

# Blanchet Catholic School

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Matt Creagan as Rolf Gruber and Rose Lustbader as Leisl Von Trapp in the high school production of "The Sound of Music."



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# FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Blanchet Catholic Community,

Even after 40 years in education, I am always amazed how busy schools are during the spring season. This spring is no exception. At Blanchet we have enjoyed celebrating

the success of our spring varsity athletic teams – all of whom competed in post-season play. We have honored student achievement at various award ceremonies and recognition events, and are looking forward to graduating 65 excellent seniors on June 11. The class of 2011 has been offered an amazing \$3.2 million in scholarship awards!

We are completing the first year of our Strategic Five-Year Plan, Vision 2015. We have had a very successful 16th school year, and goals that have been achieved include replacing the bleachers in the main gym, significantly enhancing our website and purchasing laptops for all of our teachers. This summer we will complete an additional \$100,000 worth of facility renovations including remodeling a pair of mid high restrooms, replacing exterior doors, upgrading the computer lab, repairing asphalt in our parking lot and completing campus safety/beautification projects. I ask you to please save the date of **September 9** – this will be our 2nd annual Cav Pride Day as well as our Campaign Kick Off – parents will be invited to lunch on campus to hear exciting news about our progress towards our Five-Year Plan.

On a personal note, I want to express my immense gratitude and appreciation to the Blanchet Catholic community for your support of me and my family as evidenced by the outpouring of kindness and concern after my wife, Mary, lost her battle to cancer in May. I've always known that Blanchet is a special place and the friendships I have made during my 14 years here are remarkable. The deep faith and love demonstrated by the faculty, Board, parents and students, have helped sustain me during this difficult time.

Our faculty members understand very well that Blanchet is more than a full-time job. Spouses and children are an integral part of the Blanchet family. For Mary and me, much of our social time as a couple involved attending and supporting school events. Mary very much enjoyed attending auctions, sporting events and plays and especially looked forward to Grandparents Day each year. The Chuck and Mary Lee Scholarship was first established in 2007 to commemorate my 10th anniversary of employment at Blanchet. The Larry & Jeanette Epping Family Foundation made a very generous \$10,000 gift to begin the scholarship fund. Since then, Mary and I enjoyed awarding one \$1,000 Blanchet scholarship each year at Class Day to a deserving student. My family and I are humbled and overwhelmed by the memorial gifts totaling more than \$10,000 that have been made in Mary's name. This generosity will allow me to announce three \$1,000 Chuck and Mary Lee Scholarships at Class Day this year.

I hope you and your family enjoy a safe and relaxing summer break. I look forward to seeing you in September!

By Courage & Faith,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Charles E. Lee".

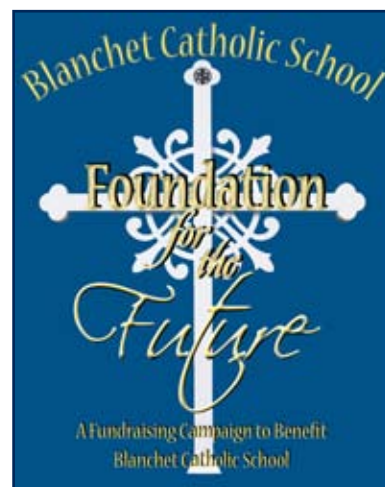
Charles E. Lee, President

## Campaign Kick-Off

**September 9, 2011**  
**11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

Join us for a complimentary lunch and to hear exciting news about Blanchet's 5-Year Plan.

Parents will receive an invitation in August.



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# Valedictorian

## EMILY HILLMER



For senior Emily Hillmer, the distinction of being Blanchet Catholic School's class of 2011 valedictorian is the culmination of four years of hard work, determination, focus, drive and commitment.

Emily has maintained a 4.0 grade point average while active in numerous co-curricular activities including cross country, swimming, track, ballet, horseback riding, skiing and piano. Emily is also a member of the Spirituality Team and National Honor Society. Her list of awards includes 2010 Science Student of the Year, 2010 Spanish Student of the Year, ballet performance awards, most valuable cross country and track awards, state recognition for running and swimming and, most recently, she was named the KGW Student Athlete of the Month. Emily is the top-ranked student in her senior class of 65 students and earned an SAT score of 2020.

Blanchet teacher, campus minister and cross country coach Danielle Wise has had the pleasure of working closely with Emily over the past four years. "What makes Emily unique and impressive is not so much her ability to manage various activities and excel, but her ability to keep her focus and priorities. Emily has a very mature and rare perspective. She realizes that life is not about what award she can achieve and what activity can be put on her college application. While it is essential for Emily to give her best, what is foremost to her is how she treats others and her ability to reflect on where she needs to improve."

All this success doesn't come easy. Emily admits that always rushing from one activity to another is incredibly stressful and difficult. "I've definitely learned to prioritize and get things done efficiently," she comments. Her advice to students is to always put what's most important first, even if at times it's hard to decide what that might be. "Don't stay up late trying to finish homework. It just makes you too tired to perform athletically or academically to the best of your ability," she says.

This fall Emily looks forward to her freshman year at Carleton College, a small, private liberal arts college in Northfield, Minnesota. She was drawn to the school for its academics and

to Minnesota for the snow. Emily's mom Darcy Smith says, "Emily visited the college and knew it was the place for her." Darcy grew up in Duluth, Minnesota and says Emily has inherited her love of cold and snow.





As for long-term plans, Emily is still deciding her path. "I really don't know what I want to do with my life. Hopefully I will figure it out over the next four years." One thing she is sure of is that getting a pilot's license is at the top of her "to-do" list. When asked to reflect on her time

at Blanchet, Emily had this to say, "It's been fun and I've especially enjoyed my running sports and teams. I've made some amazing friends whom I hope to stay in touch with." But Emily admits that, as the year draws to a close, she is ready to move on and she looks forward to all the opportunities ahead.



# CLASS OF 2011 GRADUATION

Blanchet Catholic School's Thirteenth Annual Commencement  
Saturday, June 11, 2011 ~ 2:00 p.m.

*Commencement Speaker: Kevin Mannix*

## Valedictorian

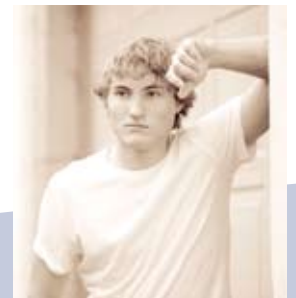
*Emily Jo Hillmer*



## Salutatorians

*Jacob John Gries*

Jacob has maintained a 3.993 GPA, is a member of the Spirituality Team, is the director of activities for the National Honor Society, is a Twelve-Sport Athlete (played three sports each of his four years in high school) and has served as captain of the football team. After completing pre-med studies at Gonzaga University, Jacob plans to attend medical school at Oregon Health Sciences University to become an orthopedic surgeon.



*Tevin Sterling Gianella*

Tevin has earned a 3.986 GPA while involved in many co-curricular activities including serving as an officer for both the National Honor Society and student government. Tevin is also a member of the Spirituality Team and Earth Club and plans to attend Gonzaga University next fall.





## RETIREMENTS

## MOVING ON



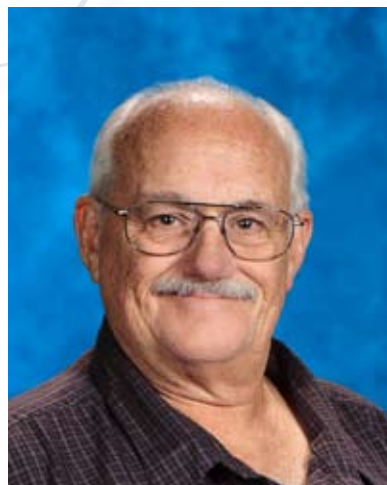
**MR. BROOKS**

After fifteen years of dedicated service to Blanchet Catholic and over 40 years in education, Mr. Brooks is retiring at the end of the school year. Mr. Brooks is a past recipient of the Distinguished Educator of the Year award, the highest honor Blanchet

bestows upon its teachers. Mr. Brooks has taught Great Books, Advanced Placement English and advanced Spanish courses to hundreds of Blanchet students who will fondly remember his stories, his devotion to the correct usage of the English language and his dedication to his students. Alumni often cite Mr. Brooks as the teacher who has been most influential to their high school experience and the teacher who best prepared them for college studies.

**MR. HAGGERTY**

Mr. Haggerty is retiring after a distinguished career in the Salem-Keizer School District and eight years teaching math and physics and coaching at Blanchet Catholic. Mr. Haggerty's "High Five Club," his inspirational talks at assemblies, and his unusual classroom techniques such as throwing erasers and requiring students to sing in class, will be memories that students and faculty will treasure. Mr. Haggerty is a consummate Blanchet supporter and enjoyed cheering on students at games and activities, and supporting school programs by actively participating in fundraisers and events.



**MR. PRINSLOW**

After twelve years of dedicated service, Mr. Prinslow is leaving Blanchet to spend more time with his family and to pursue other opportunities. As a personal and academic counselor, Mr. Prinslow has made a positive impact in the lives of many generations of Blanchet students.

His remarkable capacity for remembering students' names and the details of their lives will be missed. Mr. Prinslow made it a point to say hello to students each morning.

**MRS. SNYDER**

In thirteen years at Blanchet, Mrs. Snyder has taught a variety of classes including mid high drama, English and math. She has a particular fondness and skill in teaching students in 7th and 8th grades. Mrs. Snyder's enthusiastic support of student activities, such as dances, assemblies and spirit activities, was greatly appreciated.



*We thank all four of these faculty members for their incredible contributions to Blanchet Catholic and wish them the best in their new pursuits!*

# MONICA HUSTER



*College is an opportunity that is available for me both academically and financially. My family strongly supports higher education. Like some of my peers, I haven't decided what career I want to pursue. In my opinion, it does not make sense to jump into higher education without it being a personally meaningful goal. Like college, this trip will be a transition into adulthood for me. I will learn about financial responsibility, cultural diversity and*

Over 95% of Blanchet seniors continue their education by attending college after graduation. The other five percent enlist in the military, begin working, or like the senior profiled below, dedicate time to serving others.

*languages, but most importantly about myself. I value higher education but also recognize experience as a way of learning. It's easy to forget that learning does not exclusively take place in a classroom.*

The following was written by Monica Huster, Blanchet Catholic School Class of 2011.

*Mark Twain once said, "Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness, and many of our people need it sorely on these accounts. Broad, wholesome, charitable views of men and things cannot be acquired by vegetating in one little corner of the earth all one's lifetime." Following high school I have chosen not to go to college. I have decided I would grow and benefit by volunteering in South America rather than attending college this fall. I plan on visiting Peru, Bolivia and Brazil over a five month period. While in Bolivia I will volunteer through World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms (WWOOF). The environmental and economic benefits of organic farming is knowledge I can share. In Brazil I plan on working at an orphanage called Casa do Caminho outside of Rio de Janeiro.*

An advertisement for Geoff Wyatt Construction, Inc. The top half features a photograph of a modern kitchen with a curved wooden island, stainless steel appliances, and large windows. The text "a labor of love" is overlaid in a serif font. Below the photo, the company name "Geoff Wyatt Construction, Inc." is written in a bold, sans-serif font, followed by the president's name "geoff wyatt, president" and the contact information "503.991.6320 | www.geoffwyattconstruction.com".

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# THE BLANCHET EXPERIENCE

Service is an integral part of our school mission and student experience at Blanchet Catholic. Students contribute a minimum of twenty hours of service annually and are also responsible for turning in a service log and reflection paper for each year they attend Blanchet.

In addition to the student service requirement, many Blanchet teachers incorporate service into the classroom experience. A few examples include Mrs. Bashaw leading the mid high students in a clean-up of Camp Howard; Ms. Pavelek organizing a day long service project for the sophomore class that benefitted the elderly in Mt. Angel; and Mrs. Wise coordinating a project where her eighth grade students wrote letters and sent necessities to soldiers overseas as well as conducted a “bottles for babies” drive for St. Germaine’s.



Mid high students clear fallen limbs from trails during the Camp Howard clean-up.

The following are some excerpts from student service reflection papers.



“The most significant experience that I had about my service project this year was when I helped Bruce Bigland. The task of washing Bruce’s windows was a simple task, but a turning point in my life of service. The reason for this was that when I had finished up washing all the windows, Bruce

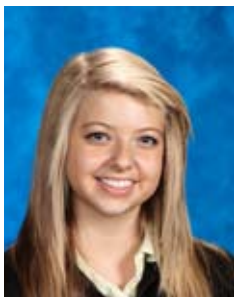
gave me something to drink and sat me down to have a conversation about society with him. He explained how service is a great way to give back to the community and that teenagers today seem as if they don’t get that. When these words came out of Bruce’s mouth, they seemingly flashed through my brain and found a spot to rest. As I left Bruce’s house, I thought to myself and realized I should be one of the ‘different’ teenagers in today’s society. The type of new-era teenager that doesn’t get labeled as always doing bad things, but instead a good young person who serves their community.”

~ Austin Wittenberg, Sophomore



Students clean a kitchen at Providence Benedictine Nursing Center in Mt. Angel as part of the sophomore class Christian Day of Service.





"When I volunteered at the auction, I had a moment that sticks out greater than all the others. The most significant experience I had while doing service is the day after the auction when I got up to help sort and put away supplies for the auction. You would not think of this experience as heart-felt service,

but it changed the way I see school events. While folding tablecloths and putting them into boxes I was the only kid who showed up out of all the kids who signed up to volunteer. It made me feel good that I stuck to my word because all the parent volunteers were so thankful to have me. This experience is significant to me because it made me realize that you do not think of the aftermath of an event. People enjoy the auction but they don't realize how many people give their time to prepare and put it on and then clean it up afterwards. The parents who were cleaning up at eight in the morning with me were not doing this because they wanted to. They were doing it out of the kindness of their hearts, and I know it meant a lot to them to have someone out of the student body lightening their load by a bit, and helping out with them."

~ Rocquia Bashey, Sophomore



"My faith grew in my realization in what Jesus said in Mathew 25:40, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.' It was during the service project at the Benedictine Nursing Center, more specifically while I was in the kitchen washing dishes alone. In

my time alone away from the others, I was able to think to myself about that day and about what God wants from me. Then it hit me like a ton of bricks, the same quote for Matthew 25:40 came into my head and I realized I wasn't just doing this for the senior citizens who live there, I was doing this for Christ as well. This realization made my spirit soar and I was able to clean those dishes with more cheer. In general, helping others helps me grow in my faith because I remember how Jesus was always helping others, even on the cross, and that I am continuing his ministry on earth."

~John Tuttle, Sophomore



"Service is more than just a school requirement for me. Service is the outward manifestation of my faith. The more I serve others, the more my faith is strengthened. I had many significant service experiences, but one stands out. Every year I serve the sacred solemnities as a trained thurifer. The holiest Mass I serve is

the Easter Vigil. This Mass makes me feel like I am part of something very important and I know in my heart that I am. It is a beautiful Mass and a very important service experience to me."

~ Dan Smith, Junior

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# NEWSBRIEFS

## SOPHOMORE NAMED TURNAROUND STUDENT OF THE YEAR

Sophomore Kendra Moe was named Blanchet's 2011 Turnaround Student of the Year. Kendra transferred to Blanchet from a local public school where she struggled academically and behaviorally. During one year at Blanchet, she has brought her grades up from C's and D's, to A's and B's and now carries a GPA of 3.5 or higher. Kendra notes, "My life is different because not only do I feel better about myself, but others have noticed as well. Now that I'm responsible and doing well in school and in life, I'm given a lot more respect, privileges and support. I'm much happier. Because I turned my life around, I can now see myself graduating from college, healthy, happy and starting the career of my dreams five years from now." Kendra participates in Blanchet's Chamber Ensemble and Speech and Debate club.



Kendra poses with her family after performing with Blanchet's Chamber Ensemble at the school's donor Christmas Party in December.

## SENIOR RECEIVES OPTIMIST STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD

Amanda Davidson was recently honored as the Blanchet 2011 Optimist Student of the Year. Amanda was chosen for her academic success - she is 4th in her class with a cumulative GPA of 3.975 - and for her significant contributions to the fine arts. Amanda has a beautiful voice, has performed with the school choir and has headlined many of Blanchet's musicals. She recently completed a successful run



as Maria in "The Sound of Music." Amanda also has worked hard behind the stage and has served as stage manager for a number of school productions and events. She will attend the School of Music at Oregon State University in the fall.

## KATIE HUNKING NAMED OPTIMIST STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Katie Hunking was selected as an Optimist Student of the Month in April as the student most involved in technical education. Katie is the lead lighting technician for Blanchet's productions and also assists the actors and actresses with makeup and hair before the plays. Mrs. Roberts commented, "Katie is a dedicated technician who gives one-hundred percent to her craft. When it comes to lighting, she is really thinking ahead and plotting out the lighting scheme. She thinks three dimensionally and is able to choose colors to artistically portray emotions with the lights."



Katie helps Zach Carey get into character as Captain Von Trapp in Blanchet's production of "The Sound of Music."

## SAM ESTES HONORED FOR VOLUNTEERISM

Senior Sam Estes was honored as a Distinguished Finalist by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, a nationwide program honoring young people for exemplary acts of volunteerism. The awards program, now in its 16th year, is conducted by Prudential Financial, Inc. in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP).

Sam was honored for organizing a benefit concert, "Sugarfest," that raised \$3,000 for the American Diabetes Association. Sam booked the bands, handled promotion and ticket sales and recruited volunteers to assist with the concert. In addition, he organized a series of events aimed at raising awareness of diabetes among the Blanchet student body. Prudential representative Sue Curths presented Sam with a Prudential Spirit of Community Medallion during an assembly on April 12.





The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards represent the United States' largest youth recognition program based solely on volunteer service. Since the program began in 1995, more than 95,000 young volunteers have been honored at the local, state or national level.

## DECA COMPETES AT NATIONALS

Blanchet's DECA Club had another active year filled with social events, community service and more records set in state and national competitions. Thirty-four students attended the State Career Development Conference (SCDC) and 14 qualified to compete at the International Career Development Conference (ICDC) held in Orlando, Florida in May. There they participated in written projects and business case study role plays and attended business leadership academies.



DECA students visit Disney World during the International Career Development Conference.

Eric Brown was a top twenty medalist in a field of 250 competitors in the Automotive Services Marketing category. All participants represented Blanchet and Oregon in an exemplary manner. Students attending the Florida conference were: Eric Brown, Caitlyn Buswell, Sarah Darst, Katelyn Ditzler, Lauren Eliason, Clarissa Hayes, Tori Hittner, Vicki McHugh, Elizabeth Moore, Michelle Moreno, Alyssa Pollard, Alex Rupp, Bianca Russell and Daniell Tea-Pelley.

## JUNIOR NAMED DAIRY PRINCESS

Madeleine Coleman was recently crowned the Dairy Princess Ambassador for Marion County. She is one of nine girls who will represent their counties for the dairy industry during the next year. Madeleine will have the opportunity to travel throughout the state and attend different events to



represent the dairy industry. Some of these events will include: Tillamook County Days, Milk Carton Boat Races during the Rose Festival, Story Time at Oaks Park during the summer, Ice Cream Churn-a-ment at Pioneer Courthouse Square, Marion County Fair, Oregon State Fair, Ag Fest, Oktoberfest and more. In the fall she will represent Marion County at different schools and present "Farm to Market" nutrition programs. In January she will compete for the title of 2012 Oregon Dairy Princess. Madeleine is an excellent student at Blanchet and an active volunteer.



## BLANCHET ARTISTS ARE TOP FINISHERS IN THE WORLD BEAT FESTIVAL ART CONTEST

Blanchet Catholic School art students recently swept the competition in the annual World Beat Festival Art Contest sponsored by the Salem Multicultural Institute and A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village.

Each year, students from kindergarten through 12th grade submit artwork based on the Festival's theme, which this year is Mexico. The Blanchet art classes received a \$75 Borders Gift Card, and winning artwork will be used in various promotions for the Festival.

Blanchet took the title of "Top School" and the following individuals earned special recognition:



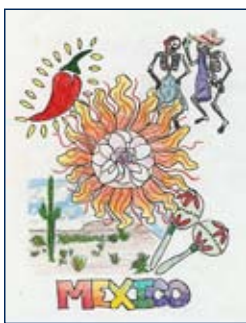
< *First Place High School & Overall:*  
*Alanna McCarthy*  
(grade 10)



< *First Place K-8:*  
*Johanna Counts*  
(grade 7)



< *High School Honorable Mention:*  
*Anna Davenport*  
(grade 12)



< *K-8 Honorable Mention:*  
*Nicole Tea-Pelley*  
(grade 8)



< *K-8 Honorable Mention 2:*  
*Ellie Vanden Busch*  
(grade 7)

## BLANCHET CELEBRATES FOUNDER'S DAY



Blanchet celebrated Founder's Day on Monday, February 28 with the induction of thirty-seven new National Honor Society members and recognition of several businesses and individuals.

**5 Year Staff Recognition:** Melissa Turner and Stephanie Razmus

**10 Year Staff Recognition:** Mark McCormick, Brandy O'Bannon, David Shultz and Carlton Wise

**15 Year Staff Recognition:** Bill Roberts and Tina Pearson

**Distinguished Educator of the Year: Mr. Bill Roberts**

*Mr. Roberts has devoted 15 years of his career to Blanchet and its social studies department. He was thanked for being an excellent advocate for students and for being very supportive of school activities.*

**Community Partner Award: Salem Area Chamber of Commerce**

*The Salem Area Chamber of Commerce was recognized for helping to promote Blanchet in the community, coordinating our annual Career Day and allowing Blanchet students to serve in their Leadership Youth program.*

**President's Award: Drs. Bud & Selma Pierce**

*Alumni parents Drs. Bud & Selma Pierce are generous supporters of Blanchet who have been involved in school activities since 1998. They have contributed to all major school activities, including helping pay off the school's mortgage, supporting the auction, annual fund and "Belief in Blanchet" campaign.*



### ***Volunteer of the Year Award: Dr. John Coen***

*Dr. Coen was recognized for his outstanding contributions to the athletic department. He contributes countless hours volunteering his time to evaluate athletes and prevent and treat injuries.*



President Lee presents Dr. Coen with Blanchet's Volunteer of the Year Award

### **RAFFLE REPORT**

Thank you again to all of our students and parents for your excellent participation in the Blanchet raffle! We exceeded our goal by selling more than \$50,000 in raffle tickets. Raffle proceeds benefit students and programs.

### **SKID PROGRAM BRINGS REALISTIC CRASH SCENARIO TO THE BLANCHET CAMPUS**

Blanchet Catholic high school students received an emotional warning about the dangers of drinking and driving during a crash scenario staged at the school on Thursday, April 7.



Blanchet partnered with the SKID program (Stopping Kids Intoxicated Driving) to bring what appeared to be a fatal alcohol-related traffic crash to campus. SKID is a graphic and realistic portrayal of crushed vehicles and injured bodies. As the scenario unfolded, local police, fire and rescue, Life Flight and other public safety partners converged on the scene.

President Charles Lee commented, "This assembly took place just a few days before Blanchet's annual prom. Our students are very responsible, but our duty is to provide as much education about safe behavior as possible. Our hope is that this emotional assembly will remind students of the dangers of drinking and driving and the consequences of their actions."

Special thank you to the following partners who made this assembly possible:

- Assembly Sponsors State Farm Insurance: Micki Goodeill (Blanchet mom), Bob Cegon, George Goesch, Judy Baszniak, Don Suklis & Al DeBacker
- SKID of Washington County - Tim Moore & Keri Fresh
- Lt. Jim Anglemier (Blanchet father) and several members of the Salem Police Department
- LifeFlight
- Deputy Chief Dave Leavenworth, Rand Breitbach and several other members of the Salem Fire Department
- BC Towing
- Local medical examiner & Golden's Funeral Home
- Entercom Radio - 97.1 Charlie FM
- Counselor Martin Gay from Queen of Peace and Nancy Parks from Blanchet
- Debrief leaders Mr. Mucken & Mrs. Pearson
- Student volunteers

# Alumni

Where are they now?

## Karrie Hagedorn ~ Class of 2004



Karrie Hagedorn '04 was a stand out soccer player at Blanchet Catholic and has continued her athletic pursuits, especially long distance running. Karrie completed the Boston Marathon this spring, finishing with a personal best time – 3:05.

After graduating from Blanchet, Hagedorn attended Saint Mary's College of California where she majored in politics and minored in both Spanish and communication. She earned a spot on the Dean's List every semester and won the Thomas Jefferson Award for graduating at the top of her class in the politics department.

While at Saint Mary's, Hagedorn ran cross country for the Gaels (a Division 1 athletic program). She broke the school record in the women's 6K and was named to the All Conference Honorable Mention Team during her senior year and the West Coast Conference All-Academic Team in 2006, 2007 and 2008. She also served as team captain during her junior and senior years, competed in the NCAA Division 1 Western Regionals in 2006, 2007 and 2008, and won various Saint Mary's College Athlete of the Week awards.

After college, Hagedorn missed athletic competition and decided to continue her cross country training. She has now run the Nike Women's Marathon twice. She finished in 6th place out of a field of 5,000 in the 2010 Nike Women's Marathon.

In addition to athletic success, Hagedorn has a rewarding profession. She is a Fundraising Coordinator for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). Hagedorn reports that she helps "raise funds for local families affected by any of the 43 muscular dystrophy diseases, such as ALS or Lou Gehrig's and Duchene's Muscular Dystrophy. The MDA funds clinical research, multiple disciplinary clinics, support groups, wheelchair and other medical device repairs and a week-long summer camp for children ages 7-17. My Greater San Francisco Bay Area office (located in Concord, CA) finished 2010 as the number one fundraising office in the nation for MDA!"

Hagedorn treasures her experiences at Blanchet Catholic. Her favorite memory was playing in the State championship game in girl's soccer. Hagedorn states, "Kristin Mazzei's game winning goal against Marist to put us into the Championship will be forever etched in my memory." She also fondly recalls her classes with Mr. Brooks who prepared her well for college and "challenged me to think critically and in a capacity beyond the typical high school classroom setting."

Beyond the academic preparation, Hagedorn is appreciative of Blanchet's emphasis on values, faith and service. She says, "At Blanchet, students do not just receive an extraordinary academic experience, but also grow into adulthood in an environment focused on giving back to the community and fighting for what is just."



## Sacred Heart Academy & Serra Catholic Alumni Reconnect at Blanchet

Approximately 35 alumni from Sacred Heart Academy and Serra Catholic High School attended a social and enjoyed front row seating to Blanchet's production of "The Sound of Music" on May 13. Blanchet's Legacy Alumni Committee works year-round to provide events, activities and newsletters that help reconnect Sacred Heart and Serra Catholic alumni and foster the understanding that Blanchet can serve as a "new place to call home" for alumni of these schools.



Legacy Alumni committee member Gerry Pavelek talks with Bob Sticha and his wife Laveda, Sacred Heart Academy '58.

The Legacy Alumni Committee is currently working on plans for their upcoming reunion that will be held at Blanchet on Saturday, August 6, 2011. This reunion, called "The Gathering," is open to any graduate or student who attended either Sacred Heart or Serra Catholic for any length of time. The featured musical entertainment at "The Gathering" is "The Live 5," a rock and roll band who formed at Serra and is reuniting for the first time since the late 1960's. Tickets to "The Gathering" cost \$15 each. Tickets and more information is available at:

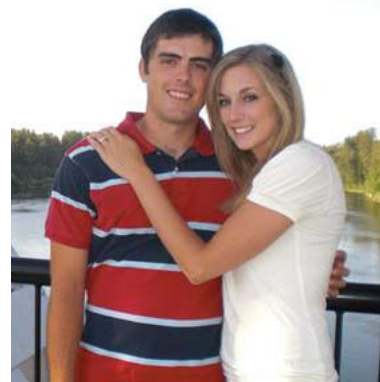
[www.blanchetcatholicschool.com/legacyalumni](http://www.blanchetcatholicschool.com/legacyalumni).



## More Alumni Updates

**Kelsey Bashaw '06 and Carl Beyer '06 (right)**

will be married on June 18 at St. Mary's Church in Mt Angel. Kelsey recently graduated from Gonzaga University with a degree in math and physical education. Carl is a 2010 graduate of Notre Dame and is currently employed with Epic in Madison, Wisconsin. The couple will reside in Madison.



**Scott Cantonwine '06** recently graduated from Willamette University's Atkinson School of Business with an MBA and Beta Gamma Sigma honors for academic performance. Scott is working full-time for his family's business, Cascade Warehouse, as a Business Development and Marketing Manager.

**Kristin Crocker '07** graduated with a B.S. in Biology from Regis University, Summa Cum Laude, and was recognized as the Biology Student of the Year.

**Michael Crocker '01** will graduate from Notre Dame University with a Ph.D. in Computer Engineering. Following graduation he will begin his new position as Professor of Computer Engineering at Pacific Lutheran University.

**Elizabeth Grace '07** graduated from Gonzaga University on May 8 with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology degree.

**Ryan & Nick Herb '10** are both on the Honor Roll at the University of Portland.

**Martha Choate Monson '03** was selected as Blanchet's Distinguished Alumni Award recipient for 2011. Martha is a third year medical student at the University of Vermont and is a very accomplished scholar. An award was presented to Martha's parents during Blanchet's All Schools Mass held on January 2.

"The Live Five" perform at a Blanchet assembly on Wednesday, May 25.

**The following students received special recognition at the Senior Sports Awards event held on June 1:**

**Twelve Sport Athletes ~** Eric Brown, Kaitlin Counts, Jacob Gries, Emily Hillmer, Nick Johnson

**Male and Female Athlete of the Year ~** Nick Johnson & Kaitlin Counts

**OSAA Award of Excellence ~** Nick Cantonwine & Emily Hillmer

## VARSITY FOOTBALL ~ Continued From Winter Issue

Nick Johnson – Al Kader Shriner's All-Star Game

## BOYS BASKETBALL

*Pac West Champions*

*OSAA 3A 5th Place*

Nick Cantonwine:

Pac West Player of the Year

Oregon Coaches Association All-Star

1st Team All-State

All-Mid Valley

Jon Tromblay – Pac West Coach of the Year

Brent Counts – Salem Sports & Breakfast Club

Athlete of the Week

### All-Conference Selections

1st Team – Nick Cantonwine, Brent Counts

2nd Team – Grayson Francke

Honorable Mention – Tevin Gianella



## SWIMMING

*Boys Placed 5th and Girls Placed 6th at Districts*

Dairy Farmers of Oregon – OSAA Academic

All-State (Girls: 8th in the state with a 3.62 team GPA)

Elizabeth Bartholomew:

1st Team All-Mid Valley

1st Team All-District

District Champion (500 Free)

6th Place OSAA State Meet (200 Free)

4th Place OSAA State Meet (500 Free)

## MID HIGH BASEBALL

*Record: 5-4*



## MID HIGH SOFTBALL

*Record: 9-0*



Nick Cantonwine: 2011 Oregon Athletic Coaches Association's Boys Basketball All-Star.

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

*3rd Place in Pac West*

Kaitlin Counts

All-Mid Valley

Oregon Coaches Association All-Star

3rd Team All-State

### All-Conference Selections

1st Team – Kaitlin Counts

2nd Team – Tori Hittner

Honorable Mention – Leanne Copple

Senior Kaitlin Counts:

2011 Oregon High

School Girls Basketball

Coaches Association's

All-Star.



## GIRLS TENNIS

*3rd Place at Districts*

Malvika Ramesh – Districts

2nd Place Singles, 8th Place

State Competition



## MID HIGH TRACK & FIELD







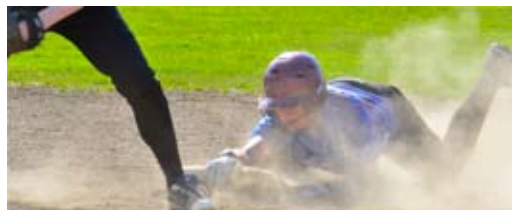
## BOYS TENNIS

Justin Chen – State  
Qualifier, 4th Place Districts  
Vic Yeh – District  
Consolation Singles Bracket  
Champion

## SOFTBALL

*Pac West Champions – Semi Finals at State*

Alee Banuelos – First Team Third Base  
Sami Belleque – First Team Short Stop  
Allie Butterfield – First Team Outfield, Pac West  
Player of the Year  
Kaitlin Counts – First Team Outfield  
Kayla Hari – First Team Pitcher  
Lauren Kessel – Second Team First Base  
Aubrey Ruiz – Honorable Mention Second Base  
Taylor Wolf – First Team  
Matt Arnold – Pac West Coach of the Year



## BOYS GOLF

*Special District 2 Champions  
5th Place at OSAA State Tournament*

Nick Johnson:

District Medalist

7th at State Tournament

Melissa Turner – District 2 Coach  
of the Year

### All-District Selections

Nic Ditzler, Nick Johnson,  
Zach Mason, Jackson Smith



## GIRLS GOLF

*Special District 4 Champions  
12th Place at OSAA State  
Tournament*

Amanda McCall:

District Medalist

10th at State Tournament

## BASEBALL

*2nd Place Pac West*

Kyle Ballweber – First Team Infield

Tim Coen – Honorable Mention Catcher

Mason Fessler – First Team DH

Hiroki Fukuoka – Honorable Mention Utility

Trey Gianella – First Team Outfield

Jacob Gries – First Team Outfield

Zach Pelley – First Team Pitcher

Will VanSmooenburg – Second Team DH



Jacob Gries &  
Kyle Ballweber:  
2011 East vs. West  
Baseball All-Stars.

## TRACK & FIELD

*Pac West Champions (Girls)*

Dave Mucken – Pac West Coach of the Year (Girls)

*OSAA 3A State Championship Results*

Nicole Maurmann – 2nd Place – 3000 Meter Run

Eric Brown – 6th Place – 110 Meter Hurdles

Emily Hillmer – 6th Place – 3000 Meter Run

Carmen Martinez – 7th Place – 100 Meter Dash

Prelim 9th Place – 4x100 Meter Relay

Alanna McCarthy – 8th Place – Triple Jump

Eliza Smith – 8th Place – 1500 Meter Run

Tori Hittner – Prelim 9th Place – 4x100 Meter Relay

Alicia Romero – Prelim 9th Place – 4x100 Meter Relay

Leanne Copple – 10th Place – Javelin, Prelim 9th  
Place – 4x100 Meter Relay



## JV BASEBALL

*Record: 9-2*

*League Record: 7-2*







*\*Best in Show\**  
- Riley Woodry



1st Place, Art 1  
- Saeka Tsuji



2nd Place, Art 1  
- Matthew Moyano



1st Place, Ceramics  
- Dan Smith



2nd Place, Ceramics  
- Tevin Gianella

## Art

# BCS

# Fine

# Arts



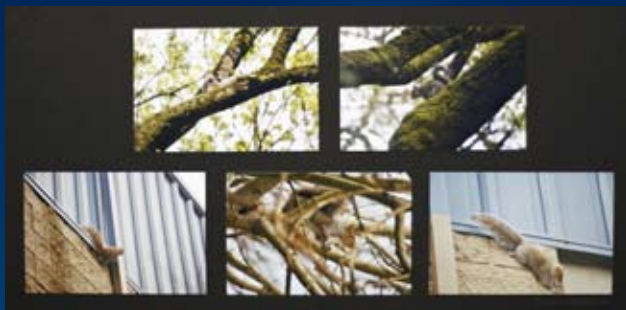
## Spring Music Concert



## Mid High Drama Disney's "Mulan, Jr."







*1st Place, Photography  
- David Goodspeed*



*2nd Place, Photography  
- Sam Estes*



*1st Place,  
Mid High  
- Zack Johnson*



*2nd Place,  
Mid High  
- Emma Phillips*



## High School Drama

## *"The Sound of Music"*



*Actor & Actress of the Year - Sam Estes & Amanda Davidson*

*Mid High Most Valuable Actress - Katie Pratt*





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Father Timothy Mockaitis celebrates Mass during Grandparents Day held on April 5.



Students enjoyed team building activities led by staff from Youth with a Mission during the spring Ambassador event.



Melissa Hager, Megan Angstrom & Sara Duncan at the Junior Encounter.

## Mission Statement

Blanchet Catholic School provides a comprehensive education program that enables students to:

- Be challenged by an academically rigorous curriculum;
- Grow toward maturity in Christ;
- Contribute to the enrichment of society; and
- Participate in the traditions of the Catholic Church.

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