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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Blanchet School Community,

Congratulations to the newest group of Blanchet alumni, the Class of 2021, who completed their high school experience on Saturday, June 12. The graduation ceremony, held for the first time at the East Salem Community Center, provided us with a wonderful opportunity to celebrate this remarkable group of students who endured countless obstacles along their path due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

However, through it all, this group of 36 students persevered by sticking together and focusing on what matters most to them - family, future, and creating lasting memories with the classmates whom they have walked with on this path.

Our graduates will soon be starting a new chapter in their lives and academic careers in colleges and universities all across the state, the Northwest, and the country, including a record three graduates who will attend post-secondary schools deep in the heart of Texas.

When I think back on this class, my first and strongest memories will not be of COVID or the adjustments that these students encountered. Instead, I will recall the community they built, the accomplishments they celebrated, and the dignity and class in which they did everything. Congratulations to the Class of 2021 - you will always hold a special place in our hearts.

As we turn our attention to the fall and the beginning of the 2021-22 school year, I am so excited to see our school get back to “life as we knew it” before March of 2020. We will be back in person, five days a week, with regular schedules and our standard activities and athletics. While there may be some adjustments with a return to five days a week, a reintroduction of the dress code and even some reminders about common expectations, I am confident that the students (and teachers) will be back in the swing of things in no time at all.

Thank you for your continued support of Blanchet Catholic School. Without our students, families, staff, alumni, and donors, our school would not be where it is today.

#ByCourageAndFaith,



Bob Weber



“When I think back on the class of 2021, my first and strongest memories will not be of COVID... Instead, I will recall the community they built, the accomplishments they celebrated, and the dignity and class in which they did everything.”

Cover Photo: Gabi Fernandez-Herrera prepares to walk down the aisle for graduation.

Pictured Left: Members of the class of 2021 pose after Baccalaureate.

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3. Matthew & Mary Kriegsfeld were listed incorrectly in the donor list.



Congratulations!

Blanchet Catholic School Class of 2021

100% Graduation Rate

97% Going on to Post Secondary Education

\$3.7 Million in Scholarships Awarded



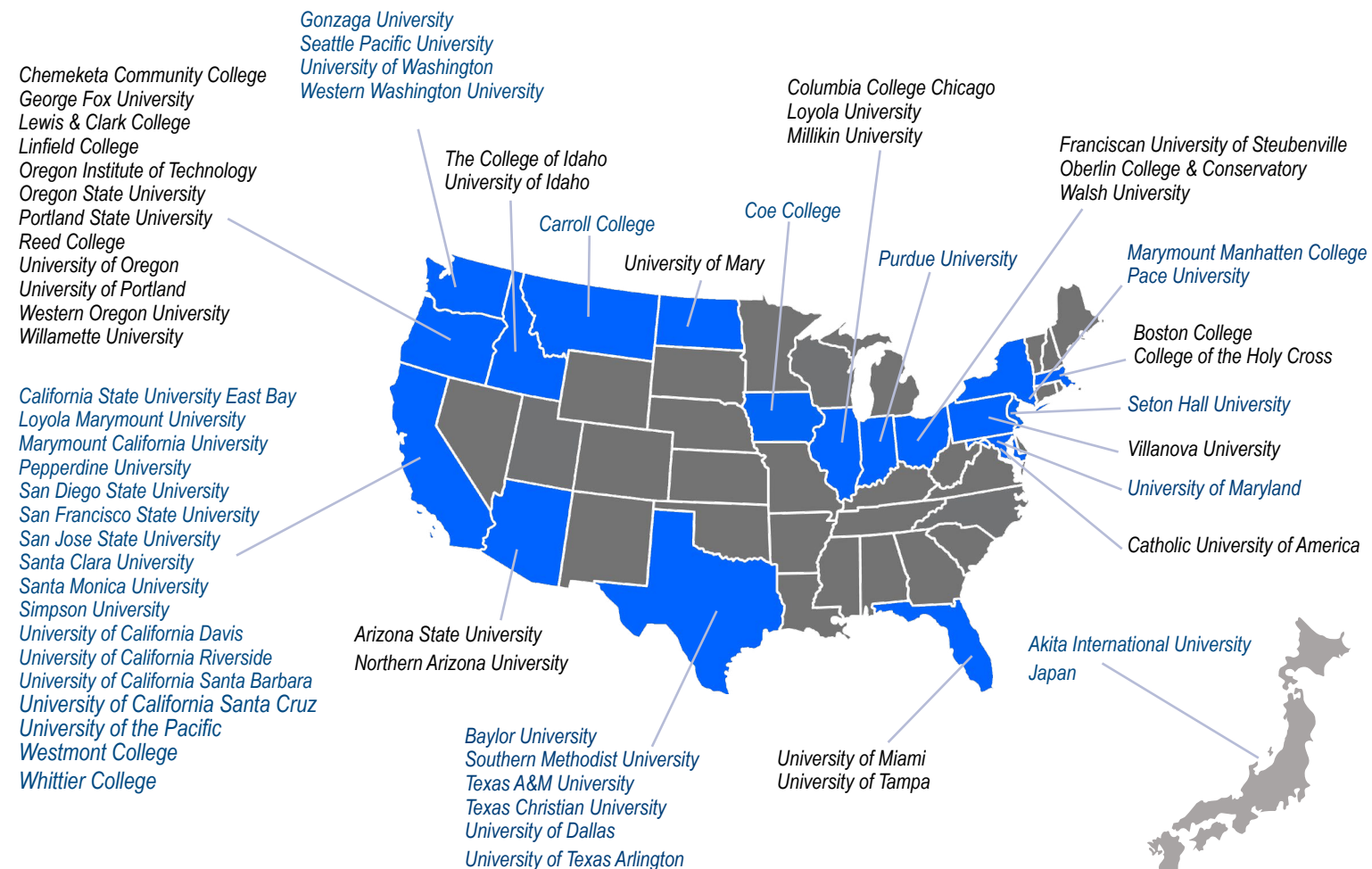
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Avery Grace Stanley 8
Aliya Khan Suri 8
Mackenzie Marie Thomas-Graves 8
Karl Christian C. Untalan
Yichi Xu 8
Ezekiel Nomel Yamoah

8 NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY MEMBER

MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2021 WERE ACCEPTED TO THESE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES



Outstanding Seniors

EVA COOPER

Valedictorian



Eva Cooper is a member of Blanchet's National Honor Society and was elected Secretary of the Blanchet chapter. She was also a member of the International Thespian Society.

She has participated in nine productions in the Drama Program over her years at Blanchet. She has been an active member of the theater community and was often spotlighted as a technical dancer in the program.

She has played classical guitar for five years and plans to continue studying the art to further her passion for music.

Eva is also involved in Spirituality Team and often provides guitar music for school functions planned by the Team.

Eva will attend Western Washington University where she will study Communication Sciences and Disorders with plans to become a pediatric speech therapist.

LAUREN KENNEDY

Valedictorian



Lauren graduates as the Co-Student Body President and a member of the National Honor Society.

She has been on the Blanchet swim team for the last four years and on the cross country team for the last two, lettering in both sports. She has been a state competitor every year for swimming and was a finalist her sophomore year. Lauren broke the 200 IM medley record her freshman year and again her junior year. She broke the 500 freestyle record as well. She also was a state competitor for cross country her senior year.

Lauren is involved with Outdoor Club, DECA, Spirit Club, Students for Change, Salem Inspire Youth Leadership, International Thespian Society and Student Council. She will be attending Texas A&M University next fall to study Civil and Environmental Engineering.

CLAIRE MIDDENDORF

Valedictorian



Claire Middendorf is graduating from Blanchet as an accomplished student and discus thrower. She is the President of the National Honor Society and has participated in math tutoring, Students for Change, Dead Poets Society, Spirituality Team, and Science Olympiad throughout her time at Blanchet.

Claire enjoys drawing, painting, baking, listening to music, and spending time with her friends when she is not busy with school. She loves animals and when able she has volunteered at the Willamette Humane Society. Her favorite food is tacos and she wants to study abroad in South Korea and Switzerland while she's in college.

Claire will attend Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana as a member of their Emerging Leaders Scholars Program and Honors College. She will be studying Applied Mathematics with her eyes on a graduate degree. She hopes to participate in post-grad research and someday solve world problems using math.

KAYLA GREENWOOD

Salutatorian



Kayla Greenwood graduates as Co-Student Body President and the National Honor Society Vice President.

She is a twelve sport athlete, earning varsity letters all four years of high school. She has competed in volleyball, soccer, swim, and track & field. On the soccer field, she was twice awarded All League Honorable Mention. As a swimmer, she consistently competed at the state competitions. Kayla swam as the freestyle anchor for the girls Medley Relay Team that set a school record in 2018 and again in 2020. Her freshman year of track and field, she was the District Champion in the javelin. Kayla helped the Lady Cavs to win the Track and Field State Title in 2018 as she ran in the 4x100 relay and threw javelin. Kayla received First Team All League and Second Team All State in 2018 for her efforts in the 4x100 relay.

Kayla is also involved in Leadership Youth, Student Council, Outdoor Club, Spirituality Team, DECA, and Students for Change.

Next year, Kayla will attend Pepperdine University to study psychology with the intent of pursuing neuropsychology.

MACKENZIE THOMAS-GRAVES

Salutatorian



Mackenzie graduates from Blanchet as a member of the National Honor Society. She participated in Campus Ambassadors, DECA, Friends of Benedictine, Science Olympiad, Spirituality Team, and drama. She is also a member of the Dead Poets Society Book Club and has participated in a number of athletic teams. Mackenzie has also held leadership roles in theater productions and willingly extends these talents and experiences to her service of the larger community. In the community, Mackenzie has worked part-time for the past two years at Kueny Law as a file clerk and she volunteers with Catholic Community Services and with political action groups.

Mackenzie plans to attend the University of Miami to pursue a degree in International Studies on a pre-law track.

Special Awards

CLAIRE MIDDENDORF

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



LAUREN KENNEDY

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



CLIFFORD HEGNEY

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



KAYLA GREENWOOD

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.





CONGRATULATIONS 8TH GRADE CLASS

Phalen Arnold
Addison Bennett
Joseph Beyer
Emily Black
Tlaloc Briseno
Noah Carpenter
Dylan Cuff
Geovanny Escobar
Rachel Estrabo
Sonia Feregrino
Jeyden Flores Escorza
Jacob Fromwiller
Horte Gemedo
Edward George
Joshua Grossman
Markus Hildebrandt

Peyten Him
Nathan Holland
James Ipox
Alana Jensen
Kenzie Jordison
Olivia Kansky
Doc Kingsley
Thalia Lazarus
Rosalyn Linde
Tristan Loop
Ramses Lopez
Noah Lutz
Carson McNally
Andrew Mhoon
Henry Mhoon
Molly Mucken

Gavin Price
Vanessa Ramirez
Lexi Ramos
William Riecke
Brooklyn Ries
Franchesca Ruiz Romero
Isaac Santillan
Tyson Smith
Pedro Sosa Aguilar
Robert Stone
Yin Hua Symonette
Patrick Walsh
Jocelyn Wavra
Grace Weber
Mitchel Wort



CLASS DAY

OSAA Senior Scholar Athletes:
 Eva Cooper
 Karla Diaz Fregoso
 Caden Duch
 Randy Gilland
 Kayla Greenwood
 Clifford Hegney
 Brayden Hubbard
 Henry Jarrett
 Lauren Kennedy
 Katarina Kosiewicz
 Claire Middendorf
 Emma Nelson
 Allyson Nicklous
 Julissa Rocha-Ibarra
 Aliya Suri
 Mackenzie Thomas-Graves

OSAA Award of Excellence:
 Karla Diaz Fregoso
 Brayden Hubbard

Students Going On To Play College Sports
 Logan Day - Football
 Linfield University

Clifford Hegney - Football
 Linfield University

Julissa Rocha-Ibarra - Volleyball
 George Fox University

OSAA Senior Scholar Activity Award:
 Avery Stanley

International Thesplan Society Cord Recipients:
 Eva Cooper
 Jayla Coulombe
 Gabi Fernandez-Herrera
 Katarina Kosiewicz
 Audrey Parks
 Emma Snawder
 Avery Stanley

DECA Student of the Year:
 Abby Weber
 Tanveer Singh

Science Olympiad Award:
 Aliya Suri
 Logan Day

Campus Ambassadors of the Year:
 Raquelle Hendrix
 Carly Wise

Cavaller Spirit Club Award:
 Ellie Fromwiller
 Hannah Estrabo

Boys State Participant:
 Sam Schindler

A.S.B. President's Gavel
 Kayla Greenwood
 Lauren Kennedy



ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

Kayla Greenwood
 Clifford Hegney



TWELVE SPORT ATHLETES



LOGAN DAY

Football
 Basketball
 Baseball
 Track & Field



KAYLA GREENWOOD

Volleyball
 Soccer
 Swim
 Track & Field



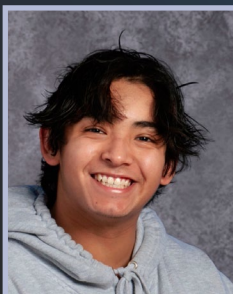
CLIFFORD HEGNEY

Football
 Swim
 Track & Field



KATARINA KOSIEWICZ

Soccer
 Swim
 Tennis



JERRY RUIZ

Soccer
 Basketball
 Tennis



ALIYA SURI

Soccer
 Basketball
 Track & Field

CLASS DEPARTMENT AWARDS

SOCIAL STUDIES



Hannah Estrabo
 Rachel Estrabo

THEOLOGY



Kayla Greenwood
 Eilee Mucken

SCIENCE



Claire Middendorf
 Mitchell Wort

MATHEMATICS



Claire Middendorf
 Carson McNally

DRAMA



Audrey Parks
 Grace Weber

LANGUAGE ARTS



Sam Schindler
 Thalia Lazarus

SPANISH



Gabi Fernandez-Herrera
 Mitchell Wort

ORCHESTRA



McKenna Eppley
 Koren Ickes Amend

VOCAL



Avery Stanley
 Thalia Lazarus

TECHNOLOGY



JJ LaDue
 Carson Smith

ART



Maikyla Gorrone
 Yaretzy Jacobo Hernandez

PHYS. ED.



Regan Rasmussen
 Jocie Wavra

HEALTH



Eliora Yamoah

ASL



Emma Snawder



OASSA CLASS MERIT AWARDS



Eva Cooper

LANGUAGE ARTS



Lily Casteneda

SOCIAL SCIENCE



Diego Diaz Diaz

COMPUTER SCIENCE



Jacob Davis

FINE ARTS VISUAL



Avery Stanley

PERFORMING ARTS



Kayla Greenwood

SCIENCE



Eva Cooper

MATH



Landon Gerig

HEALTH & P.E.



Carson Wise

FOREIGN LANGUAGE



Ellie Fromwiller

BUSINESS & MARKETING

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Robert D. MacEwen Scholarship:
 Hannah Estrabo, Grace Garand, Sophie Schindler, Tanveer Singh

Salem Rotary Scholarship:
 Aliya Suri & Mackenzie Thomas Graves

Kevin Mannix Scholarship:
 Irene Rocha-Ibarra

Bill Brooks Memorial Scholarship:
 Franchesca Ruiz Romero

Charles E. Lee Scholarship:
 Maria Barcinas

Howard Family Scholarship:
 Damien Cardenas

AWARDS & HONORS



ATHLETIC HONORS

New School Records

Kayla Greenwood - 100M Dash (13.08)
Brayden Hubbard - Triple Jump (40'2.5")
Lauren Kennedy - 200 IM (2:23.13) and 100M Breaststroke (1:15.03)

District Championships

11th Consecutive District Title - Girls Track & Field
2nd Place Finish - Girls Soccer
3rd Place Finish - Boys Track & Field
3rd Place Finish - Girls Swim Team

District Champions

Kayla Greenwood - Swim (100M Freestyle) & Track & Field (100M & 4x100)
Karla Diaz Fregoso - Track & Field (4x100)
Clifford Hegney - Swim (200 IM & 100M Breaststroke)
Brayden Hubbard - Track & Field (Triple Jump)
Mya Mucken - Track & Field (4x100 & Triple Jump)
Aliya Suri - Track & Field (4x100)

Culminating State Championships

Karla Diaz Fregoso - Track & Field, 5th Place (4x100)
Kayla Greenwood - Track & Field, 2nd Place (100M) & 5th Place (4x100)
Brayden Hubbard - Track & Field, 7th Place (LJ) & 5th Place (TJ)
Emma Lutz - Cross Country (3rd Team) & Track and Field, 7th Place (3K) & 6th Place (1500M)
Claire Middendorf - Track & Field, 3rd Place (Discus)
Mya Mucken - Track & Field, 5th Place (4x100)
Michael Reyes - Track & Field, 5th Place (Javelin)

Aliya Suri - Track & Field, 5th Place (4x100)

All Conference Teams

1st Team All-Conference: Natalie Hopkin - Volleyball, Alexis Jensen - Softball, Rebecca O'Dell - Girls Soccer, Ellie Pearson - Girls Soccer, Julissa Rocha-Ibarra - Volleyball, German Tojil Sosa - Boys Soccer

2nd Team All-Conference: Hunter Archer - Boys Soccer, Olivia Banning - Softball, Girls Soccer, Ariel Davila - Softball, Audrey Day - Girls Soccer, Karla Diaz Fregoso - Girls Soccer, Raquelle Hendrix - Softball, Brayden Hubbard - Boys Basketball, Spencer Kowalski - Catcher/ Baseball, Tyler Millican - Outfield/ Baseball, Regan Rasmussen - Softball

Honorable Mention All-Conference: Ben Alley - Boys Soccer, Hunter Archer - Baseball, Brooklyn Buchheit - Volleyball, Hannah Estrabo - Volleyball, Landon Flores - Boys Soccer, Kayla Greenwood - Girls Soccer, Luke Holland - Baseball, Alexis Jensen - Girls Basketball, Daniel Maza - Boys Basketball, Rieve Randall - Boys Soccer, Aliya Suri - Girls Soccer, Girls Basketball, Abby Weber - Girls Basketball

Academic All State Top Ten Finishers

Choir - 1st Place - 3.7 G.P.A.
Girls Cross Country - 3rd Place - 3.83 G.P.A.
Baseball - 4th Place - 3.40 G.P.A.
Softball - 4th Place - 3.67 G.P.A.
Girls Tennis - 4th Place - 3.82 G.P.A.
Football - 4th Place - 3.31 G.P.A.
Girls Track and Field - 4th Place - 3.76 G.P.A.
Boys Basketball - 4th Place - 3.62 G.P.A.
Volleyball - 5th Place - 3.87 G.P.A.
Boys Track and Field - 6th Place - 3.41 G.P.A.
Girls Basketball - 6th Place - 3.70 G.P.A.

Boys Swim - 6th Place - 3.59 G.P.A.
Girls Soccer - 7th Place 3.54 G.P.A.

Breakfast Club Winners

Julissa Rocha-Ibarra - Volleyball
Sebastian Ramos - Swim
Kayla Greenwood - Track and Field
Brayden Hubbard - Track and Field

CLUB HONORS

Speech & Debate Awards

National Speech & Debate Association State Qualifiers: Emily Barnett, Lila Bray, Lily Castenada, Natalie Hopkin, Carson Wise, Tanveer Singh

National Speech & Debate Association National Tournament Qualifiers: Emily Barnett, Lila Bray, Hannah Estrabo, Natalie Hopkin, Abby Weber, Carson Wise, Tanveer Singh, Seira Kitagawa

2021 DECA International Career Development Conference (ICDC):

Tanveer Singh: United States Top Overall Performer finishing in 9th place overall at the DECA National Championships in the Restaurant & Food Services Management Series

2021 DECA State Career Development Conference (SCDC):

Emma Snawder: 8th place in Professional Selling

Mildred Lopez: 8th place in the Automotive Services Marketing Series

Aliya Suri & Randy Gilland: 7th place in Sports and Entertainment Marketing Team Decision Making

Lila Bray: 1st round winner of the DECA Virtual Business Challenge Restaurant Division

Sam Schindler: 3rd place in the Business Financial Series Role Plays and 4th place in Business Finance Series

Ellie Fromwiller: 2nd place in the Restaurant & Food Services Management role plays, 1st place in the Restaurant & Food Services Management examination, 3rd place on the Restaurant & Food Services Management series

Abby Weber: 1st place in the Sports and Entertainment Marketing Division role plays category, 2nd place in the Sports and Entertainment Marketing Series, and was elected Oregon State DECA Vice-President of Hospitality for the 2021-2022 school year and will be representing Blanchet statewide

Tanveer Singh: 8th place in the Hospitality & Tourism Professional Selling event, 5th place in Hospitality & Tourism Operations, 3rd place on the Restaurant & Food Services Management Series examination, 3rd place on the Restaurant & Food Services Management Series role plays, 1st place on the Restaurant & Food Services Management role play, 3rd place in the Principals

of Hospitality division, 2nd place in the Restaurant & Food Services Management Series

Science Olympiad Awards

The team finished 8th overall with top ten places in twelve of twenty-one events.

2nd Place Disease Detectives - Denavae Randall & Sophie Smith

5th Place AgriBio Event - Denavae Randall & Sophie Smith

6th Place Ornithology - Jackson Mucken & Max Quintero

6th Place Digital Structures - Logan Day & Tanveer Singh

7th Place Experimental Design - Ben Alley, Rieve Randall & Tanveer Singh

7th Place Circuit Lab - Holden Prine & Max Quintero

8th Place Forensics - Logan Day & Aliya Suri

8th Place Fossils - Emma Lutz & Sam Richards

8th Place Chem Lab - Logan Day & Aliya Suri

8th Place Sounds of Music - Diego Diaz-Diaz & Hannah Estrabo

8th Place Designer Genes - Diego Diaz-Diaz & Hannah Estrabo

10th Place CodeBusters - Holden Prine, Max Quintero & Rieve Randall

FINE ARTS HONORS

International Thespian Society State Showcase Competition

Hannah Estrabo & Natalie Hopkin took 1st place in the "Duo Musical" category for their performance of the song "Willow"

OTHER HONORS

Junior Achievement BizTown

Max Weber
Fatima Gonzalez
Abigail Miller

Silver Key Scholastic Art & Writing Award from the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers

Rieve Randall won 2nd Place for his poem "As the Cricket Sings"

Salem Rotary Students of the Month

Aliya Suri, Michael Reyes, Logan Day, Jerry Ruiz, Kyle Nakamura

Salem Optimist Students of Merit

Hannah Estrabo - Fine & Performing Arts
Kayla Greenwood - Mathematics & Science
Claire Middendorf - Vocational Technology & Humanities
Lauren Kennedy - Most Involved in Community Service

City of Salem's Youth Achievement Award

Mrs. Bashaw & her Leadership class won the award for their extraordinary efforts collecting shoes for the 1000 Soles program.

Best of the Willamette Valley Awards

Blanchet took home the gold in three categories: Best Middle School, Best



Charles E Lee Scholarship Program

Blanchet Catholic School is pleased to announce the new Charles E. Lee Scholarship Program. This scholarship program will offer financial assistance to deserving students attending Blanchet Catholic School and to support Blanchet's mission to ensure that students are prepared to excel, to lead, to serve and to inspire!

Mr. Lee's dedication to his responsibilities as President of Blanchet is the ultimate standard for service and dedication. He leads by example with courage and faith.



How to Give...

If you would like to donate to the Charles E. Lee Scholarship program, you can:

- Make a one-time online donation at www.blanchetcatholicschool.com/MrLee or mail a check to Blanchet Catholic School at 4373 Market St. NE, Salem, OR 97301
- Make a pledge to donate \$1000 or more a year for 5 years at www.blanchetcatholicschool.com/MrLee

If you have any questions or need more information, please call Blanchet President Bob Weber at 503-391-2639 x224.

About Mr. Lee

Born and raised in Seattle, Chuck Lee graduated from the Seattle Public Schools and the University of Washington where he majored in journalism. After graduation he taught in the Edmonds School District and received his Master's Degree in Education Administration from Seattle University. At the age of 25 he became the Principal of an inner city Catholic school and began a 40 year career as the Principal or President of five different Catholic schools. During his 16 years at Blanchet, Chuck led the effort to raise over \$17 million to purchase and renovate the facility and provide millions of dollars in financial aid. In 2013, Chuck was hired by Mountain West to help create Career Technical Education Center in Salem.

Together, he and his wife Krina have six children and eleven grandchildren. Mr. Lee was elected to the Keizer City Council in 2001 and 2005, served three terms on the Salem/Keizer School Board and was also appointed by the Governor to the State Ethics Commission. Chuck received the National Catholic Education Award in 2009.

SAVE THE
DATE!



Shawn Lonergan '01



2012 Softball Team

Coaches: Jerry Orlando & Jorge Banuelos
Alee Banuelos, Sami (Belleque) Gianella, Allie Butterfield, Kelly Doyle, Kayla Hari, Lauren Kessel, Briana Marcus, Madeline (Moz) Remple, Solize Ortiz, Chloe Rabb, Aubrey Ruiz, Elise Sullivan, Menami Uehara, Taylor Wolf



Larry & Jeanette
Epping Family
Foundation



Brandy O'Bannon



Sherri Moran



Bishop Kenneth Steiner

CLASS OF 2021

Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

October 23, 2021
7:00 p.m.

Blanchet Catholic School's Lee Center

www.blanchetcatholicschool.com

Alumni Spotlight



KIMBERLY (HOPEWELL) KNACKSTADT '05

Kimberly (Hopewell) Knackstedt graduated from Blanchet Catholic School in 2005. While at Blanchet, she was the manager for the girls' basketball team and the cross-country team and participated in several musicals. She also helped start a spirit club her senior year. The spirit club decorated the halls for the various sports events and put posters around the school. And because riding her horse was more than an extracurricular activity, Kim lettered in horseback riding while at Blanchet.

After Blanchet, Kim received her Bachelor of Education in Special Education and Elementary Education from Gonzaga University, a Master of Education in special education from the University of Kansas, and a Ph.D. in special education and policy from the University of Kansas. In 2016, Kimberly was the Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Public Policy Fellow.

In 2010, she married Joe Knackstedt whom she met while at Gonzaga University. Together they live in Washington DC where she still rides horses, explores the coffee shops around DC and is working on building an extensive collection of houseplants.

Professionally, Kimberly is the Director of Disability Policy for the Domestic Policy Council working on the Racial Justice and Equity team for the White House. She was previously the Senior Disability Policy Advisor for Senator Patty Murray on the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee in the U.S. Senate. Prior to her role in the Senate, she served as the Disability Policy Advisor for Chairman Bobby Scott on the Committee on Education and Labor in the U.S. House of Representatives.

We interviewed Kimberly to ask about her new job at the White House and how her educational experiences have guided her. Here are our questions and her responses...

Q: How are you finding your role as Director of Disability Policy for the Domestic Policy Council and what does your job involve day-to-day?

A: The role of Director of Disability Policy is incredibly exciting. As the first person to hold this role, I have big challenges to build out the portfolio of work as well as address the immediate needs of people with disabilities in this country, all while advancing the President's priorities. It has been

challenging to onboard and begin a new role remotely, and I've only met a few of my colleagues in person. However, we have accomplished a lot in a short period of time.

Each day is different which is partly why I love the job. I have the opportunity to meet with stakeholders and hear their needs. The biggest part of my role is coordinating across domestic agencies within the federal government such as the Departments of Education, Labor, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Affairs, and so many others. We work together to coordinate on critical issues impacting disabled Americans and think critically about major policy priorities. I also help advance the President's interests and agenda such as developing policies, for example the American Jobs Plan, American Families Plan, and the budget. Every day is a little different!

Q: Was there an "ah-ha" moment that you remember from this position - like I can't believe I'm really sitting here with X,Y,Z in this meeting (for example).

A: I cannot wait until we are actually in person to have meetings - I am sure there will be many of those. I have two specific instances that stand out for me. The first is when the President gave prepared video remarks for an event for the disability community. As my position was a commitment from the Build Back Better agenda, my name was included in the speech. I had to clear the remarks and the video of the President saying my name and talking about my position. It was a surreal moment. The second was the announcement of the American Jobs Plan. Having a moment knowing that the work we are doing could really impact lives of millions of Americans is an incredible feeling.

Q: How did your education prepare you for this role?

A: My education has prepared me to be a strong writer and a problem solver. I know when to go to the research to make evidence-based decisions, and when to acknowledge that I do not have the answer and rely on the true experts. Collaboration and relationship building are keys to good policy work and my education from high school through my PhD prepared me for that. I probably do more math, primarily statistical analyses, than many would realize. Having a strong foundation in math has been critical to my position as well.

Q: What areas of your work do you most enjoy or drives you to succeed?

A: I'm driven to succeed by people – those I'm honored to work for and people we are working to serve. Disability policy is not easy – disabled Americans have been through a lot, especially the past year. I hear countless stories of people and families who need support, equal access, or have been discriminated against. I'm driven to do better knowing we can help and do something to meet their needs. Plus, I've been really lucky in each of my positions from the Hill to now to work for bosses who believe in the work they do and deeply care.

Q: What work-related achievement are you most proud of?

A: The work I've done is about serving the public and the



boss I work for, not about achievements or credit for myself. It is hard to pinpoint something specific. In 2018, I was selected as the Gold Star award recipient from the Association of University Centers on Disability. “Established in 2002, the AUCD Gold Star Award is presented to a Capitol Hill staffer who exemplifies a true partnership in crafting strong public policy. This award recognizes the staffer for his/her professional and personal efforts to craft policy and implement programs with input from AUCD and the greater disability community, thus supporting AUCD in achieving its mission to advance policy and practice for and with people living with developmental and other disabilities, their families, and communities.” It was an honor to receive that award and be recognized for collaboration and partnership with the disability community in crafting legislation.

Q: How do you cope with work pressures and managing a healthy work-life balance? How do you unwind?

A: As expected, my job has long hours and we are rarely “offline.” It is so important to find time for myself and my husband, Joe, and separate from my computer, even if only for an hour or two. I still ride horses, just as I did while at Blanchet. I can't take my phone with me while riding so it is a great way to unplug. It sounds cliché, but we also have a Peloton. It is always nice to ride with friends. Getting exercise has been the best way to feel re-energized.

Q: Where do you think/hope you will be, career and/or personally, in 5 years' time?



A: Looking forward five years is difficult as my current position did not exist a year ago. I really didn't expect to be where I am today! It is hard to imagine where I could be in five years. I've learned to become a person who embraces opportunities when they are presented and embrace change. I hope in five years I am still fighting for access, equity, and inclusion, but maybe at a different pace with slightly shorter work days. Personally, I want to continue enjoying the life Joe and I have together with our cat, Taz, and spend time traveling. I enjoy riding and competing my horse and hope to continue doing so with the amazing barn family I've built in DC.

Q: What is your fondest memory of Blanchet?

“Blanchet taught me how to have my own thoughts and opinions and ground those in evidence... it was the skills I learned to problem solve, collaborate, and think critically that have helped me the most.”

A: I have many memories that stand out! I greatly enjoyed the Junior Encounter and going back to help the following year. I learned a lot about myself and my classmates during both experiences.

Q: What lessons did you learn about yourself, the world, and life at Blanchet?

A: I learned how to use my voice at Blanchet. Through Mr. Brooks's lessons on writing or Ms. Schreiber's math



lessons teaching us problem solving or Mrs. Wise helping us understand the scientific method and critical thinking through anatomy lessons, I was taught how to think differently and be ready to speak up on my own. I also learned to be humble and ask for help when I needed it. That is too often forgotten today, and it is always good to have a support system in place when you are struggling.

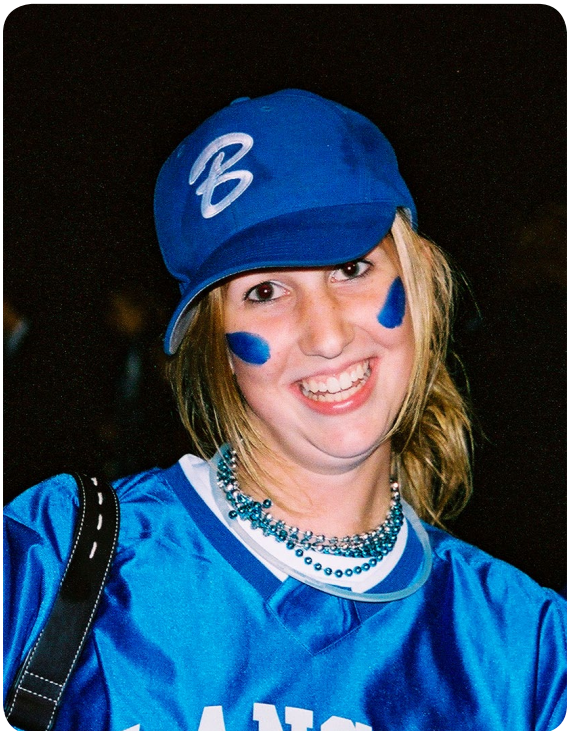
Q: How did Blanchet prepare you for future endeavors?

A: Blanchet taught me how to have my own thoughts and opinions and ground those in evidence. In the moment it is always hard to see how each lesson connects or is related to future activities, but reflecting back, it was the skills I learned to problem solve, collaborate, and think critically that have helped me the most.

Q: Who are some of the teachers/staff/students you

remember from your time at Blanchet that were helpful to you?

A: Mr. Brooks. I still have the Little Brown Book I purchased for his class in high school and the underlining and highlighting I did in his class. His grammar lessons will forever stick with me. I'm a better writer, reader, and person because of him. And Mrs. Wise. Not only do I remember



the amazing classes I had with Mrs. Wise, but also when she got engaged and the wedding. Mrs. Wise helped inspire me to love science and teaching. Science was always my favorite subject with my students when I was a teacher. I also believe my love for research stemmed from my classes at Blanchet.

I'll note that I deeply appreciate all of the teachers I had at Blanchet!

Pictured from left to right: Kim and her husband Joe, Kim and Dillon the horse, Kim's senior photo, super Cavalier fan Kim.

Alumni

TRACKING THE CAVALIERS



SONJA (TOKARSKI) PEREZ '12

Sonja has been pretty busy since she graduated from Blanchet in 2012. After serving an 18 month mission for her church in Italy, she married her high school sweetheart, Joshua. Together, they went to BYU. While in school, they welcomed their first little boy, Emmett in September of 2017.

Sonja said, "He is such a tender hearted boy, and has so much love to give. As a baby, he attended several classes with me, and was truly such a light to everyone he came in contact with. Emmett loves to do almost any physical activity, enjoys outings to the park, and still snuggles up to sleep with me every night. His energy is high, his humor is quick, and he's one of my best friends."

Sonja graduated with her bachelors degree in Humanities from BYU-Idaho when she was 20 weeks pregnant with her baby girl. She said, "I spoke at my graduation with a big baby bump- and I'm so glad she was with me the whole time. Leona joined us in September of 2019. She is feisty, independent, and so incredibly curious. She is extremely determined, and if she didn't do something quite right the first time, she'll try over and over again until she finally gets it. She always says 'please' and 'thank you,' and has surprisingly good manners for a 1.5 yr old. She loves books, stickers, stuffed animals, and almost any food! I see a lot of myself in her- which is both infuriating and so exciting. I know she'll move mountains."

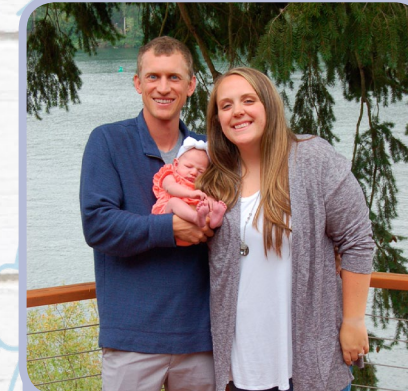
Sonja and her family recently relocated to Utah for her husband's job in accounting. They will welcome another baby sometime in February or March. Sonja said, "I can't wait to see my sweet Emmett become a big brother again, and my lioness Leona to become a big sister for the first time. Having children has been stretching in ways that I didn't know were physically, mentally, and emotionally possible. To say that I have grown and changed over the last 4 years wouldn't even begin to cover the way that motherhood is pushing, pulling, breaking, reshaping, and strengthening me. But my children are my greatest work thus far, and I am so grateful for the love, light, and joy they bring to my life."



KRISTA (BURNHAM) FOBERT '07

Krista is currently working as a pharmacist in Woodburn and living on her husband Cheyne's family farm where they grow hops, hazelnuts, and grass seed.

Krista said, "We have Claire Elizabeth (2 yr 10 mos) who absolutely loves swimming and got to be a flower girl this summer and Jack Henry (8 mos) who likes to drool, watch his sister, and is in 18 month clothes already!"



TEVIN GIANELLA '11

This is baby Lyndy Gianella. She was born on June 11, 2021. Tevin and his wife Amy both teach at Nestucca High School in Cloverdale. Amy is starting her 6th year in Special Education and Tevin his 5th in Health and PE. Tevin also is Nestucca's varsity girls basketball head coach and varsity assistant football coach. He said, "We love spending family time on the beach and at sporting events."



JEREMY DARST '15

Thank you to Jeremy Darst for his update about his growing family. "We welcomed our daughter, Eleanor Rose Darst, on May 15, 2021. She weighed 8 lb 11 oz and was 20.5 inches long. Alyssa is still teaching 4th grade for Salem Academy and I am still with the Keizer Police Department as a patrol officer. We are having a great time being new parents and spending time with Eleanor!"



ROBIN SMITH '02 & DOLLIE (MCCULLOUGH) SMITH '03

The Smiths have been blessed with 3 amazing boys. Oliver (9) and Levi (6) are going into the 3rd/1st grades at Queen of Peace. Oliver loves playing baseball and his favorite book is Robinson Crusoe. Levi played soccer this year and can spend hours building with Legos. Donovan (10 months) just loves to crawl and follow his brothers wherever they go.



AUBREY (RABB) SUNG '09

Say hello to Aubrey's son, Jackson Carter who was born in March of 2020. His little sister, Maeve Elizabeth, will be joining the family in early December. Aubrey said, "We are enjoying life here in Taipei, Taiwan!"

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Oh, Baby!



SHANDEL (VENTI) BRENT '09
Owen Anthony Brent was born in April of 2021.

Shandel and her family have been enjoying the summer and trying to go on as many adventures as they can. Owen has so far adventured in Central Oregon, the Oregon Coast, Pine Hollow, and will be visiting the Wallowas next!

Shandel is staying busy as a lead x-ray technologist and student coordinator at Legacy Emanuel Hospital in Portland. When she's not busy x-raying people, you can find her coordinating weddings as one of her passion projects.

Shandel said, "We pray everyone is staying safe & healthy!"



TAYLOR BAY '09 AND CANDICE (HOPPER) BAY '09
Thank you to Taylor and Candice Bay for sharing this photo of their sweet boy Roman born in February 2020!



SCOTT WIEGAL '02
"We are excited to have our oldest daughter Riley begin attending Blanchet this fall," Scott said.

Scott ('02) remembers when he started at the school in 7th grade in the school's 2nd year when there was only 7th-10th grade. He also recalls the carpeted gym and has a rugburn scar to prove it.

Scott is a Partner at Doneth & Sturdivant Wealth Advisors in Salem and volunteers at Catholic Community Services where he's currently the Chairman of the board. He's taken up golf over the last few years as well as hunting down hard to find bourbons.

Scott's wife Heidi is a multi-instrumentalist, performing mandolin and fiddle with the Salem based bluegrass band Severin Sisters for over 25 years. She currently works as the Development Director at Queen of Peace School where their daughters attend school and they are parishoners.

Riley (11) likes cooking & baking, organizing stuff, and at school writing, art, & PE.

Audrey (9) likes reading & rocks, and at school writing & science.

Kelsey (6) likes coloring & reading, and at school math.

All three enjoy gymnastics, swimming, biking and driving the golf cart.



AMANDA (DAVIDSON) BELLEQUE '11
Amanda, her husband Frank, and their 3 year old, Sam, welcomed Evelyn Florence Belleque to their family on April 30, 2021. Amanda said, "She is such a sweet, smiley baby! Big brother Sam is very excited to have a little sister, and he is even more excited to start preschool at St. Paul Parochial School in the fall!"

Alumni Events

SAVE THE DATE

OCT
01

Homecoming - Alumni Social

Join us for a free BBQ dinner and tailgate activities at 6:30 PM before the Homecoming Football game. Alumni and their family get free admission to all regular season Cavalier athletic contests!

OCT
09

True Blue Gala - Benefit Auction

Join us for our annual benefit live auction. Tickets are discounted for all Cavalier alumni.

DEC
15

Young Alumni Panel

Blanchet welcomes recent Cavalier graduates (1-4 years out of high school) to visit the school and speak with our current junior and senior students about their college experiences.

FEB
02

Career Day

Blanchet is looking for Cavalier alumni to speak to the current students about their careers at our scheduled Career Day. Visit www.blanchetcatholicschool.com/alumni/career-day.cfm to view the career areas for which we need speakers and sign up.



Class of 2000, 2001, 2010, & 2011 REUNIONS POSTPONED

The reunions scheduled for this weekend August 21 and 22 for the classes 2000, 2001, 2010 and 2010 have been postponed. We hope to reschedule them for later this winter or early next spring! We'll send out details as soon as we can lock down new dates.



CARL BEYER '06 AND KELSEY (BASHAW) BEYER '06

Check out this great photo of the Beyer kids. From left to right-Travis (2), Hailey (7 months), and Connor (4).

Carl and Kelsey just celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary. Carl is working for Seller Active and Kelsey is busy being a stay at home mom. They are currently in the process of selling their home and moving to the Silverton area and, Kelsey added, "The kids can't wait to get a playground!"



ALEE BANUELOS '14

Alee's son, Brodrick, was born in July of 2019. Brodrick goes to Head Start and loves his teachers. He loves the movie Cars, playing with trucks and trains, bubbles, and drawing.

Alee is currently a Critical Care Technician in the Cardiovascular ICU at Salem Hospital and has been accepted to Chemeketa's nursing program for Fall 2021.



CAREER DAY

WANTED:

Blanchet Alumni, Alumni Parents & Community Members for our 2022 Career Day

Blanchet is celebrating its biannual Career Day event on Wednesday, February 2, 2022! The purpose of Career Day is to broaden students' perspectives and further motivate them to pursue productive career paths after high school.

Our goal is to have every Career Day speaker be a Blanchet alum, alumni parent, or community member this year! Being involved in Career Day at Blanchet is a great way to impact students within our community by sharing your job experience and passion for your work.

Below are the Career Clusters the students sign up for. We will not know how many speakers we need for each cluster until after the students have been surveyed this fall.

If you work in one of the areas listed below and are interested in sharing about your industry, please contact Toni Nanneman, Development Manager at 503-391-2639 x240 or email toninanneman@blanchetcatholicschool.com by December 17, 2021. We'll know by January 7, 2022 which clusters we need speakers for and how many speakers we'll need for each. We'll follow up with all volunteers then to coordinate final arrangements.

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| • Architecture, Design and Construction | • Industrial Manufacturing |
| • Arts, A/V Technology and Communications | • Information Technology (IT) |
| • Business, Management and Administration | • Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security |
| • Education and Training | • Marketing, Sales and Service |
| • Finance, Banking, Investments and Insurance | • Mechanical Manufacturing |
| • Government and Public Administration | • Plants, Agriculture and Natural Resources |
| • Health Sciences, Care and Prevention | • Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics |
| • Hospitality and Tourism | • Transportation, Distribution and Logistics |

NOTE: Speaker times will vary depending on final scheduled sessions, but all will fall between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 2, 2022.



Looking for Class Representatives

We are looking for individuals from each of Blanchet's graduating classes from 1995 through 2021 to serve as class representatives!

Class Representatives help to promote and support the efforts of Blanchet with the alumni community. They help by communicating with fellow classmates regarding all activities of the Alumni Association and by collecting and sharing newsworthy information to share with Blanchet community.

If you're interested, please send an email to alumni@blanchetcatholicschool.com.



Young Alumni Panel December 15, 2021

Blanchet welcomes recent Cavalier graduates (1-4 years out of high school) to visit the school and speak with our current junior and senior students about their college experiences. Please email alumni@blanchetcatholicschool.com if you're able to join us on the young alumni panel.



We as a Blanchet community are blessed. We are blessed to have our faith, to learn together --and we are blessed to have each other.

Many of our current and former Blanchet families own their own businesses. While this “pause” on normal life has been stressful for all of us, it can be particularly uncertain for small businesses that cannot operate or cater to their customers in a regular manner. With this in mind, we decided to create a list of some local, Blanchet community-owned or operated businesses for other community members to support. This is by no means an exhaustive list, and we’d love to continue to add to it! Please email us at blanchet@blanchetcatholicschool.com if you have a business to add.

A large part of what makes Blanchet so special is its community. We are surrounded by people of quality and kindness, people who support and bolster each other. If your family is interested and financially able, we humbly suggest the following companies to support with your business in the coming weeks.

Please be sure to check individual websites for updated hours and processes.

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Taafe / Zielinski Families
www.ezorchards.com

Christos Pizzeria & Lounge
Learn Family
christospizzasalem.com

Geppetto's - Italian
Hoy Family
www.geppettoassalem.com

Las Palomas - Mexican
Anaya Family
laspalomassalem.com

Los Baez - Mexican
Baez Family
www.facebook.com/LosBaezCommercial

McDonald's - Fast Food
Seaman / Pollard Families
www.facebook.com/McDonalds4020CommercialStSE/

Nanneman Farms - Fruit Stand
Nanneman Family
nannemanfarms.com

Scenic Valley Farms - Try their wine!
Millican / Ruiz Families
www.scenicvalleyfarms.net

Sodbuster Farms
Look for local beers made with their hops!
Weathers Family
sodbusterfarms.com

Subway - Fast Food
Adams Family
order.subway.com/en-us/restaurant/39372

NURSERIES & LANDSCAPING NEEDS

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Ruef Family
www.als-gardencenter.com

Bark Boys
Riecke Family
barkboys.net

Bizon Nursery
Bizon Family
www.bizonnursery.com

Coleman Agriculture
Coleman Family
www.colemanag.com

EarthTech Landscape Solutions
Lopez Family
earthtech.solutions

Fessler Nursery
Fessler Family
www.fesslernursery.com

Green Acres Landscape Inc.
Kansky Family
greenacreslandscapeinc.com

N&M Herb Nursery
Sullivan Family
nmherbnursery.com

Russell's Landscape Service, Inc.
Russell Family
www.russellslandscape.com

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Cuff Family

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hopeorthopedics.com

Howerton, Hopkin, Kennedy & Clark
Hopkin / Kennedy
oregonoms.com

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Fromwiller Family
salemradiology.com

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7 Points Painting
Lopez Family
7pointspainting.com

Baker & Baker Towing Service
Baker Family
towing-woodburn.com

Barry Bray Construction
Bray Family
barrybrayconstruction.com

Cascade Warehouse
Cantonwine Family
cascadewarehouse.com

Geoff Wyatt Construction
Wyatt Family
wyatt-construction.com

Keizer Transmission
Welter Family
keizertransmission.com

Mateo's Mobile Car Wash
Mateo Borrego '19
mateosmobilecarwash.com

Mega Markdown Outlet
McClaughry Family
megamarkdownoutlet.com

Pacific EMS
Foster / Granatir Families
pacificems.com

RootX
Raffensperger Family
rootx.com

Smart Green Cleaning LLC
Saldana Family
smartgreencleaning.net

Snair Excavating, Inc
Excavation, Septic Systems, Underground Utilities, and Roadbuilding
Gorrono Family
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Suburban Garbage
Buchheit Family
suburbangarbage.com

South Town Glass
McNally Family
southtownglass.com

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Tax / Accounting
Darst Family
bcsllc.com

Charlotte Eugenio - Realty One Group, Willamette Valley
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charlotteeugenio.myrealtyonegroup.com

Fischer, Hayes, Joye & Allen
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fhapc.com

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heltzel.com

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Frelich Family

Laura Gail Gwyn Properties
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Gwyn Family
lauragailgwynproperties.com

Law Offices of Keri Trask Lazarus
Trask Family
ktlazaruslaw.com

Mosar Commercial Properties
Commercial Real Estate
Mosar Family
mosarcommercial.com

Mannix Law Firm
Mannix Family
mannixlawfirm.com

Neighborly Ventures
Property Management
Tokarski Family
theneighborlyway.com

Overall Real Estate
Real Estate
Overall Family
overallrealestate.business.site

Phillips Agency DBA Legacy Real Estate
Phillips Family
legacyrehomes.com/agent/detail/6823

Richard Hansen, Allstate Insurance
Hansen Family
agents.allstate.com/richard-hansen-salem-or.html

Rick Lewis Country Financial Insurance
Lewis Family
agents.allstate.com/richard-hansen-salem-or.html

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Hemstreet Family
hawkhummingbirdmoon.com

Once Upon A Child
Scanlan Family
onceuponachildsalem.com

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decidedexcellence.com

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Then every time you shop and use your Rewards Card, you are helping Blanchet earn a donation!

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2. Register for a Rite Aid wellness+ rewards number (if you don't already have one).

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Fill out the enclosed envelope and send it in to the school or visit us at www.blanchetcatholicschool.com/giving to donate online.

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