

BLANCHET CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Blanchet School Community,

A year ago our faculty and staff gathered together to kick off the start of the 2019-20 school year at Blanchet, our 25th anniversary as one of the true success stories of the greater Willamette Valley. We set a goal of making sure that our 25th year would be memorable and unlike any other - well, thanks to the happenings of the spring and the ensuing COVID-19 pandemic, I can say with confidence that we have accomplished our goal.

While the past several months have been unique, challenging, and, at times, frustrating, I believe that when we look back on these days in our school's history, we will focus on other memories. We will recall the extraordinary efforts of our students, teachers, staff, administration, and families as we learned new things, adjusted our norms, and worked together for the great benefit of our students.

On August 1, we celebrated the Blanchet Class of 2020, a remarkable group of students who overcame numerous obstacles and challenges over the final months of their high school career. Despite missing out on some of the traditional senior year experiences, the class persevered and made the best of a difficult situation. Our outdoor commencement ceremony was truly a celebration of these young men and women who are now ready to tackle whatever comes their way in the future.

As we march on toward the start of our 2020-21 school year, we face many uncertainties but we face them together knowing that our Blanchet community will work together to overcome any obstacle. In difficult times such as these, the safety, spirit, and comfort of our Blanchet community is even more important.

I urge all members in the Blanchet community to find a way to help support your school in whatever way possible. While I don't know exactly what the next 25 years of Blanchet will look like, I am confident that our school's successes will continue to grow and our impact will increase throughout our region, our state, and our country.

Thank you for your continued support of Blanchet Catholic School and I wish health and happiness to each member of our school community.

#ByCourageAndFaith,

Bob Weber



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*Cover Photo: Class of 2020 on the first day of school watching the sunrise at Riverfront Park.*

*Pictured Left: Seniors Lyssa Ibarra and Kyle Untalan celebrate Archbishop Francis Norbert Blanchet's birthday as part of the school's 25th anniversary.*

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# IT STARTED WITH AN IDEA...

A quarter of a century has passed since a group of determined parents and community members met to discuss the idea of starting a new Catholic school in the Willamette Valley. Turning a vision into reality is a monumental task. But thanks to our determined Board, dedicated parents, faculty and staff, we did just that. Blanchet Catholic School opened its doors in September 1995 to 134 students, and here we are today, twenty-five years later, still going strong and continuing to build on the traditions started by those passionate and innovative thinkers who founded the school so many years ago.



## BLANCHET CATHOLIC SCHOOL'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY Looking Back and Moving Forward with Courage & Faith

Blanchet Catholic School's 25th anniversary year has been full of blessings and unpredictable twists and turns. We began our commemorations with a whole-school Mass and pilgrimage to the gravesite of our school's namesake, Archbishop Francois Norbert Blanchet's, located at St. Paul Catholic Church. In October, attendees of our annual True Blue Gala auction were treated to a "memory walk" photo collage from each school year since 1995. Many faculty, alumni and founding Board members had a good time discussing those early days of take-out lunches, the legendary orange carpet in the gym, and how much hair Mr. Andreas once had. Also in October we hosted our first home football game, Homecoming 2019, on our new multi-purpose field, complete with a record number in attendance for an alumni social, community barbecue and a Cavs win!

We were gearing up for an April track dedication social and special Founder's Day celebration focused on our 25th anniversary when the COVID-19 pandemic forced our school to close for the rest of the year. We immediately moved our operations and instruction to a digital-only platform and our students never missed a day of instruction. Through the hard work of our entire Blanchet community, and always by Courage and Faith, we have been able to continue our mission of educating the whole student and celebrating all that has made Blanchet Catholic School much more than just a building, but a community of people whose mission is as strong today as it was back in 1995. As with any successful venture, Blanchet owes a debt of gratitude for the hard work and foresight of its founding Board members, parents and of course, the students, who for 25 years have blessed and enriched the communities they live in. The following are excerpts from interviews with some of Blanchet's biggest Cav fans as they look back on the last 25 years.

### School/Community may be ready for financial commitment

### Catholic high school idea grows

Interested people will meet this week in Salem to consider plans.

**Meeting planned**  
A meeting to discuss the idea of establishing a Catholic high school in Salem is set for 7 p.m. Wednesday at St. Joseph School, 373 Winter St. NE.

### Catholic high school organizers seek help

**EDUCATION**

The Statesman Journal

A local group that wants to give Salem a Catholic high school in the fall of 1995 is putting out a call for help.

"We're right down to crunch time now. This thing is either going to happen or it won't happen in the next two months," said organizer Larry Badger.

The Archdiocese of Portland has instructed organizers to develop a financial plan by Nov. 1 in order to open the school next fall, Badger said.

No financial support will come from the archdiocese or local par-



### School/Poll shows support for idea

**Cost of school**

Organizers have tentatively set annual tuition at \$2,900 for high school students and \$2,100 for middle school students.

Class sizes will be limited to 25 students, and that is sure to attract the attention of parents in public schools.

Organizers said a new Catholic school would fill the gap created by Sacred Heart's closure in 1984.

He started school at a French convent, where the nuns wore knickers and the day began with a prayer.

He finished his education at Georgetown Law School — also a Catholic institution.

He'd never attended anything of a Catholic high school in Salem surprised him.

"It was the only community I'd been acquainted with that didn't have a Catholic school," he said.

# 1995

Blanchet was approved by Archbishop Levada with its doors opening to students in grades 7-9 that September. The intercom system was installed and the computer lab was donated.



# 1996

The school's facility and campus were purchased from Salem Christian Center. The weight room was added.



## FAITH IN THE MISSION:

Those who have been involved in the Blanchet community for any time know of the February 3, 1994 preliminary meeting at St. Joseph's School, presided over by Mr. Kevin Mannix, to assess interest in reestablishing a Catholic secondary school since the closing of Sacred Heart in 1984. Paul Connolly, Donna Garaventa, Mary Hollinger and Lorraine Anglemier, who did not even have a child yet, were among those in attendance. Each of them were hopeful yet skeptical that there would be enough interest to actually get the project going, but they wanted to show their support. Mrs. Garaventa felt that if anyone were to get this done, it was Kevin Mannix. While Mr. Mannix expected only 30 or so people to show up, an astounding 160 interested community members attended. Thus began Blanchet Catholic School's mission.

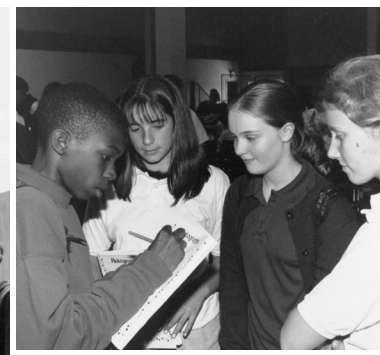
When asked what drew them to this new and uncertain venture, each respondent enthusiastically agreed it was the desire to have a quality, Catholic, college-preparatory education in the Willamette Valley for their children and future generations. Mr. Connolly was part of the steering committee to help put into place all of the seemingly endless elements that needed to happen before the school could accept any students. He compared this project to a marathon, but acknowledges that "every decision the Board made was a unanimous one, and every step in the process had a lot of support from the local community, parish pastors, realtors, lawyers and construction workers, many of whom willingly donated their time and expertise."

After much preparation, Blanchet opened its doors on September 5, 1995 with 134 students in grades 7-9. The first graduation was held in June, 1999 for a class of 17 students. In the midst of a pandemic and global shut-down, Blanchet honored its twenty-second graduating class of 45 students this summer.

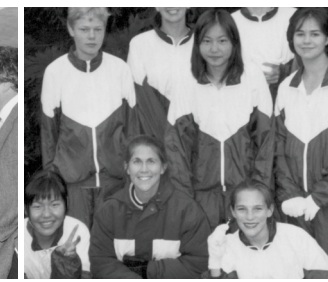
## MISSION STATEMENT

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.*



The Kreitzberg Science Center was completed. AP courses were added to the curriculum. The first drama production, "The Importance of Being Earnest," was performed.

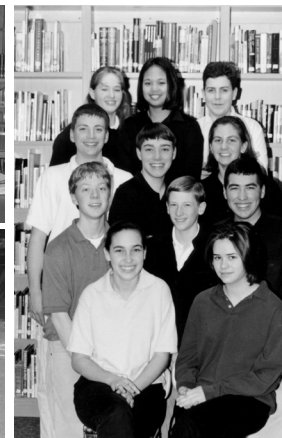


1997



1998

Blanchet received full accreditation from NW Association of Schools & Colleges. The gym was renovated with new hardwood floors, scoreboards, and bleachers. The soccer field was completed and a blue bus donated to the school.



1999

The first class graduated from Blanchet. The Chapel of Saint Patrick was refurbished and Weathers Softball Field was completed.



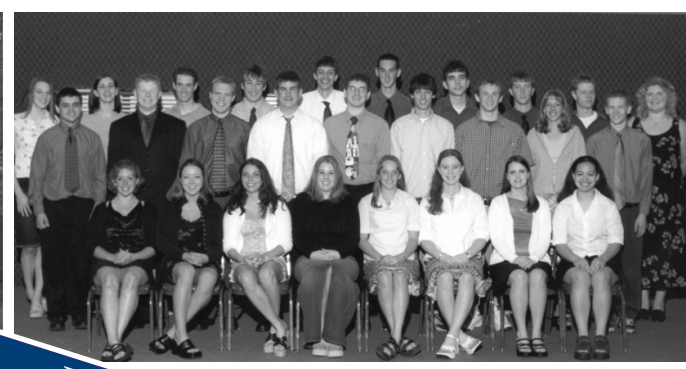
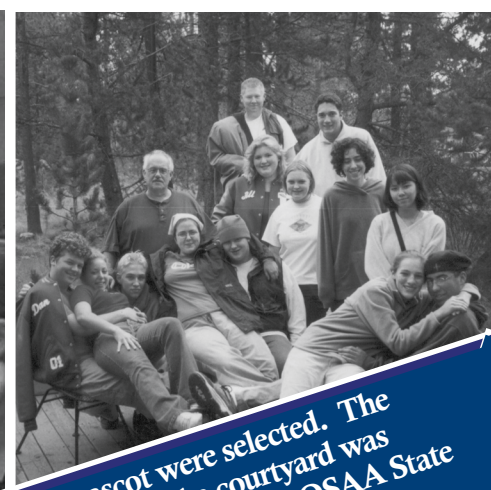
Improvements to Blanchet's campus included completion of the baseball field and new gym lights and roof. Blanchet added a new sign on Market Street welcoming visitors to the campus. The first annual Almond Roca candy fundraiser began.

2000

## FAITH IN THE PEOPLE:

A common theme each interviewee stressed is that we stand on the shoulders of those early benefactors, faculty, staff and students who donated countless hours and resources and achieved much success without many resources to start Blanchet and keep it thriving for these last 25 years. Kevin Mannix and the steering committee tackled the monumental task of finding a space and procuring resources, including 6,000 donated books to stock the Ritter Library. Mrs. Garaventa credits Blanchet's engaged and cohesive Board with working through many transitions such as improving a building that was fast declining and turning it into a quality facility and "capitalizing on the strength and interests of the students to develop co-curricular programs" in areas such as Fine Arts, and most recently, in technology through the expertise of Board member Ms Krishna Namburi.

All unanimously agreed one important blessing was hiring Guido Caldarazzo, Blanchet's first President/Principal. Through his leadership and expertise as a prior administrator in the Salem Keizer School District, he was able to put the first educational



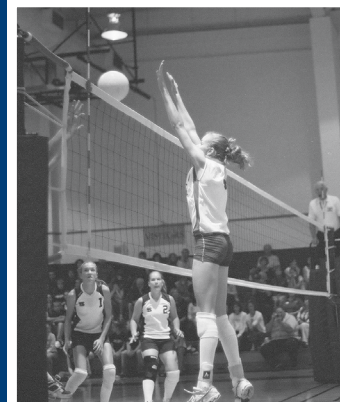
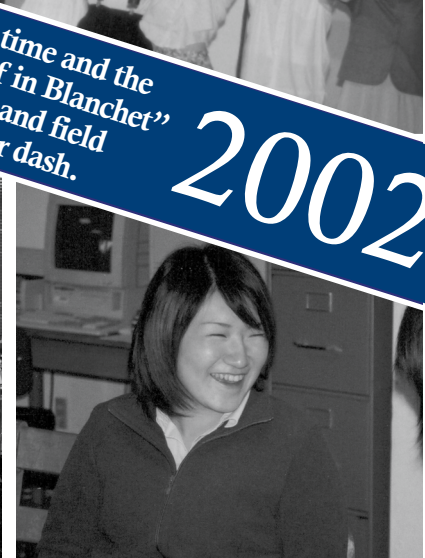
# 2001

Blanchet school logo and mascot were selected. The school launched a new website and a courtyard was added. Kaitlin Kelty won the school's first OSAA State Championship in singles tennis.



Blanchet competed in football for the first time and the school's first fundraising campaign, "Belief in Blanchet" began. Susanne Bremdal took home a track and field OSAA State Individual Title in the 200 meter dash.

# 2002



# 2003

Blanchet contracted with Salem-Keizer School District for its lunch program for the first time. The high school commons was renamed the Wiegand Arts Center, and the school paid off its mortgage on the school facility.



# 2004

The "Belief in Blanchet" campaign concluded with the building of a new auxiliary gym and lobby.

programs and staff into place. Mr. Connolly fondly recalls that Guido could "draw on school district experts to capitalize the school with various gifts and services." The additions of Chuck Lee/President and Bob Weber/Principal and the dedicated funds from the Blanchet Partners LLC led by Jim Kreitzberg, Larry Epping and Dick Faith gave Blanchet the long-term leadership and financial support it needed to purchase and improve the facility and continue to attract quality faculty and staff to meet the needs of its growing student body, which reached 400 students by 2009.

As Blanchet's first employee, Mrs. Hollinger has a treasure trove of interesting and funny stories regarding those inauspicious early years. From making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for lunches to teachers only receiving a half a box of staples, Mrs. Hollinger recounts that money was tight, but there "was a real feel of teamwork and pulling together." Mr. Miller, another first-year employee, remembers people who stepped up in various ways to help any way they could; from Larry Tokarski and Rich Kansky with their many contacts, to Doug Weathers who "either had it or knew how to get it."

A new Cavalier fight song was written by Laurie Bates. Andy Ottolia won the OSAA State Title in the 100 yard breaststroke.

# 2005



# 2006

The school received a Foster Family Foundation grant for upgrades to the Wiegand Arts Center. Also, an Epping Foundation grant helped with renovations on the first floor of the school. Andy Ottolia won his second OSAA State Title in the 100 yard breaststroke and Alejandro Contreras won an OSAA State Title in the 200 yard IM.



## Blanchet Fight Song

"HAIL TO THEE,  
OH BLANCHET, TO THEE.  
LEAD US ON TO SWEET VICTORY.  
SILVER AND BLUE  
SO BRIGHT,  
WITH THY MIGHT,  
WIN TONIGHT!"

"HAIL TO THEE,  
OH BLANCHET, TO THEE.  
LEAD US ON  
TO SWEET VICTORY.  
THE CAVALIERS  
WILL FIGHT, FIGHT, FIGHT  
BY COURAGE & FAITH  
FOR THEE!"

# 2007

Campus Minister Danielle Wise became Blanchet's first Crystal Apple Honoree. Andy Ottolia took home two more 2A OSAA state titles in the 100 yard breaststroke and the 200 IM. Diana Sanchez won the 2A OSAA state title in the 1500 meter and 800 meter runs.

Blanchet's varsity volleyball team won the school's first OSAA state team championship. Andy Ottolia finished his senior year with two more 2A OSAA state titles in the 100 yard breaststroke and the 200 IM. The Wiegand Arts Center renovations continued.

# 2008



One of the accomplishments Mr. Miller is most proud of from those early days is getting rid of the “urban forest” of cottonwoods and debris to clear way for the fields in the back of the property.

This 25-year celebration is about Blanchet’s accomplished and diverse student body. Those who took a chance on this new venture and enrolled in Blanchet’s early years are owed a special nod of appreciation. Mr. Miller noted early on “how impressive our kids were with so little. These happy and fun kids turned into great adults.” Two of Blanchet’s first enrolled students and 1999 graduates, Ms. Heather Downen and Ms. Jennifer Trapse, recount how in the first few years they knew they didn’t have the best of everything in the aging facility, but they knew they were part of something special.

Ms. Trapse laughed when discussing the looks on the faces of the visiting teams when they came to play basketball on the orange carpet—she remembers the rug burns, too! She also remembers the disappointment of not having enough numbers to have all of the girls’ sports right away. Ms. Downen knew Blanchet was just a start-up and was also frustrated about the lack of sports, but she remembers enjoying subjects that were normally not her favorite, such as math when Mr. Lantis



Blanchet enrolled its first 6th grade class. Volleyball won its second consecutive OSAA State Championship. The school installed a 4-lane, 100-meter practice track.

# 2009

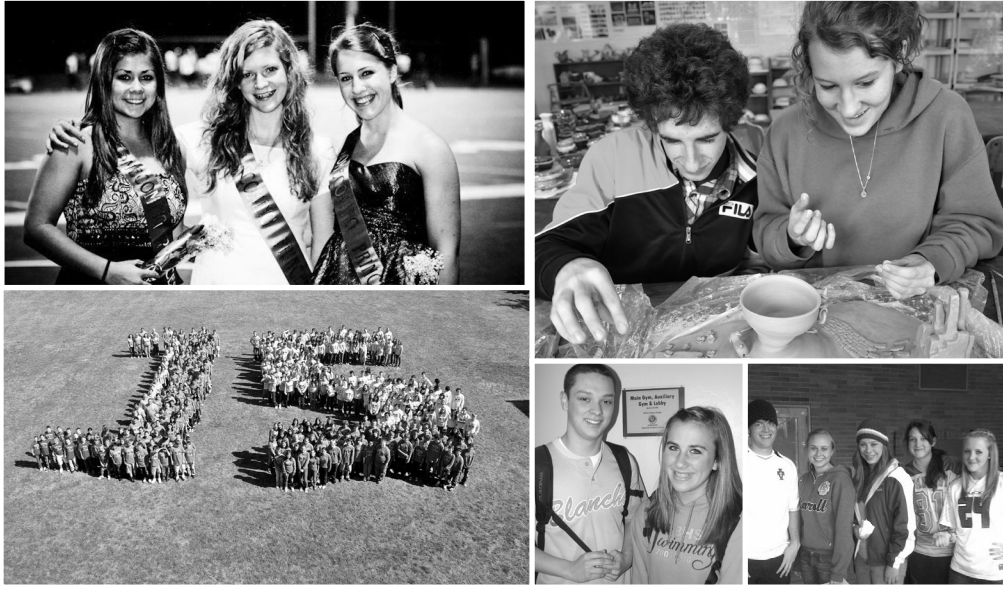


2011 The “Foundation for the Future” campaign resulted in the addition of the 10,600 square foot Charles E. Lee Student Center.



Blanchet celebrated its fifteenth anniversary. Alana McCarthy won the OSAA State Title in triple jump. A new website was launched with the capability for parents to check their student’s grades and attendance online. The computer lab was upgraded and the main gym got new bleachers.

# 2010



The varsity softball team won the OSAA State Championship. Mrs. Halsey Randall’s 8th grade class created an Outdoor Learning Environment garden and won the State Disney Planet Challenge Project, then finished sixth in the nation. Art teacher Mary Heintzman was named a Crystal Apple Honoree.

# 2012

used pool to teach geometry. Both feel especially proud that they were able to help pick out the school colors, blue and grey, and the school mascot, the Cavalier. Now as parents, they had no doubts about sending their children to Blanchet and feel proud to see the growth that has occurred, minus the relaxed dress code, and they are grateful many of the teachers they had like Mrs. Pearson, Mr. Roberts and Mrs. Angove are still there for their children. Mrs. Garaventa echoes this sentiment saying that one of the attributes that makes Blanchet so special is that the teachers really care; that “kids who didn’t even know they have talent in a certain area blossom.”

Blanchet is thankful to all the people who have dedicated countless prayers, thousands of volunteer hours and millions of dollars to keep our students engaged and prepared for their futures. As Mr. Miller so aptly says, “So many have helped while they are here, and all leave a lasting legacy.” When asked what keeps her still connected to Blanchet after 25 years, Mrs. Anglemier says what is most likely true for many who become a part of the Blanchet community, “I’m still here! I don’t need to do these things, but I’m called to the mission. It was providential.”

# A COMPARISON

1995

VS

2020

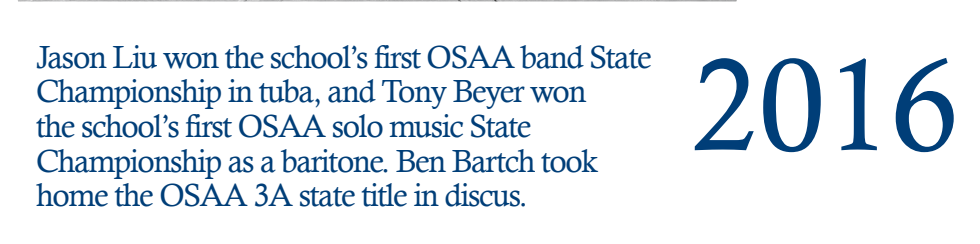
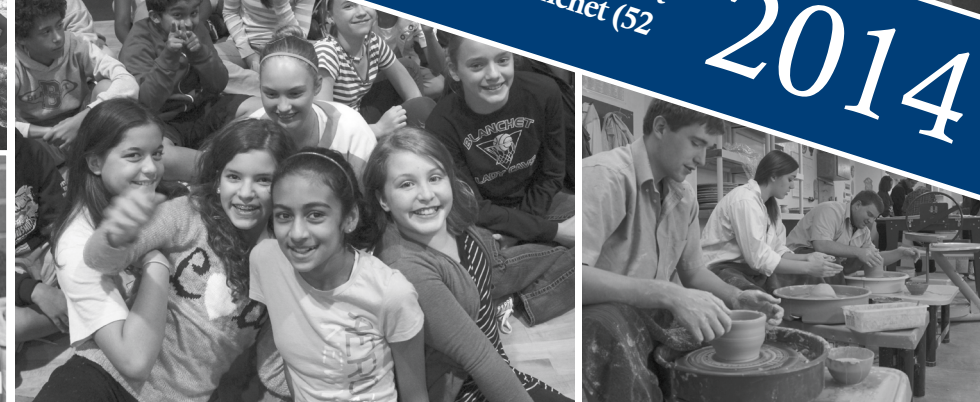
<p>Oklahoma City Bombing</p>	<p><b>TOP NEWS</b></p>	<p>COVID-19 Pandemic</p>
<p>Cell phones were just portable phones</p>	<p><b>TECH</b></p>	<p>Cell phones are sophisticated computers that can be used for Zoom meetings</p>
<p>The Macarena</p>	<p><b>DANCE</b></p>	<p>Anything that goes viral on TikTok</p>
<p>Amazon sold its first book and EBAY held its first auction</p>	<p><b>SHOP</b></p>	<p>Amazon is still going strong, so are thousands of other online stores</p>
<p>Pogs</p>	<p><b>TOYS</b></p>	<p>Nintendo Switch</p>
<p>Starbucks' Frappuccino kept the parents energized</p>	<p><b>FOOD</b></p>	<p>Chik-fil-A chicken sandwich vs. Popeye's chicken sandwich</p>
<p>Seinfeld, Friends and ER are must-see TV</p>	<p><b>TV</b></p>	<p>The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel, The Mandalorian, and Ozark earn Emmy nominations</p>
<p>Toy Story, Apollo 13, and the prescient March 10 release of Outbreak were box-office hits.</p>	<p><b>MOVIE</b></p>	<p>Nothing in the theatres; only streaming services offer new movies</p>

## BLANCHET



- Blanchet opens with 134 students
- High school sports program starts with boys basketball
- Provisionally approved by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges
- 40% of student body makes President's List

- 1,033 Blanchet alumni
- 31 National Merit Scholars
- 100% of Class of 2020 graduate and earn \$3 million in scholarship offers.
- Blanchet named the Best Middle School, Best High School, and Best Private School in the Best of the Willamette Valley poll.



**2013** Blanchet graduated the largest class ever (70 students)

The senior class earned the highest dollar amount in college scholarships (\$7.8 million). The largest sixth grade class entered the halls of Blanchet (52 students)

**2015** Blanchet won its first OSAA Oregonian Cup for the 3A classification.

**2016** Jason Liu won the school's first OSAA band State Championship in tuba, and Tony Beyer won the school's first OSAA solo music State Championship as a baritone. Ben Bartch took home the OSAA 3A state title in discus.





# 2017

The varsity girls basketball team won the OSAA 3A State Championship. Leilani Salang won the 3A OSAA state title in discus and Trinity Phipps won a 3A state title in the 100 meter hurdles. The school's new MakerSpace is created including 3D printers.

# 2018

The varsity girls track & field team won the OSAA 3A championship. Individual track titles went to Emily Collier in the 800 meters, Trinity Phipps in the 100 meter hurdles and Thomas Smith in pole vault. Nikhil Namburi earned a perfect score on his PSAT and ACT exams. Registrar Chris Lieder won a Crystal Apple Award.



# 2019

Jason Liu won his fourth consecutive OSAA State Championship in tuba. Eleven student-athletes from the Class of 2019 signed to play sports in college. The "Complete the Dream" campaign resulted in the construction of a new multipurpose field and track.



# 2020

Blanchet celebrates its 25th anniversary!

## FAITH IN THE FUTURE:

As summer 2020 begins, our community is in the midst of navigating an unsettling pandemic. But if its past is any indication of its future, Blanchet will remain true to its mission of educating the whole student, ensuring no one falls through the cracks, as our teachers and staff have already shown their commitment to students by quickly adapting curriculum, assignments, and interactions with families to this challenging new reality. Graduating senior spotlights posted on social media, home deliveries of yard sign graduation announcements, and home-delivered appreciation signs and gift boxes for our teachers all exemplify our commitment to keeping our community connected. Our first hope for the immediate future is that we will all be healthy and back in the building together by September. Long term, Mr. Mannix and others hope to see that Blanchet continues to remain rooted in its faith and community by graduating a diverse group of young people who develop a deep understanding of the world and their role in it.

When asked what the secret to Blanchet's success is, like a true Cavalier fan, Mr. Miller enthusiastically responds, **"By Courage and Faith!"**



*Kevin Mannix: Founding and longest-serving Board chairperson, parent of Blanchet graduates (Nicholas '00, Gabriel '03, Emily '05), 2017 Blanchet Hall of Fame inductee.  
\*A special thanks to Kevin Mannix for sharing his written narrative regarding Blanchet's history*



*Paul Connolly: Current President of the Salem Catholic Schools Foundation, Founding Blanchet Board member, parent of Blanchet students (Meredith '02, Caitlyn '04, Fionna).*



*Donna Garaventa: Former long-time Blanchet Board member and parent of 5 Blanchet graduates (Kevin '03, Karen '05, Timothy '07, Paul '09, Ryan '11, Gina '13), 2019 Blanchet Hall of Fame inductee.*



*Lorraine Anglemier: Former Blanchet Board member, parent of Blanchet graduate (Caitlin '13), and current employee.*



*Mary Hollinger: Blanchet's first hired employee of 22 years, Crystal Apple nominee, parent of Blanchet graduates (Michael '99 and Kevin '02), 2019 Blanchet Hall of Fame inductee.*



*Ron Miller: 25-year employee; roles included math and physical education Teacher, Athletic Director, Vice Principal, Dean of Students; currently Facilities Manager*



*Heather Downen: Member of Blanchet's first-year student body, graduating class of 1999 and current Blanchet parent (Alexis '22 and Alana '25)*



*Jennifer Trapse: Member of Blanchet's first-year student body, graduating class of 1999 and parent of Blanchet graduate (Kyle '19).*



*Congratulations!*

# Blanchet Catholic School Class of 2020

100% Graduation Rate  
91% Going on to Post Secondary Education  
Nearly \$3 Million in Scholarships Awarded

*Valedictorian*



Katie Tuttle

*Safetarian*



James Moore

- Konrad Erik Zinsmann Alexander 🏆
- Isabella Flor Alley
- Celia Skyllar Babbs 🏆
- Savannah N. Barchus 🏆
- Cian Brandly Bishop
- Doreen Alliyah Capelle
- Hector David Chavez
- Joy Chen 🏆
- Brandon Eduardo Contreras
- Cameron Pierce Cummings 🏆
- Karina Isabel Davila 🏆
- Thomas James Duffy 🏆
- Isabelle Victoria Fessler 🏆
- Garrett Steven Fromwiller 🏆
- Victoria Marie Garcia
- Shelby Gwyn 🏆
- Javier E. Hernandez
- Andrew Robert Hill
- Emily Payton Howe
- Po-Yen Huang
- Lyssa Fernanda Ibarra
- Cailee Marie Johnson
- Madeline Margaret Keating
- Peyton Anne Kowalski 🏆
- Cecilia Rene Lopez
- Isaac Nathaniel Lumbreras 🏆
- Olivia Anne Marcus 🏆
- Javian Tyrone McCrae
- Katelyn Ann Millican 🏆
- James William Moore 🏆
- Kyleah Marie Overall
- Silvia Peralta Hernande 🏆
- John Harrison Phillips
- Irena Marie Preppernau
- Matthew Paul Raffensperger 🏆
- Mariela Saldana Mendoza 🏆
- Yuchen Su
- Brenden Alexander Tobias
- Astrid Camila Tolento 🏆
- Alaina Kathleen Trudeau 🏆
- Katherine Elizabeth Tuttle 🏆
- Kyle Sean Castro Untalan 🏆
- Sarah Catherine Walsh
- Kuan-I Wu 🏆
- Nap Tak Yung
- Zhongnan Zhu 🏆

🏆 NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY MEMBER

## MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2020 WERE ACCEPTED TO THESE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

- Gonzaga University
- Pacific Lutheran University
- Seattle Pacific University
- Seattle University
- South Puget Sound Community College
- University of Washington
- Washington State University
- Western Washington University
- Boise State University
- University of Idaho
- Carroll College
- Montana State University
- University of North Dakota
- Ohio State University
- Marquette University
- New York University
- Pace University, Westchester
- Duquesne University
- Mercyhurst University
- Pennsylvania State University
- Point Park University
- American University
- University of North Carolina
- Hawaii Pacific University
- University of Miami
- Regis University
- University of Colorado Boulder
- Arizona State University - Tempe
- Grand Canyon University
- Northern Arizona University
- University of Arizona
- Houston Community College
- University of Texas at San Antonio
- California Baptist University
- California State University East Bay
- University of California - Irvine
- University of Redlands
- University of San Francisco
- Chemeketa Community College
- Corban University
- Eastern Oregon University
- George Fox University
- Linnfield College
- Linn-Benton Community College
- Oregon State University
- Oregon State University, Cascades
- Pacific University
- Portland Community College
- Portland State University
- Southern Oregon University
- University of Oregon
- University of Portland
- Warner Pacific University
- Western Oregon University

# Outstanding Seniors

## KATIE TUTTLE

*Valedictorian*



Katie Tuttle graduates as a member of the National Honor Society.

Katie has earned varsity letters all four years in softball where she helped the Lady Cavs to three State playoff appearances and was named the 2017-18 Most Inspirational Player. She has earned three varsity letters in basketball and helped the Lady Cavs qualify for two State playoff appearances. She was named Most Inspirational Player in basketball for the 2017-18 and 2019-20 seasons.

Katie is also involved in Friends of Benedictine Club, Spirituality Team, Salem Chamber of Commerce Leadership Youth Program, and she is an officer for the International Thespian Society. She has played a number of roles in Blanchet's drama productions, and she was the Assistant Director for the Musical Comedy Murders of the 1940's in 2019 and R&J in 2018. In addition, she directed and performed in her own one-act play, The Other Room.

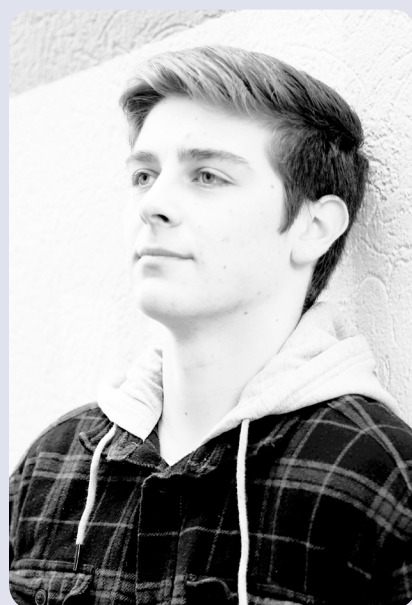
Katie will attend Gonzaga University where she will study Business Marketing and Finance.

Katie spoke at our Graduation Ceremony on August 1st.



## JAMES MOORE

*Salutatorian*



James Moore graduates as the Blanchet Student Body President and National Honor Society President.

James is a 11.5 sport athlete, earning varsity letters all four years of high school in football, basketball, and baseball. James earned 1st Team All-League guard in the PacWest Basketball Conference in the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 seasons, a spot on the OACA All-Oregon Basketball Series on the North Team (2020), 2nd team All-League quarterback (2019) and 2nd Team All-League infielder (2018).

James is involved in DECA, Friends of Benedictine Club, Salem Chamber of Commerce Leadership Youth Program, Student Council, Students for Change, International Thespian Society, Campus Ambassadors and the Blanchet Spirit Club.

James will attend George Fox University to play basketball and major in History. He plans to pursue a career in teaching and coaching.



# Special Awards

## KATIE TUTTLE

*St. Thomas Aquinas Award for Academic Excellence - Awarded to the student who has a high degree of intellectual curiosity and academic knowledge.*



## JAMES MOORE

*Archbishop Francis Norbert Blanchet Outstanding Leadership Award - Awarded to the student who best demonstrates character and leadership and who is a great role model.*



## ALAINA TRUDEAU

*Mother Teresa Spirituality Award - Awarded to the student who demonstrates great character, service, and spirituality.*



## ANDREW HILL

*Guido Caldarazzo Principal's Award - In memory of Blanchet's first principal, this award honors a senior who most exemplifies Mr. Caldarazzo's commitment to education and love of learning.*



# CLASS DAY

**Chemeketa Scholars:**

Tommy Duffy  
Katelyn Millican  
Mariela Saldana Mendoza  
Lyssa Ibarra  
Kyle Untalan

**Salem Leadership Youth:**

James Moore  
Mariella Saldana Mendoza  
Lyssa Ibarra  
Andrew Hill

**OSAA Senior Scholar Athlete:**

Konrad Alexander  
Tommy Duffy  
Garrett Fromwiller  
Andrew Hill  
James Moore  
Matthew Raffensperger  
Kyle Untalan  
Zhongnan "Nanson" Zhu  
Savannah Barchus  
Joy Chen

Isabelle Fessler  
Shelby Gwyn  
Cailee Johnson  
Peyton Kowalski  
Olivia Marcus  
Katelyn Millican  
Mariela Saldana Mendoza  
Katherine Tuttle  
Kuan-I "Karry" Wu

**International Thespan Society Cord Recipients:**

Bella Alley  
Isabell Fessler  
Tori Garcia  
Andrew Hill  
Lyssa Ibarra  
Cailee Johnson  
Olivia Marcus  
Kaitlyn Millican  
James Moore  
Jasper Su  
Alaina Trudeau  
Katie Tuttle  
Sarah Walsh

**DECA Student of the Year:**

Andrew Hill  
Ismael Lopez Manuel



**JAMES MOORE**  
*Male Athlete of the Year*  
*Elk's Scholarship*  
*President's Gavel*  
*Cavalier Spirit Club Award*



**SAVANNAH BARCHUS**  
*Female Athlete of the Year*



**JAVIAN MCCRAE**  
*Golden Dumbbell*



**LYSSA IBARRA**  
*OSAA Award of Excellence*  
*Cavalier Spirit Club Award*



**ANDREW HILL**  
*OSAA Award of Excellence*



**AUDREY PARKS**  
*Campus Ambassador of the Year Award*



**MARIELA SALDANA MENDOZA**  
*OSAA Award of Excellence*



**BRENDEN TOBIAS**  
*12 Sport Athlete - Soccer, Basketball, Track & Field*



**ALAINA TRUDEAU**  
*OSAA Senior Activity Scholar*



**CIAN BISHOP**  
*Golden Dumbbell Marine Award*

## CLASS DEPARTMENT AWARDS

**SOCIAL STUDIES**



Katie Tuttle & Tanveer Singh

**RELIGION**



Brandon Contreras & Rieve Randall

**SCIENCE**



Eva Cooper & Tanveer Singh

**MATH**



Claire Middendorf & Raquelle Hendrix

**DRAMA**



John Phillips & Myah Outland

**ENGLISH**



Eva Cooper & Sophie Schindler

**SPANISH**



Andrew Hill & Tanveer Singh

**ORCHESTRA**



Sienna Abbott & Koren Ickes Amend

**VOCAL**



Avery Stanley & Thalia Lazarus

**TECHNOLOGY**



Kat Kosiewicz & RJ Stone

**ART**



Joy Chen & Joseph Beyer

**PHYS. ED.**



Santos Torres & Denavae Randall

**ASL**



Henry Jarrett

**PERFORMING ARTS**



Vanessa Cervantes Hernandez

## OASSA CLASS MERIT AWARD



**FINE ARTS VISUAL**  
Eva Cooper



**SOCIAL STUDIES**  
Caden Duch



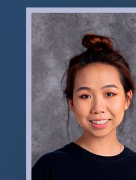
**PHYS. ED.**  
Henry Jarrett



**FOREIGN LANGUAGE**  
Isaac Lumbreras



**LANGUAGE ARTS**  
Madeline Keating



**MATH**  
Joy Chen



**SCIENCE**  
Brayden Hubbard

## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



**Robert D. MacEwen Scholarship**  
Nathaniel Gonzalez, Raquelle Hendrix & Gabi Fernandez-Herrera



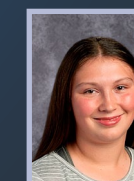
**Bill Brooks Memorial Scholarship**  
Sara Williamson



**Howard Family Scholarship**  
Julissa Rocha-Ibarra & Kat Kosiewicz



**Kevin Mannix Scholarship**  
Alexis Jensen



**Charles E. Lee Scholarship**  
Emma Nelson

## AARON NEASE

**Activity:** Showing pigs and lambs; Aaron owns a show pig business with his grandfather.

**Years involved:** 7 years.

**Membership in Organizations:** Amity 4H Club.

**Recognitions/Awards:** Yamhill County Fair, Two-Time Champion Swine Showman, Reserve Champion Swine Showman, Champion Sheep Showman.

**Important to know about this activity:** "It is hard but rewarding work. You have to keep up on current issues and have some veterinarian knowledge."

**Future plans:** Thinking about a career in agriculture.

## KATELYN & TYLER MILLICAN

**Activity:** Working on family farm, Scenic Valley Farms; operating combines, hops and filbert cultivating, wine labeling.

**Years involved:** 5 and 2 years, respectively.

**Important to know about this activity:** "Combining may seem like a boring job but it is actually demanding of many skills. Even though we are only going 2.5 - 3 mph for 10 hours a day, we are constantly monitoring how the machine sounds and smells, calculating when to unload, and navigating the field without hitting irrigation risers or other obstructions all while making sure we don't spill any seed and pick up every strand of grass along the way. Sometimes it can be stressful but there is a great sense of accomplishment when you complete a field."

**Future plans:** Katelyn has plans to pursue a college education in the fields of Business and Agriculture at OSU and Tyler is not sure yet what his future career plans are.



# Student Spotlight

## GROW, COMPETE, SHOW

The current pandemic has given us all pause to think about how crucial and interdependent our food and livestock resources are. From nurseries and grass seed farms to livestock and logistics, we are thankful for the many Blanchet families in the Willamette Valley who are working long hours in uncertain circumstances to keep our entire agriculture industry safe and viable.

In these days of determining

what is "essential" or "non-essential," one thing is certain, Blanchet students are engaged in the important work of farming and animal husbandry in many interesting ways. From active roles in FFA and 4H Clubs, to horsemanship and farm machinery maintenance and conservation, our students are poised to help keep our land and animals healthy and productive through this unpredictable time and for generations to come.



## ALLYSON NICKLOUS

**Activity:** Equestrian--Reining horse competitions, FFA competition.

**Years involved:** Riding since 2 years old. Showing since age 5.

**Membership in Organizations:** National Reining Horse Association, American Quarter Horse Association, FFA St. Paul-Chapter Officer, FFA Capital District- Vice President.

**Recognitions/Awards:** 1st place Oregon Reining Horse 14-18 age group; awarded \$500 in earnings this year; multiple FFA and AQHA awards in public speaking competitions.

**Important to know about this activity:** Ally drives to Battleground, WA to take care of and train with her horses. "It is physically and mentally challenging to train so hard for the various reining patterns that we are expected to know. FFA is not just farming. It also develops leadership and speaking skills."

**Future plans:** Keep competing as a hobby; attend Linfield College and medical school to study orthopedic medicine.

## JOHN PHILLIPS

**Activity:** Farming- grass seed, onions, hazelnuts; drives a combine and other tractors.

**Years involved:** 4 years.

**Important to know about this activity:** John takes a lot of pride in working long hours and being at the beginning of the agricultural process and supply chain.

**Future plans:** Attend OSU and major in Agricultural Science.

## CLIFFORD HEGNEY

**Activity:** Tractor Collector/Conservation.

**Years involved:** Got first tractor on 8th birthday- Bolens Estate Keeper garden tractor.

**Membership in Organizations:** Antique Powerland Museum Association.

**Recognitions/Awards:** Show collection at the Great Oregon Steam Up in July.

**Important to know about this activity:** “People might think it’s a boring hobby because the tractors don’t go fast, but it’s very interesting. I can work on the tractors whenever I want with my grandfather.”

**Future plans:** Continue to collect, maintain and sell tractors.



## MORGAN CUFF

**Activity:** Equestrian—Western Horsemanship and Rodeo competition.

**Years involved:** Born into 4th generation family farm; competing since 4th grade.

**Membership in Organizations:** Oregon High School Equestrian Team (Silverton H.S.), 4H Club.

**Recognitions/Awards:** 4H- High Point awards in Western Gaming 7-9th grade division, 2018/19 4H High Point award Marion County Fair; 2019 Oregon State 1st place for showmanship.

**Important to know about this activity:** Morgan has dedicated many hours to her horses and training, which leaves little time to participate in other Blanchet activities. The relationships with her horses, challenges of memorizing patterns and adrenaline in competition all keep her motivated to work hard.

**Future plans:** Hard to earn a living in this sport, but Morgan would like to attend OSU and major in Agricultural Science.



## HANNAH NEASE

**Activity:** Showing pigs and goats. Hannah was encouraged by her older brother to start showing animals.

**Years involved:** 4 years.

**Membership in Organizations:** Amity 4H Club.

**Recognitions/Awards:** Yamhill County Fair, Grand Champion/Pigs, Grand Champion/Goats.

**Important to know about this activity:** “Showing is scary at first, but worth it. It is harder than it looks and is a big responsibility.”

**Future plans:** Keep showing as a hobby; interested in Veterinarian Science; hopes to own her own farm someday.



# AWARDS & HONORS



## FALL ALL-LEAGUE ATHLETES

**Volleyball:** Peyton Kowalski (First Team), Natalie Hopkin (Second Team), Julissa Rocha-Ibarra (Second Team), Lyssa Ibarra (Honorable Mention)

**Girls Soccer:** Mariela Saldana (First Team), Isabella Alley (First Team), Ellie Pearson (Second Team), Karla Diaz Fregoso (Second Team), Alixy Feregrino (Honorable Mention), Savannah Barchus (Honorable Mention), Konstance Albright (Honorable Mention), Olivia Banning (Honorable Mention), Kayla Greenwood (Honorable Mention)

**Boys Soccer:** Hector Chavez (First Team), Tommy Duffy (Second Team), Brenden Tobias (Second Team), Hunter Archer (Honorable Mention), Kyle Untalan (Honorable Mention)

**Football:** Max Hoskins (First Team P), James Moore (Second Team QB), Javian McCrae (Second Team RB & DB), Matthew Raffensperger (Second Team DB, Honorable Mention OL), Aaron Nease (Honorable Mention TE), Clifford Hegney (Second Team OL), Logan Day (Honorable Mention LB), Michael Reyes (Honorable Mention DL)

## WINTER ALL-LEAGUE ATHLETES

**Boys Basketball:** James Moore (First Team), Andrew Hill (Honorable Mention), Matthew Raffensperger (Honorable Mention)

**Girls Basketball:** Victoria Garcia (Honorable Mention), Alexis Jensen (Honorable Mention)

## OTHER HONORS

**Salem Sports and Breakfast Club Les Schwab Athlete of the Week**  
December 13th - Matthew Raffensperger  
February 7th - James Moore

**Blanchet Athletes of the Month, sponsored by Blanchet Alumni Daniel Hailey of Edward Jones**  
This award was given throughout the year to student-athletes with a strong commitment to academic success.

**September**  
Football - James Moore  
Volleyball - Peyton Kowalski

## October

Girls Cross Country - Cailee Johnson  
Boys Cross Country - Konrad Alexander

## November

Girls Soccer - Mariela Saldana  
Boys Soccer - Tommy Duffy

## January

Boys Swimming - Garrett Fromwiller  
Girls Swimming - Katelyn Millican

## February

Boys Basketball - James Moore  
Girls Basketball - Katie Tuttle

## Academic All-State

Football - 7th place with a 3.23 G.P.A.  
Girls Soccer - 10th place with a 3.61 G.P.A.  
Girls Cross Country - 10th place with a 3.67 G.P.A.  
Boys Basketball - 4th place with a 3.63 G.P.A.  
Girls Basketball - 8th place with a 3.7 G.P.A.  
Baseball - 7th place with a 3.43 G.P.A.  
Softball - 10th place with a 3.46 G.P.A.  
Girls Track & Field - 10th place with a 3.67 G.P.A.  
Choir - 1st place with a 3.68 G.P.A.

## OSAA State Solo Contest

Hannah Estrabo qualified for the contest in February, but because of the pandemic, the competition was canceled. Instead, she participated in a Digital Solo Music invitational where she received a score of 1- in the category of Mezzo Voice.

## OMEA District Solo and Ensemble Contest

Blanchet's choir competed in the OMEA district solo and ensemble contest. They won first place in the large treble ensemble category and advanced to the state competition, which was canceled due to the pandemic.

Hannah Estrabo for winning first place in the solo voice division (Mezzo Soprano)

## 2020 DECA State Career Development Conference (SCDC):

Lila Bray, Ripley Carson, and Brooke Foresee - 3rd place written business operations research project

Lauren Kennedy - 4th place overall finalist - business case study and exam, Apparel & Accessories Marketing

Abby Weber - 4th place overall finalist - business case study and exam, Principles of Hospitality & Tourism

Sienna Abbott - 4th place overall finalist - business case study and exam, Quick Serve Management

Brooke Foresee - 2nd place in business case study #2, Human Resources Management

Ellie Fromwiller - 2nd place in business case study #2, Restaurant & Food Service Management

James Moore - 3rd place in business case study #2, Sports & Entertainment Marketing

## Salem Optimist Student of the Month Award

Brooklyn Bucheit - December - Excellence in Math  
Mariela Saldana Mendoza - March - Excellence in Community Involvement

## 1000 Soles Shoe Battle of the Schools

Blanchet won the Shoe Battle of the Schools for the third consecutive year, and senior Lyssa Ibarra received a Service Honors Recognition award from the City of Salem for her hours of work for the 1000 Soles Program.

## Best of the Willamette Valley Awards

Blanchet took home the gold in three categories: Best Middle School, Best High School, and Best Private School.

## Regional Thespian Competition

Blanchet's International Thespian Club students competed in the large group musical theater category. Blanchet's team was one of two groups who received the honor of competing at the state level. The competition was canceled due to the pandemic.

# Alumni Spotlight



## BEN BARTCH '16

*Blanchet Graduate and 2020 NFL Jacksonville Jaguar Draftee*

Those who haven't seen Ben Bartch lately might be surprised to find out he was recently drafted into the NFL as an offensive lineman. Most people remember him as a good-natured, outgoing friend and excellent athlete, but also as a tall, skinny bean pole—not one who would ever be big enough for the NFL.

Ben is yet another example of one who debunks the myth that Blanchet Catholic School is too small to develop elite athletes. Ben and every other Blanchet graduate who goes on to compete at the highest level in their sport would probably agree it isn't an emphasis on sports that makes the difference, but as Ben recently commented in an online interview, it was the "numerous coaches, teachers, and parents that genuinely cared about me. These were people who were role models and challenged me to improve. David Mucken, for instance, always held me to a high standard and challenged

me to be a person of integrity, work ethic, and character. Blanchet allowed me to be creative and develop intellectually, physically, emotionally and spiritually."

When asked why he chose to attend Blanchet, Ben bluntly stated, he didn't. His parents made the decision to drive his brother, Emerson '14, and him up from Dayton every day to ensure they could experience a "faith-based education, in a safe and disciplined environment with strong family and community networks and a priority on academics." It comes as no surprise that most of his favorite memories at Blanchet pertain to sports and the relationships he developed with coaches and teammates. "In retrospect, I don't think about the wins or accomplishments that came with high school sports. I think about the fun I had with my teammates and all of the memories we made just spending time with each other."

### Ben's Famous Scouting Combine smoothie

**INSTRUCTIONS**  
Place all ingredients in a blender and blend until smooth.



- ingredients**
- 7 scrambled eggs
  - cottage cheese
  - quick grits
  - Gatorade
  - Peanut Butter
  - Banana

As well as being one of the few people from a DIII school to be invited to the 2020 NFL Combine, Ben has become an internet nutrition star after revealing the secret to his 60+ pound weight gain in preparation for the Combine. His coaches and teammates jokingly named him "Smoothie King" as a result. The recipe is a seemingly random mix of:

*"Blanchet allowed me to be creative and develop intellectually, physically, emotionally and spiritually."*

After graduating from Blanchet in 2016, Ben chose to attend Saint John's University, an NCAA Division III Catholic school in Minnesota, where he majored in psychology and, of course, played football. He looks back on his time at Saint John's University as one of the best decisions he made and dedicated himself to working hard and not settling for mediocrity. "My decision to stay in Minnesota to train every summer, dedicate myself to the weight room and coaching staff, and prioritize my football dream over everything else helped me get to where I am." During his time at Saint John's, Ben earned a spot on the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) 2019 Good Works Team. According to the AFCA website, "This award embodies what is great about the human spirit, football student-athletes and coaches from all parts of the country dedicated to one thing, giving of their time and energy to make a difference in their communities." Ben humbly recognizes that "Ultimately, my family, close friends, mentors, teachers, and relationship with Christ helped me the most."

Ben's faith, hard work and support system have brought him to what is sure to be an exciting and challenging part of his life. In April, 2020 he was

the 116 draft pick for the Jacksonville Jaguars. "My draft experience was very exciting and surreal. I enjoyed meeting other players, coaches, and NFL legends. I trained with the best at the Sports Science Lab through Rep1 Sports in Southern California. The process has been a learning experience for me and will continue to be. My NFL journey has only just begun, and I look forward to the work that I have ahead."

Ben's advice to Blanchet's class of 2020: "Faith, family, and work ethic are three important priorities. Stay true to yourself, your convictions, and think critically as an independent person. Thank your family and friends for their sacrifices and their relentless love and support. You may have no idea of what you want to do with your life, and that is okay. Set long-term and short-term goals and welcome criticism. How you do the small things is how you will do all things."

While the immediate future is uncertain for the NFL due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Ben is sure to handle it with determination to stay engaged, fit and ready to make Cavalier Nation proud. "I haven't forgotten my roots, and I carry a part of Blanchet with me on this awesome journey called life!"



Alumni

# TRACKING THE CAVALIERS



## Bailey Hittner '19

**Post Secondary:**  
Sassoon Academy ('20)

**Career Field:**  
Full Cosmetology

**Favorite Blanchet Memory:**  
Winning state championships in basketball and track and field

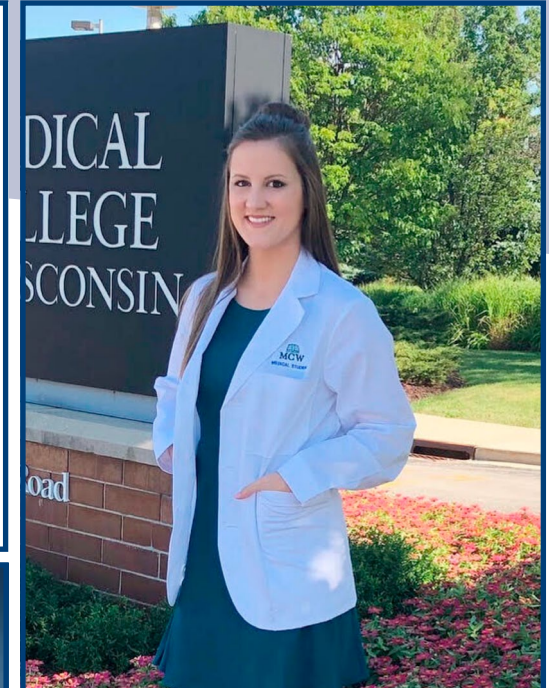


## Kristin (Crocker) Hurd '07

**Post Secondary:**  
*Biology / Psychology*  
Regis University ('11)

**Career Field:**  
Math / Science Tutor & Home Organizing

**Favorite Blanchet Memory:**  
Playing sports with my sister and friends: basketball, volleyball, track and field



## Elizabeth Moore '12

**Post Secondary:**  
*B.S. in Nutrition*  
OSU Honors College ('16)  
*MD Candidate*  
Medical College of Wisconsin

**Favorite Blanchet Memory:**  
Participating in DECA and attending the national competition my junior year with our team!

## Robert Frank '17

**Post Secondary:**  
*AAOT / AAOS in Video Production*  
Chemeketa Community College / Mt. Hood Community College ('21)

**Career Field:**  
Arts, A/V Technology and Communications

**Favorite Blanchet Memory:**  
Drama productions, specifically Cinderella and It's A Wonderful Life



## Matthew North '14

**Post Secondary:**  
*Music Therapy*  
Pacific University

**Favorite Blanchet Memory:**  
Performing in the spring musicals.

## Leilani Salang '17

**Post Secondary:**  
B.S., Majoring in Government  
United States Coast Guard Academy ('21)

**Career Field:**  
Military

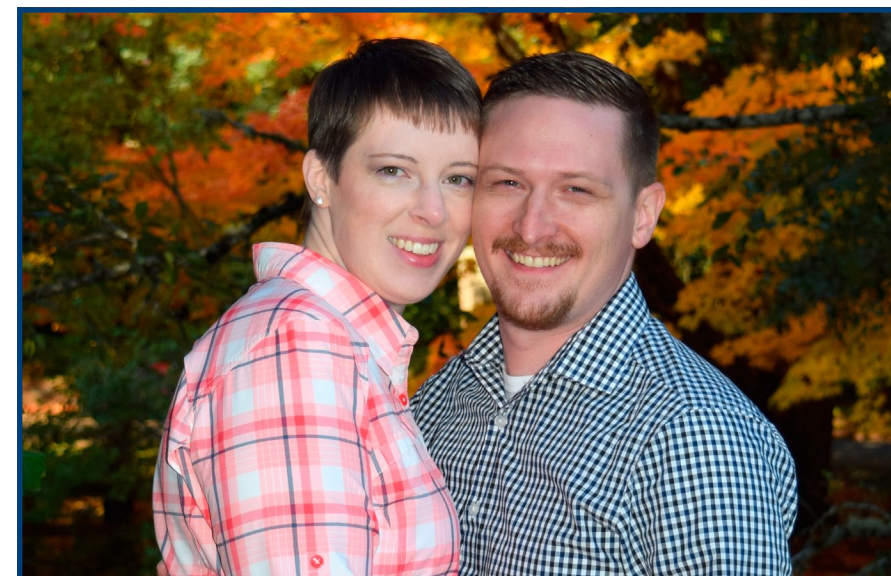
**Favorite Blanchet Memory:**  
Winning the State Championship in the discus (Track and Field) senior year!



## Abigail Hitchen '01

**Post Secondary:**  
*Doctor of Clinical Psychology*  
Oregon State University / Pacific University

**Favorite Blanchet Memory:**  
Being part of the first cheerleading squad!



## Kevin Hollinger '02

**Post Secondary:**  
*MBA*  
Oregon State University ('09)

**Career Field:**  
Business Management & Administration

**Favorite Blanchet Memory:**  
Riding the bus to soccer games and our pre-game ritual of singing along to "Fly," "Low Rider," and "I Try." Plus that season we beat everyone 0-0.





### Chris Enquist '04

**Post Secondary:**  
*Criminology*  
University of Oregon  
Portland State University

**Career Field:**  
Law, Public Safety,  
Correction and Security

**Favorite Blanchet Memory:**  
Mr. Brooks destroying every  
aspect of a paper I submitted.

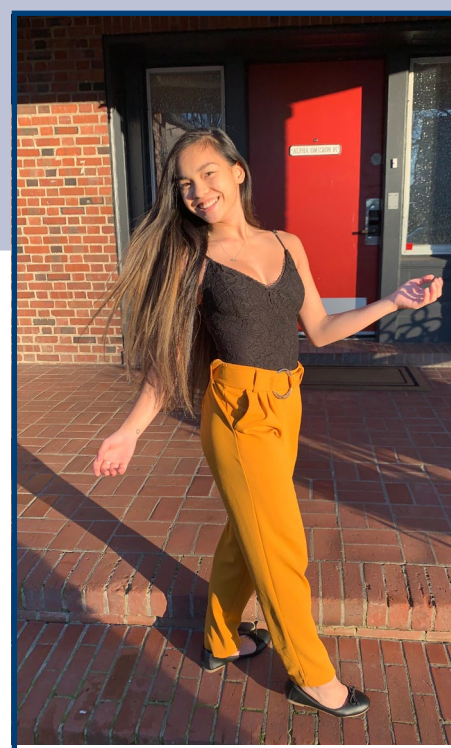
**Family:**  
Married with two children



### Sam Hoskins '19

**Post Secondary:**  
The Florence Academy of Art

**Favorite Blanchet Memory:**  
Playing on the soccer team



### AnnaMaria Bray '19

**Post Secondary:**  
*Mechanical Engineering*  
Oregon State University ('23)

**Favorite Blanchet Memory:**  
Mr. Ahn's classes



### Shawn Lonergan '01

**Post Secondary:**  
*B.S. / M.A. / MPhil / PhD*  
United States Military Academy  
at West Point / Columbia  
University

**Career Field:**  
Information Technology (IT)

**Favorite Blanchet Memory:**  
Senior year soccer season



### Kaitlin Counts '11

**Post Secondary:**  
*Speech-Language Pathology*  
Portland State University ('15)  
Idaho State University ('19)

**Favorite Blanchet Memory:**  
Basketball, volleyball, and softball



### Kelsey Nanneman '13

**Post Secondary:**  
*B.S., Bioengineering*  
Rice University ('17)

**Favorite Blanchet Memory:**  
Making the podium at the state  
swim meet my senior year,  
playing Red Rover at the Into the  
Woods cast party, speaking at  
graduation. It's hard to pick just  
one.



### Patrick Counts '14

**Post Secondary:**  
*Business Administration focus in International  
Business / Logistics*  
California State University Maritime  
Academy ('19)

**Favorite Blanchet Memory:**  
Playing sports and being with friends

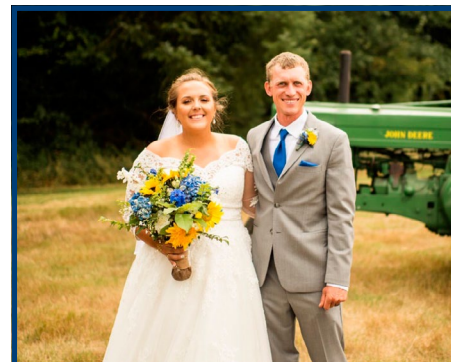


### Nikki Halfman '16

**Post Secondary:** *Kinesiology concentration in Exercise Science*  
Pacific Lutheran University ('20)

**Career Field:** Prosthetics and Orthotics

**Favorite Blanchet Memory:** Playing sports with friends



### Tevin Gianella '11

**Post Secondary:**  
*B.S., PE & Health / M.A., Sport  
& Athletic Administration*  
Gonzaga University ('15 & '17)

**Career Field:**  
Education and Training

**Favorite Blanchet Memory:**  
Playing for Coach Tromblay  
and going to the state  
semifinals twice.



### Kalea Salang '19

**Post Secondary:**  
*B.S. / M.A. / MPhil / PhD*  
United States Coast Guard  
Academy ('23)

**Favorite Blanchet Memory:**  
Every themed volleyball game where  
the student section was energetic,  
winning the State Championship in  
basketball and track and field



### Michael Tuttle '15

**Post Secondary:**  
*B.S., in Mechanical Engineering*  
Santa Clara University ('19)

**Career Field:**  
Architecture, Design &  
Construction

**Favorite Blanchet Memory:**  
Playing varsity football

## WORDS OF WISDOM FOR THE CLASS OF 2020

“Seize every opportunity along the way, for how sad would it be if the road you chose became the road not taken.” ~Robert Breault / From: Kayleigh Cannady-Shultz ‘10

“You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think.” - A.A. Milne  
Tevin Gianella ‘11

“Don’t let this get you down, it will end someday.” - Robert Frank ‘17

“Life will constantly change and fluctuate especially in college, so don’t get stuck in this moment in time. Your futures are bright and everything will be ok even if it doesn’t feel like it right now.” - Megan Angstrom ‘12

“Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don’t matter and those who matter don’t mind.” - Dr. Seuss / From: Kelsey Nanneman ‘13

“Stay safe and be thankful for what you have!” - Michael Tuttle ‘15

“During this hard time, focusing on the good is the best thing you can do. It’s valid to be upset, but never let your attitude keep you from living your best life possible- now and after this pandemic.” - AnnaMaria Bray ‘19

“Do something every day that your future self will thank you for!” - Kalea Salang ‘19

“You will do so many different things with the rest of your life. Plan, but be flexible and enjoy the ride!” - Abbie Hitchen ‘01

“Isaac Newton was in his early 20’s when the Plague made its way through his hometown, destroying his hopes and dreams of finishing his schooling. While in isolation for over a year, he made the best of it and even referred to that time as *annus mirabilis*, the year of wonders. On his property was an apple tree, THAT apple tree. He was able to use the extraordinary circumstances he was in to manifest extraordinary discoveries. There is no reason why you can’t achieve great things in times of solitude.” - Sam Hoskins ‘19

“Times like this are unfortunate and it can be easy to become disappointed in missed opportunities, but I encourage you to take stock of those things that are lasting- your families and relationships with the larger Blanchett community will always be there for you.”  
- Shawn Lonergan ‘01

“You’ll have one of the most interesting stories to tell your kids and grandkids. Much more interesting than Prom.” - Bret Brandner ‘03

“He knows not his own strength who hath not met adversity.” - William Shakespeare  
Ashley Scanlan ‘14

“If you don’t build your dream, somebody will hire you to build theirs.” - Tony Gaskin  
“Be bold and take charge.” - James Taaffe ‘12

**FROM BLANCHET ALUMNI**

## DID YOU KNOW?



MONSIGNOR CHARLES TAAFFE’S CHALICE AND PATEN, WHICH WERE TREASURED ITEMS GIVEN TO HIM BY HIS PARENTS UPON HIS ORDINATION, HAVE BEEN FOUND, CLEANED AND RETURNED TO THEIR HONORED PLACE IN THE CHAPEL OF ST. PATRICK AT BLANCHET CATHOLIC SCHOOL.

AS BLANCHET’S FORMER HONORARY PASTOR AND BOARD MEMBER, MONSIGNOR TAAFFE WAS A GREAT FRIEND TO THE SCHOOL. HE DEDICATED HIS LIFE TO HELPING SOCIETY’S MOST VULNERABLE POPULATIONS AS HE MINISTERED TO AND HELPED THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE AND CONTRIBUTED TO MANY WORTHY ORGANIZATIONS DURING HIS FIFTY YEARS OF PRIESTHOOD. ON ST. PATRICK’S DAY IN 1975, MONSIGNOR TAAFFE BEGAN THE FATHER TAAFFE HOMES MINISTRY TO PROVIDE YOUNG, UNWED MOTHERS A HOME AND CHANCE TO LEARN SKILLS TO HELP THEM SUCCEED AS SINGLE MOTHERS. MONSIGNOR TAAFFE PASSED AWAY JULY 5, 2008. THE CHAPEL OF ST. PATRICK WAS NAMED IN MEMORY OF HIM AND HIS IRISH HERITAGE, AND HIS LEGACY OF SERVICE AND LOVE LIVE ON AT BLANCHET AND IN THE SALEM COMMUNITY.



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