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Student Support Services *Care for the Whole Person*



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we leave the quieter summer season behind and begin another new school year full of promise, all of us here are focused on what needs to be done to further advance our mission to form men of faith, scholarship, leadership and service in the Catholic and Jesuit tradition.

Key among the current initiatives is the new student support services program detailed in the following pages. It includes new resources for addressing the mental health challenges that students encounter today as well as the dizzying array of options that face them and their parents as they try to decide which path in higher education will be best for both after their time at Prep has ended.

To do this exceedingly well, we also discerned the need for an addition to our building, and I am very grateful to The Heider Family for their incredibly generous gift in support of the \$16 million Lannon Learning Commons and to Cindy and **Scott Heider '81** for leading the campaign to secure the other 50 percent of the funds for it. What they have done and are doing to help future generations of Prep families through this project is nothing short of phenomenal.

On the academic side, I am excited by the endeavor also noted in this magazine to add active learning furniture to our classrooms in stages over the next four years. As technology becomes a bigger part of education and teaching and learning change to take advantage of it, we need much more flexible equipment in those rooms.

I hope you also enjoy reading about some of the newsworthy accomplishments of our students over the past six months and the profiles of the four Prepsters that follow. Included as well are profiles of our new Dean of Students Sterling J. Brown, theology teacher Tom Murray and Ignatian Volunteer Corps members **Robert Sigler '64** and **Dick Sibbersen '66**. The efforts of **Jay Harrington '57** and **P.J. McDonald '57** to bring their class even closer together through the Best Times newsletter are also highlighted, and recaps of our 2018 Senior Breakfast and Athletic Hall of Fame events are featured, too.

As always, the Here & There section provides an account of what various Prep alumni are doing with their lives, and Please Remember honors those members of our community who have departed for a new life under God's loving direction. At the end of this issue's Please Remember is a page on the beloved teacher and coach **Don Leahy '47** whose visitation and vigil service were held here in February.

In closing, I want to thank you for your counsel, your service to the school and your financial commitment that keep Prep the inspiring place that it is and my job as president a truly rewarding experience.

Sincerely,

Fr. Tom Neitzke SJ

Fr. Tom Neitzke, SJ
President
Creighton Preparatory School



Scott Heider '81, Fr. Tom Neitzke, SJ and Cindy Heider with early renderings of the Lannon Learning Commons.



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SEPTEMBER 21-22

Reunion Weekend for the "3" and "8" Classes
Creighton Prep and various locations around Omaha

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Preptoberfest
Creighton Prep

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1

Men for Others Golf Classic
Shadow Ridge Country Club

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2

Creighton Prep Sports Night featuring Lou Holtz
The Heider Center at Creighton Prep

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9

Midwest Jesuits Ignatian Dinner
The Sullivan Center at Creighton Prep

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

Homecoming Football Game
Creighton Prep vs. Millard South
Burke Stadium

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24

Loyola Dinner of Honor and Distinction
The Sullivan Center at Creighton Prep

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

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The Sullivan Center at Creighton Prep

NOVEMBER 13-DECEMBER 10

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Student Support Services

Care for the whole person

Cura personalis, or “care for the whole person,” is a core value of Jesuit education that has existed at Creighton Prep since its inception 140 years ago.

It has guided the efforts of faculty and staff members to recognize the gifts and challenges that each student brings with them and to respond as needed to form them as Men for Others who, by their lifelong example, help inspire many others to service for the greater glory of God.

Over time, of course, the response by Prep to the challenges faced by students has grown with the changes in society that have asked more of youths and their families. For example, with higher tuition came more financial aid. With the expansion of courses and college options, guidance counseling. With the recognition of learning differences among students, a Cura Personalis Program and accommodation plans.

In July of this year, Prep took cura personalis to a new level with the launch of a comprehensive student support services program that builds on the care provided by the five guidance counselors, the Cura Personalis Program staff and the director of student outreach and advocacy already working at the school.

This new level includes the additions of a licensed mental health professional and a director of college counseling who can help students and parents navigate emotional and behavioral concerns as well as a complex and competitive college admissions process. The need for an assistant principal for student support services to provide administrative oversight to the 10-person department was also deemed essential.



Learning Specialist
Bridget Cannon-Hale

The idea for a comprehensive student support services program started near the end of the 2016-2017 academic year when two Prep parents expressed their gratitude to Learning Specialist Bridget Cannon-Hale for the work done in the Cura Personalis Program on behalf of their son. They also asked what they could do to help advance it. Principal Jim Bopp recalled, “It was enough to get us thinking:

How could the staffing change and, if we were going to bring somebody on, what would that look like?”

Fairly quickly, Jim and his team came to the conclusion that, at the very least, a licensed mental health professional was needed at Prep. “It was the first thing to spark some revision thinking,” he said. The group was also cognizant of the student issues that had surfaced through the Cura Personalis Program as well as random and mandatory drug and alcohol testing, including those that needed to be referred to outside specialists as families were coming to expect more and more of them to be addressed at school.

“The other piece of it is you have one counselor who has the needs of 200 students to address, and that ratio of 1 to 200 is a pretty tough one to manage, especially when more specialized care is required.” So the hope is that, with a licensed mental health professional to assist with counseling in that area and a director of college counseling to aid in college admissions and financing, the five guidance counselors will have additional time to focus on personal and academic counseling issues that are more mainstream and can be handled more quickly. “Raising kids is a tough, tough job in today’s society,” said Assistant Principal for Student Support Services **Chris Searl ’83**. “If we can help parents tackle some of the more complex issues surrounding college admissions and mental health with the additions of these two new professionals, I think it will prove to be a huge benefit to everyone involved.”

One of the most exciting elements for Jim is that, with the new structure and people in place, student support services at Prep will begin to operate in a more proactive manner. “I think the programming that can happen for students and parents on topics such as suicide prevention and awareness, drug and alcohol abuse, and the college admissions process will be important for us in educating our community and getting out in front of some issues before they become more significant,”



Academic Coach
Tim Brooks



A rendering of the space outside the Lannon Learning Commons.

he said. The idea is also that with additional education comes the lessening of any stigma associated with emotional or learning challenges and a commensurate acknowledgment that everyone needs help in different ways at different times in their lives.

Also identified as a key need in the program was a new space where all student support services personnel could work together and where students could meet with them or just gather informally. Providing additional room for the campus ministry and fine arts departments was important as well.

In response, the \$16 million Lannon Learning Commons is in the fundraising and design stages. Chairing the fundraising campaign are Cindy and **Scott Heider ’81** who provided an \$8 million lead gift from The Heider Family to support it. The gift is the largest single donation for a capital project in Prep history.

“I am very excited to lead this project, not only because it advances the Prep mission by bringing holistic student services to a new level but also because every young man at the school will be able to take full advantage of the new space and programs,” noted Cindy in the May 10 announcement of the gift. “It will complement the exceptional



Assistant Principal for Student Support Services Chris Searl ’83 and Principal Jim Bopp.

academic and formative experience the students already receive.”

“My family truly could not be more pleased to do this,” said Scott as part of the same announcement. “Prep and its mission are very close to our hearts, and we hope this gift inspires others to also make commitments to a new student-focused program that we believe is very timely and greatly needed. This is exactly the kind of impact we’re looking for.”

When told of the plans for the Lannon Learning Commons, former Prep and Creighton University president Fr. Timothy Lannon, SJ was both surprised and elated. “However, I was not surprised by Cindy and Scott’s extraordinary gift to provide such a student-centric facility,” he said. “They are so committed to the intellectual, spiritual and emotional well-being of all the students at Prep.”

If you would like to learn more about the student support services program or contribute to the Lannon Learning Commons, please contact Vice President of Advancement **Rick Berger ’76** at: **402-548-6218** or **rberger@creightonprep.org**.

Thank you! ■

Student Support Services Program



Assistant Principal for Student Support Services

- + Administrative oversight of the program and department personnel



Five Guidance Counselors

- + Course selection and scheduling
- + Personal development
- + Academic support
- + Career and college planning
- + Social and emotional counseling
- + Community programming



Director of College Counseling

- + College admissions process expertise and insight
- + Managing college visits
- + Parent and student presentations

Cura Personalis Team



Learning Specialist

- + Diagnosing learning differences
- + Establishing and executing accommodation plans
- + Ensuring students with learning differences have the resources to succeed



Academic Coach

- + Helping students with the transition to a college prep environment
- + Establishing with students: goals, routines, behaviors and habits of mind for success



Licensed Mental Health Professional

- + Helping students and parents with emotional and behavioral concerns
- + Individualized mental health counseling
- + Group sessions
- + Drug and alcohol education and counseling
- + Suicide awareness and prevention



Director of Student Outreach and Advocacy

- + Helping families with socioeconomic or cultural needs
- + Finding resources, mentors and programs
- + Diversity programming



ACTIVE LEARNING CLASSROOMS

From pilot program to implementation

In 2017, Prep piloted the use of active learning classroom furniture from VS America Incorporated over the course of six months to see if it would improve the classroom experience in an age where collaboration and accommodating a variety of teaching and learning styles were becoming increasingly important.

In room 114, the more stationary, lecture-style furniture that had been the standard for many years — with the wood desktops, laminate seats and plastic backs connected together — was replaced by chairs and desks that were separate from each other and contained casters so they could be easily moved for group work. In addition, the new chairs were height-adjustable to accommodate students from 4’10” to 6’11” and the new desks had a larger surface area for each student and were stackable, making it easier to both clean and clear the room.

Leading the effort was Principal Jim Bopp, Theology Department Chairman **Sean Joyce Whipp ’96**, Facilities Director **Kevin Flint ’79** and the Director of Business Development at Sheppard’s Business Interiors **Ben Reynolds ’00**. The central idea was that, if the pilot proved successful, a plan could be made to update more classrooms.

As part of the pilot, seven different teachers and seven different courses were scheduled for class in room 114. Pre- and post-pilot surveys were also conducted to gauge student feedback in four areas of classroom learning: (1) the ease of working with other students, (2) the ability to see the teacher as well as other students, (3) the ease of learning the way they preferred to learn and (4) how comfortable they felt.

After students preferred the active learning classroom to the original classroom in all four measures, Prep decided to outfit six more classrooms this past academic year for teachers in various departments including English, mathematics, social studies, theology and world language. (Science department classrooms are already uniquely configured for lecture-style

learning and group work since they contain both standard desk and lab furniture.)

Among the many positive reactions to the new furniture, one student remarked, “It has added a fresh take on the school environment which boosts the energy of the class.”

“We are outfitting ten more classrooms in August,” said Kevin. “And the plan is to transition 10 additional classrooms per year for the next four years until all of them, except for science and language lab rooms, are fully outfitted.” During that time, the team will also be looking to see how they can improve the classroom experience even further. “We have and will continue to work with Prep faculty to assist them in identifying ways in which they can leverage the furniture to teach dynamically and constructively,” noted Ben.

What happens to the old classroom furniture as the rooms are updated? Prep will break it down into its component pieces, recycle the metal and dispose of the desktops and seats. “We contacted the Archdiocese and some local Catholic schools first to see if they needed it but nobody did,” remarked Kevin. “Teaching and learning styles are changing there, too.”

For Principal Jim Bopp, who had a positive experience with active learning classrooms in his time at Brophy Prep in Phoenix, it is a welcome change. “This furniture allows our teachers to redesign their rooms in a matter of moments to facilitate a wide variety of approaches. Combined with the block schedule and our one-to-one technology program, the active learning classrooms provide them with everything they need to make use of modern best practices.” ■



“I want to do the best I can for the school, the community, the alumni and the kids.”

— Sterling J. Brown

MEET THE NEW DEAN OF STUDENTS

STERLING J. BROWN

Sterling J. Brown, the former assistant dean of students at St. Louis University High School (SLUH), was hired as the new dean of students at Prep effective June 1. He comes to his new role with an extensive background in teaching, coaching and administration, and replaces **Joe Ryberg ’84**, who is now the academic assistant principal, a job previously held by **Chris Searl ’83**, who has moved into the newly created position of assistant principal for student support services.

Sterling received his Bachelor of Arts degree in youth development and leadership from Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri and master’s degrees in nonprofit management and education from Fontbonne University in St. Louis. He started his career in education as a history teacher at Loyola Academy of St. Louis, the Jesuit middle school he attended. During that time, he also volunteered as a football and basketball coach at SLUH before being hired at the school as director of diversity. The position also included teaching responsibilities in history and coaching duties that expanded to include work with the lacrosse team.

Prep was always on Sterling’s short list of Jesuit high schools that have intrigued him, and when he was working as assistant dean of students this past year at SLUH and researching the Prep health and wellness program as a model for something that could be implemented there, he saw the job opening for dean of students. “I thought about applying and what it would be like to be there,” noted Sterling. “Obviously, the first person I had to consult was my wife Amy and, without hesitation, she lit up and said, ‘We’re doing it.’”

After arriving for his interview at Prep, he felt Omaha to be “an extremely welcoming community” that would be a great place to raise a family. With experience in so many areas of Catholic education and a strong interview, Principal Jim Bopp also knew that Sterling would be “an ideal fit” for the job.

When asked to describe his working style with students, Sterling said, “I’ve always been big on relationships and knowing who the students are, what their family situation is, where they’re from and what they enjoy doing. I’m also a rules person and a teacher at heart, so understanding how to properly teach those rules and why they are in place can get students on board, enforcing and honoring the rules themselves.”

Sterling’s overall goal for his work at Prep is just as clear: “I want to do the best I can for the school, the community, the alumni and the kids. Everything that I’m going to put into it is always going to be with the best interest of the Prep community in mind.”

In the near future, the Prep community may come to know him as Dr. Brown since he is in the final year of his coursework at Saint Louis University for a doctorate in education with a focus on whole child development. He plans to complete it through a combination of in-class attendance in St. Louis and videoconferencing. “Fortunately my program is very open to that, and it certainly doesn’t hurt that the program director is a Prep grad (**John James ’85**). My wife is also very supportive.”

If the work he does at Prep allows for it at some point, Sterling would like to get involved in coaching again and add to the rich history of Prep athletics. “I’ve learned so much about myself in coaching kids through situations and sports,” he said. “But the realities are that there is only so much time in a day.” ■



TOM MURRAY

The Alliance, Nebraska native and former seminarian excels as a teacher of freshmen and seniors, respectively, in his Theology I/II and Pedro Arrupe Experience courses.

The experience that theology teacher Tom Murray has in shaping young men began on the basketball team at Alliance (Neb.) High School where his role as a team leader stood out to his coach who recommended that he consider a career in basketball coaching. Tom listened intently to that advice, and went on to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) for studies in secondary education so he could become a basketball coach and a teacher.

After three years at UNL, an urge to explore a life as a diocesan priest was rekindled, one that had been forged in high school on a visit to Conception Seminary College in Missouri. With the rural landscape of southern Indiana more to his liking this time, he finished his undergraduate work at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology then returned to marry his girlfriend Rebecca whom he had broken up with to go there.

"I learned so much about my faith in those three years, probably more than I have in most of my life," he said. It was his faith that also led him to roles as a young adult ministry coordinator and a director of a youth camp and retreat center before being hired to teach theology at Creighton Prep.

Prep freshmen often get their introduction to "Mr. Murray" in Community Period, Zoology Club or Theology I/II, a class where he helps foster ownership and leadership among the students, encouraging each of them to lead prayers, check for dress code compliance and even guide the others through a five-minute Daily Examen. "They design the prayer, exercise leadership and they hold their classmates accountable."

But it's through The Pedro Arrupe Experience, the intensive senior service learning class, where Tom has perhaps his most lasting impact. During the semester, students rotate through 10

to 12 service sites like J.P. Lord School, a school for elementary students with multiple disabilities. "If you go to a little place like that, you have to be pretty humble, confident, warm, gentle and patient, because in that situation you've got kids who are non-communicative," he noted while commenting that, in their final reflection paper, seniors frequently say the class was "one of the most meaningful experiences they've ever had at Prep."

Aside from the occasional miscommunication that results in a student going to the wrong location or a short-staffed organization, Tom finds that the challenges they experience are transformative. "I imagine it's something that most of them won't probably soon forget. I think it's really, really impactful."

When he isn't teaching or caring for relationships among family and friends, Tom likes the quiet that goes with the fishing, camping and hunting he first enjoyed with his father and the satisfaction he gets — as he does with gardening — of knowing where his food comes from. Today, his 13-year-old son accompanies him, and, this summer, he directed several sophomores and juniors on a silent adventure retreat in Colorado's White River National Forest where they fished, camped and contemplated their relationship with God and the universe.

Tom views his time outdoors as a gift and a blessing. "I feel like I find God when I am out. Especially in the fall when I'm deer hunting, because it's so much sitting in silence. It is holy. It is meditation. It's prayerful."

As he reflected on the impact he's had on young men at Prep, Tom remarked, "You don't know which student is going to pick something up in class and, five years later, what that's going to determine. One of the valuable things about working with them is just having the opportunity to be a part of their lives at a time when they're really still growing." ■



SENIOR BREAKFAST

Over 400 Prep seniors, fathers and grandfathers attended the annual Senior Breakfast on Tuesday, May 8 in the Sullivan Center. Emcee for the event was Director of Alumni Relations **Max Huerter '09**, who introduced Creighton Prep President Fr. Tom Neitzke, SJ to give the opening remarks and prayer. That was followed by a speech from alumnus and longtime Prep math teacher **Scott Sibbernson '68**, who is the father of **Andy '93** and the grandfather of **Davis '18**. Principal Jim Bopp then offered advice to the seniors in his remarks before the group adjourned for a photo. ■



Multiple generations of Prepsters



1. Laughlin family: Mark '84, Graham '18 and Gerald '59;
2. McNamara family: Lee '50, Ryan '18 and Michael '81;
3. Rozmazil family: George Liebenritt '63, Mark '18 and Tim '89;
4. Sibbernson family: Bill '87, Maxwell '18 and Terry '64;
5. Sibbernson family: Andy '93, Davis '18 and Scott '68;
6. Wilwerding family: Michael '86, Nate '18, Joe Countryman '18 (also a grandson of Leo '48) and Leo '48;
7. Dunbar family: Peter '18 and Mark '77;
8. Garvey family: Jeff '74 and Jeff '18;
9. Swanson family: Jim '82 and Aidan '18

WINTER



JANUARY 19, 2018

Prep Students and Faculty Members Participate in 2018 March for Life

Creighton Prep sent a delegation of 12 students and four faculty members to the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. on Friday, January 19. The theme of this year's event was "Love Saves Lives." The group also joined students from other Jesuit high schools and universities for the annual Jesuit Mass for Life in St. Aloysius Church at Gonzaga College High School and for the Cardinal O'Connor Conference on Life at Georgetown University.



JANUARY 24, 2018

Prep Community Members Gather for ToTomorrow Labs Ribbon-Cutting

An important chapter in Prep history began on Wednesday, January 24 with the official ribbon-cutting for the ToTomorrow Labs project at the school.



Initial momentum for the project was helped greatly by the commitment to a lead gift from the family of **Thomas J. Morrow '65** (dec.), a technology business leader who was formerly president of Time Warner Communications.

Highlights of the event included acknowledgements and a blessing of the space by school president Fr. Tom Neitzke, SJ, perspectives on the project and the life of Tom Morrow by his son and key project lead Chris Morrow, and a ribbon-cutting by Gerry Lauritzen and Chris and Sherese Morrow and their children.

Prep is especially grateful to Gerry and Bruce Lauritzen and Chris and Sherese Morrow for their vision and assistance during the formative stages that led up to the construction phase and completion of the space.

FEBRUARY 3, 2018

Prep Students Win 18th Annual African American History Challenge

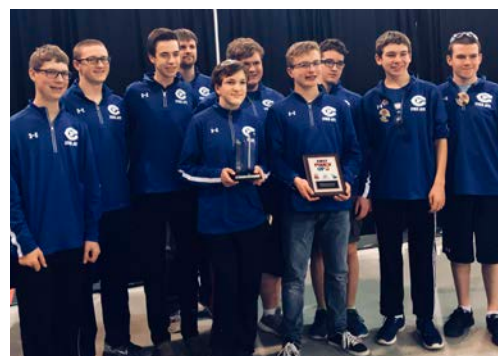
On Saturday, February 3, seniors **Leon Gordon Jr.**, **Marcus Vaughn-Jones** and **Tyler White-Welchen** and their coach and Director of Student Advocacy and Outreach Allen Burrell Jr. won the 18th Annual African American History Challenge sponsored by 100 Black Men of Omaha, Inc., an organization committed to the success of young men in the African American community.

"It was a great performance by the Prep students, and I think the academic rigor



they experience at the school helped prepare them well for the competition," said Allen. The high school division included teams from Prep as well as Benson, Bryan, Central, North and South, and the competition was held at Omaha North High STEM Magnet School.

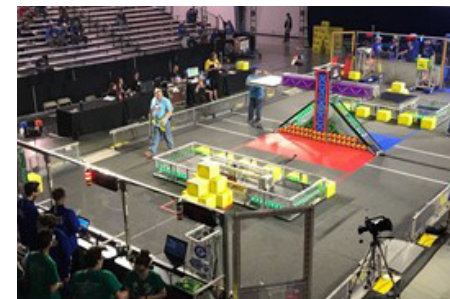
Preparation began at Prep in October with the book "Life Upon These Shores: Looking at African American History 1513-2008" by Harvard University professor Henry Louis Gates Jr., and it was supplemented by study guides provided by 100 Black Men of Omaha, Inc.



MARCH 16-18, 2018

FIRST Robotics Team Receives Rookie Inspiration Award at Kansas City Regional

The FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) Team 6805 from Prep received the 2018 Rookie Inspiration Award at the Greater Kansas City Regional FRC event during the weekend of March 16-18. According to the FIRST Robotics website, the award "celebrates a rookie team's outstanding success in advancing respect and appreciation for engineering



and engineers, both within their school, as well as in their community."

Team members included juniors Elwyn Frailley, Will Randby and Luke Reinsch as well as freshmen Andrew Hood, Tom Knudsen, Cameron Pfaff, Kevin Prosofski, Josh Royal, Cal Tietjen, Cian Weekly and Abram Wulf.

SPRING



APRIL 11, 2018

Eight Student Athletes Sign National Letters of Intent During Spring Signing Day

Eight Creighton Prep student athletes signed national letters of intent during spring signing day on Wednesday, April 11 to continue their academic and athletic careers at the next level.

At the signing ceremony in the Carta Hall of Fame Room, Director of Athletics Dr. Dan Schinzel also introduced the group and asked them to speak individually about the school and sport to which they committed. Photos were then taken with family members, friends and Prep coaches.

Among the eight were five who committed to track and field programs (**Ryan Eastman**, **Drew Loukota**,



Joel Riha-Aldrich, **Jack Slagle** and **Noah Velinsky**), two who signed to play basketball (**Kyle Luedtke** and **Spencer Moes**), and another who will play baseball (**Chris Romano**). Ryan and Jack also committed to run cross country.



APRIL 12, 2018

Prep Students Take Two of Top Three Spots in JRS/USA Essay Competition

The Jesuit Refugee Service/USA (JRS/USA) and Creighton Prep announced on Thursday, April 12 that sophomore James Chapman and junior Sam Forrest won first and third place, respectively, in the Lessons from Anne Essay Competition: Courage, Compassion and Hope in Refuge for Jesuits Schools Network (JSN) students in grades 9-12.

With works limited to 1,500 words, JSN students focused on answering the question "What can Anne Frank's life and legacy teach us about how to address the current refugee crisis – more than 65 million people displaced today globally, the highest levels since World War II?"

Essays were judged by representatives from the JRS/USA, America Media, the JSN and the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, and they were unanimous in their decision to award first place to James, an award that came with a \$1,000 monetary prize and the publication of his essay in America magazine on Thursday, April 12. Sam's third place award came with a \$250 monetary prize.



APRIL 17, 2018

Innovation Team Wins IT Innovation Cup Competition at the University of Nebraska Omaha

The Creighton Prep Innovation Team won first place and the People's Choice Award on Tuesday, April 17 at the 2018 IT Innovation Cup competition sponsored by the College of Information Science & Technology at the University of Nebraska Omaha. At the event, the team demonstrated their FINDining mobile application, a solution that assists users with locating restaurants based on their preferences.

Innovation Team members included Aidan Buechler '19, **Peter Dunbar '18**, Ben Hall '20, **Max Hobday '18**, Noah Monzu '20, Daniel Noon '19, Thomas Rusch '19, Xavier Vaughn '19, Parker Wall '20 and **Ben Wingerter '18**.

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APRIL 19-21, 2018

Academic Decathlon Team is Third in Division II, Eighth Overall at Nationals

The Creighton Prep academic decathlon team placed third in Division II and eighth overall at the United States Academic Decathlon Nationals, April 19-21 in Frisco, Texas. Prep students also won 15 individual medals. In addition, senior **Aidan Filipi** received the Division II Founders Scholarship for Most Improved Student and was named most valuable team member while **Paul Martin** was recognized as the team's high scorer.



MAY 15, 2018

Junior Matthew Muellner Receives Prestigious Coolidge Scholarship

On May 15, the Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation and Creighton Prep announced that junior Matthew Muellner had been recognized as one of four recipients of the prestigious Coolidge Scholarship, which covers four years of expenses including tuition and room and board at any accredited U.S. university or college.



MAY 20, 2018

Class of 2018 and Jubilarians Receive Diplomas

The Class of 2018 received their diplomas on Sunday, May 20 in front of a packed crowd in the Heider Center. Senior **Jonathan Quiros** served as the emcee for the event, which began with an opening prayer by Creighton Prep President Fr. Tom Neitzke, SJ then the awarding of 50th anniversary diplomas to members of the Class of 1968.

Also during the program, senior **Joseph Hennessey** gave the valedictorian's address, classmate **Ryan McNamara** received the Henry Sullivan Award for outstanding senior, and math teacher Pat Mooney received the Hindelang Award for Teaching Excellence.

The Prep students were then handed their diplomas by Fr. Neitzke as Principal Jim Bopp read their names while also noting for some the names and graduating classes of their Prep alumni fathers, grandfathers and great-grandfathers.

The ceremony concluded with a traditional cap-throwing by the graduates then photos with family members and friends in the Smith Atrium.



Greg Glenn '70
FOOTBALL, TRACK



Tata Machado '78
FOOTBALL



Mike Macaitis '86
FOOTBALL, BASEBALL, BASKETBALL



Bill Kleber '98
TOM DINEEN COACHING AWARD



Jeff Wellwood '98
FOOTBALL, BASEBALL



Nick Svehla '99
BASKETBALL



ATHLETIC Hall of Fame

DINNER AND INDUCTION CEREMONY

Four former student athletes, a current head coach and the state champion 1969 baseball team were inducted in the Creighton Prep Athletic Hall of Fame on Monday, March 5. This was the largest event of its kind in Prep history as more than 370 guests were in attendance.

Joining the 1969 baseball team in the Athletic Hall of Fame was longtime freshman B football head coach and former track coach **Greg Glenn '70**, linebacking great **Jose "Tata" Machado '78**, multisport standouts **Mike Macaitis '86** and **Jeff Wellwood '98**, and star basketball player **Nick Svehla '99**.

The evening kicked off with a social hour, a welcome and introductions from emcee **Sandy Buda '63** and an invocation from school president Fr. Tom Neitzke, SJ. During dinner, the program began with Head Athletic Trainer **Bill Kleber '98** receiving the Tom Dineen Coaching Award then the Athletic Hall of Fame inductions followed.

The program also included a tribute in memory of coaching legend **Don Leahy '47** and a closing prayer by former Prep president **Fr. George Sullivan, SJ '62**.



1969 Creighton Prep baseball team (left to right): Denny O'Doherty '71, John Grant '69, Ted Sledge '69, Jerry Sharkey '70, Jerry Jurgensen '69, Dan Hill '69, Bill Hamik '70, Terry Italia '69, Steve Kalhorn '70, Joe Balus '70, Mark Nilus '69 and Bill Gradoville '70



WINTER & SPRING SPORTS

WINTER



BASKETBALL

26-1
District A-2 Champion
State Champion
Three Named to All-State Teams



HOCKEY

19-9-2
Four Named to All-Star Game



POWERLIFTING

State Champion
(9th Consecutive Title)



SWIMMING

State Champion (12th consecutive title)
State Record: 200 Medley Relay (1:31.47)
Eleven Received Metro Conference
All-Academic Honor



WRESTLING

8-10 in Duals
Seven Qualified for State



CHAMPIONS IN FIVE SPORTS

The winter and spring 2018 sports seasons once again produced exceptional performances from Prep student athletes in a variety of sports. Among many impressive achievements, the varsity basketball team went 26-1 in securing the Class A state title while the swim team won its 12th consecutive championship and the powerlifting team garnered its ninth in a row. In addition, the varsity baseball team won a third straight crown as part of a 26-5 season, and the varsity lacrosse team capped an undefeated 15-0 campaign by winning the Nebraska/Iowa High School Lacrosse Championship. ■

SPRING



BASEBALL

26-5
District A-1 Champion
State Champion (3rd Consecutive Title)



GOLF

2nd in District A-3
4th at State



LACROSSE

15-0
Nebraska/Iowa High School Lacrosse Champion
Nine Named to All-Star Team



SOCCER

16-4
District A-5 Champion
State Tournament Quarterfinalist



TRACK AND FIELD

District A-4 Champion
5th at State
Five Were All-Class Gold Medal State Champions



TRAPSHOOTING

Creighton Prep Blue: 3rd at State



Many Prepsters are making impressive strides toward even greater accomplishments in life. This is a brief look at four of their stories.



AKOL AROP '19

Junior Akol Arop is a long way from his birthplace in Egypt but, after immigrating to the United States with the rest of his family who are all refugees from South Sudan, he found a home at Creighton Prep. He also found mentors in the form of guardian **Thaddeus Kowal '89** and his wife Melissa as well as a stronger faith, a love for mathematics and success as perhaps the top high school basketball recruit in Nebraska.

His older brothers Makoor and Aguek, accomplished basketball players themselves, attended Omaha South, and though Akol thought that he would follow in their footsteps, Thaddeus suggested Prep. "After I shadowed with Anthony Kowal (Thaddeus' son and Prep classmate), I fell in love with the school," he said.

At Prep, teacher **Jeff Wellwood '98** helped him refine his study skills and coaches **Josh Luedtke '90** and **Andy King '06** did the same with his basketball talent. In addition, he is quick to credit his family for always being supportive and encouraging him to do his homework every night and get to church every Sunday. "I had a strong faith when I got to Prep," noted Akol. "And it's gotten stronger and I've gotten closer to God through retreats like Faces of Christ and Junior Encounter."

He has already received basketball scholarship offers from, among others, Drake University, South Dakota State University, the University of Nebraska Omaha, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the University of California, Davis. Akol also played AAU basketball this summer, where many college coaches were watching. "I just want to find the best opportunity for me. A place where I can first fulfill my faith and get a great education." ■



DREW DUNHAM '18

It might be a stretch to say that **Drew Dunham** began his Prep shadow experience much earlier than 8th grade but, after his dad and Prep alumnus **Chris Dunham '90** introduced him to his Prep friends and took him to Prep football games during his grade school years, he certainly had a positive impression of the school by then. "I remember wanting to wear the blue and white in high school," said Drew. "Then when I shadowed, I had a great experience and knew that Prep was the place for me."

Throughout his four years as a Junior Jay, Drew's parents Chris and Tracy gave him the freedom to choose his classes, club activities and sports, something that he truly appreciates about them. "Enjoying myself and my time was what they wanted, and I am very thankful for their support."

With that support, Drew got involved in Prep football and baseball, excelling as both a linebacker and outfielder. He also played basketball, competed on the powerlifting team and was both a leader and a co-chairman of Freshman Retreat. When it came time to select a college, he applied to the University of Nebraska Omaha and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln then signed to play football at Minnesota State University Moorhead. Ultimately, he decided to begin answering "a higher calling" to protect and serve the country through an appointment to the United States Military Academy.

"I have always wanted to be in the military," noted Drew recently while acknowledging the help of current West Point cadet **Chase Alberts '16** in getting him through the lengthy application process. Once there, he plans to study civil or biomedical engineering. ■



NATHANIAL GEORGE '19

"For as long as I can remember, I planned on going to Prep," said junior Nathanial George, who was baptized by legendary Prep Jesuit Fr. Bill O'Leary and whose father **Anil George '85** is a graduate of the school. He also fondly remembers going to basketball games in the Mullen Gym as a youth, and was keenly aware that Prep offered "superior academics and athletics" as well as a chance to continue his father's legacy.

He is currently a member of the Campus Ministry Advisory Board, the Creighton Prep Student Council, an editor for the Jay Journal newspaper, an Operation Others volunteer, an officer of the Asian Student Outreach Program and a shot put specialist on the track and field team. Of all his Prep experiences to date, he counts the retreats he has made as his favorite. "They have changed my life and helped me give my life to God," Nathanial remarked.

He has also somehow found time to build a thriving internet business called OmahaHSSports that has a staff of 15 providing "complete scores, analysis and coverage" of Omaha high school athletics. The content is posted primarily to OmahaHSSports.com and to the Twitter accounts @OmahaHSHoops and @OmahaHSFootball. Since starting it a year ago with friend Jonathan Snover, they've had "tens of millions" of views across all of their online platforms.

"I want to go wherever God leads me," he said of his future plans while noting an interest in engineering or computer science studies at a West Coast school such as Stanford University, UCLA or the University of Southern California. Nathanial also hopes to keep volunteering "throughout college and beyond." ■



SETH SANDOVAL-SKEET '18

Seth Sandoval-Skeet's journey to Prep began on the Navajo reservation near Gallup, New Mexico. When he entered 8th grade and discovered that his school lacked the funds to support a high school, his older brother, who at the time was a Creighton University dental student, suggested that he attend Prep. So Seth came to Omaha and was cared for by him and his mother who visited during his freshman and sophomore years and moved to town in July 2016.

"The actions of my family speak volumes," Seth recalled as he brought to mind all the ways that his siblings and parents have supported him to and through Prep. From his older brother and sister teaching him studying techniques to the financial sacrifices made by his father and the care and encouragement from them all, he is acutely aware of how fortunate he is.

At Prep, Seth flourished in the classroom and was a member of the cross country team, the National Art Honor Society (NAHS), the Young Democrats club, Stanford Model United Nations and a Christian Life Community group. Highlights for him included the Junior Encounter retreat and conversations with fine arts teacher and NAHS chapter director **Jeremy Caniglia '88** concerning "movie plots, the techniques of different artists, or about college decisions."

After applying to 14 schools, he was thrilled to be accepted at both Cornell University and Stanford University among many others. In the end, Seth chose Stanford and is eager to delve into product design and urban studies courses. He also looks forward to a life helping others and exploring Stanford's resources to create "a lasting impact" that improves the world around him. ■



SERVING *in the* IGNATIAN VOLUNTEER CORPS

The Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) is a national, Jesuit outreach organization designed to bring together the time and expertise of retired men and women over 50 with service opportunities in the 20 U.S. metropolitan communities in which they operate, including Omaha, Chicago, Denver, Minneapolis/St. Paul and Milwaukee.

Partnering with other nonprofits already addressing issues related to poverty, IVC volunteers advise clients in areas such as education, development, law and business. For **Robert Sigler '64** and **Dick Sibbernson '66**, it is work that is truly grounded in their experience of Prep, the counsel of their mentors, their time in the Jesuit order and the legal skills developed at the Creighton University School of Law and in their careers.

ROBERT SIGLER '64

Bob Sigler encountered the Jesuits as an entering freshman in the fall of 1960. At Prep, he discovered “an honors track education” that involved four years of Latin and two of Greek as well as English, biology and physics courses taught by a range of Society of Jesus members. Among the many who made a significant impression on him was his Latin teacher **Fr. Michael Hindelang, SJ '25**. “He was a great teacher and a big influence on me even though we weren’t close,” said Bob. “He was also very disciplined, and he made you disciplined.”

In December of 1963 in a retreat at the Columban Fathers Retreat Center in Bellevue, Nebraska, Bob was called to enter the Society of Jesus then campaigned to enter the Maryland Province because he had siblings living in the Washington, D.C. area. He was granted that request, and entered the Jesuits in August 1964 at a novitiate in Wernersville, Pennsylvania, which he described as “a place smack dab in the high Middle Ages” that he also very much enjoyed.

Bob stayed in the order for about 17 months before deciding to return to Omaha and attend Creighton University (graduating magna cum laude) and the Creighton University School of Law. Of those years, he noted that Creighton left “its Ignatian mark”



on him through, among others, the pedagogy of history teachers Dr. Ross Horning, Dr. Allan Schleich and Fr. Robert Shanahan, SJ as well as philosophy teacher Fr. Henri Renard, SJ. “As I look back on these teachers, as well as many others, I see now that they were Ignatian instruments whose dedication was to fashioning new generations of instruments in the hands of God,” recalled Bob.

He went on to criminal law practice in the offices of the Douglas County Attorney and the United States Attorney for the District of Nebraska while staying involved at Creighton as a part-time teacher of criminal trial practice. “During those years, my connection to being Ignatian was found primarily in my work as a prosecutor ... I tried to pay attention to the tenet that a prosecutor’s task was not to convict but to see that justice was done. I was also mindful of the emerging Jesuit emphasis on a faith that does justice.”

When his teaching career ended in 1995, he moved on to master’s level studies in theology at Creighton where one of the highlights was coursework on Jesuit teacher and theologian Avery Dulles, whom he interviewed twice and came to see as “a master of every Christian’s task to conversion.”

With so many Jesuit and lay teachers as role models, Bob retired in 2014 intent on engaging in volunteer service. “Not long after that, I interviewed with the director of the Omaha chapter of



Many IVC volunteers serve as tutors, housing advocates, counselors in family life, financial and career matters, and health care advisers. The IVC also offers a variety of spiritual gatherings, reading materials and retreats to fortify the personal spirituality of its volunteers and help them see the face of Christ in those experiencing poverty.

New members are always welcome!

Please visit www.ivcusa.org for more information, and if you would like to volunteer in the Omaha area, contact Regional Director and past Prep parent Becky Ehrman at: **402-681-6311** or omaha@ivcusa.org.



Dick Sibbernson '66 (center) with his students at the XLRI - Xavier School of Management in Jamshedpur, India.

the IVC, and she agreed that I might be a suitable candidate.” Soon thereafter, he was interviewed by the staff in the Milton R. Abrahams Legal Clinic at the Creighton University School of Law. Today, he is at the clinic or in court four days per week, working “largely on family issues, landlord disputes and the seemingly innumerable legal and bureaucratic obstacles that poor people encounter in life.”

In looking back on his life, he is thankful for all those who taught him in the Ignatian tradition, and he feels that his Prep experience was critical. “If it hadn’t been for Prep, I wouldn’t be the person I am today.”

DICK SIBBERNSEN '66

Dick Sibbernson grew up in the St. Margaret Mary Parish and followed his brother **Terry Sibbernson '64** to Prep where he excelled as an honor student. Though he graduated more than 50 years ago, he quickly recalled five “takeaways” from his days on campus that made him “life-ready” for “personal, purposeful achievement” based on the Gospel. They included (1) the values of character and integrity, (2) the academic foundations in the humanities and sciences, (3) the importance of accountability, (4) the ability to think critically and (5) the power of self-awareness and interpersonal skills.

“The value of a Prep education is it teaches you that not only do you need the compassion and empathy but also the competency to help people,” said Dick. “I also learned that, in life, I had to make a choice. Am I going to make everything about the greater me or the greater good? The faculty and the Prep experience showed me the value of being a greater-good person.”

With that choice, he entered the Jesuit order in St. Bonifacius, Minnesota. Then, after 18 months, he discerned that God was calling him to a different expression of his Christianity that involved studies at Marquette University and the Creighton University School of Law. This was followed by a career in human resources and operations for telecommunications firms BellSouth and AT&T in Atlanta, San Antonio and internationally.

From his career, he remembers “a great boss” who asked him to write a 30-to-40-year life plan that he still has today. It is a

plan that included retiring at age 60 then devoting his days to service as a way to expand on the volunteering he began after connecting with the Ignatius House Retreat Center in Atlanta and being directed to prison ministry first at Phillips State Prison in Buford, Georgia and, later, at the Bexar County Adult Detention Center in San Antonio.

After he turned 60 and moved to the Chicago area in retirement, he visited Fr. Robert Wild, SJ, then president of Marquette University, to get his thoughts on where he could serve best going forward. In turn, Fr. Wild recommended the Ignatian Volunteer Corps back in the Windy City. Now, through the IVC in Chicago, Dick continues his prison ministry in Waukegan, Illinois at the Lake County Jail and provides legal aid to the underserved members of Most Blessed Trinity Parish nearby.

“The whole concept in both places is that I hope to slightly improve their lives,” noted Dick. “I try to help free them from something, whether it’s a lack of awareness over how our thoughts can determine our actions or an issue with an employer.”

He also finds time to travel and teach business courses in eastern India at the Xavier Institute for Tribal Education and the XLRI - Xavier School of Management after teaching previously in graduate business programs also operated by the Jesuits in Indonesia and Tanzania. “I’ve been the luckiest guy in the world,” he remarked.

When asked about what’s next in his life, Dick’s reply was humble and focused. “I want to get better at effectively transferring knowledge to the next generation of business men and women in the United States and India. Then I want to get better at prison ministry.”

Two of the biggest fans of his service work are his brothers Terry and **Scott Sibbernson '68**, who, like Dick, are also members of the Creighton Prep Hall of Fame. “Dick has committed his life to kind acts for the benefit of others, especially the less fortunate,” said Terry. “He embodies the Jesuit phrase ‘Men for Others.’” To that, Scott added, “He really has taken the concept of magis a step further in retirement.” ■



The Best Times Newsletter: CONNECTING THE CLASS OF 1957

As many in the Prep alumni community know, connecting with classmates well after graduation can be a challenge, especially as the years roll on and people move into middle age and, eventually, retirement. In the Class of 1957, those connections have been rekindled and solidified over the past 26 years through their class newsletter Best Times.

For the publication's founder **Jay Harrington '57**, the idea to create Best Times came from his experience in co-founding the Parishioner newsletter for St. Thomas More Parish with **Jim Monahan '55** in the early 1970s. "It was well-received," said Jay. "And I remembered that as our 35th Prep reunion approached."

Also at about that same time in the early 1990s, a committee had formed and a "Back to the Future"-themed reunion was being planned over regular breakfasts. After the reunion in 1992 was well-attended, the committee members discussed the idea of starting a monthly class lunch to keep momentum going but were unsure of just how to reach people to spur attendance. "I suggested that I had an answer," noted Jay, and the Best Times newsletter was launched with a September 1992 issue that was a hit with readers. "I sent out the hard copy to everybody and paid for the postage. The next thing I know, the thank you letters start coming back from classmates with checks to help."

Common to the early twice-per-year issues was a cover story on a singular topic or a What's Up section that included a smattering of news on different topics along with a reminder for the next "Lunch Bunch" gathering. In Memoriam sections

recognized classmates who had passed, and Today in History pieces answered lighter questions such as "What kinds of film fare did we like?"

Production values increased when **Ed Trout '57** offered his help with graphics and copying, and classmate **Tom Mahoney '57** developed a Best Times logo that was visible on page footers. Included as well were reunion-related forms to complete and return, such as a call for ideas or, after the plans were made, a confirmation on attendance with a request for payment. As the years went on, classmates wrote back with content for future issues, the distribution list grew to include wives and widows, and a jar was passed around at Lunch Bunch gatherings to help with expenses.

In 2007, Jay informed newly-hired Prep alumni relations director **Nate Driml '96** that the class committee had 10 events planned for their 50th reunion that year. As Jay and Nate worked together on the reunion, Nate became impressed with how much Jay knew about Prep history, and asked him if he wanted to volunteer at the school as an archivist. "Next thing you know, I am upstairs (in the archives room), wading through all the stuff there, and (today) you see the end product," said Jay.

That end product included not only additional content for Best Times newsletter issues but work on a number of important projects for Prep, such as the gathering of key photos and text for the history wall on the main floor of the school, research on the names of Prep alumni, faculty and staff members, and Jesuits for the lighted glass panels in the **Dennis P. Circo '65**



Jay Harrington '57



Kristine Tynan Gerber

Memorial Plaza and an index of people and topics that can help staff members more quickly locate reference materials on them. In gratitude for his efforts, the archives room at Prep has been named in his honor.

"I also think that solidarity grew when we read one another's stories, especially those from classmates that some of us may not have known well during our Prep days. They helped us see that person in a new light."

— P.J. McDonald '57

With more than 15 years of work on Best Times and a growing list of tasks at Prep by 2008, Jay passed the editing reins of the newsletter to classmate and Des Moines, Iowa resident **P.J. McDonald '57**, who helped bring it into the internet age by sending it out through email. Among the items produced in the issues he edited were responses from classmates on how they nurtured marriages of 50 years and more, an article on the financial aid fund established by the class in memory of the late **Logan Fontenelle '57** and reflections by **Ron Allison '57** on one of the iconic figures of their high school years, the assistant principal and athletic director Fr. C.T. Shinnars, SJ.

After the class' 60th reunion in 2017, Jay and P.J. discussed the newsletter's future and decided to bring it to a close with

one last issue in January of this year. In looking back on their work, the memories are special. "The thing that I have been impressed by is how much each of my classmates immersed themselves in the philosophy of Jesuit education," said Jay.

"As time went on, I heard a growing consensus about the place and value of 'Best Times' from many in the class who responded with laughter, empathy and a deepening solidarity," said P.J. "I also think that solidarity grew when we read one another's stories, especially those from classmates that some of us may not have known well during our Prep days. They helped us see that person in a new light. In my case, I didn't know much about Jay at Prep but after working with him for 10 years on 'Best Times,' we fostered a real friendship and connect regularly now."

Since the final issue of the newsletter was published, both have been involved in putting together a collection of the Best Times issues that they plan to present to Prep so the material can live on as a reference in the school archives in which Jay spent so much time. Helping them with the project has been Kristine Tynan Gerber, the daughter of departed classmate **Dave Tynan '57**. You can find the electronic version she has posted online by going to www.issuu.com and searching for "Creighton Prep's Best Times Anthology 1992-2017." ■

HERE & THERE

40s

Jack McGraw '49 founder, president and CEO of The McGraw Group/Pacific Specialty Insurance Company was inducted in the Insurance Business America Hall of Fame.

50s

Dan Dervin '53 recently authored a book published by Routledge called, "The Digital Child: The Evolution of Inwardness in the Histories of Childhood."

Jerry Caniglia '56 and his wife Judy celebrated 60 years of marriage in April of this year. They have eight children: Jim, Jean, Katy, Dan, Mike, Julie, Ann, and Lynn along with 22 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

60s



George Kohler '64 is co-chair of the Sister Parish Committee at the Church of the Risen Savior in Burnsville, Minnesota, which has had a twinning program relationship with the parish

community of St. Rose of Lima in Gris-Gris, Haiti. He has supported it with efforts to build a school and provide clean water, medical and dental care, and education about agricultural techniques and maintaining good health. George has also led a variety of missions over the past eight years and recently launched a new website, Our Children of Promise - Haiti, that reaches out to others beyond his parish to support the St. Rose Catholic School.

Frank Merwald '68 is a producer in Hollywood. Most recently, he was the co-producer of over 60 episodes of the "Just Add Magic" series from Amazon Studios.

70s

Fred Macca '72 is now retired and living with his wife in her hometown of Santa Maria in the most southern region of Brazil.



Dennis Lee '73 is an Omaha attorney focused on litigation and estate planning and was recently reappointed by Governor Pete Ricketts to serve an 11th term on the Nebraska State Racing Commission. Dennis has served as a racing commissioner for 29 years, which is the longest tenure in Nebraska history. He also serves on the Board of Directors for the New Cassel Retirement Center.

Joe Rauth '73 is the store manager and buyer for Body Basics, an Omaha fitness equipment store.

Greg Hallas MD, FACP '74 has been awarded a fellowship in the American College of Physicians, which is symbolic of his professional achievements and those that have benefited the Vancouver, Washington community where he works and lives.

Tony Pesavento '75 and his Omaha Country Club colleague Scott Ethington are helping young students around the Omaha area through the SNAG (Starting New At Golf) program.

Carl Finocchiaro '78 is a single father of four residing in the Denver area. He is also the principal of Spectrum Forensics, a forensic engineering firm where he specializes in explosion forensics and mechanical engineering failure analysis.

Chuck Marasco '78 retired on February 1, 2018 after a 30-year career with the Omaha Public Power District.

Don Shepard '78 retired in 2009 from the Nebraska State Patrol as a major crimes investigator assigned to the Omaha office. Today, he owns and operates a photography business that focuses on commercial, editorial and portrait work.

Alexander Payne '79 was the featured speaker at undergraduate commencement ceremonies for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln on Saturday May 5, 2018. During the event at Pinnacle Bank Arena, he also received an honorary doctorate in fine arts.



80s

Mike Moylan '82 received the 2018 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Ancient Order of Hibernians in January 2018.



Dr. Joseph O. Billig '83 lives in Denver with his wife Amber, daughter Teagan (9), son Bronson (7) and stepdaughters Haley and Lauren. An anesthesiologist, Joe is the Regional Medical Director for Colorado Permanente Medical Group, P.C. and enjoys fly fishing, reading and spending time with his family.

Chip Heineman '83 was promoted to Vice President of Global IT Solutions at Sitel Corporation where he has held several positions in the IT and sales areas over the past 23 years. Chip lives in Omaha with his wife Lisa and step-daughters Chelsey Boyce and Kelsey Boyce.

Dr. Bob Cusick '84 is the division chief of pediatric surgery in the Department of Surgery at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, a job formerly held by **Dr. Steven C. Raynor '73** who is also a UNMC faculty member.

Mark Marchese '84 started at First National Bank of Omaha in April 2017, helping the IT organization transform their culture and operating philosophy. Previously, Mark was employed at CSG Systems, Inc. for 26 years.

Larry Welch Jr. '84 was appointed in January of this year by Governor Pete Ricketts to serve as a judge of the Nebraska Court of Appeals, where he is representing the Fifth Judicial District of 24 counties in eastern Nebraska.

Todd Bragg '86 returned to The Steier Group as a campaign manager in February of this year.

Jeff Huber '87 is president and CEO of Home Instead Senior Care, which was recognized recently with the J.D. Power President's Award for customer satisfaction excellence and by Franchise Business Review as the top senior care franchise.

Scott Kirchner '87 has been hired to oversee the opening of an Omaha office for BWBR, an architectural firm based in St. Paul, Minnesota. The firm will draw on Scott's expertise as an architect in the health care field.

Dr. Chris Foix '88 and his wife, Susan, celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary on May 9, 2018. They have three children — Jack (10), Lily (8) and Henry (3) — and are members of Mary Our Queen Parish in Omaha. For 17 years, Chris has owned and practiced dentistry at Shadow Lake Family and Cosmetic Dentistry in Papillion. Most recently, he served as the 2017-2018 president of the Omaha District Dental Society.

Steve Kurtz '88 is the general manager of Village Pointe Toyota and the Husker Auto Group. His son Bo is a member of the Class of 2019.

Craig Meier '88 is the CEO of Medical Solutions, a travel nurse staffing firm headquartered in Omaha, and, in February, he was named by Staffing Industry Analysts to their 2018 Staffing 100 List, a recognition of his efforts to play a positive and influential role in the lives of workers and those looking for work.

Tim Uhl '88 is the superintendent of Montana Catholic Schools and produces a popular podcast called "Catholic School Matters" that was presented by the National Catholic Education Association during the 2017-2018 school year. It is available on iTunes.

Tate Fitzgerald '89 works at Mutual of Omaha Bank. In April 2018, the organization announced his appointment to the position of Executive Vice President, Bank Operations & Technology Officer.

90s

Josh Luedtke '90 is the director of admissions at Prep and recently coached the varsity basketball team to a 26-1 record and the 2018 Class A state title. He was also named the Nebraska boys high school coach of the year by the Omaha World-Herald and the Lincoln Journal Star Boys Coach of the Year.



Kevin Eike '93 resides in Portland, Oregon where he owns a mid-sized real estate litigation law firm, Aldrich Eike, PC. He has taken several cases to the Oregon Supreme Court and regularly speaks at a national level on matters in his field. He and his wife Jennifer have two children, Vinny (5) and Vicky (2). In their

spare time, the Eike family enjoys vacationing at their homes on Mt. Hood and in Palm Springs as well as hiking, biking, snowboarding and golfing.

Michael Daly '93 relocated with his family last year from St. Louis to Des Moines, where he is now Associate Professor of Pharmacy Informatics in the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences at Drake University.

David Grandy '93 is now working for Kaiser Permanente in the role of National Vice President, Delivery System Design and Innovation after a career of more than nine years at HDR.

Tim Brady '96 is the owner Sweet Dreams Anesthesia in Omaha. The firm allows medical professionals to perform various procedures in their offices with IV sedation for patients.

HERE & THERE

1990s Continued...

Scott Leighton '97 is Vice President and Senior Relationship Manager at Bankers Trust, working in business development and with clients in the commercial sector.

Kevin Borngrebe '98 and his wife Nicole recently celebrated their 14th anniversary and have settled in Cincinnati. Kevin continues to do some occasional background acting but is now primarily focused on being a full-time screenwriter. He sold his first screenplay, a made-for-TV thriller called "Tricks are for Kids," to the Lifetime Network, and filming is scheduled to start in early 2019.

Dr. Mark McGuire '98 and his wife Courtney recently welcomed the birth of their third child Audrey, who joins big brother Conor and big sister Sapphire in the family. Mark practices dentistry in Omaha.

Joe Pogge '98 is the president of the McNeil Company, a general contractor that builds homes, apartment complexes and commercial buildings in Omaha. He is married to Erin McNeil Pogge who graduated from Marian High School in 1998. Together, they have 3 children: Claire (10), Dylan (8) and Brooke (5). Erin and Joe are active in the community and most recently have been involved in leadership roles with Habitat for Humanity, Completely Kids, the Women's Center for Advancement and the Omaha Chamber of Commerce.



Dominic Romeo '98 and his wife Michelle welcomed daughter Jocelyn Marie to their family on April 15, 2018.

T.J. Fyfe '99 and his wife Melissa are new parents to Edward James, who was born on February 27, 2018.

Nick Svehla '99 and his wife Meg welcomed a new addition to the family, James Richard, on March 2, 2018.

00s

Terry Rush '00 is the marketing and business development director for E&A, a firm with offices in Omaha and Lincoln that provides a range of engineering, planning and environmental services to clients.

Dr. Nick Wegner '00 received his board certification in orthopedic surgery and is now a partner at MD West ONE

in Omaha. He specializes in complex reconstruction and sports injuries of the foot and ankle as well as orthopedic trauma. Nick and his wife Krystal are also the proud parents of daughters Ara and Kate.

Paul Lawler '01 and his wife Leah welcomed daughter Frances Elizabeth to their family on June 15, 2018.

Mead Goedert '02 is a therapist in Michigan and the author of "The African American Urban Male's Journey to Success: Psychoanalytic Perspectives on Race, Gender, and Social Class," published by Lexington Books. Since his days at Prep, Mead has also earned bachelor's and master's degrees in social work at the University of Detroit Mercy and Wayne State University, respectively, as well as a doctorate in philosophy with a focus on psychoanalytic psychotherapy from the Institute for Clinical Social Work in Chicago.

Ryan McLeay '02 and his wife Abby Korth opened the Zen Coffee Company in Omaha in 2017, which offers specialty coffees, teas, pastries and desserts. Area artists also display artwork at the coffee shop, and Zen partners with local nonprofits to support a variety of service projects. In addition, Ryan and Abby are committed to making Zen a waste-free company using recyclable products and creating compost from used coffee grounds.

Douglas Corley '03 lives in Beijing, China and works as an entrepreneur in the health care field. After researching non-communicable diseases and working in the private sector for United Family Health, he leveraged those experiences in founding the Beijing Health Forum, where he is also the CEO, and co-founding DHB Global, a firm that helps entrepreneurs in health care bring their solutions to market in China.

Adam Grieser '03 has been named a shareholder and partner at Fraser Stryker PC LLO. Adam's practice includes matters related to estate planning, the administration of estates and trusts, business law and succession planning, and corporate law.

Andy Schmad '03 was promoted to business development manager at Modis from his role as an IT recruiter there. Modis, located in Omaha, provides staffing and consulting solutions to organizations in a range of industries, including information technology and engineering.

Kevin Tracy '03 has joined the law firm of Baird Holm LLP in Omaha. As a member of the firm's banking and business and corporate practice groups, Kevin counsels clients on corporate transactions and commercial matters. He earned both his Bachelor of Business Administration in accountancy degree and Juris Doctor degree from the University of Notre Dame.

Matt Storm '04 received a promotion at Lutz in its Firm Admin department. Matt joined Lutz in 2009 and serves as controller. In that role, he manages billing, payables and monthly financial reporting across all locations and divisions.



Zach Potter '05 was promoted to director of sales at CCS Presentation Systems, and he and his wife Tyler welcomed their third child, Jet Howard, to the family on February 1, 2018.

Brian Purcell '05 is as an associate on the Tax team at Koley Jessen in Omaha where he works on matters of compliance, planning and dispute resolution at the local, state and federal levels.

Jim Huerter '07 and his wife Katie welcomed baby boy James Victor IV to their family on May 6, 2018. Jim works as first vice president for business banking at Security National Bank in Omaha.



Andrew W. Hasebroock '08

In 2014, **Andrew Hasebroock '08** founded the Alumni Soccer League at Prep and remained the league commissioner while attending the Creighton University School of Medicine. In addition to being a great source of fun for Prep alumni since it began, the league has donated more than \$10,000 to four area soccer programs in need.

Andrew is now working as a resident in emergency medicine in St. Paul Minnesota, and the new league commissioner is **Matt Gorman '09**. Thank you for your service to Prep, Andrew, and welcome, Matt!

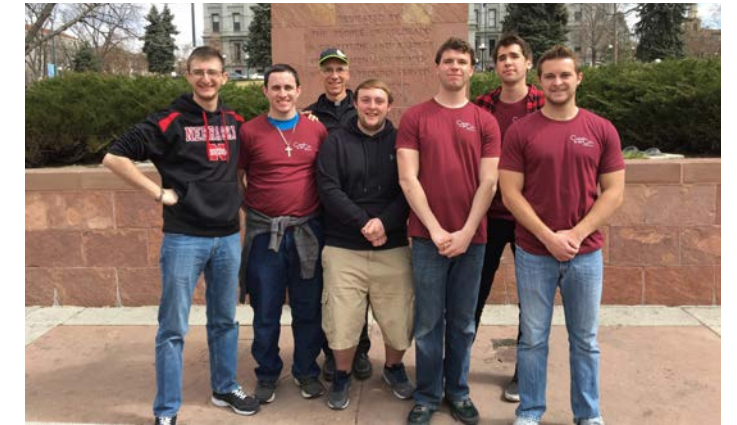
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Gage Rensch '10 graduated from the University of Nebraska Medical Center and will be in residency in dermatology at the Tulane University School of Medicine in New Orleans.

John Strudl '13 graduated with distinction from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in May 2018 and was named Most Outstanding Electrical Engineering Student.

Michael Emodi '14 a standout catcher on the Creighton University baseball team, was selected in the 11th round of the 2018 Major League Baseball draft by the Kansas City Royals.

Jacob Molacek '14 was part of the 2018 national championship 400 free relay team from North Carolina State that set an American record of 2:44.31 at the NCAA Division I Swimming and Diving Championships in Minneapolis.



A group of young alumni at the University of Nebraska Omaha went on a spring break mission trip to Denver to serve the homeless with a group called Christ in the City. Thanks to **Garrett Bradley '13, James Costello '13, Alex Downey '14, Jacob Kennedy '14, Daniel Koley '14, Joshua Pfeifer '14** and **Rev. Joe Taphorn '89** for their service and continuing the Prep mission.

Brett Berger '15 attends the University of Dayton where he is a Human Rights Studies major in the Department of Political Science. Earlier this year, he was selected with other Dayton students to participate in the 2018 Dayton2DC career immersion program that took place in Washington, D.C.

John Nownes '15 is on the cross country team at Iowa State, which, in 2017, won the Big 12 and NCAA Midwest Regional titles and placed 7th at the NCAA Division I Cross Country Championships.

William Danze '16 released an album called "Makin' Sunshine" on a variety of music streaming platforms including Apple Music, Spotify and Amazon Music.

Brian Kelly '16 is studying music at the University of Southern California's Thornton School of Music. In the recent past, he also played background piano at a Rolling Stones concert in Los Angeles.

Alex Schacke '16 is on the golf team at the University of Iowa and won the 2018 Nebraska Match Play Championship at Champions Run golf course on Friday, June 27. This was his 8th Nebraska Golf Association (NGA) title and completes an NGA "grand slam" for him that includes victories in the Nebraska Junior Amateur Championship and the boys match play tournament on multiple occasions. ■

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*"I still see myself as a kid from Omaha, so, getting
back there always feels like I'm coming back to my
people, the place I feel I belong."*
— **Bob Wiltfong '88**

*"I really enjoy catching up with old friends and
seeing where their lives have taken them."*
— **Sean Langenfeld '98**

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— **Douglas Corley '03**

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I restore it all to you and surrender it wholly to be governed by your will.
Give me only your love and grace and I am rich enough and ask for nothing more.*

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ALUMNI

Rick Anderson '64/wd
brother of Timothy '66, David '73

Thomas L. Arkwright '42
father of Michael '70, John '80

Robert E. Bathen '46
brother of John '45 (deceased)

John B. Betterman '38
brother of William '41 (deceased), Robert '43 (deceased)

Norbert W. Britten Jr. '63 (06/27/17)

Kevin R. Cahill '67
father of Colin '03, brother of Martin '72 (deceased),
Lawrence '74

Gary F. Chladek '57
brother of Richard '64

Stephen J. Dahir '69
brother of John '73

Roger O. Degan '49

John P. Donahue '43
brother of Francis '37 (deceased), grandfather of John '20

Jerome F. Dorcy '67 (05/17/17)
brother of Edward '37 (deceased), James '56, Michael '57,
Timothy '61 (deceased), Roger '64 (deceased), Clifford '70

John P. Dowd '69

Donald J. Dunn '48

Kevin W. Dunn '70
brother of Daniel '65, Timothy '71, Gene '77, Michael '78,
Patrick '79

Terence P. Fitzgerald '52

Joseph R. Gasnick '49
father of Joseph '71, Michael '72 (deceased), Terry '74,
grandfather of Jacob '07, Samuel '07, Thomas '09,
Robert '11, step-grandfather of Jeff Grewe '97, brother
of Raymond '49 (deceased)

Ernest J. Gerhard '51

J. Patrick Green '59
son of James '34 (deceased), brother of John '67, grandson
of Patrick 1905 (deceased)

James L. Hanna '72
brother of Michael '73

Timothy J. Hanrahan '64

Leonard H. Jurgensen '48
brother of Donald '51 (deceased)

William F. Kalthorn '42
father of William '66 (deceased), Stephen '70, Timothy '74,
Terry '76, grandfather of Benjamin '03, William '06,
Kyle Hahn '07, Kevin Hahn '10, brother of Carl '29 (deceased)

Robert L. Kane '49

Francis T. Kennedy '48

Adam J. Klein '93

John P. Koley '78
son of James '48 (deceased), brother of Patrick '82

Michael F. Lair '64 (09/05/17)

Edward J. Lammers '46
son of Paul 1921 (deceased)

Robert J. Lavey '49
brother of James '54 (deceased), Gerald '56 (deceased)

Donnal E. Leahy '47
father of John '81, Richard '85

Brig. Gen. Joseph R. Lowry '47
brother of William '54 (deceased)

Michael E. Mason '57 (04/19/17)
brother of John '61

Victor J. Mason '41
father of Bruce '63, grandfather of Kevin Hautzinger '97

John P. McBeth '46

James S. McCoy '56
father of Daniel '81, David '83, Paul '83, Stephen '85

Terence J. McDonnell '55
son of Hugh '24 (deceased), brother of Patrick '59

Mark G. McGuire '72
brother of Michael '70

Michael T. Miller '85

Most Rev. Anthony M. Milone '50

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John D. O'Brien '58
brother of James '55

Daniel K. Powers '67
brother of John '65, Vincent '71, Edward '74, James '76

Daniel N. Quinn '60
brother of Richard '56, Ronald '66

Timothy Ragole '76
father of Corey '99

Richard P. Rinschen '66

Franklin J. Roh '56
father of Christopher '80, Jeffrey '83, grandfather of John '11, son of Joseph 1916 (deceased), brother of Joseph '49 (deceased)

Timothy G. Searcy '83

George D. Shanahan '59
brother of David '58

Jeffrey H. Smith '61

Michael E. Smith '62

M. David Steier '73
father of David '99, brother of James '62, J. Richard '67, Daniel '71, Nicholas '76, Joseph '79, Patrick '84

Richard V. Sulskis '73

Lawrence R. Suder '68
father of Matthew '95

Lawrence W. Tabacchi '57 (09/27/17)

Richard G. Weinert '47
grandfather of Dane '11

James E. Werpetinski '56

James F. Zezulak '75
son of Joseph '42 (deceased), brother of Joseph '65 (deceased)

WIVES

Josephine A. Balus
widow of Michael '39, mother of Mark '69

Marcene B. Clark
widow of James '47

Lynne M. Dolejs
wife of Gerald '50, mother of Frank '82, grandmother of Ryan Corcoran '09

Beverly J. Donahue
widow of John '43, grandmother of John '20

Marylee M. Hubschman
wife of James '60

Eileen E. Knudsen
widow of Earl '50

Donna M. Kurtz
widow of Richard '53

Anita J. LeBron
widow of Richard '43

Mary E. Liebentritt
wife of Richard '56

Lorraine K. Marasco
wife of Fred '60

Sally A. McAvin
widow of Richard '48

Judy K. McCoy
wife of James '56, mother of Daniel '81, David '83, Paul '83, Stephen '85, daughter of Harry Brewster '31 (deceased)

Melissa C. McMahon
wife of Scott '01

Mary A. McManus
wife of John '75

Shirley L. Mecseji
widow of Joseph '48

Jeffie S. Phillips
wife of James '62

Susan M. Phillips
wife of Michael '81, mother of Nicholas '08, Andrew '10, Jared '12, Benjamin '14

Yvonne Reynolds-Rucker
wife of William Rucker '57, mother of Michael Reynolds '91

Catherine M. Ryan
wife of T. Patrick '67

Bonnie Schiebur
widow of William '47

Lois Rohling Simpson
widow of Robert Rohling '46, mother of Robert '78, Thomas '81

Christine D. Stavneak
wife of Raymond '67

Nora J. Vondra
wife of Larry '65, mother of Bryan '92, Anthony '97, Nicholas '98, Christopher '01

Patricia Ward (09/27/17)
wife of A. Joseph '54

Kathleen M. Werner
wife of Keith '59

Mary M. Wiles
widow of John Lund '43, mother of Thomas Lund '67, John Lund '69, grandmother of Jay Lund '98, Connor Lund '08, Joseph Ficenec '00, Benjamin Baltimore '19

FATHERS

Fred P. Abboud
father of Christopher '75, Gregory '76, Jeffrey '78, grandfather of Michael '08, Adam '14, Brandon '16, Nicholas Bockmann '03, Keith Bockmann '06

LaVerne E. Abts (08/15/17)
father of Edward '72, Timothy '74, Joseph '76, grandfather of Ryan '00, Eric '02, John '85, step-grandfather of Jeffrey Perry '85, Michael Perry '01, John McCarthy '89 (correction from the fall 2017 Creighton Prep magazine)

Gerald T. Albers
father of Thomas '85 (deceased)

Cletus J. Baum
father of Robert '70, Daniel '79

Clayton Byam
father of Joseph '70, Thomas '79, grandfather of Joseph '03, John '05

Dean Christensen
father of Benjamin '88

Grant J. Christensen
father of Marcus '09

Richard P. Clemens
father of Richard '74, grandfather of Ryan Martin '12, William Martin '14

William J. Crofton
father of John '86

Ronald J. Degand
father of Mark '80

Steven A. Ellefson
father of Steven '05

Ronald A. Ethen
father of Chris '85

Dennis M. Fagan
father of Shane '00

Lawrence D. Feldhacker
father of Michael '86

Clifford Feyerherm
father of James '71 (deceased), grandfather of Zachary '02

Harry M. Franklin
father of Todd '96, grandfather of Tyler '14

Frank J. Griesse
father of Lucas '06, son of Francis '42 (deceased)

Robert J. Healy
father of Mark '87, grandfather of Collin '16, Christopher Lausten '94

R. Scott Heffelfinger
father of Robert '98, Patrick '00

Leonel Herrera
father of Leonel '89, LD '90

Roy A. Hoblely
father of David '93

Daniel D. Humenick
father of Daniel '91

F. Peter Huse
father of Patrick '03

Brady J. Jimmerson
father of Kourtind '01

William C. Kaspar
father of Thomas '71, Charles '76

Gary L. Kirwan
father of Michael '85

LeRoy L. Loeffler
father of Michael '75, Roy '83, grandfather of Christopher '14, Samuel '20 (correction from Please Remember — January 2018)

Daniel Malone
father of Kevin '01, Mark '03

James R. Marne
father of Steven '82, David '87

John J. Matoole
father of Patrick '87

Robert M. Meehan
father of Daniel '85

John R. Neary
father of John '71, Brian '80, Timothy '89, grandfather of Brennan Miller '04, Sean Brudney '13, brother of Charles '42 (deceased), Owen '51

Henry W. Novak
father of Scott '81

William E. O'Connor Sr.
father of William '68, Michael '74, Thomas '78, grandfather of Joseph Bast '95, John Raynor '95, Jordan Raynor '01, Scott Chisholm '05, Christopher Nelson '13, John Warren '14, Benjamin Warren '16

Dennis C. Ortner
father of Christopher '97

Ernest A. Ringel Jr.
father of William '89

Richard R. Roccaforte
father of John '74, grandfather of Michael '09

Lawrence J. Rudol
father of Lawrence '75 (deceased), grandfather of Alexander McKeever '10, Maximilian McKeever '13

Robert D. Ryan
father of Robert '72, Steven '75

Wayne L. Ryan
father of Timothy '72, Steven '83

Jeffrey J. Schmit
father of Kyle '08

Clinton D. Schutt
father of Shane '97

Stephen F. Spelic
father of Nicholas '00, Zachary '04

Donald J. Stone
father of Joseph '80, Jeffrey '89

Matthew Syrocki
father of William Zawaidah-Haddadin '16

Harold M. Trummer
father of Joseph '87

Joseph L. Vacca
father of James '03

Mark L. Winkler
father of Eric '11

Frederick E. Youngblood
father of Anthony '81, Frederick '82

MOTHERS

Teena T. Beehner
mother of Scott '91, John '98, Benjamin '04, Luke '04

Mary G. Betterman
mother of James '75, grandmother of W.P. (Liam) '97, Michael '04

Rita L. Biskup
mother of Steven '68, James '75

Ethel M. Blum
mother of James '66

Marianne Bodnar
mother of David '02

Dorothy Buffalohead
mother of Steven '09

Frances M. Bukowski
mother of Donald '58, grandmother of John '90, Michael '94

Beatrice A. Burns
mother of James '72

Charlotte M. Buse
mother of Michael '95

Dolores A. Carstens
mother of Greg '79, grandmother of Grant '07, Alec '10

Ethel M. Cockson
mother of Mark '70, Scot '78

Margaret Mary Coyle
mother of Patrick '76, Michael '77, grandmother of Michael Naatz '95, John Naatz '99, Joseph Naatz '00, Patrick Bartman '03, Ryan Bartman '06, Benjamin White '13, Thomas White '16

Catherine T. Deane
mother of Patrick '72

Deloris M. Drahota
mother of Michael '70 (deceased), Lawrence '74, grandmother of Michael '00, Connor Magee '12, Matthew Magee '14, Brian Magee '16, Charles Magee '18

Jennie Dugan-Hinrichs
mother of Alexander '20, daughter of Michael Dugan '55 (deceased), granddaughter of Gerald Dugan '29 (deceased)

J. Audrey Ege
mother of Robert '65

Valerie J. Farivari
mother of Justin '01, Kenny '04, Paul '09

Mary A. Guinan
mother of John '65, William '66, James '82

Elizabeth McKim Hotz “Kimmy” Hartigan
mother of William Hotz '67, Edward Hotz '68, John Hotz '71, Robert Hotz '75, Thomas Hotz '78, Daniel Hotz '85 (deceased), grandmother of Colin Hotz '99, stepmother of John Hartigan '63, Robert Hartigan '66 (deceased), Thomas Hartigan '68, James Hartigan '71, Daniel Hartigan '72

Michael Patricia Heaton
mother of Matthew '83

Mary Ann Hill
mother of David '72

Cordelia M. Hillebrandt
mother of J. Patrick '70, Robert '72, Thomas '78 (deceased), grandmother of Matthew '97 (deceased), John '01

Lucille M. Incontro
mother of Andrew '80

Gertrude L. Kalina
mother of John '63, James '66 (deceased)

Prudence E. Knowles
mother of James '75, Robert '78, grandmother of Matthew '00, Benjamin '04, Robert '06, Anthony Keber '04

Mary Ellen Kokesh
mother of Michael '87

Lucille L. (Blair) Kontor
mother of Thomas Blair '65, James Blair '68, grandmother of Scott Blair '92, Jeffrey Blair '94, Mark Blair '96

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Vera Kusleika
mother of Thomas '65, Richard '66

Janet E. "Liz" Lauer
mother of Patrick '85

Elizabeth J. Liebentritt
mother of Thomas '76, grandmother of John '14, Paul '15

Patricia A. Luby
mother of Robert '70, grandmother of Charles Kilgore III '12

Evelyn Martin
mother of Michael '71

Jane F. McGlade-Warsaw
mother of Michael McGlade '76, Timothy McGlade '82, Stephen McGlade '83, James McGlade '84, grandmother of Jacob McGlade '05

Mary S. McGuane
mother of Robert '76 (deceased), grandmother of Ryan Colabello '06, Justin Van Buren '09

Eleanor B. McHale
mother of Gregory '80

Jacqueline C. McNally
mother of Michael '72, Richard '77

Catherine L. Mlnarik
mother of Joseph '96

Madeline M. Mueller
mother of Randy '72, Kelly '75 (deceased), Jerry '78 (deceased), Rick '83, Mark '85, grandmother of Alexander '02, Timothy '03, Jacob '15, Matthew Bond '08, Andrew Bond '10, Jack Bond '14

Caroline V. Murante
mother of Samuel '63

Mary Lou Novacek
mother of Alan '83

Helen "Jeanne" Nussrallah
mother of Thomas '85, grandmother of Spencer '16, John '18, Carl '21

Joan C. O'Connor
mother of Dennis '69

Betsy J. Reed
mother of Robert '85, Timothy '89, grandmother of Robert '16, daughter of Frederick Rahn '31 (deceased)

Mary A. Ries
mother of Joseph '78 (deceased), James '79, Gerald '80, Paul '83

Martha Ann Robey
mother of Douglas '86, Stephen '87

Carolyn F. Roepke
mother of John '84

Caroline Mae Rossi
mother of John '80, grandmother of Laurence '12, Kyle '17

Rita A. Sautter
mother of Joseph '67, Jay '86

Mary L. Schneider
mother of Carl '99

Cecilia Seldon
mother of Marcus '09

Agnes Shoemaker
mother of Brian '81, grandmother of John '15, Michael '19, Holden Melia '03

Ruth Toman
mother of James '67, Gregory '69 (deceased)

Ruth B. Watkins
mother of William '80, Sanford '81, Dwayne '87

Frances R. White
mother of Daniel '78

Mildred Zadina
mother of Joseph '71, John '80, grandmother of Joseph '99, Phillip '02, Thomas Flynn '90, Patrick Flynn '97, Michael Flynn '98, Ryan Flynn '02, Daniel Flynn '03, Jeffrey Jewell '03, Jayson Jewell '05 (deceased), Christopher Zuerlein '96, Jon Zuerlein '97, great-grandmother of Michael Flynn '17

CHILDREN

Joan E. Barnes
daughter of Robert '51 (deceased)

Deborah L. Capazo
daughter of Catherine and Ralph '55

Sister Patricia Connolly
daughter of Timothy '23 (deceased)

Maureen K. Eischeid
daughter of Anne and James Mullaney '33 (deceased)

Sam Failla
son of Whitney and John '83

Nancy L. Fogarty
daughter of Dorothy and Hugh '24 (deceased), sister of William '50, John '55, James '63

Kathleen Mary (Kern) Hiykel
daughter of Agnes and C. Lee Kern '31 (deceased)

Michael J. Kenny
son of Shirley and Richard '49

Matthew R. Logsdon
son of Robert '49 (deceased), brother of Michael '84

Molly Grace Sodoro
daughter of Emma and Patrick '00

Cary R. Steele
son of William '61 (deceased)

Christopher J. Sudyka
son of Carolyn and Richard '57

Kimberly A. (Kutilek) Tinley
daughter of Annette and Thomas Kutilek '57

DON LEAHY '47

May 12, 1929 to February 23, 2018



“While we mourn the loss of a very good man, we also celebrate his remarkable life and hope that it serves as an example to young people and people of all ages to work hard to make their dreams come true and to selflessly serve others.”

– Family statement (excerpt), February 23, 2018

Creighton Prep joins many in the Omaha community in extending sincere condolences to the family and friends of alumnus **Don Leahy '47**, who passed on February 23, 2018 at the age of 88.

Simply put, Don was a legend, starting at Prep where he developed into an outstanding athlete in football, baseball, basketball, and track and field. He was also a member of the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary all four years and served as a class officer in all but his junior year at the school.

He went on to Marquette University where he became one of the top quarterbacks in America. Then, instead of going to play professional football, Don returned to Prep, where he began as a history teacher, an assistant football coach and the baseball coach. He eventually became the athletic director and, as the head varsity football coach for 17 years, won over 78 percent of his games and led the Junior Jays to state titles in 1955, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1963, 1964, 1969 and 1970.

After leaving Prep in 1972, Don worked as a director at Ak-Sar-Ben then served as athletic director at both the University of Nebraska Omaha (twice) and Creighton University. Among his many accomplishments beyond Prep was his leadership in making the vision for Division I hockey at UNO a reality.

During his life, Don received many deserving honors, including induction in the Creighton Prep Hall of Fame, the Creighton Prep Athletic Hall of Fame, the Creighton University Athletics Hall of Fame, the Nebraska High School Sports Hall of Fame and the UNO Athletics Hall of Fame.

In August of 2010, Prep honored Don and his wife Carmen (who passed in 2013) with the naming of Carmen & Don Leahy Stadium, an athletics facility constructed at the northwest corner of campus that seats 1,000 spectators and hosts Prep football, soccer and lacrosse games.

Don is survived by his daughter Mary and his sons **John '81** and **Richard '85**. ■

“The respect and love that his players had for him was remarkable. He was always ‘Coach’ to those guys, even 50 years after they played their last game.”

– Dr. Dan Schinzel, Director of Athletics, Creighton Prep

“Our class first encountered Coach Leahy in 1953 at the beginning of our freshman year at Prep. His commitment to his mission was unmistakable. He expected similar commitment from us; he accepted nothing less.”

– Steve Scherr '57

“We became players with ordinary backgrounds that did extraordinary things as a result of his coaching. Thank you, Coach. We miss you and will always remember and honor you.”

– Frank Spenceri '61

“He was probably the second most influential person in my life other than my parents because of his leadership and mentoring.”

– Sandy Buda '63

“He was outstanding in every way. When you wanted something done, Don was the guy you would talk to, and you would have the utmost trust that what you were hearing was pertinent and truthful.”

– Tom Jaworski '63

“His humility was very apparent to anybody who was in his presence. Even with all his achievements, accolades and the respect he gained in the Omaha community, he never, ever let that go to his head or change who he was.”

– Mike Spinharney '63

To notify Creighton Prep of the passing of a Prep community member, please contact Terri Haller at 402.548.3845 or thaller@creightonprep.org.



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