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## Gill Brothers Celebrate Legacy Gift to Benefit New Heelan

### Brother Don Leaves Major Gift Honoring their Mom



Brothers from left Leonard, Harold, Dave, Joe, Jack and Mike hold photos of their mother, Mary and late brother, Don, in the new Heelan Media Center.\*

Gill brothers, born in Jackson, Neb., visited the new Mary L. Gill Media Center at the new Heelan to honor their mother, Mary, and celebrate their late brother, Don, who donated \$1 million to establish the new media center at Bishop Heelan.

The media center, located in the Heelan's Classroom Addition, features a variety of tables and chairs, laptop computers for student use, soft furniture and shelves of books for student research and reading enjoyment.

Don Gill left another \$400,000 to Heelan to set up an endowed fund for the new annual Mary L. Gill Science Scholarship for a graduating Heelan senior pursuing a degree in health or a science field. Mary Gill worked as a nurse while raising her large family of seven boys and three girls.

Don Gill's total gift of \$1.4 million is the largest estate gift to Heelan in its history.

Born in rural Jackson, Don graduated from Heelan in 1951. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict and then worked with steel erection projects through the Midwest as an iron worker for several decades. A bachelor all of his life devoted to his family, he died at age 81 in 2014.

"Mary Gill, Don's mother was a true inspiration to her family," says Tom Betz, vice president of advancement. "It is fantastic that Don left a generous gift in her honor to support Catholic education and a scholarship for a graduating student pursuing a career in the same field as his mother."



Don Gill '51 worked on tall buildings as an iron worker and always remembered his roots.

\* Many Gill brothers have been generous to Heelan over the years. After this photo brought them together Feb. 5, sadly Harold died four weeks later.



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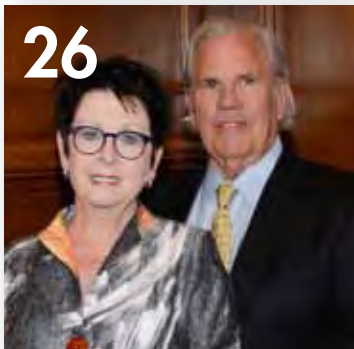
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# CRUSADER CONNECTION

The Crusader Connection is published twice a year for alumni and friends of Bishop Heelan High School, part of the city-wide Bishop Heelan Catholic Schools PK-12 system.

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### On the cover

Students in the "Cross Hallway" of the new Heelan are from left: Bing Ware, Kate Gill, Paige Rose, Brandon Karnes, Bereket Ware and Natalie Krommenhoek. Photo funded by Dave and Sue Ferris.

## Young Filmmaker Earns Accolades

Sean McGarry enjoyed a banner senior year of creative filmmaking before his May Heelan graduation.

McGarry won a Best Student Film and Best Young Filmmaker for the month by the Internet Movie Data Base (IMDB) Film Festival for his movie "Infection," and one his cast members, junior Sophia Kitto won for best young actress.



Michelle Rundquist with Sean McGarry shows off a new camera on a gimbal.

His film also made finals in the horror/suspense category at the spring Wildcat Spirit Film Festival at Wayne State College. McGarry also submitted the film in the Siouxland Film Festival held this fall.

In shooting and directing a summer film McGarry was thrilled to use new camera equipment funded by a Gilchrist Foundation grant and a gimbal for steady shooting, donated by John Noonan '85. Noonan, owner of a California-based Gravy Productions, addressed a student career symposium by skype in spring.

## Quiz Bowl Kids are State Champs!

The Heelan Varsity Quiz Bowl team again captured the state championship in their division. The team competed at the state tournament of the Iowa Quiz Bowl League in April in Waukee, Iowa.



From Left are Noah Roerig, Michael Bryan, Jaiden Utecht, Christian Krogh and Patrick McGowan.

The five-member varsity students outlasted 11 other teams to come out on top in the small school division. This is the second time the Heelan Quiz Bowl team has. In 2016 they placed first in state competition and in 2017 a state runner-up after a tight battle.

"I thank our Heelan faculty for their fine instruction that has formed these young people into the scholars that they are," said Ken Strouse, Quiz Bowl moderator.

## Musicians Shine with Top Ratings

Heelan's Marching Crusaders Band, Gold and Blues Jazz Band and Concert Band all received Division 1 ratings at music competitions during last school year.



The No 1 rating means the students played to the state's highest standards. Since James Kunz, band director, arrived at Heelan, Band moved into a spacious new classroom in the Heelan Fine Arts Building, received new music stands and acoustic shells for performances, received new band uniforms, learned choreographed half time shows and more.

## Sam McGowan Earns Top Leader Spot

Heelan '18 graduate Sam McGowan was selected "2017 Sioux City Area Youth Leader of the Year" of the National Council on Youth Leadership. The honor enabled her to join youth leaders from across the U.S. at the "Town Meeting on Tomorrow" in St. Louis last fall.



McGowan

She was appointed to and is now attending the United States Naval Academy in Anapolis.

Other Heelan "Youth Salute" seniors were: Medinat Ayodele, Allison Bermel, Jacob Brown, Carolyn Halbur, Annie Jensen, Calvin Keller, Abbie LaFleur, Patrick McGowan, Elsy Meis, Emily Oberle, Kathleen O'Gara, Bryce Reynolds and Katie Rizk.

## Beumler is State Poetry Champ

Sarah Beumler, as a Heelan sophomore last school year, won the top spot in state competition of "Poetry Out Loud," a program that encourages the study of great poetry public speaking skills.



Beumler won a trip to national finals in April in Washington D.C. and \$500 in poetry books for the Heelan Library. Her sister, Grace, was also a state champion.



LaFleur



Morris



Markham

## Heelan Has Three National Merit Students

Abbie LaFleur '18 and Zachary Morris '18 were named National Merit Finalists, a distinction that put them among the top one percent of graduating seniors in the nation. Libby Markham '18, was named a National Merit semi-finalist.

## Heelan Students Earn Spots at All State

Eleven Bishop Heelan High School students made All-State Chorus at 2017 All State Auditions, the highest achievement that can honor vocal music students.



All State Students

The students were Allison Bermel, Foster Johnson, Kate Gill, Claire Brobst, Megan Janssen, Erick Danner, Ben Murphy, Eric Lohr, Christian Krogh, John Paul Keane and Miles Patton.

In All-State Band, John Greer was selected as 1st Alternate on alto saxophone.



# Dougherty is a Picture of Excellence

Art Teacher to Get Educator Award at Bishop's Dinner October 21

Paint a picture of distinction at Heelan and your brush will shape the likeness of Laurie Dougherty in her artist apron dabbed with splashes of paint and smudges of clay.

Now in her 34th year of teaching art and visual design, she has been selected as a Teacher of Excellence in the Diocese for the Bishop's Dinner for Catholic Schools Oct. 21.

In addition to handling classes Dougherty is known for connecting her students to community mural projects. Students have created art for the Jackson Recovery Women and Children's Center, the Clare Guest House for women out of prison, Holy Spirit Retirement Home, the Nysten Cancer Center and most recently, for the second time, the Mercy Child Advocacy Center (See below.)

The mother of six Heelan grads and a current Heelan junior, Dougherty models her faith with her students and coworkers like Nan Kiel.

"She reaches out to all students with kind, encouraging words not just the students she teaches," says Kiel, a social studies teacher. "She is an example to all of our students of the value that each of God's children has and how all should be treated."

"She is a star who has helped make Heelan brighter for its students and the community," adds Janet Flanagan, director of communications.

Dougherty left her cramped teaching space and moved into a spacious brightly lit classroom in Heelan's new Fine Arts Building when it opened in August 2014. Her whiteboard message to students and visitors reflected her delight. "Is this heaven?" Yes! It's Heelan!"

Dougherty has been an enthusiastic ambassador outside of the classroom. She helped start the "Crusader Connection" alumni publication and started Catholic school road trips to energize 8th grade students for Heelan. She has designed banners and backdrops for Homecoming, fall plays, spring musicals, teams going to state, and more -- often working overtime at night and on weekends.



Heelan's 2018 Teacher of Excellence Laurie Dougherty says she "skips to work" every day at Heelan.

In August she designed a 24 ft. wide pirate ship for this fall's band performances at football half-times.

She has created Auction gifts and décor items for the Heelan Auction for many years and has hosted painting and pottery parties to raise funds.

Dougherty follows many graduates after Heelan.

"Three years after graduating from Heelan I know I could still message her and she would be eager to help," says Michaela Wadzinski, an animation student at University of Nebraska. "She is an incredibly talented and diverse artist as well as a great teacher."

Dougherty is "a wickedly funny, caring and encouraging teacher," says Caitlin Flanagan '05, who worked on a large mural in the first Mercy Child Advocacy Center. "I am not the only student who feels that she has taught the importance of using artistic talents to give back to the community and apply the values instilled by a Catholic education."

Adds Flanagan, an art director in Minneapolis, Dougherty is a "chocolate-loving, nurturing, hilarious and awesome Catholic school teacher who deserves this award and many more as long as she is present in the halls of Heelan High School. "



## Art Service Project Helps Abused Children

Children undergoing delicate physical exams for sexual abuse now have ceiling art to distract them, thanks to the creative efforts of Bishop Heelan art students and their teacher Laurie Dougherty.

After weeks of design and painting Art 3 and 4 students delivered 24 ceiling tiles and helped install them in the two exam rooms of the new Mercy Child Advocacy Center.

Students painted numbers amid cartoon animals and solar system scenes to create a "where's waldo" type of theme to distract children as they undergo exams for sexual abuse.

The Child Advocacy Center supports child victims, including detection and investigation of abuse, and allows abused children to tell their story in a safe and dignified setting.

## Administration Gains New Faces

**Rhonda Brockamp-Bridges** joined the Bishop Heelan administration team as director of finance.

She oversees accounts receivable, accounts payable, payroll, monthly financials, budgeting and annual audit preparations.

A member of Holy Cross Parish, Bridges previously worked for Great West Casualty as a reinsurance accountant and was an accountant for Henjes, Conner and Williams. She is a graduate of Briar Cliff University.



*Brockamp-Bridges*

**Jennifer (Hartnett) Pattee '85** has joined the admin office as director of enrollment.

Pattee previously served as a school psychologist for Northeast Nebraska area schools for the last several years and taught in Omaha, South Sioux City and Lincoln.

Pattee has a bachelor's degree in elementary and special education from University of Nebraska, a Master's in Education degree in school administration from Wayne State College and a specialist's degree in school psychology from the University of South Dakota.



*Pattee*

**John Flanery**, who returned to Heelan in fall 2017 as a vocal music teacher, has moved to advancement to support fundraising and continues to direct the Harmonia Mundi show choir and Bel Canto women's choir.

Flanery previously taught at Heelan from 1996 to 2004 and left to earn advanced degrees. He earned a master's degree in choral conducting from the University of Kentucky and spent nine years as associate choral director at the University of Southern Mississippi where he earned his doctorate.



*Flanery*

**Sue Ferris '74** has joined the BHCS admin staff as advancement support manager.

In managing Heelan's data base, she provides address lists to alumni reunion planners and supports activities of the PRIDE Campaign, Annual Fund, Gold Club, Heelan Auction, Memorial Gifts, Scholarship Gifts and the Legacy Society.

As Heelan super fans, Ferris her husband, Dave '72, have provided extensive support to Heelan for decades with catering from Sneaky's, a Sioux City landmark for chicken.



*Ferris*

## Sweeney Retires from Holy Cross School

Long-time Bishop Heelan Catholic Schools Principal Mike Sweeney '76 has retired after 29 years in Sioux City Catholic schools, 38 total in Catholic education.

After his education at Blessed Sacrament School and Heelan he earned a bachelor's degree from Briar Cliff University and a master's degree from Drake University.

He first taught at Danbury Catholic School and then became the first lay principal at Immaculate Conception-Nativity School (now Mater Dei) in 1989. After 15 years he moved over to be principal at Holy Cross School, which he led for 14 years.

Sweeney nurtured the growth of technology and online resources in the classroom, worked with the unification of schools into one school system and nurtured the growth of the system-wide "Then Feed Just One," meal assembly project for the poor in Honduras.



## Funk Leads Heelan System

Timm Funk, a CPA and owner of Timm Funk Associates, has led the Heelan School System as interim CEO since June 2017. He has offered business advisory services for 18 years and has been associated with BHCS as a former board of education member and finance chair and parent of three Heelan grads.

Since taking the reins Funk has worked with the school principals and leaders to advance curriculum, strengthen technology, update security practices, support a proactive youth mental health program, implement financial controls and efficiencies, renovate Holy Cross School -Blessed Sacrament and enhance advancement fundraising efforts.

This year Heelan opened its new \$11 million classroom building and began construction of a new \$3.6 million gymnasium slated to open next Fall.

## New Athletic Director Arrives

Anthony Elias is the new athletic director at Heelan. He most recently served as athletic director and head basketball coach at Siouxland Christian School, and was an assistant men's basketball coach and physical education instructor at Morningside College.

Elias also was head men's basketball coach at Blue Mountain Community College in Oregon. He has a master's degree in sports management, a bachelor's degree in human performance, and an associate degree in elementary education. Elias and his family are members of Mater Dei Parish.



## Holy Cross Welcomes New Principal

Debi Younger has been named Principal at Holy Cross School, succeeding Mike Sweeney who retired in May.

She has a master's degree in PK-12 administration in addition to 17 years of teaching experience. She is a member of Saint Teresa Catholic Church in Dakota Dunes.





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Construction on the Gym, to be located in the green space above left, will begin this fall.

## Heelan Unveils New Classroom Addition

Heelan's 55,000 sq ft \$11 million Academic Classroom Addition opened to Heelan students Jan. 5.

The beautiful, two-floor building features 29 classrooms, three breakout study rooms for collaborative work, a media center, school offices, a conference room, guidance center, an elevator and spacious stairways.

Heelan's five science classrooms feature a lab in each room to enable more hands-on learning emphasized in new science curriculum standards.

Gone from classrooms are dusty fans, wall speakers, ancient desks, suspended analog TVs, overhead projectors, faded curtains, clutter, worn flooring and boys and girls restrooms on separate floors.

- New classrooms have wireless access and 70-inch TVs, freeing teachers to roam with tablets and better engage students.
- School announcements now come through a PA system on classroom telephones.
- Teachers have new desks, chairs and storage cabinets, thanks to donations by former faculty, staff and others
- Air-conditioning offers more comfort and eliminates early-outs on hot spring and fall days.
- Artwork is featured in every hallway. (See story on page 8.)

The guidance and registrar offices, administration and chaplain's offices near the "cross court" are fostering more staff and student interactions.

Duffy Hall, the student commons, serves as the lunchroom, study hall and gathering space between the fine arts and new classroom sections.

"The technology and our updated classrooms are amazing," says Jeri



All classrooms are wireless.



Cross Court leads to classrooms.



The Mary L. Gill Media Center stores books and laptops for check out.



Students now lunch in Duffy Hall.

Sturges, longtime Heelan Spanish teacher who left her fan behind in the old school. "I can't believe all the new features and how much nicer it is to teach in our new school."

Each classroom is equipped with sprinkler systems and in severe weather, students and teachers can shelter in interior classrooms that serve as a tornado shelter.

Volunteers from the Sioux City

Stampede football team and 185th Air Refueling Wing and professionals moved desks, furniture, boxes and more to the new school over the Christmas break.

"It's gorgeous," said Natalie Callaghan, a Heelan senior now graduated. "I am so impressed. I don't know exactly what I was expecting, but it has definitely surpassed everything. I am very excited to be in here."





**Items Still Needing Funding due to Higher Costs.**

- Scoreboards
- Sound system
- Stages
- Bleachers
- Wood Floor

## New Gymnasium Work Underway

Construction on Heelan’s \$3 million gym begins this fall. “We are thrilled to start the final phase of our new high school,” says Tom Betz ‘85, vice president of advancement. “While we will start building, fundraising efforts continue in order to finish the interior of the gymnasium and furnish items outside of the building design.”

The gymnasium will connect to the new academic addition. Its top-loading design means people will enter at the top and descend the steps to sit in the bleachers.

The gym will feature:

- 1600 seats
- air-conditioning
- 2 practice courts and main court
- a running and walking track
- athletic training and locker rooms
- coaches offices

It will host sports, practices; assemblies; Heelan’s major show choir event; Honduras meal assembly events and more.



CYO Before



CYO After

## CYO Gym/Lunchroom Transformed into Dedicated Sports Facility

The Heelan CYO gym – used by thousands of Heelan students for nearly 60 years for lunch, socials, intramurals, sports practices, athletic camps, meetings and parent conferences – has been converted to a dedicated sports facility.

A state-of-the-art athletic court system has replaced the 1959 linoleum, and a new air handling system and bright new lighting have been installed. The stage and storerooms have been removed and three basketball hoops have been installed for the gym’s three courts in the 9,000 sq ft space.

The new floor features alternating layers of subfloor, topped off with high quality maple, stained and painted in Crusader blue and gold.

The nearly \$300,000 renovation is the product of a Heelan partnership with Eagles United, an accredited basketball academy based in Sioux City for boys teams and girls teams

for 4-8th grade. It was founded in 2016 by Alex Spielman, a former Ballard High School and University of South Dakota college athlete.

Heelan athletes and Eagles players have allotted gym times. The CYO renovation was guided by the leadership of Doug Skinner ‘84, a Heelan and Sacred Heart school parent with a passion for sports and Heelan progress.

“The CYO has been a part of the Heelan student experience since it first opened,” says Skinner. “The partnership with Eagles United will allow the renovated facility to impact more student athletes than ever before. It is truly a win-win situation for Heelan and Eagles United.”

The Heelan CYO houses the gym, Heelan’s strength and conditioning center, wrestling room and Sacred Heart preschool.



Brendan Burchard – entering his 50th year of teaching at Heelan – stands in the new school’s west stairwell with the Crucifix from the old Heelan Chapel flanked by images of art for the Joyful and Glorious mysteries of the rosary.

St. Mother Teresa, St. Francis of Assisi, and four dozen other images of saints adorn hallways.

## 51 Framed Saints Tell Stories in New Heelan

Walk near student lockers in the classroom addition and you will immediately notice a framed print on the wall of Saint Thomas Aquinas, patron saint of Catholic Schools.

Considered the church’s greatest theologian and philosopher, his portrait is one of 51 framed saints throughout the school.

The pieces clearly depict Heelan as a Catholic School and are placed thanks to the efforts of Fr. Shane Deman '99, now in his third year as Heelan Chaplain.

“Our goal is to be unapologetically Catholic, knowing that strong Christian formation and education distinguishes us from other schools,” says Fr. Deman.

“To highlight this Catholic identity, we want to make statements through art work that not only support our Catholic mission but also serve to be educational and inspirational for students.”

The artwork conveys saints as role models and figures of history, too,” he says.

“There are saints who are known missionaries, scholastic champions and figures that go back to the ancient Roman Empire. I picked saints that could relate to the students. Some are popular, some are more obscure.”

### Fr. Deman placed the images in strategic locations.

- St. Catherine of Bologna (1413-1463), patron of artists, hangs in the hallway near the art room;
- St. Gregory the Great (540-604), patron saint of musicians and scholars, adorns the hallway by music classrooms
- St. Albert the Great (1200-1280), patron saint of scientists and philosophers, is located near the science classrooms.

Tracy Christianson of the Seattle area is a Catholic artist who created the images. “She does a great job creating images of saints that are both beautiful yet easily relatable, making the lives of the saints more tangible for us today,” Fr. Deman says.

Fourteen Scripture verses also adorn the walls above

lockers to convey important messages.

“Our imaginations are impacted daily by countless cultural images,” Fr. Deman says. “Hopefully by spending four years in the halls of Bishop Heelan, these sacred images will leave a lasting impression on our students that will shape the future practice of their faith.”

*Thank you to the Catholic Globe of Sioux City for added information.*



### Ceremony Includes Prayer, Song

Students and faculty participated in a once-in-a-lifetime ceremony Dec. 18 when they solemnly walked in a Eucharistic procession that transferred the Blessed Sacrament from old Heelan to the new Heelan High School -- signaling the closing of Heelan classrooms and the opening of a newstate-of-the-art school.

Before the procession Fr. Shane Deman, Heelan chaplain, talked to students about starting a new chapter in Heelan’s history.

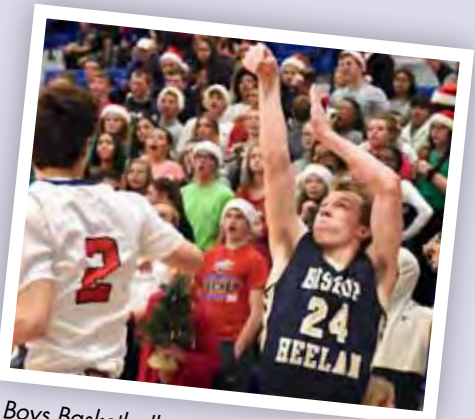
“We have the chance to write the first pages of the new school, which will last for generations to come,” he said. “To begin this transition we are asking the Lord to lead us. We are about to carry Christ, in his Eucharistic presence here in this tabernacle, into the new halls of the school...May our efforts create a worthy home for Him where all visitors and guests know His presence is to be found whenever they enter the halls of the new Bishop Heelan.”



# Student PRIDE in Action

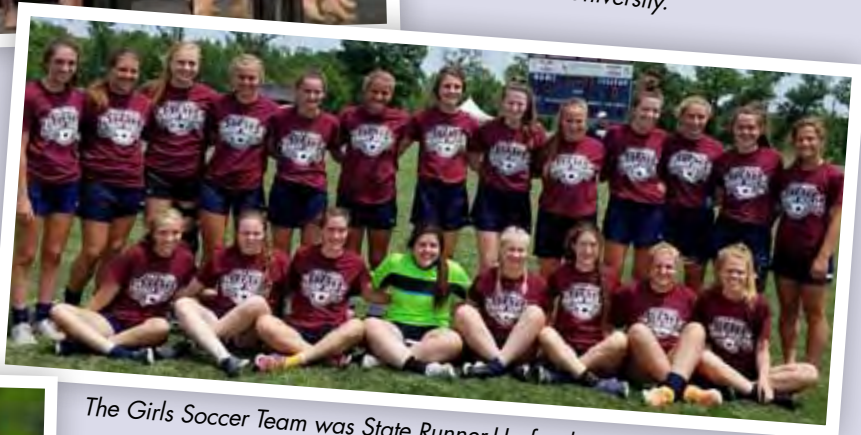
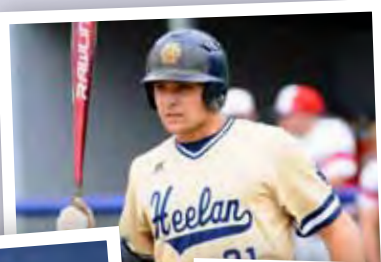


Heelan's Show Choirs brought home trophies.

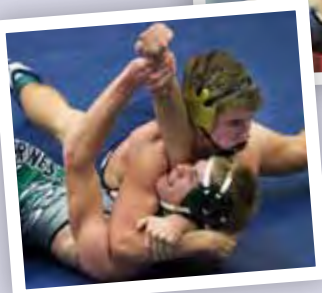


Boys Basketball enjoyed a winning season and Elijah Hazekamp went to a Division I University.

Baseball made State Semi-finals.



The Girls Soccer Team was State Runner-Up for the 3A Championship.



Wrestlers hit a record – most wins in school history.



Andy Osborne was named Sioux City Journal "Baseball Coach of the Year."



The 2018 Football team is enjoying a winning season.



Girls Softball enjoyed a winning season.



Hello Dolly with Kate Gill wowed audiences.



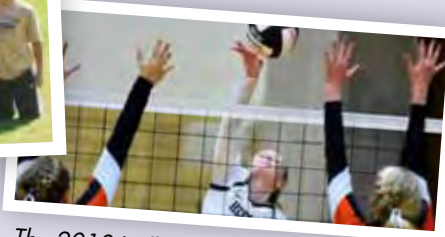
Varsity Football Cheerleaders



Girls Track runners scored the most team points in school history.



The 2018 Girls Cross Country team (here with boys team) came in second at the Holstein meet.



The 2018 Volleyball team is enjoying a winning season.





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## Alumni Yearbook Photo Feature

# Class of 2018

These pages are dedicated to our graduates with parents, grandparents and great grandparents who are alumni of Heelan, Trinity and Cathedral High Schools. We pray for their success and God's blessings in the years ahead.



Jim Bauer '55

Shirley (Allard)  
Bauer '55

Matt Bauer '88

Bauer, Nick '18

Karen (Grieve)  
Bauer '89

Sue (Hickman)  
Grieve '67



Doug Beach '92

Dominic Beach '18



Jason Boever '88

Jack Boever '18



Tom Brazzell '62

Maryellen (Shearer)  
Shipp '64

Mark Brazzell '87

Trenton Brazzell '18



Ryan Callaghan '90

Natalie  
Callaghan '18



Saybein Clark '18

Rochelle (Jenn)  
Clark '92



Elizabeth  
Cropley '18

Lesa (Streeter)  
Cropley '87

## Highlights of 2018 Graduating Class

- 129 graduates in the class of 2018
- Valedictorian: Zach Morris
- Salutatorian: Bryce Reynolds
- National Merit Finalists: Zack Morris, Abbie LaFleur
- Academic Scholarships Offered: \$12.3 million
- Number of Colleges Attending: 51
- Percent Offered Scholarships: 80%
- 54% were Silver Cord Recipients for Community Service
- 56% were honor students
- 95% of the students of the Class of 2018 are going on to college, 81% to four-year college, 82% took one or more online classes for college credit



Chris Delfs x'99



Delfs, Will '18



Sarah (Osterholm)  
Blatchford '99



Teresa (Everist)  
Delfs x'80



Emily Derby '18



Amy (Westhoff)  
Derby '91



Jon Determan '90



Ali Determan '18



Elizabeth (Keane)  
Determan '90



Robert Keane '64



Dorothy Jean  
(Meyer) Keane '40



Kenneth  
Keane '39



Brooke Doohen '18



Callie Doohen '18



Valerie Doohen '82



Chris Engel '85



Caleb Engel '18



Paul Engle '45



William Engle '81



Benjamin Engle '18



Colleen (Gnewuch)  
Dunn '70



Carrie (Dunn)  
Gilmore '98



Isaiah Gilmore '18



Mary (Hedemark)  
Beals '53



Susan (Beals)  
Green '90



Jake Green '18



Andrew Greer '82



Greer, Andrew '18

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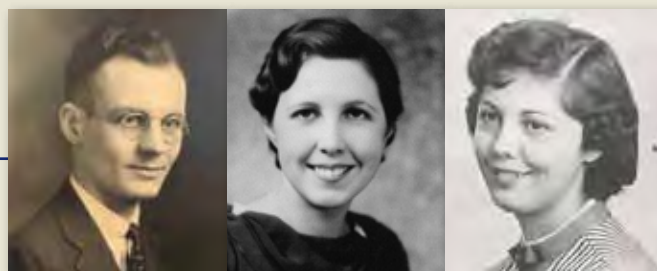




Grace Guntren '18

Paula (Sullivan)  
Guntren '87

Sophia (Gribas)  
Barnes '36 Cathedral



Charles Giesen '29  
Trinity

Josephine (Covell)  
Giesen '31 Cathedral

Joann (Giesen) Hope  
Rothman '56



Sean Hope '88

Alexandra Hope '18



Charles (CJ) Hope '90

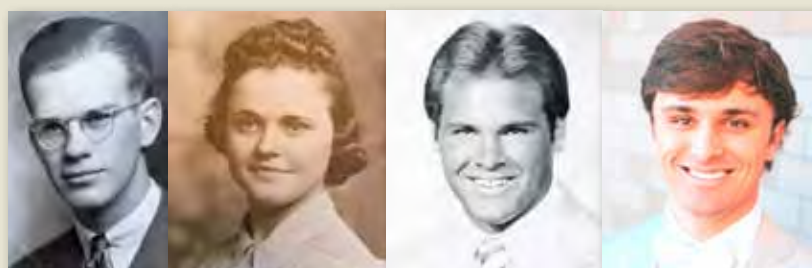
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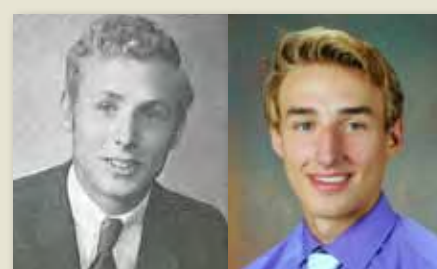
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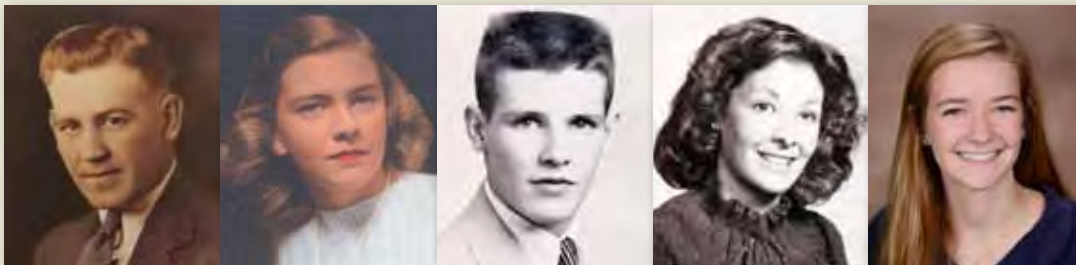
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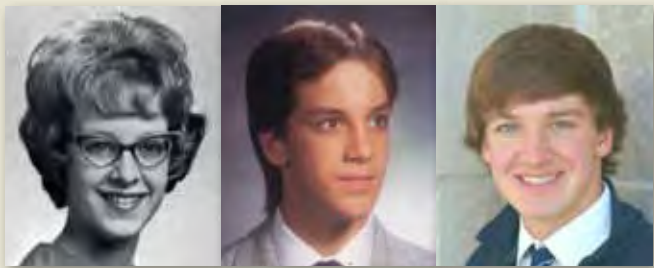
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Heelan grads of 1988 gather with their 2018 grads after ceremonies at the Orpheum. From left are the Hopes, Boevers, Burchard, Bauers and Jensens.



Linda (Fleck) Mullins '66    Anna Mullins '18



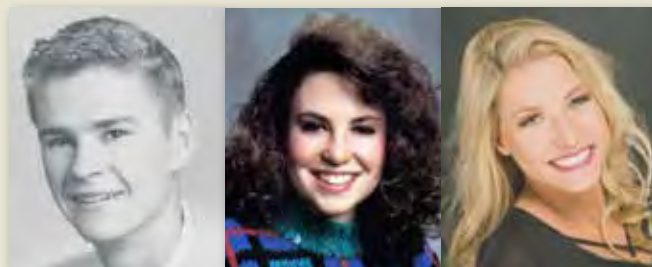
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Joe Conlon '69    Erica Olson '96    Gabe Olson '18



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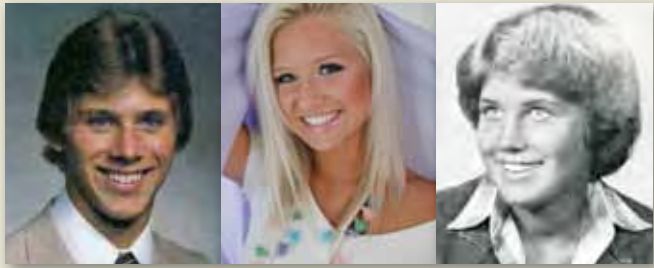


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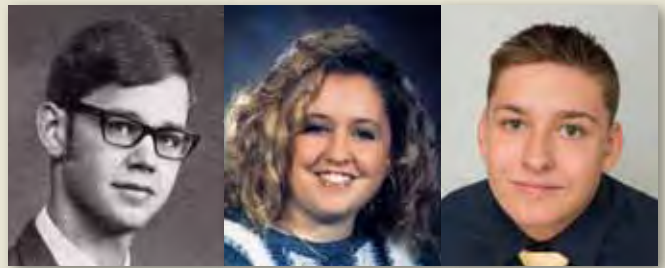
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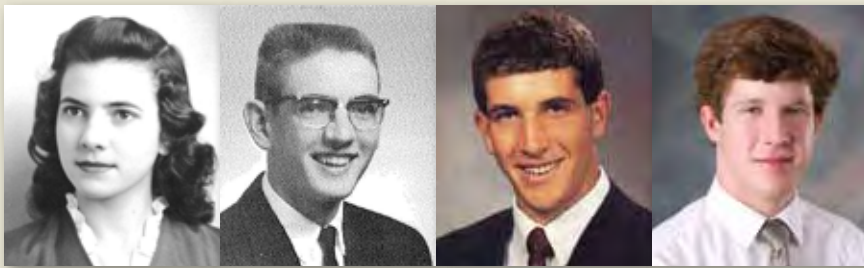
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Delores (Richter) Townley '45    Don Townley '65    Ted Townley '89    Evan Townley '18



Charles Noltze '68    Spencer Vanholland '18



Robert White '60    Jeff White '93    White, Joseph '18    Michelle (Semple) White '93    Mary Danette (Nettie Anderson) Semple '72



Mike Wilmes '60    Louise (Hogh) Wilmes '60    Chris Wilmes '83    Grace Wilmes '18



Patricia (Clays)  
Wolf '64

Aubrey Wolf '18

Rebecca Skoudas '92

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## Congratulations Class of 2018!



Our 2018 graduates are attending 51 different colleges and universities.

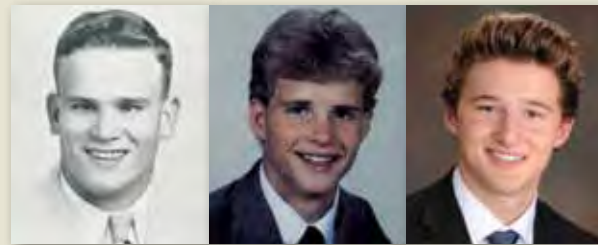
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Brown '84

Madison Brown '17



John Hartnett '56

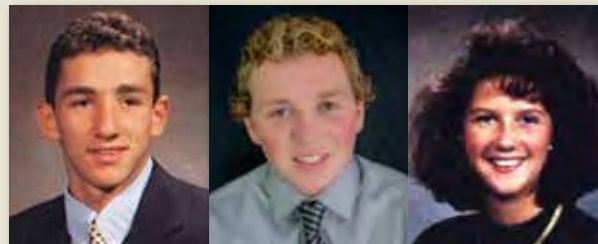
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Bridget (Cosgrove)  
Winders '83

Timothy Winders '17



Jasen Heaton '90

Keegan Heaton '17

Amy (Chicoine)  
Heaton '91



# Elementary School News

## Holy Cross Blessed Sacrament Gets School Facelift

Holy Cross School - Blessed Sacrament Center boasted a shiny new look to students, teachers and parents when school opened Aug. 23.

Workers installed new lighting and new carpeting in hallways and classrooms, lowered hallway ceilings and added fresh paint throughout the school.

The gymnasium has new lunch tables, brighter lighting and more space for student activity with the removal of old bleachers. Restrooms have been upgraded and a new roof and new boilers have been installed.

Blessed Sacrament has enjoyed an excellent reputation in its storied history for producing students ready for learning in high school and college, according to Debi Younger, new school principal.

Some 225 students are there in grades 3-8. Classrooms in the school's original section and 1960s addition are completely wired and equipped with chromebooks and big screen TVs for 21st century learning.

Holy Cross School also includes St. Michael which educates students in grades PK-2.



Happy to see Holy Cross School's facelift are from left, Maria Venturi, Wesley Van Hunnik and Gracie Nelson.



Mater Dei students from left are: Julia Davis, Isabelle Blatchford, Eddy Noutepe and Fisher Uhl.

## Mater Dei Adds More Technology

Mater Dei is integrating more technology into classrooms this fall, using \$47,500 in grant awards to fund student chromebooks, interactive projectors, flat screen TVs, wall-mounted charging stations and Screen beams for wireless classroom presentations.

Grants from Missouri River Historical Development, (MRHD), the Siouxland Community Foundation, Century Link, Staples, the school parent group and private donors all helped fund the technology initiative.

MRHD has been integral in helping Holy Cross and Sacred Heart schools and now has made its first grant award to Mater Dei. The school also has received thousands of dollars in technology and materials through classroom grants from the Community Foundation.



Foreground from left: Carlos Zambrano, Liz De los Santos and Lakyn Minor.

## Sacred Heart Library Becomes Learning Center

Forget a librarian at a desk checking out books and saying "shhh" in Sacred Heart School's library. The once colorful room with rows of books and shelving was converted into an active learning center over the summer months.

The multi-purpose room now offers a Lego board, whiteboard tables for student collaboration on projects, a big screen TV, and an instructional technology teacher guiding students on creating multi-media projects.

The newly renovated center offers a welcoming setting for students with laptops and chromebook tablets who are investigating a subject or want to explore STEM materials or a robotic kit. The center will also have a green screen area for videos, and yes, an inviting atmosphere just to read.



# Heelan Grad Ford Leads Land O'Lakes

When Beth Ford '82 was named president and CEO of Land O'Lakes this summer, she became the first female CEO in the farmer-owned coop's 97-year history. She also became one of just 24 female CEOs among all Fortune 500 companies.



Beth Ford '82

Land O'Lakes, a food and agricultural giant, based in the Twin Cities, has more than 10,000 U.S. employees.

Prior to joining Land O'Lakes in 2011, Ford excelled in executive posts at International Flavors and Fragrances, Mobil Corporation, PepsiCo and Pepsi Bottling Company and Scholastic, the publishing house of Harry Potter books in the U.S.

Ford earned an MBA at Columbia University Business School and a business degree from Iowa State University. She also sits on the board of Paccar, the manufacturer of Peterbilt, Kenworth and DAF

## Q. Did your upbringing and primary education in Sioux City aide you throughout your career?

A. I grew up with seven siblings — there are eight of us — my father was a truck driver and my mom a nurse and I went to Catholic school — Epiphany and then Heelan — and I think that we had a solid education that was no frills certainly back then, and at the same time growing up with that many siblings and a large family with an expectation that you work hard to get the things that you want in your life. I think that has been a blessing. I often say the experience I had working through college and high school or being in athletics or being in the schools I was in, in grade school and high school has served me very well as I've worked in different industries in different parts of the country and world.

## Q. How do you balance your responsibilities between your job and boards?

A. There's a cadence for the schedules of every business and a prioritization depending on what time of the year it is, what the business priorities are and balancing it. I have a lot of trust in the teams I work with. The balance really comes from understanding where you are in the year, and empowering and expecting that your teammates are going to be delivering the results with you.

## Q. How do you balance volunteer activities?

A. Those are a privilege, I think. I'm still involved at Iowa State — I'm on the board there for the College of Business — I'm still involved with Columbia, I'm involved with the United Way — the times that I'm involved with those things is a privilege. I think it's one of the things that makes a community strong.



Beth Ford was promoted to CEO of Land O'Lakes last December.

trucks, and was elected chairwoman of the board of directors for Clearwater Paper Corp. Below is an excerpt of her interview with *The Sioux City Journal* last December, reprinted courtesy of the Journal.

## Q. What is the best piece of advice you've received

A. I often say the best piece advice I received /best mentor was my mom. She would say to me, 'I can't read your mind.' I was number five of eight — 'so if you want something, ask for it.' I think that's pretty good advice. Another time ... we were delivering a meal to a family around Thanksgiving and I thought, 'Boy, it's not like we're sitting here super wealthy. What are we doing here? What's this about?' She was very clear, she said, 'Do you understand how much you have, how much you've been given and what your responsibilities are?' Mom was a pretty clear messenger. I think those pieces of advice have served me well in business, have served me well in life, if you want something ask for it and work hard to get it.

## Q. What are some of your keys to success?

A. I really think the future is going to be about continual learning. Having good intellectual curiosity, confidence in yourself and surrounding yourself with smart people — (and) not being intimidated by that — are key. Those are things I look for in folks that I hire today: do they have good intellectual curiosity, are they strong leaders, are they confident people, do they have resilience. Those are the keys I think to success.



Beth Ford showed leadership on the Heelan basketball court and in the classroom.

Beth Ford '82



Mary Schrad smiles along with her former Bishop Heelan basketball coach John Adams. Schrad was recently inducted into Women's Basketball Hall of Fame as a member of the Iowa Cornets.

## Trailblazing Schrad '74 enters Hall of Fame

Reprinted courtesy of the Sioux City Journal.

In a trailblazing personal odyssey, Mary Schrad, a 1974 Heelan grad, was recently inducted into Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in Knoxville, Tennessee as a member of the Iowa Cornets.

Schrad is believed to be the first Sioux City high school female athlete to be inducted into a professional national or international Hall of Fame.

Schrad, a college graduate of Briar Cliff University, was an original member of the Iowa Cornets, the first franchise to sign on with the Women's Professional Basketball League in 1978-79.

"I'm so grateful," Schrad said. "I can't say it enough, how my life changed dramatically in Sioux City, at Heelan and then Briar Cliff. There aren't enough thank-yous to go around."

Her Heelan Coach, John Adams attended the ceremony.

"Mary Schrad was relentless in her drive to succeed," said Adams. "She was so intent on improving her shot. She'd make every double-pump shot, reverse layups with either hand and jumpers everywhere.

"When Mary joined our team late her freshman year I'd pretty much had the team figured out, but it was like God had dropped a Michael Jordan-type player in our lap."

Schrad was born in Carroll, but an abusive home life resulted in her being moved to Angel House Villa Maria Child Care Center in Sioux City. At Villa Maria, she walked to school or a bus stop almost every day with her high-scoring forward teammate Sue Jones.

She remained close to her mother and brothers while living at Villa Maria. At 18 she then moved into dorms at Briar Cliff.

### The firsts

At Heelan, Schrad was an outstanding forward on two Heelan teams that made strong runs to state tournament berths as the first Sioux City high school to play Iowa's legendary 6-on-6 game.

As a senior in 1973-74, Schrad and the Crusaders went on a seven-game winning streak. But after defeating George on Dec. 17, 1973, several Heelan players decided to take a

impromptu late night sleigh ride together.

A group on a toboggan veered off course, and in the ensuing crash, Schrad suffered a paralyzing broken back and her playing career appeared to come to an end.

At the time she was injured, she was averaging 25.8 points a game for a team that finished 22-6.

After graduation, a lengthy rehabilitation and a determination to walk again, she returned to the game at Briar Cliff. At the Cliff, Schrad scored 1,149 points in 60 career games and snared over 700 rebounds, and was ultimately inducted into its Athletic Hall of Fame.

### The pros

Schrad played the first of the two seasons the Iowa Cornets played in the trailblazing WBL, the forerunner of the current WNBA. Then, she signed with two pro teams in Europe and visited 17 countries while playing for teams in Vienna, Austria and Munich, Germany for three years.

"It was wonderful life experience, playing in Europe and one of my teams reached the Euro Cup in London one season," said Schrad, who now lives in Florida. "I never paid much attention to playing for pay and salary or worry about making history. It was playing. Just give us the ball and let's go."

### Her Career Today

Over the years Schrad also coached college and high school, winning a state championship at Limon, Colorado. Today Schrad is co-owner of a successful team-building franchise called Coaching with COLORS: TEAM Inte-Great and also owned a chain of fitness centers "Contours Express," geared to women and based in Greeley, Colo. She speaks at clinics around the country.



Mary Schrad '74, left with Patty Calvillo



# Basketball and Family Go Together

## Ron Schultz Honored for 40 years with Briar Cliff

*Reprinted courtesy of Sioux City Journal in edited form.*

Ron Schultz '66 spent seven seasons coaching basketball at Heelan – three years as a sophomore boys coach and another four as head girls basketball coach. He also worked a remarkable 32 years as a freshman football coach at Heelan.

But it is Schultz' coaching tenure in basketball at Briar Cliff that stands out even more. Indeed, the Cliff honored Schultz last January for 40 years as part of the Briar Cliff basketball family.

Kevin Schultz, the youngest of Ron and Ann's five children, was a Heelan sophomore in 1995-96 when Ron was an assistant on the sophomore team. When Kevin transitioned to the varsity in 96-97, Ron moved up to head sophomore and assistant varsity coach for two seasons prior to Kevin's graduation in 1998.

"It was good," said Kevin of being coached by his father. "He brought a lot of experience from the college level and he would talk a lot about getting kids to play harder, raise your level of effort."

Ron never had a losing season in his four years as the Heelan girls coach, compiling a 50-39 record while ushering Heelan into the beginning of the Missouri River Conference era, which was established in 2000.

When he was a senior at Heelan Ron scored 126 points on a Heelan team that went 22-4, falling in the state semifinals to Marshalltown on a last-second shot.

Then his lifelong connection at Briar Cliff started. Schultz went onto the Cliff and scored the very first points in Briar Cliff men's basketball history.

"That itself is pretty cool, it seems crazy that it happened to be him," said Kevin.

Ron would meet his wife, Ann Homan '66, at Briar Cliff where he scored 1,353 points prior to graduating in 1970.



*Ron and Ann's family now includes five adult children and eight grandchildren.*

He assisted 22 years under Ray Nacke, who incidentally, was Schultz's coach at Bishop Heelan and who in 1981, guided Briar Cliff to a No. 1 rating. Schultz also worked for Todd Barry, Nic Nelson and helped Mark Svagera's squad to a No. 4 rating.

The 2018 leading scorer, Erich Erdman (20.1 ppg), calls Schultz "The Legend."

"He always has words of advice," said Erdman. "Not only is he a coach, but he's a role model in life and helps you grow as a man too. He's a humble guy. He serves God. He's someone you want to try to emulate as well. He'd rather not have this attention, which is funny because he definitely deserves it."

*Schultz worked 37 years as a physical education teacher and counselor for Sioux City public schools and seven years as a Heelan counselor before retiring. He continues as part-time coach at Briar Cliff.*

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Heelan's 2018 Auction Chairs representing each school were from left: Andy Pomerson and Tracy (Holcomb) '88, Dan '92 and Kari Nelson, Chris '86 and Joni Vondrak and Jenny (Feste '96) and Mark Petty '95.

## Delayed Heelan Auction Exceeds Fundraising Goal

A little snow didn't keep Heelan supporters away! The Heelan Auction, "Moonlight Masquerade" raised over \$353,100 for Bishop Heelan Catholic Schools, exceeding the 2018 goal of \$350,000, despite being cancelled due to snow on a Saturday and rescheduled for Monday, April 16.

The big event on a work night still managed to attract nearly 540 guests to celebrate Bishop Heelan Catholic Schools.

The school system's largest fundraiser of the year included a Fund-a-Cause that raised over \$33,000 for new science equipment at all the schools.

Top live auction gifts were a vacation week at a home in Waterville, Ireland; a 1958 Yankees World Series Champions

autographed baseball and Steamboat Springs ski trip resort. Three home parties in Dakota Dunes, Northside and Morningside brought in \$11,000.

"We were again blessed with outstanding chair couples," said Janet Flanagan, BHCS director of special gifts.

"They generated new ideas, built items and decor, worked on BidPal tickets and seating, recruited and donated gifts and helped decorate with nearly two dozen other volunteers."



**Mark your calendars for the next Heelan Auction on April 13, 2019.**

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# Class Notes

## 1950s

**James Rehal '56 and Kathryn Murray Rehal '67** were married on May 11, 1968 at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Sioux City, Iowa and have been married 50 years. Jim is an Emeritus Insurance Agent with Banker's Life and Casualty and Kathy is a full time homemaker and caregiver for her handicapped son, Jimmy. They have four children, seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.



**Gene Hancer '53** is a master cabinet maker whose work is now featured in the book "The Glorious Masterworks of Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral, Kansas City Missouri. Gene worked with an architect to reproduce period Romanesque and Gothic furniture for churches on the National Historical list including the cathedral. He is featured in the book which was published in March 2017 and gives the history of Grace Cathedral, known for its fine stained glass. Gene has been designing and building custom furniture for 61 years in Sioux City and over 15 other states. The renovation of the Sioux City Orpheum holds much of his work and his 10ft grandfather clock is at Unity Point St. Luke's.



**Mark J. '60 and Carole Ann (Kent '60) Murphy** of Champaign, IL were missed in our feature in 2017 on married Heelan couples. They have been married 56 years and have 4 children, 14 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren. They have lived in Champaign, IL for 49 years.



**Mark Mulhall '60** formerly of the Los Angeles area and now living at Holy Spirit in Sioux City, visited the religion class of his former classmate and long-time friend Brendan Burchard.



Class of 1958 celebrating its 60th Reunion after touring the new Heelan.

## 1960s

**Frances Grego Krull '60** has written a new cookbook of traditional Italian favorites including recipes from her family's restaurant The Turin Inn. The cookbook includes a DVD which gives an inside look at the fascinating history of the Prochelo family that introduced Sioux City to Italian food. The cookbook can be purchased from Sioux City Gifts on 19th and Pierce Street. Visit [Siouxcitygifts.com](http://Siouxcitygifts.com)



This group of '65 alums recently gathered for stories and fun.

**John Calhoun '67** (below right in plaid shirt.) retired in December after nearly 10 years serving as administrator of the Polk City Economic Development Corporation.



### Heelan Class of '67

The Class of '67 made a generous contribution to the fund for new teachers desks. Thank you!



**Linda Massey Murphy '68 and Henry Metz '68** reunited nearly 50 years after their Heelan graduation and married Aug. 4 in Sioux City. Congrats!



**Uhl Family Reunion**

These Uhl family members toured Heelan before attending their Uhl family reunion. From left are Gary Uhl, Sioux City; Dr Jenny Uhl and Dr Mark Uhl '79 Galletin Tenn; Liz, Crystal City, MO; Adam Uhl, Cedar Falls, IA; Maureen Uhl Pearson, Lincoln Neb., Jason Uhl, Sioux City; Maurice Uhl Jr., Sioux City, Jeff Uhl, Columbus, Neb and Tim Uhl, MO.

**1970s**

**Rich Whalen '70** lives in Scottsdale, AZ and is now retired after working for railroad and then as an accountant for a construction company.

These Heelan grads renewed their baptismal vows in the River Jordan. Front from left are **Louis Gunther '71, Louis (Berger) Tadlock '69, Bobbie (Dalglish) Pylelo '71 and Susan (Schroeder) Ferris '74.** Back: Fr. Dan Guenther '73, John Pylelo '70, Tom Yaneff '76 and Dave Ferris '72.



**Terry Uhl '74** visited Heelan in March to speak to a group of students about education and careers in civil engineering. Terry, a graduate of South Dakota State University, has been a civil engineer for over 40 years, and lives with his wife Mary (Wells) Uhl '77 in Overland Park, Kan.



**1975 Girls day out at the Beach**

Girls from '75 made a trip to Kure Beach and Wilmington, North Carolina In October 2017. Gathered are Teri (Swanson) Janus, Kathy (Erlemeier) Hoffmeier, Kathy (Uhl) Hart, Patsy Dougherty, Cathy (Salem) Fay and JoAnn (Schumacher) Schmitt



Bishop Heelan welcomed back **Ron Clements '71**, award winning Disney Studios animation director Sept. 13. A former "Heelan Highline" cartoonist, he talked to students about his career and Disney movies. Clements presented at the Sioux City International Film Festival Sept. 12-16, organized by Rick Mullin '71 and Tim Bottaro '77. Clements' latest film "Moana" was nominated for an Academy Award in 2017. Over the years he has worked as a writer and director, producer and is known for his work with the "Little Mermaid" (1989) "Hercules" (1997), "Aladdin" (1992), "The Princess and the Frog" (2009) and others.



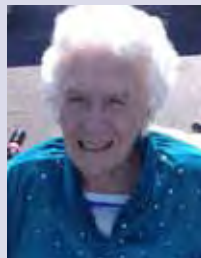
**Class of 1975 Guys Unite at Football Game**

Attending the 2017 Iowa and Iowa State September game members of the class of 1975 united from Minnesota, Colorado, California, South Dakota, Missouri, Wyoming and Arkansas. From left are Bob (friend), Mark Beck '78, Matt Blair, Philip Craig, Kelly Lennon, Mark Condon, Tim Gubbels, Scott Mead, Larry Beck, Bill Barrett, John Thoman and Don Truhe.



**Spouse of Legendary Coach Don Fleming Passes**

Helen Odell Fleming of Hopewell, Va., wife of a legendary Heelan coach, Don Fleming, passed Feb. 20, 2018 at age 99. Fleming coached football, basketball and track at Heelan for 13 years, 1955-1968, and guided the 1961 Crusaders to a No. 1 state championship ranking in Iowa before playoffs were introduced.



Helen was the mother of the late Creighton '61, Christie Fleming Tuttle '62, Cindy Fleming Santos '65 and Corinne Fleming Kirkland. She had 11 grandchildren, 24 greats and 2 great-greats. A member of a family of athletes and coaches, she was an avid golfer and swimmer winning gold medals in the Virginia Senior Olympics.

"We enjoyed such a close connection to Heelan with my Dad as Head Coach," says Christie Fleming Tuttle. "I remember that my mom made delicious fudge before



*The keys to a new car were presented to Don Fleming and his wife as a gift following his 1961 state championship season.*

the away football games and gave it to Dad to hand out to all the players. After all home games the parents and friends came to parties at our house on Grandview Boulevard. Great fun and memories. Mom made all the food for the parties. Father Studer started dropping off snacks from Lowe's Market when he realized Mom was doing it all."





**Heelan Class of 1978** Toured Heelan as part of their reunion. From left: Tim Stroup, Mary (Niles) Shook, Jeff Vlaanderen, Lorie (Merrigan) Beckman, Joanne (Karpuk) Friedman, Ginni (Sitzman) Zima, Tim Guinane and Mark Sullivan.

## 1980s

**Janet Berding '82** writes "We celebrated our 36th wedding anniversary last January. Al recently celebrated 32 years with Hallmark Cards. We have two wonderful sons Aaron (Ashton) and Andrew. We keep busy with our three grand-daughters; Alexis (16) is in competitive dance and on her high school dance team; Autumn, 5, and Ava, 3, who demand that Papa take them to the park every weekend. We celebrated our anniversary with a trip to HHI in October with good friends. Class memory: a certain classmate who enjoyed eating the Homecoming mums each year.



**Dr. Amy (Hartnett) Brower Ph.D. '83** made a guest presentation at a Heelan biology class to talk about her career involving genetic research. Brower works for the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics (ACMG). She toured Heelan with her parents Jackie (Cahill) '50 and Jim Hartnett.



**Kelli (Campbell) Solsma '85** addressed the Heelan class of 2018 at the annual graduate breakfast. Solsma, here with a group of grads, is the director of Project Rehema Ministries which supports the care of orphans in Tanzania, many who are HIV positive or the children of parents who were. Solsma encouraged students to stay connected to their faith.



## Farewell Sr. Rosalie

The Heelan community bid farewell to Sr. Rosalie Erdmann, SLW, retired faculty member, who has moved to Chicago. Sr. Rosalie, still sharp as a tack at age 90 and in good health, taught at Bishop Heelan for 28 years, retiring in 2004. She taught in Catholic schools for a total of 53 years. "The number of lives I must have touched in the 53 years I taught and those who touched me is staggering," she said. You can mail a card to Sister Rosalie Erdmann SLW, 7260 West Peterson Ave., Chicago, IL 60631

**Kathy Ford '84** lives in Littleton, Co., and was recently promoted to Senior Vice President of Legal Affairs at WOW Internet, Cable & Phone, based in Englewood. WOW is the 7th largest cable company in the country. "Look forward to seeing the next Crusader Connection!" she says.



## 1990s

**Gary Determan** long-time former teacher, stopped by with **Nick '97** and his son visiting and **Jon '90** of Sioux City. Nick is the assistant athletic director and athletic equipment manager of West Point Military Academy and generously donates items to the Heelan Auction every year.



**Chrissa (Swanson) Landis '98** married Drew Landis on May 16, 2015 in Vermontville, Mich. They welcomed their first child, Matilda Ann on April 5, 2017. Chrissa works for DTE Energy in Detroit as a human resource representative for their Organizational Development department. They reside in Canton, Mich. She also is involved in supporting Happy Days Dog and Cat Rescue in Michigan.



## 1998 Grads Celebrating their 20th Reunion



# 2000s



**2005 Grads Jeff Ely, Jake Staber, Brett Barker (friend) and Chad Moreland** played in the Heelan Gold Club Golf Outing with shirts paying tribute to Pete Johnson, a fellow 2005 grad who tragically died outside restaurants on Historic Fourth St. A Heelan scholarship has been set up in Pete's name.

**1999 Classmates gather at Mikey's Chili Fest in Kansas City** to benefit the Michael Kuehl Scholarship fund offered to select Heelan students. From left are: Michael Fitzpatrick, Joe Malsam, Molly Meylor, Grant Wetz, Saul Gomez, Jessica Shermerhorn, Nate Foulk and Josh Neswick.



**Maurie Tompke '04** and Jessica (Goedken), married in 2016, have a daughter, Charlotte Anne, born August 11, 2017. Maurie is now a professor and department head of sports management at Waldorf University and resides with his family in Forest City, Iowa.

**Alicia Skaggs Porsch '06** and her husband, Eric, welcomed baby boy Charles James Porsch September 21, 2017. He joins sisters Sophia 4, and Cecilia, 2. Alicia works a Juvenile Court Specialist with Juvenile Court Services in Sioux City.



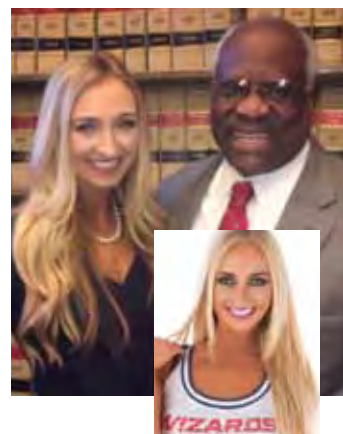
Many of these 2008 State Championship Basketball Players returned to the Heelan Pit last winter to celebrate a 10 year Reunion. Great memories of a special team!



## Heelan Reunion Class Supports Scholarship

These 2007 grads, touring Heelan at their 10th Reunion last fall, contributed to the Dee Blatchford Memorial Scholarship for a Heelan student who excels in science. Two scholarships have been awarded. Mrs. Blatchford was an admired and respected teacher who taught at Heelan for 38 years before retiring in 2008. Sadly, she died June 2017 after a short battle with the crippling disease of ALS. As a teacher, Mrs. Blatchford influenced countless Heelan graduates to pursue careers in medicine, pharmacy, scientific research, healthcare and more.

**Steffani Jiroux '10** was awarded a Juris Doctor Degree and Master of Science in government organization and leadership from Creighton University School of Law on May 13, 2017 and is a law clerk serving a Legislative Fellowship on Capitol Hill. She also is a cheerleader/dancer for the Washington Wizards in Washington DC. Steffani recently co-chaired the Creighton School of Law Barrister's Ball. She was 3rd runner up in the 2017 Miss Nebraska USA Pageant.



**Jackie Ricke '14** graduated with distinction in the top 10% of the College of Engineering from the University of Iowa with her degree in Chemical Engineering. She received cords for Omega Chi Epsilon and the Society of Women in Engineering and was one of the two students out of about 450 to receive the Outstanding Graduating Senior Award! She is now working at Honeywell in Virginia.

**Sam Brower '14** as a senior served as president of Beta Theta Pi Alpha Tau Chapter at University of Nebraska Lincoln, recognized as one of the top seven chapters in the US. Sam led efforts to create a program around sexual assault on campus, was a member of UNL's Chancellor's Honor Society and helped conduct a review of UNL curriculum as part of his role in student government. He graduated with a degree in economics and political science and is now in law school at the University of Minnesota.



**Michaela Wadzinski '15**, a University of Nebraska animation major, spent her summer as an intern working with animation at the Television Academy in Los Angeles. Her animation film "Negative Spaces" won the Jury Choice award at the Sept. 12-16 Sioux City Film Festival that was judged by Ron Clements '71, and John Musker, renowned Disney film directors.



May the road rise up to meet you.  
 May the wind always be at your back,  
 May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
 and rains fall soft upon your fields.  
 And until we meet again,  
 May God hold you in the hollow of His hand.

## In Memory

**Doris (Hoffman) Maher '50**, South Sioux City, Neb., July 15, 2018  
**Bernard Verschoor '51**, Wynot, Neb., May 29, 2018  
**James Verschoor '51**, Sioux City, June 7, 2018  
**Gary "Bogie" Bogenreif '52**, Rock Port, Mo, Nov. 14, 2017  
**Arthur Watson '53**, Aurora, Colo., June 11, 2018  
**Dorothy (Schuetz) Huebsch '53**, Morgantown, WV, July, 18, 2018  
**Madonna (Conley) Fay '54**, Sioux City, Feb. 22, 2018  
**John Kelly '54**, Sioux City, Sept 8, 2018  
**Arlen Wiggs '54**, Camdenton, MO, March 8, 2018  
**Karlyn (Linden) Osborn '54**, Sioux City, May 18, 2018  
**Jim Bennett '56**, Minneapolis, Minn., August 6, 2017  
**Ellen (Schanke) Ritz '57**, Merrill, IA, February 21, 2018  
**Michael Merrigan '57**, Sioux City., June 27, 2018  
**Loretta (Simeon) Bentson '58**, Sioux City, April 16, 2018  
**Karen (Strong) Kingsbury '58**, Danbury, IA  
**Rev. William Devine – Heelan Faculty 1958-1959**, Feb. 3, 2018  
**James Chartier '59**, Sioux City, July 11, 2018  
**Fr. Michael Larkin '59**, Sioux City, May 26, 2018  
**Gary Donahoo '59**, Sioux City, June 27, 2018  
**Shirley (Eufers) Martens '59**, Sioux City, March 25, 2018  
**William J. Hodgins '61**, McCook Lake, SD, June 18, 2018  
**Darrell Vondrak '61**, Sioux City, IA, April 1, 2018  
**Keith Uhl '63**, Sioux City, Feb. 5, 2018  
**Dennis 'Denny' Rehan '64**, Sioux City, March 7, 2018  
**Tom Busker '65**, Montrose, Colo., August 16, 2017  
**Dan Kurtz '67**, Nov. 17, 2016  
**Margaret Hodgins, '67**, Dakota City, May 24, 2017  
**Jim Fitzpatrick '67**, Sioux City, Oct.8, 2017  
**John Treinen '67**, Aurora Co., Nov. 4, 2017  
**Clark Lewis '67**, Feb. 11, 2018  
**Tom Smith '69**, May 24, 2017  
**Dr. Mitchell Kulawik '69**, Sioux City, July 10, 2018  
**Rebecca (Reiter) Tajdini '70**, Omaha, NE, Jan. 21, 2018  
**Steve Parks '73**, Sioux City, Jan. 21  
**Charles Lamkin '73**, Overland Park, Kan., March 21, 2018  
**Margaret (Peggy) Wengert '75**, Sioux City, March 5, 2018  
**Donald Karrer '82**, St. Louis, MO, July 27, 2018  
**Matthew Kuehl '85**, Des Moines, May 14, 2018  
**Michael Graves '91**, Sioux City, July 6, 2018  
**Jeret Pospeshil '97**, Sioux City, May 15, 2018  
**Fred Clemens '76**, Dallas, Tex., January 24, 2018  
**Peter Johnson '05**, Sioux City, Aug. 1, 2018

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## Family Members

Theodore Port, husband of **Kathleen Schuetz Port '51**, March 6.  
 Jack Lethcoe, husband of **Annette (Martin) Lethcoe '51**, March 27.  
 William Soelberg, husband of **Patricia (McGrath) Soelberg '52**, May.  
 Donald Beals, husband of **Mary Lou (Hedemark) Beals '53**, father of **John Beals '77, Ronald Beals '79, Robert Beals '81, Daniel Beals '82, Catherine (Beals) Mousel '83, Susan (Beals) Green '90**, grandfather of **Thomas Mousel '04, Daniel Mousel '05, Zach Beals '10, Hannah Beals '13, Jakob Green '18, Lydia Green '21**, May 10.  
 Elvira Alvarez, mother of **Robert Alvarez '56** and **Linda (Alvarez) Bracht '67**.  
 Darral Rowbury, husband of **Charlotte Rowbury '56**, Sioux City, July 16.  
 Mary McInerney, wife of **Michael McInerney '58**, March 31.  
 Donald Bentson, husband of **Loretta (Simeon) Bentson '58**, April 24. \*His wife Loretta died on April 16.  
 Peter Fitzpatrick, husband of **Kathleen (Curran) Fitzpatrick '59**, June 13.  
 Ed Heutinck, husband of **Kathleen (Mullen) Heutinck '59**, June 30.  
 Michael Francis, husband of **Judith (Roepke) Francis '60**, March 28.  
 Jerry Owings, husband of **Mary (Carpenter) Owings '61**, April 25.  
 John F. Whalen father **Kathy '68, Rich, x70, Steve '73, Barb '75** and three siblings who attended Blessed Sacrament **Ginger '77 John '81 and Jim '83**, May 17, 2017, Portland, Ore.  
 Virginia A. Kinney, mother of **Mike '64, Sue '66, Mary '68, John '70, Jeanne '72, Molly '73, Matt '76, Teresa '76, Steve '78, Eileen '81**, August 5, 2017, Omaha, NE.  
 Bonnie Hickman, mother of **Sue (Hickman) Grieve '67, Arthur Hickman Jr. '68, Chris Hickman '71, Phil Hickman '74, Brian Hickman '77, Joseph Hickman '78, Mark Hickman '80 and Greg Hickman '85**, grandmother of **Karen (Grieve) Bauer '89, Jeff Grieve '92, Mike Grieve '94, Jennifer Hickman '97, Dane Hickman '12, and Kylee Hickman '14**, May 14.  
**Fr. Robert Brown**, Faculty at Bishop Heelan 1971 to 1982.  
 Shirley Warden, mother of **Steve '72, Lynn '73, Lisa '75 and Jeff '84** and Dr. Lisa McLaughlin, Jan. 12.  
 Helen Odell Fleming, wife of Don Fleming, mother of **Christie Fleming Tuttle '62**  
 Richard Champ, father of **Christopher Champ '78, Andrew Champ-Doran '79, Mark Champ '80, Michael Champ '80, Beth (Champ) Dimig '85**, June 2.  
 Melchert Philip, husband of **Catherine Melchert**, Bertlett, ILL, Nov. 1.  
 Patricia Puetz, mother of **Joe Puetz '83, John Puetz '84 and Ann Puetz '88**, grandmother of **Erin Puetz '12 and Andrew Puetz '15**, April 8.  
 Thomas Wente II, son of **Thomas (TJ) Wente '86**, May 2017.  
 Michelle Lara, wife of **Charles Lara '87**, March 31.  
 Patricia Irby, mother of **Michelle Plueger '89**, May 21.  
 Becky Ann Leicester, mother of **Elizabeth '01, Mathew '05**, May 24.  
 John Alvey, father of **Karen (Alvey) Schramm '67**, March 17, 2017.  
 Donna Pinney, mother of **Joanne (Pinney) Pierson '67**, April 19, 2017.  
 Josephine Prather, mother of **Margaret (Prather) Lucas '67**, May 29, 2017.  
 Mary Walding, mother of **Kathleen (Walding) Bennett '67**, June 8, 2017.  
 Frances Girard, mother of **Mary (Girard) Mueller '67**, June 2, 2017.  
 Carroll Muff Sr., father of **Carroll Muff '67**, July 12, 2017.  
 Madelyn Krommenhoek, mother of **Nancy Kjos '67**, July 14, 2017.  
 Charles Limoges Jr., father of **Charles Limoges '67**, Aug. 8, 2017.  
 Clara Fetz, mother of **Patricia (Goldsmith) Hoelker '67**, Jan. 7.  
 Ingeburg Pirozek, mother of **Donna (Pirozek O'Connor '67**, June, 25.  
 Cheryl Vakulskas, wife of **Charles Vakulskas '67**, Jan. 31, 2017.  
 Connie Salviola, wife of **Michael Salviola '67**, May 13.  
 Janice Yates, sister of **Dianne (Yates) Miller '67, LeAnn, Merry, Beth and Susan**, May 30.





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 **More information to come!**