



# PIONEER PRESS NEWSLETTER

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## The Biggest "Pioneer for a Day" To Date!

On April 24, 160 students visited Duchesne for a fun-filled day of activities, school tours, and experiencing the Pioneer way of life.

### UPCOMING DATES

May 5

Reading Day

May 6

Sr/Jr Exams | Periods 2, 4, & 7

May 7

Sr/Jr Exams | Periods 3, 5, & 8

May 8

Sr/Jr Exams | Periods 6 & 1

May 11

Senior Sunset

May 12

Baccalaureate Mass  
at St. Peters

May 14

Graduation

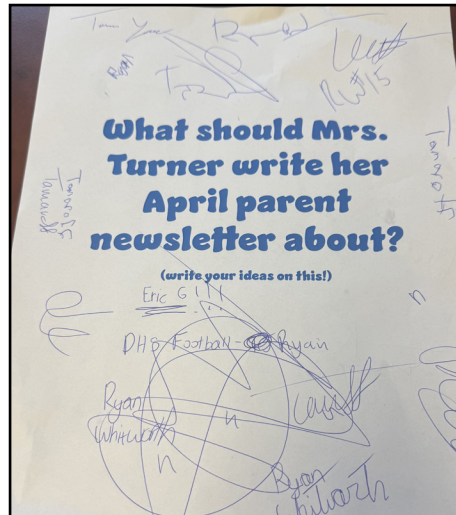
# From the Assistant Principal of Student Life



**Debi Turner '96**  
Assistant Principal of  
Student Life

This month, as I sat down to write, I realized I might be experiencing my own version of “senioritis.” I just couldn’t decide on a topic. So, I headed to the cafeteria to crowdsource some ideas from our students.

Suggestions included the girls soccer team, the amazing junior class, the golf team, “write about that one guy,” and even a page full of signatures that I was assured would be worth something someday. One idea that kept coming up, though, was the One Acts—and after attending the performance the night before, I knew that was the direction to go.



**I was assured this would be worth something someday."**

What a wonderful evening celebrating our Fine Arts Department.

One of the highlights for me was Natalie Buié’s solo. Watching her perform, it was hard to believe how much she has grown during her time at Duchesne. When I first met her as a freshman, I never would have

imagined she’d have the confidence to stand in front of an audience and sing a solo. And yet, there she was—poised, confident, and incredibly talented.

Natalie is just one story among many. There are countless students who have “found themselves” within these halls—through the arts, athletics, academics, and friendships. Moments like last night remind me just how special that journey is.

I truly have the best job in the world. Every once in a while, students allow me to play even the smallest role in their journey, and that is something I never take for granted. I am in awe of our students almost daily for so many different reasons.

To all of our seniors—thank you for letting me be a small part of your story. It has been a joy watching you grow into “soloists” in your own unique ways.



## Duchesne Freshman Named "Youth of the Year"

Congratulations to Patriciafe "Trisha" Crowder '29 on being named the Knights of Columbus Youth of the Year!

A leader in the Impact Youth and Disciples groups at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Trisha was chosen for her deep devotion to evangelization and parish service. Her heart for others shines through her work with the Ladies Auxiliary and the Seedbearers team, providing home repairs for neighbors in need. Trisha is also prayerfully dis-

cerning a call to become a Carmelite sister.

We are so proud of you, Trisha!



# Juniors Represent Duchesne at Youth in Government Day

**Eric Seiffert**  
Director of Marketing

Duchesne juniors Bridget Caldwell and Eric Greifzu eagerly represented Duchesne at this year's Youth in Government Day event for the City of St. Charles on April 14. The event, sponsored by the St. Charles Optimist Club, offers students the opportunity to visit with local officials to get an inside look into the workings of the government.

When Assistant Principal of Student Life Debi Turner '96 asked the social studies faculty which students they would recommend for the trip, two stood out immediately. "It didn't take long for teachers to enthusiastically suggest Eric and Bridget as outstanding representatives for Duchesne," Mrs. Turner said. "Both students have demonstrated genuine interest and enthusiasm for government through their class participation. I was especially pleased to see that they were just as excited about the opportunity."

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The duo toured the county jail, courts, and county executive building, meeting the people who work there and asking questions about their day-to-day. "It was fascinating to learn more about our government and how we can get involved," said Bridget. "I learned about the importance of being well-educated about what is going in our community and beyond."

In addition to the tours, the students participated in a mock session to experience the decision-making process firsthand. "We had a debate like the chairmen would have on their Tuesday meetings. We debated whether AI data centers are right or wrong for St. Charles," said Eric. "I learned how complicated the government system



Bridget Caldwell and Eric Greifzu

is. We went to three different places that all did different things, but they were all intertwined with each other in some way."

The two students spent time with an impressive lineup of public servants during their visit, speaking with Director of Corrections Dan Keen, Council Member Mike Elam, Judge Dwayne Johnson, Prosecutor Joseph McCulloch, and Executive Steve Ehlmann.

These connections are made possible by the Optimist Club of St. Charles, an organization made up of individuals dedicated

to helping young men and women reach their full potential by promoting optimism as a way of living. Youth in Government Day is just one program the club has implemented to pursue their mission: to generate interest in government affairs in young people and encourage them to be an active voice in their local community.

"Eric and Bridget are truly wonderful ambassadors for Duchesne," said Mrs. Turner. "They did an excellent job representing us at the City of St. Charles for a day."



MORE team members Paul Masek, Wayne Burbach, and Jen Duncan dramatize how giving in to social pressures can make one less free.

# Using Faith to Navigate the Pressures of High School and Beyond

**Eric Seiffert**  
Director of Marketing

This year has been full of fresh retreat experiences for Duchesne students, and our sophomores recently joined the journey. On April 14, the class, guided by a dedicated group of junior leaders, headed to the Marianist Retreat and Conference Center in Eureka. It was a day dedicated to connection, community, and discovering how faith in Christ provides the strength to overcome life's inevitable hurdles.

The day's program was facilitated by the Marianist Outreach Retreat Experience (MORE). The team offers a unique and engaging approach to sacramental retreats, intentionally using jokes, games, and skits as a doorway to deep conversations about self-worth. "The motto of MORE is 'seriously fun Catholic retreats,'" said Program Director Paul Masek. "We love to mix things up between fun stuff, breaks, food, serious activities, and time for discussion and reflection."

Masek explains that this delivery is specifically tailored to reach students in a fast-paced, overstimulating world. "We are increasingly finding that 'less is more' when it comes to retreat ministry. We try not to cover too much serious content; our style allows the retreat, and the attendees, to breathe."

By disarming the students with laughter early on, the MORE team, supported by Executive Director Jennifer Duncan and Mission Engagement & Communications Manager Wayne Burbach, created a space

where the sophomores felt safe to be vulnerable. The theme of the day centered on freedom, featuring personal testimony from Masek, the MORE team, and Duchesne's own Campus Minister, Mike Fitzgerald. The energy shifted from high-octane fun to quiet introspection as students broke into small groups to discuss the "hurdles" in their own lives and how various temptations can lead to feeling "bound up."

The afternoon wrapped up with two powerful talks on forgiveness given by junior leaders



Junior Athena Zimmerman speaks to the crowd about the importance of forgiveness.

Tiana Newman and Athena Zimmerman. By sharing their own stories, these upperclassmen modeled the courage it takes to open one's heart, a move that resonated deeply with their sophomore peers.

"I was able to share my story on forgiveness and help the sophomore class learn what God can do in our lives," said Athena. "One thing that I did to prepare myself was think of ways that I could connect to the sophomores, and how can my story help them. The one thing that will always be true is: God will always forgive you."

Tiana added, "I also enjoyed giving a talk on forgiveness. I spent a lot of time tweaking and adding parts. One thing I knew I needed to include from the beginning was to forgive, let go, and let God."

Being involved with the MORE team for many years, Fitzgerald knows the impact the experience can have on young people.

"The day was absolutely wonderful. The MORE team is amazing," said Fitzgerald. "I went on almost the exact same retreat [as a sophomore]. That retreat helped me find my way back to the faith and the Church. It was really inspiring, and still is for me to go and relive that experience and share that this retreat can change lives."

It was certainly a day to look back on positively, with the students in attendance agreeing that the day helped them to grow closer to God, and each other.



# Amateur Sports HOF Recognizes DHS

**Nancy Kohl**  
**Director of Alumni**  
**Engagement and Donor**  
**Engagement**

The St. Charles County Amateur Sports Hall of Fame's annual dinner on Saturday, April 11, 2026, honored a number of Duchesne alumni, and softball was the sport of the evening for our Pioneers.

Tim Hollander was inducted as the HOF's newest member for Slow-Pitch Softball, having played 20+ years for as many as nine different teams. A typical softball week for Tim included the following schedule:

- Monday – Knights of Columbus League
- Tuesday – St. Charles Metro City League
- Wednesday – St. Charles County League at Golden Triangle and St. Charles Metro City League
- Thursday – Men's Church League
- Sunday – Coed Softball League at Golden Triangle
- Weekends – Local, State, or National Tournaments

A very competitive player, Tim had a toolbox of talents that served him and his various teams well: he was known as one of the best pitchers in the game, his fielding responsiveness complimented that pitching accuracy, and he was a powerful left-handed hitter. Across the span of his two decades of play, Tim enjoyed winning championships at both the city and county level, in addition to several all-tournament honors and state titles.



DHS President Paul Boschert '77 and DHS Athletic Director Renee (Reimer) Moore '86 congratulate Tim Hollander '78 (right) on his induction into the St. Charles County Amateur Sports Hall of Fame.

In addition to being on the diamond, Tim served in other slow-pitch related positions. He was a United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA) umpire for 20 years and tournament director for 15 years. He was also the league and tournament director for Two Rivers Sports Complex.

"It was an honor to be inducted into the St. Charles County Amateur Sports Hall of Fame for Slow-Pitch Softball," Tim said. "It was great to share this with my family. It was an amazing night!"

Softball is indeed a family affair for Tim. He was the third Hollander brother in as many years to be inducted into the St. Charles County Amateur Sports' Slow-Pitch Softball Hall of Fame. And it's not just the guys in the Hollander family who have a history with softball.

Tim's wife, Martha, was also a special guest at the dinner. There to celebrate her husband as well as reunite with her teammates from the 1976 DHS softball team, Martha was among our alumni recognized for the 50th anniversary of their Softball State Championship, which was the first Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) girls high school softball state championship tournament hosted in our state's history.

"It's a special thing when the St. Charles County Amateur Sports Hall of Fame recognizes previous high school teams and athletes for their achievements, especially from 50 years ago. What a season we had!" Martha said. "To be reunited with teammates who hadn't seen each other in decades made the evening even more amazing. It was so much fun. And for Tim and me, sharing this evening

with our kids and other family and friends was perfect."

"I immensely enjoyed being a part of those girls' lives," said Assistant Coach Marita Malone. "(Saturday night) was a St. Charles 'family' reunion! Boscherts, Thros, Kuehlers, Rufkahrs, Burmeisters, Cassmeyers, and their illustrious coach, Sue McClintock. Coach McClintock told the overflowing crowd that the most important lesson of that team was to have fun."

It was a theme that guided the team's success. "I think I speak for our entire team and our coaches that the 1976 fall softball season was as good as it gets!" said Mary Ohlms. Her teammate and classmate Bonnie Getzinger agreed, "It was an amazing team, an incredible season, and an experience I will cherish forever."

Kathy Urbish reflected, "So many people influence our lives – friends, parents, teammates, and coaches – it was such a blessing to reacquire with them and tell them thank you for playing a part of such a wonderful memory."

Pam Ohrman concluded, "I've never forgotten what Kathy Alloway's dad said as he drove our team bus: 'Be proud of being a Pioneer because you have paved the way for all the girls softball teams in the future.'"

We hope to see all 20 team members and the coaches back at Duchesne for a school celebration of their 50th anniversary as part of the 2026 Homecoming football game on Friday, October 2. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for another special evening with our alumni!



Seniors Drew Heischmidt and Isabel Rakers were recognized as the nominees for the St. Charles County Amateur Sports Outstanding High School male and female athlete of the year awards for the Class of 2026.



1976 State Championship Duchesne Pioneer Softball team members in attendance at the St. Charles County Amateur Sports Hall of Fame annual dinner on Saturday, April 11, 2026, were, from left: Assistant Coach Marita Malone, Marietta (Burmeister) Greene '78, Kathy (Cassmeyer) Urbish '77, Mary (Rufkahr) Ohlms '78, Anne (Thro) Eichler '79, Martha (Boschert) Hollander '79, Head Coach Sue (Burkemper) McClintock '69, Bonnie (Kuehler) Getzinger '78, and Pam (Boschert) Ohrman '78.

In addition to our many graduates, Duchesne had some special senior class Pioneers at the Hall of Fame dinner. Drew Heischmidt and Isabel Rakers were recognized as our nominees for the St. Charles County

Amateur Sports Outstanding High School male and female athlete of the year awards for the Class of 2026.

Duchesne's AD Renee Moore summed up the night's

festivities. "What a wonderful evening to be a Pioneer at the 2026 Amateur Sports Hall of Fame banquet. It was a pleasure to see Tim Hollander and the 1976 softball team receive well-deserved recognition

for their outstanding athletic achievements. I am especially proud of our high school representatives who were honored for their excellence in academics, leadership, and athletics."

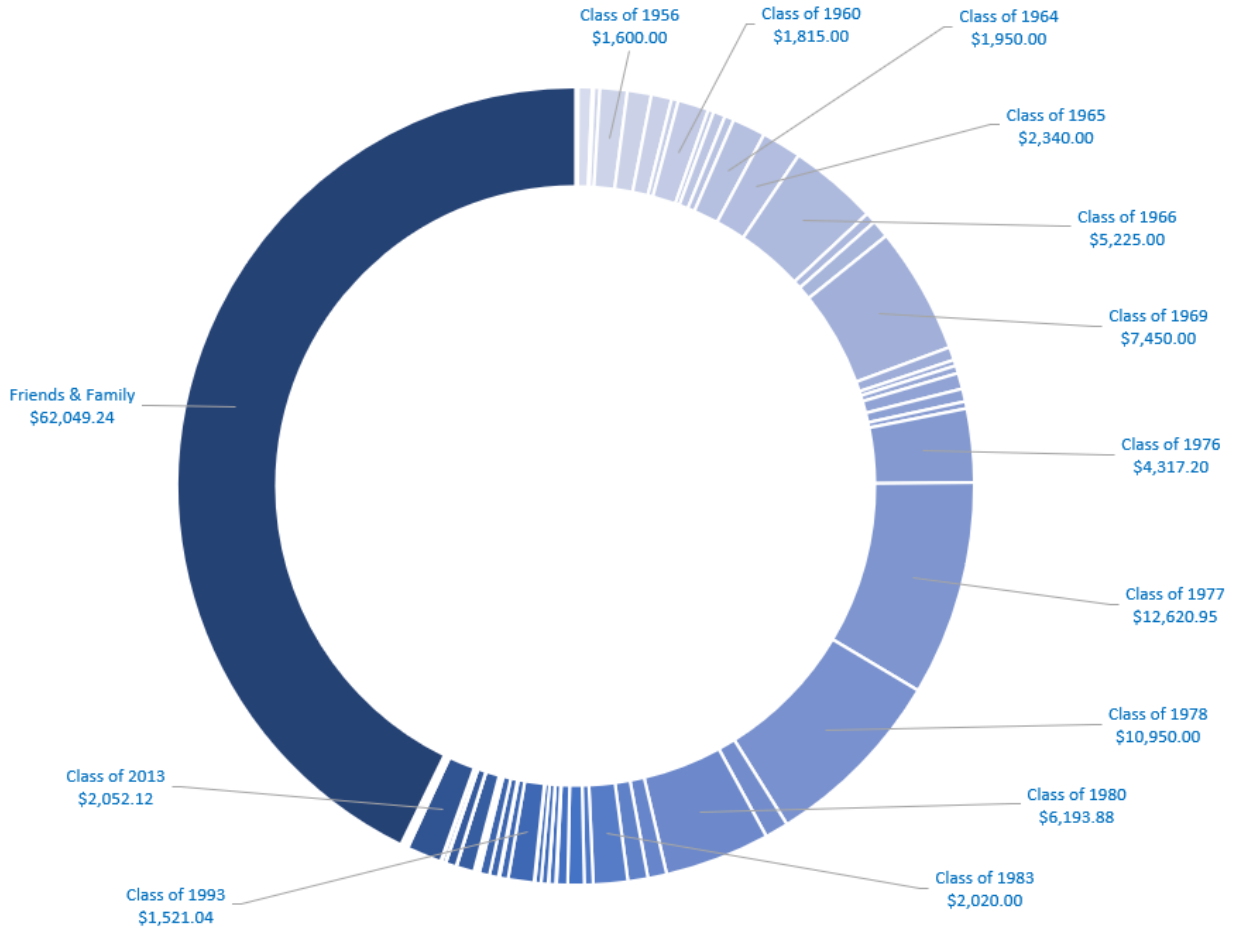


## Duchesne Music Department Brings Home the Silver!

Our band and choir students all brought home silver medals after the April 30 state competition in Columbia, Missouri.

From Far Left: Senior Natalie Buie, The Royal Impressions, Freshman Cici Anderson

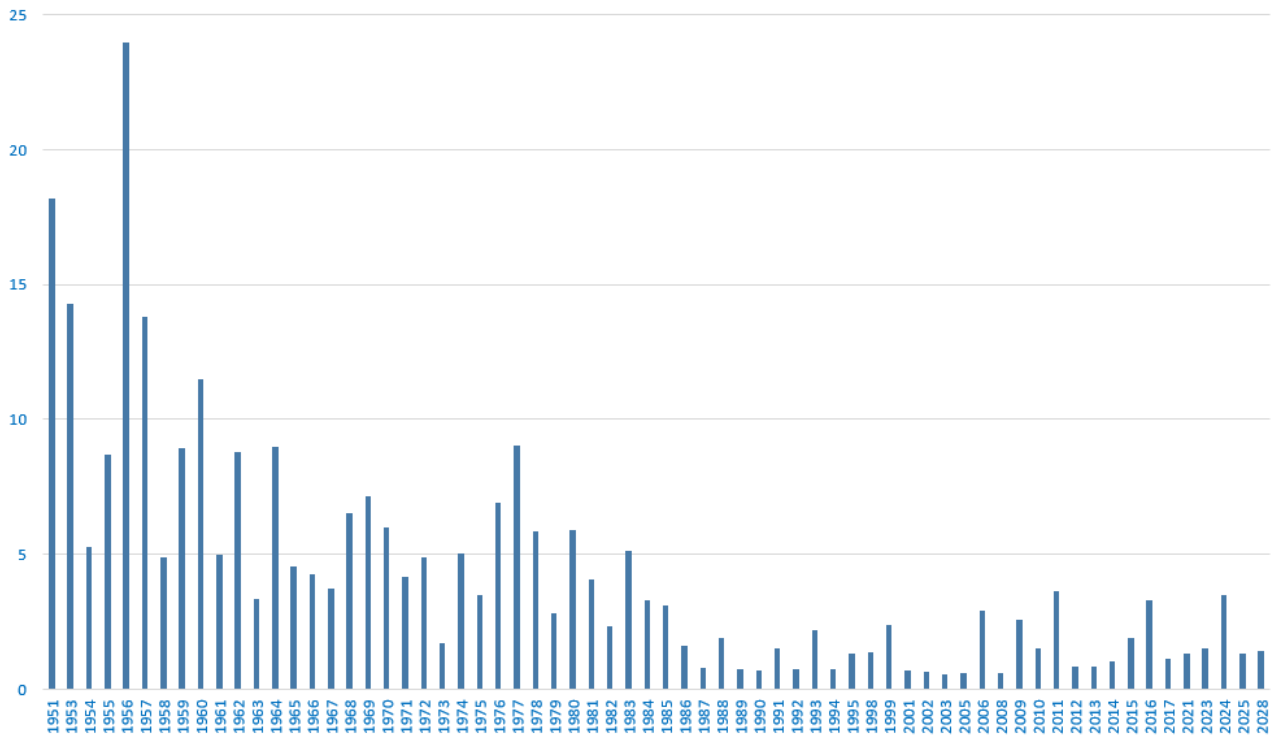
# Pioneer Class Challenge



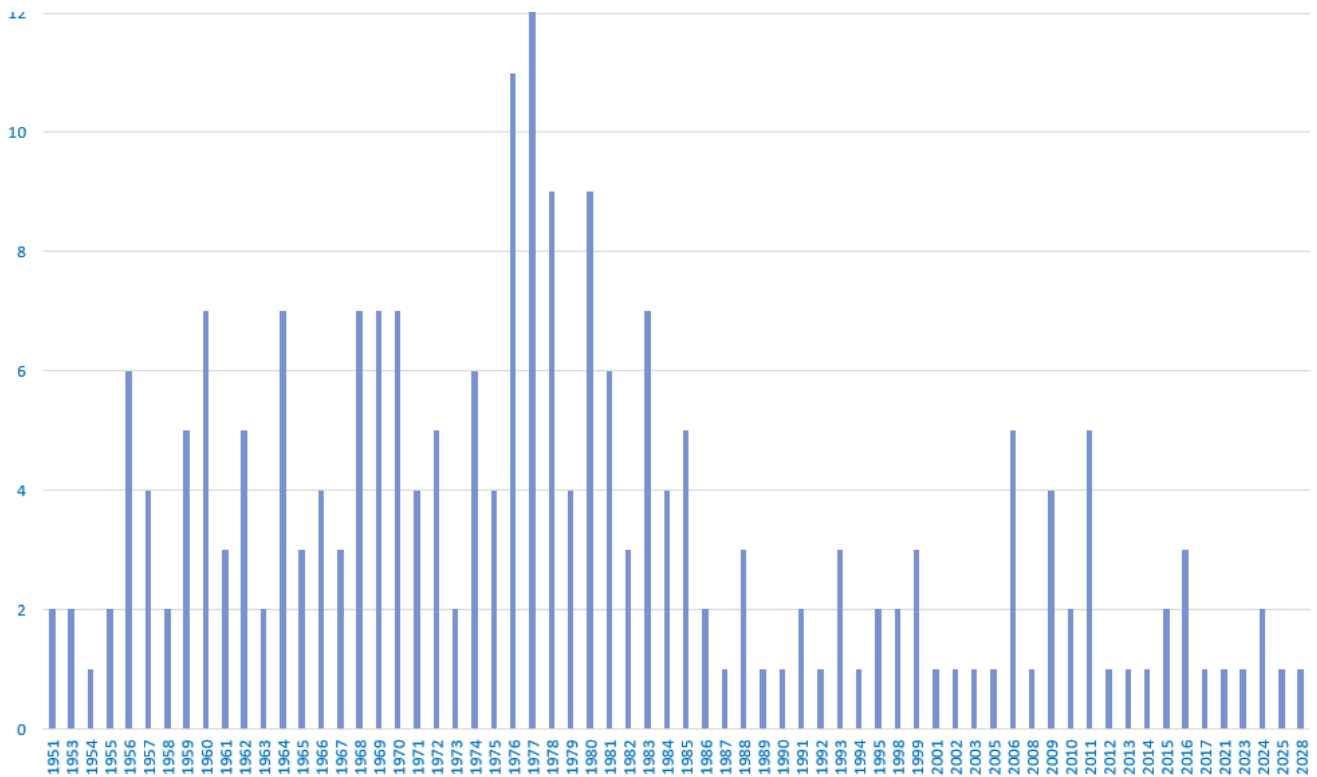
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1954	\$100.00	1971	\$350.00	1987	\$52.12	2002	\$50.00	2016	\$128.34
1955	\$353.94	1972	\$452.12	1988	\$407.57	2003	\$100.00	2017	\$50.00
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1962	\$700.00	1981	\$1,109.38	1994	\$500.00	2010	\$50.00	2028	\$52.12
1963	\$550.00	1982	\$1,176.03	1995	\$75.00	2011	\$200.00		
1967	\$625.00	1984	\$518.91	1998	\$525.00	2012	\$70.00		

These totals are of gifts received as of 4.29.26  
 \$145,067.29 raised in the fiscal year so far!\*

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NUMBER OF CLASSMATES WHO HAVE DONATED TO PIONEER FUND TO DATE





**Caleb Johnson**  
**Director of Community & Student Engagement**  
**and Head Girls**  
**Basketball Coach**

As we wrap up this amazing school year, it is a reminder to reflect on all the different ini-

## A Look Back at an Amazing Year

tiatives and ideas that we made come to life this year. As the Director of Community and Student Engagement, my goal was simple: create an environment where every student and staff member feels seen, valued, and empowered.

During the fall we kicked off the year having students do goal setting activities, celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month and Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and posed weekly Questions of the Day to get the students really involved throughout our school. We also tried to mix in some fun toward the end of the first semester by hosting a

pancake breakfast and hot chocolate bar.

In January, we wanted to start the new year off right with some goal setting to have the students look forward to achieving something incredible in 2026. We were able to highlight Black History Month with different activities, which included having a food truck come and cater lunch for our kids. Throughout the spring we hosted different events, like our Student Easter Egg Hunt and a Rock the Vote to get seniors registered to vote in Missouri. We also hopped on some fun social media trends with student-created videos!

This was my first year in this position, but I instantly felt at home. Duchesne is a special place and that is truly because of the amazing kids we have in our school. They are constantly participating in activities and making everyone feel welcome. I appreciate that they stop by my office to visit throughout the day, which gives me the opportunity to get to know each person and what's important to them. I am excited for Year 2 and want to continue to build on the ideas we had this year, while expanding on those and continuing to help make Duchesne a place where everyone feels seen and heard!

## From the Registrar

**Patsy Fink**  
**Registrar**

Time has a way of moving quickly—from the excitement of high school acceptance to the proud moment of receiving a diploma.

We are excited to welcome our incoming freshmen, who took their placement tests on April 23 and April 28. This year, we added a high school writing assessment alongside math and foreign language to help us better support each student's success.

**Seniors**, we look forward to celebrating all you've accomplished! Please be sure to submit your college acceptance and scholarship information using the QR codes below so we can recognize your achievements. (Please see the related message and QR codes on this page.)

Final transcripts will be sent to universities once grades are finalized.

As we approach graduation, we invite you to gather as a community for these special milestones. The Baccalaureate Mass will be held at St. Peter's Church on Tuesday, May 12. Doors open at 5:30pm, with Mass beginning at 6:00pm. This is a meaningful opportunity to come together one last time in prayer and celebration, and to honor classmates for their accomplishments.

Graduation will take place in the Ted Yeater Athletic Center on Thursday, May 14. Doors open at 5:00pm, and the ceremony will begin at 6:00pm. Each student will receive 8 tickets to the Graduation ceremony (4 preferred and 4 general seating), unless they request more from Mrs. Turner.

Once a Pioneer, always a Pioneer! We hope you'll return often—because you will always be a cherished part of the Duchesne legacy.

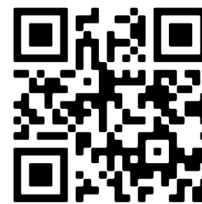
## ATTENTION SENIORS!



Scan the below QR codes to submit your information for graduation.



*Scholarship Form*



*Final Transcript*

Help us honor the Class of 2026! Please use the QR codes shown here to complete your 2026 Grad's important information about their college acceptance, scholarships, and final transcript requests. This information will be used for the graduation program – which is in process! – so

please provide your details no later than Monday Noon, May 4, 2026, if you haven't already done so. We want to brag about our awesome students, but we need the specifics from you to do so! If you have questions, please contact [pfink@duchesne-hs.org](mailto:pfink@duchesne-hs.org). Thank you!

# From the Director of Advancement



**Becky Williamson**  
Director of Advancement

As we approach the end of the school year, we are filled with thanks for the many ways our Duchesne community continues to support our mission. This is a time to reflect on

the impact of giving—and the difference it makes in our students' lives. I am lucky enough to have a front seat.

Year-end gifts to the Pioneer Fund are one of the most important ways you can support Duchesne. These unrestricted dollars allow us to respond to immediate needs, enhance academic and extracurricular programs, and ensure that every student benefits from the exceptional education experience that defines our school.

We also invite you to consider the profound importance of tuition assistance. Your generosity helps ensure that any child who wishes to receive a Catholic education at Duchesne has the opportunity to receive one, regardless of fi-

nancial circumstances. This commitment to accessibility strengthens not only individual students but also our entire community. If this is something you are passionate about, consider setting up a scholarship fund.

In addition, we are excited to continue advancing our vision for a new Sports Complex. This transformative initiative includes a 6-lane track, press box, digital scoreboard, turf field, 50-yard turf practice field, and dedicated space for field events. These enhancements will provide our student athletes with facilities that match their dedication, spirit, and excellence.

Every gift—no matter the size—makes a lasting impact.

If you are able, we encourage you to make your year-end gift today:

<https://www.duchesne-hs.org/make-a-gift.html>

Thank you for your continued support of Duchesne and for helping us carry forward our mission to shape leaders in mind, body, and spirit for generations to come.

Sincerely,

*Becky Williamson*

Becky Williamson  
Director of Advancement



Students attended "Build My Future", a construction career and industry showcase, yesterday to learn about different trades and interact with hands-on exhibits!



## ACES BRINGS HOME SOME HARDWARE!

Shoutout to the ACES crew on bringing home a huge batch of first place recognitions from Regionals!



# LEAVES

ALUMNI FEATURES AND UPDATES



The Boschert siblings: President Paul Boschert, Martha (Boschert) Hollander, Beth (Boschert) Duello, Jane (Boschert) Jennings, and Michael Boschert.

## Singing Siblings

One group of Pioneer alumni siblings share a history rooted in the halls of Duchesne, where they each cultivated a deep love for music and continue to share their gifts today. While the professional paths of Jane (Boschert) Jennings '85, Beth (Boschert) Duello '78, Michael Boschert '88, and our own President Paul Boschert '77 have since taken them in various directions, music has remained the constant at the center of their lives, serving as a bridge between their shared upbringing and their diverse careers.

The story of the Boschert family's musicality began long before they stepped onto Duchesne's campus. The four siblings credit their parents for laying the groundwork for the artistic journeys. Their father was well known in the Saint Charles area for possessing a beautiful voice, a talent that he shared generously

with the community. Beth recalled that their father was often sought after for his vocal gifts. He sang two or three weddings a weekend, she noted, adding that people would often approach him later to request that he sing at their funerals as well.

While their father provided the raw talent and example, it was their mother who pushed them to share that talent. Paul explained that while they inherited their talent from their father, the drive and the encouragement came from their mother. Beth echoed this, noting that their mother was the one who drove them to lessons and ensured they had the opportunities to grow. Music was simply the air they breathed. Jane shared memories of family events where aunts and uncles would harmonize, with everyone naturally finding their part in the song.

While the siblings were students in later years, the family legacy on the Duchesne stage was already established. Their father stepped in as an adult to play the lead role in Duchesne's 1959 production, Oklahoma. Paul mentioned that he was actually in attendance for that show as a baby, watching his father sing on the very same stage where he and his siblings would later perform.

When the siblings arrived at Duchesne, they found an environment that encouraged them to explore these gifts without being limited to just one identity. Michael, a baritone, was involved in music, student council, and various clubs. While he did not participate in sports, he played trombone and percussion. Jane, on the other hand, balanced music with athletics by participating in all the musicals and year round sports. This ability to be a

“well rounded” student is a hallmark of the Duchesne experience.

The siblings’ own time on stage was equally memorable. Jane recalled that a high point for her was performing in *Bye Bye Birdie* with her brother Michael. Both siblings held lead roles in the production, creating a special family memory that has lasted decades.

A particularly unique part of their Duchesne experience involved Patt Holt, an English teacher who started a group called the Patt Holt Singers. This group began with students meeting around a piano at her house and eventually grew into something much larger. Michael shared the incredible story of touring with a group from the Patt Holt Singers through a Department of Defense tour. This opportunity allowed them to perform for troops in locations including Tokyo, Korea, the Philippines, Bahrain, and Panama.

As the siblings moved beyond high school, the foundation they built at Duchesne served them well in their professional lives. Jane pursued a career as an opera singer, performing across the United States and internationally.

Eventually, she transitioned into teaching to spend more time with her family. Michael also found a professional calling in music, noting that he performs at roughly 60 weddings a year as well as many funerals. He views this as a form of service, stating that he feels his music provides a great comfort to families during significant life moments.

Beth’s journey led her to become a music educator. After studying music performance, she taught in the Hazelwood district and currently serves as a part-time music director. She noted that her role requires her to be open to every genre, though Broadway and classical music remain her personal favorites. For Paul, music remains a source of joy, singing in Beth’s choir at St. Charles Borromeo church. He laughed as he mentioned that when he is in the car, he listens to the “70s on 7” station because it features familiar songs from his youth.

Beyond the technical skills and the performance opportunities, the siblings were quick to point out that Duchesne provided a spiritual and ethical framework that has guided them throughout their lives. Jane emphasized

that Duchesne taught values and integrity, providing a foundation to succeed both academically and spiritually. Beth added that the school prepared them for college and life, making her life more “God-centered” through the spiritual focus she encountered as a student.

The impact of the school was so profound for Paul that he returned to his alma mater to teach, later serving as athletic director before becoming the current president. He noted that Duchesne set such a great foundation for him and made such an impression that he wanted to come back and be a part of the community again.

The story of the Boschert siblings is a testament to the power of a supportive family and a school community that nurtures individual gifts. Whether they are performing on international opera stages, leading a church choir, or teaching the next generation of musicians, they carry the spirit of Duchesne with them. Their lives serve as a beautiful harmony of faith, family, and the gift of music.

## Forever Friends

Class Rep Bob Boschert ’73 has been planning periodic get togethers in some wonderful local locales! Last fall, golfers en-

joyed the Spencer T. Olin course in Alton and then were joined by additional classmates for some Fast Eddie’s fun. Earlier this

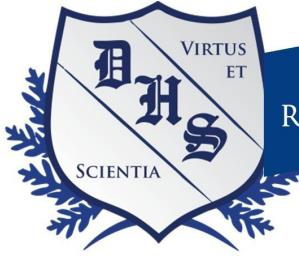
month, Class of 1973 members met at The Quarry winery in New Melle. Next up: a potential trip to Pere Marquette!



Class of 1973 members (and spouses) recently enjoyed a spring outing for wine, bites, and live music at The Quarry in New Melle. Seated: Deb Boschert, Tom Boschert, Bob Boschert, Barb (Morris) Boschert ’75, Bruce Brooks, and Julie Brooks. Standing: Greg Potter, Vivian Potter, Mike Boehmer, Wally Karase, Jodie (Borgmeyer) Parker, John Prinster, Patti (Schott) Dwiggin, Sandy (Hercules) Honerkamp, Alan Honerkamp, Jan (Egli) Karase, Deb (Mazanec) Schulte, Diane (Heinsz) Prinster, Charlene (Terbrock) Hamilton, Jan (Wucher) Fravell, Marcia (Schmucker) Barklage, Dave Barklage, and Dale Weseman ’75. (Not pictured: Keith Steinhoff)



Class of 1973 members (and family members) at Fast Eddie’s last fall included the following. (DHS grad year is given if a person is an alum from a year other than 1973.) Front Row: Jim Knoblauch, Mike Boehmer, Joyce Knoblauch, Barb (Morris) Boschert ’75, Bob Boschert, Greg Potter, Jan (Egli) Karase, Wally Karase, and Don Benne. Back Row: Jack Witte, Sandy (Hercules) Honerkamp, Diane (Heinsz) Prinster, Doug Dickbernd, Jan (Wucher) Fravell, John Prinster, Patti (Schott) Dwiggin, Ron Eastman, Alan Honerkamp, Deb Boschert, Tom Boschert, Jason Boschert ’98, and Theo Brown.



## REUNITING WHERE AT ALL BEGAN — CLASS REUNIONS AT DUCHESNE HIGH

### Save the Date...

#### **"We Are the Champions" Multi-Sport Celebration at DHS on Friday, May 8, 2026**

Please join us as we celebrate these State Champ Teams!

- Girls Cross Country — 1995
- Boys Golf — 1996
- Girls Soccer — 2009, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2019

5:30 pregame, 6pm Girls Varsity Soccer vs St. Charles High, Garden Party After the Game All are welcome! But T-shirt sizes for members of the state champ teams noted above **MUST BE IN BY NOON, FRIDAY, MAY 1**. Please sign up through the QR code:

#### **35th Reunion for the CLASSES OF 1990 and 1991 Reunion — at Duchesne on Saturday, September 12, 2026**

The Classes of 1990 and 1991 are planning to have their 35th reunion at Duchesne on Saturday, September 12, 2026. Nikki

(Zander) Holmes '90 and Kara (Rufkahr) Reynolds '91 are organizing. More info to come.

#### **CLASS OF 1986's 40th Reunion — at Duchesne on Saturday, September 19, 2026**

Class of '86!! – Save the Date – Plans are underway for a wonderful evening together, which will include tours of our alma mater, heavy hors d'oeuvres, music, and dancing. Watch the Facebook page at Duchesne Class of 1986. Jen (Horton) Silvestri, Cheryl (Pollack) Johnson, and Christina (Podhorsky) Kuhlmann are organizing. If you're not on Facebook, please email [jensilvestri11@gmail.com](mailto:jensilvestri11@gmail.com) so she can keep you in the loop as further details develop.

#### **15th Reunion for the Classes of 2010 and 2011 — at Duchesne on Friday, October 2, 2026**

Jenna (Friedel) Graham '11 and Ty Loewenstein '10 are spearheading a joint 15th-year

reunion for their two classes, to be held at DHS on Friday night, October 2.

#### **Duchesne's 1976 Softball State Championship Team to be Honored at the October 2 Football Homecoming Game**

1976 Softball Team Members, Families, and Friends! – Please mark your calendar for Friday night, October 2, 2026, when we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the state of Missouri's first-ever State Champion Softball Team – our very own Duchesne Pioneers! We will honor the team before our Football Homecoming game as well as at a post-game celebration. Details to follow.

#### **Class of 1981 — at Duchesne on Saturday, October 10, 2026**

The Class of 1981 will hold their 45th reunion at Duchesne on Saturday, October 10, 2026. This event will be held in the Performing Arts Center (old gym) from 7-10pm. If you haven't received an email from Peggy (Ell) Skaggs, please contact her at 314-304-5277 or [pegell3@hotmail.com](mailto:pegell3@hotmail.com). More info will be sent out soon!

#### **Class of 1976 — on Saturday, October 17, 2026**

The Class of 1976 is working on a plan for their 50th reunion, to be held on Saturday, October 17, 2026. Charlie Smith and Molly (O'Brien) Reilly are chairing the committee organizing the event. Watch the class's Facebook page for developments and details. Contact Molly if you're not on Facebook: 636.345.1022 or [mcreilly1143@gmail.com](mailto:mcreilly1143@gmail.com).

#### **Class of 1971 — at Pio's on Saturday, October 17, 2026**

The Class of 1971 is having their 55th reunion at Pio's Restaurant on Saturday, October 17, 2026. Marsha (Weber) Stocker and Keith Boschert are organizing. A save-the-date postcard is on its way to you. Please respond with an email to [marsha.stocker@gmail.com](mailto:marsha.stocker@gmail.com) with your email address, mailing address, and cell number so the class is sure to have everyone's current contact information. Thank you!

#### **Class of 2001 — at Duchesne on Saturday, November 17, 2026**

The Class of 2001 will hold their 25th reunion at Duchesne on Saturday, November 7, 2026. Jake Vehige and team are organizing. If you'd like to be involved, please contact Jake at [jake.vehige@gmail.com](mailto:jake.vehige@gmail.com).

### *What About Your Class?*

#### **ALUMNI REUNIONS – is it time to plan yours?**

Does your class year end in a 1 or 6 (such as 2001 or 1996)? It's time to plan your reunion! Contact Nancy (Rothermich) Kohl '78 at [nkohl@duchesne-hs.org](mailto:nkohl@duchesne-hs.org) or 636.757.6925 to begin the conversation! Duchesne can you provide you with a class list and save-the-date postcards for those groups that have their event at DHS. You will have use of our Garden Courtyard, Chapel for Mass, and/or PAC for your get-together, dinner, dancing, games, etc. Smaller groups may want to gather in our Esports Center. A self-guided tour outline will be available for your guests.



We had a great time visiting our alumni from the Kansas City area! @toms\_town was the perfect location and atmosphere! Thank you to everyone who attended! We can't wait to see you again.



# CAMPUS MINISTRY



**Mike Deluvia**

**Duchesne Board  
of Limited Jurisdiction  
Catholic Identity  
Committee**

Happy Easter! Christ is Risen!

For the early disciples of Jesus, the Resurrection was a source of zeal for spreading the Gospel. When Peter and John were arrested by the Jewish authorities and instructed not to teach about Jesus, they responded, "It is impossible for us not to speak about what we have seen and heard." (Acts 4:20). They were determined to follow Jesus' final command that He gave at the Ascension: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations." (Matt 28:19). This final command is known as the Great Commission. Having encountered the Risen Lord, Jesus' disciples are sent forth to share Him with others.

On the feast of the Ascension in 1817, Philippine Duchesne was gripped by those same words: "Go, therefore, and make..." She was now 48 years old, about 40 years after she first discovered her heart's deep desire to spread the Gospel. She had waited decades for the chance to go to the New World. Recounting that day in a letter to St. Madeleine Sophie Barat, she wrote, "[Those words] caused almost continual emotion, a bitterness sweeter than all pleasure." Such was the burning in her heart. She resigned herself to God's will. "I have exhausted everything; it is up to you, my God, to act."

It was as if our Lord was only waiting for her to fully surrender and rely solely on Him. The very next day Bishop DuBourg came to speak to their community about how he was struck by the very same verse. Soon after, Philippine would receive the news that she could finally go to the New World.

You and I are also called to go and make disciples of all nations. As Pope Francis wrote in The Joy of the Gospel, "In virtue of their baptism, all the members of the People of God have become missionary disciples." Most of us are not called to go to distant lands or preach on street corners. All of us, however, have family, friends, neighbors, coworkers, and acquaintances who need to be brought to Christ.

The Easter season provides the perfect occasion to reflect on whether we've been doing our part. Like the first apostles, are we making it a priority to share the joy of our own encounters with Jesus? When's the last time you've spoken with someone about your faith? Are you prepared to give a testimony as to why Jesus is the center of your life? Have you considered learning more about


evangelization by studying or attending one of the workshops the Archdiocese puts on? Who is someone in your life that needs to be brought to Jesus?

You might find evangelization intimidating. Remember, Jesus trusts you with this job. If you rely on Him, He will give you all you need. Philippine Duchesne, pray for us that we might go and make disciples!

**NB** Nick Brockmeyer  
Attorney at Law

## WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY — 1995  
BOYS GOLF — 1996  
GIRLS SOCCER — 2009,  
2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2019



FRIDAY NIGHT, MAY 8, 2026

Join Us as We Celebrate these State Champ Teams!  
5:30 pregame, 6pm Girls Varsity Soccer vs St. Charles High, Garden Party After the Game  
All Are Welcome!

— ATTN: DHS State Champ Athletes from the teams above —  
It's not too late to sign up! Please email [nkohl@duchesne-hs.org](mailto:nkohl@duchesne-hs.org)



**Renee Moore '86  
Athletic Director**

We are headed into the final month of our athletic seasons. Our spring coaches and athletes have been working hard preparing for the final month of play. Please stay tuned for district tournament brackets with opponents as well as schedules. For now, we can share district host locations:

**Baseball – Class 3, District 5: BMAC (Bridgeton Municipal Athletic Complex)**

**Golf – Class 2, District 2: Norwoods Golf Club, Hannibal**

**Soccer – Class 1, District 2: Blair Oaks High School, Jefferson City**

**Track – Class 2, District 2: Lutheran North High School**

**Volleyball – Class 1, District 4: Fort Zumwalt East High School**

Good Luck to all our spring teams in post-season competition!

**THANK YOU TO THE DUCHESNE BOOSTER CLUB FOR ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL ATHLETIC BOOSTER BBQ**

Saturday, April 18, was a success for our Booster Club and therefore our athletic programs! The line was steady all day long; our volunteers were kept busy taking, filling, and delivering barbeque dinners to our guests; and, of course, the Pioneer barbeque crews were on their game! A very special thank you to Scott and Tara Hubert and family, who organized the event. Continued thanks to Mark Meixner and his barbeque crew and Dave Fichtenmeyer who prepared the food, and to our fantastic Pioneer parents and students who greeted and served our customers. Great Teamwork!

**CLASS OF 2026 NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT SIGNINGS**

Additional seniors have announced their decisions to continue their athletic careers at the collegiate level. Congratulations to:

**Drew Heischmidt**

Moberly Area Community College - Golf

**Landon McCarthy**

State Fair Community College - Soccer

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

On April 6, Jackson Nikodym '26 became the all-time career hit leader in Duchesne's baseball program by collecting his 123rd hit!!!! Great job, Jackson!

On April 28, Will Johannesman '26 became the all-time single season kills leader in Duchesne's boys volleyball program by collecting his 237rd kill of the season! Well done, Will!

**LOOKING AHEAD THIS SPRING:**

- Thursday, April 30, Senior Night for Volleyball and Esports
- Tuesday, May 5, Senior Night for Baseball (pregame)
- Wednesday, May 6, Senior Night for Soccer (pregame) Golf, Tennis, Track (halftime)
- Friday, May 8, Championship Night as we honor past State Championship teams

**LOOKING AHEAD THIS SUMMER:**

- Check out the summer camp dates for all our sports and activities
- Emerge Workouts – See flyer for scannable QR Code, signups required to attend. Sign up today!
  - June 1 – July 13
  - Mondays and Wednesdays
  - Two time slots: 8–9am or 9–10am
  - Duchesne Fitness Center
- Duchesne Dead Period: August 1–9, 2026. No sport or activity practices or meetings
- First Fall Practice Date: Monday, August 10, 2026

**STAY INFORMED**

As spring weather can bring unpredictable conditions, please remember to stay up to date on practice and game adjustments/cancellations:

- Follow Athletics\_DHS on X for real-time updates
- Visit Big Teams-Schedule Star for full schedules and weather-related changes



**SUMMER  
WORK OUTS**

WITH  
**EMERGE  
FITNESS**



**SCAN TO SIGN UP**



**We Want You!**




Join the Key Club!

Fill out the Interest Form:



**SCAN ME**

Earn Service Hours!



## 2026 High School Sports Physicals

SSM Health Sports Medicine is offering **FREE** Sports Physicals for our partnered High Schools. You **MUST** sign up on the link below in order to receive a physical.

Please sign up with the link below or the QR code

Please sign up for one 10 minute appointment slot, but please allow up to 45 minutes for your appointment. Be sure to sign up with the child receiving the physicals name, not the parents name. Please note there are several dates and locations available.

Your child **MUST** be entering high school at one of the following High Schools:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D44A\\_4A728A7FEC61-63640109-2026](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D44A_4A728A7FEC61-63640109-2026)

Bayless High School  
Belleville East High School  
Belleville West High School  
Bishop DuBourg High School  
Collinsville High School  
Duchesne High School  
Hillsboro High School  
Lutheran North High School

Lutheran South High School  
Kirkwood High School  
Notre Dame High School  
Orchard Farm High School  
Pattonville High School  
Ursuline Academy  
Vianney High School  
Visitation Academy

### Questions?

Contact Katie Smith at  
[Katie.Smith2@ssmhealth.com](mailto:Katie.Smith2@ssmhealth.com)  
Or call 833-776-7767

Please have the completed  
MSHSAA Medical History Form  
complete when you arrive.

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# DINE OUT FOR DUCHESNE

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**20% OF ALL SALES WILL BE DONATED TO DHS!**  
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Get ready for a night of tropical fun!

**14 AUGUST, 2026**

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# Ballpark BONANZA

**Monday, May 11  
vs. St Dominic @ BMAC**

 **4:30PM BBQ**  
 **YARD GAMES**  
 **5:30PM BASEBALL GAME**



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