

# CRUSADER CONNECTION

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# His Heart for Heelan Will Touch the Future



Father John McGuirk, a 1962 Heelan grad, had a zest for life, a love of the priesthood and a warm place in his heart for his alma mater. A beloved priest in the Sioux City Diocese, he died Feb. 3, 2021 at the age of 76.

Before serving as a pastor, Father John was a high school teacher, counselor and elementary principal. He loved his 50 years as a priest and never forgot the impact of his Catholic education in Sioux City.

He left Bishop Heelan \$1.1 million in his estate! We are eternally grateful to Father John and ALL donors who leave gifts of every size to Bishop Heelan to support our faith-based mission of education.

## You can touch the future and support Bishop Heelan in these ways:

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Fr. John McGuirk laughs with 1962 classmates Cathy (Brown) Eacker and her husband Gary, left, and Judy (Jackson) Bauer and Dick Bauer in a visit several years ago.

Contact Tom Betz about ways to leave a gift and join the Bishop Edmond Heelan Legacy Society  
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## New Giving Society Honors Clergy Leaders

Fr. Victor Ramaeker, a beloved and former long-time principal is credited for starting Heelan's alumni data base, the Heelan Ball and the *Crusader Connection* alumni publication.

When he passed away last April, he joined other priests who were pivotal in the history of Bishop Heelan High School. The new Bishop Edmond Heelan Founders Society enables alumni to honor Fr. Ramaeker and other Heelan clergy who led Bishop Heelan High School from 1949 to 2012 promoting faith, values and discipline along with academics.

You can join the Bishop Edmond Heelan Founders Society with a gift of \$1,949 or greater. Give using the enclosed envelope or online at [bishopheelan.org/annualfund](http://bishopheelan.org/annualfund).

## Clergy Leaders in Heelan History

1. Msgr. Eugene Kevane 1949-1959
2. Fr. Lawrence Bauer 1959-1964
3. Fr. Armand Elbert 1964-1978
4. Fr. Victor Ramaeker 1978-1990
5. Fr. Paul Eisele 1990-1992
6. Fr. Dan Gunther 1992-1996
7. Fr. Al McCoy 1997-2003
8. Fr. Patrick Walsh 2003-2012

## Bishop Edmond Heelan Founders Society Dinner

All members are invited to this special event

Wednesday, March 9 at 5- 7 p.m.  
Bishop Heelan High School

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## CRUSADER CONNECTION

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The Bishop Heelan Catholic Schools relate the total student to God through an excellent education leading toward a lifetime of service.

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### On the cover

These senior girls using the Crusader Courtyard for lunch in September are from left Julia Snapp, Ireland Uhl, Mariah Augustine, Ruelle Stanek, Ava Higman and Anna Fenton.





Bereket Ware, 2021 senior was voted top Rotary student.

## He's 2021 Rotary Student of the Year

Heelan senior Bereket Ware was voted as Rotary Club Student of the Year last May, selected from a pool of nine top students of the month from Sioux City high schools.

A native of Ethiopia, Bereket came to the U.S. at age 9 knowing no English. At Heelan he was student body president, Spanish Club president, a Miracle Makers and Environment Club member, Academic Tutor, on the Gold Honor Roll and a member of National Honor Society. He handled recycling duties at Heelan for four years.

Bereket now attends the University of Iowa.



## Veteran Inspires at Heelan Assembly

Of the many memorable school assemblies at Heelan every year, one in September with Melissa Stockwell truly stands out as inspirational.

Now a paralympic triathlete she talked to students about how she lost her leg in the Iraq War in 2004 and found a brighter future as a Paralympic medal winner, business owner, speaker and author. Her visit was made possible by the Siouxland Chamber of Commerce.



## Boosting Technology for Learning

United Way's Siouxland Recovery Fund helped support BHCS students quarantined at home last year with a grant to fund chromebooks and hot spot devices to ensure home internet access.

Every Sioux City Catholic school received new chromebooks and 75-inch Samsung flip interactive TVs funded by government monies targeted to help students experiencing learning challenges caused by the pandemic. All BHCS K-8 students are now 1:1 with technology.

## New Accountants Join System

Jeanette Frey is the new director of finance overseeing the school system's accounting functions, payroll, monthly financials and more.

Frey formerly worked in accounting at Wells Enterprises, Morningside University and was an accountant for Henjes, Conner & Williams.

Frey received her accounting degree from Morningside and an MBA from Wayne State College.

Melody O'Connor has joined BHCS as an accountant. She previously served as a financial analyst and corporate auditor for Union Pacific Railroad and an administrative assistant at Mater Dei School. She has a BS degree in business from the University of Nebraska.



Jeanette Frey



Melody O'Connor

## New Annual Giving Director

Patty Considine-McClintock is the new director of annual giving to lead the Spirit of Heelan Annual Fund, the Heelan Auction, Gold Club and other fundraising.

She joins the advancement staff of Tom Betz '85; Janet Flanagan '71, (now part-time) and Tammy Eveleth '87.

Considine-McClintock has served in the U.S. Air Force and at the 185th Fighter Wing. She has also been a buyer and trainer of Gateway 2000, fitness studio owner and physical therapist assistant and clinic liaison for Physical Therapy Specialists.

A leader with Missouri River Runners, she has completed Iron Man Triathlons, a 50 Mile Trail Run, Adventure Races, marathons and more. Considine-McClintock has a business degree from Morningside University and personal training and physical therapist assistant degrees from Western Iowa Tech Community College.

An annual Heelan scholarship has been awarded for many years honoring her late husband, Tom Considine '66, Commander of the Iowa Air National Guard 185th Fighter Wing, Col.

Now married to Bob McClintock '85 with a son at Holy Cross School, Patty is also the mother of Mike Considine '10, an F-16 fighter pilot, Kelly '98, a pharmacist and the late Kristen '01.



## Students Helping Students

Juniors and Seniors in Heelan's new PRIDE Peers program are now reaching out to freshman to provide info and social and emotional support.

There is a renewed focus on mental health with the continuing pandemic, according to Allie Mousel, school counselor. Peer support and team building are important for all students, she adds.

"Freshmen benefit because they interact with trusted role models," she says. "Juniors and seniors benefit because their experiences can establish and fine-tune leadership skills. Both will learn more about social emotional skills and resources that support high school students."

## Heelan Names Co-Athletic Directors

Andy Foster and Jay Wright are now co-athletic directors working closely with Alicia Porsch '06, activities assistant. They oversee coaches, schedule all high school athletic contests for 19 boys and girls sports, line up team transportation, work on Gold Club support and more.

Foster, formerly assistant athletic director for 14 years, is a health and PE instructor and head coach of boys basketball.

Wright, a former Heelan dean of students and social studies teacher, most recently served as Iowa regional coordinator for TeamMates Mentoring.

He was an assistant boys basketball coach for many years and girls varsity basketball coach last year. Former state championship coach Darron Koolstra has returned to coach girls basketball.



Andy Foster



Jay Wright

## Campus Minister to Help Strengthen Faith Activities

Lexi Ricke '17 has joined BHCS in the new position of campus minister to assist Heelan Chaplain Fr. Shane Deman with activities at Heelan and in the middle schools.

She is working with Fr. Shane and theology teachers in organizing Bible studies, prayer and ministry activities, liturgies, class retreats, service opportunities and faith conferences.

A 2017 Heelan grad, she earned a degree in theology from Benedictine College in Atchison, Kan.

An active student leader and athlete at Heelan, Ricke graduated sixth in her class and was selected as Sioux City



Lexi Ricke

## Two Heelan Seniors Earn National Merit Honors

Seniors Joseph Meyer and Jakob Wiest, the top academic students in their class, are National Merit Semifinalists and now up for finalist designation later this year.

Both have been students of the month in math and science and active in student council and Mayor's Youth Commission.

Meyer has traveled to Africa on STEMM mission trips and runs his own baking business Jojo Bakes.

Wiest performs in band, show choir and Heelan musicals, runs on the cross country team and has worked part-time at a coffee shop.

Heelan has recorded 13 National Merit students in the last 10 years



Mary Kay Augustine '71

## Augustine Receives Bishop's Dinner Award

Long-time Bishop Heelan English Teacher Mary Kay Augustine received an Excellence in Education Award at the August 21 Bishop's Dinner for Catholic Schools.

The '71 Heelan grad is in her 41st year of teaching at Heelan.

"Having known Ms. Augustine since my days as a student, I can attest that she is committed to Catholic education," said Heelan Chaplain Fr. Shane Deman '99 in his letter of nomination. "I can also say that she sets high standards for her students, wanting them to perform at a high level of reading, writing and critical thinking."

Augustine "has adapted to a variety of changes in education," said Heelan Principal Chris Bork. "She does an excellent job of recognizing the ability of our students and coaching them to meet their potential, while holding them to a high standard of achievement."

Carla Johnson, a fellow faculty member says Augustine has mentored many teachers in the Heelan English Department.

For Augustine, her faith has made a difference. "Having great academics is important to any school, however we are able to offer so much," says Augustine.

"I cannot imagine teaching in a place where I am not allowed to mention God, having faith, offering a prayer before class, or simply discussing literature from a more spiritual foundation. This is what we offer our students daily. In the world we live today, these things are more important than ever.

"Many people ask me how I have taught for so many years and why am I still doing it," she adds. "The answer is simple -- the young people I have had the pleasure of meeting and interacting with every day. The energy and enthusiasm they bring daily is unmatched."



# Campus Gets Crusader Courtyard Addition

Students and Heelan friends are enjoying the new Crusader Courtyard – another campus enhancement recently added to new Heelan and never available before in the old high school.



Bishop Walker Nickless blesses the Courtyard.

After it was officially blessed by Bishop R. Walker Nickless of the Diocese of Sioux City, Siouxland Chamber of Commerce ambassadors cut the ribbon.

Students are using the new outdoor learning and community space for classes, lunches, study hall, hanging out and special events.

It is strengthening Heelan student experiences as well as covid safety measures.

The courtyard, just left of Bishop Heelan’s front doors, was developed from unusable sloping space next to the new O’Gorman Fieldhouse.

Larry Walsh, 1951 Heelan grad and grandfather of BHCS students, saw the possibility for the courtyard after supporting placement of the Blessed Virgin Mary statue from old Heelan next to the fieldhouse doors.

When the pandemic hit it reinforced Heelan’s need for a safe outdoor space for students, according to Dr. John Flanery, BHCS president.

Walsh and Flanery recruited supporters to create a design and install foundation fill, retaining walls, terraced concrete, hand railings and landscaping.

Volunteer project manager Terry Hegarty worked with Ryan Callaghan ‘90, LiteForm, RP Constructors, Haugen Incorporated, Masaba and Bacon Creek Construction and Design. It has been fully funded by a grant and donors. (See



Crusader Courtyard.

Jebro story.) Donors and Siouxland BIG GIVE gifts are funding tables and benches. See below.

“We are incredibly grateful for our donor and community support,” says Flanery.

## Heelan Unveils Friendship Terrace

Heelan also has named the outdoor table area next to the high school doors “Friendship Terrace” and dedicated it to Patty (Betz) Thompson, a 1982 Heelan grad who died in 2013. (See more on page 20.)

## Jebro, Knife River Support Courtyard

A \$50,000 grant was awarded to Heelan in August from Montana-Dakota Utilities Foundation and Sioux City’s Knife River Construction and Jebro Incorporate to help fund the new Crusader Courtyard.

“We are proud to support this project,” says Rod Birdsell, Jebro HR manager. “One of our core values is our commitment to our community and this project is a perfect representation.”

## Honor a Loved One or your Heelan Class Sponsor a Table for Our Crusader Courtyard You or your Heelan class can sponsor an outdoor table.

The name you choose will be engraved on a plaque on the Sponsor Table.

Yes I would like to sponsor a Table for \_\_\_ \$5,000

\_\_\_ Enclosed is my check made payable to Bishop Heelan Catholic Schools

\_\_\_ Bill me for my sponsorship \_\_\_ Please charge my credit card

Name/Company/Class Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Today’s date: \_\_\_\_\_

My Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_ 3 digit verification code: \_\_\_\_\_

Chosen Name for Bronze Plate \_\_\_\_\_

**By sponsoring a table, bench or other features you are supporting our PRIDE Plus One to assist with our school bond retirement.**

### TABLE and BENCH Inscriptions to Date

#### In Memory of

Bob & Jackie Lawler  
Greg Vondrak ‘83  
Barbara Krage Nicknish  
Greg ‘83 & Steve ‘81 Vondrak  
Al & Freda Coury  
Marilyn Krage Higgins ‘53  
Alois & Carol Tschampf  
Bud & Betty Fortin  
Karl Rasmussen ‘92  
Arlene Berger  
Jack & Sharon Hartnett  
Thomas M McCarthy ‘72

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Gary & Mary (Donohue)  
Uhl ‘68  
Class of 1995  
Class of 1956  
Class of 1970  
Class of 1971  
In gratitude – Liteform  
McGrath Family  
Sharon & Larry Walsh ‘51  
George & Vickie Tsiobanos

#### Planters and Receptacles

#### In Memory of

Karen (Boes) Oman ‘71  
Tom Hicklin ‘85



# Students PRIDE in Action



Heelan students around Kindness Sign.



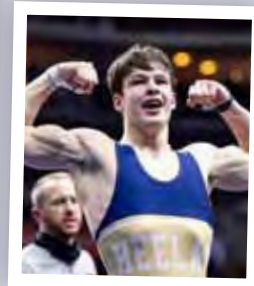
Bishop Walker Nickless with Heelan servers.



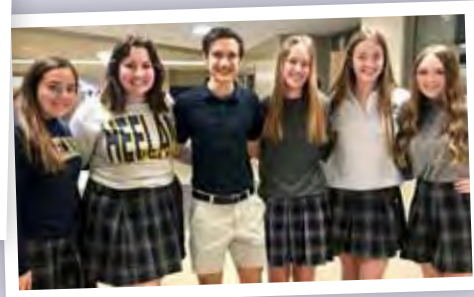
2021 All State vocal music students.



Students served non-profits and city sites again during Homecoming Service Day in September.



Mitchell Joines Wrestling at 2021 State Tournament.



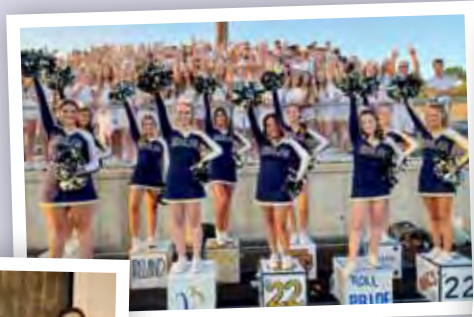
Miracle Maker students are raising funds again this year for Make a Wish Iowa.



"9 to 5 The Musical" was presented in November starring Mara Aesoph, Asia Keane, Lydia Greene and Jakob Wiest.



Cross Country runners Delaney Saulsbury and Brooklyn Stanley ran at State with Coach Todd Roerig.



Cheerleaders and fans 2021.



Heelan's 2021 Homecoming court from left are Luke Payer, Joslyn Verzal, Ian Gill, Audrey Johnson, King Levi Meis, Queen Ellie Betz, Korn Khunanopparat, Anna Erickson, Cesar Hernandez and Ellen Halbur.



Volleyball players ticket punched for state. They fell to Western Dubuque, the state champion.



# Alumni Yearbook Photo Feature

## Class of 2021

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

**Megan  
Bauer '21**

Karen (Grieve)  
Bauer '89

Sue (Hickman)  
Grieve '67



**Destiny  
Beach '21**

Sheila (Beach)  
Pithan '98

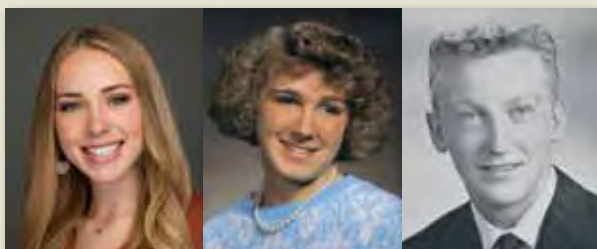


**Braedyn  
Bentson '21**

Laurie (Wilmes)  
Bentson '92

Louise (Hogh)  
Wilmes '60

Mike Wilmes '60



**Isabelle  
Bertram '21**

Mary (Kann)  
Bertram '88

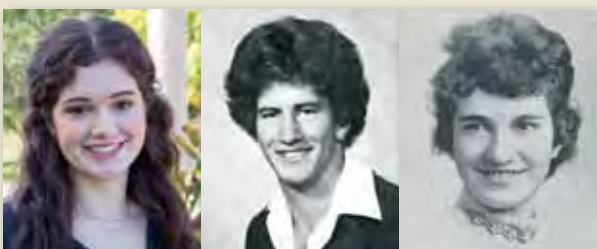
Roger Kann '58



**Rachel  
Bertrand '21**

Russ  
Bertrand '91

LuAnn (Uhl)  
Bertand '64



**Libby  
Birdsell '21**

Rodney  
Birdsell '81

Donna (Sanem)  
Birdsell '56



**Maya  
Bishwokarma  
'21**

Ellie (Burrows)  
Bishwokarma '90

William  
Burrows '65

## Highlights of 2021 Graduating Class

- 94 graduates in Class of 2021
- Co-valedictorians: Mary Catherine Fitzsimmons and Avery Nelson
- 95% planned college, 82% to four-year institutions
- \$14.3 million in academic scholarships
- \$1.1 million in athletic scholarships
- 80% participated in college credit courses
- 80% were offered college scholarships
- 59% graduated with honors
- 56% earned silver cord community service hours
- 39% have Heelan grad parents or grandparents





Linda (Alvarez) Bracht '67

**Emily Bracht '21**

Mary Ann (Fischer) Krommenhoek '57



**Elizabeth Breen '21**

Bridget (Schettler) Breen '92



**Keyontre Clark '21**

Rochelle (Jenn) Clark '92



Kenneth Keane '39  
Trinity

Dorothy Jean (Meyer) Keane '40  
Cathedral

Robert Keane '64

Elizabeth (Keane) Determan '90

**Drew Determan '21**

Jon Determan '90



**Ellie Gengler '21**

Reggie McCloud '69



**Ethan Gilmore '21**

Carrie (Dunn) Gilmore '98

Colleen (Gnewuch) Dunn '70



**Sarah Glover '21**

Laura (McGowan) Glover '86

Gerald McGowan '55

Alexander McGowan '20



**Bryce Harpenau '21**

Deb (Jochum) Harpenau '91

Leo Jochum '63



**Alexandra Johnson '21**

Janet (Clifford) Johnson '62



**Kelli Hartnett '21**

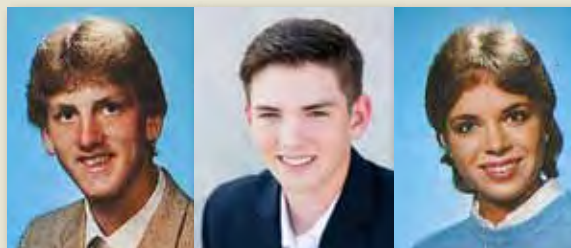
Mary (O'Brien) Hartnett '86

John T. O'Brien '45  
Trinity



**Emma Hutchinson '21**

Barbara (Egan) Hutchinson '89



Chris Kayl '84

**Matthew Kayl '21**

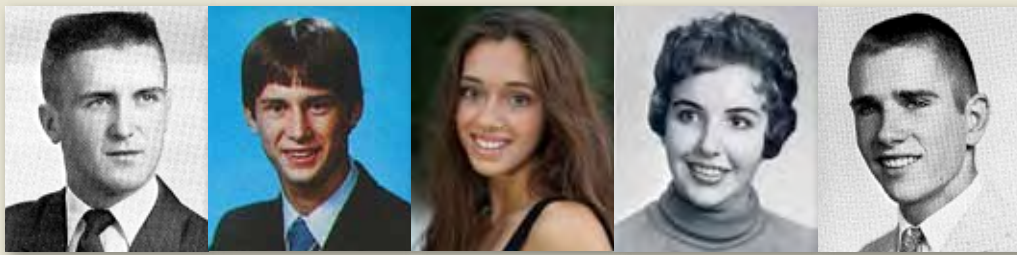
Christie (Collins) Kayl '84



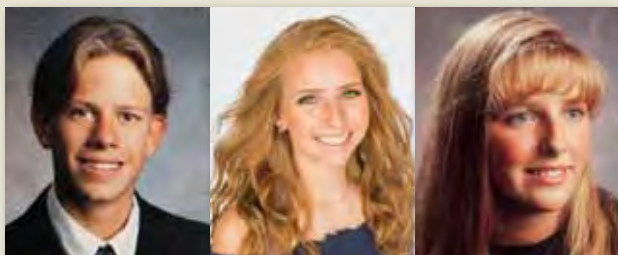
**Jordyn Knapp '21**

Leah (Haugen) Knapp '90

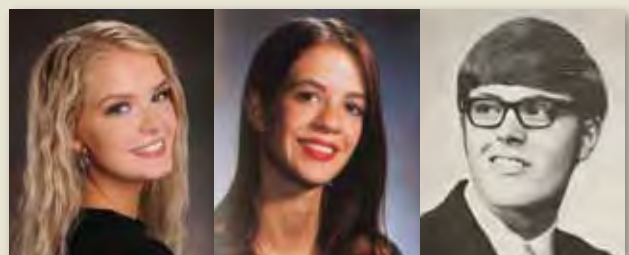
Sue (Foix) Haugen '66



Tom Mahaney '58 Doug Mahaney '84 **Grace Mahaney '21** Rosemary (Spenner) Mikulica '62 Jerome Mikulica '61



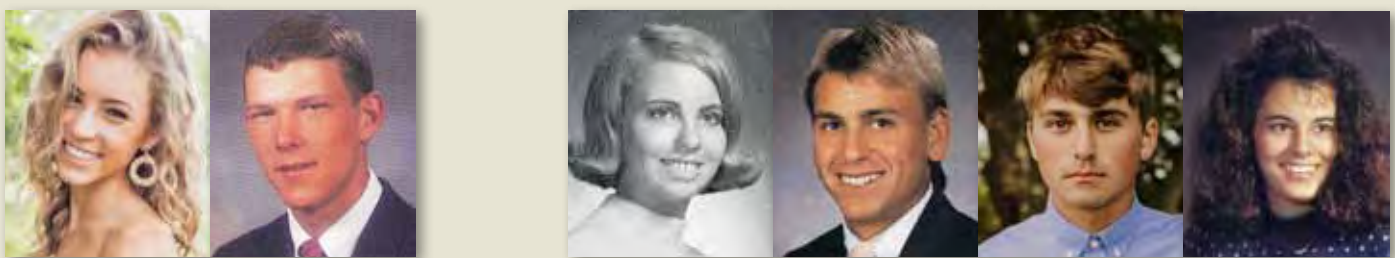
Jeff Michalak '96 **Kyla Michalak '21** Prudence (Towns) Michalak '95



**Abigail Miller '21** Heather (Full) Miller '93 Steve Full '71



Robert Nelson '70 Patricia (Redmond) Nelson '70 Zachary Nelson '93 **Avery Nelson '21** Lisa (Bockholt) Nelson '89 Patricia (Foix) Bockholt '66 Michael Bockholt '66



**Natalie Olson '21** Brent Olson '89 Linda (Wille) Pratt '67 Jason Pratt '90 **Brayden Pratt '21** Elizabeth (Hand) Pratt '89



Vanita (Blum) Raymond '55 David Raymond '88 **Benjamin Raymond '21** Andrea (Smyser) Raymond '93





**Jacob Salmen '21**



Jeff Salmen '93



Darlene (Pyle) Salmen '70



Jim Salmen '67



**Benton Schaefer '21**



Hope (Wyant) Schaefer '84



**Brett Sitzmann '21**



Tim Sitzmann '77



Steve Full '71



**Makenzie Solma '21**



Mary (Murphy) Solma Graves '78



Greg Solma '77



Nick Stabile '89



**Cooper Stabile '21**



Monica (Coffey) Stabile '89



Mary Ann (Mummert) Coffey '50



John Coffey '49 Trinity



Chris Stanek '82



**Allie Stanek '21**



Sue (Vanderham) Stanek '88



**Ryan Summerville '21**



Mary Katherine (Parks) Murphy '64



**Nathan Tiedtke '21**



Melissa (Uhl) Tiedtke '95



Frederick Uhl '71



**Jackson Van Holland '21**



Charles Noltze '68



**Kylee Worrell '21**



David Worrell '89



# Class of 2020 Additions



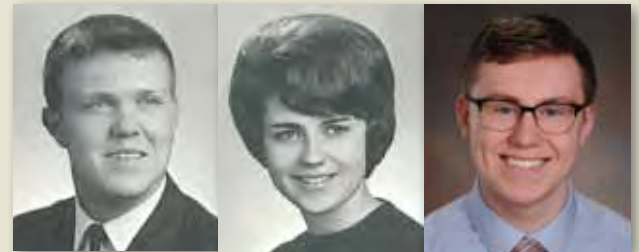
William Barkley '61    Beth (Barkley) Venne '90    Max Venne '20



Anthony Kathol '20    Brenda (Combs) Kathol '83



Charles Happe '67    Carol (Gerch) Happe '66    Kristin (Happe) Malenosky '91    Alycen Malenosky '20



Larry Miller '64    Carol (Murray) Miller '64    Brady Miller '20



Spencer Pick '20    Danny Pick '91



Mike Sokolowski '71    Joni (Shay) Sokolowski '71    Aaron Sokolowski '99    Hope Sokolowski '20



## Class of 2021

Our college-bound Class of 2021 with their chosen colleges.





Our 2021 Chair Couples for "Tailgate for Heelan" were from left: Jon '90 and Liz (Keane) Determan '90, Rick '99 and Becca Feauto, Jerad and Peggy Higman and Greg and Laura '03 (Gehling) Topf.

## Heelan Auction Enjoys Tailgate Success

Over 400 guests scored a fun and casual evening in Heelan's O'Gorman Fieldhouse and raised over \$345,000 to support our Catholic schools at the Heelan Auction "Tailgate for Heelan" June 9.

Guests wore their favorite team's colors and shirts, and enjoyed dinner served from tailgate tents honoring Iowa, Iowa State, Nebraska and Heelan.

An army of volunteers, including Heelan sports teams helped set up and tear down, providing invaluable support to make the event happen in the fieldhouse -- another first for our new high school and Heelan Auction.

The evening included mobile bidding, a Live Auction, a raffle and PRIDE Blitz that enables out of town alumni to show support. The Fund-A-Cause raised funds for the weight room. (See Sidebar)

The Heelan Auction is the only annual fundraising event that supports Heelan and PK-8 schools.

**Save the Date: Heelan Auction Saturday, April 2, 2022**



Tailgate food tents were a hit!

## Award Winners at 2021 Heelan Auction

### He's "Crusader of the Year"

Larry Walsh, a 1951 Heelan grad received the honor of "Crusader of the Year" at the Heelan Auction.

Walsh is devoted to the sanctity of life, the Blessed Virgin Mary and to giving back to Catholic causes.

He has been a long-time member of Heelan's Legacy Society and was chief cheerleader of the Holy Spirit Retirement Home caregiving staff when his late wife, Sharon, received care there.

At Heelan, the '51 grad donated a Lady of Guadalupe statue for Heelan's Duffy Hall Commons, helped create an outdoor shrine for the Blessed Virgin Mary, and led the charge to develop the Crusader Courtyard next to Heelan's fieldhouse.

He has been active and generous with Blessed Sacrament, now Holy Cross Parish, Trinity Heights, Holy Spirit, KFHC Radio and many other Catholic entities.

Walsh grew up in Cathedral Parish, attended Trinity and then Heelan and went on to found Sioux Preme Packing Co, a pork processing company.

"Larry has made a difference in the Catholic community and to our Bishop Heelan students," says BHCS President Dr. John Flanery.



### They are "Volunteers of the Year"

Sid and Linda (Lagan) Shoemaker were presented with the Distinguished Volunteer of the Year Award for 2021 for their work as volunteers at Heelan football games and champions for our Catholic schools.

Sid has led a team of volunteers to serve hot chocolate and coffee at Memorial Field for the past 11 years, long after their children Jessica, Dylan and Chase graduated from Heelan. Sid also has served on the Bishop Heelan school board.

As a CPA, Linda '81 has educated clients on the Monsignor Lafferty Tuition Foundation, enabling hundreds of students to attend our Catholic schools. She has served on the BHCS tuition appeals committee to address hardship requests from families in our system. One or both have been active in Catholic radio, their parish, Knights of Columbus and more.

"Sid and Linda have both lived the Bishop Heelan mission of serving others," says BHCS President Dr. John Flanery.



Jerad and Peggy Higman pitch the weight room cause.

### Weight Room Boost

The Fund-a-Cause call went out at the Heelan Auction, and donors responded with \$46,000 in contributions to continue Heelan weight room improvements, started by Jerad and Peggy Higman. Higman's company, Masaba, fabricated 14 strength stations and a centerpiece bridge last school year.

The donations have funded new benches and equipment and will help with more improvements that could include enhanced lighting, upgraded air handling and new paint.



# 2020-21 Year

## WE ARE HEELAN!

As we continue to enjoy our 2021-22 school year at Bishop Heelan Catholic Schools, we thank all of our Crusaders from the past for leaving us a legacy to build on. We are especially grateful for all of our alumni, parents and friends who have supported us in our 2020-21 Fiscal Year. (You can see the record of their gifts on the next page.)

WE ARE HEELAN because of great alums, parents, students, faculty and friends. Your commitment to our schools demonstrates the Lifetime Advantage we provide for our students that is felt in the classroom, in competition and in our faith formation.

Our schools were in class every single day during the 2020-2021 year with in-person learning. Our families knew the difference our schools were making by continuing the education each day safely inside our buildings. I could not be more proud of the efforts our faculty and families put forth to keep our students learning, developing and forming their faith.

While the old high school from our inception in 1949 is no longer a part of our landscape here in Sioux City, our new building is flourishing every day with great kids and faculty.

I continue to meet more and more of you that hold a special place in your heart for the Heelan experience. The connections you made here, the people that impacted your trajectory and the understanding for the greater good for community are living out daily in your life because of your formation at Heelan. That common bond is shared by thousands of Crusaders and will propel our school system for generations to come.

Thank you and God bless you today and always.



Dr. John Flanery  
President,  
Bishop Heelan Catholic Schools



**1,560** Students learn to serve others

## Our Mission

Bishop Heelan Catholic Schools relate the total student to God through an excellent education leading toward a lifetime of service.



**4:1** Ethnically Diverse

## System At a Glance 2021

### Our Pk-12 Schools

Bishop Heelan High School, Holy Cross School, Mater Dei School, Sacred Heart School, Dual Language Academy.

**PK-12 Enrollment:** 1,560

**Heelan Enrollment:** 508

**Graduation Rate:** 100%

**ACT:** 23.9  
(22% of 2020 Seniors Scored 30 or higher on ACT)

**Faith:** Catholic and other faiths

**Diversity:** 25% Minorities

**Alumni:** 14,000

**Employees:** 175 faculty and staff members

**Budget:** \$11.2 million

### Holy Cross School

**Principal:** Wendy Roder

### Mater Dei School

**Principal:** Mary Fischer

### Sacred Heart School and Dual Language Academy

**Principal:** Kate Connealy

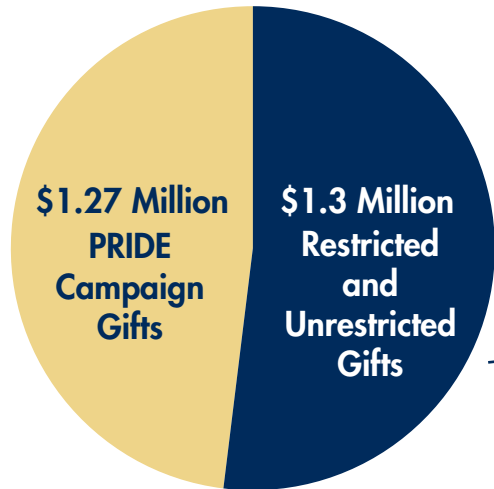
### Bishop Heelan High School

**Principal:** Christian Bork



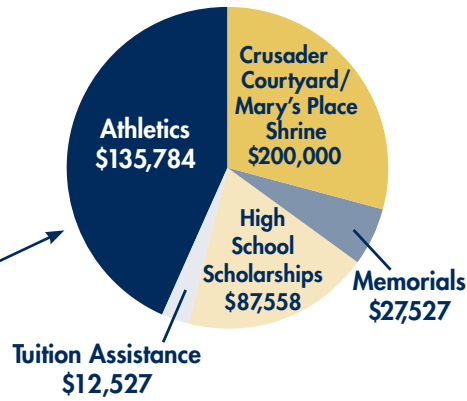
# in Review

## 2020 Annual Giving Report

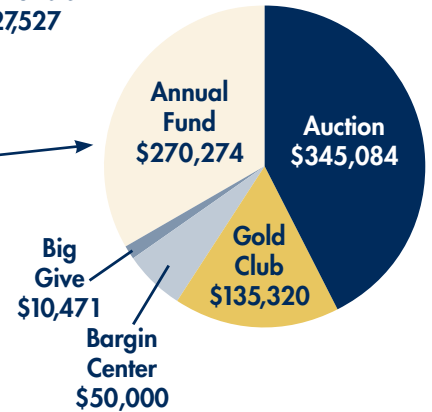


**PRIDE Campaign Gifts for New Heelan**  
\$1,269,120

**Restricted Gifts**  
\$497,563



**Unrestricted Operations Support**  
\$811,149



**Total Support for 2020-21: \$2.57 Million**



**Higher Test Scores =  
A Brighter Future**

### 2020 ACT Achievement Data

Testing Area	Heelan	Iowa	U.S.
English	23.5	20.1	19.9
Math	23.9	20.5	20.2
Reading	24.3	22.0	21.2
Science	23.5	23.5	20.6
Composite	23.9	21.1	20.6

Over 90% of Heelan students take the ACT representing all levels of academic strength



**95%** Of grads are attending College

### PK-8 News Highlights

- Every school stayed open all year with students in facemasks.
- Students at home continued to learn through Google classroom when they were confined because of Covid in the home.
- The Dual Language Academy expands and moves to the Epiphany Center across from Cathedral.
- Additional chromebooks and hotspots supported student education at every school.
- Holy Cross School presented "Little Mermaid" last May. The musical is based on the Disney movie co-directed by Ron Clements, Heelan '71 grad.

### Heelan High Highlights

- Students attended Mass every Tuesday in the O'Gorman Fieldhouse rather than attending mass in Cathedral to better socially distance.
- Heelan High presented the musical "Cinderella."
- A Heelan senior scored a perfect 35 on his ACT.
- Pat Sitzman marked 50 years of teaching in Catholic schools.
- Heelan's Weight Room received new stations, benches, weights and more.
- Memorial Field's Grandstand became the "Brendan Burchard Grandstand" with a naming gift from Denny Walker '63.
- Heelan landscaping honored the late Miss Mary Castle, long-time journalism teacher.
- The Heelan Auction "Tailgate for Heelan" raised \$345,000 with a first-time event in new Heelan fieldhouse.
- The show choir invitational was restructured as a clinic where students were masked, but still able to perform.
- Our Crusader Courtyard was created to provide outdoor learning, lunch and social space.



Members of the 1971-72 "Crusaderette" basketball team with Heelan's head coach John Adams were from left: Lynn Thompson, Patti Tritz, Karen Callaghan, Roxanne Favors, Nancy Badura, Jean Dickes, Paula Shinkunas, Patty Murphy, Colleen McGuire, Judy Galloway, Debbie White, Kathy Keane, Nancy Baxter, Mary O'Neill and Carla Fitzpatrick.

## The Tip-Off of Girls Basketball at Heelan

*How it All Started 50 Years Ago*

Heelan Girls Basketball turns 50 this school year. John Adams, the coach who started it all and ultimately launched girls state-sanctioned athletes at Heelan, plans to join former athletes to celebrate the half century mark of girls basketball at Heelan Saturday, Jan. 15.

While rural schools offered girls basketball for years, Heelan didn't offer it till Adams arrived. In its five decades, Heelan Girls Basketball has scored 10 trips to the state tournament and 3 state championship titles, the most recent in 2020. Adams launched it all while coaching and teaching at Heelan from 1972 to 1977.

A colorful story-teller he relates how it all started.



*Former Head Coach  
John Adams*

### What girls sports were offered in 1971?

"No school offered major girls sports in Sioux City in 1971. They played country club type sports like tennis and golf, but there was no organized sports in Sioux City sanctioned by the Iowa Girls Athletic Association. Rural schools offered 3 on 3 girls basketball, but it wasn't in the big schools in Iowa."

### How did you arrive at Heelan?

"In 1971 I was coaching girls at Westwood High School in Sloan and a friend of mine said 'Beanie Cooper is looking for a coach' so I call Beanie and say 'I hear you're looking for a coach' and he says 'no, but I'll go talk to Fr. Elbert.' The next day he says 'Fr. Elbert wants to see you tomorrow after school.' Well Fr. Elbert and I visit... and the next day Beanie says 'Okay you've got the job. You're going to start coaching girls cross country and girls track.'"

### Cross country?

"Cross country is really what started girls basketball. There was no cross country at Heelan, but I got it started in 1972. We finished high in the first cross country meet and ended up in the top 10 in the state (a time where there was no Class 4A, 3 A etc.) After it's over I go into Beanie Coopers' office and say 'Look we have a money issue. All these small towns around us have Christmas basketball tournaments. Down the road we'll start basketball. Let's have a girls Christmas holiday tournament and we'll invite four surrounding schools. Fans will fill this gym and we'll have money to pay my salary and buy more track and cross country uniforms.'

Next thing I know ... I go to school and there's a note in my box that says 'Stop in my office. I want to see you,' Beanie.

Beanie tells me 'Fr. Elbert says, order the uniforms.' I say 'we already have cross country uniforms, and he says 'No, the basketball uniforms!' I say 'Beanie, you gotta be kiddin' me!' It was early November and the tournament is in December. How do you start girls basketball in 7 weeks and get the uniforms?

'That's up to you,' he says. 'Order the uniforms and get the teams lined up.'"

### Then what?

Well, we announce 'Anyone who wants to play, show up for try-outs.' I run down to Sportsmans and I get a rack of six basketballs.

With the help of Beanie, Ken Heying, Jon Olson and others we had the try-outs in the CYO and 180 girls show up. I remember that night I pulled the curtains back and looked out on the

**50 Years of Girls Basketball at Heelan**  
**Saturday, January 15, 2022**  
**4 p.m. Heelan Girls vs Council Bluffs Abraham Lincoln**  
**Bishop Heelan O'Gorman Fieldhouse**





Former girls basketball head coach John Adams with former star player Mary Schrad '74 in 2018 when she was inducted into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame.

basketball floor and thought 'what did I sign up for?' I had 180 kids and 6 basketballs. Only one girl knew how to dribble and I've got a game in seven weeks.

At try-outs nobody knew the rules. You talk about total chaos! Well, we got it down to 30 or 40 kids. Ken Heying became my assistant coach and we had Colleen McGuire in school. Colleen McGuire is actually the godmother of girls basketball at Heelan. She had transferred from a rural school to Heelan. She knew how to shoot and how to play.

In the first season we won one game, but we got more competitive. We learned the rules.

The second season we got better. By the 3rd year we made it to the regional finals.

## Girls Basketball State Tournament History

1985 (6-6)	State Qualifier - Sweet 16	Coach Tom Arendt
2007	3A State Qualifier	Coach Doug Moody
<b>2008</b>	<b>3A State Champions</b>	<b>Coach Doug Moody</b>
2009	3A State Runner-up	Coach Doug Moody
<b>2010</b>	<b>3A State Champions</b>	<b>Coach Darron Koolstra</b>
2012	3A State Semi-finals	Coach Darron Koolstra
2013	4A State Semi-finals	Coach Darron Koolstra
2014	4A Qualifier	Coach Darron Koolstra
2015	4A State Semi-finals	Coach Darron Koolstra
2019	4A State Semi-finals	Coach Darron Koolstra
<b>2020</b>	<b>3A State Champions</b>	<b>Coach Darron Koolstra</b>

Had I not started the program at Heelan someone else would have. But I was there and was the instigator. It was a privilege and I'm proud of the kids that participated and grew along with the program. I've got a lot of fun memories.

*Hundreds of athletes later, Girls Basketball is thriving at Bishop Heelan. The girls are looking at a promising season with four returning starters and are back under Head Coach Darron Koolstra.*

*Adams left Heelan to run a preshow movie theater advertising company. Today at age 77 he still works with the business and lives in Arizona. You can hear former coaches John Adams and Dick Collins personally on the Podcast "Knights of Old."*

## Looking Back

*Patti (Lohr) Tritz '72 looks back 50 years ago when she played on the first girls basketball team at Heelan and in Sioux City.*

### Why did you go out for girls basketball in its first year at Heelan?

Well, I always enjoyed playing intramural basketball at the CYO and was encouraged by my parents, friends and other coaches since they felt that I could make the team. At the time, I was doing work-study to help pay my tuition and was Beanie Cooper's "administrative assistant" in the athletic office.

### What was it like being part of Sioux City sports history?

It was all new to us and to the Sioux City community (Public schools started the following year). Being the quiet, shy person that I "was," I was nervous! We were all inexperienced playing 3 on 3 against all the small, Iowa teams in Iowa who had WAY more experience than us! We were learning and made the best of it. Great friendships developed and we learned how to accept defeat with smiles on our faces. Via social media, I still stay in contact with Paula Shinkunas '72 and Kathy Keane '73.



Patti Tritz in 1971-72

### Describe Coach Adams

Coach Adams was very patient! He had a great sense of humor and made it fun for all of us. I wanted to play a forward so I could shoot the ball, but Coach Adams wanted me as a guard because of my speed and how quick I was, (boy, did I fool him!) It took a while to get used to not being able to cross the center line and to only dribble twice. He was nice enough to dismiss me a couple of minutes before half, so I could change into my drill team uniform for the halftime performance. He didn't like it so much when I was called for a "T" though!

### Are you proud you played?

Sure, I was. I love sports! I only wished that organized sports were initiated earlier. The class of '71 one year ahead of me had a LOT of athleticism! My sister Barb Tritz, Mary Ann Rudersdorf, Mary Walling, Terry Meacham, to name a few. I would have loved to have been given the opportunity to have played with such talent and to have learned from them!!

### What was the best part of playing on that first team?

It taught me to be a team player and really helped me with self-confidence. Although our record wasn't very good, we never quit. We had fun! We built friendships, trust, team-playing and could only hope that we could be role models for the underclassmen both on and off the court. Plus, it helped me to prepare for the first track season.



Patti and husband Jim Lohr '68 live in Omaha.



Tom Kreihbel '86 has been coaching basketball at Boys Town in Omaha since 2000.

## Heelan Grad is Boys Town Athletic Leader

Tom Kreihbel '86 is the head basketball coach of Boys Town in Omaha, an experience boosted by his years at Bishop Heelan. When he's not coaching basketball, he works in development there.



Tom Kreihbel '86

### How long have you been at Boys' Town?

21 years total – 19 as head coach. Prior to that I spent 5 years at Omaha Skutt – 26 years total coaching at the high school level.

### What inspired you to become a coach?

I love athletics and competition – even when I was in a business career I wanted to help out and be a part of a program and help kids – Basketball was something I could do at night – not being a traditional teacher/coach. Coming to Boys Town allowed me to stay working and be a head coach.

### What are the biggest challenges at Boys Town?

We typically get a player one and two years – not four – so trying to build relationships and change behaviors in a short amount of time can be challenging. Every year presents different challenges in terms of talent level and chemistry. It's different than having groups of kids 4 years.

### What are the biggest rewards coaching at Boys Town?

Without a doubt seeing kids be successful that have never been in their entire life. That ranges from athletically to the classroom to socially. I have put 19 kids into college basketball. I have 10 that have graduated college and two that have master degrees – currently have a former player on my staff. That doesn't sound like much, but if you knew where these kids came from you would think it a miracle.

### Tough love or not?

Its somewhere in between – I will always believe you have to hold your players accountable to the standards that you have set – on the court and off the court. We have expectations throughout our program, and they are non-negotiable or there are consequences.

### What have you learned from the players at Boys Town?

It's very simple and its up on my wall – They don't care how much you know rather how much you care!!! They are always watching the example we (coaches) set and how we act.

### What is the key to success at Boys Town?

I think continuity and consistency has been a big key to our success. When you have so much transition as the nature of your program; you must have a clear vision and message for the kids. Our identity has not changed in 19 years – how we play and how we act is the same from day one. This helps new players understand quickly and adapt; there is no confusion.

### What is the key to success at Boys Town?

I was shown at Heelan what service to others looked like. I didn't understand or appreciate it at the time but the examples that were set by teachers and coaches had an impact on me as an adult. How to have standards and hold kids and players to those standards was modeled for us every day. From an athletic standpoint I learned what hard work was and how to meet the expectations of your coaches. Every day I go to work with my team I am using that skill set that was taught to me 30+ years ago at Heelan. I can never repay those coaches and teachers for that lesson but I am trying to pass that along to my players today.



Tom Kreihbel '86



# Dancing with Trophy

By Patrick Detches '59

(Editor's Note Our guest writer Patrick Detches, is a 1959 Heelan grad, a father of two, retired from a career in construction and has written previously for the Connection. He lives with his wife, Genevieve, in Columbia, SC.)

In 1959, Catholic boys at Heelan did **not** dance ballet. It was 1959. It was OK for Catholic girls at Heelan to dance ballet. This is about one of those girls.

After graduation in 1959, I studied modern dance at Morningside College to enhance some work I was doing at the Sioux City Community Theatre (the old Victory Theatre on 5th Street). At Morningside, we did presentations for various venues. After two years, our troupe was invited to choreograph a piece for the Sioux City Civic Ballet in 1961. During the performance I was exposed to classical ballet up close and personal. I wanted to be part of it. It was where I first met Marie.

Marie was a Junior at Heelan and a member of the Sioux City Civic Ballet. When I met her, I felt like the oxygen was being sucked out of the room. She was quick to smile, laughed like a happy child, her eyes flashed with joy, and she moved with incredible grace. She was everything a ballerina should be.

The dance studio in the Commerce building was . . . (ahem) . . . up a very steep and narrow stairway. Although we danced in some of the same presentations, I remained deferential in Marie's presence due to her skill and years of classical training. As a guy from the South Bottoms with about two years of dance and low self-esteem, I could not measure myself to one who devoted most of her life to the art.

As inept as I felt, Marie treated all of us with the same kindness and consideration. She was the flame that we were drawn to.

Rimsky-Korsokov's *Capriccio Espagnol* was an ambitious piece of choreography. The class rehearsed for weeks before presentation. Sometime after that performance, I got a call from photographer Jean Card, who wanted some staged ballet shots for a photo exhibition. Marie and I met at the Community Theatre with costumes in tow, and I got to meet her mother. You guessed it. Stage Mom. But the good kind.

We spent most of the afternoon going through costume and prop changes. We staged poses, did goofy stuff, laughed, sweated, and touched, all under the discerning eye of the camera and her mother. That glorious afternoon I had Marie all to myself . . . almost. It was the last time I saw her.

She went off to college, and to the Miss Iowa Pageant where Marie "Trophy" Mushro, class of 1963, was crowned **Miss Iowa of 1965**. True to herself and her art, she also won



Trophy Mushro '63 and Pat Detches '59 in ballet poses.

the Talent Competition and was awarded Most Talented Dancer. At the subsequent *Miss America Pageant*, she scooped up awards for Miss Congeniality and Most Talented Dancer. Both included scholarships for two weeks of intensive dance study in Chicago and New York.

Marie's devotion to the American Heart Association and her work there have been exemplary, particularly for a girl who, at age 13, had a two dime-sized holes in her heart repaired in 1959. She has been a spokesperson and ambassador with AHA since.

We moved on to our future lives and future loves. Four large photos of me and the girl I still call Trophy hang in my study. The photos are there to remind me of her larger-than-life spirit.

In the ballet, *Les Sylphides*, Sylph is a mythological spirit. The ballet tells the story of an impossible love between a human and a spirit, and man's inherent temptation for the unknown and sometimes dangerous life. But Sylph is not a lighter than air creature, nor is she dangerous. I know. I danced with her.



Marie (Mushro) Lopresto '63 today lives in California.

Patrick Detches '59 wrote memorable accounts of candy bar sales and an Elvis in concert in Sioux City in previous *Crusader Connections*.





# Class Notes

## 1950s

**Pat Detches, '59** writes after learning of Heelan's graduation at the Orpheum last May. "Graduation at the Orpheum! Outstanding! I always loved that theatre. I remember as a kid we would see a movie and "8 Big Acts" when vaudevillians were still traveling the circuit in the late '40s and early '50s. Fortunately, I missed the years when the Grand Old Girl fell into neglect and questionable remodeling. On a trip back to SC, I got to tour the refurbished Orpheum: dressing rooms, elevating orchestra pit, backstage (including catwalks), and all the way to the highest balcony (where I launched many a flattened popcorn box) to the beautifully restored box seats.



### 1961 State Champs

Happy 60th Anniversary to the 1961 State Championship Football Team.



These 1964 grads reunite annually. From left are **Monica (Burrows) Jansen, Carol (Murray) Miller, Mary (Haley) Davis** and **Jane (Braunger) Pollard**.

## 1960s



**Brendan Burchard '60** turned 80 this past summer. He is here with family celebrating at Memorial Field.

**Jim Anderson '61** received the 2020 War Eagle Human Rights Awards presented by the Sioux City Human Rights Commission. He worked for over 50 years in private practice, inpatient adolescence programs, and taught Behavioral Science at the Siouxland Medical Foundation. He retired in 2012 but is still active on the board of the Warming Shelter, the Soup Kitchen and Dismas House.

**John Aguirre '65** after moving around in a 27+ year active duty career in the US Army, traveling around Europe, a subsequent career as the Human Resources Director for Franklin County Government in Pennsylvania and retirement, my wife and I moved out west to beautiful Wyoming. I recently retired from my position as the Human Resources Director for the City of Gillette, Wyoming. We sincerely enjoyed Wyoming and have moved to Chambersburg PA to to enjoy full retirement, and spending more time with family and grandchildren. I plan to travel and continue fly fishing and hunting.



**1966 Classmates** gather at the altar of St. Joseph Church after the funeral of **Jody (Shumansky) McArthur**. **Front Val Solomon, Julie Brown, Kay Ross, Marilyn Mayer, Mike Bockholt. Back Sam Hacker, Susan Wilmes, Ron Schultz, Bara Philips, Carol Happe, Eugene Potter.**



**1967 grads** after lunch at Chilis are front from left: **Judy (Conway) Johnson, Pat (Goldsmith) Hoelker, Margie (Flanagan) Dretsch, Marianne (Nooney) Buford** and **Linda (Wille) Pratt**. Back:



**Skip Hoelker, Dorinda (Denison) Kloprodt, Don Manley, Leslie (Unger) Welch, Craig and MaryAnn (Morin) Tordsen.**



**Class of 1960 60th Reunion**



### Class of 1961 60th Reunion

Heelan classes of 1960 and 1961 celebrated their 60th reunions together at Heelan in Duffy Hall Commons. The 1960 class rescheduled their reunion to this past August for better covid safety.



Clockwise from front left are **1968 grads** and 2 spouses **Margie (Homan) Thompson, Mary Nitzschke Lindbloom, Colleen Beacom (Peg) Meacham Nacke, Steve Packard, Mike Thompson, Gary Uhl, Jerry Nacke, spouse of Peg, Ed Beacom, Tom Lindbloom, Sue Fitzpatrick** and **Mary Donohue Uhl**.



# 1970s

1970 Heelan grads from Blessed Sacrament at their 50th reunion are from left (with maiden names): **Jim Coury, Jeanne Young, Frank Cosgrove, Greg Lohr, Karen Rodgers, Rick Sweitzer, Molly Murphy, Debbie Lennon, Rick Meacham, Lynn Chicoine and Mary Joyce Callaghan.**



**Pete Hittle '74**, trumpet player extraordinaire, performed with the Assunto Dukes of Dixieland Tribute Band at the 2021 Elkhart, Indiana Jazz Festival. The Assunto family is an icon in the history of Jazz in New Orleans. The original Dukes of Dixieland were widely popular from 1947 to 1974, appearing at Carnegie Hall, The Tonight Show and Ed Sullivan Show, and recorded 150 albums. The current band, organized in 2019 with Hittle, appears in the New Orleans area and Jazz Festivals in areas of the country. Pete lives in Prairieville, LA.



Class of 1971 50th Reunion

## Kansas City Crusader Reunion



1977 grads **Kevin Kelly, Andy Everist, Richard Woody, and Steve Winkel** with **Jake Skibinski '09** at the Kansas City gathering.



Happy Anniversary to Heelan's 1971 football squad named State Champs in Iowa.



**Leslie (Boyle) Breedlove '89** joins **Diane (Boden) Alexander '89**, and **Laura (Cannon) Radke '93** and **Nancy (Cannon) Davidson '89** in Kansas City.



These **1974 classmates** visited the Annenberg Gardens in Palm Springs, CA while vacationing. **Terry O'Brien, Jan (Erickson) Snyder, Janelle Spain**, Kim Hickman spouse of **Phil '74, Laurie Hagan Rawles, Anne (Trienen) Hanson**. Had "a fabulous time!!!"



**Tommy Greer '80** (right) joins friends at a Heelan gathering at The Other Place in Kansas City. **Tom Walsh '89, Janet (Moore) and Al Berding '80 and Tommy Greer '80** (now a Deacon.)



**Jeff Mangold '73** wrote a book with professional sports writer Peter Botte entitled Power and Pinstripes My Years Training the New York Yankees. Publisher is Triumph Books. [www.triumphbooks.com](http://www.triumphbooks.com) Mangold served as the head strength and conditioning coach for the New York Yankees from 1984 to 1988 and from 1998 to 2006. During his tenure, the Bronx Bombers won nine straight American League East titles, appeared in five World Series, and won three World Series championships in 1998, 1999 and 2000. As the first full time strength coach in Major League Baseball history, Mangold played a key role in building the Yankees dynasty of the 1990s and 2000s. Mangold also worked for the New York Mets and designed the strength and coaching facilities at both Yankee and Shea Stadiums. In this account he shares stories from his many seasons behind the scenes. He now lives in North Carolina.



# Omaha Crusader Reunion

**Tom Duggan '61** (back left) posed with Heelan grads at an October gathering in Omaha with front **Tony Jones '61**, **Kevin McCoy '68** and back **Tom Wood '72** and wrote this email to classmates. "Had a nice visit with Tony Jones, Denny Walker and some other Heelanites young and old. Tony is running again and hopes to do another marathon. Think that's great, but I assure you, I don't have any similar goals! Tom Betz was the MC and did a nice job. One of his stories was about Jim Hettinger who quarterbacked the football team in '61 that ranked 5th in the nation, the year after our senior team. Jim and his wife toured the new Heelan building and Memorial Field with Tom Betz, then died two days later, having fulfilled his last wishes! Nice story. He also mentioned Brendan Burchard who has recently turned 80 and is in his 53rd year teaching. He also served in Viet Nam along with many years of duty in the Natl. Guard! Burch, you make us very proud! Always good to be with other Heelan people. We were lucky to grow up when and where we did! Those were good days that got us ready for life in our futures."



**Tom Duggan '61** (back left), **Tony Jones '61**, **Kevin McCoy '68** and back **Tom Wood '72**



John Flanery, BHCS president, left, with **John Marley '50**, **Don Cimpl '50** and **Ed McCarthy '52**.



**Laurie (Welte) Dougherty '80** with **Sarah Goodwin '03** and **Elizabeth (Anderson) Perkins '05**.



**Patsy Dougherty '75**, **Janet (Thoman) Flanagan '71**, **Patti (Tritz) Lohr '72** and **DeDe (Dougherty) Crowley '78**.



**Kyle and Kelsey (Jeratowski) Bennett '06** and **Mike Noonan '01**.



Mary Jane and **Jim Fitch '68** and **Tom Fleming '61**.



Blessed Sacrament Heelan grads from left front **Corey Noonan '69**, **Henry and Linda (Murphy) Metz, '68**. Back **Pat Rudersdorf '70**, **John Holdenried '68**, **Holly Holdenried '77** and **Liz (Noonan) Rudersdorf '73**.

# 1980s

**Dan Hicklin '81**, and his family recently celebrated the wedding of his daughter Stephanie in New York. Dan is the founder and CEO at Werewolf Therapeutics in Cambridge, MA, an oncology research company working on the development of new immunotherapies to treat cancer. Dan, an immunologist and biopharmaceutical executive, has been working on oncology drug development for the past 30 years. He and his wife, Cathy have two daughters, Stephanie & Natalie.



# Heelan Unveils Friendship Terrace



**The late Patty (Betz) Thompson '82** has been honored at Heelan's "Friendship Terrace," the outdoor table area next to the high school doors. Patty died at age 48 in 2013 after a courageous battle with cancer. A plaque that pays tribute to Thompson reads, "Her vivacious personality and exuberant nature left a lasting impression on everyone who met her. If you were lucky enough to have known her, remembering her gifts brings a smile to your face." Thompson was active at St. Michael Catholic Church and owned Thompson Interior Design. She and her husband, Bob, had two Heelan grad children **Nicole (Thompson) Hoppers '03** and **Alex Thompson '05**. Nicole's children are now BHCS students at Holy Cross School.

**Rick Niles '84**, a talented wood craftsman when he's not working for the state judicial system, created this special board capturing the very spot on the floor in the PIT where **Brendan Burchard** stood for 50 years watching Heelan basketball. Nice work Rick!



**Tom Betz '85** enjoyed a fun summer visit with **Jeff Ingram '86** and **Al Jones '86** in Colorado.

**Bob McClintock '85** married **Patty Considine** Oct. 23, 2021 (now BHCS Director of Annual Giving). Celebrating with them are **Mike Considine '10** right and his wife, **Lisa**, left, and **Tyler McClintock '31** middle. Mike is now a fighter pilot in Sioux Falls.



(Class Notes continue on back cover.)



# In Memory

## 1940s

**Mary Rita O'Connor '49**, Cathedral High School, (Heelan predecessor) June 22, 2020

**Dorothy Keane '40**, Cathedral High School, Sioux City, Oct. 25, 2021

## 1950s

**JoAnn (Prince) Eriksen '50**, Sioux City, Sept. 9, 2021

**Gale (Lorenz) Avery '51**, Sioux City, April 2, 2021

**Richard Ostrihonsky '52**, Sioux City, May 14, 2021

**Sr. Peggy Brennan '53**, Sinsinawa, WI, April 5, 2021

**Don Kellen '53**, Sun City, AZ, March 23, 2021

**Carolyn "Ki" "Dago" (Alvano) Peterson '53**, Sioux City, March 24, 2021

**Leslie "Tooter" (Elwald) Roeder '53**, Sugar Grove, IL Sept. 12, 2020

**Marilyn (Krage) Higgins '53**, Okoboji, IA, Oct. 5, 2020

**Tom Priestman '53**, Sioux City, Jan. 13, 2021

**Virginia Krier '54**, Pocahontas, IA, June 29, 2020

**Rita (Rush) Flanagan '54**, Sioux City, May 15, 2021

**Brian Delaney '55**, Sioux City, March 22, 2021

**Mary (Clark) Huisenga '55**, Sioux City, May 8, 2021

**Maryann (Ryan) Woloschek '55**, El Paso, TX, Nov. 16, 2019

**John Glossinger '56**, Mill Valley, CA, March 17, 2021

**James Manning '56**, Sioux City, July 18, 2021

**Harlan Miles '56**, Cole Camp, MO, Jan. 6, 2021

**Rosemary Sheehan '56**, Dakota Dunes, SD., June 18, 2019

**Joseph Polley '57**, Sun City West, AZ, July 10, 2021

**Beverley Cosgrove '58**, Sioux City, Oct. 23, 2021

**Diane (Haman) Stocklin '58**, San Diego, CA

**Stephen Keane '58**, Springdale, AR, Sept. 9, 2020

**Gene Manley '59**, South Sioux City, Oct. 7, 2020

**Elaine Huss '59**, Fort Dodge, IA, May 29, 2021

## 1960s

**Martin Bosse '60**, formerly of Jefferson, SD., Feb. 13, 2021

**Dan Martin '60**, Ponca, NE, March 13, 2021

**Richard Jeffries 'x60**, Omaha, Jan. 19, 2021

**Lorraine (Rowe) Kohl '61**, Sioux City, May 5, 2020

**Earl "Chooch," Counter, Jr., '61**, Sioux City, May 2, 2021

**Helen Mullin '61**, Wahoo, NE, Aug. 22, 2021

**Michael Murphy '61**, Sioux City, April 17, 2021

**Greg Cabana '61**, Sioux City, Aug. 2, 2021

**Boyd "Tom" Brazzell '62**, Sioux City, Jan. 17, 2021

**Daniel Fitzpatrick '62**, Sioux City, Sept. 25, 2020

**Richard Giesen '62**, Rockford, IL, March 6, 2021

**Jim Hettinger '62**, Johnston, IA, March 6, 2021

**Fr. John McGuirk '62**, Sioux City, Feb. 3, 2021

**Jeanne (Jan Nixa) Johnson '63**, West End, NC, August 14, 2021

**Lael Theresa Larkin '63**, Sinsinawa, WI, May 8, 2021

**Lawrence Guillaume Jr. '64**, Sioux City, June 13, 2021

**Mary Hansen '64**, Sioux City, Sept. 18, 2021

**Judy Kirkpatrick '64**, Sioux City, May 28, 2021

**Gary Mouw '64**, Le Mars, IA, April 8, 2021

**Leon Popevis '64**, Sioux City, May 1, 2021

**James Alvin Fox '65**, Sioux City, June 27, 2021

**"Mac" Smith '66**, Sioux City, Feb. 3, 2021

**Janice (Fritz) Smith '65**, Dec. 26, 2020

**Phil Karpuk '66**, McCook Lake, Dec. 27, 2020

**Cynthia (Gabriella) Haag '66**, Omaha NE

**John Happe '66**, Dec. 22, 2020

**Randy Leedom '66**, Hillsboro, OR, July 19, 2020

**Jody (Shumansky) McArthur '66**, Sioux City, March 2, 2021

**Mary (Danger) Hazen '67**, Eaton, CO, Dec. 3, 2020

**James "Weasel" Franco '68**, Sioux City, June 27, 2021

**John Edward Reinhert '69**, Sioux City, Sept. 18, 2021

## 1970s

**John Kinney '70**, Sioux City, Sept. 11, 2021

**Patrick Manning '70**, Sioux City, April 10, 2021

**Michael McCormick '70**, Sioux City, June 22, 2021

x Indicates they attended but not graduated.

**Barbara (Jacobson) Wingert 'x71**, Sioux City, April 24, 2021

**Mark Freeman '71**, Lafayette, IN., Nov. 13, 2020

**Richard Mullin '71**, Sioux City, February 25, 2021

**Charles Rothe '71**, Sioux City, Sunday, Nov. 22, 2020

**Randy Sweitzer '71**, Sioux City, Iowa, April 2, 2021

**Thomas Chesher '71**, Liberty Lake, WA, Jan. 10, 2021

**Molly Manning-Thomas '72**, Philipsburg, MT, Dec. 27, 2019

**Dan Sanem '72**, Carroll, IA, Nov. 19, 2019

**Patricia Welsh '73**, Sioux City, April 17, 2021

**Kenneth Welch '75**, Omaha, July 17, 2020

**Jodie Neswick '78**, Sioux City, Dec. 13, 2020

**Timothy Topf '78**, Council Bluffs, May 13, 2021

## 1980s

**Donald Welsh '80**, December 2020

**Shelly Martens '81**, Sioux City, Oct. 8, 2019

**William Nelson '84**, Floresville, TX, March 19, 2021

**Tracy (Winkler) Best '86**, Hinton, IA, April 24, 2021

## 1990s

**Karl Rasmussen '92**, Sioux City, Sept. 24, 2021

**Kristin (Salo) Baker '00**, Sioux Falls, SD., April 14, 2021

**Alfonso Hernandez '18**, Sioux City, March 30, 2021

## Family Members

**Eileen Silva**, mother of Jason '94 and Stefanie '97 and wife of Art, former Heelan teacher & worked in BHCS Advancement, Sioux City, June 24, 2021

**Ruby Marie Cooper**, wife of beloved Heelan football coach Beanie Cooper and mother of Mike '72, Pat '75, Tim, Mary, Linda '80, Chris, the late Gary '70, Kathy '73 and Thomas, Sioux City, Jan. 24, 2021

**Donna Rae Furlong**, mother of Michael; Dave; Lori and late Lynn and Kent, Sioux City, Nov. 11, 2020

**Al Ruge**, husband of Mary Pat (O'Hern) Ruge '62, Decatur, NE, April 30, 2021

**Barbara Wenthert**, wife of Joe Wenthert '60, Knoxville, TN., May 29, 2021

**Kenneth Welch**, husband of Lesley (Unger) Welch '67, Omaha, July 17, 2020

**Mary Goff Frye**, mother of Debra Frye '73, Sandra Frye Otting '75 and Cynthia Frye Watkins, Kansas City, April 24, 2020. (Father Rolland Frye May 16, 2004.)

**Jody Welch**, mother of Billy '00, Becka '01 and Brooke '01, Sioux City, Aug. 23, 2019

**Dan Glasson, Sr.**, husband of Diane (Nyhus) Glasson '73, father of Dan Jr. '99, Deb (Glasson) Thiele '01 and grandfather of Lauren Nacke '24. Sioux City, Nov. 14, 2020

**John T Corio Jr.**, father of John '70 Jefferson, SD, Feb. 28, 2021

**Richard Everist**, father of Richard Jr., Rob, Barbara, Dianne, the late Ellen, Juliana and Janet, Lenexa KS, Feb. 3, 2021

**Walt Whitecotton**, long-time Heelan magazine rep, Fort Dodge, IA, March 6, 2021

**Jim Goertz**, spouse of Cheri (Fahey) Goertz '67, Fargo, ND, June 28, 2021

**Dave Gorsett**, spouse of Peggy (Watkins) Gorsett '67, Oct. 24, 2020

**Thomas Rush, 65**, brother of Gary Rush '67, Nov. 21, 2020

**Eugene Manley '59**, brother of Don Manley '67, South Sioux City, Oct. 7, 2020

**Genevieve McCullough**, mother of Theresa McCullough McTaggart '67, Emerson, NE, July 29, 2020

**Kenneth Welch**, spouse of Lesley (Unger) Welch '67, July 17, 2020

**Mattie Dunn**, mother of Patty (Dunn) Budden '67, June 20, 2020

**Evelyn Alvey**, mother of Karen (Alvey) Schramm '67, April 9, 2020

**Eleanor Beacom**, mother of John, David, Barry, Kevin, Brian and Matt, Sioux City, March 24, 2021

**Marcella Hamm**, mother of Mary Ellen (Hamm) Vortherms '67 Sept. 28, 2021

**June Heeney**, mother of Mary Jo Heeney '67, June 5, 2021

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Class Notes continued.

## 1990s

**Sheriffa (Wright) Jones '98** is executive director of the Spencer Chamber of Commerce since 2019. She earned a BA in Art & Design from Iowa State and a MS degree in historic preservation and a minor in non-profit management. She and her husband have two children and they love living in Spencer for the short "commute", access to recreational opportunities, and the ability to be involved in local and state community development.



**Neal Fisher '99** was recently promoted to lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army at Fort George G. Meade, MD and married to Vanessa Lopez of Sealy, TX at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Baltimore, MD.



**Tony Fravel '01** returned to his wife Christy and kids in August after 10 months serving in Kosovo. At right is mom **JoEllen (Williams) Fravel '76**.

**TJ Schulte '02** emailed this to Tom Betz in summer... last night my older son Theo and I were outside playing catch in the front yard. A gentleman pulled up in front of our house and started commenting on how he loved seeing us playing catch and how he used to live there. I immediately knew who it was, it was the Heelan legend Don Wengert. I told him to loop around and park his car to visit some more. He hung out with us for like 10-15 minutes and even gave Theo a few pitching tips. It was awesome. He mentioned he comes to town every week right now to see his elderly mother. Thought the story was a good reason to reach out and say hello!



## 2000s

**Joe Bisenius '01** with his parents Amy and Jim Bisenius and wife **Katy (Youngblade) Bisenius '10** and their infant daughter celebrated with his former teammates as Heelan retired his number at the 20th reunion of Heelan's 2001 Baseball State Champion team.



### Heelan's 2001 Baseball State Champions Reunite

From left front are: **Casey Moore, Mike Winklepleck, Jared Small, Bryan LaFleur, Eddie Griesel**. Back are **Coach Jeff Happe, Head Coach Tim O'Neill**, (now at Dowling) **Chad Moreland, Brady Rossiter, Joe Bisenius, Shyler Boatman, Dustin Jones, Nick Kellen, Coach John Tritz and Coach Chris Bork**.



**Alicia (Skaggs) Porsch '06** and her husband Eric celebrated the birth of their fifth child, Clara, in October. She is joined by Sophia, Cecilia, Eloise and Charlie.

### Kyle Walsh

**'11** married Madalyn Rasor, of Palatine, IL, June 6, 2020. Both are 4th year medical students at the Carver College of Medicine in Iowa City.



### Cory Kruse

**'11** will launch his next book in December, "Grace in the Dirt: Poems, Songs, and Other Reflections on Life!"



### Simona Terracciano '11, a Heelan exchange student who lived with Dave and Mary (McElroy '72)

Bishop, graduated cum laude from the University of Rome "Tor Vergata" with a PhD in Public Law on June 18 2021. She defended a thesis on "The sanctionary power of the public administrations and the role of the pecuniary administrative sanction in the procedural obligations." She is currently living in Roma Italy where she practices law and works at the university as an assistant professor in the courses of Substantial Administrative Law and Judicial Administrative Law.

