name and date of graduation. You'll receive directions on signing up including your Folder ID #. Friends of Lourdes Foundation may also join the On-line community by contacting the LFI webmaster.



Round Table Add 6 New Members

Each year during Fine Arts Week the main entrance at Lourdes High School becomes an art gallery and makes the perfect venue for the annual Lourdes Foundation Round Table Reception. On Monday evening, April 28th, over 70 guests enjoyed a glass of wine while examining remarkable watercolor, acrylic, and oil paintings, charcoal drawings, and ceramic pieces produced by featured Lourdes artists. "Each year the art work is remarkable – Lourdes has such talented students and dedicated art faculty. It's always fun to see their work," commented Sister Jutta Gleichauf, retired LHS staff member.

Guests also enjoyed a buffet of hors d'oeuvres in the Old Gym and celebrated the induction of six new Round Table members. Lourdes Foundation Executive Director, Tim Sitzer, was master of ceremonies for the brief program.

"As you may know, members of the Round Table are individuals who remember Lourdes Foundation through an estate bequest or a planned gift," explained Tim. "These gifts are vitally important for

the ongoing success and vitality of Lourdes High School and will impact the lives of Lourdes students and their families for years to come."

The 2008 inductees included *Mark & Joyce Even, Karl & Susan Krecke, Earl & Eleanor Lewis, Michael & Mary Lose, Ralph Nigon, and Jack & Judy Schantz*. Each received an elegantly framed black ink rendering of Lourdes High School to commemorate their membership.

In closing, Tim added, "The members of the Round Table have recognized the importance of advancing the vitality and perpetuity of Lourdes High School with their planned gift. It is a gift that we attach no amount to for membership, but rather, is a gift that is meaningful to the donor and their commitment to LHS."

The Round Table Reception is an opportunity for Lourdes Foundation to induct new members and express their appreciation to all donors and guests for their support. To learn more about becoming a Round Table member, please contact Tim Sitzer at (507) 289-2584.



Executive Director's Message

Traditions of Growing, Serving and Building



Our traditions of growing, serving and building the Lourdes High School community continue. The Foundation's mission is to be a catalyst for the growth and expansion of LHS through excellence in education.

This is an exciting time in Lourdes High School history and the Lourdes Foundation is in the forefront. The Foundation's gift to the Lourdes Building Our Future campaign is addressed with President Steve Bieniek's message to you in this same issue of the *Aquila*.

2008 has been an exciting and busy time for our office. After sharing offices in the annex of St. Pius for just short of a year with the RCS development office, the Lourdes Foundation was invited by RCS to share brand new offices provided by Jack & Mary Ann Remick. We are now located directly south of the location where the new Lourdes High School will be built...and what a view we have. In a gesture of collaboration and cooperation, these two separate entities (Lourdes Foundation & RCS) have come together under one roof. We are very grateful to the Remick's as their extraordinary generosity continues to enhance and grace our Catholic community. Thank you so much.

The Lourdes Foundation welcomes Sheila Rainey to our staff as Office Administrator. Starting last July, Sheila brings a wealth of knowledge and skills from her background with IBM and The Restless Leg Syndrome Foundation. We welcome her enthusiasm, skills and energy to our office, she has proved to be an immediate asset. We are thrilled to have her on board. Sheila is replacing Lynnette Stadtherr who is now working for Assistant Principal/Athletic & Activities Director, Marv Peters. On behalf of the Board of Directors, its officers and I, we wish to thank Lynnette for her past work and commitment to the Lourdes Foundation. Thank you Lynnette, and good luck, it's nice to know you're not far away.

Speaking of new offices and new employees, our new website www.lourdesfoundation.org continues to grow. When you visit our site, you will soon be able to: Make on-line donations

- See lists of all LFI scholarships offered to our LHS students

- Check class reunions and the schedule of events for the Foundation
- View our annual report
- And in the near future, view the photo gallery of our annual events

To date we have 474 registered users. In addition, we are excited to announce the launch of our "Facebook" component where we hope to stay in touch with our new alumni and those of you that already use Facebook. Please do register with our on-line community. The Foundation is most grateful to Foundation Director Terri Poterucha for managing our website. Thank you Terri.

This is an exciting time in LHS history, the vision of the new facility will be a reality very soon. We hope you get the sense that the Lourdes Foundation has also begun building to envision our future challenges. We must continue to grow and practice prudent stewardship of our resources and maintain Lourdes High School as a sought-after Catholic education for Rochester and its surrounding communities.

We believe the only way to establish a strong financial base, is through the building and growth of our student assistance endowment. We need to remain financially viable and provide access to a diverse population. **The Lourdes Foundation must continue to provide needed financial aid for eligible students.**

Through the wonderful generosity of our donors, we have experienced significant growth with our endowment assets over the past few years. The Lourdes Foundation scholarship program has awarded over \$764,000 to 851 students in its history and we will continue to increase those numbers because of your generosity. Thank you so much. The Lourdes Foundation, along with the students and faculty at LHS, will continue with the traditions of growing, serving and building our community.

Thank you and God bless you.

P.S. By now you have received the Lourdes Foundation's Annual Appeal letter in your mail box. Please consider participating. ~ It is not how much you give, but that you give. ~



Building a Home in Honduras

"Our mission trip to Honduras was one of the best experiences of my life. I know it's corny to say, but it really did teach me a lot. I not only learned about the world beyond Rochester, but I learned a lot about myself. This trip made me realize how lucky I am to have a safe house to come home to, food in the refrigerator, and clean water to drink..."

~ Lizzie



Early last June ten Lourdes students and two adult chaperones left for an 11-day trip to Santa Cruz De Yojoa, Honduras. They went as part of a mission project to help build a home for a local family through Habitat for Humanity, and to experience Honduran culture. They returned knowing what a difference a week of digging dirt, mixing cement, and laying bricks can make to a young father, mother, and baby boy in achieving their dream in a place of abject poverty – owning a home of their own.

It was hard work. The temperatures hovered in the upper 80's and 90's, at times over 100 degrees, and the air was humid. "We were soaking wet all day," said Lourdes Spanish teacher, Shannon Clapp.

For many Hondurans outside of Santa Cruz, home consists of a flimsy looking wood shack topped with sections of tin. Running water is nonexistent. One meal a day is the norm, usually a cornmeal tortilla. Honduras is one of the poorest countries in the western hemisphere. According to senior Tucker Ward, it was an "eye opening" experience to see the extreme poverty and cultural differences of Central America..."something none of us will forget."

There was also time for sight-seeing and cultural activities. The group visited a home in a rural community where they learned how to make maize tortillas. The local schoolchildren presented a dance program and afterwards pulled the Lourdes

students out of the audience to dance with them. Another day they visited a landmark waterfall park, braving a guided tour that took them under the 139 foot falls and included a 20 foot jump off of a cliff into a pool of water below. After a meal at a local restaurant the group toured a nearby cave full of "bats, stalagmites, and stalagmites." Another day was spent exploring Mayan ruins.

On the last working day, a farewell ceremony was held at the home site. The family – Juan, Zoila, and Critian were there, along with all of the Habitat workers. They expressed their appreciation to the Lourdes students who in turn talked about what the week had meant to them. A bible signed by all of the group was given to the family to keep in their new home. Habitat also presented them with a sapling tree to plant in their yard. It was a heart warming ceremony.

According to Tucker, "There's a certain aspect of joy and pride in that we managed to accomplish something that matters so much for someone, but by the same token, there is so much more to do down there."

Senior Angie Briese summed it up this way, "When I first heard about the mission trip to Honduras, I was interested because it sounded like a fun experience that would be different from anything I'd ever done before...after coming home, I realized I'd gotten much more out of it than I ever expected."



Mission to Glenmary Farm

For over 25 years Glenmary Farm, nestled in the Appalachian region of Kentucky, has been an integral part of life in Lewis County, one of the poorest counties in the state. Their volunteer programs are designed for groups of young Catholics to give them a first hand experience of missionary service. Each week-long session is a retreat that blends the values of service, education, prayer, reflection and sharing in an environment of simple living. Volunteers come not only to serve, but also to learn about the rich culture and traditions present in this Appalachian region. It



aims to broaden their understanding of the causes of poverty, oppression and injustice, and how their personal life choices can impact these issues.

This past August a group of 10 Lourdes student missionaries and three chaperones traveled to

Glenmary. According to junior Brenna Schmitt, "I had heard a lot about it, that it was a really unique way to do community service in a place where it was really needed, but I didn't realize the impact it would have on me."

Volunteers are housed in a dormitory/dining hall situated on 56 acres. They all take part in daily chores besides their volunteer work. "It was beautiful, and peaceful," said Brenna.

The group worked at the Vanceburg Health Care Center – a nursing home whose residents are elderly or disabled; Comprehend – a daycare center for developmentally disabled adults; and People's Self Help Housing – an organization that builds homes and renovates substandard housing for the poor.

"This was my first missionary experience. I learned a lot about volunteering and plan to do it again," added Brenna. "I really feel good about what we accomplished."



And the Band Played On...

The Lourdes High School Marching Band had another successful fall in their 10th season of competitive marching. The band won 1st place in Class A competition in New Brighton, including "Best Horn Line" and "Best Percussion" caption awards. Lourdes earned 1st and 3rd place trophies respectively at the Rosemount and Eastview Marching Band Festivals and was ranked 8th overall against 28 other bands from all over the Midwest at the Festival of Bands in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on October 4th. This year's show celebrated the music of George Gershwin and included the familiar tunes "Rhapsody in Blue" and "An American in Paris." The band also performed their award winning show during halftime at the football games at Lourdes' new home field venue, the Rochester Regional Sports Stadium near the campus of Rochester Community and Technical College.

Pep band was also kept busy playing at all of the Lourdes fall sports competitions during the post season with trips to the Metrodome for the girls and boys soccer matches and to Macalester college in St. Paul for the state football quarterfinals. "It's been quite a ride," said new LHS band director and alum Michael Mangan, "but a lot of fun!"



Student Accolades

Three Lourdes students earned top honors at the Minnesota State Speech competition last April. **Joseph Pyfferoen** took 2nd place and **Caitlin Alexander** placed 5th in Humorous Interpretation, and **Abbie Farmer** took 4th in Great Speeches. The LHS Speech Team is coached by Lisa Goihl.

The Rochester Rotary clubs sponsored three local students to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Camp last April. Junior **Gretchen Sitzer** represented Lourdes High School. The purpose of the camp is to strengthen the leadership capabilities of high school age men and women.

Whitney Harlos was one of ten local students recognized at the 13th Annual Outstanding Youth Awards ceremony in April. Award criteria included students who have made a positive difference in their community by helping others, those who have demonstrated personal integrity while leading by example, and students who lead a healthy positive lifestyle.

A number of Lourdes art students participated in the State High School Visual Arts Competition last spring earning superior or excellent ratings for their entries: **Sara Korsmo, Christopher Martinez, Kelsey Torchia, Whitney Harlos, Katie Cossett,** and **Stephanie Reiland** (paintings); **Josh Wildt** (drawings, sculpture and printmaking); **Mikaela Klebe** (sculpture); and **Jason Rodriguez-Cruz** (printmaking).

Three Lourdes players placed in the Class AA State Golf Tournament last June - **Danny Johnson** (23rd), **Leo Hansen** (27th), and **Louis Rownd** (35th). **Ben Kopecky** took the Class A Boys State Tennis singles title that month - his second straight appearance in the finals.

LHS lineman **Jason Rodriguez-Cruz** was selected to play in the 29th Minnesota All-Star Football Game at Husky Stadium in St. Cloud in August.

Lauren Pemberton was a member of a five man team participating in the Youth Computer Training Program from Rochester who won a national computer programming competition in Atlanta in early August. Each member was awarded a \$2500 scholarship. It was the third time since 2005 the group won, and the sixth time since 2003 they had reached at least second place.

Five senior LHS hockey players were selected to play in the 2008 Upper Midwest High School Elite League this fall - **Taylor Funk, Charlie Hexum, Cole Peterson, Pete Spratte,** and **Tyler Voigt.**



Jessica McManus was selected by Oscar-winning film makers Joel and Ethan Coen for one of the starring roles in their next movie, "A Serious Man," following an open casting call in August. The directors came to Rochester to look for "fresh faces" for their next

Minnesota movie that's about a quirky Midwestern Jewish family in the late 1960's. Jessica began filming with the cast in mid September. "Everyone is so nice. (Directors) Joel and Ethan are so down to earth," she added.

Mark Freund and **Tom Carr** qualified to participate in the individual portion of the State Boys Cross Country Meet at St. Olaf College in Northfield on November 1st.

Jon Eickemeyer (team captain of the LHS Boys Soccer Team, 4th at State) and **Alexa Palen** (Class A State Tennis Singles champion) were named Fall Athletes of the Season by the Early Risers Exchange Club. The two were honored at a breakfast November 18th.

CONGRATULATIONS to Lourdes High School National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalists **Emily Altrichter, Ricardo Caraballo, Kenneth Cloft,** and **Mary Utz;** and Letter of Commendation Recipients **Sheldon Kunkel, Katherine Nowakowski, Henry Rownd,** and **Nicholas Vondrashek.**

Hannah Camilleri and **Joseph Kromery** have been invited to attend the 56th Presidential Inauguration in Washington D.C. on January 17 - 21, 2009. The invitations were given to recognize their excellent academic achievements and previous attendance at the Junior National Leadership Conference.



Congratulations to our Lourdes fall sports teams who placed in post season competition this fall:

- Girls Cross Country Team ~ 9th at State
- Boys & Girls Soccer Teams ~ each 4th at State
- Football Team ~ State Quarter-Final Appearance
- Girls Swimming (co-op with JM) ~ Section 1AA Championship
- Alexa Palen ~ State Singles Tennis Champion

And to the Lourdes Girls Tennis Team who won the STATE CLASS A CHAMPIONSHIP!



Baseball Coach Doug Hudson Retires



In 1988 Doug Hudson was hired to restart a baseball program at Lourdes High School after 38 years of dormancy. He was a 1969 graduate of Rochester Mayo where he played baseball for Dale Massey, and had coached the Rochester VFW team for ten years when he took on the job. Over 21 seasons, Coach Hudson

built one of southeastern Minnesota's most consistent baseball programs. His teams won or shared nine Hiawatha Valley League Conference titles, four section championships, and two state titles - in 1996 (Class A) and in 2002 (Class AA). Coach Hudson's 300th career win came during last year's section tournament. After a hard fought 2-1, 8-inning loss to Winona Cotter in the Section 1AA championship game last June, he announced his retirement. Coach Hudson finished his career with a 319-160 record.

"It's just time, he stated, I feel a little bit like I'm out of goals and it feels like now is my time to stop."

Dan, Doug's son, played on his Dad's teams for 13 years, this past season as a senior and a designated

hitter for LHS. When asked what it was like playing for his Dad all that time, Dan replied, "I think it was kind of tough honestly. He didn't play any favorites towards me, that's for sure - just the opposite. But I think it was a good thing. We got to spend a lot of time together."

Lourdes graduate and current assistant coach Michael Hohberger played for Hudson from 1994-97 and was on the '96 championship team. "He's without a doubt one of the best baseball coaches; he knows the game inside and out. But that's not all he teaches the kids...he's always looking to teach about life lessons."

LHS Athletic Director, Marv Peters, echoed Michael's comments. "We have been very fortunate to have Doug Hudson as our one and only baseball coach since we restarted the program. Not only did he help us win two state championships and two consolation state championships, but with his modeling, he helped many young men learn the important life lessons athletics provide. Lourdes has been blessed to have many understanding non-staff coaches. They give us their time (away from their jobs and families) and great coaching talent to help our student athletes be the best they can be...and Doug was simply one of our best."

Tom Murphy Elected to Rochester Hall of Fame

At the annual Rochester Quarterbacks Club awards banquet April 21st retired Lourdes golf coach Tom Murphy '69 was one of four new members inducted into the Rochester Hall of Fame.

Coach Murphy guided the Lourdes Eagles boys golf team to six state championships and 17 state appearances during his 29 year tenure, but in remarks that evening he put the credit elsewhere..."We won a lot of championships. But no matter at what level, it was because of the kids. We had a lot of talent over the years. I just feel blessed to have been a part of it."

During his high school years Tom helped the Eagles win a pair of Catholic school state championships. At age 19 he was caddie for professional golfer Tony Jacklin when he won the 1970 U.S. Open in the Twin



Cities. Coach Murphy golfed for two years at the University of Minnesota Mankato and then for two years at Arizona State before returning to Rochester to begin a career in business as well as coaching.

Tom joins Lourdes hall-of-famers Joe Mayer (1994), Sister Kathy Reichert (1997), Don Fox (1998), Richard Galuska and Peter Galuska (1999), Gene Eiden (2000), Donna Gathje Mueller (2003), Dick Sherman and Gene Campbell (2005), and Myron Glass (2007).



Jerry Hrabe Retires

Mr. Hrabe is a Rochester boy. He and his five siblings all walked the halls of LHS, but none for quite as long as he has – over 39 years. “I never thought I’d be a teacher,” he admitted during a recent interview, “but after graduating from St. John’s University and spending some time in the Peace Corp, I realized teaching was what I was meant to do. It was my God directed path.”

Returning to teach at Lourdes was perfect. “I was comfortable there – I knew what Lourdes was all about – the high expectations, the academic caliber, the talented teaching staff to learn from...it all fit my philosophy of working with kids.”

According to many students, Mr. Hrabe’s teaching reputation has always been a bit daunting - the challenge of being in his classes became an LHS urban legend...almost a rite of passage. “I felt it was important to set the bar high. I wanted my students to learn how to learn – to be a better student by the time he or she walked out of my classroom. We worked hard, but we also had fun.”

His students agree, especially later on during college when they discovered they were often much better prepared than their peers. “His classes were tough, but we learned things that will last a lifetime,” said Andy Poterucha ’01 (current LHS boys basketball 9th grade coach).

Another highlight for Mr. Hrabe during his teaching career was the LHS faculty and staff. “The working atmosphere here has always been first class. The staff is cohesive and very supportive.” Starting in the 2007-08 year he designed and taught a new

course for the first time, Economics. “It really went well, and the students responded well...a great ‘upper’ to end my career.”

Although retiring, Mr. Hrabe definitely has plans to keep busy. “I’m hoping to do some volunteer work with elementary students who need extra one-on-one help with their reading skills. My wife, Pat, also retired this year. We both love to travel so that’s also on the list.”

“I have been blessed to work with quality people - teachers and students. It’s been very satisfying.”

A recent article about Mr. Hrabe’s retirement in the Rochester Post Bulletin put it this way, “Friends at the school say they will remember him most for his respectful nature, challenging classes, vivacious discussions, and trademark bike rides to and from school.”

Lourdes students, teachers, and staff will remember him for that and so much more.



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*Gene and Peg Wente celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in August 2008. Gene was a science teacher and track coach at Lourdes High School from 1948 – 1982. All of their children were graduates of St. Pius X School and LHS: **Stephen Wente '67, Susan Johnson '68, Timothy Wente '71, John Wente '73, Marianne Newell '75, Michael Wente '78, Maggie McGillicuddy '81, Geno Wente '82, Erich Wente '85, Mikki Wente '86, and Patrick Wente '90.***

Congratulations Gene and Peg!



Jeff Downes '80 Takes Care of Details

1980 Alum Travels to Beijing for the 2008 Paralympics



Rosemount, Minnesota resident and Lourdes alumni Jeff Downes knows details, and that's his often repeated nickname as the "team leader" for the U.S. Women's Wheelchair Basketball team. Team members call him "Details" whenever they need anything. And there

were lots of details to keep track of as the group made a trip to the Paralympic Games in Beijing, China on August 30, 2008. "I tell people I'm everything but the coach," Jeff said. "The team leader is the key point of contact for pretty much everything."

As team leader, Jeff tended to all of the team's needs including travel, safety, living arrangements, even washing and drying clothes and uniforms. The team qualified for the Paralympics after taking gold last August at the Parapan games in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil. This year, the team went through six training camps and three international tournaments in preparation for the Paralympics. As defending gold medalists from the 2004 games in Athens, the U.S. team faced stiff competition. The venue for the Paralympics was the same one used for the 2008 Olympic Games including the fantastic "Bird's Nest" complex often seen on TV broadcasts in August. The team flew into Beijing on September 6th, had five days of practice, participated in the opening ceremonies, and then started play. Each win brought another day of competition as they fought through some tough preliminary round match-ups. The U.S. team defended their title by defeating Germany 50-38 on September 15th to retain the gold. It was a close one, but the U.S. kept a tight guard on Germany with their man-to-man defense that minimized Germany's scoring potential. They hit their free-throws in the final minutes of the game and benefitted from several turnovers and personal fouls committed by Germany in the fourth quarter. It was an exciting show down to winning back-to-back gold medals!

Jeff has participated in wheelchair basketball in multiple ways since his oldest son, Brendan, was

born with spina bifida. He became involved after Brendan, currently a collegiate wheelchair basketball player for the University of Arizona, started playing for the Minnesota Junior Rolling Timberwolves team through the Rosemont based Courage Center. Since then Jeff has done everything from coordinating trips to Australia for the under-20 wheelchair basketball team to planning a visit to the White House. His other son, Connor, also a wheelchair basketball player, recently helped the Rolling Timberwolves to a national championship.

Jeff's passion for wheelchair basketball takes up a lot of his free time and also influences his business – Dakota Awards and Engraving. He designed special wheelchair basketball pins for the U.S. Women's Wheelchair Basketball team to give as trade gifts to other teams. "At the beginning of the games, each team meets on half court exchange team gifts," said Jeff. "You end up with bunch of fun little things to go home with." Jeff and the team were also able to keep the official clothes and uniforms they wore during their time in the Olympic Village.

Once the games ended, Jeff still had work to do. He coordinated a meeting between the team and the President at the White House on October 7th. A good team leader's job is all in the details and Jeff has them down pat! Congratulations Jeff and the 2008 U.S. Women's Wheelchair Basketball team for bringing home the gold!



PEACE

Sympathy and prayers are offered to the families and friends of these Lourdes Alumni who have died:



- **Dorothy (Dottie) (Damm) Hathaway '65**
- **Mary Lawler Byron '50**
- **Rita Rossman Daywitt '58**
- **Leo A. Kuisle '73**
- **Kathleen J. (Greening) Wiechmann '51**
- **Mary Jane (Pappas Ondrick) DeConcini '42**
- **Francis L. Lawler '47**
- **Loren "Ollie" Marquardt '45**
- **Carlton Murphy '60**
- **William B. Leary '59**
- **Pamela Ray Loomis '66**
- **Ralph Nigon '36**

Sympathy and prayers are offered to the families and friends of these Lourdes Alumni who have lost loved ones:

Susan Galegher '66, Michael Galegher '68, David L. Galegher '71, and Diane Priebe '81 on the death of their father, Ralph E. Galegher.

Michelle Nietz '65 and Chris Fischer '69 on the death of their mother, Betty M. Nietz.

Kristin Blake '02 on the death of her mother, Kathi Blake.

Julie (Van Kirk) Eaton '74 on the death of her husband, Michael R. Eaton.

Sharon L. Hathaway '60 on the death of her father, Herbert K. Hathaway.

Jennifer Boberg '95, Brad Kuntz '06, Jason Kuntz '03 and Jeff Kuntz '01 on the death of their grandmother, Lucille A. Rudolph.

Rebecca Fishbune '08 on the death of her grandfather, Donald E. Eggenberger.

Chad Silker '98, Matt Silker '02 and Rebecca Hughes '00 on the death of their grandfather, Charles Wendell Tucker.

John Kalgren '65, Steve Kalgren '77, Katherine Romo '66, Margaret Harristhal '67, and Mary Engle '79 on the death of their mother, "Mickey" S. Catherine Kalgren.

Wanda Scanlan '83 and June Irwin '84 on the death of their mother, Mary Jane Scanlan.

Kyle Vanselow '04 and Katie Zuehlke '94 on the death of their grandmother, Gladys A. Oven.

Mary Week '66, Judy Kubiawicz '62, Sr. Viatrix Mach '43, Milo Mach '47, and James Mach '49 on the death of their mother and great-grandmother Elaine B. Lipscomb.

Dan Mulvihill '72 and Jeff Bantley '76 on the death of their father, Maurice W. "Mory" Saturn.

Sharon Bernhagen '54, Nicholas Stevens '55, and Susan Hausman '63 on the death of their mother, Etheltrudis H. Stevens.

Kevin Kelly '75 on the death of his father, Paul F. Kelly.

Richard O'Connor '71 and Jane O'Brien '72 on the death of their mother, Letty Steichen O'Connor.

Terry Schaefer '57, Bruce Schaefer '60, Michael Schaefer '73, Thomas Schaefer '79, Rosie Toogood '63, Patricia Heck '75, and Cindy Shones '76 on the death of their mother, Barbara R. "Bobbie" Schaefer.

Mary Noble '69 and Nancy Keller '72 on the death of their mother, Claire L. Huffman.

Eillen O'Brien '41, Bob Rossman '45, Ann Herman '53, Mary Rossman '56 and Pat Hebig '62 on the death of their sister, Rita (Rossman) Daywitt.

Carol Murphy '48 on the death of her brother, Carlton Murphy.

James L. Deutsch '63, Pamela A. (Deutsch) Bargfrede '67, Patrick Deutsch '71, Diane M. (Deutsch) McGowan '73, Michelle S. (Deutsch) Wood '88, Joshua Bargfrede '01, Eric Deutsch '02, and Tim Deutsch '04 on the death of their mother and grandmother, Gervais Deutsch.

Faline Gossman '61, Ginger Craven '63, Mychelle Maronde '67, Theresa Churchill '70, Melanie Keefe '73, and Timothy Thompson '66 on the death of their father, G.M. "Tommy" Thompson.

Michael R. Scott '66 and Patrick J. Scott '68 on the death of their mother, Gloria M. Scott.

Sandra Hrtanek '85, Angela Seefeldt '91, and Karen Imm '93 on the death of their father, Robert D. Bale.



1940's

Jim Sullivan '44 and his wife, Joanne, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last May with a family gathering. They were married at St. John the Evangelist Church in Rochester.

1950's

Phyllis Alcott '53 and her husband, Orville, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house last June. They were married at St. Pius X Church in Rochester on June 14, 1958.

Patty (Clark) Roth '54 and her husband, Jerry, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 23, 2008.



Bill '54 and Mary '53 Kesler celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last summer with a family dinner at the Hubbell House restaurant in Mantorville. They were married at St. John the Evangelist Church on June 14, 1958.

Robert Callier '55 and his wife, June, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on October 18, 2008.

The **Class of 1958** celebrated their 50th reunion the weekend of June 27-29, 2008. Festivities included a social evening at Whistle Binkies on the Lake Friday night and a dinner at the Rochester Golf & Country Club Saturday evening. Father Leary celebrated Mass on Sunday morning in the auditorium at Lourdes for the group. Afterwards they enjoyed a continental breakfast hosted by Lourdes Foundation and a tour of the school. Just like old times, the class couldn't resist singing a rousing rendition of the Lourdes fight song on the main stairwell. Mary Rose Wilson hosted a farewell luncheon at her home that afternoon to wrap-up the weekend's activities.



Bob '58 and Patty '57 Haggerty celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on September 27, 2008.

1970's

This year the Alzheimer's Association gave out a new award as part of their annual Rochester Memory Walk – the **Jane Nigon Spirit Award**. Jane participated in the walk every year with her trademark enthusiasm. The award was given to the Nigon family in honor of all that Jane did to support the association's cause. Jane, a member of the Class of 1979, died in a car crash in January 2008. She was a recreational therapist at Charter House in Rochester.

Both the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Shikar-Safari Club International named State Conservation Officer **Joe Frear '74** of Waseca as Conservation Officer of the Year during an awards ceremony last spring. "Joe is a role model and mentor," commented Colonel Mike Hamm, DNR chief conservation officer, "his organizational ability, attention to detail, and tenacious attitude have served him well."

Sue Bartoletti '79 who works for General Mills in the food service division in Minneapolis, appeared along with several other GM employees on the back of Cheerios and Total cereal boxes in October in a promotion to raise money and support during Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Sue is a breast cancer survivor who received treatment at Mayo Clinic. "It was an honor to be a part of the General Mills commitment," she said. "I was happy and proud to be a part of it."

1980's

Dan Vick, M.D. '80 received his Master of Business Administration degree with honors with an emphasis in Health Care Management, during Commencement Exercises at Regis University in Denver, Colorado on May 3, 2008. He was also inducted into Alpha Sigma Nu, the National Honor Society of Jesuit Colleges & Universities, during a separate ceremony on May 1st. Dan is a partner with St. Joseph's Pathology, PC and an attending pathologist at St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center in Syracuse, NY.

1990's

Steve Werle, '90 Social Studies teacher and Department Chair at the Academy of Holy Angels in Richfield, Minnesota received the school's Lunde Award in June. The award is presented to a staff member who has made outstanding contributions to the education, faith, and well-being of AHA students. Steve has taught social studies for seven years and has served as department chair for three. According to AHA principal Heidi Foley, "Steve brings talent, skill, and a passion for history to the social studies classroom. His students consistently score high on the Advanced Placement American History exam because they are knowledgeable in historical fact, and they display an understanding of the relevance of historical events."



CLASS NOTES

On September 6, 2008 **Thomas Wright '94** and Amy Cocker were married in Winona. Tom is a state trooper with the Minnesota State Patrol. Amy is an intake specialist at Zumbro Valley Mental Health Center in Rochester.

Derek Murphy '95 married Sadie Corrow in St. Paul, MN on September 27, 2008. Derek is a network administrator with Shavlik Technologies in Roseville and Sadie is a public safety dispatcher in St. Paul.

Edward Mullany '95 and Anjali Khosla were married August 9, 2008 at St. Bridget's Catholic Church in Simpson. Edward received a master's degree in literature from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, and an M.F.A. in creative writing from the University of Houston. He teaches literature courses at the University of Hartford, Connecticut. The bride is a graduate student in the M.F.A. creative writing program at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst.

Johanne Letendre '96 became the bride of Nathan Bates June 20, 2008 in Estes Park, Colorado. Johanne is a geriatric nurse practitioner in Denver and Nathan is an advertising executive, also in Denver.



Freelance writer **Joe Siple '96** and his family recently moved to Colorado where his wife will start her career as a doctor. Joe played for the Rochester Royals the past few seasons. Prior to becoming a freelance writer, he was a sports anchor/reporter for KTTC and KXLT TV stations in Rochester.

August 16, 2008 was the wedding date for **Enrico Johnson '97** and Bridget Bazal in St. Paul, Minnesota. Enrico is a student in the nursing master's program at the University of Minnesota and Bridget is an account manager at Paradysz-Matera, a marketing acquisition firm.



Jennifer Wilson '97 married Vlad Cretu on October 25, 2008 at Pax Christi Church in Rochester. Jennifer is a veterinarian and Vlad works as a supervisor in client benefits at CVS Caremark in Northbrook, Illinois.

Erin Wiste '97 married Pankaj Kumar on July 12, 2008 at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul. Erin is a senior strategy consultant for Accenture Consulting in Seattle, Washington. Pankaj is an executive consultant and founding member of a private online media firm, also in Seattle.

On June 12, 2008 at Our Lady of the Snows in Alta, Utah, **Laura Boefferding '98** married **David**

Gleich '00. Both are doctoral students at Stanford University. Laura concentration is curriculum studies in elementary education and David is studying computational mathematics.



Sara Peterson '99 and Nick Goodman were married on October 18, 2008 in Rochester at Holy Spirit Catholic Church. Sara is an internal operations lead at Mayo Clinic and Nick works as a machinist at IBM.

Jonathan Cascino '99 married Erin White on August 9, 2008 in Dayton, Oregon. The couple are both graduates of the University of Oregon Law School and law clerks in Eugene District Court in Eugene, Oregon.

Lisa Kirgis '99 and Michael Mudra were married at the Chapel of Saint Thomas Aquinas in St. Paul on August 22, 2008. Lisa is a sales manager at T-Mobile USA in Minneapolis. Michael works in customer service at Data Trak Technologies in St. Paul.

On June 20, 2008 **Jessica Stachnik '99** and Eric Sevais were married at the Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis. Jessica is an attorney with Thomson Reuters in Eagan, Minnesota, and Eric is an account manager at ADT Security in Minneapolis.



Anna Bachman '99 met her groom, Andrew Barter, while working in France for a study abroad program through Dartmouth College. They were married June 21, 2008 at St. John the Evangelist Church in Rochester. Anna is a Ph.D. studying French at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Andrew is a French teacher at the Landon School in Bethesda, Maryland.

2000's



Liz DeCramer '00 and Dave Danley were married on October 11, 2008 at Resurrection Catholic Church in Rochester. Liz is a training coordinator with Target Corporation in Minneapolis and Dave works as a benefit auditor with Wilson-McShane in Bloomington.

The couple met while attending the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse. They both majored in public relations.

October 11, 2008 marked the wedding of **Hillary Ahle '00** and Marc Wegner in Hayward, Wisconsin. Hillary is an attorney with Clausen Miller P.C. in Chicago and Marc works as a media supervisor for the MillerCoors account with Starcom, also in Chicago.



Carissa DeCramer '02 was awarded an L.P. Cookingham Management Fellowship from the University of Wisconsin-Madison last spring and started her internship with the city of Kansas City, Missouri in late summer. As an undergraduate she double-majored in international relations and political science, and as a graduate student at the La Follette School of Public Affairs she concentrated on city management. The 12-month fellowship rotates interns through the offices for city manager, capital improvements and budget. In each office the interns work closely with staff on a wide range of projects. "I'm looking forward to working in a big city and better understanding the dynamics of how local governments operate in metropolitan areas," added Carissa.

Sara Goodnature '00 and Michael Lackey were married last June at Pax Christi Church in Rochester. Sara is an independent behavioral therapist in Littleton, Minnesota. Michael is an independent landman.

July 18, 2008 marked the wedding of **Sarah Jensen '00** and Jim Berg in Rochester at Resurrection Church. Sarah is a kindergarten teacher at St. Pius X School and Jim is an auditor with McGladrey & Pullen LLP.

Andrew Brigham '01 and Tara Boyer were married at Pax Christi Catholic Church in Rochester on June 14, 2008. Andrew is employed at Mayo Clinic and Tara works at the Minnesota State Law Library in St. Paul.

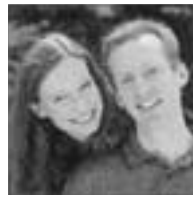
On June 21, 2008 **Marcus Bendel '01** and Emily Berke were married at St. Francis Catholic Church in Bend, Oregon. The bride and groom are both fourth-year medical students at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska.

Ben Oeth '01 and Krystal Bergesch were married on August 30, 2008 in Annadale, Minnesota. Ben is an accountant with Moneygram International and Krystal is employed by The Kestrel Design Group.

Christin Tieggs '01 and Joshua Heiden were married on June 7, 2008 at Resurrection Church in Rochester. Christin is a student at Creighton University School of Medicine in Omaha, Nebraska and her husband is a tennis professional at Happy Hollow Country Club, also in Omaha. The couple met while coaching at Tennis & Life Camps in St. Peter, Minnesota.

Katie Mueller '01 became the bride of Eric Stinson on August 9, 2008 at Resurrection Church in Rochester. Katie is the music and liturgy director at St. Pius X Church and Eric is a biomedical engineering student at Mayo Clinic.

Kristin Ruhlow '01 and Ian Olsen were married at St. Francis Church in Rochester on August 8, 2008. Kristin works at Merchants Bank and Ian is a massage therapist at Healing Touch in Rochester.



Stephanie Scheitel '01 married Nathan Rauh on August 16, 2008 at Pax Christi Church in Rochester. Stephanie is the band director at Byron High School and Nathan works as a software engineer at IBM.

Matt Silker '02 and his wife, Megan, of Enterprise, Alabama, are the proud parents of a baby boy born on September 26, 2008.

Ryan Hofer '02 married Mary Moharter on October 17, 2008 in Rochester. Ryan is a student at Mayo Medical School and Mary works at Keller Williams Premier Realty.



August 16, 2008 marked the wedding of **Emily Felton '02** and Sam Pearson at St. Francis Church in Rochester. The couple are both teachers – Emily at Byron Middle School and Sam at Lourdes High School. They met as undergraduate students at the College of St. Benedict & St. John's University.

On July 26, 2008 **Mike Lee '02** and **Nikki Markham '02** were married at St. John the Evangelist Church in Rochester. Mike is a dental student at the University of Minnesota. Nikki is a registered nurse at Fairview-University Hospital in Minneapolis.



Nick Forliti '03 and **Megan Tieggs '03** were married September 27, 2008 at Resurrection Catholic Church in Rochester. The couple were high school sweethearts. Nick is currently a financial advisor with Palen, Hammes, & Associates, a division of Ameriprise Financial in Rochester. Megan works as a communications coordinator at the Lake City Medical Center.

On August 9, 2008 **John Gaustad '03** and Kristen Pudenz were married at Iowa State University in Ames where they met. Both are students at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles. John is a law student and Kristen is a graduate student.

Jeff Poterucha '03 and Megan Peterson were married August 8, 2008 at Rosemount United Methodist Church in Rosemount, Minnesota. Jeff is a graduate student at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Megan has a degree in speech communication. The couple met while students at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls.



CLASS NOTES

Meredith Zipse '04 became the bride of Paul DonLevy on May 24, 2008 at Holy Spirit Church in Rochester. The couple both attended Iowa State University where Meredith was a biology major and Paul a microbiology major who currently works in St. Michael, Minnesota.

Bridget Sitzer '04, who graduated from St. Benedict's College last spring was one of three students who received the Distinguished Senior Women Award.

Tyler Kodet '05, a senior at St. John's University in Collegeville where he has been a four-year starter on the soccer team, was recently featured in an article in the *Rochester Post Bulletin* discussing his college soccer career. He helped the Johnnies to a national tournament appearance as a freshman and earned a Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference title as a sophomore. Tyler is a nursing major who will graduate this spring. Asked about what has meant the most to him about playing college level soccer he said, "I've gotten to enjoy playing a sport I love for longer than most individuals. I've learned discipline, collaboration, and the pursuit of excellence...and I've created relationships with teammates which I treasure and will last a lifetime."

Jenny Shaughnessy '05, a senior and standout women's swimmer at the University of Minnesota, competed in the Olympic Trials in Omaha, Nebraska last summer.

The 2007-08 Big East All-Academic team included two Marquette University soccer players who are Lourdes grads – **Mark Lembach '06** and **Chelsey Turner '05**.

Matt Martin '06 along with several other Iowa State University students recently participated in the American Solar Challenge competition to build, design, and race solar powered cars cross-country. Starting in Plano, Texas, 15 teams from schools around the world spent ten days driving north and west, eventually crossing the finish line in Calgary, Alberta, 2,400 miles later. "We were relieved to be done, said Matt who majors in aerospace engineering and was one of the drivers of their entry, Sol Invictus. "It was a long week, but it was tons of fun." Matt also received the Outstanding Student Leadership Award from Iowa State this past spring.

Anne Breland '06 was named to the 2008 NJCAA Distinguished Academic All-American team recently by Rochester Community & Technical College women's basketball coach Steve Hucke.

We want to hear from you!

Send class notes to
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History Mystery



Basketball players – who are they?

These six basketball players look down and dirty, and ready to play! Can you identify them? Be the first and choose your prize: a Lourdes tee shirt, baseball cap, or sun visor.

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Did you get it right?

Last issue's photo of graduating seniors includes (from left to right): Donna Snyder, Patrick O'Shaughnessy, Brendan Branley, and Mary Lou Fogarty

RCS non-alumni employees ineligible for contest.



2nd Annual Sports Hall of Fame Inducts 4



On Sunday, December 7, 2008 Lourdes Foundation and the Lourdes Alumni Association again honored Lourdes' exceptional history of athletic achievement by naming three athletes and one coach to the Lourdes High School Sports Hall of Fame.

The banquet took place at the Rochester International Event Center. This year's honorees included: Gene Macken '68 (Fall Athlete – football & wrestling), Tom Wentz '74 (Winter Athlete - basketball), Pat Clark '57 (Spring Athlete – track & football) and Tom Murphy '69 (Coach - golf).

As a four year starter in football at Lourdes, **Gene Macken** was named to the All Conference Team as a senior and was a key player on the Minnesota Catholic League State Championship teams of 1966 and 1967. He also wrestled for two years ending his senior year with a 19-1 record and a 2nd place finish in the state tournament. He played college football at the University of South Dakota where he received numerous honors. He was drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals in the 9th round following his senior college season.

Tom Wentz was a three year starter for LHS basketball and helped lead the team to a Minnesota Private School State Championship in 1973 with a runner-up finish to Cretin High School in 1974. He is the 3rd leading scorer at Lourdes with 1,043 points. Tom received a Division I

scholarship to Colorado University. He transferred to Regis University for his final two years. He received many awards throughout his college career and was named to the Regis University Hall of Fame in 2002.

Pat Clark was an outstanding track and football athlete at Lourdes. His achievements as a sprinter are still talked about today – he was timed at 9.7 seconds in the 100 yard dash in two separate meets during his junior year. He led Lourdes to state Catholic track titles in 1955, 1956, and 1957 and also won several state individual titles. In football, Pat was a record breaking running back. He led the conference in scoring during his junior and senior years. He played on a football scholarship in college until joining the Marines where he also played football. He was named to the All-Marine National Team.

During **Tom Murphy's** 29-year golf coaching career at Lourdes his teams won six state team titles with 17 state tournament appearances, 21 subsection titles, 19 HVL conference championships, and 7 Don Bosco conferences titles. He also coached four LHS individual state boys golf champions. Tom was inducted into the Minnesota Golf Coaches Hall of Fame in 2004, named the Rochester Amateur Sports Commission Coach of the Year in 2007, and inducted into the Rochester Quarterbacks Club Hall of Fame in 2008.

Winter Calendar

JANUARY 2009

26th – 30th

Catholic Schools Week

28th **All School Mass**
St. John the Evangelist Church

29th **"Skate with the Eagles"**
Graham Arena, after the LHS Varsity Boys Hockey game

FEBRUARY

6th **Rochester Catholic Schools Knights of Columbus Tuition Scholarship Banquet**
6 p.m. Rochester International Event Center



- 24th **Distinguished Speaker Event – Jeff Korsmo '76**
2 p.m. Assembly in Alumni Hall at LHS
7 p.m. Presentation at the Rochester Golf & Country Club
- 28th **Old Fashioned Spaghetti Dinner**
Hosted by Lourdes Senior Students & Parents
St. Pius X School Cafeteria, 5 – 7:30 p.m.
Proceeds benefit the Senior Class Party

MARCH

9th **Lourdes Winter Sports Award Night**
6:30 p.m. in Alumni Hall

For a complete listing of LHS activities and sporting events, please visit www.rochestercatholic.k12.mn.us and click on the Lourdes icon.

Lourdes Building Our Future ~ *A Message from RCS President Dennis Nigon*

The Lourdes Building Our Future campaign is moving forward with a great deal of enthusiasm expressed by all those pledging to insure the campaign's financial success. Most recently all families in the Rochester Catholic School system were asked to become involved by pledging a gift to the capital campaign. These folks will join in the effort already embraced by the Rochester Catholic Schools Board of Trustees, the RCS Council, the Lourdes Foundation, Lourdes High School faculty and staff and members of the RCS elementary schools faculty and staff.

I encourage you to take a moment to view a video that can be accessed at www.lourdesfuture.org. This video will give you a marvelous view of what we are trying to accomplish.

As we continue forward with the effort to build a new Lourdes High School, please keep us in your prayers.



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