

Blanchet Catholic School

Cavalier Magazine

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Congratulations Class of 2012!

This outstanding class of sixty-five seniors has shattered many Blanchet milestones including setting the all-time record for scholarship offers ~ **\$6.2 million!**



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Senior Allie Butterfield led the Lady Cavaliers softball team to the State 3A championship with a 5 - 1 victory over rival Santiam Christian. Butterfield was named 3A Player of the Year and 1st Team All State Infielder.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Cavalier
Community,

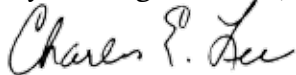
What a tremendous year! There is so much to celebrate about Blanchet Catholic School's 17th school year. We ended the year with our first 3A state championship due to our varsity softball team's tremendous hard work, dedication and drive. We are also extremely proud of the class of 2012 – one of the most talented and academically gifted classes we have experienced at Blanchet. The 65 members of the class were offered an outstanding \$6.2 million in scholarship awards. I am confident that these outstanding young men and women have the intelligence, compassion and strong faith needed to positively impact our community and world.

In this issue of the Cavalier Magazine you'll also read about the progress of our 10,600 sq. ft. addition to the school, our new Commons building, which will be complete by November 2012. We will introduce you to our outstanding sixth grade teacher, a remarkable Blanchet student from Tanzania and provide some insight into why two of the school's donors are inspired to contribute to our school community.

We are truly blessed at Blanchet Catholic. Our enrollment is steady, we have a very loyal and experienced faculty and staff, generous supporters, and strong school spirit. We appreciate everyone in our school community who has contributed to our success.

I wish you and your family a safe and relaxing summer and look forward to seeing you in the fall.

By Courage & Faith,



Charles E. Lee
President



Mark your calendar for a day of golf in support of Blanchet athletics. Join other Cavalier supporters for great golf, tee and raffle prizes, a BBQ dinner, and an awards ceremony at the *fourth annual Cavalier Classic Golf Tournament.*

Creekside Golf Club

August 27, 2012 at 12:00 p.m.

Cost: \$150

Includes - golf, cart, lunch, dinner, prizes, awards, and more!

Proceeds from the Cavalier Classic Golf Tournament benefit the athletic programs at Blanchet Catholic School, which serve over 250 student-athletes who participate in 18 OSAA Class 3A programs. Money raised from the event will be put into the Cavalier Grant fund. Cavalier Grants offer the opportunity for coaches to apply for funds for special equipment needs or tournament fees that fall outside of the operating budget.

We hope you join us!

Register online
blanchetcatholicschool.com/cavclassic

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.

OUTSTANDING SENIORS

CLASS OF 2012 VALEDICTORIANS

Victoria Hittner



Valedictorian Tori Hittner has a 4.0 GPA and is a 2012 National Merit Scholarship finalist. She has been named to the all-league team in track and basketball and to the all-state team in track. Tori is involved in DECA and served as an officer for two years. Her DECA projects qualified for state and national

competition where she was a top 20 finalist. Tori is also a member of the National Honor Society, spirituality team and campus ambassadors. Tori will attend Baylor University next fall and will study anthropology and history.

Daniel Smith

Dan Smith has a 4.0 GPA and is student body president, National Honor Society president,



a member of the Friends of Benedictine service club, DECA, campus ambassadors, strength training club and Science Olympiad. He plays on Blanchet's varsity golf team and was captain of the basketball team and an All-League Honorable Mention offensive lineman.

Dan plans to attend the University of Notre Dame to study finance.

CLASS OF 2012 SALUTATORIANS

Bret Brandner

Bret Brandner is Blanchet's National Honor Society secretary. He and two other seniors coordinated a year-long project to clean up Salem's Bush Pasture Park. Bret plans to attend Chemeketa Community College as a member of their Chemeketa Scholars Program and then transfer to Oregon State University to study physics.



Sarah Darst

Sarah Darst is a member of student council and DECA, where she serves as a chapter officer and has been a national competitor. Sarah was co-captain of the varsity basketball team and was an All Conference Honorable Mention. She plans to attend Oregon State University Honors College and will major in biology.



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Katelyn Ditzler

Katelyn Ditzler is president of DECA and is a state champion and five-time national qualifier.



She is a member of the cross country team, student council, National Honor Society, spirituality team, Science Olympiad, Friends of Benedictine service club and campus ambassadors. Katelyn plans to attend the University of Virginia to study biomedical engineering.

Elizabeth Moore

Elizabeth Moore participates in cross country, swimming and drama and is a member of the spirituality team, earth club and National Honor Society. She is very active in DECA and was a 2011 state champion and four-time national qualifier. She will attend Oregon State University Honors College next fall.



NATIONAL MERIT COMMENDED STUDENT ~ ALYSSA POLLARD



Blanchet Catholic School is proud to announce that senior Alyssa Pollard has been named a Commended Student in the 2012 National Merit Scholarship Program.

In addition to her studies, Alyssa is a National Honor Society member, is active in drama and the DECA

business club and is a talented pianist.

Each year approximately 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Alyssa earned the title of Commended Student by placing among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2012 competition by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

Since 1998, 23 Blanchet students have been honored by the prestigious National Merit

organization. President Charles E. Lee said, "I am incredibly proud of the academic success of Blanchet students. Our college preparatory curriculum and excellent faculty members prepare students well for standardized tests and post secondary education. Alyssa is a great example of a gifted scholar who is also very involved in school activities."



Bishop Steiner speaks to the class of 2012 at the Baccalaureate service at St. Joseph Church on June 8.

Faculty Profile

ROBBE OSTBY



Blanchet Catholic School is very blessed to have Robbe Ostby as a member of its faculty. Mrs. Ostby took over the sixth grade program this fall when former sixth grade teacher Ms. Razmus returned to her role as a Blanchet math teacher.

Mrs. Ostby was born in Naples, Italy. Because her father was a member of the United States Navy and later employed by the federal government, her family moved often. Mrs. Ostby has lived in California, Guam, Hawaii, Oregon, Washington and Virginia. During high school Mrs. Ostby played soccer and field hockey, and was active with Young Life.

After graduating from high school, Mrs. Ostby attended Eastern Washington University where she earned a bachelor of arts in radio and television. She earned her teaching certification at Seattle

Pacific University and a Masters in Education at National Louis University in Heidelberg, Germany.

Her work experiences include three years at a bank in Germany, three years as the national manager for the Signal Corps Regimental Association and a number of years as a substitute teacher. Just prior to joining the Blanchet faculty, Mrs. Ostby taught fifth and sixth grade at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School in Salem for four years.

Mrs. Ostby enjoys reading, watching movies, watching her daughters play sports and traveling. Her favorite recent vacation was to Scotland, and her dream is to take a safari in Africa.

When asked what her impressions of the Blanchet community are, Mrs. Ostby replies, "When I first came to live in Salem, I visited Blanchet to see if I

would be interested in sending my children when they were old enough. I was impressed with the faculty I met and the mission of the school to help students grow in courage and faith. Eventually my oldest daughter started attending Blanchet. The more involved I became as a parent, the more I realized that I wanted to be able to join the Blanchet community as an educator. Now that I am on staff, I know that this is where I belong.”

Principal Tony Guevara comments, “Mrs. Ostby has been a wonderful addition to our faculty and a real gift to our middle school students. Her sixth grade classroom is alive with learning and discovery while her seventh grade language arts classes are a safe and engaging environment for budding authors. Mrs. Ostby’s caring, supportive, and patient way with her students encourages their highest participation and best efforts. We are fortunate to count her among our teachers!”



SIXTH GRADERS TO ATTEND OUTDOOR SCHOOL

Mrs. Ostby is very pleased to announce that this fall the sixth grade will be attending outdoor science school at Camp Westwind on the Oregon Coast. The curriculum offered during camp is tied to Oregon State Education Standards, and the students’ natural inclination to explore, combined with guidance from qualified educators, will result in an outstanding educational experience. In the natural laboratory at outdoor science school, the study of ecology, science, math and conservation of natural resources takes on real meaning. Through hands-on activities, students develop an appreciation of the natural world and their place in it. At the same time, social growth occurs as the students learn, live and play together.

Westwind is located on the Oregon coast, just a few miles north of Lincoln City. In use by Northwest

Outdoor Science School since 1984, Westwind is one of the most beautiful places in Oregon. Its 508 acres of wild coastal land include two miles of coastline, rocky headlands and sea caves, mature Sitka spruce and beach pine forests, and the Salmon River estuary. Westwind and Cascade Head (pictured above) are part of a U.N. Biosphere Reserve.

Westwind is an outstanding place to study natural science. Its seclusion -- access is only by boat across the Salmon River, or a three mile hike along an access road -- and inclusion within the Cascade Head Scenic-Research Area have kept it a very wild place. Wildlife at Westwind include bald eagles, elk, ravens, deer, sea lions, salmon, bobcats and whales. Also, there are numerous tide pools and sea caves filled with wondrous marine organisms.

P.E.O. CHAPTER ET SCHOLARSHIP

Women Helping Women Reach for the Stars

Ten Blanchet Catholic graduates have received financial support to attend college through the assistance of the P.E.O. Chapter ET Scholarship program.

P.E.O. is a philanthropic organization where women celebrate the advancement of women, educate women through scholarships and awards, and motivate women to achieve their highest aspirations.

The local chapter has been providing scholarships annually to graduating Blanchet seniors since 2007. Education Committee member Pam Morris explains that the scholarships are memorials that pay tribute to a chapter member who has passed away. Scholarship recipients receive information about the deceased club member when they are notified of the award.

Local P.E.O. scholarship amounts vary each year. The chapter helps the Blanchet recipients apply for state P.E.O. scholarships. College Counselor Nancy Parks annually recommends four senior girls to the P.E.O. Salem chapter Education Committee, who review their applications and conduct an interview with each of the nominees.

According to Ms. Morris, the primary consideration for a P.E.O. Chapter ET Scholarship is financial need. The unique aspect of this program is that the P.E.O. chapter informally “adopts” the Blanchet students. In addition to financial support towards college, members provide phone calls, letters, birthday cards, Christmas gifts, and more. They want to ensure that their scholarship recipients are successful in college and beyond, and to this end members provide a lot of nurturing and assistance. This might involve giving pep talks, visiting them at college, helping them navigate life on a college campus, and more. Close relationships develop, and the group stays in contact with many of the Blanchet scholarship recipients. Ms. Morris notes that her advice to scholarship recipients often is to “concentrate and devote energies on what you need to do during college.”

The P.E.O. Chapter ET currently consists of 46 local women. Their group was established in 1981 in Salem, but the national P.E.O. organization has a long and illustrious history dating back 143 years. The local chapter funds their scholarship through a successful annual sale of packaged nuts in the fall and other fund raising efforts.

Ms. Morris and members of the Chapter ET Education Committee annually present their scholarship at Blanchet’s end of the year awards celebration – Class Day. They have greatly enjoyed forming a close relationship with our students and staff. The chapter members note that they are always impressed with “the quality of Blanchet students and their academic achievement. Many students volunteer, participate in a wide variety of experiences and rise above challenging circumstances. Blanchet students often have an idea of what they want to do. Chapter ET’s goal is to help them prepare and focus on the future, and complete their college education.”

Blanchet alumna Ashley Schlechter was selected to receive a P.E.O. scholarship when she graduated in 2009. “Receiving a scholarship from P.E.O. is so much more than just money towards your education. You also get to build relationships with wonderful ladies in the community who want you to succeed. The P.E.O. and the ladies involved have had such an influence and impact on my college years and education, and I am so thankful for all it has given me,” she comments. Ashley recently completed her third year of college at Linfield and first year of nursing school.



The 2012 P.E.O. Scholarships were awarded to seniors Michelle Moreno and Michelle Stensen, shown here with P.E.O. representative Pam Morris.

A CONVERSATION WITH LARRY TOKARSKI

Larry Tokarski is a member of Blanchet Catholic's President's Advisory Board. He is a Blanchet grandfather and generous supporter. Mr. Tokarski has been a loyal donor since 1997. He has helped pay off the mortgage on the school facility, build our new Commons building, and sponsors the school's Friends of Benedictine service club, among other projects. He served as the commencement speaker for the class of 2012.

"About fifteen years ago, I remember attending Mass at St. Joseph Church. While I sat in the pew praising God, I told Him if there was anything he wanted me to do, He should show me the way. Shortly after, a parishioner came by and asked me to help with the collection baskets. I immediately said no because this was not something I was comfortable doing.

"After a few seconds, however, I realized that just a few minutes earlier I had told God I would do whatever He wanted. He had sent me a messenger, and I hadn't followed instructions. Embarrassed, I ran down the aisle and began helping.

"That day changed the direction of my life. I vowed God that if He sent people to me asking for help, I would do my best to take care of them.

"That's how I came to be involved in Blanchet Catholic School. I was friends with Phil Settecase, an architect who served on Blanchet's Board of Directors. Phil was a dreamer. He kept talking about Blanchet and I gradually started listening.

"I'm especially called to help two populations – kids and old people, because they are both constantly being taken advantage of in society. I support kids because some parents aren't doing their jobs and the elderly because society doesn't always see their value.

"I value Blanchet because you have teachers who are passionate – you have the best quality teachers who are there for the right reasons. Also, you have parents who participate which is crucial. Your students take full advantage of the opportunities available, and they appreciate the gift that they are given. I also believe in the structure and discipline that Blanchet provides.



"If families are looking for the best college prep secondary education that's available – there is only one place to be, and that's Blanchet.

"I like to give to specific projects. I'm motivated when leaders approach me with identified needs and I can see where the project is going. I've invested in Blanchet because your leaders have my trust. I know and value what you are doing – it makes it easy to make the decision when you have great stewards.

"I'm looking forward to serving as the class of 2012's commencement speaker. I'm going to share with them some of the mistakes I've made in my life and career, and what I've learned. I will talk about some big themes – namely forgiveness, risk taking and love.

"My advice for the class of 2012 is to choose carefully. As young adults entering college, they should not abandon their true desire. However, what they want to be should be balanced against the economic environment. They should evaluate their interests against reality to prevent disappointment and heartbreak."

A group of people are gathered on a grassy area for a ground-breaking ceremony. A yellow CAT excavator is positioned in the background. In the foreground, a man in a white shirt and dark vest is using a shovel to dig a hole in the grass. To his right, a man in a dark suit and a man in a dark suit with a light blue kilt are standing. To the left, three people are seated on folding chairs. Two orange traffic cones are placed on the grass. A large, light-colored building is visible in the background.

Honor a Student or Family Member with a Stepping Stone

transportation, student activities, athletics, and more.

We are offering a special opportunity this spring. Annual fund donors of \$500 and more will receive a custom hexagon shaped stepping stone that will be installed in the courtyard adjacent to the new Commons building. Donors can choose a combination of text and symbols that will be permanently engraved on the stone. ***Please make your contribution to the annual fund by June 30.***

Blanchet broke ground on April 13 on what President Lee has described as the new “heart of the campus,” a 10,600 sq. ft. addition to the school. Located across from the soccer field, the new Commons building will include a cafeteria, kitchen, athletic locker rooms, student store and landscaped courtyard. Designed by Garth Brandaw of CBTwo Architects/Construction and constructed by Jim Tokarski of Phoenix Contracting, the Commons is the largest expansion of the school since 2005 when the Auxiliary Gym was completed. We anticipate that the Commons will be complete by November 2012.

The Commons is the largest project included in the school's "Foundation for the Future" campaign. We are still seeking donors to help fund the remaining goals outlined in the campaign including: providing tuition assistance, upgrading technology, enhancing the curriculum and renovating facilities. We ask for your assistance in raising the last \$600,000 needed to complete



Facility Updates Continue Courtesy of the Epping Family Foundation

The Larry & Jeanette Epping Family Foundation recently awarded Blanchet \$70,000 to be used this summer towards facility renovations. The monies specifically will be used to renovate two mid high restrooms and to purchase \$20,000 worth of flooring for the administrative hallway, offices, a team room and a classroom. The Epping Foundation has been instrumental in helping renovate and modernize the Blanchet campus throughout the school's history, and we are extremely grateful for their support.

Thank You to Our Raffle Supporters

Thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets and to the student body for their excellent job selling raffle tickets. This annual student fundraiser met its goal and raised \$40,000 for programs.

Save the Date for Blanchet's Largest Fundraiser – the Annual Auction

The Blanchet auction will be held on Saturday, October 13 on campus. Please save the date and plan on attending our largest fundraiser and social occasion of the school year! Our theme this year is "A Vintage Garden Gala." Steve Talbot, a wonderful and talented auctioneer, has been hired to lead the live auction during the event.



President Lee talks with Stephen and Eileen Zielinski at a dinner for members of the Archbishop Blanchet Society in May.



Principal Guevara talks to alumni from Sacred Heart Academy and Serra Catholic High School in May.

Donate ~ Attend ~ Volunteer
blanchetcatholicschool.com/auction

NEWSBRIEFS

8TH GRADE CLASS HONORED AS STATE WINNERS OF DISNEY PLANET CHALLENGE

On Tuesday, May 29, Blanchet's 8th grade class was honored during a special all-school assembly. The 8th graders, led by science teacher Mrs. Halsey Randall, were recently named as the state winners of the Disney Planet



Challenge Project for their efforts to improve the Willamette watershed on school grounds and to establish a native plant garden. The group was presented with prizes, and volunteers, donors and partners were recognized during the assembly that was immediately followed by a blessing and dedication ceremony at the garden site on campus.



Disney's Planet Challenge is the in-school program for Disney's Friends for Change, a multi-platform initiative, which focuses on inspiring kids and families around the world to take simple steps to help the planet and their communities.

This year's competition drew thousands of students from across the United States and featured a tremendous variety of projects, including cafeteria composting, the clean-up of local lakes and watershed improvements. Students and teachers spent long hours of classroom and field work to create environmental portfolios, document their

research, implement solutions and engage their local communities.

A panel of scientists, environmental experts and educators, including representatives from the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) and WestEd K-12 Alliance, selected the finalists and national winner. Blanchet's project took 6th place in the nation.

Mrs. Halsey-Randall and her 8th grade students worked for months on their comprehensive project. They invited guest speakers into their classroom, including leaders from SOLV who inspired them to rehabilitate a stream system that runs through the Blanchet Catholic campus. Students volunteered dozens of hours outside of school to remove invasive species from the streams, such as blackberries and reed canary grass, as well as other debris and garbage. Students attended an all day field trip to the Oregon Garden where they learned more about native plants and participated in a service project. The 8th grade class spread the word about their project and asked for volunteers and donations. They were successful in installing native trees on campus, in addition to creating a native plant demonstration garden.

The group's efforts have been recognized by local foundations, such as the Diack Ecology Education Program, which granted funds for educational supplies to allow the garden to become an outdoor science lab. In addition, three students (Jessica Bosworth, Hannah Chong & Alyssa Walsh) were recently notified that their poems about the watershed will be published in the 2012 "Students Honoring Our Rivers" anthology.

Blanchet President Charles Lee said, "We are very proud of the efforts of Mrs. Halsey Randall and her 8th grade science students. The students' Disney Planet Challenge project was incredibly creative and required ingenuity and hard work. The students have taken the initiative to improve the environment, and in addition to learning a lot about the issues surrounding the Willamette watershed, have made a huge positive impact on our campus and the health of the streams that are located on our grounds."

MEGAN ANGSTROM ~ OPTIMIST STUDENT OF THE YEAR

Senior Megan Angstrom was honored by the Salem Optimist Club as Optimist Student of the Year.



Megan was honored earlier this year as Optimist Student of the Month – Most Involved in Fine & Performing Arts. The administration unanimously agreed to honor her as the Optimist Student of the Year for her outstanding contributions to the fine arts (drama and visual art), her academic achievements (3.988 GPA) and her community service. Megan has been involved in the Friends of Benedictine service club for several years and is incredibly kind and patient with the nursing center residents. She received a Friends of Benedictine Excellence Award for her dedication to the club. Megan also completed her senior service project at the Providence Benedictine Nursing Center, which included making plant identification markers for their therapy garden.

Megan plans to attend Oregon State University next fall.

SHEILA LIMAS ~ OPTIMIST STUDENT OF THE MONTH (APRIL)

Sophomore Sheila Limas was nominated for the Optimist award for her continued efforts to be a better student. Sheila has struggled in the past academically. However, she discovered the importance of giving your best efforts regardless of the outcome. Vice Principal Carlton Wise said, “Many students view themselves as incapable and usually attribute success to ability rather than effort. Many students who fail simply do not try because they believe that even if they worked harder, their achievement still would not improve in any substantial way. Sheila does not subscribe to this way of thinking. She has shown improvement through her efforts. Sheila understands that who she is is far more important than what she does. For

God loves us for who we are, not what we are. Who is Sheila? Sheila is someone who has decided that whatever it is that she decides to do, she will be great - not just good, but great. The only way to accomplish this is to continue to do her best.”

Sheila’s accomplishments extend beyond the classroom as well. She is a talented athlete who competes on the varsity volleyball, basketball and track teams.



EIGHTH GRADER EXCELS AT BALLROOM DANCING



As an eighth grader, Marie Erickson is already an accomplished dancer. She specializes in Latin and Standard Ballroom Dancing and has been perfecting her craft for

two years. Marie dances with the Ballroom Dance Company in Tigard and practices five hours each week in preparation for competitions and showcases. Because of the distance she must travel each week, Marie’s future plans are to move from the Tigard based company to a local instructor here in Salem.

Vice Principal Marsha Lyons and her husband Al attended one of Marie’s dance recitals this spring. Mrs. Lyons commented, “Marie is an excellent and impressive dancer. Since I have never attended a couple’s dance competition, I was in absolute awe watching Marie and her partner dancing the waltz and the jive. It was like being at ‘Dancing with the Stars!’”

MEET JAMES KISANGA ~ INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FROM TANZANIA

James Kisanga is one of twenty-seven international students who studied at Blanchet Catholic this year – but has the distinction of being the first international student in school history from Africa.

James' home country is Tanzania – an East African country bordered by Kenya and Uganda to the north. The eastern border of Tanzania is the Indian Ocean. James has studied at Blanchet since January of this year, and is gradually adjusting to life and school in America. His goal is to graduate from Blanchet, attend university and become a doctor like his mentor and sponsor, Dr. James Lace.

Dr. Lace is a local pediatrician who has made several mission trips to Tanzania over the years to provide medical care. He met James and his family several years ago, and James often serves as Dr. Lace's interpreter during his visits to Africa.

Dr. Lace says James' mother, Gladness, is very grateful for her son to attend Blanchet. Some Blanchet students may remember meeting Gladness, a Masai woman, whom Dr. Lace brought to the Blanchet campus to speak a few years ago. "For a Tanzania boy to attend school in the U.S. is a huge opportunity," says Dr. Lace. Dr. Lace describes James' hometown, Arusha, as a city of 1/2 million that is culturally diverse and whose inhabitants are exposed to westerners. Even though

James' family enjoys a nice house in Tanzania, many villagers in more rural areas live in mud huts.

When asked to describe his home, James said what is most distinctive about Tanzania is the warm tropical weather and the wildlife reserves. He enjoys seeing a variety of wildlife on a daily basis, and his favorite animal is the lion! He lives very close to Mt. Kilimanjaro. James began studying English in first grade. At the private school he attended, he was required to learn English and to speak only English at school. As a result, James can speak English very well. At home and with his friends, James usually speaks Swahili.

James has one sister who just completed secondary school and a brother who is in college. His mom works for non-profit organizations and helps with orphanages, and his father works in tourism. While he misses his family very much, he stays in contact through phone calls, email and video chats.

James entered Blanchet as a freshman and is looking forward to meeting more friends next year and becoming involved in band. He plays the drums and plans to take piano lessons this summer. James loves to play soccer, which is very popular in Tanzania.

James has enjoyed his classes at Blanchet, especially accounting, health and history. He plans to enroll in a language class next year, but hasn't decided on French or Spanish.

James' host parents are local educators who work at south Salem public schools. James is an only child in their household and has enjoyed his time with his American family. His host mother is in awe of James' strength and bravery. As a 15 year old, he is living 10,000 miles from the people he loves, learning to function in a new culture and going to school where academic content is taught only in his second language. She notes that he is a kind and gentle soul.

Besides his family, James misses "riding bikes" and talking with his friends in Tanzania, but he remains excited about the opportunity to study in America. He plans to study hard to meet his goal of becoming a doctor so that he can "help people."



James (top, right) pictured with his mother, Gladness, sister Evelyn and older brother Jesterd.

James will remain in Salem over the summer – we encourage our Blanchet families to invite him to events and gatherings to meet more people and visit other parts of Oregon and the Northwest! Contact the Blanchet school office for more information.

SERVICE PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



On April 20 mid high students along with teachers and parent volunteers spent the day cleaning up at Camp

Howard. This included clearing trails and pathways of fallen trees, limbs and other debris blown in by the winter's windstorms.

The class of 2012 presented their senior service projects on May 11. The students put together amazing projects that benefited dozens of non-profit organizations

in the Mid Valley. Four groups of seniors focused their service projects on Salem's St. Francis Shelter. St.



Francis provides transitional shelter to homeless families who are working towards self-sufficiency. Students organized a Christmas party and an Easter celebration, raised funds for a garden bench, constructed a new gazebo and play structure for the children's play area and also served on the shelter's Board of Directors. Kim Helterline, Executive Director of St. Francis Shelter, commented, "Each of the students we worked with was amazing. I found them to be highly energized about their projects, very aware of the need in their community and genuinely interested in our families and what they could do to help."

Seniors Lauren Eliason, Sarah Darst and Daniell Tea-Pelley's project, "Youth Junk to Fashion Funk," received the Senior Service Project of the Year Award.



GRANDPARENTS DAY

We enjoyed record attendance at our annual Grandparents Day program held on April 27. Over 350 special guests and students enjoyed a complimentary lunch, student entertainment and time to visit and tour the campus.



Sarah & Kaitlin MacIsaac with their grandparents Don & Arline MacIsaac.



Ryan & Ashley Scanlan with Marie Burch.

Alumni

Where are they now?

Shawn Lonergan ~ Class of 2001



Shawn Lonergan '01 has enjoyed a distinguished career in the military. He recently finished a command that included putting a brigade together for cyber-warfare operational readiness.

Shawn was selected by the Department of Social Sciences at West Point (his alma mater) to attend graduate school this fall. Following completion of graduate school, he will assume an assignment teaching in the International Relations Program at West Point (in 2014). His selection was the result of an extremely competitive process and is indicative of West Point's high regard for his tremendous performance as an officer and exceptional potential for future service.

Shawn was accepted to the Masters programs at Columbia, Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Georgetown and Johns Hopkins. He has accepted the offer to attend Columbia's Ph.D. program in political science beginning in the fall of 2012.

Shawn was also recently honored as a General Douglas MacArthur Award recipient for the United States Army Intelligence and Security Command. This award is given annually to an officer who embodies the ideas of "Duty, Honor, Country" and has made significant contributions to the U.S. Army. Specifically, Shawn was recognized for his accomplishments while serving as a company commander assigned to Fort Meade. His nomination letter for the award noted the following:

"As the Deputy Chief of the Expeditionary Access Operations (EAO), Shawn's leadership and operational savvy earned him the trust and respect of the Division's senior management. As such, he was given charge of the organization's \$14 million operations and training budget and served as the Contracting Officer Representative (COR) for projects focused on acquiring and integrating sensitive collection systems, valued at over \$60 million.

"During his tenure as EAO, Lonergan deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan to observe and certify the operational employment of his collectors. Upon returning, Shawn applied lessons learned to revolutionize the pre-deployment process by changing how teams were trained, organized and employed.

"Shawn has the commitment and potential to continue to make great contributions to our Nation and our Army. His leadership abilities, natural charisma, and accomplishments during his time in command clearly demonstrate why he is most deserving of the General Douglas MacArthur Award."

We are proud of you, Shawn!

We'd love to hear from you! Please send alumni updates to brandy@blanchetcatholicschool.com

More Alumni Updates

Martha Choate Monson '03 ~ Congratulations to Martha who received her Doctor of Medicine from the University of Vermont College of Medicine on May 20, 2012. Dr. Choate will start her residency at the University of Utah in Obstetrics & Gynecology.



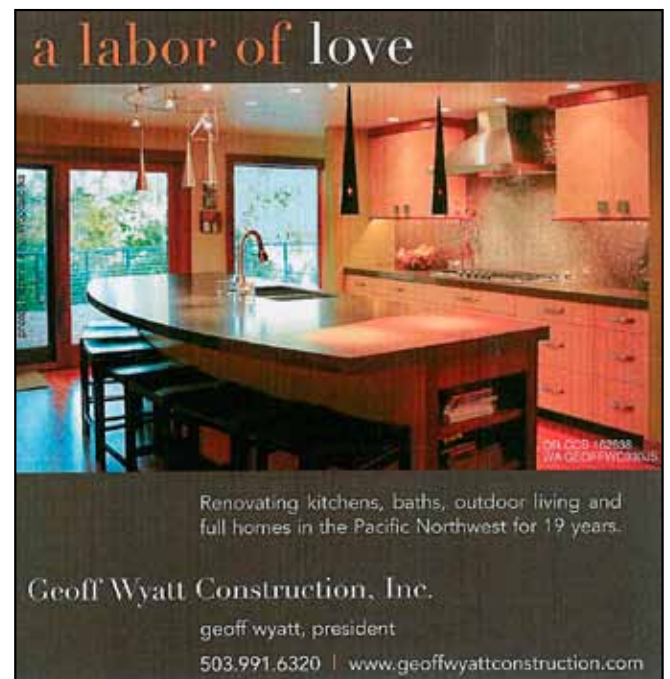
Thomas Belleque '06 ~ Thomas has signed his contract to teach a third year at a small school in Teller, Alaska. He teaches high school math, coaches volleyball and basketball, and is athletic director.

Photo: Thomas ice fishing in Teller, Alaska.

Whitney Allies '08 ~ Whitney recently graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Community Health Education at Western Oregon University.

Evan Charles '10 ~ PFC Evan Charles was honored as a Hero of the Regiment in January 2012. Evan was nominated for performing flawlessly as a young soldier and demonstrating great bravery during an ambush on his convoy during which he was wounded by an IED. Evan is a Forward Observer for the 2nd Platoon where he is currently serving in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Katlyn Prentice '10 ~ Katlyn recently completed her sophomore year at Boston College, where she was nominated and accepted for membership in the Golden Key International Honour Society based upon her academic achievements. Additionally she received an undergraduate research fellowship and will be a teaching assistant during the summer session.



2012 3A State Champions!

The Cavaliers won the OSAA 3A State Title on Friday, June 1 at Oregon State University with a final score of 5-1 against rival Santiam Christian.



VARSITY SOFTBALL

Record: 17-3

League Record: 14-2

All-Conference Selections

Kayla Hari - 1st Team Pitcher

Taylor Wolf - 1st Team Catcher

Lauren Kessel - 1st Team 1st Baseman

Allie Butterfield - 1st Team - Infielder

Alee Banuelos - 1st Team Infielder

Sami Belleque - 2nd Team Infielder

Chloe Rabb - 2nd Team Outfielder

Aubrey Ruiz - Honorable Mention
Infielder

All-State Selections

Allie Butterfield - 1st Team Infielder,
3A Player of the Year

Kayla Hari - 1st Team Pitcher

Lauren Kessel - 1st Team 1st Baseman

Alee Banuelos - 2nd Team 3rd Baseman

Taylor Wolf - Honorable Mention Catcher

Coach Orlando - 3A Coach of the Year

POST SEASON PLAY



VARSITY BOYS GOLF

*1st Place Special District 2
7th in State
Nic Ditzler - 17th place overall*

VARSITY BASEBALL

*2nd Place PacWest League
1st Round State Championship
Record: 16-6
League Record: 13-3*



All-Conference Selections

*Mason Fessler - 2nd Team Pitcher
Zach Pelley - 2nd Team Pitcher
Tim Coen - 2nd Team Catcher
Trey Gianella - 2nd Team Outfielder
Jack Gries - 2nd Team DH
James Taaffe - HM Infielder
Ricki Santibanez - HM Utility*



VARSITY BOY TENNIS

*5th Place PacWest League
Vic Yeh - 1st round OSAA State
Tournament*

VARSITY GIRLS GOLF

*1st Place Special District 4
8th in State
Amanda McCall - 6th place*



*overall, All Mid-
Valley Team
Coach Smith - Mid
Valley Coach of the
Year & District 4
Coach of the Year*



VARSITY GIRLS TENNIS

*5th Place Special District 2
Malvika Ramesh - 4th Place
OSAA State 4A/3A/2A/1A
Tournament*

VARSITY TRACK

Girls - 1st Place PacWest Conference

State Competitors:

*Bianca Russell - 3rd Place Javelin
Shiela Limas De La Cruz - 5th Place
Discus, Maddie Hoy - 8th Place 300m
Hurdles Jessica Burns - 9th Place 800m,
Brent Counts - 10th Place 300m Hurdles*



BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL

*2012 PacWest Conference Champions
4th Place OSAA State Chmpionships
Record: 26-4
League Record: 17-2*

All-Conference Selections

*Brent Counts - 1st Team
Patrick Counts - 1st Team
Kyle Ruiz - Honorable Mention
Will Bizon - Honorable Mention
Coach Tromblay - PacWest Coach of the Year*

All-State Selections

*Brent Counts - 1st Team
Patrick Counts - Honorable Mention
All Mid-Valley - Brent Counts
Brent Counts - 1st Team All-State Tournament*



VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL

*2nd Place PacWest
League
5th Place
OSAA State
Championships
Record: 24-6
League Record: 17-3*

All-Conference Selections

*Sami Belleque - 1st Team
Emily Copple - 2nd Team
Bianca Russell - 2nd Team
Sarah Darst - Honorable Mention*

All-State Selections

*Sami Belleque - Honorable Mention
Emily Copple - Honorable Mention
Bianca Russell - Honorable Mention
Sami Belleque - 2nd Team All-State
Tournament*

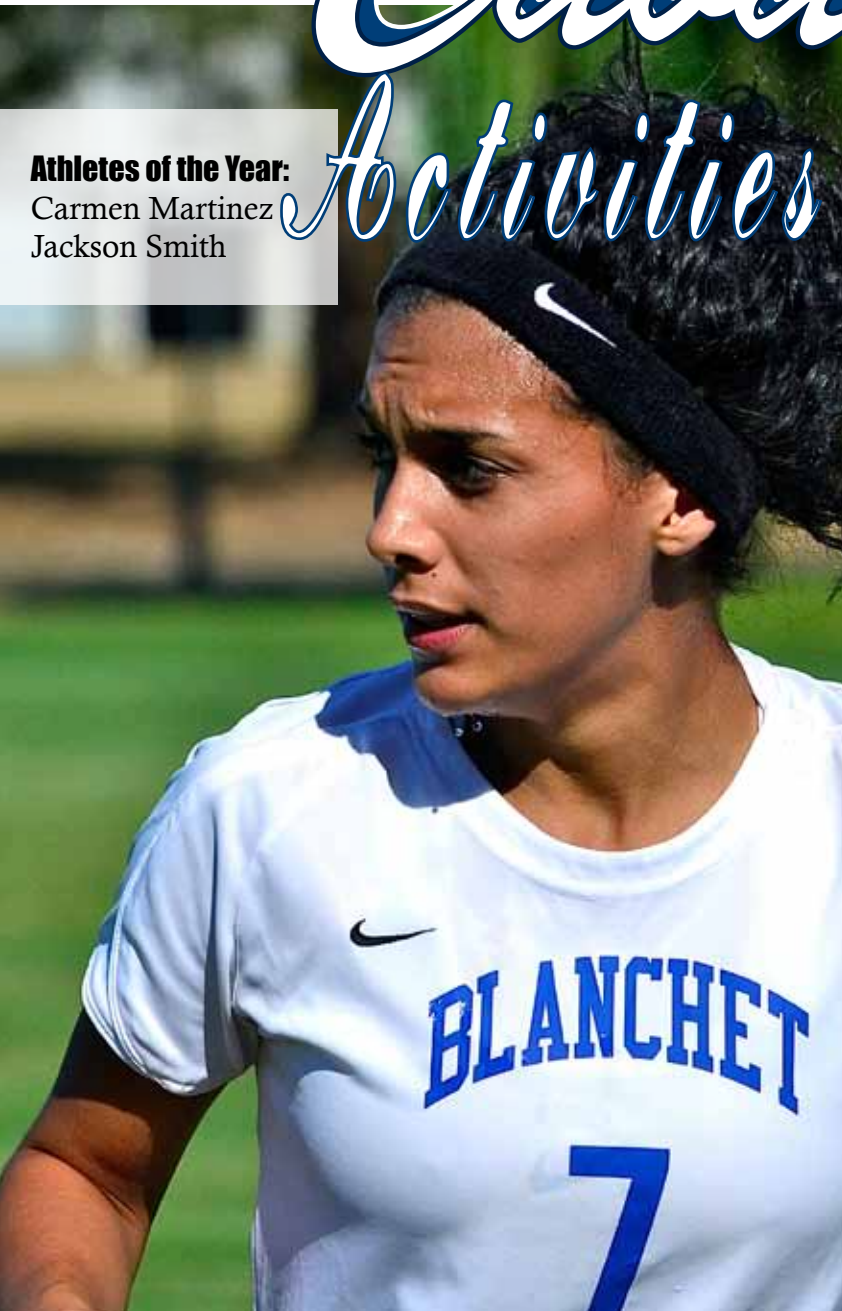
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Cavaliers

Activities Awards

Athletes of the Year:

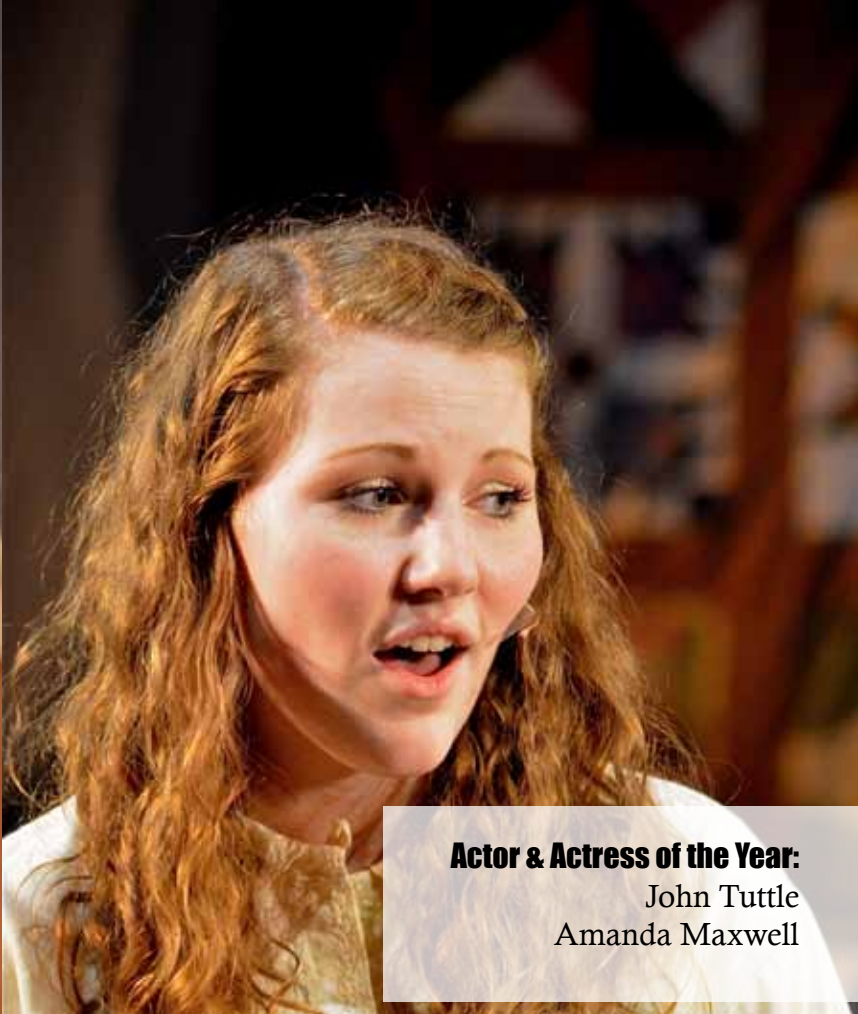
Carmen Martinez
Jackson Smith



Twelve Sport Athletes:

Caitlin Buswell, Tim Coen, Maddie Hoy, Tom Plata, Bianca Russell, Dan Smith, Jackson Smith, Daniell Tea-Pelley





Actor & Actress of the Year:

John Tuttle
Amanda Maxwell



National School Choral Award:

Matt Creagan
Lauren Eliason



Director's Award:

Kyung Hun Jung



Outstanding Member Award:

Choir ~ John Tuttle
Band ~ Katie Pratt



BCS *Fine Arts*



High School Art Show



Best of Show - Alyssa Pollard

**Drawing & Painting
1st Place
Michelle Stensen**

**Ceramics
1st Place
Megumi**



Mid High Drama





High School Drama



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Kim



Food Contest - People's Choice Award
Mitchell Coleman
Pizza



Photography
1st Place
Quinn Duvall



Spring Music Concert



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