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EDUCATION IS THE 'SEED OF HOPE'

Think back for a moment on your high school years and remember the joy and hope that accompanied you in this stage of your life's journey. I know for myself, those memories are cherished and the experiences I shared with my classmates resulted in some of my most lasting friendships.

Now, picture your high school experience with only half of your classmates present in the learning environment with you. Picture those friends wearing a mask all the time, covering their smiling face and distorting their ability to freely communicate with you. Picture yourself going to school for half the day and then working the other half in semi-isolation from your own home. These pictures might conjure up a sense of despair or hopelessness, but we would argue that these pictures, which are a reality in Kapaun Mt. Carmel's "hybrid" model of school operations, under which we have operated so far in the 2020-2021 school year, represent anything but despair. In fact, we believe they represent what Pope Francis recently referred to as "the seed of hope," as he advocated for the importance of education in the face of today's issue-laden world.

What hope has come from our hybrid educational model, where one half of the student body is physically present in the school building in the mornings and the other half is present in the afternoons? Firstly, students have a new appreciation for the gift of a Catholic education. They do not take this education and its accompanying experiences for granted. They know that they missed so much at the end of last year, when they had to finish their schooling remotely, fully isolated from their friends and their teachers. Students now exhibit excitement about being in school, and they see firsthand the benefit they are getting over their public school counterparts, who still are learning remotely and have not returned to their schools since March.

Secondly, when KMC students are at home, their learning continues using electronic devices issued to them by KMC. All students have or will soon be issued Chromebooks, bringing KMC for the first time to a 1:1 ratio of computer to student. Online resources accompany these computers, and the depth and speed in which the students have adapted is amazing. This technology focus will continue long after the retreat of COVID, and it brings great promise for the future of the KMC legacy.

Thirdly, KMC students continue to show great generosity and empathy in our community. Even in the face of this health crisis and the restrictions it has brought, KMC students recently donated and cajoled their families and friends to donate over 10,000 jars of peanut butter to the Our Daily Bread Food Pantry, run by The Lord's Diner here in Wichita. Giving to those in need has never taken on a more clear meaning to our students, and they responded in a way that set records over any prior similar drive.

These are but a few examples of the seeds of hope that come from our hybrid educational model. We at Kapaun Mt. Carmel know that we would not be able to offer this educational experience for these great students were it not for the incredible faith, support and generosity of our broader KMC community. We remain truly grateful to all of the KMC community for its unfailing generosity, and we pledge our very best to continue on with our mission and traditions even under the restrictions with which we currently deal.

May God bless you all.

Go Crusaders!

Rob Knapp, '82, President

REUNION NEWS

The CKM Class of 1960 hosted a small reunion October 3, 2020.

The KMC Class of 2010 will have a reunion November 28, 2020 at Chicken N Pickle (1240 N Greenwich) on the rooftop.
Coordinator: Jeff Knott, jeffk@chickennpickle.com

This year's reunions for the following classes have been postponed due to COVID-19:

CKM, MCA Class of 1970 (50 years)

KMC Class of 1975 (45 years)

KMC Class of 1980 (40 years)

KMC Class of 1985 (35 years)

KMC Class of 1990 (30 years)

KMC Class of 1995 (25 years)

KMC Class of 2000 (20 years)



HOMECOMING

Congratulations to the following seniors for being voted to the Homecoming Court. They are (from left): Ella Scott, Addy Porter, Jacqueline Nguyen, Eden Hadley, Isabella Ferraro; (second row) Malik Ngugi, Tiger Jones, Andrew Gimino, Isaac Stephens and Grant Johnson.

The candidates participated in the traditional Homecoming Court dance at the pep rally Oct. 2. Only seniors attended the event, while the rest of the student body watched the livestream with their CAP families. The video is available on KMC Journalism's YouTube page. The king and queen were crowned at the football game vs. Pittsburg Oct. 2. The king was Grant Johnson; the queen, Isabella Ferraro.



PEANUT BUTTER DRIVE

The KMC Peanut Butter Drive, to benefit Catholic Charities Our Daily Bread Food Pantry ran from September 21 to October 2, and was a House of the Year (HOTY) event. The school goal was 8,000 jars, each house has a goal of 1,000 jars, and the goal for each student is seven or eight jars. The student body and faculty collected jars and money, with the hope of making a bulk purchase for the pantry. The total amount of jars collected was just over 10,000.

CONGRATS, GOLFERS

Congratulations to the girls golf team for winning the 5A state tournament championship in Salina by seven strokes over Shawnee-Mill Valley. Alexa Garrett placed 9th with a two day score of 154; Elea Navarro and Abby Wolff tied for 12th with two day scores of 157. Congratulations to all the golfers for a fantastic season!



LIVESTREAM MASS

Mass is livestreamed on Wednesday mornings at 8:30 am. Search for KMC Journalism on YouTube to find the link. Thank you to KMC Journalism for this service.

CONGRATULATIONS, NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS!



Kapaun Mt. Carmel Catholic High School wishes to congratulate our 2020-2021 National Merit Semifinalists and Commended Scholars! This year KMC has three students who earned a National Merit recognition. To be a National Merit Semifinalist in Kansas, a student must have scored in the top one-half of one percent on the PSAT taken in October 2019. Less than one percent of the nation's high school seniors qualify as semifinalists. KMC's National Merit Semifinalist is: Jackson Crile.

To be named a National Merit Commended Scholar, a student must have scored in the 211-218 range. Five percent of students in the nation achieve Commended Scholar status. KMC's Commended Scholars are: Reuben Scheck and Sarah Klosterman.

TENNIS CHAMPS

Congratulations Clara Whitaker our four-time 5A State singles champion! Congratulations to Reagan Boleski who is the state singles runner up (2nd place). And, congratulations to the girls tennis team for taking second place as a team at state!

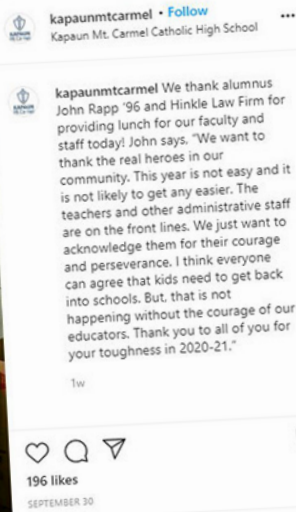


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Instagram: @kapaunmtcarmel, @kmccrusade (student media)

Facebook: Kapaun Mt. Carmel Alumni & Friends, Kapaun Mt. Carmel Catholic High School



Chicken N Pickle
The KMC Giveback Night at Chicken N Pickle is in full swing from 6-8 pm tonight! Come join us for dinner and games. 10% of all food purchases go back to KMC.

A Night Out for KMC
at Chicken N Pickle
You're invited.
No purchase necessary. A Chicken N Pickle charity food & show benefiting Kapaun Mt. Carmel Catholic High School.

Kapaun Mt. Carmel Catholic High School
October 5 at 12:13 PM · 🌐

We are excited to share the 2019-20 KMC Annual Report, titled "A Year in Review." It includes a report on student highlights and school updates from the last academic year. Check it out here:
<https://www.kapaun.org/.../862-kmc-annual-report-2020/file>

Kapaun Mt. Carmel
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



kapaunmtcarmel Congratulations to the KMC Class of 2020! Sunday we celebrated KMC's 132nd Graduation Ceremony with 10 mini (social distanced) ceremonies throughout the day. Although it was unlike any graduation in recent memory, we know this class of Crusaders are destined for amazing things, and will be able to adapt to whatever comes their way. God bless the KMC Class of 2020! We're proud of you! Go Crusaders!

marysweet6126 · 301 likes



kapaunmtcarmel Watch the Crusaders take on Emporia tonight at 7:00 pm. Coach Schartz is super excited to use the new tunnel at our first home game! Go Crusaders! Live stream: https://youtube.be/_6nmH78qBD4

julieann4925 Go Crusaders! Good · 256 likes

KMC Athletics @kmcathletics · Sep 23
Congratulations KMC 5 BC 4 Coach Schulte and team for the win tonight!

Kapaun Mt. Carmel Catholic High School
October 6 at 3:49 PM · 🌐

We were so excited to have a Homecoming pep rally last Friday! Seniors were in attendance, while the rest of the students watched live stream. Thanks to the cheerleaders, pommies, and Homecoming Court for the entertainment!

Kapaun Mt. Carmel Retweeted
Catholic Charities @CathCharWichita · Sep 16
Our Daily Bread Food Pantry was full of busy Crusaders today. @kapauncrusaders came by to help distribute food and organize the pantry. Thank you for your hard work!

kmc crusade · Follow
Bishop Carroll Catholic High School

kmc crusade Tonight's livestream and football game might have not gone as planned, but Anna Richardson and Gabe Breitenbach's riveting commentary made a thrilling listen. Good luck to our players next week, and make sure to watch our next (hopefully fully functional) livestream on Thursday at 7:00 PM!

KMC Athletics Retweeted
Taylor Eldridge @tayloreldridge · Jul 14
16-year-old Wichita native Kate Tilma just did something that no other female golfer in Kansas history has done: win the Kansas Am & Kansas Junior Am in the same year.

Read more about the junior at @kapauncrusaders' incredible win [@kapauncrusaders' incredible win](#) here:

Kapaun Mt. Carmel Catholic High School
August 17 · 🌐

We are excited to have Coach Schartz leading the football team, and we're ready for some football! Go Crusaders!

NEW ERA
KAPAUN CRUSADERS

Chris Lilly
@ChrisLillyKAKE

teen wins Kansas Women's Am and becomes 1st golfer to accomplish the sweep on Tuesday.

KMC Athletics Retweeted
Kansas Pregame @KansasPregame · Oct 6
Kapaun's 6-4 post @ella_anciaux13, a @GoShockersWBB commit, is a force inside. @MVEclipseBall @tanciaux @kapauncrusaders @kmcathletics @KSportsImages @RHZoo @VisitSalina

Chris Lilly KAKE
August 17 · 🌐
First day in the books for Weston Schartz at Kapaun Mt. Carmel!
"If we can get the offense going well here we may be able to bring back the old Kapaun."

Patti Hester '75 French lives in Olney, Maryland and has been retired for the last two-and-a-half years. Patti worked as a Collection Officer for Rose Hill Bank for 15 years, and has four children: Joseph Dwyer (43), Howard Dwyer (35), Jacob Resa (31) and Jordan Resa (27). Patti spends her free time crocheting hats, scarves and mittens for the St. Benedictine Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Jessica Schmiedbauer '02 Dwyer graduated from the University of Kansas with a degree in Business. She has been employed as a CPA and Senior Manager for the past 12 years. Jessica has recently been featured in the Wichita Business Journal's article "Women Who Lead in Business," and is on the Board of Directors for Kansas Society of Certified Public Accountants. Jessica is also currently pursuing her Master's degree at Wichita State University in Accounting. She and her husband, Brian, have three children, Devon (10), Travis (7) and Brooks (7).



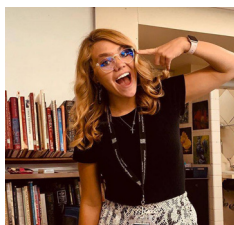
Megan Lazzo '07 Sellers attended Kansas State University and currently works for the American Heart Association. She is married to Cameron Sellers and the couple just recently had their second child, Sam, who was born in July of 2020. He joins big sister, Maggie, who is 1. The family lives in Wichita.



Heidi Hurtig '10 Anderson has worked for The American Theatre Guild as a Senior Season Marketing Manager for the past 6 years, developing and overseeing marketing initiatives for 14 different markets for their traveling Broadway tour seasons. She won a Gold Award for Fundraising Appeal from

Kansas City's Non-Profit Connect Organization for the theatre's Automatic Charge Renewal Program. Heidi said she leans on her KMC education when talking to others who are not Catholic, defending Catholicism to those with very progressive views. Heidi graduated from Kansas State University in 2014 with a degree in Business and Marketing. She is married Matthew Anderson; the pair live in Overland Park.

Congratulations to **DJ Lienhard '17** who is one of 10 outstanding seniors who demonstrated exceptional achievement in both academic and service endeavors at The University of Tulsa.



E! News honored 14 teachers who go above and beyond during an unpredictable school year and alum **Sophi Frangenberg '15** is one of them.

Ted Woodward '85 has been named the new Wichita State University's men's basketball PA announcer, following the late Don Hall.

Laurie Novascone '81

Labarca was recognized as the 2020 Health Care Heroes Lifetime Achievement Award Honoree by the Wichita Business Journal. Laurie is the president of St. Teresa and Ascension Via Christi Rehabilitation Hospital. According to a United Way of the Plains social media post, "The Health Care Hero awards honor companies, individuals and organizations for their contributions to improving health care in Wichita and the surrounding area. Laurie has dedicated her career to enhancing health care services for those most in need. Her leadership as a member of our board is game-changing as we fight for the health and well-being of every person in south central Kansas."



Laurie Labarca
2020 WICHITA BUSINESS JOURNAL
HEALTH CARE HEROES LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT HONOREE



Yola Robert '11 was named as an Up-and-Coming Podcaster and Lifestyle blogger in an article in Women Entrepreneurs, for her podcast called "I Suck at Life," in which she interviews successful women in the business world. Robert's goal is to allow businesswomen to share their failures, move forward and build each other up.

Sam Stevens '14 is ranked No. 1 on the APT Golf Tour. He also won his third All-Pro Tour September 17 at Sand Creed Station.

Chenay Dixon '95 Sloan, KMC's Advancement Director, was named as one of Wichita's "Women Who Lead in Education" by the Wichita Business Journal.



Tim Wescott '10 received KWCH's Salute the Badge award in July. Salute the Badge is a project by KWCH, Davis Moore and Freddy's Frozen Custard in which citizens nominate a law enforcement officer who has gone above the call of duty. Officer

Wescott was nominated as part of his participation in the Friendship Fields Program at Friends University for adults with cognitive disabilities. He regularly visits the class to help the students feel more comfortable with law enforcement, and shows them his police equipment and vehicle.

John Rapp '96 was recently selected as the 2021 Lawyer of the Year for DUI/DWI Defense in Wichita. Only a single lawyer in each practice area and designated metropolitan area is honored as the "Lawyer of the Year," making this accolade particularly significant. These lawyers are selected based on particularly impressive voting averages received during the peer-review assessments. You can read more about his honor on the website www.hinklaw.com.



CAROLYN PIRTLE

Graduation Year: 1999

Family: Single; parents: Sarah Illidge '73 Pirtle and Jim Pirtle; siblings: Jamie Pirtle '94, Robert Pirtle '97, John Pirtle '02, Emily Pirtle '08 and Patrick Pirtle '10.



After High School: I attended Kansas State University, where I graduated with a degree Music Theory-Composition in 2005, then Notre Dame (Sacred Music, 2008; Theology, 2016).

Occupation: I am the Program Director for the McGrath Institute for Church Life at the University of Notre Dame, since 2012. I oversee programming and resource development around the McGrath Institute's new Heritage Edition of The Saint John's Bible, and I serve as Managing Editor of, and regular contributor, to the McGrath Institute blog. I continue to compose music, and wrote a book entitled "Praying the Rosary Together: A Guide for Home and Classroom" (World Library Publications, 2019), which was illustrated by my brother, John Pirtle (KMC, 2002 grad). This past June, I completed a second book on 10 different forms of prayer in the Christian tradition, which will be published by Ave Maria Press in spring 2021.

Accomplishments: I've won several awards for my musical compositions and have been commissioned to create new works for Notre Dame, as well as choirs in Kansas and Indiana, but I think I'm most proud of the community I co-founded in 2009. It's called the House of Brigid, and it's dedicated to serving the Catholic Church in Wexford and Dublin, Ireland, primarily through music ministry and catechesis. I spent two years living in Wexford engaged in this ministry, and the community is now in its tenth year. It has provided young college graduates from across the United States with the opportunity to spend a year or two of their lives in service to the Church.

Hobbies: I enjoy all things musical—playing piano and guitar, singing, and composing, but also attending live performances whenever possible. I'm also an avid baker and especially love bread making. I read a lot—children's literature is a particular favorite, and I'm a big fan of old movies. I've also recently started running, and am currently training for my first half marathon.

Favorite CKM/MCA/KMC memory or just something you appreciate about your high school experience: I have vivid memories of singing Franz Biebl's "Ave Maria" with the Madrigals and Women's Ensemble every year during the Christmas choir concert—such a stunning piece of music that still never fails to move me. We were able to record a couple of choir albums my senior year under the direction of Mr. Jim Hild (now Dr. Hild!), and I still enjoy revisiting these every so often. We were a good choir! I'll also never forget the excitement of waiting in the wings to go onstage in "Little Shop of Horrors" or "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers," and having the opportunity to music direct and accompany our production of "Annie." I just loved getting to perform with my friends.

DAVID HIRSCH

Graduation Year: CKM 1969

Family: Wife, Patty, and three children: Chelsea (37), Tom (25) and Rebecca (21)



After High School: I attended Kansas State University, where I graduated with a degree in Social Work in 1972, then with a Master's Degree in Rehabilitation Counseling from the University of South Florida.

Occupation: President/CEO of Goodwill of Northern Arizona for the past 13 years. We serve the northern region of Arizona which encompasses half of the state, and which includes two sovereign nations, Navajo and Hopi. We provide employment, job training, employment assistance, and social services to over 6,000 people per year, employ 250 team members, and assist over 1,200 people to secure employment on the payroll of other businesses.

Accomplishments: I was recognized by Coconino County as "Workforce Warrior of the Year," and by Goodwill Industries International as "Community of Best Practices" for collaboration with our community colleges. I'm most proud of having the honor and privilege of leading and working with such an exemplary team, and for being able to get up every morning knowing that I can make a difference in somebody's life. I have or still do serve on boards which include the Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development Council, Housing Authority, Catholic Charities, and University of Arizona Rehabilitation Advisory Board.

Hobbies: My hobbies include playing pickleball five times per week, and hiking with my wife, Patty, and our Apache Reservation rescue dog, Apache. I love watching Major League Baseball (favorite teams are the Yankees, Rays, and of course the Arizona Diamondbacks), pro football (Steelers, Chiefs, and Cardinals), and college basketball (Kansas Jayhawks).

Favorite CKM/MCA/KMC memory or just something you appreciate about your high school experience: In looking back at my time at Kapaun, what stands out is my Catholic faith formation, rigorous academic studies, the pride we shared in being Crusaders. Being an all-boys school, it allowed me the freedom to just be myself and form friendships with a wide range of classmates. Among my favorite memories are the cafeteria food fights that almost always occurred when the Mount Carmel Ladies came by, the time when around a hundred of us in unison pelted Mr. Hough with snowballs, and the physical discipline we handled as a badge of honor.

Graduates Return to Alma Mater

KMC Faculty and Staff Include 19 Alumni



WITH FORCE, Tom Angelo folds Drew Davis and forces him to a knee. Angelo won the match and contributed to the 45-12 win at Heights Feb. 5. "I broke him in two," Angelo said. "There was nothing he could do. There wasn't much left in him." Photo by Lynette Broderick



1998



GIVEN AN INVISIBLE NOTE-CARD, Truvy [senior Lauren Gengler] reads a new dessert recipe from Clairee [senior Madeline Hesse] during Steel Magnolias Sept. 23. Photo by Kelsey Prather

2010

lo, Kelsey Prather, Sarah Van Bebber, Lorie Snyder, Beth Mertes, Stephanie Dusek, Steffi Stenz, Coach Mary Sweet, Audrey Egan, Lori O'Donnell, Andy Martin, Karen Tholen, and Frances Martin.

1984



Kapaun Mt. Carmel is blessed to have 19 alumni among its amazing group of faculty and staff. From left (front row), Julie Valliere '99, Chenay Dixon '95 Sloan, Roy Oeser '77, Elaine Meyer '00 Robinson, Amanda Lewis '06 Prieto, Jennifer Atkinson '05 Hawthorne, Cecilia Knapp '15, Lauren Gengler '10, Beth Mertes '84 Ferraro, (back row) Chris O'Donnell '84 Graf, Rob Knapp '82, Brian Carrillo '08, Crista Kouba '85 Burnett, Tom Angelo '98, Chris Bloomer '90, Marcus Carrillo '05, David Roberts '84.

Not pictured: Anthony Cantele '08, Amy Pfeifer '89 Marshall

What brought you back to teach or work here?

"My high school experiences formed me. I had some stand out people that were a part of that. I understand the importance of the faculty's role in the formation of our youth, and I hope to have a positive impact on those around me." – Tom Angelo '98

"We were living in Topeka and wanted to move back closer to family. My husband and I tried in vain for months to find two teaching positions close enough to each other that would work. Finally, this one and one for my husband in Augusta clicked into place over a three-day period. There were a lot of signs pointing for me to teach here."

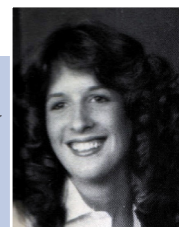
– Elaine Meyer '00 Robinson

"I remember that my time at Kapaun was a very positive atmosphere. I had a few teachers that stuck out and made me feel like I could do anything. They are the reasons I wanted to become a teacher and wanted to come back here and teach, if possible." – Jennifer Atkinson '05 Hawthorne

"Honestly, finding this job is incredibly providential. I wasn't looking for a teaching job, but God knew all along that I've always wanted to teach theatre at Kapaun. The journey back to this school has been all together rewarding and entertaining." – Lauren Gengler '10

"I wanted to work somewhere that I could be proud of the work I do. And the history - my dad graduated from CKM, nine of my siblings graduated from KMC, my husband and his family graduated from KMC, my daughter graduated in 2019 and my son is a senior. I love being a part of the KMC community."

– Chris O'Donnell '84 Graf

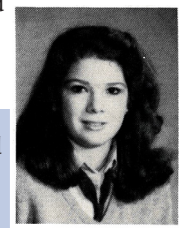


"I always wanted to teach and coach soccer at Kapaun. When the opportunity opened up, I took it. I never thought it would be as soon as it was in my life but I am grateful to have been given that chance."

– Brian Carrillo '08

"I wanted to come back to Kapaun and be part of the community which had prepared me so well for college. I really couldn't imagine working at any other high school and was determined to get a job at Kapaun."

– Crista Kouba '84 Burnett



"All the money Mr. Knapp promised to pay me... For myself it is like coming home." – Roy Oeser '99

What is your favorite part of teaching/working here?



"Jesus! And the relationships with the students, especially my own children! My room is rather like a shrine to Jesus and memories of the amazing students I have taught over these years." – *Beth Mertes '84 Ferraro*



"I like that every day is different and that there is always a lot going on. The addition of teenagers to daily interactions makes it entertaining!" – *Julie Valliere '99*



"The relationships that are formed with students and families; to be a part of their learning, their growth and their life experiences is unlike any other job or profession." – *Chris Bloomer '90*

"I love building relationships with the students. These kids are smart and talented, and they add so much to my life. I missed them a great deal during our quarantine, and it feels incredible to be back." – *Lauren Gengler '10*

"My favorite part of teaching is two-fold. I enjoy working with the students and seeing when information begins to click in their minds. I also enjoy helping out with the many extra-curricular activities, as I am the sponsor of the Robotics Club and the head coach for both the boys and girls bowling teams." – *Marcus Carrillo '05*



"I enjoy the personal opportunities for spiritual growth. We have an administration, chaplain and IHMs that are willing to invest their time in my spiritual development. It is a unique opportunity

for an employer to care about my spiritual life and my relationship with Jesus. I have benefited tremendously from their investment into my spiritual growth."

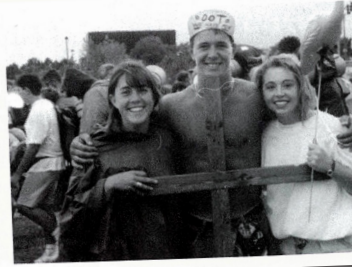
– *Amanda Lewis '06 Prieto*

"My favorite part of the school is first, the students who are often so willing to let you see them in a way that many other people cannot. Second, my colleagues are beyond what I could have ever hoped for in a work environment. The encouragement and support from teachers who were my own and from those who have come since my graduating has been the most enjoyable experience."

– *Cecilia Knapp '15*

AT WORLD YOUTH DAY ON AUG. 14 juniors Teresa Ebben and Chenay Dixon meet Bruce from Boston. Photo provided by Teresa Ebben

1995



1998

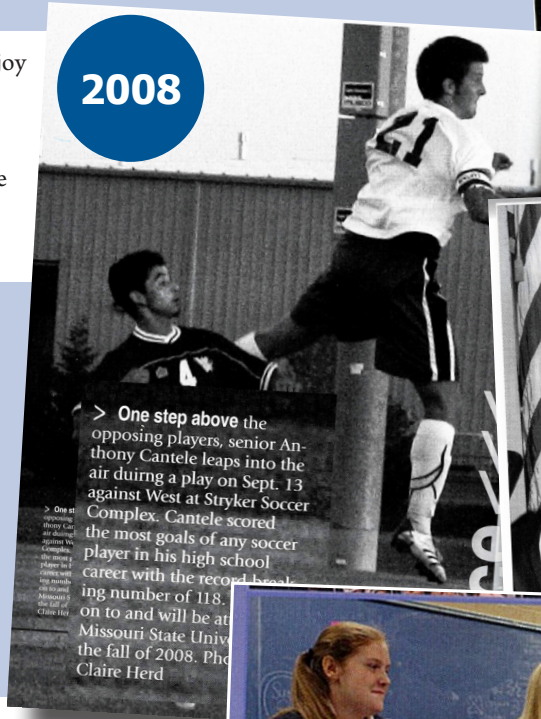
JV SOFTBALL: Front Row Melissa Harwood, Emily Meissen Second Row Jenny Barr, Colleen Weldon, Jennifer Regan, Megan Watson Third Row Tiffany Dalian, Christine Wohler, Kristin Glasgow, Julie Valliere, Monica Wescott Back Row Cathy Turner, Heather Jabara, Sara Compton, head coach Cathy Turner

1990



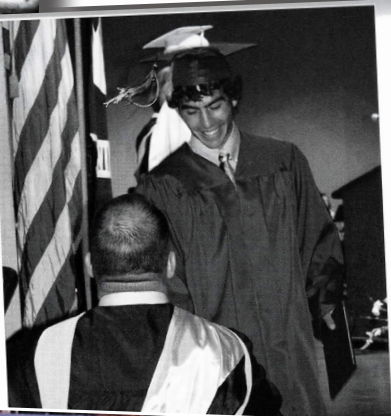
ELL LEADERS: Chris Bloomer, Rodney Steven, Mike Racine, David PICTURED: Craig Briscoe (photo by: J. Biehler)

2008



> One step above the opposing players, senior Anthony Cantele leaps into the air during a play on Sept. 13 against West at Stryker Soccer Complex. Cantele scored the most goals of any soccer player in his high school career with the record-breaking number of 118. on to and will be at Missouri State Univ. the fall of 2008. Photo by Claire Herd

2008



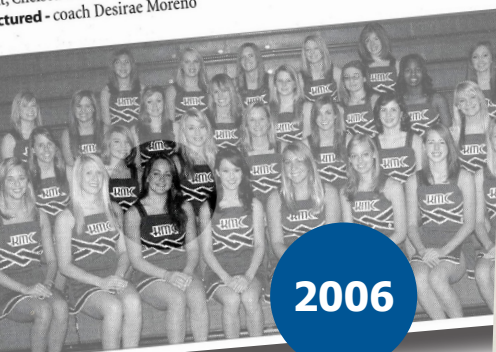
< Shaking hands with coach Dan Adelhardt, senior Brian Carrillo heads back to his seat after being presented his diploma at the graduation ceremony May 18 at Century II Concert Hall. Photo by Cooper Wolf



2015

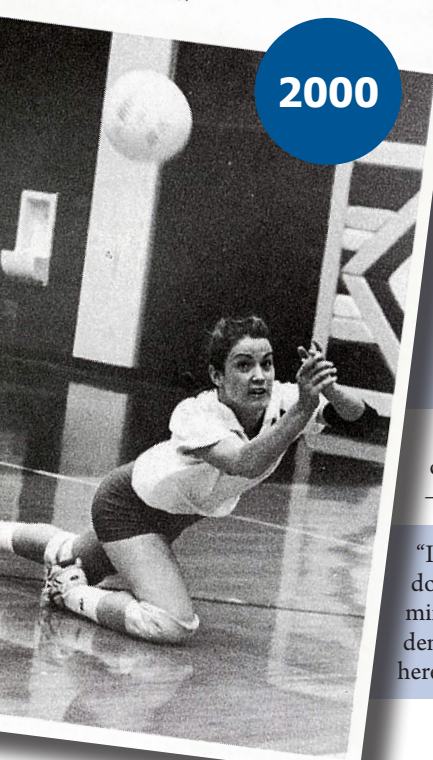
DURING THE SENIORS' LAST DAY, design editor Cecilia Knapp and editor-in-chief Grace Leary spend their last day in yearbook class receiving gifts from the other staff members. Leary gave a farewell speech to the rest of the staff. In the speech, she wrote how much each staff member meant to her. photo by Elaine Robinson

Leading] front row - Megan Maloney, Caroline Kehr, Amanda Lewis, Ashley Herd, Anne Crook, Sara Rolfes, Megan Burgardt; second row - Bailey Knott, Weldon, Jordan Elkins, Kendra Leddy, Macee Gerstner, Emily Brown, Kathryn Sarah Stanton; third row - Jordan Leiker, Alexa Tigert, Christina Campagnola, Ashley Warren, Hayley Stevens, Lea McCraw, Kourtney Darling; back row - Tiffani, Chelsea Hermann, Abby Bachrodt, Jordan McCormack, Sarah Williams; pictured - coach Desirae Moreno

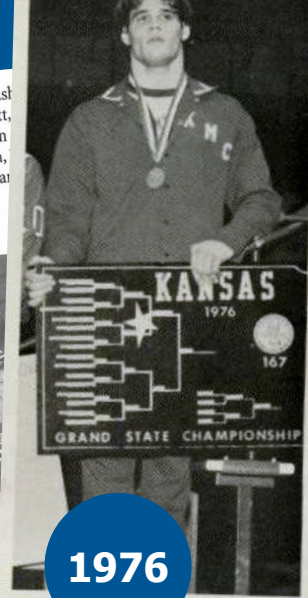


2006

digging the ball, Elaine Meyer dives to the floor during a game against Northwest Oct. 19. The Crusaders won 15-12, 15-8. "Our team was so united," Meyer said. "I never had so much fun. The coaches are nuts. We had silly bets during every practice and we would laugh all the time." ■ photo by chris johnston



2000



1976

Grand State Champions Roy Oeser and Martin Bontz.



1984

(Top right) Crista Kouba and date enjoy a slow dance.



1982

Katie Nicholson and Rob Knapp

How would you describe your life as a high schooler at KMC?

"I spent a lot of time exploring different aspects of KMC to see what I enjoyed and where I fit in. I was very involved in athletics, theater, and also made academics a priority. I can't decide which social group I felt most connected to, but I feel very well-rounded and self-confident as a result of doing what I wanted to do."

– Tom Angelo '98

"I didn't grow up in Wichita, so I had a 30-minute drive to and from home every day. It always made me feel like an outsider, but now I realize what a blessing it was for me. I had to work a little harder to find my place, make new friends and get involved. I wasn't the smartest kid or best athlete, but I got involved in as many activities as I could, and I made some awesome friends. I'm still very close with my high school friends (I call them my tier one friends) they are friends for life thanks to KMC."

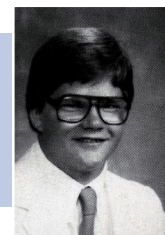
– Cheney Dixon Sloan '95



"I had a great time as a student at KMC, while receiving a great education, I also had fun playing sports, going to dances, etc. It was definitely a positive experience in my journey to adulthood."

– Julie Valliere '99

"I would say, having Ms. Raglin my senior year... I never thought I'd come back and be her next door colleague. When I look back at that, I would've tried to be more studious in her class. The minute I got moved down here is probably the highlight of her teaching career although she would deny that, I'm sure. In a moment of weakness, she does say she wouldn't know what to do if I weren't here to aggravate her, etc." – David Roberts '84



"I would like to think that my high school experience was rather typical. I participated in several different sports, I enjoyed my coaches and teachers, I worked outside of school and hung out with friends when I could. I think that the positive experience I had with my teachers and coaches is ultimately what brought me back here and ultimately what led me to education." – Chris Bloomer '90

"I was a very quiet student. I wasn't very active in the different clubs outside of cross country and bowling. I was pretty studious and parlayed that effort into participating in all honors classes and graduating Cum Laude." — Marcus Carrillo '05

"I was pretty normal in high school, played sports, had average grades. I think the only thing impressive that I did was marry our Homecoming Queen." – Brian Carrillo '08



"I was busy in high school. I cheered and swam which kept me busy with sports almost year round. It was so good to be involved in those teams as they brought me many friends and memories."

– Amanda Lewis '06 Prieto

achiever: senior **marcus carrillo**

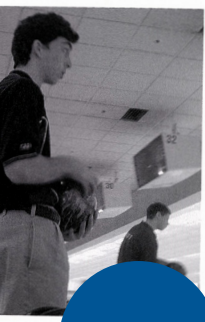
coach's quote:

"Marcus really stepped it up at the important meets. He was the most focused member of our team, and was most consistent with his high score. He wanted to win, and he focused on goal and achieved it."

– head coach Brian Newport

action: Marcus Carrillo gets ready to bowl at state on March 5. Carrillo was a consistently high bowler at meets, placed 5th at the regional competitions and placed 17th at state.

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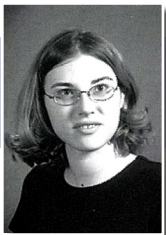
2005

What is one memory that stands out from your own high school experience?



"I was involved in journalism and was on the Paladin staff, which created a lot of great memories with Mrs. Stegman and my classmates. I also played volleyball, basketball and softball and loved being involved in those sports. The memory that stands out was guarding Kendra Wecker from McPherson in the KMC basketball tournament we used to host. She was an amazing player and went on to play at KSU and in the WNBA. She was averaging 50 some points a game. Our coach, Rod Browning, told us if we could keep her to 30 points, we'd win. I was in charge of guarding her. She guarded me on defense, and so I just literally ran around in circles trying to tire her out. Someone else eventually guarded me. She scored exactly 30 points. And, we won by 1!" – Elaine Meyer '00 Robinson

"Playing Salina Central in the state semifinal football game. I have never forgotten that game, both from an excitement standpoint and from a disappointment standpoint. I can still remember walking on that field and playing and believing that we were going to state. We lost in disappointing fashion giving up two long runs and losing after having the lead the first half." – Chris Bloomer '90



"Mrs. Covington's chemistry class where we solved the murder mystery of a teacher. It was a lot of fun reading fingerprints, hair analysis, and fake blood types." – Jennifer Atkinson '05 Hawthorne

"I remember causing havoc in Mrs. Burnett's AP History class. We played all kinds of pranks on her. The most memorable was when we found out her cell phone number and kept calling her phone during class. She had her ringer on that particular day, and her ringer was the 'Star Spangled Banner.' At one point the class stood up when the ringer went off. She never figured out it was us and kept asking why she had so many calls from outside numbers." – Brian Carrillo '08

"Sr. Eustasia frightened me to no end. She had such high expectations, and I rarely lived up to them. When I was a sophomore, I received my driver's license in April, and my mother volunteered me to pick up Sr. Eustasia from the convent and take her to the Newman Center on campus at WSU so that she could play the organ for Sunday Mass. The big problem was that my mom forgot to tell me this until Sunday morning, and I was really perturbed that my mother would require me to spend any time with the teacher who scared me the most out of any adult I knew. Moreover, I was short on time and would likely be late, adding to the negative opinion that I was sure Sr. Eustasia had of me.

On the way to the KMC convent, which was in the old Vickers mansion where the softball field is now, I got stopped for speeding. The cop asked me where I was going in such a hurry on a Sunday morning. When I told him I was headed to pick up a nun to play the organ at church, he busted up laughing. He followed me all the way to KMC. I ran up to the door of the mansion/convent and rang the doorbell. Sr. Library (Mary James Paul) opened the door and when I told her I was there to pick up Sr. Eustasia for Mass, she looked at me sideways and said, "Sr. Eustasia doesn't live here. She lives at the Mount." With the cop still looking on, I panicked, and I think, although I can't actually be sure, I said, "Well, Sister, would you mind at least coming and getting in my car with me?" Regardless of whether I said it, I was thinking it as the door closed in my face.

No ticket, but a really amused cop drove away shaking his head." – Rob Knapp '82

"There are so many memories for me, like the time we won another state championship in football and my teammates carried me off the field, or when I won a Grand State Championship in wrestling. However, what really strikes me the most was how all the students, teachers, staff, and administrators all were so enthusiastic about how we were the best of the best. Our school won everything.... academically, athletically and how jealous other schools were of us. It was great!" – Roy Oeser '77

"Renee LaFever passed away the first week of my senior year. I had taken her sociology classes the year before and was excited to have her in my last year. The news of her passing was shocking and heartbreaking, but a powerful experience in many ways. Seeing the ways in which she influenced so many people is something I often ponder in my teaching and hope I can provide the same positive and supportive environment for my students." – Cecilia Knapp '15

CURRENT ALUMNI FACULTY & STAFF:

Tom Angelo '98
Counselor
(2017-present)

Chris Bloomer '90
Principal
(1998-present)

Crista Kouba '85 Burnett
Social Science Teacher
(1991-present)

Anthony Cantele '08
Spanish Teacher
(2014-present)

Brian Carrillo '08
Social Science Teacher
(2016-present)

Marcus Carrillo '05
Mathematics/Practical Arts Teacher
(2016-present)

Beth Mertes '84 Ferraro
Religion Teacher
(2003-2005, 2007-present)

Lauren Gengler '10
Drama Teacher
(2018-present)

Christine O'Donnell '84 Graf
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(2015-present)

**Jennifer Atkinson '05
Hawthorne**
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(2017-present)

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Religion Teacher
(2019-present)

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President
(2013-present)

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Accountant
(1993-present)

Roy Oeser '77
Business Teacher
(2018-present)

Amanda Lewis '06 Prieto
Spanish Teacher
(2012-present)

David Roberts '84
Social Science Teacher
(1995-present)

Elaine Meyer '00 Robinson
Media Specialist/
Communications Associate
(2012-present)

Chenay Dixon '95 Sloan
Director of Advancement
(2014-present)

Julie Valliere '99
Marketing & Communications
Manager (2012-present)

12th Annual Ed Kriwiel Memorial Golf Classic

The 12th Annual Ed Kriwiel Memorial Golf Classic was an incredible success! Over \$50,000 was raised to benefit the students of KMC, hosted by the KMC Alumni Association. The golf classic was held at Crestview Country Club on October 16, 2020, in honor of a great coach and man, Ed Kriwiel.

Special thanks to this year's event chairs: Kurt Cornejo '99, Jeff Engel '99, Joe Fernandez, Joey Krsnich '05, Pete Krsnich '01, Steve Rothwell '98, John Rupp '98, Brian Stockton '00.



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The KMC Wall of Honor features KMC alumni currently serving in the armed forces - active duty, Guard or Reserve. We are very proud of our men and women alumni protecting our freedoms and civil liberties, just like our namesake Fr. Emil Kapaun.

This wall is prominently featured in the walkway between the main academic hallway of the school and the Commons, so students pass by it every day. We hope it will be a reminder to all of the sacrifice, price and legacy of our military alumni.

We know there are alumni we are missing, so if you or someone you know should be on our wall, please contact Christine O'Donnell '84 Graf at cgraf@kapaun.org.



Veteran's Day Flag Pole Dedication

Wednesday, November 11
11:11 a.m.
KMC front lawn

Please join us for a small ceremony honoring our veterans as we rededicate the flag pole on KMC's campus.

IN MEMORIAM

Fr. Francis X. Ryan, SJ '71

March 11, 2020

Elma M. Seachris

Grandmother of Jesston Seachris '94
Grandmother of Mandi Seachris '96 Schoenhofer
Great grandmother of Braeden Seachris '19
Great grandmother of Spencer Seachris '23
June 2, 2020

Marjorie Lee Wagner Fredrickson

Mother-in-law of David Burger '76
June 5, 2020

Kathleen A. Bynum

Sister-in-law of Gretchen Taylor '77 Rumbach
June 10, 2020

Bonnie V. Welicky

Sister-in-law of Reynold Welicky '64
Sister-in-law of Ellen Welicky '69 Kassen
June 21, 2020

Eugene Francis Duncan, Jr.

Father of Maggi Duncan '19
June 22, 2020

Patricia Mary Ann Peschka

Great grandmother of Gabriel Breitenbach '23
June 22, 2020

Frank Wille, Jr.

Grandfather of Andrew White '09
June 24, 2020

William P. Bakel

Father of Julia Bakel '70 Reilly
June 25, 2020

Irene J. Provenzano

Mother of Grace Provenzano '64 Buckley
Mother-in-law of Jean Engels '70 Provenzano
Grandmother of Nicki Provenzano '93
Grandmother of Frank Provenzano '97
Grandmother of Kacey Provenzano '05
June 28, 2020

Barbara L. Wise

Mother of Steve Wise '89
Mother of Kathleen Wise '91 Evans
June 28, 2020

Frances L. Foley Keffer

Mother-in-law of Renee Letourneau '80 Keffer
June 29, 2020

Merle Schippers

Sister-in-law of Yvonne Dix '58 Schippers
June 29, 2020

Sarah Fortney '64 Stuchlik

June 29, 2020

Thomas John Strunk

Brother-in-law of Timothy Stolz '65
June 30, 2020

Gary M. Allen

Grandfather of Sarah Frangenberg '13
Grandfather of Sophi Frangenberg '15
July 3, 2020

Margaret "Louise" Nance

Sister-in-law of Alla Rebia Maher '45 Nance
July 10, 2020

Jimmie Odom Hale

Grandfather of Hayden Cahill '20
Grandfather of Haley Cahill '21
July 11, 2020

Jackson Philip Zarchan

Son of Adam Zarchan '96
Son of Meghann Welborn '97 Zarchan
July 15, 2020

John Hungate

Father of Todd Hungate '82
Father of Tracy Hungate '85 Davis
Father of Trent Hungate '89
Grandfather of Haley Hungate '11
Grandfather of Paige Hungate '14
Grandfather of Addison Hungate '16
Grandfather of Nathan Hungate '18
Grandfather of Hayes Hungate '19
Grandfather of Benjamin Hungate '21
July 20, 2020

Virginia A. Linnebur

Grandmother of Sarah Linnebur '08 Herrington
Grandmother of Amanda Phillips '11
Grandmother of Matthew Linnebur '12
Grandmother of Elliot Phillips '13
Grandmother of Isaac Phillips '16
July 20, 2020

Alison Rosell '85 Smeltzer

Sister of Brian Rosell '82
July 20, 2020

Francis W. Linnebur

Grandfather of Sarah Linnebur '08 Herrington
Grandfather of Amanda Phillips '11
Grandfather of Matthew Linnebur '12
Grandfather of Elliot Phillips '13
Grandfather of Isaac Phillips '16
July 21, 2020

Jack J. Shandy

Grandfather of Collin Shandy '17
July 21, 2020

George E. "Bud" Hudson

Father-in-law of Catherine McDowell Hudson '82
July 29, 2020

Marsha Lou Pauls

Mother of Anna Pauls '14
July 29, 2020

Sharon Potts '60 Heiman

Sister of Thomas Potts '62
Sister of Dianne Potts '70 Salle
July 29, 2020

Gerald Thomas Bowen

Father-in-law of Elisa Riedl Bowen '82
Grandfather of Connor Bowen '10
Grandfather of Aidan Bowen '20
July 30, 2020

Doris Ann McAdam '51 Winchester

Sister of Kathleen McAdam '45 Wiederholt
Sister of Margaret (Peggy) McAdam '53 Frieden
August 2, 2020

Barbara Dillman

Mother of Hannah Dillman '01 Christenson
August 3, 2020

Frank Flores, Jr.

Father of Frank Flores '83
Father of Lisa Flores '84 Hanson
Grandfather of Tyler Flores '11
Grandfather of Sheena Krehbiel '11
August 3, 2020

Andrew Robert Pelz

Brother-in-law of Bradley Hying '89
August 6, 2020

James Alfred "Jim" Bender

Grandfather of James "Craig" Benning '04
Grandfather of William "Evan" Benning '06
Grandfather of Lauren Benning '08 Carrillo
Grandfather of Logan Benning '10
Grandfather of Drue Benning '12
August 9, 2020

Paul E. Attebery, II

Grandfather of Jackson (J.T.) Bell '17
August 10, 2020

Brian C. Foster '79

August 10, 2020

James Lester "Jim" Basham

Step-father-in-law of Peter Jonas '82
August 10, 2020

John Gerard Sanburn '80

Brother of David Sanburn '69
Brother of Steven Sanburn '70
Brother of Michael Sanburn '72
Brother of Jack Sanburn '78
Brother-in-law of Sarah Orr '83 Sanburn
Brother of Kathy Sanburn '79 Henning
August 13, 2020

Gretchen Joann Burdick '57 McDonough

Wife of Ross McDonough '57
Sister of Karin Burdick '60 Ward
Sister of Mary Burdick '63 Morgan
Sister of Barbara Burdick '65 Sperry
Sister of Henry Burdick '68
Mother of Bridget McDonough '77 Donovan
Mother of Brian McDonough '82
Mother of Terrence McDonough '84
Mother-in-law of Keli Miller '82 McDonough
Grandmother of Matthew McDonough '09
Grandmother of Andrew McDonough '11
August 14, 2020

Mary E. Hein

Wife of Frederick Hein '58
August 18, 2020

Regina McGeorge West

Mother-in-law of Ann Larkin '76 West
August 18, 2020

Virginia Louise Ablah

Mother of Robert Ablah '69
Mother of Carol Ablah '71 Sherman
Mother of Nellie Ablah '81 Haile
Mother of George (Jeffrey) Ablah '85
August 20, 2020

Jack Beardsley

Father-in-law of Peter Hagan '73
Grandfather of Ashley Hagan '04 Doty
Grandfather of Christopher Hagan '05
Grandfather of Allie Hagan '07
Grandfather of Molly Hagan '09 Jones
August 23, 2020

Michael Hondros Mount '60

August 23, 2020

Joan Lillis Boushka

Father of Richard Boushka '77
Father of Michael Boushka '78
Father of Jim Boushka '79
Father of Patrick Boushka '83
Father of John Boushka '86
Father-in-law of Michele Organ '83 Boushka
August 25, 2020

Mary K. Kavanagh Peltzer

Sister-in-law of Linda Patterson '59 Peltzer
August 27, 2020

Glenn Douglas Byer

Father of Larry Byer '76
Father of Allison Byer '78
Father of Chris Byer '80 Webber
Father of Brenda Byer '84 Stubby
Father of Darin Byer '86
Father-in-law of Kent Webber '80
August 28, 2020

Margaret Marie Ratner

Mother of Cliff Ratner '77
September 1, 2020

Thomas E. Toon '57

September 2, 2020

Lawrence Karcher '60

September 4, 2020

Camryn Rene Neeley

Daughter of Margareta Belit '96 Neeley
September 5, 2020

Richard Dean Ewy

Father of Sarah Ewy '87 Erickson
Father of Erin Ewy '87 Coleman
September 8, 2020

Margaret Martin

Sister-in-law of Kenneth Lancaster '65
September 9, 2020

Richard Relph

Brother of Raymond Relph '75
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Father of Kathryn Relph '02 Tipton
Father of Christina Relph '05 Kreutzer
Father of Michael Relph '07
Father-in-law of Nicholas Kreutzer '04
September 12, 2020

Sally DeFrost Attwater

Grandmother of Patrick Attwater '05
Grandmother of Nicholas Attwater '07
Grandmother of Thomas Attwater '08
Grandmother of Joseph Attwater '13
September 17, 2020

John Alexander

Grandfather of Kateri Alexander '18
Grandfather of John Alexander '23
September 17, 2020

Merida Henry

Sister-in-law of Lawrence Pierce '64
September 19, 2020

Robert Cornwell

Father of John Cornwell '93
Grandfather of Madison Cornwell '17
Grandfather of Grace Cornwell '20
September 21, 2020

Clarence "Butch" Dreiling '60

September 22, 2020

Mary Mercita "Shirley" Klenda '57 Heisler

September 24, 2020

Ida Gerstner

Mother of Timothy Gerstner '66
September 30, 2020

Jose Peggs

Mother of Michele Peggs '95 Mineart
+Mother of Geoffrey Peggs '99
September 30, 2020

William N. "Bill" Young

Brother of Mary Young '53 Amato
September 30, 2020

+ = deceased

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