

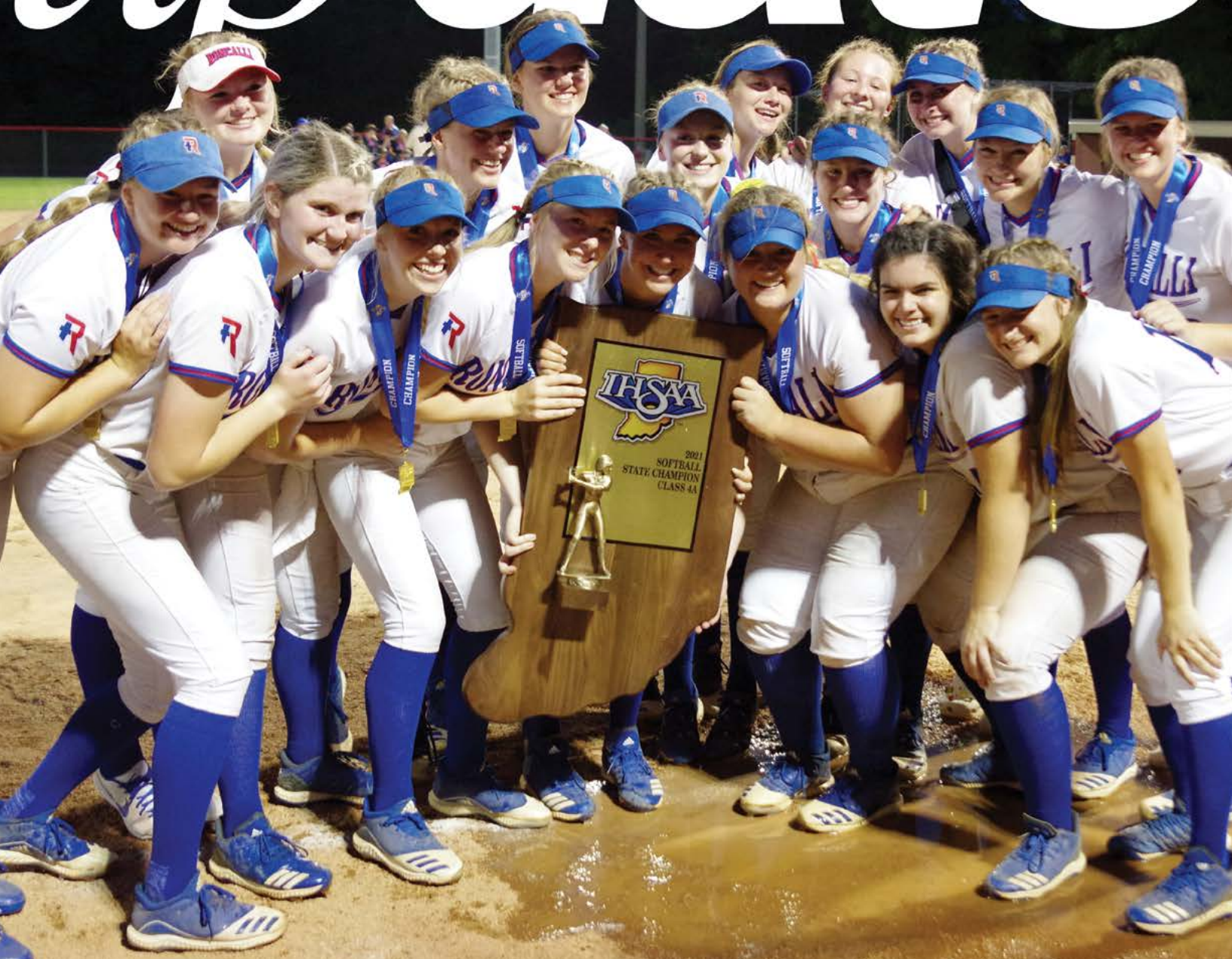


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2021 INDIANA CLASS 4A STATE CHAMPION RONCALLI ROYALS SOFTBALL TEAM

Congratulations on a record-breaking season!

SUMMER UPDATE 2021

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MISSION STATEMENT

Forming disciples of Jesus Christ through the intercession of St. John XXIII

As a Catholic high school, our pledge is to provide, in concert with parents, parish and community, an educational opportunity which seeks to form Christian leaders in body, mind and spirit.

Guided by prayer and the Gospel values of faith, love and justice, students are challenged to respond to the call of discipleship and to fulfill their potential as lifelong learners in service to others.

Our end is to make God's love complete among us.

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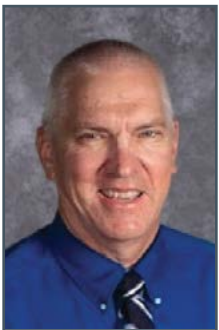
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POINT OF VIEW

Vision and Strategic Planning

Chuck Weisenbach R'79, President

As I assume the role as President of Roncalli High School, I am humbled and honored to have been entrusted with this responsibility and opportunity by the Archdiocesan Office of Catholic Schools and the Roncalli High School Board of Directors.

I have invested my heart and soul into the mission of Roncalli for the past 37 years as a teacher, coach and administrator. I am very excited about my new position and promise to pour every ounce of energy I have into my ministry as president.

My vision is simple. Roncalli High School will provide students and families the best Catholic education and life experience of any high school in the state of Indiana. For years we have had a mission statement that steered us in this direction. We crafted a Graduate Profile a few years back that gives additional depth to our mission statement. This coming August, we are excited to unveil our school's first ever Vision Statement that we feel brings full clarity as to what our ultimate goal is for all students, faculty and staff at Roncalli - ***Forming Disciples of Jesus Christ through the intercession of St. John XXIII.***

The late Archbishop Daniel Buechlein, who was a great champion of Catholic schools, brought many ideas and initiatives with him when he assumed the role as shepherd of our archdiocese in 1992. One of those initiatives was the requirement for high schools to craft long range strategic plans. Nearly twenty years and multiple strategic plans later, one would be hard pressed to walk in our school or around our campus and find something that is not a direct result of the strategic planning process. Some of the more notable items include the following:

- ***STARS/Resource wing***
- ***Chapel of the Sacred Heart***
- ***Guidance offices***
- ***Performing Arts Center***
- ***Science labs***
- ***Stadium and athletic fields***
- ***Ascension St. Vincent Gymnasium***
- ***Classrooms***
- ***Offices***
- ***Kitchen***

So while the goal remains the same - ***to provide our students and families the best Catholic education and life experience of any high school in the state*** - the specifics of how to ensure this goal are still being developed.

As you may have guessed already - some of those specifics are going to be flushed out in our school's newest strategic planning process, which will be unfolding during this upcoming school year.

The strategic planning process will seek feedback from many of our constituents - students, parents, alumni, faculty, staff, South Deanery pastors and principals, benefactors, etc. It will be a comprehensive process facilitated by an external professional company with the finished product (hopefully by March, 2022) serving as our road map for the next two to four years.

As our school community prepares to embark on this next strategic planning process, I ask the following of all in our Roncalli Family:

- Please pray for God's blessings on all aspects of our school's strategic planning process
- Please pray for the successful creation and implementation of our next strategic plan
- Please provide your feedback if/when you receive a survey as a part of the planning process
- Please provide me with your personal feedback if for some reason you do not receive a survey as a part of the planning process

I am excited about the future of Roncalli High School and confident that our continued investment in the strategic planning process is going to serve our school and community very well.

Thank you to each and every person who provides support for Roncalli through prayer, enrollment, gifts in kind, volunteering or financial contributions. We are honored to partner with you in one of God's greatest blessings and one of life's most transformative experiences -

A Catholic Education!

After a most grueling, challenging school year, I pray summer brings ample time for everyone to rest and relax!

God bless you and St. John XXIII, pray for us!



REVELATIONS *Glorify God*

Rev. Robert Robeson, VF, Ph.D., M.Ed.

For the past two years, one of my favorite duties as a priest has been celebrating Mass for the Roncalli football team on Friday afternoons before their games; and then going to watch these young men play on Friday night. As a former high school and college football player, I love exploring the parallels between faith and football – because there are so many. I also love the deep level of reverence and attention that these young men show for the celebration of the Eucharist. The most common theme of my homilies for the football team (as many of them could probably tell you since they all at least appear to be paying attention) is that everything we do should be to glorify God. Whether it is making a tackle or making a block; catching a pass or encouraging our teammates; whether it is studying for an exam or helping out a troubled classmate or going out on the weekend to celebrate a win; everything we say and do should be to honor and glorify God. Give it all – everything we have – not for our own selfish desires but so that God may be glorified in what we do or say on behalf of His Son.

The very fact that we celebrate Mass before playing football every Friday night is a testimony to the power and the importance of the Eucharist in our Catholic faith. It makes a statement. It says that we are Catholic. It says that we desperately need the strength that the Eucharist provides in order to live a life that glorifies God. It says that we believe that when Jesus enters into the world, on the altar, to give himself to us – we are so much stronger, so much more powerful together – as a team, because He unites as His Body.

This is as true for families as it is for our Roncalli football team. Going to Mass on Sunday makes a family stronger. The Eucharist enriches our lives in a way that allows us, individually and together as a family, to glorify God in a more profound way. As members of the Roncalli family, I'd like to ask each of you to make that commitment, every Sunday. Seek the transforming power of the Eucharist to strengthen your family as Jesus Christ offers Himself to you on the altar. Nothing in your life is more important than this. There is no greater gift that you can offer to your family or the Roncalli community than rooting your life in the gift of the Eucharist.

St. John XXIII... Pray for us!



How are you feeling today?

Check in with your co-workers, friends, family and neighbors. Ask them, “How are you feeling today?” Someone you know may be delaying important emergency care, chronic care or emotional care. Remind them to get the care they need.

Remind them to reconnect with their doctor about ongoing care needs, and that delaying care could impact their health in a negative way. Remind them to ask about emotional health needs and health concerns that might be weighing on them.

At Ascension St. Vincent, appointments are available, with strict precautions in place for your safety in our care. Doctors are offering virtual visits. And when your friends and family need care more urgently, our emergency rooms and urgent care clinics are open and ready.

Share this message. And find the care you need at [GetStVincentCare.com](https://www.getstvincentcare.com)





ADVANCEMENT ANGLE

Calling all Volunteers!

Terese R. Carson, Hon'18, Vice President for Institutional Advancement

As we all know, the last 16 months have been anything but normal. In addition to the many changes in our personal and professional lives, we have also not been able to share our time and talents in our usual volunteerism and community service. I am so looking forward to integrating volunteerism back into my schedule on a more regular basis!

Did you know that volunteering provides many benefits to both mental and physical health?

Volunteering helps counteract the effects of stress, anger and anxiety...

Volunteering can help to combat depression...

Volunteering makes you happy...

Volunteering increases self-confidence...

Volunteering provides a sense of purpose...

There are so many other benefits to volunteering, and these are just a few:

Make a difference...

Meet people...

Be part of a community...

Learn new skills...

Take on a challenge...

Gain confidence and a real sense of achievement...

Have fun!

Volunteers at Roncalli have long been the backbone of our community. Volunteers have led all of our capital campaigns to make our campus functional, beautiful and to provide our students with the necessary facilities. Volunteers assist with events in the Advancement Office (Walkathon and Celebration Roncalli), the sales for the Spirit Store, the Roncalli Parents Organization (RPO), the Roncalli Athletic Booster Club (RABC) and the Performing Arts Boosters Club (PABC). The entire Roncalli Board of Directors, and all of the associated committees, is composed of all volunteers. Volunteer coaches, volunteers reading final exams to students, the list is extensive! As the saying goes, it takes a village...

Volunteers at Roncalli often say that they feel immersed in our community when they give their time and talents to the school. As you might imagine, Roncalli is always seeking volunteers for these and many other things! WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! WE NEED YOU!

If you are interested in being a valued volunteer at RHS, please give me a call at 317.788.4098 or email me at tcarson@roncalli.org. We have so many exciting opportunities to be a part of this generous Roncalli Family!

With a servant heart,

Terese R. Carson

Terese R. Carson, Hon'18

Vice President for Institutional Advancement

THANK YOU FOR BEING A LOYAL ROYAL

The last year was one of unprecedented challenges both in and out of the classroom, and in the midst of a global pandemic, Roncalli faculty and staff knew that they needed to do more – for our students, for our families, for one another! They not only showed up but pushed forward enthusiastically. What you may not know is that there was a salary freeze for all employees across the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, which meant that none of the amazing and talented employees of Roncalli High School received a raise in pay.

That didn't deter them. They worked harder. They found creative solutions to challenges they had never experienced before, and they gave an unprecedented effort to ensure the students at Roncalli High School were able to challenge themselves academically, achieve success, stay safe and maintain a bond with their teachers and classmates.

It was different, but it was Roncalli.

In an effort to recognize all that was done and to honor those efforts, the administration of Roncalli High School knew what they needed to do, but they also knew that they needed the support of our always loyal Roncalli family to make it happen.

Together, during Loyal Royal Day of Giving, we raised \$55,834 – all for the faculty and staff who worked tirelessly for our students and families. To our faculty and staff – thank you! To those who supported this campaign and always support Roncalli High School – thank you! It's great to be a Roncalli Royal!

If you would like to discuss a gift or a pledge to Roncalli's Circle of Faith Fund, please contact Terese Carson at (317) 788-4098 or tcarson@roncalli.org.



Loyal Royals who donated \$50 (or more!) to the day of giving received this amazing t-shirt.



Congratulations Class of 2021

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David Jonathan Abplanalp
Christopher Ian Abraham
James Matthew Adams
Luke Patrick Aldrich
Atotozin Citlalli Amezcua
Matthew Thomas Babb
Marina Joann Babcock
Benjamin Thomas Bailey
Sarah Elizabeth Bailey
Alexandria Kathleen Balint
Hayden Thomas Bean
Nicholas Eugene Beckman
Elizabeth Marie Beeson
William Henry
Michael Beikes
Michaela Grace Belden
Lindsey Danielle Benson
Mackenzie Marie Billerman
Rylee Annaliese Billups
Madelyn Grace Bischoff
Alec Braeden Brooking
Dominic Lee Brown
Thomas Patrick Brownfield
Dylan James Bruner
Elijah Phillip Buening
Matthew Samuel
Sering Cabalan
Connor Edward
Cadwallader
Scott Joseph Cahill
Alyssa Marie Candler

Andrea Grace Cannaday
Kassie Ann Carman
Ava Terese Carothers
Abigail Rose Carr
Sofia Kathryn Carr
Mallory Kate Carson
Kaelin Jane Cash
Grace Louise Cassiero
Alejandro Francisco Cerimele
Chloe Catherine Clawson
Mary Isabel Clodfelter
Drew Michael Clouse
Callie Renee Clowers
Evan Michael Coffman
Sarah Elaine Colvin
Katherine Diane Comer
Joseph William Corbett
Cole Charles Cothron
Dylan James Craig
Lauren Blue Crist
Matthew Frederickson
Croddy
Luke Andrew Cromer
Monica Rose Cunningham
Kate Elizabeth Curtis
Hannah Lynn Cushing
Alexandra Renee Dafforn
Elliott Grace Dahltorp
Joseph Charles Dees
Elizabeth Ann Divish

Anthony James Martin
Donahue
Kathleen Rose Doninger
Emily Kathryn Doyle
Joseph Henry Dugan
Alivia Rose Dugger
Kyle Alexander Eckstein
Lucas Oliver Eiland
Joseph Cole Elzea
Allison Sarah England
Savannah Grace Evans
Thomas Alexander Fellmeth
Hayden Patrick Fitzgerald
Noah Matthew Fleming
Eva Catherine Fox
Hayden Robert Fuhrman
Matthew Joseph Gallagher
Samuel Patrick Gallagher
Coby Yahir Garcia
Juan Andres Garcia Ramirez
Chelsea Ivette Garcia-Andalon
Danielle Nicole Gebhart
Ariana Elise Gilley
Lena Marie Gillum
Mya Grace Gonzalez
Celeste Marie Gorbail
Morgan Ashley Grabczak
William Ryan Green
Maxwell Joseph Greene
Nicholas Edward Greene

Alessandro Oliverio Guzman
Sean Michael Haberthy
Ryan Skyler Haggenjos
Rachel Anne Hahn
Elaina Marie Harmon
Keelin Elizabeth Harrington
Veronica Michele Hatfield
Joseph Russell Hayse
Ryan Patrick Henry
Grant Laker Hillan
Brianna Jolynn Himelick
Jacob Michael Hinson
Kathryn Rose Hofmann
Andrew Elijah
William Holm
Gracie Taylor Holok
Lucy Catherine Houser
Nicholas Ray Houtz
Baron James Huebler
Joseph Thomas Hurre
Peyton Rosalie Jones
Benjamin Matthew Kanter
Jacob Michael Kappes
Dylan Joseph Kedra
Erynn McKenzie Kehoe
Olivia Ann Kelley
John Patrick Kesterson
Logan Scott Khairy
Olivia Grace Kill
Mary Niang Khawl Kim

Gregory Arthur Kirkman
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Alexa Nicole Kruse
Christina Louise Kurz
Logan Riley Lahey
Emily Elizabeth Langston
Jazmyn Aleksa Lawry
Margaret Rose Leising
Caroline Ann Leister
Paige Diane Lentz
Elizabeth Cathryne
Lewis-McDonald
Mang Sian Lian
McKenzie Hayes Liegibel
Samuel John Limcaco
Fernanda Elitania
Lopez-Estrada
Zoey Jeanette Lord
Patrick Alexander Luttrell
Cambri Carole Lux
Darbi Patricia Lux
Fiona Madeline Lynch
Carson Andrew Lyngh
Anna June Maddox
Jeremy Alexander Madriz
Jamie Elizabeth Mahin
Connor Joseph Mahoney
Josephine Marie Maloney
Taylor Maddie Markins
Rodrigo Martinez-Reyes
Gabriel Charles Massie

Ethan Edward McGuire
Robert Michael McKay
Gina Nicole McNulty
Kaden Briggs Meek
Logan William Mercuri
Keigan Jerome Miller
Jessica Rene Minor
Luke Benjamin Monroe
John William Moore
Benjamin Lawrence Morgan
Emma Renae Morgan
Samantha Ann Moylan
Sasha Rose Mullen
Sierra Morgan Muse
Ruth Frances Neu
Amelia Ellen Niezgodski
Matthew Arthur Niezgodski
Brendan Michael O'Connor
Brett Michael Oechsle
Luke David Oller
Ryan Lee Papandria
Chloe Nicole Parks
Jessica Ann Parrett
Jacob Cecil Parton
Mary Margaret Peats
Skyler Justus Phillips
Veronica Elise Phillips
Luke Xavier Pittman
Hannah Elizabeth Pollard
Lauren Marie Prather

Caroline Grace Prentice
Colin James Prior
Eliza Jane Rail
Thomas Raymond Ralston
Andrew David Reed
Ryan Michael Remy
Gerardo Godofredo
Rivas-Deassis
Gianna Margaret Romano
Catherine Marie Ruplinger
Jaxson Jay Sandlin
Chiara Michele Schilten
Emma Rose Schneider
Tyler Samuel Schofield
Amaya Isabella Schornack
Annamarie Elaine Schura
Virginia Ruth Sever
Ryan Patrick Shanahan
Ana Guadalupe Silva
Sean Patrick Harrington
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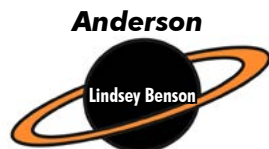
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Raegan Kay Thomas
Abigail Marie Tillar
John Christopher Troxell
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Anna Jacqueline Vane
Grace Elizabeth Vavra
Owen Thomas Volk
Evan Jay Wade
Claire Elisabeth Wagner
Katherine Lynn Walesky
Rosemary Nicole Walters
Matthew Kyle Watson
Graeham Gust Watt
Zoey Marie Webb
Nolan Michael White
Graham Ian Widdifield
Ryan Christopher Wiese
Reese Elizabeth Wiley
Hayden Christopher Willis
Miranda Danielle Wilson
Lucas Anthony Wolf
Joshua William Wormann
Conner Matthew Wray
Alexus Morgan Wright
Bailey Elizabeth Wyeth

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WORLDS OF OPPORTUNITY

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Workforce



Military



Naval Academy



Ball State

Jacob Hinson
Nolan White
Hannah Cushing
Carson Lyngh
Evan Wade
Cambri Lux
Madelyn Bischoff
Matthew Babb
Alex Balint
Ryan Wiese
Sandro Guzman
Rylee Billups
Sierra Muse
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West Point



Indiana University

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Jessica Parrett
Sami Moylan
Drew Reed
Grace Suiaung
Peyton Jones
Mia Niezgodski
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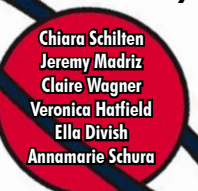
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Reese Wiley
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Fernanda Lopez-Estrada
Savannah Evans
Jessica Minor
Kaden Meek
Dylan Bruner
Graeham Watt
Hayden Bean
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Anna Maddox
Skyler Phillips
Mackenzie Billerman
Genna Sever
Lauren Crist
Monica Cunningham
Lucas Wolf
Benjamin Kanter
Hayden Fitzgerald

Alexus Wright
Bailey Wyeth
Jacob Parton
Kyle Eckstein
Kassie Carman
Thomas Fellmeth
Sarah Bailey
Elizabeth Beeson
Sarah Colvin
John Kesterson
Anna Vane

BACCALAUREATE 2021

The following students received awards during the Class of 2021 Baccalaureate liturgy on Friday, May 21 in the Roncalli stadium:



Grace Cassiero was presented with the Bernard F. Dever Memorial Scholarship Award. (Marilyn Dever-Miles, Hon'06 presenting)



Robert McKay received the Robert F. Tully Scholarship. (accompanied by his parents Geri and Michael McKay)



Ali Dafforn and **Ryan Henry** were awarded the Spirit of Roncalli Award.



Dylan Kedra, **Emma Morgan**, **Claire Wagner** and **Owen Volk** received the Saint John XXIII Award.

SEVEN PERFORM OVER 400 HOURS OF SERVICE

The Class of 2021 had 61 students who received the service cord, which signifies a student completing 50% more than the expected hours. Among that group, the following students exceeded all expectations and clearly answered the call to "be Christ to others" by performing over 400 hours of service over the past four years. This feat is even more remarkable given that all Roncalli students were asked to complete service hours with continued restrictions from many of our service partners, due to the COVID virus. They will be honored with their name on a plaque that hangs in the school's cafeteria, and they received the service cord to wear at graduation. The following seniors earned over 400 hours of service:



Reese Wiley
682 hours



Raegan Thomas
649 hours



Elizabeth Divish
487 hours



Emma Morgan
430 hours



Chiara Schiltgen
422 hours



Allison England
405 hours



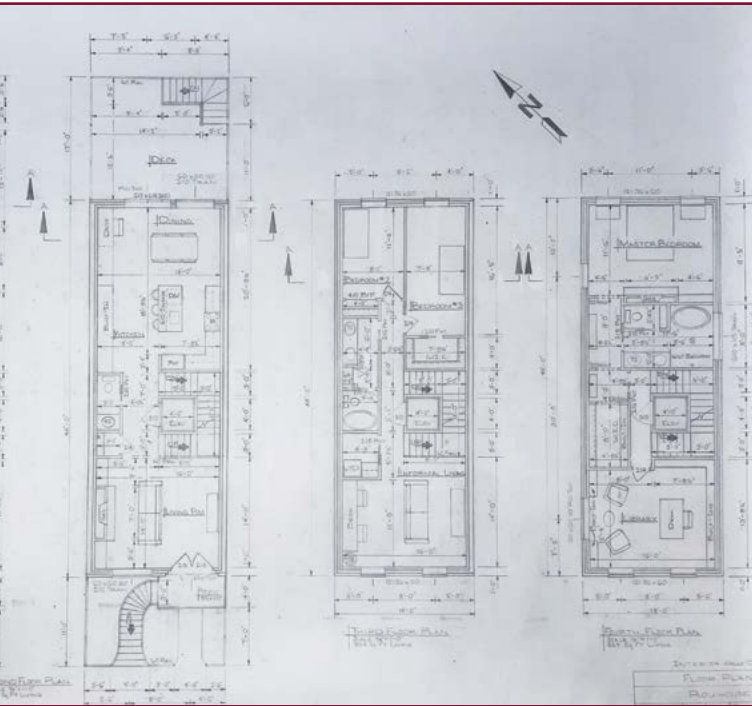
Mya Gonzalez
400 hours

ARCHITECTURE AWARDS

Congratulations to three of our seniors who swept the top three awards in this year’s National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) competition. First place winner in the central Indiana region went to **Hannah Cushing**, with a prize of \$500. Second place winner was **Tommy Brownfield** winning \$300, and third place went to **Colin Prior** winning \$200. Cushing’s drawings moved on for judging in the Great Lakes regional competition, and she won the regional and earned first runner-up at the national competition! The class was asked to design and draw the plans for a Brooklyn style row house. “This is an outstanding group of seniors, and it made me very proud to have been associated with them,” said James Ratliff, instructor of drafting and architecture engineering.



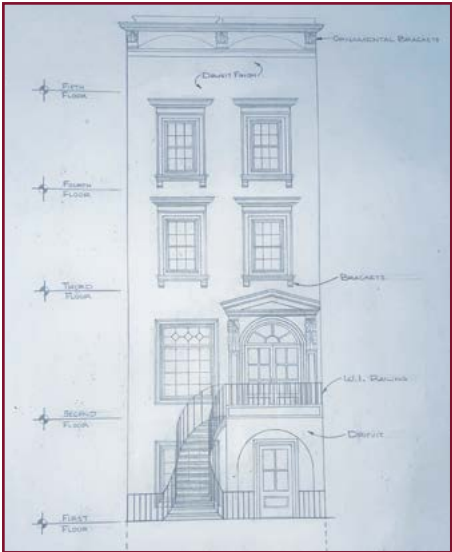
Tommy Brownfield R’21, Hannah Cushing R’21 and Colin Prior R’21



Cushing’s floor plan designs and elevation.

Cushing said that they worked on the row house project for nearly a semester. They had 50 minutes per day in class and many stayed after school and worked on it for hours. On several occasions, she said they would take their drafting boards home over the weekend so they could get everything done in time. Cushing said, “There were definitely many long nights that were needed in order to finish the project.”

She wanted her design to be uniquely modern with old world touches. “The intense detail with the straight edges mixed with intentional placed arches accomplishes that. I also wanted this to be a functional family home; therefore, many of my decisions regarding the floor plan were made around that concept,” said Cushing who will be attending Ball State University to pursue architecture.



HIBNER NAMED DIRECTOR OF CAMPUS MINISTRY

In May, it was announced that **Katie Groves Hibner R’10** was selected as Roncalli’s director of campus ministry. Hibner, a member of the Roncalli class of 2010, will begin her duties this summer. She joined the staff in 2014, teaching in the Theology Department where she has been the Department Chair for the last three years. Additionally, Hibner has served as Junior Class Co-Moderator and the school’s Sacristan. She will continue teaching a theology class and the introduction to dance class. “I feel tremendous joy as I assume the position of Director of Campus Ministry. I have loved getting to know students and families over the past eight years and I am looking forward to journeying deeper in faith with the Roncalli Family!”

Hibner earned her bachelor’s degree from Marian University. She and her husband **Augie Hibner R’10** have four children, Gus, Charlotte, Lena and Nora.



Katie (Groves) Hibner R’10, Director of Campus Ministry

DO YOU QUALIFY?

New legislation has greatly expanded the School Choice Voucher program. Reference the new income guidelines and if you qualify, please contact us at Roncalli at 317.787.8277 ext. 278 to speak with our Director of Tuition Assistance, Amy Kuntz or send an email to akuntz@roncalli.org.

2021-2022 TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP INCOME GUIDELINES	
Household Size	Household Income
1	\$71,484
2	\$96,681
3	\$121,878
4	\$147,075
5	\$172,272
6	\$197,469
7	\$222,666
8	\$247,863
9	\$273,060
10	\$298,257

SPIRIT OF CARING AWARD



Congratulations to Mr. Tim Crissman, who was awarded the 2021 Ascension St. Vincent Spirit of Caring Award! This award is given to a person who has demonstrated Ascension St. Vincent’s core values such as a commitment to those in need, respect and compassion for the dignity of life, integrity, wisdom, creativity and dedication while also displaying the true spirit of Roncalli High School.

Tim Crissman, Dean of Students, and Chuck Weisenbach R’79, President

Celebration Roncalli

Due to the COVID 19 restrictions in Marion County, Celebration Roncalli was held virtually again this year. We opened bidding on silent auction items early and the LIVE auction items were available during the April 24th event for 30 minutes. As is always the case, our Roncalli community stepped up with overwhelming support. We shared videos of our students and families and how tuition assistance has helped them. Our Big Give challenge was to raise \$10,000 and it was met in online donations! With corporate sponsorships, donations and auction items, this year's Celebration Roncalli raised over \$160,000 for needs-based tuition assistance. Thank you, Roncalli family for your support during this unprecedented time!

Thank you to our Royal Family Sponsors!

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Andy Geibel, Luke Pittman, Michael Foreman, Alex Van Sickle, Zach Burns, Sam Peebles

High Stakes Raffle

\$10,000

Grand Prize*

Congratulations to the High Stakes Raffle winners!

\$10,000 Grand Prize Winner - JULIE & RUSTY ALBERTSON

\$2,000 2nd Place Winner - KAREN & STEVE LOONEY

\$500 3rd Place Winner - MICHAEL MICHAELIS

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STUDENTS HONORED FOR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

The 31st annual Academic Awards reception was held in the Ascension St. Vincent Gymnasium to honor Roncalli students for their academic achievements. Awards were given to seniors who earned a merit-based academic scholarship to college; students who earned an award from the Roncalli Royal Renaissance Academic program; students recognized for a special academic accomplishment from this past year and students named as the Outstanding Student of the Year in each academic subject area.

There were nine scholarships given out during the Academic Awards reception. Congratulations to all of these award winners:



Andrew Dial
Jeffrey N. Perkins
Memorial Scholarship



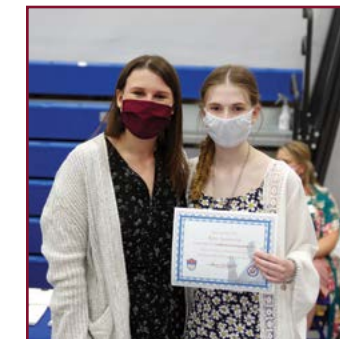
Angelina Fisher, Katherine Kesterson
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Crosley Memorial Scholarship



Brent Hurrelle, Matthew Hurrelle
Wong Family Scholarship



Chloe Parks, Claire Wagner
Katie Lynch – Live, Laugh, Love
Memorial Scholarship

Kylie Perkins (not present) Emily Winter Lipps Young Women's Scholarship

2021 Prom

The Class of 2021 finally had their prom on May 19th at The Nest in Greenwood. Both juniors and seniors were able to attend. The queen and king were selected from the junior prom court of 2020. Congratulations to **Meg Leising** and **Max Greene**, the Class of 2021 Prom King and Queen!



*Meg Leising and Max Greene,
the Class of 2021 Prom King and Queen*

Senior Kickball Champions



On May 18, Roncalli held the annual Senior Picnic. Congratulations to the kickball champs pictured above left to right: **Tommy Brownfield**, **Cole Beckman**, **Ryan Henry**, **Owen Volk**, **Conner Wray**, **Peyton Jones**, **Miranda Wilson**, **Alivia Dugger**, **Paige Lentz** and **Emily Langston**!



*Left to right: Juniors **Ella McCalip**, with her artwork "Mother and Son," and **Audrey Rearick**, with her artwork "I am the vine..."*

RIGHT TO LIFE AWARDS

In May, Roncalli High School had two students recognized for their outstanding work in the art contest by Right to Life of Indianapolis.

Roncalli's art teacher Mark Stratton is proud of his art students junior **Ella McCalip**, who won 1st place, and junior **Audrey Rearick**, who won 2nd place, for their artwork in the Right to Life Student Art Competition. They were also presented with awards and checks for \$250 (first place) and \$200 (second place) as well as \$250 to Roncalli for having the first place winner in the competition. McCalip's work will be featured on the cover of the Annual Right to Life of Indianapolis Celebrate Life program book.

Stratton said, "I am very proud of Ella and Audrey. They are two very talented young artists that I have enjoyed having in my classes. This is Audrey's third time to place in the competition and Ella's Second. It is nice to see great student work continue each year and have Roncalli Visual Arts students recognized."



John Hasty R'08, Interim Assistant Principal for Student Life

HASTY INTERIM ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL FOR STUDENT LIFE

In May, it was announced that **John Hasty R'08** was selected as Roncalli's interim assistant principal for student life. Hasty will begin his duties this summer. He joined the staff in 2015, teaching in the Social Studies Department. He is a member of Roncalli's class of 2008. Hasty coaches basketball at Roncalli and will continue teaching one section of AP world history. Hasty earned his bachelor's degree and master's degree from Marian University. He and his wife **Sheila (Elsener) Hasty R'10** have two children, Luke and Beatrice.

RONCALLI REVIEW NEWSPAPER



Front row: Josh Wormann, Grace Vavra, Liam Moore, Connor Mahoney
Second row: Sophie Albertson, Kylie Perkins, Reese Wiley, Jack Stonecipher
Third row: Ronan Euzen, Jean-Luc Euzen, Cole Cothron
Back row: Nathaniel Harbers, Ben Bailey, Nolan White, Sam Peeples

The staff of the Roncalli Review student newspaper was notified it is one of seven 2021 Division II Finalists in the Indiana High School Press Association's (IHSPA) Hoosier Star Competition. Division II schools are those with an enrollment of between 1,000-2,000. Winners of the Hoosier Star will be announced in October. Congratulations to the staff of the Review!

MOORE RECEIVES AWARD

Roncalli Review staff member **Liam Moore** was named to the prestigious Diana Hadley Honor Roll Class of 2021. This award is named after former executive director of the Indiana High School Press Association (IHSPA) Diana Hadley and is presented to a student who has displayed journalistic excellence while adhering to the IHSPA core values of truth, courage, integrity, and freedom throughout their career in student media. Roncalli is proud of you, Liam!



Liam Moore

OUTSTANDING FINE ARTS STUDENTS HONORED

Congratulations to the band, choral and theatre students who received special recognition.

Band Awards

John Philip Sousa Award	Rob McKay
Semper Fidelis Marine Band Award	Katie Comer
Louis Armstrong Jazz Award	Hayden Bean
Woody Herman Jazz Award	Lucy Houser
Jazz Most Improved	Joseph Corbett
Band Most Improved	Garrett Phillips
Drum Majors 2021-2022	Sam Morris

Choral Awards

Nouveau Singing Royal Award	Awil Dim, Noah Bajuyo
Orpheus Award	Ian Knight, Celeste Gorbail, Hayden Bean
Singing Royal Spirit Award	Jackson Steuer, Celeste Gorbail, Odin Debon, Jake Hinson, Cordelia Eble, Max Greene
Singing Royal Award of Excellence	Morgan Grabczak, Nicko Greene

Theatre Awards

Actor of the Year	Max Greene as Babbs in "Charley's Aunt"
Techie of the Year	Thomas Ralston as Technical Director for "Newsies"
Outstanding Freshman	Jane Levine
Outstanding Senior	Dylan Kedra
Madden Scholarship	Ian Knight, Ansley Bishop

POPS CONCERT

In early May, the choral department divided their performances to allow for limited audience size to be able to host an evening of music for their spring pops concerts.



Intermediate Mixed Chorus - 6 PM show



Beginning Mixed Chorus - 7 PM show



Advanced Chorus - Royal Rhapsody Show Choir - 8 PM show

SPRING MUSICAL

The Roncalli Performing Arts presented this year’s spring musical, “Newsie’s” on April 7, 8, 9 and 10 to sold out capacity audiences.

Congratulations to the cast, crew and pit on a fabulous production. Special thanks to our production team: **Phil Anderson, Hon’19, Joey Newton R’03, Kathy Peach, Hon’05, Barb Hatfield R’78,** Miki Lewinski, **Melanie Eakman R’06, Erin Bohn R’94, Jennie Dixon R’04** and **David Buergler R’13.**



RONCALLI ROYALS LOGO REVEALED

On Tuesday, April 27, Roncalli High School started the day with a surprise pep rally in the Ascension St. Vincent Gymnasium for all students, faculty and staff. The pep rally included music, cheers and dance performances from faculty and students to build excitement for the new Roncalli Royals logo reveal.

Senior **Kaelin Cash** said, "I think the logo adds a new dimension to our school and something else that we can be recognized. I like that it is unique and the Jerusalem cross is also incorporated as it is often used here at Roncalli."

The Roncalli Royals logo is a lion head that embodies the symbolism of Christ the King. The majestic lion wears a crown upon the

elements of St. John XXIII's (Angelo Cardinal Roncalli) papal crown with the fleur-de-lis and the Jerusalem cross that is a part of Roncalli's rich heritage. The lion will not replace the Roncalli "R" logo but will be an additional logo mark used to represent Roncalli High School.

All faculty, staff and students received a commemorative "I am a Roncalli Royal" t-shirt with the new logo.

"I am thrilled with our new nickname and thrilled with our school's new logo! I have heard from a fair number of students, and they loved it as well. Great being a Roncalli Royal!" said president **Chuck Weisenbach R’79.**

FLEUR-DE-LIS

The fleur-de-lis design is based upon the elements of St. John XXIII's (Angelo Cardinal Roncalli) papal crown.

JERUSALEM CROSS

The Jerusalem Cross is part of Roncalli's rich heritage. This cross is given to all seniors as they complete their senior retreat. It graces the circle at Roncalli's main entrance. The four crosses represent the four corners of the earth, in which Jesus desired His word to be proclaimed by His disciples. The large cross symbolizes Christ.

LION

The lion head embodies the symbolism of Christ the King. The lion is also present at the top of Saint John XXIII papal coat of arms representing the Patriarch of Venice and St. Mark. The symbol comes from St. Mark's description of "John the Baptist's voice crying out in the wilderness" upon hearing the word of God (Mark 1:3). God's voice is said to have sounded like that of a roaring lion.



ANNUAL ART SHOW

The Roncalli Art Show 2021 was held on May 1 in the Performing Arts Center and featured works of art created by the AP visual art classes. The event was open to the public to view the students' artwork.



REFURBISHED STATIONS OF THE CROSS & SHELTER HOUSES

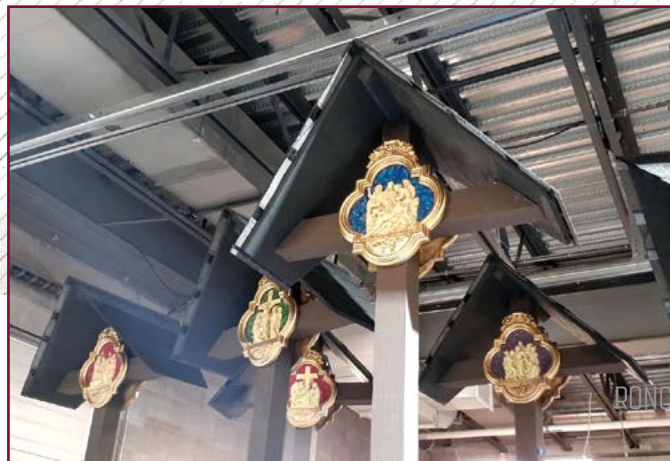
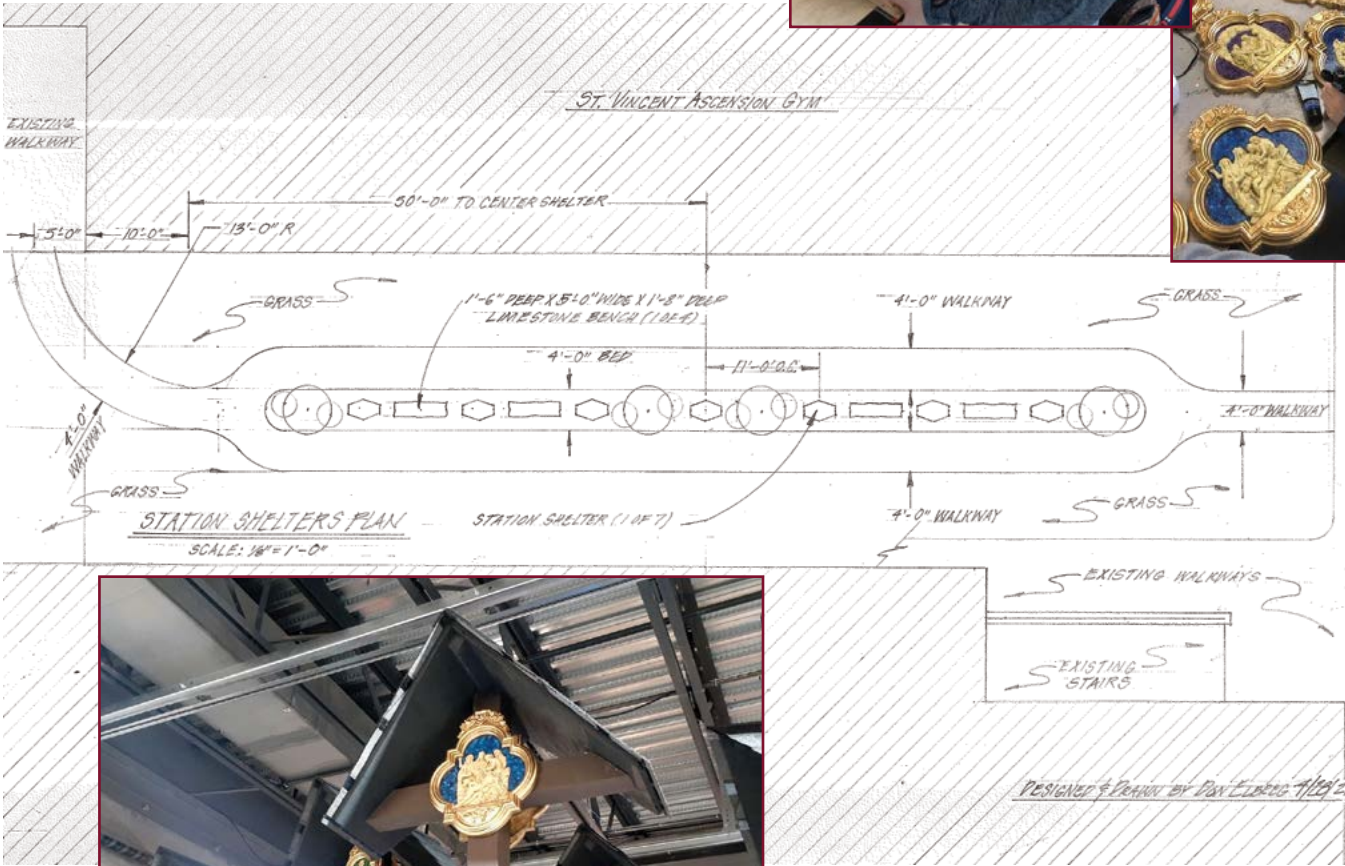
In the winter issue of *The Update*, we shared that Roncalli students and faculty were working to bring the living stations of the cross back to life on our campus. These stations were originally donated to St. Monica Parish, who did not have a need for them and then gave the stations to the Archdiocesan Archives.

Below are the process photos of Mark Stratton's art students refurbishing and painting the Stations of the Cross plaques acquired by Jeff Traylor, former director of campus ministry, from the Archdiocesan archives, as well as the station shelter and bases built by Don Elbreg's advanced manufacturing tech students.

Students spent from January 4th through March 18th completing this project in time for the Roncalli all school Good Friday service. The contributing art students include: **Fiona Lynch, Logan Mercuri, Hau Piang, Audrey Rearick, and Cat Sergi.** Contributing advanced manufacturing tech students include: **Christian Blaser, Nic Brand, Juan Garcia-Ramirez, Alejandro Garnica, Maddie Gorski, Tyler Hatcher, Andrew Holm, Isaac Kappes, Jerzy Sandlin, Declan Stanley, Daniel Striegel, Ryan Thomas, & Chandler Willis.**



The stations will be arranged in the space between the two gymnasiums. Below is the layout of that space designed by Don Elbreg.



SOFTBALL WINS STATE TITLE

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The Roncalli softball team captured the Class 4A state title with a 4-1 win over Lake Central. Senior **Chloe Parks** led off the bottom of the first inning with a triple, then scored one batter later on a throwing error to put Roncalli up 1-0. Junior **Cate Lehner** led off the second inning with a double. One batter later, junior **Ally Walesky** homered to left field to make it a 3-0 game. After Lake Central scored a single run in the top of the fifth inning, Walesky led off the bottom of the inning with another homerun to left. The four runs were more than enough for sophomore

pitcher **Keagan Rothrock**, who pitched a complete game, allowing four hits and striking out 16. Rothrock finished her season with 24-2 record, establishing a new Roncalli record for most wins in a season. Walesky's two home runs set a Class 4A State Finals record and she joined Elkhart Central's Angie Lightfoot (1990 in the single-class tournament) and Northfield's Addi Baker (2021 Class A game) as the only three players in the 37-year history of the IHSAA softball state tournament to hit two home runs in a state finals game.

"This team has worked hard to make this dream a reality, and when we got into the state tournament, they took their focus to a different level," said head coach **David Lauck R'94**, who won his second state title as a head coach. "I'm especially thrilled for our seniors. For them to have their junior season cancelled due to COVID and then to come back and finish their high school careers with a state title, is really special."

The state title is the program's fourth and first since moving up to Class 4A in 2012. The Royals won Class 2A

state titles in 1999 and 2001 and won a Class 3A state title in 2011. The win made the Roncalli softball program the first in IHSAA history in any sport to win state titles in three different classes. The Royals finished with a 31-2 record, breaking the previous single-season mark of 28 wins, set by the 2011 team. Combined with the football team's state title in November of 2020, Roncalli won two team state titles in the same school year for the first time since 1998-99, when the girls volleyball and the softball teams each won state championships.

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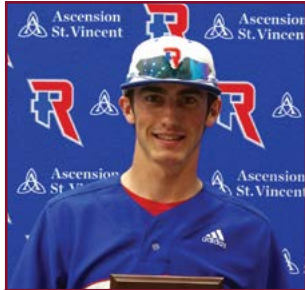
OUTSTANDING ATHLETES HONORED AT ALL SPORTS

The 2020-2021 All Sports Banquet was held in the Ascension St. Vincent Gymnasium on Wednesday, May 12, 2021.

Senior Athletic Award Winners:



Will Beikes, Abbie Carr
Roncalli Athletic Booster Committee Scholarship



Ryan Henry
Most Outstanding
Male Mental Attitude



Chloe Parks
Most Outstanding
Female Mental Attitude



Abbie Carr
Most Outstanding
Female Scholar Athlete



Matthew Croddy
Most Outstanding
Male Scholar Athlete



Maggie Peats
Most Outstanding
Female Athlete



Maddie Bischoff
Most Outstanding
Female Athlete



Baron Huebler
Most Outstanding
Male Athlete

Additional Athletic Awards:



Ron Spoonamore
Joe Mendez Distinguished
Service Award



Pat Crosley
Royal Fan of the
Year Award



Jim Poole, Scott Cahill
Royal Courage Award



Ava Nelson
Jonathan Page
Memorial Scholarship



Abbie Carr, Sofie Carr
Mike Brewer Memorial
Scholarship



Sean Sinovic
Strader Family
Scholarship



Owen Volk
Dave & Angie Toner
Sportsmanship Award

RICHARDSON NAMED WRESTLING COACH

Roncalli High School announced on June 7, that **Shaun Richardson** has been named the new head wrestling coach. He is the ninth head coach in wrestling program history. Richardson comes to Roncalli with 20 years of coaching experience, after spending the last six years as an assistant coach at Perry Meridian High School. He spent 14 years coaching at Perry Meridian Middle School. In his six seasons at Perry Meridian, the Falcons finished in the state's top 10 five times, capped by a third-place finish last season.

"We are excited for Shaun to lead our wrestling program," said Roncalli athletic director **David Lauck R'94**. "He comes to us from a winning background and he has a multi-decade connection to the south side wrestling community." Richardson graduated from Perry Meridian High School in 1998. He



finished as the Indiana high school state-runner up in the 119-pound class in 1998, after winning an individual state title in South Carolina earlier in his high school career. Richardson wrestled at the University of Indianapolis before graduating from Indiana University. Roncalli wrestling opens its 53rd season in December.



Shaun Richardson's family: 15 year old daughter **Lucy**, wife **Melinda**, 10 year old son **Will**, **Shaun** and 13 year old son **Jack**.

Boys Track & Field
2021 Review

Head Coach:
Frank Litz

Assistant Coaches:
Dan Lauck R’10
Jeff Buckley
Julie Albertson
Sam Otley R’11
Matt Evans R’93

Archdiocesan Champs

Conference Champs

9 All Time List Performances

3 State Qualifiers (6’9 HJ, 42.77 4x1, 41.17 300IH)

3 National Qualifiers (6’9 HJ, 42.77 4x1, 22’5 LJ)



In a season full of strong performances, the Roncalli boys track and field team won its fourth-straight Circle City Conference title and another Archdiocesan championship. The team found its way into the state’s top 20 weekly rankings for the first time in program history. The season culminated with five athletes qualifying for the state meet.

At the conference meet, junior **Kyle Lockard** won the long jump, setting a new meet record. Junior **Eli Crouch** accomplished the same feat in the high jump. Junior **Zander Hooten** won the conference title in the 300 hurdles. Lockard and Hooten followed up with sectional titles in their respective events and Hooten became the program’s second sectional champion in the 300 hurdles. The following week at the regional, Hooten state-qualified in the 300 hurdles, as did junior Eli Crouch in the high jump. Roncalli’s 4x100 relay team also qualified for state, with senior **Sam Gallagher**, junior **Colin Newett**, Hooten and Lockard making up the quartet. The relay team ran the second-fastest 4X100 time in program history and finished 15th at state.

The Royals had nine performances in 2021 crack the program’s all-time top 10 performances list, topped by **Eli Crouch** clearing six-foot-nine in the sectional to tie the school high jump record.

Sam Gallagher ran the third-fastest 100 meters and the fifth-fastest 200 meters. **Kyle Lockard** moved onto three different lists – long jump (third), 100 meters (fourth) and 200 meters (fourth). **Zander Hooten** ranks fourth on the 300 hurdles list and ninth on the long jump list. Freshmen **Brady Rossman** (pole vault) and **Ben Brandenburg** (high jump) each won Marion County Freshmen championships.

Senior **Matthew Croddy** and juniors **Jean-Luc Euzen**, **Ronan Euzen** and **Jack Rittenhouse** were all named academic all-state by the Indiana Association of Track and Cross Country Coaches (IATCCC). Senior **Greg Kirkman** and juniors **Matthew Gallagher**, **David Love** and **Sam Sering** were all named honorable mention academic all-state by the IATCCC.



The girls track and field team worked through a variety of issues, from cancellations to COVID restrictions to injuries, and concluded the season with good results. Due to last season’s cancellation, a majority of the team had only one year or less of varsity track experience.

Junior **Lauren Turk** was named the most valuable distance athlete. Junior **Annemarie Bryans** earned the team’s most valuable athlete for the field events and freshman **Sophia Ramsay** was named the team’s most valuable sprinter. Turk also earned the team’s mental attitude award. Ramsay ran the fifth-fastest 100 meters in program history, which was good for fourth place in the sectional. Junior **Cate Lehner** cracked the program’s top five with the fifth-best long jump and junior **Lily Vaught** cleared the program’s fifth-best all-time pole vault. **Alyssa O’Connor** was the Marion County Freshman champion in the high jump.

Ramsay qualified for the regional in the 100 meters, along with senior **Sarah Strodtbeck**. They were joined at the regional by sophomore **Josie Origer** (200 meters), sophomore **Ansley Bishop** (discus) and **Lauren Turk** (800 meters). All three relays – 4x100 meters, 4x400 meters and 4x800 meters – also qualified for the regional.



Girls Track & Field
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Head Coach:
Royce Antolin R’89

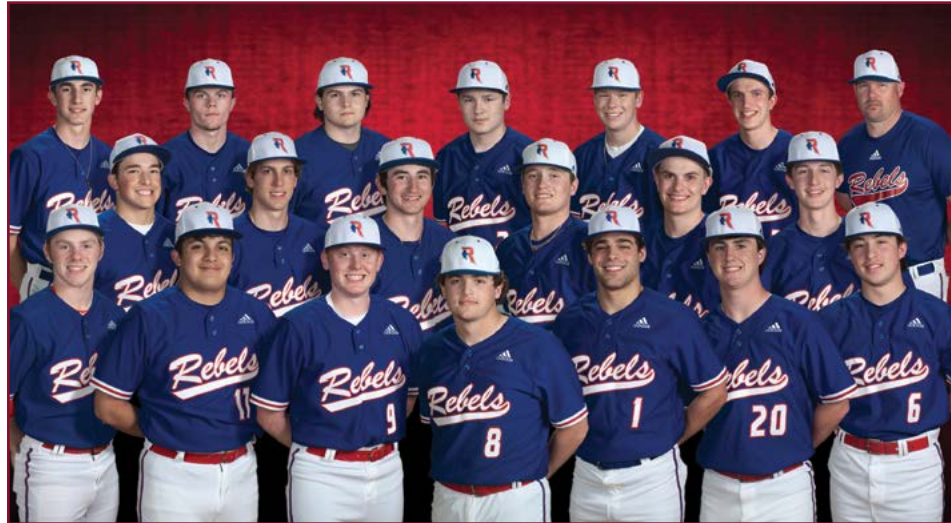
Assistant Coaches:
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Baseball 2021 Review

Head Varsity Coach:
Aaron Kroll

Assistant Varsity Coaches:
Mark Pieper
James Thorpe
Patrick Hudspeth

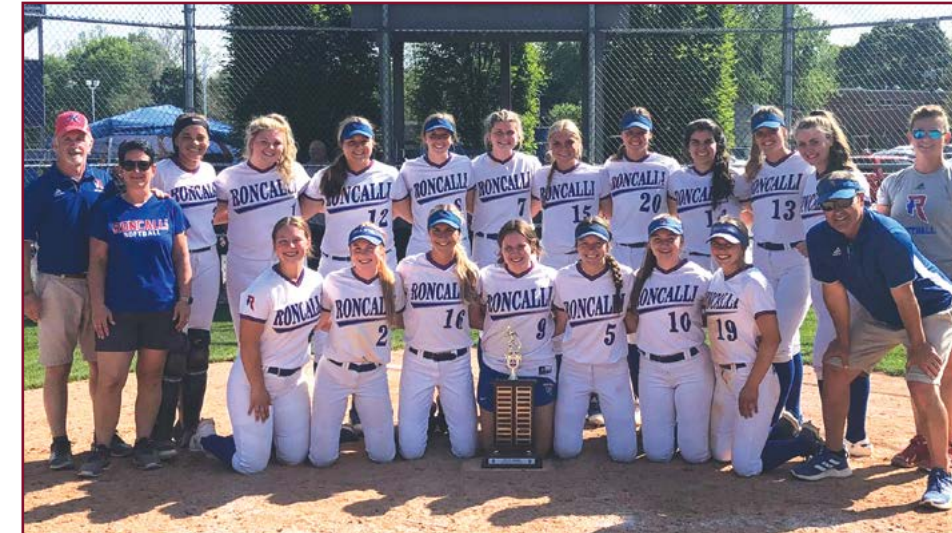


Despite returning just three players with starting varsity experience, the Roncalli baseball team posted a 19-7 record and won the Circle City Conference title for the third time in four seasons. The team closed out the regular season winning 11 of its final 12 games and six of the seven losses were to teams ranked in the state's top 10.



Senior catcher **Dominic Brown** led the team with a .362 batting average and earned the team's MVP award. Senior infielder **Cole Beckman** won the team's mental attitude award and hit .329. Junior outfielders **Johnny Roeder** (.338) and **Joey Milto** (.321) were the other starters to hit over .300. Sophomore pitcher **Tanner Hudspeth** led the team with six wins and a 1.91 ERA. Beckman and Roeder were each named second team All-Marion County. That duo, along with Brown, Milto and Hudspeth were all named All-Circle City Conference, as the Royals had the most players on the all-conference team. Junior **Christian Ampil** was named the program's best teammate.

After seeing last season cancelled due to COVID-19, this year's Roncalli baseball squad was an especially connected group that enjoyed working together. A heartbreaking, season-ending loss to Franklin Central did not erase those dynamics.



In a season full of superlatives, the most important number for Roncalli softball was four, as in the program's fourth state championship and the first since 2011. The Royals defeated Lake Central 4-1 in the Class 4A state final on the strength of two home runs by junior catcher **Ally Walesky** and 16 strikeouts from sophomore pitcher **Keagan Rothrock**. The win capped a 31-2 season, which set a new program single-season record for victories. The Royals finished the season with a 13-game winning streak, including a win that clinched the program's fourth-straight Circle City Conference title.

Keagan Rothrock was named the Gatorade Indiana Softball Player of the Year, becoming just the third Roncalli athlete to earn a Gatorade state player of



the year award. She finished the season with a 24-2 record and a 0.13 ERA. She established new program records for single-season strikeouts (364), single-season wins (24), single-season shutouts (13) and career no-hitters (7). Rothrock was named the team's MVP. Rothrock and senior infielder **Chloe Parks** were named to the Class 3A/4A All-State team – Rothrock to the first team and Parks to the third team.

Rothrock, Parks and sophomore outfielder **Lyla Blackwell**, who led the team in hitting with a .467 average, all made the All-Marion County team. Those three players, along with junior outfielder **Cate Lehner**, were named to the All-Circle City Conference team. Befitting the nature of the program's run to the state title, the entire team won the mental attitude award. Blackwell was named the team's offensive player of the year, while Parks and Walesky shared the team's defensive player of the year award. Roncalli had eight players, more than any other program in the state, on the Indiana Coaches of Girls Sports Association's (ICGSA) academic all-state team. Seniors **Abbie Carr**, **Sofie Carr**, **Kaelin Cash**, **Kate Curtis**, **Dani Gebhart**, **Caroline Leister**, **Chloe Parks** and **Abby Tillar** all made the list.

Softball 2021 Review

Head Varsity Coach:
David Lauck R'94

Assistant Varsity Coaches:
Maria Poteet
Dawn Burkhardt
Rick Burkhardt

**Circle City Conference
Champions**

Regional Champions

State Champions

Girls Tennis 2021
Review

Head Varsity Coach:
Jim Stone

Assistant Varsity Coach:
Rachel Brown



With a 3-2 win over Franklin Central in the sectional final, the girls tennis team captured its second straight sectional title and the third in the last four seasons. Overall, it was the program's 12th sectional crown. The win marked the third time in as many tries that the Royals topped Franklin Central. The season ended with a loss to undefeated Triton Central in the regional semifinal. The team finished the season with a 16-6 record. The regular season included wins over Whiteland and Heritage Christian, both ranked in the state's top 30 at the time and a 5-0 Circle City Conference win over Bishop Chatard on Senior Night. The Royals grabbed a 3-2 first round win over North Central in the Marion County Tournament that helped them reach the tournament's final four. Five of Roncalli's six losses were to teams ranked in the state's top 30.

Senior **Claire Wagner** was named the team's MVP. Junior **Katrina Gangstad**

earned the team's mental attitude award. Gangstad and sophomore **Elsie Kerr** were partners at number two doubles and their win clinched the sectional title victory over Franklin Central. Freshman **Clara Ralston** was named the team's most improved player. **Claire Wagner** and fellow senior **Lauren Prather** were each named academic all-state by the Indiana High School Tennis Coaches Association (IHSTCA).



Boys Golf 2021
Review

Head Coach:
Jim Poole

Assistant Varsity Coach:
Greg White



Following the COVID-19 cancellation of the 2020 season, the theme of the 2021 Roncalli boys golf team was youth. Other than senior **Conner Wray**, the leader of the Royals on the course and off, the team had little to no varsity experience. Wray played number one in every match with a season average of 40.2, had a season-best of 72 and placed second at the Edinburgh Invitational. He placed fourth in the Marion County Tournament and shot 77 in the sectional to advance to regional, where he played well and fell just short in his bid to make it to state.

While developing varsity experience, the team had quite a few successes with a winning record of 77-49. The team shot a season-low 327 in the Zionsville Invite at Golf Club of Indiana, placed third in the Edinburgh Invitational, second in the Marion County Tournament and fourth in the sectional, coming within two shots of a third-straight trip to regionals. The main varsity competitors were junior **Ben Stanley**, with a season average of 43.9, sophomore **Nick Stewart** at 44.5,

sophomore **Bayley Schoettle** at 44.6 and junior **Joe Akers** at 44.9. Senior **Noah Fleming** also earned a couple of varsity starts, as did junior **Luke Russell**, who missed the second half of the season due to injury.

The team wishes Conner, Noah and senior **Graham Watt** the best as they move on to college, and looks forward to the future as they return four of five starters for next season and have several JV players ready to compete for a spot in the varsity lineup.



Boys Lacrosse
2021 Review

Head Coach:
AJ Ablog

Assistant Coaches:
Collin Keller
Christian Rearick



The boys lacrosse team entered the 2021 season with only eight of the 26 players on the roster having prior lacrosse experience. The team finished with a 3-11 record under the guidance of first-year head coach AJ Ablog, who formerly served as the program's JV coach. A primary focus of the team, which included 16 seniors, was closing the skill gap for the 18 players who had never played lacrosse, and the team made great strides in those areas. A highlight of the season was an 18-3 win over Whiteland, in which 10 different players scored. Another highlight was the spirited and cohesive way the team played on the road against a good Avon team.

Senior **Ben Morgan** was named the team's MVP and junior **Sam Cantwell** earned the team's mental attitude award.



Girls Lacrosse
2021 Review

Head Coach:
Bill Niezgodski

Assistant Coach:
Aaron Seddon
Alysia Funderburg



The girls lacrosse team, in its third full season as a varsity program, finished with a 10-8 record for the first winning record in program history. The team opened the season ranked number one in the state in Class 1A. In the season's opening weekend, the Royals traveled to Evansville and earned a historic three-game sweep, registering wins over Evansville Central (10-9), Evansville Bosse (14-13 in 3OTs) and FJ Reitz (13-8) to complete the program's first-ever road sweep of the Evansville schools. The team went 10-4 against schools in Class 1A, which is comprised of the newer programs in the state, and 0-4 against Class 2A, which includes the state's more established, tenured programs.

Seniors **Hannah Cushing** and **Lucy Houser** shared the team's MVP award. Senior **Katherine Walesky** and junior **Claire Brizendine** earned the team's

mental attitude awards. Those four players, along with junior **Claire Pittman** and senior **Amelia Niezgodski** were all named to the All-Sectional team. Cushing finished her Roncalli career owning program single-season records for goals (46), assists (12), draw controls (43) and ground balls (26).



Boys Volleyball 2021 Review

Head Varsity Coach:
John Kesterson

Assistant Coach:
Cassie Sachs

Circle City Conference Champions

Regional Champions

State Runners-up

The boys volleyball team matched a program record with 35 wins, but lost in the championship match to Fishers, the defending state champion. The Royals finished with a 35-5 record and were ranked in the state’s top two all season. The team reached the championship match with a win over Perry Meridian, making six championship match appearances in the last eight years. Along the way to the final, the Royals won their 12th consecutive regional championship and captured their fourth-straight Circle City Conference championship.

Senior **Ryan Shanahan** was named the team’s MVP and sophomore **Andrew Dial** earned the team’s mental attitude award. Shanahan was named all-state by the Indiana Boys Volleyball Coaches Association (IBVCA), with fellow

seniors **Will Beikes** and **Sean Haberthy** and junior **Brendan Louthain**. That same group of four players were named to the All-Circle City Conference team. Haberthy and Louthain were selected to the all-tournament team. Beikes, Haberthy, Shanahan, Louthain and juniors **Will Buechler**, **Charlie Schoettle**, **Jackson Straumins** and **Noah Witmer** were named IBVCA academic all-state.

Brendan Louthain established new program records for most kills in a season (387) and in a match (25). Ryan Shanahan set a new record for most kills in a set (8). Senior **John Kesterson** broke the program marks for season termination percentage (.643) and career termination percentage (.558). Sean Haberthy tied the program record for season blocks (114).



The Roncalli Unified Track team competed in its fifth full season. With 19 team members, the Royals competed in the 100 and 400-meter dashes, the 4x100 meter relay, the long jump and the shot put. The team had four meets before the sectional. In the sectional, the team finished fourth out of 12 teams, just missing advancing to the regional by one spot.

The team’s season ended with quite a few personal records, as the team improved as the season moved on. The athletes cheered and encouraged each other, and went out of their way to be welcoming to their competition.

Senior **Patrick Luttrell** was named the team’s MVP and sophomore **Ravyn Bond** earned the team’s mental attitude award.



Unified Track and Field 2021 Review

Head Coach:
Stephanie Okerson

Assistant Coach:
Molly Schrader
Lizzy Layer R’16

ROYALS SIGN COLLEGIATE LETTERS OF INTENT



Madelyn Bischoff, Ball State University, Basketball



Katie Comer, Hanover College, Lacrosse



Anthony Donahue, Wabash College, Basketball



Lucy Houser, Trine University, Lacrosse



Ruthie Neu, Thomas More University, Volleyball



Ronnie Phillips, Ohio Northern University, Lacrosse



Tyler Schofield, William Carey University, Tennis



Sean Sinovic, Wabash College, Football



Miranda Wilson, Franklin College, Volleyball



ROTHROCK NAMED GATORADE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

In its 36th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade announced **Keagan Rothrock** of Roncalli High School as its 2020-21 Gatorade Indiana Softball Player of the Year. Rothrock is the first Gatorade Indiana Softball Player of the Year to be chosen from Roncalli High School.

The award, which recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence, but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the field, distinguishes Rothrock as Indiana's best high school softball player.

In addition, Rothrock was one of 18 players named to represent the United States as a member of the the USA Softball U-18 Junior Women's National Team. The team will compete at the World Baseball Softball Confederation U-18 World Cup in Lima, Peru from August 28 through September 5 and at the Junior Pan American Games in Barranquilla, Colombia from November 25 through December 5.

Rothrock, who just completed her sophomore season, led the Royals (31-2) to the Class 4A State title and the program's fourth state championship. In 160.1 innings pitched, she

struck out 364 batters and walked only six, allowing just 40 hits and 10 runs. She finished the season with a 24-2 record and a 0.13 ERA. She also ranked second on the team in batting average, hitting .442 with 11 doubles and three home runs. She established new program records for most strikeouts in a game (24), most wins in a season (24), most strikeouts in a season (364), most shutouts in a season (13) and career no-hitters (7).

Rothrock is the second sophomore to win the Gatorade Indiana Softball Player of the Year award, joining Crown Point pitcher Miranda Elish, who won in 2014. Rothrock is the third Roncalli athlete to win a state Gatorade Player of the Year award. **Paige (Weber) Tapp R'07** won the volleyball honor in 2006-07 and **Nick Schnell R'18** won the baseball award in 2017-18.

"Keagan winning Gatorade Player of the Year and being named to the junior national team is fantastic for her and our program," said Roncalli head softball coach **David Lauck R'94**. "She is the epitome of a teammate, but has put the work in to earn this tremendous individual award."

RATLIFF RETIRES AFTER 55 YEARS OF SERVICE

By Andy Bell-Baltaci, Daily Journal

A retiring Roncalli High School teacher has been at the school since, well, before it was Roncalli.

Jim Ratliff's last day was May 20. For years, students have called the drafting and design teacher "The Captain," after one of his students said he ran a tight ship. It's a nickname he still holds today.

Ratliff, a Greenwood resident, started his career 55 years ago, in 1966, at Bishop Chartrand High School, which merged with Kennedy Memorial High School in 1969 to form Roncalli.

During his introduction to the job, Rev. Robert Kitchin, the school's principal at the time, relayed an important message, Ratliff said.

"Our principal told me when I first started, if you want to be successful in this field, you must know your material well, you must be fair in all your dealings with students, and, above all, you have to love kids," he said.

Ratliff didn't originally plan to be a teacher. He intended to pursue architecture, but was called on to finish the academic year at Bishop Chartrand High School, where he fell in love with the profession. His enthusiasm showed in the success of his students, six of whom have designed additions to Roncalli High School as architects, and a dozen of whom have been recognized by the National Association of Women in Construction, he said.

Along with teaching, Ratliff also coached the school's varsity baseball team in the 1970s, leading the team to its first sectional victory in school history, he said.

"I got so many cards saying, 'thank you for teaching me.' When I look back, I don't remember doing that much. It's just a good program to have for our school and a number of kids took advantage of it. I was surprised by all the cards I've gotten this week. I think I've gotten 62 cards from former students," he said.

The engineering and technology department at Roncalli High School includes four classes: Intro to Engineering and Design, Principles of Engineering, Civil Engineering and Architecture and Engineering Design and Development. Ratliff taught the entirety of the department's offerings with the exception of the introduction course.



President **Chuck Weisenbach R'79** presents **Jim Ratliff** with a St. John XXIII award at his retirement reception.

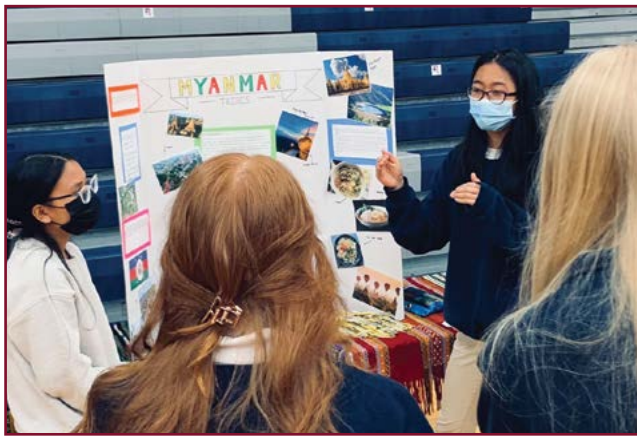
Ratliff's education career also took him to another continent in the early 2000s, when he taught technical drawing to children living in an orphanage in Honduras, Ratliff said.

"I probably got more out of it than the kids did. That was really exciting," he said.

Now, during this next chapter of his life, he will travel more. He will also help out at the St. Francis and Clare parish in Greenwood, he said.



At his retirement reception, **Jim Ratliff** with past and present students.



Juniors **Kho Ti** and **Man Kiim**



Junior **Jean-Luc Euzen**



Freshmen **Brisa Ximello** and **Steph Carmona-Avila** and junior **Gina Garcia**



Freshmen **Patrisba Luzietti** and **Caitlynn Penollar**

Roncalli's namesake Saint John XXIII believed "The whole world is our family." Following in the footsteps of Angelo Roncalli, our school improvement goal for the past two years has been focused on the guiding statement that "every person is created in the image and likeness of God, having the utmost respect for life and embracing a diverse world."

As a part of our school improvement plan, last year the school celebrated our first annual R Family Day to showcase the diversity at Roncalli and within our South Deanery. For our second annual R Family Day, the celebration took place during the school day on Friday, April 16.

The goal of the day was to give our students a shared experience of lessons that educate and bring awareness to the richness of our diverse community. Each department created a lesson that answers questions about diversity, prejudices, world events, stereotypes, empathy and how the Catholic faith can promote peace and justice. As the students traveled throughout the day, music from around the world played over the speakers and images from around the world were seen on the televisions. The school prayed the "Our Father" in various languages that are spoken by students at Roncalli. The day ended with students competing in a school-wide trivia competition in 8th period classes. As the students left campus, a Mariachi band played on the circle for the community to hear.

Roncalli High School and the South Deanery of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis are blessed with a diverse community. Our second annual R Family Day was a step towards recognizing that each and everyone of us is a child of God!

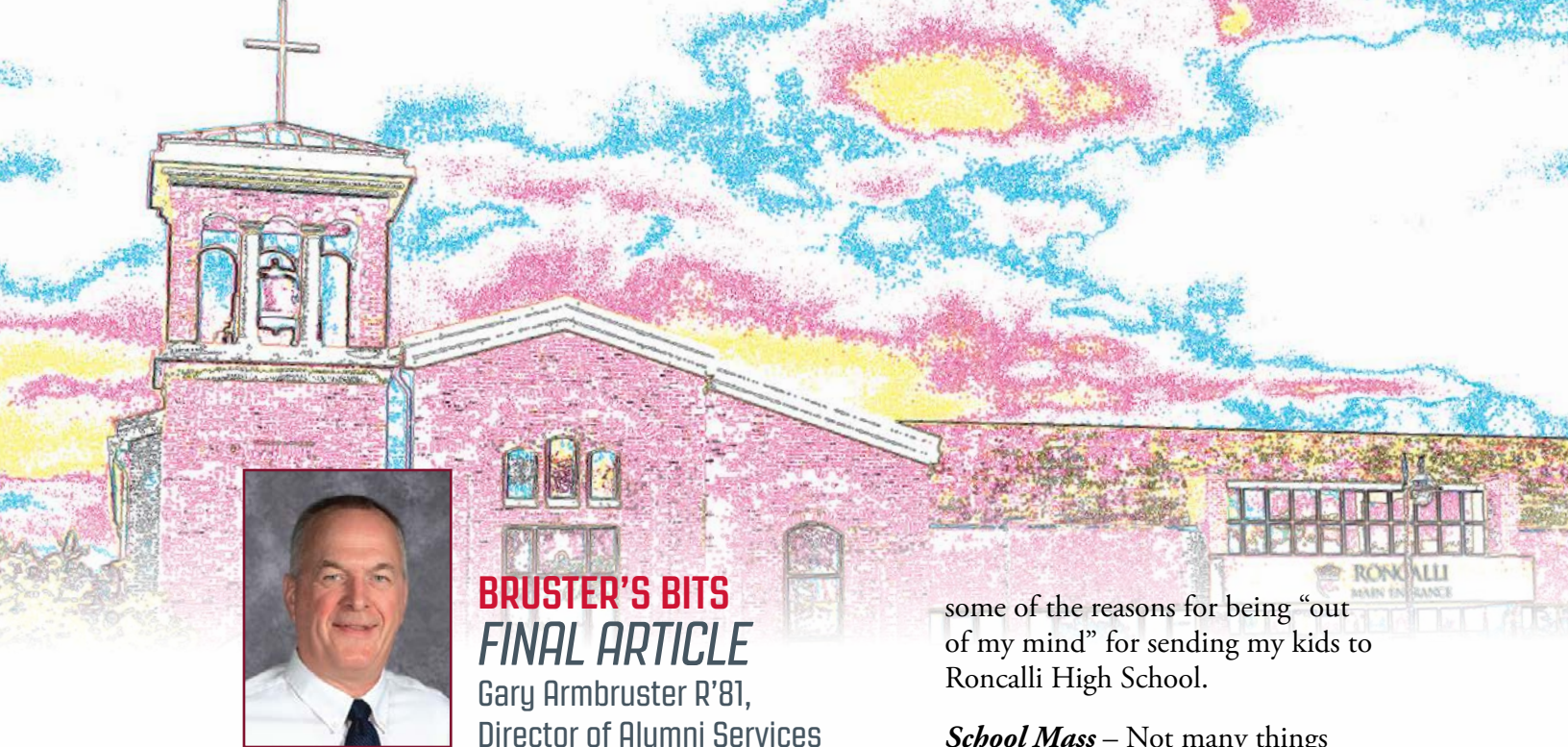


R Family committee **Angela Maly**, **Morgan Ellis**, **Grace Suiaung** and **Kevin Banich**



Mariachi band played on the circle

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BRUSTER'S BITS
FINAL ARTICLE
Gary Armbruster R'81,
Director of Alumni Services

Well, this is it. The last official edition of Bruster's Bits. In July, I will be moving on to another position here at Roncalli. (I think I hear applause in the background)

Many years ago, I was having dinner with an acquaintance of mine. Not a close friend but someone who I had spent some time with watching softball games over a period of about 10 years. While we were waiting on our food that night, he leaned over to me and said, "You guys are out of your mind. You spend all this money on a high school education that my kids got for free at the local high school." Keep in mind this guy had only darkened the door of our gym over the years. He had never been in the education wing, or the fine arts wing, or any other wing of our school but he thought that we were out of our mind because of what we invested in our kids' education at the high school level. I have always remembered my friend's comment because I know that he had no idea what he was talking about. Since this is my last Bruster's Bits, these are

some of the reasons for being "out of my mind" for sending my kids to Roncalli High School.

School Mass – Not many things that we do at Roncalli can top an all-school liturgy when our parish priests visit and inspire our students to take a deeper dive into their faith lives.

Lean on Me – If you have never seen our student body sing "Lean on Me" following an all-school liturgy, then you are missing one of the neatest moments in any high school anywhere. It is a tradition that started about 30 years ago and, unfortunately, because of COVID – 19 we have not had many all-school liturgies to celebrate this past year. I look forward to those returning with the new school year.

Friday Night Football Games – When I have had the opportunity to give a school tour over the years, I always point out to our guests that one of the best things Roncalli does is Friday Night Football. Not, necessarily, because of the games but because that is where our community comes together in the fall to eat together, watch some kids play a game and celebrate our school, all taking place on our front

lawn. It's more than football, it is our community coming together like few other schools do.

Morning Prayer – I love that our Principal (now President), Chuck Weisenbach invites seniors and staff members to join us in prayer each week over the public address system. To get a student's or staff member's angle on a problem and then praying about it realizing that as an adult, you have the same question or issue, bringing everyone together in prayer is a unique experience. And then the obligatory, "Make it a great day, Royals!"

Community Support – Our girls softball team recently won the 4A State Championship. Roncalli has won 19 state championships across several different sports. We all know that. What some may not know is in those state championship contests that have included Roncalli teams, those are also the best attended final games. Our community supports our kids like no other school. We hold attendance records for baseball, football and softball. But it's not just athletics, our show choir routinely performs in front of raucous supporters. Our fine arts productions are amazing and often are performed in front of sold out audiences. We have so many talented students involved in extracurricular activities, just being kids, having fun and being supported by our community like nowhere else.

Traditions – I love our traditions. Singing the fight song coming back from a game as the bus turns onto Lasalle Street. Ringing the chapel bell following freshman orientation Mass as the grade school

kids become new Roncalli students and then upon graduation ringing that same bell as the new graduates process out of the stadium on graduation day and end up on the Circle in front of school. Ringing them "in" and then ringing them "out." Senior Retreats are the top experiences for so many of our students as they leave high school for their next adventure. Summer Field Study for some is just as meaningful an experience as Senior Retreat is for others. These are just some of our most meaningful traditions from my point of view.

So, yes, we have many reasons to invest in our kids' education and the most important above all else is the great academic instruction received by some of the hardest working teachers and administrators anywhere. What this group just provided for our students during the past year and a half is unparalleled, and I am thankful for all the efforts to keep our students completely engaged through all the challenges.

My friend from a few years ago couldn't understand our commitment then and probably wouldn't understand it today either. That's okay. His loss. Roncalli is a special place, and I could not be happier to have been part of our community as an employee these past 14 years, as an alum for 40 years and a community member my entire life. I am so thankful that my own kids have had the opportunity to experience all that Roncalli High School has to offer.

Our school is a crown jewel in our community even if some of those community members don't know it.

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Gary Armbruster R'81 was recently named the new grounds supervisor at Roncalli. For the past 14 years, Gary has served as the director of corporate relations and alumni services. Gary's three children are all Roncalli alumnae, **Rachel R'10, Caroline R'17** and **Grace R'19**.



Chuck Roach R'85 just celebrated 30 years of marriage to Shandra, his 29th year as an attorney and his 16th year owning his own firm, Roach Law Office. Chuck recently completed his 12th Summer Field Study trip, this time with all three of his daughters, **Taylor R'10, Savana R'16** and **Paris R'22**.

1988

Judd Lawrie R'88 just celebrated his 16th year as owner of Lawrie CPA Group. He and his wife, Wendy have been married for 26 years. Wendy



was recently named the new vice president of finance for Roncalli. The couple have five children, **Emma R'15, Anna Marie R'16, Grace R'18**, junior **Judson** and Xavier still a St. Jude Raider.

1985



Dave Gervasio R'85 just completed his 30th year at Roncalli, most recently as vice president of finance and facilities. He also just completed his 23rd year volunteering two weeks every year for Summer Field Study, this time with his two sons, **Joe R'15** and **Sam R'19**. Effective in July, Dave will be stepping away from his Roncalli financial position but staying on as vice president of facilities while traveling more with his wife, **Tamara (Gaskill) R'87** on their boat in the US Virgin Islands.

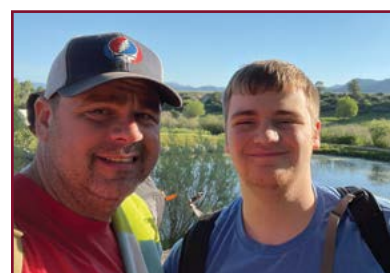
1992



Ben Briggeman R'92 is proud to be celebrating the 40th anniversary of Beck Automotive located in Franklin, Indiana. The company was started by Ben's father in 1981. Ben states that the company's outstanding employees have allowed him to annually volunteer to be an adult leader on Roncalli's Summer Field Study along with his wife Heather. This most recent trip included their son, **Luke** who will graduate from Roncalli in 2022.

Susie (Nevitt) Gallagher R'92 is employed at St. John's the Evangelist Catholic Church downtown as the parish's wedding coordinator. Susie and her husband, Rob, have three sons, **Sam R'21** recently graduated from Roncalli and will be heading to Purdue, **Thomas** currently a junior at Roncalli and James, a 3rd grader at Our Lady of the Greenwood.

1993



Jim R'93 and **Stephanie (Summers) R'93** Parton's son, **Jacob R'21** just graduated from Roncalli and is headed to IUPUI to study creative writing. Jim and Jacob just shared two weeks together on Roncalli's Summer Field Study in Colorado.

Jim works for Northwestern Mutual as a financial advisor and Stephanie is VP of Communications for the Indiana CPA Society for the past 21 years.

2003



Michelle and **Brian Tolin R'03** added number four to their family. Claire arrived on June 14, 2021 joining Olivia, Graham and Harper.

2010

Laura Horcher R'10 was recently engaged to be married to Aaron Gottman. The wedding is planned for October 9 at St. Agnes Catholic Church in Nashville, Indiana. Roncalli friends in the wedding include: **EB Laut R'11, Emma Laut R'11, Christian Powers R'11, Rachael Horcher R'04** and **Amanda Horcher R'08**. Laura will be starting her 4th year teaching band and music at St. Luke Catholic School on the north side for pastor Monsignor **Joseph Schaedel C'67**. Laura also continues to assist the Junior Royal Theater and Summer Field Study.



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2010



Taylor Roach R'10 is engaged to Joe Bell and will be celebrating nuptials on October 16, 2021. RHS graduates in the wedding will be; **Alex (Simpson)**

Miller R'10, Lauren Ross R'10, Emily (Baxter) Jenkins R'10, Savana Roach R'16 and Paris Roach R'22.



Chase Steinbrunner R'12, Josh Pawlak R'12, Marc Roland R'17, Jordy Schalk R'15 and Isabella Jahnke R'18. The married couple both work for Indy Decorative Concrete on the southeastside of Indianapolis.

2012



Colin Hawk R'12 released his first music single titled "Home" on all music platforms. He wrote and released this song on April 16, 2021.

Joe Ardizzone R'12 and Audrey Roland R'15 were married on May 21, 2021. Roncalli alumni in the wedding included: **Michael Ardizzone R'98, Bradley Fey R'12,**

2013

Justin Mattingly R'13 graduated from Indiana University in 2017 and is currently working for Roncalli parent, Pete Molloy, at Jobsite Supply in Indianapolis as a purchasing agent.

2014



Taylor Wong R'14 and Cameron Melangton were married on August 15, 2020

in Carmel, Indiana. The maid of honor was Taylor's sister **Alex R'11**. Bridesmaids included **Emily Sanders R'14, Jessica Rikke R'15** and the groomsmen included brother of the bride **Logan Wong R'20**. Taylor is a project coordinator for the 2022 College Football Playoff Host Committee.

2015



Joseph Gervasio R'15 graduated from Purdue in 2019 and is currently working in southern Indiana and Kentucky for Sazerac Distilled Spirits

Company as an engineer.

2016



Adam Eads R'16 has joined the Indianapolis Fire Department Recruit Class 86 and is hoping to land on a TAC Team Rescue Squad. With a degree in exercise science from Marian University, it is no surprise that Adam loves mixed martial arts, power lifting and is an ardent Colts fan.

Savana Roach R'16 graduated from Indiana University in 2020 majoring in public health with a minor in public and environmental management. Currently she is employed at Integrated Health Solutions in downtown Indianapolis. She just completed her fifth Roncalli Summer Field Study adventure and is waiting for the Australian travel restrictions to lift when she will travel there to attend culinary school and live abroad for a few years.

Abby Szentes R'16 graduated from Indiana University in 2020 majoring in human resources. Presently Abby is working in human resources at a consulting firm and pursuing her master's degree in business administration at Butler University.



Mary Dearing R'16 graduated from the University of Evansville in December 2019 with a bachelor's degree in exercise science. She graduated cum laude from Vincennes University with a physical therapist assistant associates of science degree. Mary received the Roger Schneider 2021 Outstanding PTA student award.

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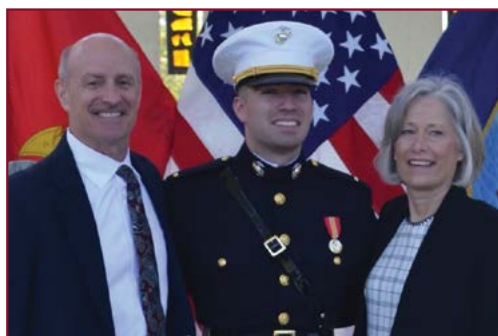
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2017

Connor Cleary R'17 accepted a graduate assistant position at Belmont University following his graduation from the University of Evansville. He will be working toward a masters degree in sports administration.



Jonny Anderson R'17 graduated from the University of Notre Dame in May majoring in finance, with a minor in innovation & entrepreneurship and philosophy. Jonny is employed at Wells Fargo in Minneapolis where he works in Fiduciary and Investment Risk Oversight.



Kurt Cunningham R'17 recently graduated from Purdue University with a math education degree. Kurt was also commissioned as a Lieutenant in the Marine Corps. His

next appointment will be at Quantico, Virginia for combat schooling. Kurt is the son of Cheryl and **Greg Cunningham R'82**.

Emily Gant R'17 graduated from the University of Kentucky with a degree in neuroscience and a minor in German. Emily is currently living in Lexington, KY and considering job opportunities.



2018



Maiya Mahoney R'18 has been awarded a Pulitzer Reporting Fellow to research longevity, aging and faith in Loma Linda, CA one of five Blue Zones in the world. She will conduct her work during the month of July 2021 to be published through Pulitzer and additional news outlets. Maiya is co-editor of the Gargoyle, Flagler College's student newspaper and is also a recipient of a Society of Professional Journalists Mark of Excellence Award (2020) for her on-line feature reporting.

2019



Tim Adams R'19, a sophomore at Purdue University, was the driver for the Boiler Catholic Grand Prix team in April 2021. He qualified 17th out of 46 drivers, as a rookie, racing well for 40+ laps until mechanical problems prevented him from finishing the race. The Boiler Catholic team won the Best Looking Team award.

Roll Tide

The following Roncalli alumni were recognized by the University of Alabama in May:

Megan Nicole Condi R'16 graduated with a masters of accountancy degree.

Jeffrey Amodeo R'18 was named to Alabama's Spring 2021 Dean's List (3.5 GPA).

Liam Collier R'18 was named to Alabama's Spring 2021 President's List (4.0 GPA).

2020



Hannah Oelschlager R'20 participated in the Marion County Fair Queen Pageant on June 28, 2021 finishing as the Miss Marion County Fair Queen. Hannah attends Indiana University and her major is public health. She is the daughter of Julie and Todd Oelschlager. Congratulations Hannah!

Maria Mina R'20 also participated in the Marion County Fair Queen Pageant on June 28, 2021 finishing as Second Runner-Up. Maria is a sophomore at Marian University studying biology with plans to be a physicians associate. She is the daughter of **Gino R'92** and **Michelle R'94 (Schulz) Mina**. Congratulations Maria!

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COMMUNITY SERVICE -GIVING IN THE MIDST OF A PANDEMIC

By Gerard Striby, Hon'09, Community Service Director

45,369

That is the total number of community service hours that Roncalli Royal students completed during the course of the 2020-2021 school year.

In the middle of a pandemic.

When so many organizations were not allowing volunteers into their facilities.

When so many students were learning from home, or were suffering from COVID themselves.

45,369 hours

From reaching out to neighbors, working in food pantries, tutoring children from their homes, or just making consistent contact with grandparents, our students found a way to connect to those who were hurting over the past nine months. And they did it with great love and compassion.

Roncalli also partnered with Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish and St. Mark Parish in pilot programs to reach out to shut-ins in their parishes. The "Hands to Hearts" ministry from Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish, connected Roncalli students with those who were particularly affected by the pandemic. Volunteers were paired with one or two elderly people and were encouraged to write letters to them. Eight Royal students volunteered for this ministry: **Angelina Fisher, Christina Kurz, Ruby Mahlman, Erin McMultry, Mia Niezgodski, Juliana Riddle, Emily Sering and Kamyrn Swingendorf.** What is even more amazing is that these students will continue to reach out to those with whom they were paired beyond the school year.

St. Mark Parish and their "Ministry for Maturing Adults" program is similar in nature in that the parish identifies elders who were also suffering from the effects of the pandemic. In addition to writing letters, students were encouraged to call them, have Zoom meetings with them, and when safe to do so, visit them at their homes. Many students even helped out with tasks around their house or in their yards. Royal students who signed up for this ministry include: **Gracie Allen, Justyn Anciso, Niki Balazs, Dominic Brown, Matt Cabalan, Ali Dafforn, Coby Garcia, Mya Gonzalez, Jazmin Lawry and Sami Moylan.**

These examples and so many more are further evidence that Roncalli Royal students truly live out the challenge spoken of in the Roncalli Mission Statement: "Guided by prayer and the Gospel values of faith, love, and justice, students are challenged to respond to the Call of Discipleship and to fulfill their potential as lifelong learners in service to others. Our end is to make God's love complete among us."

45,369 hours. Our students have truly made God's love complete for so many in need.

Well done, Royals.....well done.



Background image is a letter back to **Niki Balazs** from her elder, Margaret Kennedy and a picture of a monastery she visited.

UNIFORM & SPIRITWEAR SALE

MONDAY, JULY 26, 4-8 PM & TUESDAY, JULY 27, 8 AM - Noon

VISIT THE RHS SPIRIT STORE. THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!
SHOP ON LINE AT roncallispiritstore.square.site * PICK UP JULY 26TH & 27TH *
DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR, OPEN DURING LUNCH PERIODS (11 AM-1 PM M-F).

Contact Amy Kuntz if you have questions: akuntz@roncalli.org.



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THE LAST WORD

Why Roncalli

Kevin Banich R'09, Interim Principal

In the late 1990's, my parents brought my brother and me onto the Roncalli campus for a Friday night football game against a rival from the northside of Indianapolis. Being a kid from the westside of Indianapolis, Roncalli High School was not something that I was well aware of. Now, two and a half decades later, I continue to say yes to Roncalli and all it has to offer. I have been blessed to call Roncalli my school, my alma mater, and my home to my educational career. As we begin a new chapter in leadership at Roncalli, and I embark on the interim principal position, it is important for all of us to reflect on why we say yes to Roncalli as students, parents, faculty, staff, alumni and family members. While each of us will have our own reasons for choosing to be a part of this community, the reason why I continue to choose Roncalli comes down to one word: spirit.

First and foremost, it is the Holy Spirit that is on fire in the hearts of the Roncalli Royals. When entering the school, a sign above the door reads, "Be it known to all who enter here that Christ is the reason for this school. He is the unseen but ever present teacher in its classes. He is the model of its faculty and the inspiration of its students." It is common for people to describe Roncalli by saying "there is something special about this place." That "something special" about

Roncalli is the Holy Spirit that burns bright in the hearts of those that enter this building and are a part of our community. It is the daily commitment to the Catholic faith and the all school liturgies. Our mornings start with adoration that is offered in the Sacred Heart Chapel. Our seniors and alumni continue to "Live the Fourth." The days of reflections and retreats for our faculty and staff as well as our freshmen, sophomores, and juniors that recenter and refocus our faith. We gather for all school prayer in the morning to embrace the power and beauty of prayer. Our Summer Field Study program takes students out west to live and explore the beauty of God's creation. In the season of Advent and Lent, students pack the gymnasium to receive the sacrament of reconciliation. Our teachers begin their lessons, regardless of the curriculum or content, with a moment of prayer. Our students complete a countless number of service hours for the homeless, elderly and impoverished. The list of Roncalli's commitments to the faith is endless and we are moved daily by the Holy Spirit to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

The second area is the spirit of Saint John XXIII. Each day we are reminded by a humble man from Bergamo, Italy who committed

to a life of holiness. Born Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli in 1881, he was a simple man who became Pope in his late 70s. Due to his age, many believed his time would be short served and provide only the transition for the Church from his predecessor to his successor. While his papacy lasted a little over four years, he inspired change in the Catholic Church through the Second Vatican Council that we still feel today. At Roncalli, statues, photographs, stained glass windows, and artifacts of his life cover our campus. The nine charisms of Angelo Roncalli hang in our hallways. Our new mascot was inspired by the Coat of Arms of Saint John XXIII. Over 40 faculty and staff members have traveled to Italy to walk in his footsteps through the Saint John XXIII Pilgrimage that Chuck Weisenbach has led annually. Every Friday, our school day ends with an intercessory prayer to Saint John XXIII and closes with the playing of a recorded blessing of then Pope John XXIII to St. Peter's Square. It is an incredible gift to be reminded that each of us are called to strive for sainthood like our namesake.

The final area where spirit comes to play is the school spirit. There is no denying that we love being Roncalli Royals. From celebrating ISSMA championships in the performing arts to state

championships for our athletic teams, there is a school spirit in this building that is second to none. Our pep rallies are wild, and our performances and competitions are standing room only. Good luck finding a parking spot in the spring as our Royals are competing, performing, and showcasing on every corner of campus. Through our live broadcasting of events, we have people watching from California to France to Kuwait and everything in between. Grandparents, alumni and family friends are waking up in the morning across the globe to watch the replay of their favorite Royal! The red, white and blue of Roncalli run through our veins. In a world that is seemingly more divided than ever before, being proud to be a member of Roncalli continues to unite us!

As we enter this period of transition, let us remember that while the people in leadership may change, our school's mission will be unwavering. We will continue to be inspired by the Holy Spirit, follow in the footsteps of Saint John XXIII and ask for his intercession, and go crazy supporting the Roncalli Royals!

Come, Holy Spirit! Saint John XXIII, pray for us! Let's go Royals!

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