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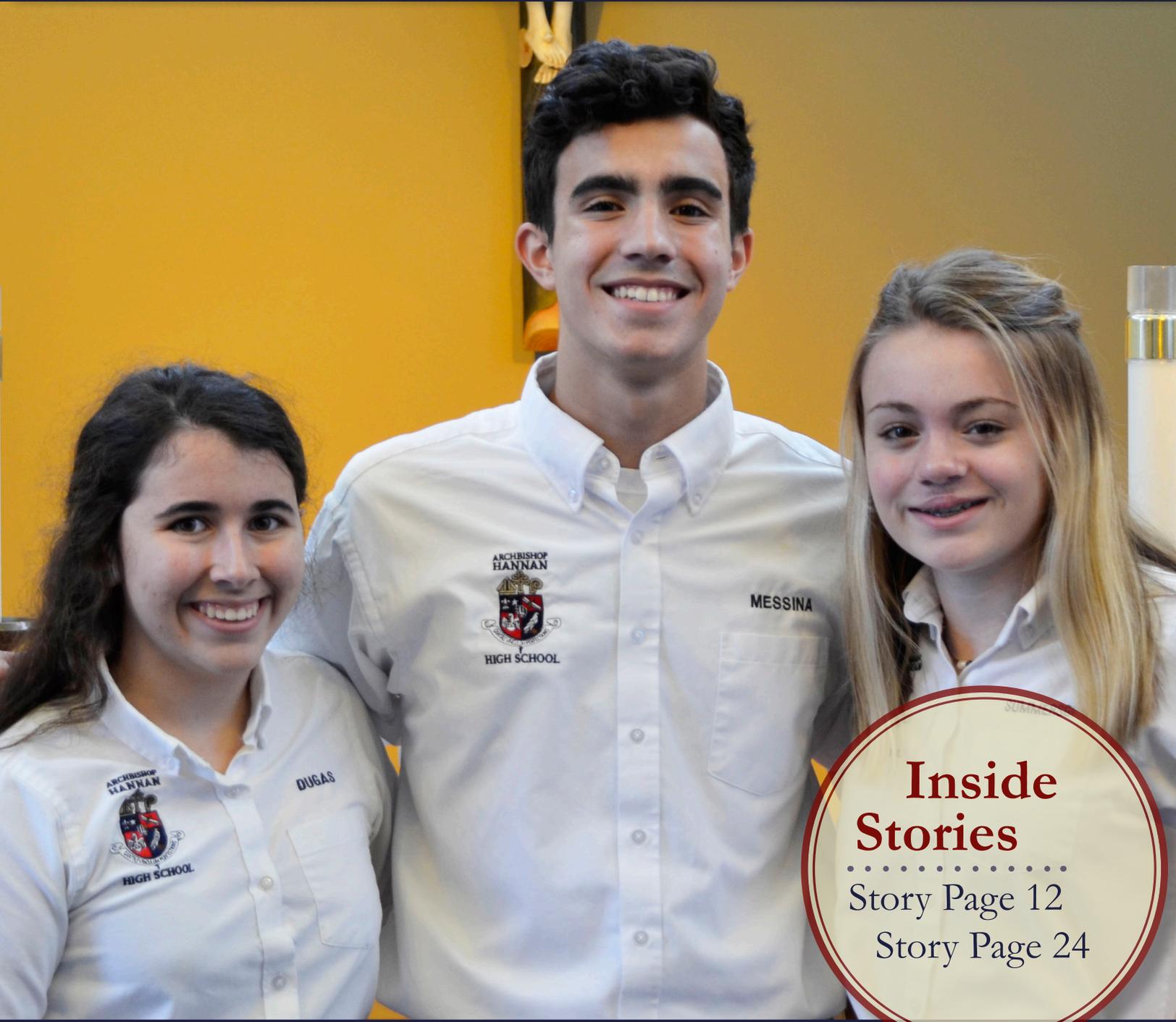


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From the Principal's Desk

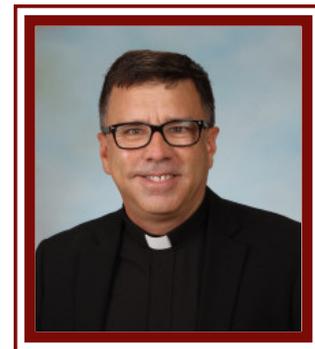
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I always considered my birthday (July 6, just in case you wondering) a great opportunity to throw a party and celebrate with my friends and family. It was all about me, from the moment I woke up until that midnight bell tolled the beginning of another year. I reveled at the milestones in my life ... turning 18 and entering adulthood, turning 21 and beginning the age of maturity, turning 30 and actually feeling like an adult, turning 35 and beginning to actually act like a mature adult. Sometime around the big 4-0 things began to change. For some strange reason, the thought of celebrating 40, 45, 50 and now 55 didn't give me the quite the same buzz as those birthday celebrations in the days of yore. At first, I thought it was a fear of growing older. Well duh, sure that's part of it. The truth is that my desire to celebrate these birthdays with those I love hasn't changed. What has changed is WHY I do it. My birthday is no longer a commemoration of everything Charlie. It's now an opportunity to remember and toast the people and events that have blessed my life these 55 years.

This year Archbishop Hannan High School celebrates its 30th birthday. In preparation, I sat down with my colleagues to begin mapping out how we wanted to celebrate this momentous moment in our school's history. Ideas stemmed from the grand (erecting a statue of Archbishop Hannan in the front of the school), to the slightly less grand but more doable (recreating the class composites damaged in the hurricane), to the sublime (reinforcing the importance of "the Hannan Way" throughout the year). The more I reflected on them and this year, the more I came to realize that the most significant things we could do to mark this 30th birthday is to simply take the opportunity to show our gratitude to God for this school and what it has given each of us. What better way to express our gratitude for the many ways God has blessed our school and each of us through this school than to gather as a faith community for Mass. On January 22, 2018 at 6:30 PM in the Archbishop Hannan Gymnasium, the entire Hannan Family is invited to gather with Archbishop Gregory Aymond for a Mass of Thanksgiving celebrating the school's 30th anniversary.

With every birthday that passes we grow (at least we hope we do) wiser and more appreciative of those people and events that transformed us into who we are today.

Archbishop Hannan High School has come a long way since 1987. Like a phoenix, it has arisen from ashes of Hurricane Katrina in a new shell, but with its soul intact. Yes, we have a lot to celebrate and even more to give thanks. I know we will do both in our own Hannan Family fashion, by gathering together, remembering the past, looking forward to the future, laughing, eating, and welcoming anyone who wants to join us. It's the Hannan Way.



Fr. Charles Latour, O.P.

P r i n c i p a l

Curriculum Corner: *Thriving At Thirty*

By: *Donalyn Hassenboehler*

In 2015, we were happy to announce that College Board named Gabby LeBlanc and Hannah Summersgill as National Merit-Semifinalists. They were the first for this honor since Archbishop Hannan High School moved to the Northshore. To prove that our academic rigor remained strong, in 2016, Maddie Foley and Kedrick Hebert were named National Merit Semi Finalists.



Over 1.6 million juniors took the 2016 PSAT/ NMSQT. This year 2017, in concert with Archbishop Hannan High School's thirtieth year, College Board named three of our students as National Merit Semi-finalists: Isabella Dugas, Michael Messina, and Isabella Summersgill. On this test, all these students scored in the 99%ile of all the other juniors in the country taking the test. We are exceptionally

proud of them for qualifying for this honor. They are now completing their portfolios, required for advancing to the next level. We are confident that they will earn the National Merit Finalist status.

A first for Archbishop Hannan High School is that College Board also named two Hannan seniors to receive National Merit Commendations: Kaitlyn Allen and Nino Bonura. College Board recognizes students for their exceptional academic promise demonstrated by their outstanding performance on the qualifying test used for program entry.

Meanwhile, this October another group of academically strong 11th grade students will be taking the PSAT/NMSQT in hopes of earning the same recognition next year. We will also be giving the PSAT/ NMSQT to our 10th graders so they can have practice taking this type of test, a preliminary SAT.

ACT RISING PERFORMANCE

The Class of 2017 has shown more “thriving at thirty” on the ACT. Based on the Profile of the Graduating Class 2017, Hannan continues to experience improvement every year of our ACT scores. Hannan continues to surpass both the State and National ACT averages in all the areas of Reading, English, Mathematics, and Science. The Five-Year Trend report shows continuous rise for all five years in all the subjects, some as high as 4 ACT points higher than state averages and 1.1 ACT points higher than our own Reading ACT score the year before. In fact, it is 8th consecutive year of rising scores.

Archbishop Hannan High School never rests on its laurels; we believe in constant and consistent academic improvement, as demonstrated by academic data such as ACT/PSAT/SAT scores. The average ACT score of Honors students is 26; the average ACT score of AP students is 29; and 16% of all students scored above 30 on the ACT.

Based on the increased rigor of the curriculum, we look forward to a continued rise in our average ACT scores. Every Hannan student takes the ACT, and students

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*Not one, not two, but
three National Merit
Semi-Finalists*
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are encouraged to take the SAT, the two national college entrance exams. Our next academic goal is to get our math ACT above 24.3 during the next two/three years. It rose .7 ACT points last year.

AP EXAMS: 83% EARN COLLEGE CREDIT

With a rigorous curriculum and excellent classroom teachers, Hannan has increased our pass rate to 83% from 12 different AP courses offered. Students pass the AP exams and earn college credit when they score at least 3 out of 5 on any AP exam. Many students earned 4's and 5's on their AP exams. After a recent Student Assembly, in the THIRD Annual Bell Ringing tradition, students who earned college credit on their



AP Exams Continued..



College Board also names various levels of AP Scholars, based on scores on their exams. This year College Board recognized many Archbishop Hannan High School students for these additional honors.

AP Scholars are students who received scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams.

Kedrick Hebert Class of 2017	Olivia Maurer
Miranda Kramer Class of 2017	Jacob Shelley
Michael Verges	

AP Scholars with Honor are students who received an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken and 3 or higher on four or more exams.

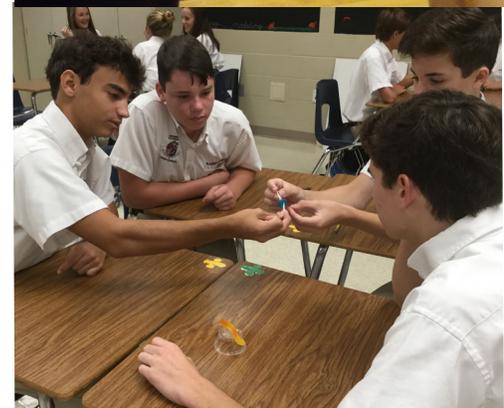
Kaitlyn Allen	Michael Messina
Lauren Burke	Christopher Rabensteiner
Danai Fury Class of 2017	Crag Schexnaydre
Cooper Jordan Class of 2017	Isabella Summersgill
Andrew Maurice Class of 2017	

AP Scholars with Distinction are students who received an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken and 3 or higher on five or more exams.

Isabel Bolner Class of 2017	Lily Hickey
Lena Decker Class of 2017	Olivia Kelley Class of 2017
Elizabeth Denham Class of 2017	Karl Schreiner Class of 2017
Isabell Dugas	Elizabeth Whitworth Class of 2017
Madeline Foley Class of 2017	

National AP Scholars are students who have scored 4 or higher on eight or more exams.

Karl Schreiner Class of 2017



SPRINGING AT THIRTY: 2017 HONOR ROLL

In September 2017, Archbishop Hannan High School recognized at an Honor Roll Assembly those students who earned the right to be on the two honor roles during the second semester of the 2016-2017 school year. Students (91) were named to the Crimson Honor Roll for earning between 3.50 to 3.79 GPA with no grade below a C. The students (209) on the Principal's Honor Roll earned 3.8 GPA and above with no grade below a B.

THRIVING IN TOPS AND OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS

The Class of 2017 earned GPA's and ACT/SAT test scores that awarded them over \$8.5 Million (compared to 2016 total of \$6.7 Million), not including TOPS. Ninety-four (94%) of the Class of 2017 received TOPS scholarships.

STEM (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, MATH) AND DE (DUAL ENROLLMENT) HELP HANNAN THRIVE AT THIRTY

Hannan has added two STEM strands to the curriculum, which becomes their elective for all four years in a consecutive program. Participating in the nationally renowned Project Lead the Way (PLTW), students can follow one of two strands: Engineering or Biomedical.

Students can also now earn up to 18 college credits through Dual-Enrollment courses in English, Spanish, and math, in partnership with Southeastern Louisiana University





Student Activities

Celebrate 30 Years

By: Charles Baird

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This past summer, our E-Board came back to school for the month of June and July to organize and implement the first ever lock-in student council retreat in our library on July 29th. Alumni Alyssa Dowell and James Estopinal Jr. organized and led the activities. The coordinators kept the student council members engaged by hosting a guest speaker who emphasized looking at their individual strengths and bringing those individual strengths together to make this school year the best yet. They also worked on their bulletin boards and participated in several bonding and mind-challenging games. During the evening, the E-board prepared for the 7th annual New Student Orientation themed “Hannan’s Olympic Games.” This year there were 139 new students so the officers had their hands full. Working as a well-oiled machine, the new students participated in games, went on school tours, learned about school history and traditions, and saw several entertaining skits of what to do and what not to do as a Hannan student so that every minute was occupied with smiles, laughter, competition, and discussions.

On Saturday, August 19th, we hosted our annual Back to School Dance with the theme “Throwback to School.” There were over 450 students in attendance – dancing the night away to the classic hits of the 80s and, of course, a mix with some of the hits from today, all provided by our DJ James Estopinal Jr.

Club Day was held on August 24th for all students. Twenty-five clubs had student representatives to explain their membership requirements and had sign-up sheets for all interested students. The most popular club was one of our newest clubs – Ping Pong. Hannan is also starting a 4H Club this year.

In September, Nathan Estopinal, District II President, travelled to Pineville, LA., representing the parishes of St. Tammany, Washington, & Tangipahoa to help plan the 68th State Convention at Captain Shreveport this upcoming January.

Friday, September 22nd was the Annual Fall Sports Pep Rally which was the loudest and most spirited event ever held at Hannan with every grade getting into the act. MC's were Michael Messina and Olivia Maurer. Players from the four fall sports and our three year-round sports competed in a variety of activities involving other sports techniques as well as some crowd favorites. As the pep rally ended, the seniors, juniors, and sophomores were neck and neck with spirit and enthusiasm. The difference maker came down to placing in every competition. The winning class was the Sophomores led by president Justin Mouledous.

AND NOW FOR OUR UPCOMING EVENTS

Student Council - Homecoming:

Homecoming Court results were announced on Thursday, August 31st and they are as follows.

Freshmen Maid: Ava Rietschel

Freshmen Duke: Nicholas Gonzales

Sophomore Maid: Julia Ernst

Sophomore Duke: Justin Mouledous

Juniors Maids: Sarah Labbe & Kara Poche

Junior Dukes: Shawn Beattie & Cameron O'Brien

Seniors Maids: Abigail Anger, Logan Bodet, Maggie Dittman, & Olivia Maurer

Senior Dukes: Logan Durey, Nick Lucido, Michael Messina & Chris Rabensteiner

Homecoming activities will be the week of October 9th – 13th and includes the Powderpuff Game, the Homecoming Parade, Pep Rally and Bonfire, the Homecoming Game and Dance.



Student Activities Continued

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Student council officers Abby Anger, senior, and Nathan Estopinal, sophomore, are the current Southern Association of Student Council (SASC) Parliamentarians and are working diligently to help the host school, Ocoee High School in Orlando, Florida, with the upcoming Annual Convention on October 27-29. This is the first time in the history of our school that we have two students serving as SASC officers for the 17 southeastern states.

On Tuesday, October 31st, we will be hosting our 8th Annual PINK Pep Rally to support the Mary Byrd Perkins Breast Cancer Society of St. Tammany Parish. The students will dress down with a minimum donation of \$1.00 by “Pinking Out” from head to toe and then competing in the fall activities. Last year, the school community raised over \$1,400.00, so the goal for this year is to top that amount and reach \$1,500.00.

For the third year, we will host a motivational speaker for the student body. This year, Mrs. Kelsey Tainsh, will speak to our students on Thursday, November 16th about bullying and what it means to lead and build a family atmosphere of community within a high school. This event will be sponsored by our Parents’ Club.

Key Club – Rally for District 13

The Key Club will be hosting a rally for District 13 on October 21st. President Catherine Kuracur will take the lead in this event as all district clubs work together to listen to inspirational speakers, learn valuable leadership skills, participate in a service project, and meet Key Clubbers from all over the St. Tammany Parish! Fall Rally teaches all members about how to become even more engaged in Key Club by learning what Key Club truly stands for and how you can do your part to support and volunteer throughout our community.



Senior Events:

On Saturday, July 22nd, at Mary Queen of Peace Catholic School, the Class of 2018 sponsored their Annual Car Wash. Seniors charged only \$5 per car but tips were kindly accepted. The senior officers were go getters this year as they held a 2nd Car Wash on Saturday, August 12th at St. Anselm's. Both events were both successful and raised over \$1,000.00 for the senior class trip.

The Class of 2018 celebrated their traditional Ring Mass on Thursday, August 10th and had their Annual Ring Parade the following morning. This year, the seniors also participated in the first Senior Ring Dinner Dance at our gym. They enjoyed dinner from 700 pm to 800 pm followed by a great mix of popular hits by DJ James Estopinal from 800 pm to 930 pm.

Kaitlyn Allen, senior vice-president said, "It was an amazing opportunity for me and my class to transition into the new school year and bond as a senior class, as we prepare to take on our last year of high school together," while senior Craig Schexnaydre said, "This was a fantastic way to start off the year because it allowed us to bond with other seniors and truly enjoy ourselves without having to worry about the

chaos of all the back to school activities for one evening."

On Saturday, September 23rd, the senior class hosted the 3rd Annual Digs Beach Volleyball Tournament. Four intermediate teams and three advanced teams competed for the title. The tournament was set up as double-elimination with the official referees being Hannan Varsity Volleyball players. The winning team from each bracket received Yeti tumblers. Students and adults competed vigorously with Team Layla winning the advanced bracket and Team Savage winning the intermediate bracket.

The seniors are continuing to fundraise vigorously to help with the cost of their senior trip. Some new additions that were added are the sale of "Keep Christ in Christmas" garden flags, the selling of raffle tickets for a pair of Saints tickets, as well as the start of seniors "Flamingoing" their way to Disney by "flocking" people, whereby anyone can have a friend or neighbor flocked with 15 pink flamingos in their front lawn for two days. Along with these, the seniors also have their annual 50/50 sales at all home football games.

The Class of 2018 will continue their traditional class bonding experience with the Ropes Challenge Course on October 2, 3, and 4.



Class of 2017 Is One For the Books

By: Nancy Baird

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The Class of 2017 completed their time as Hawks last May and left us to pursue their dreams and aspirations; however, their spirit and legacy remain alive today at Hannan. This talented group of seniors will be remembered for their many academic achievements and their involvement in every phase of Archbishop Hannan High School. Though we will miss them, we are proud to see the members of the Class of 2017 head into their futures with determination, motivation, and a quest to live out the “Hannan Way.”

The seniors began the year with the celebration of their Ring Mass and the “Ropes” course, which is a bonding

activity designed to focus the class on teamwork and collaboration for their last year of high school. They then worked throughout the year to raise money for their Senior Trip. As a class, they attended Grad Bash and their senior class retreat in April, which signaled the beginning of the end of year celebration. Both activities brought the class together in a very special way. After exams in late April, the class enjoyed their last day as Hawks with the annual senior crawfish boil and senior countdown.

Excitement filled the air as 101 seniors, dressed in their caps and gowns, celebrated their Baccalaureate Mass at St. Anselm Church on May 9, 2017. Fr. Charles Latour officiated the Mass that began with the presentation of the special symbols representing the mission of Archbishop Hannan High School. After Mass, an awards presentation was held and deserving students received a variety of scholarships and awards. Baccalaureate concluded with the traditional crowning of Mary at the Marian Grotto and a reception for the Class of 2017.



On May 12, 2017, the graduating Class of 2017 arrived at First Baptist Church dressed in their white gowns and tuxedos anxiously awaiting the diplomas they worked so very hard to earn. St. Paul's Junior ROTC Color Guard began the evening with the presentation of the colors as seniors Camille Bechac and Isabel Bolner sang the National Anthem beautifully. In the invocation, Fr. Charles Latour asked for a moment of silence to remember the life and legacy of Archbishop Philip M. Hannan.

Sydney Bagby, the 2017 Class President, served as the emcee for the event.

In her address, Salutatorian Lena Decker reflected on her years and noted that the most important lesson she would remember is the value of love and charity towards others that she learned throughout her years at Hannan. Our valedictorian Karl Schreiner described his class as “a bold class, an innovating class, a class that gives me courage in the face of what could be a more dismal future.” He remarked, “The Class of 2017 will go places. They will create a world I can only dream of now, a world that would make Archbishop Philip M. Hannan proud.”

The much-anticipated Crystal Award presentation recognized many of our seniors who made outstanding progress in each of the subject areas. In addition to the Valedictorian and Co-Salutatorian awards, crystal award

“*The Class of 2017 will go places*”

winners were Cecilia Cochran, English Language Arts Excellence award; Olivia Kelley, Claire Landry Social Studies Excellence Award; Andrew Maurice, Mathematics Excellence award; Karl Schreiner, the Science Excellence award, Madelyn Foley, the Theology Excellence award; Camille Bechac, the Fine Arts Excellence award; Elizabeth Whitworth the Foreign Language Excellence award; Miranda Kramer and Sydney Williams, the Outstanding Female Athlete award, David Witte, the Outstanding Male Athlete award; Isabel Bolner, the Larry Martin Award for School Loyalty; Lindsey Osbon the Sybil Skansi Outstanding Service award; Blake Powers, the Paulette Krause School Spirit award; Sydney Bagby the Msgr. Robert Massett Leadership Award, Matthew Bennett, the John Serio Heritage award; and Madelyn Foley the Archbishop Philip M. Hannan Outstanding Graduate award.

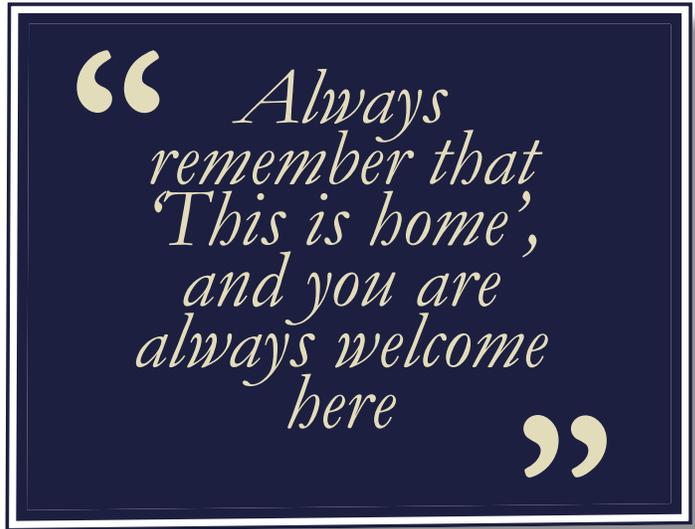




Class of 2017 Continued

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One of the many highlights of the evening was the musical duet by seniors Camille Bechac and Isabel Bolner who sang, “The Call” from the Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian. It was a beautiful rendition and showcased just some of the talent in the Class of 2017.

After the ceremony, the fun continued with Project Graduation, which provided the seniors one last activity to enjoy as the Class of 2017. Games, food, prizes and fun rounded out this most memorable evening as students left with a goody bag and a huge prize to begin their new lives as college students. This event was organized and worked by the junior parents and was chaired by Mrs. Bethel, Mrs. Vollenweider, and Mrs. Messina; and the entire project was overseen by senior parents Alice Bonura and Cheri Hueschen.



We can't wait to hear about the great things the Class of 2017 will accomplish in the future. Always remember that “This is Home” and you are always welcome her

Kairos: Entering Into God's Time

By: *Ryan Cosse'*

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Retreats are one of the most important aspects of any Christian's faith journey. They provide an environment where we can leave behind the busyness of life and enter into a quiet space that allows for reflection, renewal, and community. Retreats offer the opportunity for us to explore our purpose and our beliefs and to find time to communicate with God without distractions. They allow us to exit out of the normal, hectic time of our everyday lives and enter into God's time.

This is where the Kairos Retreat comes in. Kairos is a Greek word meaning the right time or an opportune moment of grace; this term has been adapted by Christians to mean "God's time." This moment is what the Kairos Retreat truly allows to happen. It allows for students to enter into a moment of time that is no longer solely theirs, but one they share with God. It is a unique experience for many students, and one that I am excited to bring to Archbishop Hannan High School for the first time.

As Campus Minister, I have heard two requests from many students: 1) they wished they had a second retreat their senior year, and 2) they wished they had a longer retreat so they could enter more deeply into their faith lives. Having had experience with retreats similar to Kairos, I immediately thought that it would be a perfect fit for our students. It would allow an opportunity for those students who are becoming young adults to experience their faith in a new and mature way and provide an environment where students could become spiritual leaders.



Kairos Continued

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The retreat itself is a four-day retreat based on the four weeks of St. Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises. The retreat revolves around both the personal and communal aspect of faith. It calls each individual student to recognize who he is as a beloved child of God, who God has called him to be, and how he can live out that call in his community. The extended period of time allows students to step out of their comfort zones in ways they possibly haven't before and to break down barriers they may put up between God and others. The retreat itself is supposed to have a certain mystery around it, so that each student's experience of it is unique and new.

I am greatly looking forward to introducing our students to Kairos this year. I believe that once they go on it, their lives will never be the same. We will offer our first retreat this November during the weekend after Thanksgiving – November 24-27. More information on how and where to sign up will be coming soon. I hope to see many Hawks take advantage of this special opportunity



New Faculty and Staff Bring Many Talents To Hannan

By: Ashley Puntila

Our new faculty members worked hard over the summer to prepare for the upcoming school year. New Teacher Orientation gave our newest additions to Hannan a chance to learn about our academic expectations, disciplinary procedures, extracurricular offerings, and mentor program, which partners each newly-hired teacher with a current faculty member. Mentors were present at New Teacher Orientation in order to assist our first-year Hawks and quickly make them feel at home. Even before New Teacher Orientation, these faculty members learned about Hannan's technology program, meeting for various trainings in iPad usage, lesson planning, and Gradebook programs. Many new teachers completed their Apple iPad Teacher Badges to familiarize themselves with this technology. They met the remainder of the faculty and staff at our retreat held at the Solomon Episcopal Retreat Center on August 1st. We

learned about each other's strengths and recognized how we can use our strengths in working with others. We were excited to see how our new teachers complement our well-rounded faculty as they bring their own gifts and talents to the table.

The Fine Arts department welcomes the additions of Band Director Mr. Matthew Soukup as well as Mrs. Kristina Dale, Choir Director. We look forward to seeing our performing Hawks soar to new heights under their leadership.

The Hannan Communications team is excited to have Mr. Trey Labat on board to run the Video Production classes as well as manage the Hannan website. Utilizing his experience working for a newspaper, Mr. Labat is striving to ensure that our Hawk achievements receive recognition in outside media. He will also assist with the boys soccer team. Ms. Darian Miller is our new Publications teacher and also instructs courses in Graphic Design, Creative Writing, and Digital Photography. Ms. Miller will serve as an assistant bowling coach.

In addition to Miller and Labat, the English department has two other new faces, though one is already extremely familiar with the Hannan campus. Ms. Rebecca Sigler, Class of 2013, is excited to return home and teach English II, English III, and English III AP as well as work with Student Council.



New Faculty and Staff Continued

Ms. Grace Clement brings with her several years of experience as she teaches English I and English IV Honors, runs Homework Hall, and assists with National Honor Society, and perform several administrative duties.



Our Math department's new teachers include Mr. Jason Moran, who teaches Algebra 8 and Physical Science, and Mr. Owen Francis, who instructs the Coding course and brings with him over thirty years of experience as an engineer. Geometry is now taught by Mrs. Elizabeth Novak; students may recognize her from her role as a long-term substitute at the end of last year. We are happy to have her officially on board this school year. Our new Algebra I teacher is Coach Carmon Moore.

In addition to Mr. Moran, Mrs. Elizabeth Mercer has joined our Science staff, serving as the instructor for Biology I, Earth Science, and Environmental Science Honors. Our sole addition to the Foreign Language department is Mr. Michael Killeen for Spanish II and Spanish III. Mr. Killeen also assists with the National Honor Society and Spanish Honor Society. Though not new to our school, our Campus Minister Mr. Ryan Cosse has his first teaching experience with Theology 8 this year.

The PE department's first-year Hawk teachers also have a valuable role on our football staff. Coach Steven Soper, PE instructor, is the Offensive Coordinator for our football team. Taking the reins of our Strength and Conditioning program,



Coach Timmy Falter is Offensive Line coach and head coach of the JV football program. Coach Falter serves as an assistant wrestling coach as well.

The boys and girls basketball programs have both undergone changes in the head coaching positions. Coach Errol Gauff brings with him valuable experience at both the high school and college levels as he now serves as head coach for boys basketball. Teaching World Geography and World History, Coach Gauff is our only addition to the Social Studies department. Another veteran coach who has been added to our program is Coach Carmon Moore, head girls basketball coach and junior high coach for our football program. Archbishop Hannan High School is looking forward to seeing what the future holds for our basketball programs under their leadership.

We welcome all of our additions to our Hannan faculty and are confident that they will further strengthen our academic, athletic, and extracurricular programs through the sharing of their time, experience, and talents.





Athletics Growing By Leaps and Bounds

By: Joe Hines

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Since arriving on campus in 2011, I have seen tremendous growth at Archbishop Hannan in so many different ways. The student enrollment has more than doubled to its current size of 613, and we have transitioned from a 1A to a 3A school. Our facilities have expanded with the additions of a new wing of classrooms, a pavilion adjacent to our cafeteria, a band room, and a library. For athletics, we have built a football/soccer field, an adjacent practice field for all of our outdoor sports including Physical Education classes, and a weight room for all of our young men and women to use.

Just as our physical plant has grown so has our coaching staff. We have nearly doubled the number of coaches that lead our athletic teams. Hannan now has a bowling team and a wrestling team to add to our list of sports available as well as a full time trainer through Ochsner Hospital.

Our teams have succeeded both on the field and on the floor with several state championships in softball and state runner-up finishes in softball, volleyball, girls powerlifting, girls soccer, and football. We have won numerous district championships in the sports of baseball, boys basketball, girls basketball, cross country, golf, girls soccer, softball, track, and volleyball.

Our coaches strive to form athletes who succeed in sports and in the classroom. By promoting the value of academics, our coaches work to create well-rounded athletes. Through various character-building programs, our athletes learn the importance of living out the Hannan Way. This has been exemplified through the numerous accolades our scholar-athletes have achieved. We have had many athletes recognized as part of the LHSAA All-Academic Scholar Athlete Program. Several athletes have earned the title of National Merit Scholar.

In addition, three student-athletes received appointments to military academies. The desire to pursue both academics and athletics beyond Hannan has been apparent in the increased number of college signings over the last few years.

As we approached the 30th anniversary of Archbishop Hannan High School, we took a major step in recognizing our past through the creation of the Archbishop Hannan Sports Hall of Fame. Looking into the future, it is important that we acknowledge the early successes of our athletic programs and the coaches and athletes who modeled the Hannan Way. We have had two classes inducted to the Hall of Fame and are looking forward to continuing this celebration of our sports history.



Meet the Communications Team

By: Craig Fiedler

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You may have noticed some changes to communications to kick-off the 2017-18 school year. In a response to our growing school community, we have assembled a team who is responsible for the school's communication efforts. Here are a few updates and changes for the upcoming year:

1. Less emails! We know that your inboxes have been full with Hannan correspondence in years past. This year, we plan to focus Hannan Happenings through our weekly newsletter that is sent each week on Monday.
2. More Social Media – three main school Facebook accounts for in-school news, athletics and alumni have been created for this year. If you haven't already, "like" one or all of our social media accounts. More information regarding school events, athletic competitions and alumni successes are posted through these outlets. Follow us on Instagram and Twitter too!
3. Website – stories and highlights from the week are posted daily on the homepage of our school's website. This is a great place to catch news articles from our students, teachers and local newspaper coverage. It is also a good place to reference the school's calendar to see upcoming events and perhaps changes that take place.

The Communication Team's mission is to promote the school by highlighting student life (athletics, student activities, the arts and campus ministry) through regular news and social media postings. Our goals are to streamline all forms of communication, be effective and accurate and drive visitors to our website for more detailed information.

Meet the team!

- Jill Hogan (Registrar and Special Events) – leads the Communications Team, manages the school calendar and sends student articles and pictures to local newspapers and magazines
- Kayla Siemann (Director of Alumni Relations) – manages social media accounts (excluding athletics)
- Trey Labat (Public Relations and Website Manager) – manages website content, web news stories, press releases and Twitter
- Darian Miller (Publications Manager) – coordinates photographers for school events and production of the Yearbook and The Hannan Way



- Michael Perniciaro (Athletic Social Media Manager)
– manages the Athletic social media accounts

If you have any questions or would like coverage of a certain event or student success, please email communications@hannanhigh.org. We look forward to ongoing coverage that highlights our school community!



Hawks Celebrate Their 30th Anniversary

By: Craig Fiedler



For many, turning 30 is an overwhelming experience. One's graduation from the 20s calls into focus the exit from the "good ol' days" of college campus life and further emphasizes the increasing

responsibilities of adulthood. Once 30 passes, our decade markers of 40, 50, 60 and so on become more of a reality and a reminder of how precious time is.



For Archbishop Hannan High School, our 30th anniversary is much more than a celebration. It is a reminder of how far we have come as a community and how much we have to look forward to in the future. As we reflect on the past 30 years and move into this next chapter, let's recall how it all began:

On October 14, 1986, Archbishop Philip M. Hannan appeared before the St. Bernard Parish Police Jury to announce the first Roman Catholic high school in St. Bernard Civil Parish. This announcement fulfilled the dreams of parents seeking Catholic secondary education for their children. In acknowledgement and appreciation of the Archbishop's numerous accomplishments, the people of St. Bernard asked that the high school be named in his honor.

Archbishop Hannan High School first opened its doors in September, 1987. For the first three weeks, classes were held on the grounds of Our Lady of Prompt Succor Parish School, under the direction of founding Principal John Serio. On September 24, 1987, with a handful of students and seven faculty, the school moved to the Meraux campus.



Years later, after the school had established itself in the St. Bernard community, school life would drastically change. Our school's history is indelibly marked by Hurricane Katrina which forced the school's temporary closure in 2005. Due to widespread devastation, the school was relocated to Covington, LA, and for two years students were graciously hosted by St. Joseph's Abbey. In 2007, the school was officially moved into its new home on 71324 Highway 1077. It is here that we celebrate the school's tremendous journey to thirty.

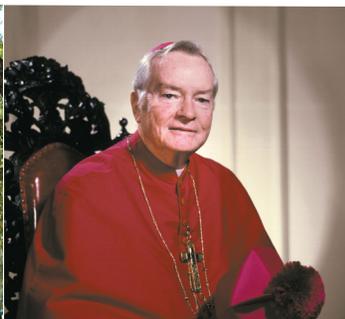
The school's relocation to Covington was not an easy transition. In the earlier years, immediately following the storm, the school experienced its own growing pains. Nonetheless, a committed faculty, staff and administration would ensure the school's success and continuation of "The Hannan Way" – a philosophy that embodies integrity and a personal commitment to excellence. It is precisely through this "way" that the school grew from its 230 student enrollment in 2010 to its current student body of 613.

In the past ten years, Archbishop Hannan High School has become a thriving school community. Academically, we have seen tremendous success. Our ACT scores continue to rise; in the past 3 years alone, we have had 7 National Merit Semifinalist and/or finalists; our athletic teams are competing in (and winning) district and state championships; clubs and other student led organizations continue to teach

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the importance of true leadership. As students graduate, they have a deeper appreciation for who they are as sons and daughters of God – the true mark of a Catholic high school education.

So this year, as we celebrate 30, we celebrate the many individuals who have crossed our path as Archbishop Hannan students, alumni, parents, grandparents, faculty, staff and friends. We celebrate these individuals (and each one of you reading "The Hannan Way"), because without each and every one of you, we would not be where we are today.





Hawks Hall of Fame

By: Bekki Bonnafee



On Friday, September 22, 2017, Principal, Fr. Charles Latour and Athletic Director, Joe Hines welcomed the 3rd class of Archbishop Hannan Athletic Hall of Fame inductees at half time of the Hannan vs. Christian Life game. Fr. Charles, along with the help and support of founding Principal, John Serio, recognizes the major role athletics played in the beginning stages of the school and hopes to honor those graduate-athletes who helped Hannan make its mark in the New Orleans area. Today, we strive to continue those competitive traditions. This year's inductees will be formally inducted at the Hall of Fame Banquet on Thursday, February 22, 2018 at the Tchefuncte Country Club in Covington. Tickets will be sold through Archbishop Hannan.

The inductees are nominated and voted on by committee. Nomination forms can be found on the Archbishop Hannan website. Anyone can make a nomination.

2015 Archbishop Hannan Hall of Fame Inductees:

- Shannon Hergert Boyne, Class of '94
- Charlie Natividad, Class of '92

2016 Archbishop Hannan Hall of Fame Inductees:

- Shannon Brown Darsam, Class of '92
- Kim Miller Palazzolo, Class of '92

Angelo Lauro, Class of '92

Rick Stephenson, Class of '92

Fred Schule, Class of '94

2017 Archbishop Hannan Hall of Fame Inductees:

Ashley Lopez Flauss, Class of '94

Monique Mones Young, Class of '92

Ronnie Kornick, Class of '92

Jeff Benedic, Class of '96

Troy Muller, Class of '96

David Swan, Class of '93



Hannan Legacy: A Tradition For Generations

By: *Kayla Siemann*

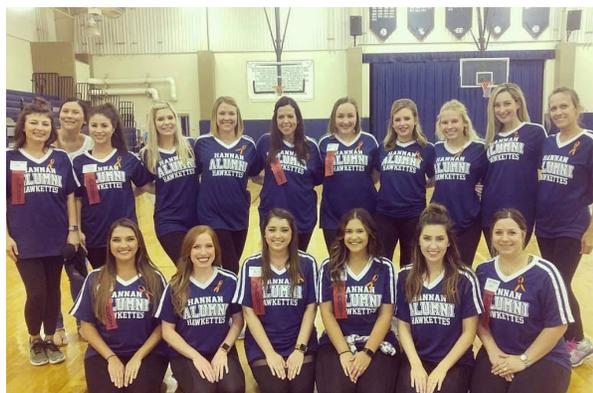
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Legacy is defined by the Merriam-Webster Dictionary as “something transmitted by or received from an ancestor or predecessor or from the past.” Every year, since 1987, hundreds of students have walked the halls of Archbishop Hannan High School, and every year our roots grow deeper. As Hannan alumni, we’ve shared some of the best high school experiences together – school Masses, pep rallies, Friday night football games, community service projects, studying in the library, school dances and Prom, influential and inspiring teachers, Senior Ring Mass and graduation (to name a few). Hannan became more than just a school; it became our home. Our friends and teachers were our family, we were able to grow intellectually and spiritually when we most needed it. We learned what it meant to be a Hannan Hawk. As the years pass by, it’s now time to start passing on the Hannan Way to the next generation of Hawks – our Legacies.

At just 30 years old, Hannan is still considered a young school when compared to other high schools in the New Orleans area. For over 100 years, families have been attending those schools, generation after generation. Finally at Archbishop Hannan, we are excited to see the second generation of Hawks come through our doors. This is just the beginning of what we hope will become a tried-and-true tradition of families attending Hannan. These Legacy students, children of Hannan graduates, are the very definition of the word. As our alumni pass on the Hannan experience to their children, we hope these children will continue the sharing.

There are three Legacy students graduating this year with the Class of 2018, and ten new Legacies who just started in the eighth and ninth grades. To be a Legacy is an honor, and the AHHS Alumni Association would like to recognize this each year. Therefore, a new scholarship has been established to be awarded this spring 2018. The Alumni Legacy Scholarship will recognize a Senior Legacy student who is continuing the Hannan legacy and tradition in their family, is in good academic standing, and shows leadership and involvement in the Hannan community. To further recognize these students, an annual Legacy Lunch will be held each year on campus for Legacies and their alumni parents.

In order to support the Alumni Legacy Scholarship, Legacy Lunch, and other alumni events; we ask that you, the Hannan alumni, give \$5.00 for each year since you have graduated to the AHHS Alumni Association. Any and every gift is appreciated and will directly impact you, our alumni. Your contribution will ensure that the children and grandchildren of your peers experience the Hannan Way for decades to come.





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