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BLANCHET SENIOR LUIS RODRIGUEZ-WALMISLEY AND SPECIAL GUEST EDIE VANDERZANDEN ENJOY VISITING AT GRANDPARENTS DAY IN APRIL.



BCS

Sixth grader Avery Charles enjoys his meal during Blanchet's first all school pancake and waffle breakfast held on May 31. Following breakfast, students were treated to a concert by the Catholic rock band Dr. Iven and field day activities.



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A new set of chimes was recently purchased for the band through support from the Fine Arts Parents Group, the "Foundation for the Future" campaign and proceeds from Jazz Night.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Blanchet Community,



Blanchet's 18th school year has come to a close, but it will not be forgotten. The 2012-

2013 school year has been truly one of the most memorable in school history. Student achievement and school spirit were high, and many significant milestones were reached. Thanks to the generosity of many donors, our beautiful and functional new Student Center opened in November, we received a \$1 million gift to support tuition assistance and our hard-working and dedicated board of directors received a national award for excellence from the National Catholic Education Association.

We are also thrilled to announce that 77 loyal donors contributed to this spring's "Murdock Match" opportunity. They helped us reach our \$50,000 goal in an amazing three months, and at the end of June we will receive our \$50,000 grant towards technology from the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust in Vancouver, WA. Projects that will be funded from this \$100,000 investment this summer and fall include:

- Installation of a new digital media Macintosh lab;
- Purchase of 46 iPads for pilot project in the classrooms;
- Infrastructure upgrade (bandwidth, wireless routers, new servers);
- New sound system for Student Center, new projection systems for Student Center, Main Gym & Wiegand Arts Center;
- Purchase of software for music department;
- Instructional technology training for faculty.

As part of our "Foundation for the Future" campaign, we are also replacing the computer cabling on campus this summer to stabilize our system and plan for future expansion and upgrading

all the computers in the computer lab and library. We are very excited about these significant technology enhancements and appreciate everyone who helped make them possible. I want to especially thank the members of our Technology Committee (Chair – Ron Hittner, Brandy O'Bannon, Tony Guevara, Roger Desrosiers, Dick Kahler, Krishna Namburi and Dean Sweeney) for their tremendous work this school year.

These technology upgrades are a part of our strategic five-year plan, Vision 2015. This year the board and administration made tremendous progress towards the goals outlined in this document. In the fall I will provide a full report on our progress to date and our plans to complete the five-year plan by 2015.

Thank you for being members of our dynamic school community. I hope you and your family enjoy a safe, relaxing and fun summer vacation!

By Courage & Faith,

Charles E. Lee
President



Mark your calendars 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 *fifth annual Cavalier Classic Golf Tournament*.

Creekside Golf Club
August 26, 2013 at 12:00 p.m.

Cost: \$150

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

We hope you join us!

Register online
blanchetcatholicschool.com/cavclassic

THE CLASS OF 2013

These seventy seniors represent Blanchet's largest class in school history. Together they were offered over \$6.2 million in scholarship funds!



Diana Dettwyler, Photographer

VALEDICTORIANS

SAMANTHA BELLEQUE is a 4.0 GPA student and is a highly decorated Blanchet "Twelve-Sport" athlete who helped lead her teams to the 2009 volleyball state championship and the 2012 softball state championship. In volleyball, Samantha was selected to All League teams three times and All State teams three times. As a basketball player, she was selected two times each as All League and All State and was named the 2012 and 2013 MVP. Samantha was also a four-time All League and two-time All State softball player and has served as captain of the varsity volleyball, basketball and softball teams.



Samantha is a member of the National Honor Society and has been an active member of the Friends of Benedictine Service Club, Spirituality Team, Outdoor Club and Campus Ambassadors.

Samantha will attend Gonzaga University next fall.

NICHOLAS DITZLER has earned a 4.0 GPA while active in many co-curricular activities including National Honor Society, Campus Ambassadors and Friends of Benedictine Service Club. He is an officer in Blanchet's Math and DECA Clubs and is a Science Olympiad Hall of Fame member as a ten-time medal winner. Outside of school,



Nicholas is active in Oregon Boys State, Academic World Quest, National Federation of Music Clubs and Salem Chamber of Commerce Leadership Youth.

Nicholas is a very talented member of the boys varsity golf team, earning the championship title in both 2012 and 2013.

Nicholas will attend the University of Michigan to study biomedical engineering.

KELSEY NANNEMAN maintains a 4.0 grade point average and is a 2013 National Merit



Commended Scholar. She is a member of the National Honor Society, the National Society of High School Scholars and is a Johns Hopkins Academic Excellence Award winner. Kelsey is one of Blanchet's most gifted math students and was a top finisher in the American Mathematics competition and a state qualifier in the Chemeketa Regional Math Competition. She has attended advanced math courses at Willamette University. In January, Kelsey was honored by the Salem Optimist Club for her achievement in math and science.

In addition to her outstanding academics, Kelsey is a competitive member of the varsity volleyball team, served as captain of the varsity swim team, was voted swim team MVP three consecutive times and helped lead the team to the 2011 District Championship. She is also a very talented member of Blanchet's drama department and has appeared in several Blanchet productions.

Kelsey will attend Rice University this fall and will study bioengineering.

SALUTATORIAN

CASSANDRA FARRELL is the class of 2013 salutatorian with a 3.998 GPA. She is a National Honor Society member and has been recognized on the President's Honor Roll for outstanding academics.



Cassandra is a competitive athlete who has participated in varsity soccer for four years, varsity track for two years and varsity swimming for one year. In 2010 she helped lead the girls soccer team to the district title and to the state playoffs in 2009, 2010 and 2011. Cassandra received Honorable Mention All League recognition for soccer in 2010.

Outside of school, Cassandra is active in the Keizer Soccer Club and is a member of St. Luke Catholic Church. She plans to attend Pacific University next fall to study physics.

SENIOR AWARDS

St. Thomas Aquinas Award for Academic Excellence – *Kelsey Nanneman*

Archbishop Francis Norbert Blanchet Outstanding Leadership Award – *Caitlin Anglemier*

Mother Teresa Spirituality Award – *Maggie Conklin*

Guido Caldarazzo Principal's Award – *Trey Gianella*



The Schlechter family (above) and thirteen other Blanchet families graduated their youngest child in the class of 2013. These parents, all of whom have been in the Blanchet family for at least a decade, received flowers as an expression of our gratitude for their support.



Faculty Profile

JANE MENKE



In September, Blanchet proudly welcomed two new teachers to its faculty; Mrs. Gretchen Wunderlich (featured in the Fall/Winter Cavalier Magazine), and Mrs. Jane Menke, our new eighth and ninth grade English teacher.

Mrs. Menke was born in Flushing, N.Y., the first of three girls in her family. Her father worked as a radiologist with Kaiser Permanente following his service as a colonel in the U.S. Army. Her mother was a devoted school teacher of various subjects including ESL, art and child development. At the age of five, Jane's family moved to Los Angeles where she attended Catholic school throughout elementary, middle and high school. Jane graduated from Louisville, an all girls Catholic high school, in 1993.

After graduation, Mrs. Menke moved to Tucson to attend the University of Arizona, earning a bachelor of science degree in family studies and a minor in sociology in 1997. She then moved back to Los Angeles and began her career teaching in Catholic schools. She went on to earn her Masters in Education in 2007 from Loyola Marymount University.

Jane and her husband, Dave, were married in 2008 at St. Brendan Church in Los Angeles where she was working as a teacher in the parish school. Son Charlie was born in 2009 and daughter Eliza in 2011. In September 2011, the family moved to Salem to pursue a job opportunity for Dave and a better quality of life for all.

Mrs. Menke has been a classroom teacher for the last fifteen years and is in her fourteenth year of Catholic education. She has taught various age groups including 3-5 year olds at a Montessori school, 5th grade at Good Shepherd in Beverly Hills and 5th-8th grades at St. Brendan. Mrs. Menke also served as school representative in the Los Angeles Archdiocese Catholic Schools Mentor Teacher Program.

After moving to Salem, Mrs. Menke stayed at home with her two little ones. While she truly enjoyed this special time with her kids, she really missed being in the classroom. "I fell in love with teaching on my very first day, and learned that absence truly makes the heart grow fonder." After doing a little research, she discovered Blanchet. "I started out as a substitute and was impressed by the school's administration, staff and students. I was thrilled when Mr. Guevara told me there was a position available teaching English!"

"My students are my inspiration and the reason I love teaching. I love the challenge and change that comes with teaching. I love the relationship that grows with each student," says Mrs. Menke, who also draws inspiration from her own children. "Life is all about learning, and one can really learn a lot about everything by watching toddlers discover the world around them." She loves watching people of all ages discover the wonders of the world and strives to incorporate as much "real life" into



her curriculum as possible. She also works to personalize instruction, believing in the importance of knowing each student and creating curriculum that is applicable and relevant for them. "I believe in student directed instruction and peer interaction. I want them to take ownership of what and how they are learning. I also believe in fun. Life is too short to not have any fun," she adds.



"My main goal in life is to delight in the wonders of God's creation. I believe it is important to appreciate and acknowledge all things, big and small. As an educator, my main goal is to share with my students these wonders. The power of a story is magical, whether it be through speaking, reading, or writing. Personally, I have always loved curling up with a good book. If I can share that joy with my students and especially with Charlie and Eliza, I would say I've achieved my goal."

SAYING GOODBYE TO OLD FRIENDS &

Saying Goodbye

Brandy O'Bannon, Development Director

President Lee, when he was interviewing me in 2001, said that if I took the job at Blanchet I would be a part of "building something that would be around forever." I'm so glad I believed in Mr. Lee's vision of what Blanchet Catholic School could be and I'm very proud of being a part of our school's growth and development.



Blanchet has indeed come a long way. I wasn't around to be an eye-witness to the "carpet in the gym," but I can attest to remembering the days when only a few computers on campus had internet access. The first year on the job, I had to travel down two hallways to a former counseling office to one lonely staff computer workstation where I would quietly update what would become the first official school website. Times have certainly changed!

There are many milestones I will always remember – the transformation of what was once a high school lunchroom into the state-of-the-art Wiegand Arts Center, for example. Working closely with parents and teachers and being a part of developing a superb fine arts program on campus has been one of my most gratifying experiences. Although I could name many other projects, from the completion of the Student Center, to the expansion of community outreach projects, to my work with Serra, Sacred Heart and Blanchet alumni, all of which have brought me tremendous joy – what truly stands out for me in my Blanchet Catholic experience is my incredibly positive interactions with students and parents. Cherished memories include late nights working on the auction with dedicated volunteers, the over 216 times I visited the Providence Benedictine Nursing Center with members of my FOB club during my 12 year tenure, and countless

other events – state championship games, sold out drama performances, awards ceremonies - where our school community comes together and truly shines.

Blanchet Catholic is where my faith was strengthened, my confidence grew and my skills expanded. Blanchet families are truly generous – with your time, talents, resources and love. Thank you for sharing your tremendous gifts with me.

Ms. O'Bannon is continuing her stellar non-profit career as the Senior Resource Development Director at Family Building Blocks.

Barb Schreiber, Math Teacher

When I started teaching at Blanchet, Marsha Lyons and I were the only math teachers. As a result, I often had students in class for four or five years, as they progressed from Algebra 1 through Calculus. I loved that because I got to know the kids so well. It was almost like family. It was also so rewarding to build our math program from the bottom up.

In the early years, with fewer staff and students, it seemed that we all got to know each other better, too. Mrs. Hollinger did everything around here. She even substituted for my class one time. I remember an administrator covered my class another time so that I could take an injured bird to a wildlife rehab place out in Turner. We were small, and we watched out for each other. That still happens, but it feels different. I also have fond memories of my trip to Japan with Mr. Weber and three students. Our hosts from Shukutoku took us to a wonderful resort outside Tokyo, complete with the traditional baths and meals.



It's been fun watching the school grow into what it is today. We have high quality programs, and our students are amazing. I've been here since the third year of the school, so I feel real ownership of what the math department has

become. We've hired some great math teachers to continue the legacy of what we have built over the years. So now, after 38 years of teaching, it is time to pass the mantle to them.

My husband and I plan to do more bicycling while we still can make it up steep hills, starting with Bike Virginia, Cycle Oregon, and the Gila Mountains of New Mexico. I will get to visit my 90 year old mother in New Mexico more often while she is still with us. I plan to take some photography classes and spend some time at my condo at Cascade Head. After my husband retires at the end of the year, we will drive to Tucson for the first time, to spend a few months as "snowbirds."

After that, who knows. I hope to do some substituting, especially in math classes, because I know I will miss teaching. And I will probably still get up early, because I love that part of the day. But if I want to stay up past 9:30 to watch TV, I won't have to worry about not getting my eight hours of sleep so I can be sharp for my students the next day.

Whatever is in store for me will become evident as time goes on. I have had a wonderful career in teaching, and I feel blessed to have been part of Blanchet for these past 16 years.

Melissa Turner, Social Studies Teacher

After seven amazing, blessed years at Blanchet it is time for me to make a change. I am starting a new chapter in my life as a stay-at-home mother. With a second boy on the way, due the beginning of September, and a twenty month old, we are going to be one busy family!

Having Mr. Lee hire me seven years ago was life changing. Going through public education myself, and being a public school educator for five years, I wasn't sure what to expect. The staff and students were so different from anything else I



had experienced. People were warm and welcoming, students were well-behaved, wanted to learn, and wanted to connect with you. Each day I looked forward to coming to work, because it was no longer work for me. Blanchet became my second home. I have had some great experiences and memories here. Being able to help assist the varsity volleyball team for four years and being a part of two state championships, coaching the varsity boys golf team for five years and winning league two of those years, being prom committee advisor for six years, teaching six different courses a year, and all the different retreats, assemblies, and Masses.

It will be sad to leave the place that has changed my life, but I am so excited to start this new journey - another journey that will completely change my life. To be able to stay home with my two sons as they grow up is something I feel so blessed to experience, as I've already seen how quickly children grow and change. Rather than lesson plans, grading, bells, and meetings being a part of my regular routine, my days will be filled with diaper changes, zoo trips, park swings, naps, coloring, and the like. Bring it on! I am so ready and excited!

Thank you to all those staff, faculty, students, and parents who have had such a huge impact on me. I appreciate your camaraderie, friendship, and memories. You all will be missed dearly. Thank you and God bless!

....HELLO TO NEW *Saying Hello*

Blanchet is very pleased to welcome the following excellent educators to its faculty:

Harry Ahn, Math Teacher

Mr. Ahn was born in Ames, Iowa and lived in the United States until he was ten years old. At that time he followed his family back to Seoul, Korea where he resided until his sophomore year of college when he returned to the U.S. to complete his degree in math from the University of New York. Mr. Ahn then joined the U.S. Navy and worked as a staff instructor teaching officers and

enlisted men the theory and operations of nuclear power plants. Following his time in the Navy, Mr. Ahn worked as a field engineer and traveled to commercial nuclear power plants throughout the U.S. instructing personnel on the operations of post-accident monitoring instrumentation. At this point he was offered the opportunity to attend Oregon State University as a graduate student in the Nuclear Engineering Department. After earning a masters degree in nuclear engineering, he went to work for a commercial nuclear power plant. After spending fifteen years in the nuclear industry, Mr. Ahn made a career change in 1997 to become a small business operator. He spent fourteen years operating several small businesses in the Salem area. In 2011 he sold his last business and decided to pursue his life-long dream of teaching. He received his MAT from George Fox University in May of this year and has student taught at Houck Middle School and Cascade High School and has also been a long-term sub for Regis High School.



From left to right - Harry's son Tom, daughter-in-law Julie, wife Jeong, Harry and daughter Jenna.

Stephanie Barth, Strings Teacher

Stephanie Barth is an alumna of Sacred Heart Academy ('84) and is excited to begin working as the string teacher at Blanchet.

Mrs. Barth holds a degree in religion from Whitworth College and is an extremely accomplished musician who has played violin in the Spokane Community Orchestra and in many theatre productions at Whitworth. Over the years she has played for the Salem Chamber Orchestra, Linfield College Orchestra, Festival Chorale,



Willamette Master Chorus and various small ensembles. She is currently the concertmaster for the Salem Philharmonia Orchestra and gives private lessons to students of all ages.

Tom Hewitt, Mid High & High School Drama Director

Mr. Hewitt has a long and distinguished teaching and directing career in the Salem community, including thirty-two years in the Salem-Keizer School District.



Mr. Hewitt graduated from Western Oregon University with a bachelor of arts degree in education. He spent ten years teaching at Pringle Elementary School followed by twenty-two years at Waldo and Judson Middle Schools. In addition to musical and technical theater, he has taught many subjects including English, reading, writing, study skills, video production and speech. For twenty-nine summers, he served as a teacher and play director for the Children's Educational Theatre program. For all his hard work and dedication to his students and to his craft, Mr. Hewitt was honored as one of the first Crystal Apple Award winners in 1997.

In addition to his teaching career, Mr. Hewitt has been an integral part of the Pentacle Theatre program for over thirty-five years. He has appeared in many productions in a broad variety of roles and currently serves as the theatre's board treasurer.

Tom Hewitt retired from the Salem-Keizer School District in 2010 and began looking for his next venture. He was inspired to create an after school drama program that now runs out of eleven middle schools. This is just one of several projects that he has tackled during his retirement including appearing as an extra in episodes of "Grimm" and "Leverage."

This fall, Tom Hewitt will step into his next role as Blanchet's drama director, building upon the excellent program created by long-time director Kasey Roberts. Mrs. Roberts will continue teaching English but is taking a break from drama to focus on her family.

BCS Alumni ...

Where are they now?

Rene' Belleque '08 graduated from Boise State in May of 2012 and is working as a traveling consultant for Alpha Chi Omega sorority.



Alexandria Nanneman '09 graduated magna cum laude on May 18 from Pacific University with a double major in art history and creative writing.



Katie Bashaw '09 graduated from Western Oregon University with a Bachelor of Science degree in community health and physical education.



Gonzaga Class of 2013 Grads From left to right: Alex Hofstetter, Matt Lieder, Thomas Jordan, Ronnie Beyer, Tygh Gianella, Breyden Holoubek (all '09)



Erin Coen '09 graduated magna cum laude from St. Mary's College in South Bend, IN with a dual major in English and history. She will be attending Michigan State in the fall to complete her teacher certification.

Walter Dawson '00 successfully defended his dissertation in January before Oxford University in England for his Ph.D.



Tygh Gianella '09 graduated from Gonzaga University with a degree in civil engineering. Last fall he traveled to Illinois and competed in The Chicago Chase Innovation where his team placed second nationwide with their Piezo Mat design and business plan. He is presently employed by GeoDesign

where he discovered his interest in geotechnical engineering. Recently Tygh was awarded a fellowship at Oregon State University where he will start his graduate studies and work as a teacher assistant in September.



Katlyn Prentice '10 attends Boston College where she was selected to receive an annual Art Council Award for outstanding contributions to the arts at Boston College. Recipients were chosen on the basis of nominations by faculty and staff departments on

campus. Katlyn was selected for her remarkable skill in film production, which has been applied to many peer, staff and faculty projects. Professor John Michalczyk nominated her based on her commitment and socially conscious contributions to film in the Boston College community. Katlyn is also a Dean's Scholar. She is finishing her narrative thesis film and filming a documentary about how her age group views and understands various political topics. She worked with the chair of the film department last year and has assisted him on filming a new PBS documentary. Katlyn currently serves as one of the main teaching assistants in the film department.

Blanchet Catholic School has graduated more than 600 students since the first group of seniors, the class of 1999, matriculated. We are proud and excited to announce that a group of alumni leaders, prompted by Development Director Brandy O'Bannon, has formed the school's first Alumni Association.

The group has worked together for the past six months to establish their bylaws and recently elected their first alumni board of directors. The board is looking forward to planning an all-year reunion this fall and working on efforts to encourage alumni involvement in school activities.

Blanchet alumni – more information will be shared soon regarding ways you can be involved with the Association. Your ideas and input are encouraged!

Alumni Association Board of Directors

Scott Cantonwine '06, Secretary

Scott attended Willamette University where he earned his undergraduate degree in rhetoric, an MBA in general management, and was a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity. Scott lives in south Salem where he is currently Business Development Manager in his family's business, Cascade Warehouse Company and Capitol Cold Storage, which provides rail logistics and warehousing across the western United States. He is also vice president of a rail industry trade organization. Scott's hobbies include golf, fitness, and officiating basketball.

Scott Cantonwine



Steve Clifford



Steve Clifford '07

While at Blanchet, Steven organized and participated in many service projects and events, was DECA president of the first Blanchet chapter, participated in Blanchet athletic programs, and facilitated the relationship between Blanchet and Gerry Frank (through his participation in Leadership Youth). Steven studied sociology at the University of Oregon, where he began his career as a marketing representative for Western Beverage and continued the Blanchet spirit of service through working with an in-home healthcare company. Steven is currently employed at Microsoft in Seattle as an Optimization Specialist, which involves designing, building and growing marketing campaigns for advertisers on the Bing/Yahoo! Network. He enjoys exploring Seattle and is an avid outdoorsman.

Meredith Connolly '02, Membership Officer

Meredith received her bachelor's degree in political science and French from Santa Clara University in 2006, and her law degree from Boston College Law School in 2009. She currently serves as an environmental and clean energy advocate at the Natural Resources Defense Council, where she recently worked on implementing a heat adaption plan to prepare communities in India for increasingly extreme heat waves. She and her husband recently moved from San Francisco to Portland last fall and are thrilled to be back in Oregon. In her spare time, Meredith enjoys traveling, hiking, photography, and rooting loudly from the Timber's Army.

Meredith Connolly



Garrett Cudahey



Pat Graine



Garrett Cudahey '00

Garrett attended Oregon State University where he obtained a bachelor's of science degree cum laude in business administration with options in accounting and finance and a minor in economics. He currently is a Fixed Income Investment Officer at the Oregon State Treasury in Salem. In this role, he operates as a portfolio manager and trader for a \$13 billion fixed income fund. Garrett is a Certified Public Accountant and holds the Chartered Financial Analyst designation. He is married to Natalya, and has a 10 month old daughter named Paige. Garrett is also a member of Blanchet's Foundation Board of Directors.

Pat Grainey '04, Vice Chair

Pat attended the University of Notre Dame and graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in political science, with minors in medieval studies and Greek and Roman civilizations. He is currently pursuing a master of science degree in supply chain management through the University of San Diego. Pat is a Captain in the Marine Corps and serves as the battalion communications officer for the Chemical-Biological Incident Response Force, located near Washington, D.C. He has spent the last year living in Alexandria, VA. Previously, Pat spent three years stationed in Okinawa, Japan, a period that included a tour in Iraq and several shipboard tours in the Far East.

Karrie Hagedorn Pingle '04, Activities Officer

Karrie graduated from St. Mary's College in CA at the top of her class with a degree in politics and minors in Spanish and communications. She is currently pursuing an MBA at St. Mary's and is also employed as Assistant Director of Athletic Development for the school. Her work involves

Karrie Hagedorn Pingle



Jared Houck



Michael Trevino



Scott Wiegall



raising funds for the college's NCAA Division I athletic programs, clubs and recreational sports programs, student athlete scholarships and capital campaign. Karrie married Brad Pingle on August 4, 2012 and the couple reside in Walnut Creek, CA.

Jared Houck '05

Jared graduated from Santa Clara University with a bachelor of science degree in psychobiology. He is currently a fourth year medical student at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. Jared anticipates working in the fields of vascular surgery or interventional radiology. His hobbies include golf and early 90's rock. Jared is dating a "lovely young lady" whose hometown is Valentine, Nebraska.

Michael Trevino '07, Chair

Michael oversees corporate partnerships for the Salem-Keizer Volcanoes professional baseball club. He works on bringing national marketing partners to Volcanoes Stadium and the mid-Willamette Valley. He is also the owner of Trevino Entertainment, a local disc jockey firm based in Salem. Michael started this business while still attending Blanchet. He also coached mid high football for the Cavaliers from 2007-2012. Michael attended Chemeketa Community College and is finishing his business administration degree at Eastern Oregon University.

Scott Wiegall '02, Treasurer

Scott attended Oregon State University where he graduated with a degree in finance and a minor in economics. He works as a financial advisor in Salem at JHS Capital Advisors, where he has been employed for six years. Scott and his wife, Heidi, will celebrate their five year anniversary this June. They are proud parents of two girls, Riley (3) and Audrey (1.5). They are parishioners at Queen of Peace Church. Scott serves as the treasurer for the Catholic Community Services Foundation.

HONORING STUDENTS, FACULTY



The Blanchet Catholic School community joined for its annual Founders Day celebration on Tuesday, March 5. The evening included a National Honor Society induction ceremony honoring twenty-six outstanding Blanchet students (see the list of inductees). The National Honor Society (NHS) is the nation's premier organization recognizing outstanding high school students who demonstrate excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service and character while maintaining a 3.5 minimum GPA or higher.

The Founders Day event also included recognition of Blanchet faculty, staff and board members. Staff member Cathy McClaughry was honored for five years of service, and faculty and staff members Mary Heintzman, Jean Mattison, Dave Mucken, Eileen Virden and Dr. Olga Walmisley-Santiago were honored for ten years and Danielle Wise for fifteen years of service. Blanchet board members Beth Vargas Duncan and Theresa Haskins were honored for ten years of service to Blanchet Catholic School.

COMMUNITY PARTNER OF THE YEAR - CITY OF SALEM

President Lee honored the City of Salem for its excellent support of Blanchet Catholic. The City has been very supportive



of the school's renovations and expansion plans, including assistance with our new Student Center. In addition, we appreciate the City's communication and coordination regarding the Market Street renovations. Blanchet has partnered with the Salem Police Department on a holiday toy drive and appreciates the City's support of a partnership program that has greatly improved the quality of life of the East Lancaster neighborhood. City of Salem Mayor Anna Peterson gratefully accepted the award.

Y & COMMUNITY

PRESIDENT'S AWARD - BRANDY O'BANNON

Mr. Lee's annual President's Award was bestowed upon Development Director Brandy O'Bannon for her outstanding twelve years of service to the school. In addition to her excellent work with school fundraisers, Ms. O'Bannon has led the creation of many school traditions such as our annual Service Day, Career Day and bi-annual trips to Ashland to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. She has spearheaded many technology projects on campus and has served as the staff liaison to the Fine Arts Parents Group since its inception. Ms. O'Bannon has demonstrated tremendous leadership and dedication to Blanchet Catholic.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD - TONI NANNEMAN

Development Director Brandy O'Bannon honored senior parent Toni Nanneman with the Volunteer of the Year Award. Toni has served as the Volunteer Coordinator for the annual auction for more than 10 years. This involves scheduling, organizing and training over 200 volunteers annually. Toni has also volunteered for sports activities, the drama department and has helped with virtually every special event on campus. Her fellow committee members appreciate her humor, approachable manner and loyal service to Blanchet.

DISTINGUISHED EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR - MARY ANGOVE

Mrs. Angove has taught French and English at Blanchet for 16 years. She was recognized by Principal Guevara and colleague Deb Pavelek for her dedication to her subject matter, the great concern she shows for each student and her devotion to Blanchet Catholic.

Other highlights of the evening included performances by senior Vic Yeh on the piano and by the Blanchet band and choir.



Thank you to Jon Steiner, world traveler, humanitarian, Blanchet grandfather and substitute teacher, who provided the keynote address for the National Honor Society induction. Mr. Steiner offered his reflections on leadership and service and his memories of being inducted into

the National Honor Society over 50 years ago.

The annual raffle drawing concluded the evening's activities. President Charles E. Lee proudly announced that the school met its raffle fundraising goal with students selling \$45,000 worth of tickets.

Congratulations to the following students who were inducted into the National Honor Society:

Elizabeth Bartholomew, Kat Carey, Colleen Coen, Mitchell Coleman, Patrick Counts, Quinn Duvall, Mason Fessler, Naomi Guerrero, Trevor Howard, Amber Kaur, Sarah Kim, David Leonardo, Jeff Lieder, Madi North, Ryan Orlandini, Si Won Park, Malvika Ramesh, Aubrey Ruiz, Ashley Scanlan, Amelia Seifer, Kara Van Zandt, Michael Virden, Shea White-Toney, Robert Willburn, Taylor Wolf and Mitchell Woodry





Varsity Swimming

2nd in District

Boys - 14th Place OSAA State Championships

Girls - 13th Place OSAA State Championships

Jeremy Darst - 4th Place 100 Back



Varsity Girls Basketball

Emily Copple - 2nd Team All-League, OACA All-Star Series

Sami Belleque - 2nd Team All-League, OACA All-Star Series

Bretton Ostby - Honorable Mention All-League

Varsity Boys Basketball

2013 PacWest Champions

2nd Place OSAA State Championships

Brent Counts - PacWest Player of the Year, 1st Team All-Conference, 1st Team All Mid-Valley, 1st Team All-State Tournament, 1st Team All-State, OACA All-Star Series, McDonalds All-American Nominee

Patrick Counts - 1st Team All-Conference, 1st Team All-State Tournament, 2nd Team All-State
Trevor Howard - 2nd Team All-Conference, 2nd Team All-State Tournament

Kyle Ruiz - Honorable Mention All-Conference, 2nd Team All-State Tournament

Jon Tromblay - PacWest Coach of the Year

Varsity Softball

2013 PacWest Champions

OSAA State Championship Semifinals

Alee Banuelos, Sami Belleque, Makayla Hari, Lauren Kessel, Krysta Slate, Taylor Wolf - 1st Team All-Conference

Aubrey Ruiz - 2nd Team All-Conference
Sami Belleque, Krysta Slate, Taylor Wolf - 1st Team All-State

Makayla Hari, Lauren Kessel - 2nd Team All-State
Alee Banuelos - Honorable Mention All-State
Sami Belleque - PacWest Player of the Year, All Mid Valley Team

Jerry Orlando - PacWest Softball Coach of the Year



Varsity Baseball

3rd Place PacWest Conference

OSAA State Championship Quarterfinals

Mason Fessler, Trey Gianella - 1st Team All-Conference

Bryce Santibanez - 2nd Team All-Conference

Gregor Angstrom, Nate Cantonwine, Wei Chen, Jake

Handran - Honorable Mention All-Conference

Trey Gianella - OACA All-Star Game

Varsity Track & Field

1st Place PacWest Conference

Boys - 8th Place OSAA State Championships

Girls - 10th Place OSAA State Championships

Top Five State Finishers - Sheila Limas De la Cruz, Ryan Orlandini, Brent Counts, Jeff Lieder, Nicole Maurmann, Alanna McCarthy, Wolf Seifer

Sheila Limas De la Cruz - All Mid-Valley Team

Dave Mucken - PacWest Track & Field Coach of the Year

Varsity Golf

Boys - Conference Champions, 8th Place OSAA State Championships

Girls - 12th Place OSAA State Championships

Nic Ditzler, Grant Forell, Amanda McCall, Jake

Schlechter - 1st Team All-Conference

Nic Ditzler - All Mid-Valley Boys Golf Team, District Player of the Year

Amanda McCall - All Mid-Valley Girls Golf Team

Varsity Tennis

Malvika Ramesh - Conference Champion Singles, 2nd Round State Championships, 1st Team All-Conference

Sean Harland - District Singles Semi-Finals

Joe Plata, Brian FitzPatrick - Doubles First Round Districts

12 Sport Athletes

The following seniors have played three sports each of their four years in high school: Sami Belleque, Brian FitzPatrick, Trey Gianella, Katie Moyano, Emily Salstrom, Eliza Smtih

OSAA AWARD OF EXCELLENCE - Caitlin Anglemier & Brent Counts

SALEM SPORTS & BREAKFAST CLUB FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR - Sami Belleque



Male & Female Athletes of the Year

Sami Belleque & Trey Gianella

Cavalier Award

In honor of their time & dedication to BCS athletics: Armando & Tori Ruiz



Fine Arts

HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA AWARDS

You Can't Take it With You - Best Actor & Actress,
Major Role – John Tuttle & Miranda Bartosz

Les Miserables - Best Actor & Actress, Major Role –
John Tuttle & Amanda Maxwell

Technician of the Year – Beth Grainey

Actress of the Year – Maggie Conklin

Actor of the Year – John Tuttle

Esprit De Corps - Beth Grainey, Gina Garaventa,
Miranda Bartosz



John & Miranda



John & Amanda



Beth



Maggie



Gina

MID HIGH DRAMA AWARDS

Best Christmas Pageant Ever - Best Actor & Actress –
Holden Howard & Lucia Dacker

Annie, Jr. - Best Actor & Actress – Tarik Naccasha &
Emily Winters



Lucia & Holden



Emily & Tarik

MUSIC AWARDS

Band - Outstanding Member – Samantha Stageman

Choir - Outstanding Member - Ian Barth

National School Choral Award – Maggie Conklin &
John Tuttle

Strings - Outstanding Member – Betsy Cletus

Director's Award – Luis Rodriguez-Walmisley

Samantha



Ian



John

Maggie



Betsy



Luis

HIGH SCHOOL ART AWARDS

Best Container – Ingrid Loennechen

Best of Show – Eliza Smith

Drawing & Painting

1st Place – Eryn Swett

Pottery

1st Place – Sami Belleque

Digital Photography

1st Place – David Oldham



Ingrid



Eliza



Eryn



Sami



David

MID HIGH ART AWARDS

Exploring Art

1st Place – Caroline Ditzler



Caroline

INTRODUCING OUR NEW DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR



We are pleased to welcome Mrs. Toni Nanneman as the school's new Development Coordinator!

Mrs. Nanneman is a Blanchet Catholic alumni parent (Kelsey '13, Alex '09) and the recipient of Blanchet's 2013 Volunteer of the Year Award. She has served as the Volunteer Coordinator for the annual auction and as a key member of the auction leadership team for the past 12 years.

Mrs. Nanneman brings a sincere appreciation and love of Blanchet's mission to her new position, as well as significant professional experience. She previously worked for Holiday Retirement for 14 years where, in her roles as Recruiting Program Manager and Customer Care Manager, she was responsible for recruiting and technology programs that supported over 300 locations throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Mrs. Nanneman will coordinate the annual auction, as well as manage all the activities of Blanchet's successful development department.

President Lee said, "Toni Nanneman brings a great deal of knowledge and interest in Blanchet's programs, as well as solid business acumen skills, to this newly created position. She is a skilled manager who looks for the talents in others and helps develop their leadership abilities. We are proud to have her join our hard-working and dedicated development team."

Toni Nanneman commented, "It's been a goal of mine to work for a non-profit organization; a job where I could engage my compassion and faith as well as my professional skills. That's why I feel so blessed to have this opportunity and I am excited that I can continue to support the Blanchet community in a more extensive and full-time capacity. I look forward to working with the faculty, staff, students, parents, alumni and all who support Blanchet as well as sharing my 'Cavalier' passion with new friends."

Mrs. Nanneman will assume her new position on July 1 and can be reached at toninanneman@blanchetcatholicschool.com.



Save the Date!



Introducing the

Legacy Society

Perhaps you are:

- *A Blanchet alumni parent whose child graduated from Blanchet, greatly benefited from their experience and who went on to excel in college and their career*
- *A graduate of Serra Catholic or Sacred Heart School who has attended a reunion hosted by Blanchet and appreciate our school's efforts to carry on the legacy of your alma mater*
- *A member of the community who has been impressed by the academic achievements of Blanchet students ...*

We ask you to please consider leaving a lasting legacy and helping ensure the continuation of Catholic secondary education in Salem by naming Blanchet Catholic School in your will or estate plan!

All donors who have named Blanchet Catholic in their will or estate plan are considered members of the school's new Legacy Society.

There are many opportunities available to donors in making charitable estate gifts. We will highlight some examples in upcoming publications. As always, please consult your tax advisors.

A charitable giving example:

Bill wanted to make a gift to charity but preferred not to part with cash to make the donation. He remembered he had a stock that had gone up in value since he purchased it. Instead of selling the stock and incurring capital gains tax, Bill simply transferred the stock itself to the charity. He did this by instructing his broker to transfer the stock in kind to the charity's account. The charity then sold the stock. Bill thus not only made a gift to benefit charity, but he received an income tax deduction for the full fair market value of the stock.

- ***Contact President Charles Lee for more information or to inform the school that you have named Blanchet in your will.***



Thank you to our new members!

****President Charles Lee***

****Board Chairman Kevin L. Mannix***



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Celebrating the completion of middle school! Left to right: Sophia Poole, Giancarlo Marcelo, Joseph Garcia, Jared Myers, Madeleine Moyano & Hayley Marcus following Eighth Grade Celebration on June 13.

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