

Blanchet Catholic School

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Blanchet Catholic School Community,

I want to express my gratitude to all of the members of our Blanchet Catholic School community who have helped make this past year a success. Throughout this magazine, we will be recognizing our donors, families, students, staff, and friends of the school who have given their time, talent, and treasures to help make this a positive year for Blanchet.

Our school's theme for this year is "Called 2 B," and we have spent the first part of the year working with our students to help them recognize what God has called each of them to be. This work has taken place in our classrooms, BUDDIES groups and at school assemblies. Our students have actively engaged in the theme and we are pleased with the results as they see themselves Called 2 B leaders, friends, academics, and people of God.

Many of these Cavalier magazines will be mailed out to our alumni and their families. If you are a Blanchet Catholic School alum or the parent of an alum, I encourage you to reconnect with our school. Our list of alumni continues to grow each year, and we are always anxious to catch up with students and families to let them know about the wonderful things going on here at school. In the few months since I returned to Blanchet, one of the best parts of my job has been the chance to see familiar faces and share our plans for Blanchet's future.

I want to thank each of you for your continued support of Blanchet Catholic School.

We are truly blessed! Go, Cavs!!

Bob Weber, President/Principal

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MISSION

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

Challenge

Be challenged by an academically rigorous curriculum;

Grow

Grow towards maturity in Christ;

Contribute

Contribute to the enrichment of society; and

Participate

Participate in the traditions of the Catholic Church.

WHAT ARE YOU CALLED TO



During their in-service retreat the faculty and staff of Blanchet Catholic School worked together on a theme for the 2017-2018 school year. The theme, “Called 2 B,” was inspired by a quote from St. Catherine of Siena, “Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.”

We are all here to thrive and connect to the inner longings of our spirit. What we are called to be on a daily basis requires us to look deep into our hearts to discover the truth of who we are. There is a reason we are called human “beings” as we are all called to be something or someone. Each day brings our faculty, staff, and students immeasurable blessings and the opportunity to show one another what God calls us to be.

The 2017-2018 school year has presented many opportunities to become more mindful of God’s presence in our lives.

Putting our theme into practice, we have dedicated this issue of the Cavalier Magazine to recognizing who God has called us all to be. Throughout the pages you will share in the blessings that make each day at Blanchet Catholic School a place where students are called to be challenged by academically rigorous curriculum, grow towards maturity in Christ, contribute to the enrichment of society, and participate in the traditions of the Catholic Church.

As the 2017-2018 school year progresses, we hope that you and your family take time to reflect on what God is calling you to be on a daily basis.

BE?

Watch our "Called 2 Embrace the Potential" video to learn more about what Blanchet Catholic School students, faculty, and staff are Called 2 B.
Check it out at: https://youtu.be/_Y_6e_LCrEc.

Konstance Albright

7th Grade

I am called
to be
STRONG.

...
Jose Rios

8th Grade

I am called to be a
FRIEND

Mary Angove

Teacher

I am called
to be
HOLY.

Cori Pena-Herrera

12th Grade

I am called
to be
HUMBLE.

BE WHO GOD MEANT
You TO BE
AND
YOU WILL
set the **WORLD**
ON fire
CATHERINE
of Siena

Noe Contreras

7th Grade

I am called to be
HAPPY.

Eileen Virden
Teacher

I am called to be
ENERGETIC!

**Belen Cedillo &
Brianna Topete**

7th Grade

We are called to be
FAMILY.

Asa Yunker

12th Grade

I am called to
be a
LEADER.

EL CAMINO DE SANTIAGO AN

By Santiago Blanco-Mills



Santiago Blanco-Mills ('22) and Luis Blanco-Perez

Ever since I was born, I've been told the story of where my name comes from but I never truly understood what it meant. It was not until this summer when I made a 130 mile pilgrimage walk to my namesake town in Northern Spain, called Santiago de Compostela, when I understood the history.

Before moving forward, a little background would be nice... The English translation of Santiago is Saint James. Following Christ's death, the Apostle James became the leader of the Church in Jerusalem and he decided to travel through Spain in order to spread the Good News of Jesus' resurrection. Later, St. James was martyred in Jerusalem and it is said that his body was taken by his followers to the coast, and then by boat to

Spain. The location of St. James' tomb was lost for centuries. 800 years later, a Spanish hermit had a vision that lead him to the exact location of the tomb, and a church was built there. That place was known as the "field of stars" or "Compostela." Fast forward to present day, and that church became an enormous cathedral which is the centerpiece to one of the most important pilgrimage sites to Catholics.

Around the time I was born, my parents were trying to find the right name for me. They knew I would be a boy, but they had no names for me. They were getting desperate – nothing seemed right. One night, my parents came across a TV program on the Spanish channel about the "Camino" to Santiago de Compostela. They were very interested and had heard about it from our parish priest, Father George Wolf, who was training to walk the Camino. A couple of days later my parents saw another TV show about the Camino de Santiago de Compostela, this time in English. After that there was agreement that it was a sign I was to be called Santiago. So thank you, Rick Steves!

As I grew up, my parents made plans for me and my dad to walk the Camino. My father and I joined the Portland group, Americans Pilgrims on the Camino (APOC) for several hikes. In the months before, my mother would drive us from our South Salem home and drop us at Keizer Station for a nice, long walk home. Shortly before leaving for Spain, we met with the APOC group who gave us their blessing and presented us with our own Camino shell. The bright yellow scalloped shell is an ancient symbol of the Camino. It is etched into stone walls, painted on sidewalks and tiles, and carved into rocks along all of the routes to Santiago de Compostela. The shell and yellow arrows were

"FOR I WILL WALK BY FAITH EVEN WHEN I CAN SEE"

ND THE ORIGIN OF MY NAME

our compass. In a touching gesture, we were also entrusted to carry Father George Wolf's shell on the journey. Father George hadn't been able to finish his Camino, and, sadly, some years later, passed away. We were honored to carry his shell and finish the journey for him.

After thirteen years of anticipation, we made the walk. Striking up conversations with farmers in their fields, and servers in small family kitchens, we met new friends from all over the world, from Australia to Korea. The Camino endures through forests and fields, and alongside rivers and highways, under ancient stone arches of castles and slate-roofed farmhouses. Thirteen days and 130 miles later, we arrived at the Cathedral with our stamped Camino passports as proof (although blistered feet were proof positive, too) of our journey. With achy bodies but richer souls, we reached the end of our pilgrimage. At this point we realized that our destination was not the goal but the important thing was what we experienced together to get there. We said goodbye to our new friends. We attended the Pilgrim's Mass where a 100+ pound golden incense burner called a Botafumerio swings from the Cathedral's dome. It was used beginning in the 12th century to perfume the air as crowds of travel-worn, unwashed pilgrims crowded in. The smoke spreads and fills the naves of the Cathedral, like Christians, sent out in testimony of a Christian life. We were called to make this journey to discover that we are pilgrims on this earth, that we have a story and that enjoying every day is as important as reaching those milestones that we pursue. We are called to be pilgrims, so our load is light and our sight is set to what is ahead.



WHEN I CANNOT SEE." 2 CORINTHIANS 5:7

AWARDS & HONORS



By courage and faith, Cavalier students are called to excel on a daily basis. Whether it is in the classroom, on the field, or in the community, the students encourage one another to live the mission of Blanchet Catholic School.

The fall sports student-athletes answered the call for excellence in the classroom and were honored with Academic All-State recognition. The OSAA Academic All-State program recognizes outstanding achievement in the classroom. The boys and girls teams in each OSAA-sanctioned activity with the highest team grade point average (G.P.A.) earns the Academic All-State Award. Members of top ten schools in each activity at each classification are also recognized. Teams that earn a 3.0 G.P.A. or higher receive 25 points for their school towards the Oregonian Cup standings. All the Blanchet Catholic fall sports teams earned

a 3.0 G.P.A. or higher. Below is a list of team G.P.A.s and how they finished in the OSAA 3A classification:

Football - 3rd Place with 3.43 G.P.A.
Volleyball - 10th Place with 3.64 G.P.A.
Boys Soccer - 17th Place with 3.32 G.P.A.
Girls Soccer - 6th Place with 3.64 G.P.A.
Boys Cross Country* - 3.70 G.P.A.
Girls Cross Country* - 3.66 G.P.A.

For their efforts on the court and field, a number of student-athletes were recognized with All-Conference honors. The following is the list of those honored:

** Teams must have 5 participants on the team to qualify for Academic All-State rankings. Boys & girls cross country did not meet this requirement.*

1st Team All-Conference

Brianna Anaya - Girls Soccer
Mike Bashaw - Football (WR & K)
Ally Jones - Volleyball
Kalea Salang - Volleyball
Tessa Sullivan - Girls Soccer
Martin Sylvester - Football (OL & DL)
RJ Veliz - Football (QB & DB)

2nd Team All-Conference

Jacob Carsley - Football (OL & DL)
Sean Duffy - Football (DB)
Zach Gwyn - Football (RB & LB)
Sam Hoskins - Boys Soccer
Hailey Ostby - Volleyball
Tyler Pearson - Boys Soccer
Trinity Phipps - Girls Soccer
Mari Saldana - Girls Soccer
Najma Suri - Girls Soccer
Asa Yunker - Football (LB)

Honorable Mention All-Conference

Bella Alley - Girls Soccer
Karla Diaz - Girls Soccer
Caroline Ditzler - Volleyball
Garret Duch - Football (LB)
Sean Duffy - Football (TE)
Lauren Elmore - Girls Soccer
Billy Guzman - Football (OL)
Shelby Halfman - Volleyball
Deven Leon Patino - Boys Soccer
Claire Middendorf - Girls Soccer
Parker Mills - Boys Soccer
Diego Torres - Football (DB)

Additional Awards

RJ Veliz - PacWest Football Defensive Back of the Year

Championships

Girls Soccer - Special District 3 League & Playoff
Champions
Volleyball - PacWest Conference Playoff Champions

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Senior Garret Duch was named a Commended Student in the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program. Garret was awarded for his exceptional academic promise demonstrated by his outstanding performance in SAT/PSAT testing.

Mid High Students of the Month!



Belen Cedillo (7th grade), Renee Porter (8th grade), and Rieve Randall (6th grade). Honored in September for being Called 2 B "Respectful."



Jesse Prado (8th grade)), Isavell Carter (7th grade)), and Carter Mucken (6th grade). Honored in October for being Called 2 B "a Good Sport."

FACULTY & STAFF



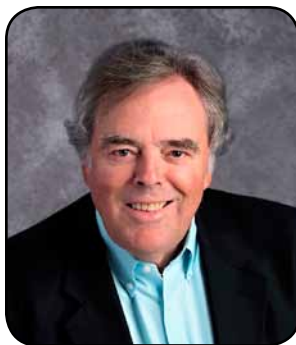
CRYSTAL APPLE NOMINEE

The Cavalier students and staff joined together at a Tuesday Time assembly on October 17th to surprise one amazing faculty member with a much-deserved honor and to thank him for making a difference in our students' lives.

Since 1997, the Salem Area Chamber of Commerce, in collaboration with Salem-Keizer Public Schools and the Salem-Keizer Education Foundation, have recognized excellence in education. The Crystal Apple Award gives the business community the opportunity to honor area educators for making significant contributions in the lives of children. This year Blanchet is proud to announce that Mr. Dave Mucken (Physical Education Teacher, Weight Training, and Track & Field Coach) is Blanchet's nominee for this prestigious honor.



CAVALIER NEW & RETURNING FACES



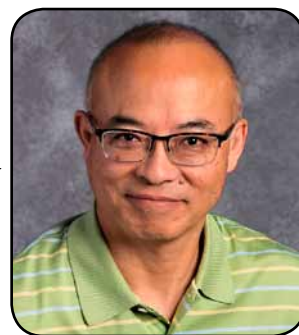
Blanchet Catholic School is excited to welcome back Chuck Lee who will take on the role of President Emeritus and help with the development efforts of the school. During his previous 16 years at Blanchet, enrollment increased from

110 students to over 400 students. He led the effort to raise over 17 million dollars to purchase and renovate the facility, and provide millions of dollars in financial aid. The school developed a reputation as a school of excellence where over 95% of the students go on to the college of their choice. In 2009, he was the recipient of the NCEA National Catholic Secondary Award for outstanding contributions to Catholic Education. In 2013, the Blanchet Student Center was renamed the Charles E. Lee Student Center. In 2013, Chuck was hired by Mountain West to help establish Career Technical Education Center in Salem. We are overjoyed to have Chuck in the halls of Blanchet once again.



Other new faces to the Cavalier team include Rachel Polzer who joins the staff as a member of the University of Portland's PACE program. She teaches high school English.

After a year at La Salle High School in Portland, Oregon, former Cavalier teacher Harry Ahn returns to Blanchet to teach high school Math.





Eileen Virden is back as well to teach high school Advanced Placement English, oversee the DECA program and Cav Store and work with the Development Office staff.



Riker Kasamoto is a full-time teacher for Blanchet this year. In addition to teaching band, Riker teaches 11th and 12th grade Social Studies courses and coaches mid-high volleyball.

Corina Moore joins the teaching staff and teaches mid-high Math and English. Corina was a former Blanchet high school teacher and Campus Minister.



Carrie Winkler joined the Blanchet team at the end of the 2016-17 school year as our new Business Manager. Prior to working at Blanchet, Carrie was the Office Manager and Trade Show Coordinator for Pheromone. This is her first time working in a school setting, although she has volunteered many hours in her kids' schools. She is most excited about becoming an integral part of the Blanchet community and getting to know more about the faculty and staff, and the amazing students who make this school such a positive place.



The music program welcomes three new teachers to the mix. Kandi West has 10+ years of experience working in the Salem-Keizer School District. She heads Blanchet's choir program, works with the sixth grade students, and leads the music effort for the school's liturgies.

Sarah Zielinski teaches the orchestra program. She brings a vast amount of music experience to the school and is anxious to help strengthen and build the orchestra program.



Brenda Bernt joins the staff as the Business Assistant. Brenda comes to us with many years experience in customer service and a background working in schools. She worked for the Fairbanks North Star School District in Alaska and Ladd Elementary. She is happy to be back in a school setting and interacting with students, parents and the wonderful faculty and staff at Blanchet Catholic.

HONORING OUR SUPPORTERS &



2017 TRUE BLUE GALA



The 2017 annual benefit auction - True Blue Gala was a wonderful success thanks to the generosity of the entire Blanchet community. From the bottom of our hearts, we appreciate every gift and helping hand. Thank you to our sponsors, donors, volunteers, guests, auctioneer, caterer, staff, faculty, parents and students. You make the difference in everything we do in support of our students and school!

Embrace the Potential

We had a very successful 'Embrace the Potential' auction appeal! Our greatest need has always been tuition assistance. When we opened our doors in 1995, the budget for tuition assistance was just over \$20,000. Twenty-two years later our budget is over \$360,000. We're pleased to announce that due to the generous support of our community, we raised over \$52,000. It's not too late to donate to the 'Embrace the Potential' appeal. If you would like to donate to the 'Embrace the Potential' appeal, please go to our website, www.blanchetcatholicsschool.com and check out the Spotlight section at the bottom of the main page!



VOLUNTEERS

Consider Making a Year-End Gift

As the end of the year approaches, we begin to reflect upon the many blessings bestowed upon us. The end of the year also provides a great opportunity to thank God for these blessings by gifting to Blanchet Catholic School. The benefits of income tax deductions, capital gains savings and other financial benefits are significant advantages that provide an incentive to make a gift at the year-end. A gift can also help support Blanchet for years to come.

There are many different ways of contributing a gift. However, two of the easiest and most direct methods to gift are donations of cash and appreciated stock or other investments. You can also make other financially advantageous gifts such as real estate, life insurance, charitable remainder trusts, gift annuities, will/trust bequests and IRA/retirement accounts.

For more information on how you can help make a difference by contributing a year-end gift to Blanchet Catholic School, please contact Toni Nanneman at 503-391-2639 or toninanneman@blanchetcatholicschool.com.

Other ways to Support Blanchet Catholic School

There are a variety of ways that your everyday purchases can support Blanchet! Many businesses or organizations provide opportunities to donate a percentage of your purchases to the non-profit organization of your choice, like Blanchet! Here are just a few...

Fred Meyer Rewards

Families who have Fred Meyer Rewards Cards linked to Blanchet Catholic School can enroll for the Fred Meyer Community Rewards program and link their Rewards Card to Blanchet Catholic School. Families may re-link their Rewards Cards online by visiting www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards. Blanchet's Non-Profit number is 87898.

Amazon Smile Program

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. To shop at AmazonSmile, simply go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. On your first visit to smile.amazon.com, you need to select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. Your selection will be saved so that every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation. Remember to choose Archbishop Francis Norbert Blanchet School whenever you shop on AmazonSmile.



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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Michael Sullivan ('14), Willy Chen ('13), and Ryan Orlandini ('14)

Michael Sullivan ('14) and Ryan Orlandini ('14) met Wei (Willy) Chen ('13) at Blanchet in 2013. Willy was a senior and an international student from Taiwan. They got to know each other on the varsity boys' soccer team and in a few classes. Over the course of the year, the young men became very good friends and when Willy graduated he invited both Michael and Ryan to visit him in Taiwan.

During the summer of their senior year, both Michael and Ryan spent two and a half weeks in Taiwan. Willy, along with Vic Yeh ('13), another exchange student from Blanchet, took Michael and Ryan around the entire island. It was an amazing experience and they stayed in close contact with Willy over the years.

Michael's college roommate at Linfield was Jacob Myers ('14). While at Linfield, Michael and

Jacob became friends with an international student from China. Once again they were invited to visit their friend's home country. Once they confirmed that they would be going to China, Michael called Willy to make arrangements for another visit to Taiwan.

Jacob and Michael spent just over three weeks in Asia, a week and a half in China, a week in Thailand, and a week in Taiwan. They saw a lot





of amazing things on the trip but their favorites were the Great Wall of China, the Forbidden City in Beijing and the beautiful beaches in Thailand.

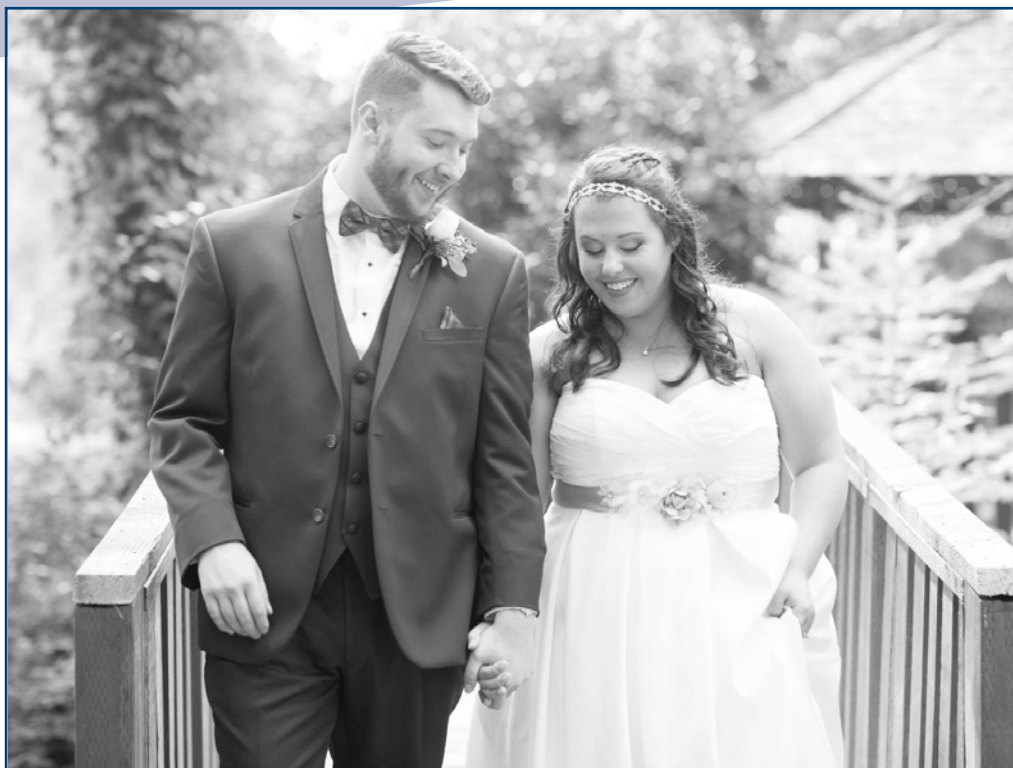
During the week spent with Willy in Taiwan they went on a road trip along the east side of the island where they went river rafting, saw Taipei 101, which is one of the tallest buildings in the world, and spent two days on the beach enjoying the ocean and surfing. They were also able to visit Willy's family which they enjoyed immensely. Willy served as translator since his family does not speak much English.

These trips were amazing experiences that have left an indelible impression on these young men who are thankful that the international program at Blanchet Catholic School brought them together and helped create what they know will be lifelong friendships.

ALUMNI - TRACKING THE CAVALIERS



Samuel Frances Belleque was born to Frank and **Amanda (Davidson) Belleque ('11)** on September 5, 2017.



Congratulations to **Candice Hopper ('09)** and **Taylor Bay ('09)** who were married on September 9, 2017 in Silverton, Oregon. They recently celebrated ten years together.



Bretton Ostby ('14) attended the U.S Army Cadet Command Advanced Camp in Fort Knox, Kentucky this summer. She graduated on July 10, 2017. Bretton received a full 4 year Army ROTC scholarship at the University of Portland. She is due to graduate in 2018 with a degree in Biology.

Elise (Nibler) Taylor ('09) met **Cody Taylor ('08)** when she came to Blanchet in 8th grade. The two started dating in 2008. Both graduated from Blanchet and attended Western Oregon University. A few months after graduating from college Elise got a job at an advertising agency as a graphic designer. She now works as a graphic designer for Bay Equity Home Loans in Lake Oswego in their corporate marketing department. Cody worked for a couple years as a tax accountant and now is the controller at Thomas K Flooring in Salem. The two got married on September 26, 2015 at St. Edwards Catholic Church. They bought their first house in July of 2016 and currently live in Keizer.



WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Please send your alumni updates to toninanneman@blanchetcatholicschool.com



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Miranda Bartosz ('13) graduated from Santa Clara University with a degree in Communication and minors in Anthropology and Theatre. She is working as the Membership Coordinator for the Oregon Medical Association. (2)

Mariah Wyatt ('13) received an associate's degree from Oxford College of Emory University and Bachelor of Arts at Western Oregon University majoring in Psychology and minoring in Studio Art. She is currently working towards her masters in Art Therapy and counseling at Marylhurst University. She works for Trillium Family Services as an art teacher at the Edwards School Day Treatment program. She works with elementary and middle school students. She helps them successfully reintegrate into the school system and build their self esteem, as well as their self efficacy in art. (3)

Amanda McCall ('13) graduated from Texas Christian University this last summer with a Bachelor of Science degree in Strategic Communication and a minor in Business. Amanda is currently working in a law firm in Portland while studying for law school. (5)

Kelsey Nanneman ('13) received a Bachelor of Science in Bioengineering from Rice University. She is currently working at Medical Metrics, Inc. in Houston, Texas as a Technical Services Associate. Medical Metrics manages medical imaging for clinical trials of new medical devices and drugs. Kelsey writes test plans for clinic trials. (1)

Melanie Pollard ('13) became a full-time volunteer missionary at the Oregon State University Newman Center after graduating this past year. She helped with campus ministry and outreach to students on campus, lead bible studies, mentored girls, helped with the liturgy of Mass, and some administrative work as well. She is now the Development Coordinator for the Newman Center. (4)

Beth Grainey ('13) graduated from Gonzaga University with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics with a Biology minor. She's now working as a Research Assistant at Charles River Laboratories in Reno, Nevada. (6)

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?





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President's Advisory Board

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Stephanie Razmus
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William Roberts
David Shultz
Danielle Wise

Welcome New Board Member



Loui Fromwiller

Please welcome Loui Fromwiller to the Blanchet Board of Directors.

Loui has a degree in Biology with an emphasis in Animal Science from Eastern Oregon University/OSU. After completing her undergraduate

degree, she moved to Wisconsin with her husband Travis so that he could complete his medical training and residency. While in Wisconsin, Loui worked as a veterinary surgical technician. Once Loui and Travis started their family, she made the commitment to be a full time stay-at-home parent (that never seems to be home). They greatly missed their extended family as well as the trees and mountains of Oregon, so they decided to move back after ten years. Loui and Travis have four children, Jacob (5th grade) at Queen of Peace, Ellie (7th grade), Kyle (8th grade) and Garrett (10th grade), all at Blanchet.

As a family they enjoy all things Oregon: hiking, camping, skiing, canoeing and backpacking. Travis, works as a Radiologist at Salem Radiology Consultants. Loui enjoys spending her time as chauffeur, chef, moderator, and tutor with their children, all of which are active in school, church, athletics and scouts.

Loui finds it immensely important to stay closely connected to the schools that their children attend. With children in elementary, middle and high school, she hopes that while on the Board she can provide a unique perspective from an active parent's point of view.

Loui serves on the Board's Programs and Services committee.

Board of Directors

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2016-17 DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Major School Fundraisers

Thank you! Two small words meant to express great appreciation for all of those who support Blanchet Catholic School. We are grateful to all of the gracious donors listed in the back of this publication whose generous financial support allows Blanchet to continue to carry out our mission. We are thankful for the hundreds of volunteers who contribute their time and talent to ensure that our events and activities are successful. And finally, we appreciate the entire Blanchet community for their passionate support of our students and school. Below is a brief report on our development activities for the 2016-2017 school year.

Annual Benefit Auction ~ True Blue Gala

We are so very thankful for the amazing support we had for our 2016 auction! It was a challenging event with the 'storm of the century' predicted, but True Blue Blanchet fans came to support the school and we had a wonderful evening of great fellowship on October 15, 2016. We were pleased to welcome a new auctioneer, Brad Caldwell with Stokes Auction Group. We were successful in reaching the matching goal for the fund-a-need item of a bus and new air conditioning system in the auxiliary gym.

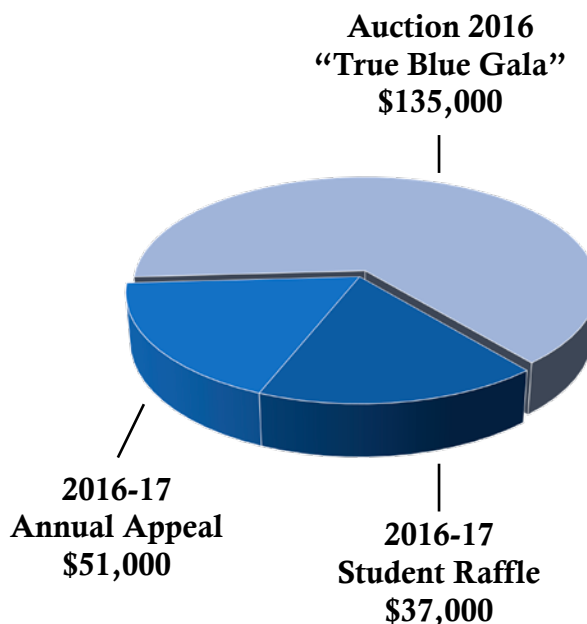
Student Raffle

The theme for the Student Raffle for 2016-17 was 'Cavopoly' and the students raised over \$37,000. We gave away great prizes including a Columbia Gorge Hotel stay and cruise, \$500 cash, Sony PlayStation 4, Al's Garden Center gift card, Canon High Def Camcorder, Flat Screen TV and more! Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser by sponsoring the activity or buying a raffle ticket.

Annual Appeal

Our 2016-17 annual appeal exceeded its goal and netted over \$51,000 for Blanchet students and programs. Nearly 200 donors contributed to this appeal and we are very thankful for each one.

Blanchet Catholic School is blessed to have so many sponsors, donors, staff, faculty, parents and students who support us! Thank you.



BILL BROOKS MEMORIAL OPPORTUNITIES

Beloved teacher Mr. Bill Brooks passed away in February of 2016. Mr. Brooks spent a lifetime as a devoted learner and teacher. He retired in 2011 after over 40 years as an educator. In his sixteen years in a Blanchet classroom, he inspired a generation of students to write, read, and think critically (in several languages). Mr. Brooks is fondly remembered by many alumni as the teacher who was the most influential to their high school experience and the teacher who best prepared them for college studies. He was Blanchet's Educator of the Year in 2005 and a Crystal Apple nominee in 2007. He was a well-respected teacher who demanded a high standard from his students.



Memorial Scholarship Donations

With the help of many alumni and the support of the BCS community, a scholarship fund has been established in Bill Brooks' name. All donations received towards the Bill Brooks Memorial Scholarship Fund will go towards student scholarships. Annually, 8th grade Blanchet students who plan to attend Blanchet in the 9th grade will be invited to submit an essay. The Blanchet Alumni Board meets to review all the submitted essays and award the winner. The first recipient of the Bill Brooks Memorial Scholarship was Mariela Saldana (Class of '20). This past year, Clifford Hegney (Class of '21) was awarded \$500 for his essay.

Memorial Library Book Donations

Alumni also suggested creating a collection of books in honor of Mr. Brooks to be maintained in the Blanchet library. We are looking to provide 4-6 copies of 6-10 titles. Inside each cover page, the person who donated the book should write a small inscription on what Mr. Brooks meant to them and the importance of the book on your education and life. We've already received several donations from Jessica Campbell ('05), Beth Ann Nyssen ('04), and Patrick Grainey ('04).

If you would like to donate to the Bill Brooks Memorial Scholarship or Memorial Library Books, please contact Mrs. Nanneman at toninanneman@blanchetcatholicschool.com.

Reunion Time!

The class of 2007 joined together on Saturday, November 11, 2017 for their ten year reunion. Alumni visited Blanchet for a tour and a reception where they reminisced and shared memories with former classmates and teachers. They continued their reunion with an evening at Vagabond Brewery.

Thank you to class representatives Michael Trevino and Kristin Hurd for putting together this festive event. Blanchet is looking for representatives from the class of 2008 to help plan their ten year reunion. If you are interested, please contact Toni Nanneman at toninanneman@blanchetcatholicschool.com.



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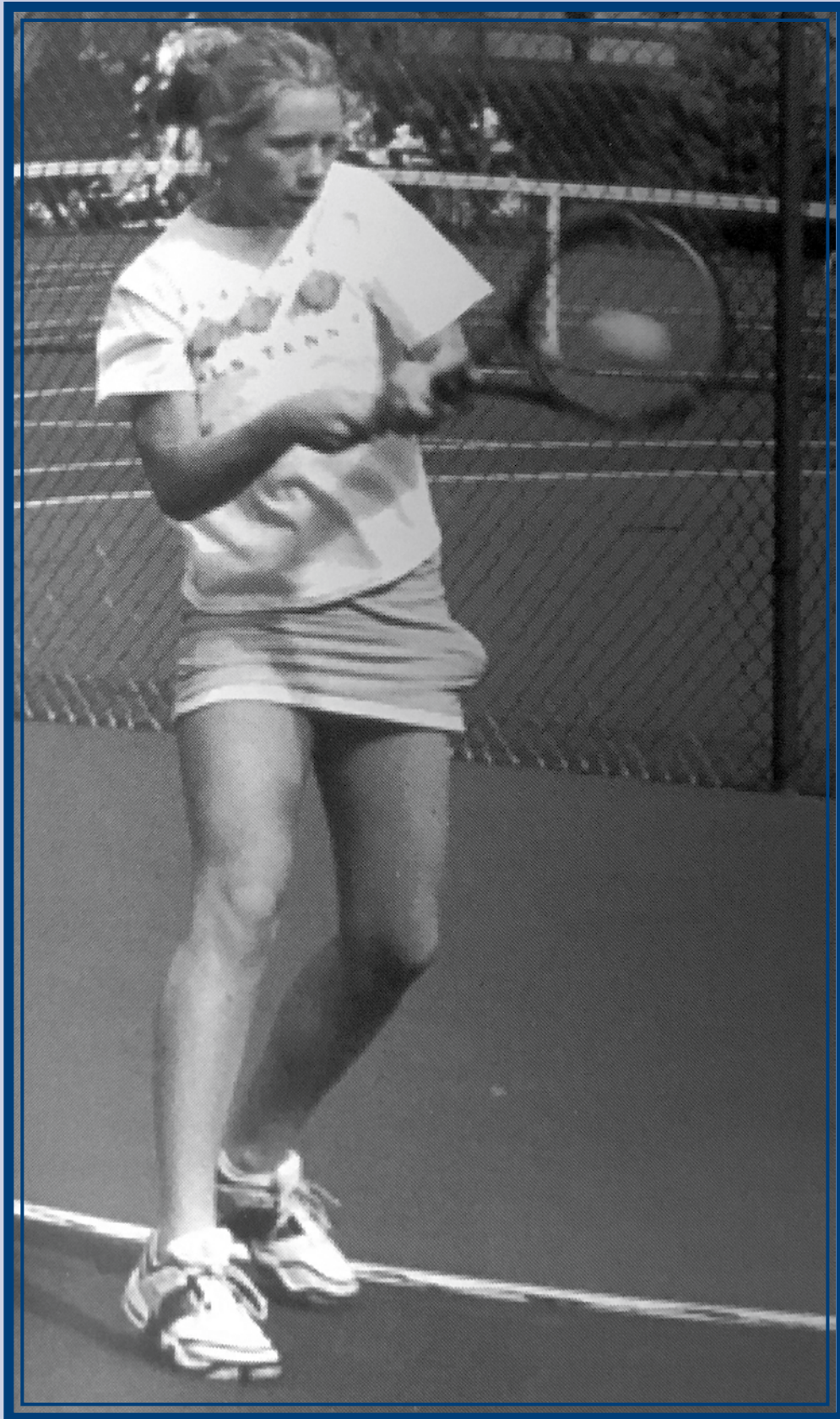
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Blanchet Catholic School's first individual state champion was Kaitlin Kelty ('03). Kaitlin won the OSAA 3A/2A/1A singles tennis state title in 2001. Family ties run deep at Blanchet Catholic School. Kaitlin's cousin John is a current sixth grade student and future Cavalier Class of 2024 graduate. We wonder if tennis runs in the family.



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