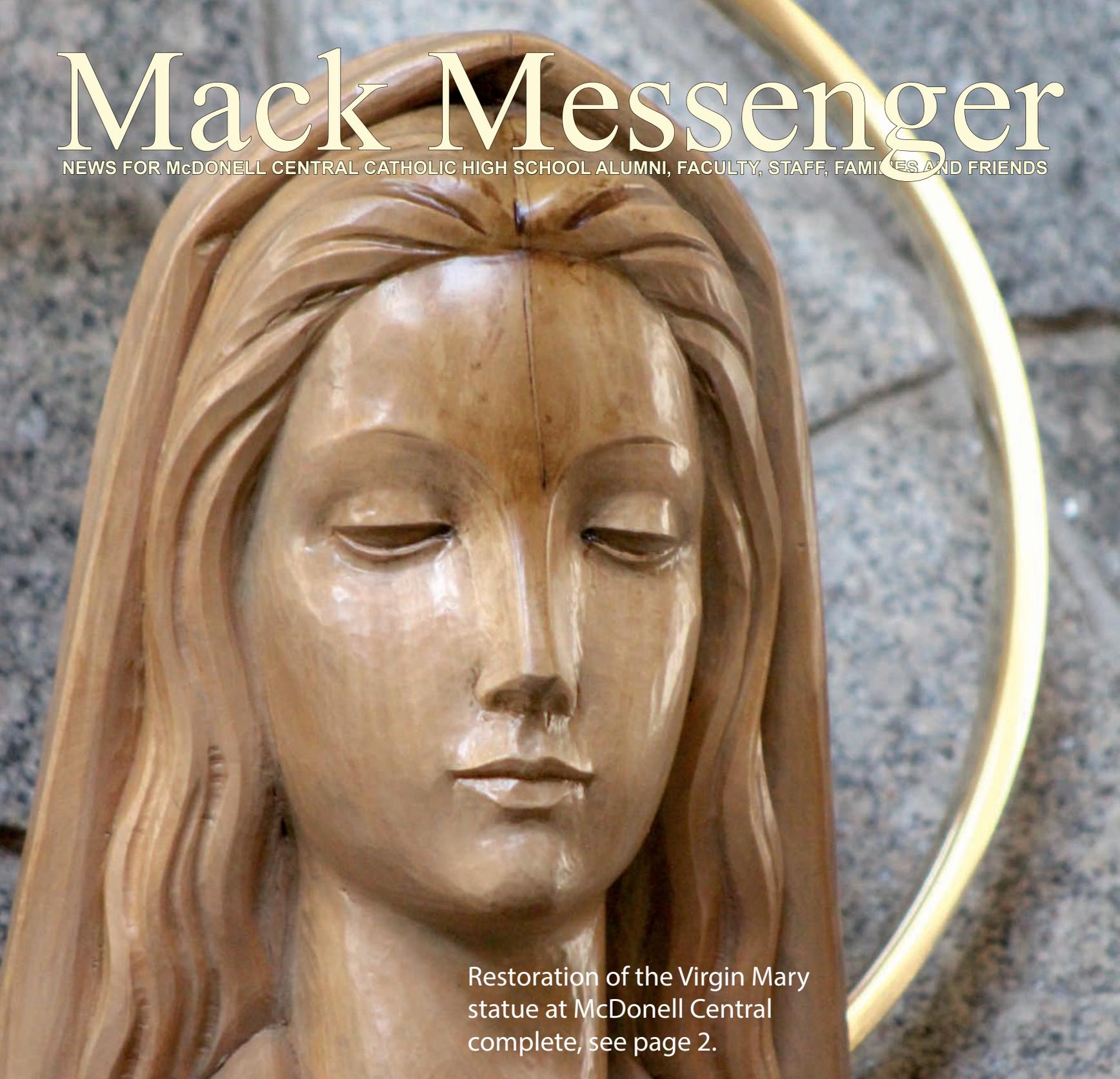


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Restoration of the Virgin Mary statue at McDonell Central complete, see page 2.



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St. Charles Borromeo

Msgr. Michael Gorman
Parochial Vicar Rev. Mark Miller



The Church of Holy Ghost

Very Rev. Justin Kizewski, Dean



The Church of Notre Dame

Rev. Jesse Burish

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Parochial Vicar Rev. Mark Miller

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Rev. William Felix '73, Deacon Ned Willkom



Letter from the President

Jeff Heinzen

Dear Staff, Families and Supporters;

What a year of highlights! We celebrated our 135 years of providing Catholic Education to the Chippewa area.

We saw new leadership with Mr. Brian Schulner, Principal of Notre Dame Middle School and McDonell Catholic Central High School and Mrs. Jaynee Brannen, Director of St. Charles Borromeo Early Childhood Center. In addition, we had Mrs. Ruthann Proue join us as our middle school/high school Counselor.

Mid-year Mrs. Mary Sue Briggs announced her resignation to move to Minneapolis with her husband, Bob, which led to us recruiting and securing Peter Samaranayake, PhD (Dr. Sam). He shared with us his organizational skills and realigned our elementary schedules so that teachers had common planning time and the school was able to reintroduce Spanish starting with the 2017/18 academic year.

The good news from this is that we had time to recruit and hire a new principal – Mrs. Kayla Bahhub. Kayla comes to us after two years as Dean of Students at Regis Catholic Schools. She brings to us her understanding of curriculum and assessment and a commitment to leading us forward as a Catholic educational system.

As I shared in last Spring's MACK Messenger, we received our AdvancED reaccreditation which then propelled us into strategic planning. In the Fall of 2016 we began a comprehensive listening session with our families, stakeholders and staff. Upon completion in early Spring we began the process of assembling the updated strategic plan. This strategic plan provides us a roadmap for academic rigor, facility improvement, growth of our extra-curricular programs, and faculty retention.

It takes many hands to help us be who we are - "[A] school of choice for an excellent Catholic faith based education... We welcome all families to be a part of our school community no matter their faith or financial means. In partnership with our parents, we form the whole child in support of our values and mission."

Now in my fourth year, I continue to find myself giving thanks to God for all of you who are part of the great MACS Family. I continue to pray for our families, graduates, alumni and staff and in a special way for the 2017-18 academic year. May it be filled with moments of grace and celebration. My door is always open and I value the input of all members of the MACS family.

May God continue to bless you and your families abundantly during the new academic year!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeffery B. Heinzen". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Jeffery B. Heinzen

Alumni Gatherings Planned

We look forward to seeing you outside of Chippewa Falls!

Look for McDonell in:

Baton Rouge, LA - December

Arizona areas - Snowbird gathering

Matt Monarski '88 is organizing a Twin Cities spring alumni gathering (watch for a postcard)

Washington DC - April

Fox Valley - Spring gathering

Would you like to be a part of the host team or attend a gathering? Contact President Jeff Heinzen:
E: president@macs.k12.wi.us or P: 715.723.0538

Restoration of statue at McDonell complete

For 53 years the statue of Our Lady has adorned the hallway near the chapel leading to the academic wing, and for the last three years or more the statue has commenced to crack.

Before it became irreparable, a committee of alumni and concerned supporters of MACS knew something had to be done quickly to restore the statue, but just what could be done and who could fix it was the main concern.

This beautiful hand carved statue was a gift from Father Robert Hanson, a former principal of McDonell.

The artist studied the site for the statue, which is the

Pictured are teachers and support staff currently working at MACS: Deb Krejchi Dahl '80, Shannon Globensky '13, Krista Bowe Misener '90, Shelly Franz Retzlaff '85, Chris Boos Cook '71, Barb Krista Eckwright '84, Phyllis Bowe Goettl '59, Steve Roesler '14, Eric Wedemeyer '92, Sarah Hofkes '04, Kari Roesler Stepp '00, Mary Chovan King '69, Mitch Jacobson '07, Mary Huffcutt '16, Brianna Krause Rider '11, Renee Ruf David '84, Robert Konop '70, Tony Reiter '74.

Not pictured current staff: Jaynee Armstrong Brannen '03, Cathy Greenseth '14, Alysia Liddell Steiger '87, Emma Murphy '15, Matt Rose '01.

With the statue restored the school is hoping funds can be raised to clean and seal the backdrop granite.

granite backdrop outside of the chapel. Specifications were then sent to Europe where the figure was carved from white maple. The image of the Blessed Virgin was deliberately made to look youthful to appeal to the students, but now the statue needed a lot more to gain back its appeal.

Fortunately, Mike Hanson, a former custodian at McDonell contacted Mike Padrutt, owner of Elm Grove Woodworks in Chippewa Falls. He was willing to take on the challenge this summer, promising to return the statue before the start of the 2017-18 school year. After removing the statue, it was found to be in worse shape than anticipated. It was not only cracked in two places in the front, but the statue had two large cracks in the back as well.

Because of years of exposure to a lot of dust and dirt, the statue needed extensive cleaning. Next, the repairs to the two joint separations on the back were done, and the front cracks were filled with small wedge-shaped strips of maple. Then several coats of lacquer mixed with a dye to match the original wood was applied. Finally, the brass halo, which was almost unnoticeable, was polished and lacquered to slow down the tarnishing. The statue should now need minimal cleaning and maintenance, keeping its present color and patina.

The image of the Blessed Mother is again a focal point in the corridor by the chapel. A special thank you to all who contributed to its restoration, especially Mike Padrutt. Let us praise Mary by proudly proclaiming; Mother most amiable, pray for us; Mother most admirable, pray for us; and especially since the restoration was a success; Mother of good counsel, pray for us!

Mary (Chovan) King '69

Far top: Cracks visible in the statue worsen at the top and bottom each year. Right: Cracks in statue are filled and sanded to match as close as possible to the original carving. Below: Statue is reinstalled by woodworker, Mike Padrutt, and McDonell janitors Robert Phillips (on ladder) and Tom Smith.



Chippewa Falls Chamber Excellence in Education Banquet

On Wednesday, May 3, 2017 the 32nd Annual Excellence in Education Banquet was held at Avalon Convention Center in Chippewa Falls with the Class of 2017 seniors, from both McDonell Central Catholic High School and Chippewa Falls High School represented.

Our McDonell Chaplain Rev. Charlie Richmond gave the invocation. The meal was followed by a keynote speaker, student, teacher and Unsung Hero recognition. Students recognized from McDonell Central were Sam Zwickel, Peter Stoffel and Alex Ohde.

These three students, along with their most influential teachers were honored by area businesses, school administrators and the Chippewa Falls Chamber of Commerce.

Speaking at the event was Second Lt. Jasper Arneberg and Mrs. Carol Way was recognized as McDonell Area Catholic Schools Unsung Hero. (See page 6.)

The students along with their teachers had the opportunity to highlight a few of the best qualities for the other, which were read outloud by the Masters of Ceremonies Dan Lea as they came forward to accept their award.

Renee David says, "Samuel Zwickel is an intellectually curious, multi-talented and intrinsically motivated young man who has truly enjoyed seeking new challenges and taking advantage of every opportunity for personal growth. Most importantly, he understands the importance of servant leadership, responsibility, commitment and community. Samuel will undoubtedly make the world a better place."

Samuel plans to attend Harvard University.



Pictured above: Teacher Roger Sahs, Peter Stoffel and his parents Lisa and Michael Stoffel '86.

Roger Sahs said of Peter, "Not only is Peter a top student academically, but he is respectful and congenial, demonstrates self-discipline and has a high degree of intellectual analysis and understanding. He is goal-oriented, focused, efficient and perceptive. His positive attitude is contagious and he is willing to go the extra mile".

Senior Peter Stoffel, son of Lisa and Michael Stoffel says of his most influential educator Roger Sahs, "Mr. Sahs has truly been a great inspiration to me. He is easily approachable and holds a profound knowledge of the subject material and relates it to real-world interests. He is always willing to discuss any bit of new information about science with me that he knows I will enjoy".

Peter plans to major in pharmacy at South Dakota State University. Eventually, he hopes to be a pharmacist at a rural clinic or hospital in the Midwest.

Senior Alex Ohde, son of Sue and Steve Ohde, chose his high school teacher and coach Archie Sherbinow as his most influential educator. Alex said of Mr. Sherbinow, "Mr. Sherbinow was the teacher of my first class freshman year. Being at a new school, he made me comfortable and helped me fit in. Over the past four years, we have developed a

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Pictured above: Teacher Renee Ruf David '84, Samuel Zwickel and his parents Sue and Tom Zwickel

Senior Samuel Zwickel, son of Sue and Tom Zwickel states of his most influential educator Renee David, "Mrs. David has challenged me to fulfill my potential, both personally and academically. It has been a pleasure to work with her as a social studies student (including within two independent-study courses) as well as President of the McDonell Student Council, of which she is an advisor. She is exceptionally passionate about the material she teaches, manages her classroom extremely professionally, and continually seeks to develop innovative instructional practices. In working with her, I have cultivated a deeper interest in the social sciences as well as a broader perspective on the world."



Above: Teacher Archie Sherbinow, Alex Ohde and his parents Sue and Steve Ohde

special relationship. He always greets me with a smile on his face and he always brings out the best in me”.

Archie Sherbinow said Alex, “is a strong, confident and determined young man. His behavior is not only consistent with our mission at McDonell, but it should be modeled by future students. Alex was humble in winning, and gracious in defeat. Alex’s positive spirit and understanding of what high school sports is truly about, was without a doubt a huge reason for our success as a basketball team and development of our program”.

Alex plans to major in computer science at UW-River Falls and play on their basketball team.

Congratulations to the entire class of 2017 for their academic achievements.

Mid-Winter **MARDI GRAS**

Save the date to join us
Sat, Feb. 10, 2018

10th Annual Night of Jazz Music
Fabulous Meal, Games, and Winners!
Schedule a class reunion - reserve a table

MACK BITS

Badger Girls and Boys State Delegates



John Francis



Peyton Tozer



Garrett Retzlaff



Megan Baier



Abigail Opsal

John Francis and Peyton Tozer were selected as delegates to represent McDonell Central Catholic at the Badger Boys in Ripon, WI. Garrett Retzlaff originally an alternate participated as well when a spot became available.



Adrienne Polus



Payton Swoboda

The girls selected to represent McDonell Central Catholic at the Badger Girls State held at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh were delegates Megan Baier, Abigail Opsal, and alternates Adrienne

Polus and Payton Swoboda. Badger Girls State is designed for students interested in the study of government and citizenship.

The programs are for individuals who are selected by high school faculty based on qualities of scholarship and leadership. Local American Legion Posts serve as the clearing center for sponsoring delegates to these events.

Congratulations to all the 17-18 seniors for being chosen!



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Unsung Hero ~ Mrs. Carol Way (honorary alumni of 2012)

By Mr. Brian Schulner, Principal
McDonell Central Catholic High School
Notre Dame Middle School

Being the new guy at McDonell I am not readily in-tune to those who have made an impact on our students and community and are leaving a legacy to follow. I relied on our veteran staff to help me and asked their direction in choosing our "Unsung Hero". The reply from our staff was swift and decisive, "Mrs. Carol Way". My research to why she was the choice of our staff has given me an appreciation for her ability, commitment, perseverance and desire to practice her passion.

Carol Way was an art teacher for McDonell for 26 years. Ms. Julie Pomietlo, teacher at McDonell, stated the following in regards to Carol, "Carol was the established art teacher at McDonell when I started teaching here and she took this greenhorn under her little wing and mentored me in to the confident art teacher I am today, 21 years later. Her patience with my initial attempts to get organized as a novice teacher was limitless! Even now I continue to see her work her teaching magic with the students who make up the annual musical. She is most deserving of this honor!"

Long time McDonell teacher Steve Roesler stated, "Carol spent 26 years while on staff doing the sets for the play. Since she has retired she has continued in that role and has been a constant for 36 consecutive years. She was an integral part of getting the Heyde Center going, donating lots of time and talent. While a teacher

“Receiving the Unsung Hero Award was most unexpected and I am truly honored and appreciative. Being part of the McDonell community and spending my teaching career there is a highlight of my life.”
- Carol Way

she did hours of calligraphy for athletic and fine arts awards. Everything always done with a smile and cheery personality.”

Carol's friend of over 50 years, retired MACS teacher Peggy Nehring truly enjoyed when her son was in plays at McDonell in the 90's as both a stage hand and actor. She appreciated Carol for recognizing student talent and abilities and drawing it out of them. She developed many of those students towards leadership positions as stage manager. Those students return after graduation to help with plays. She also is impressed with Carol's ability to take on the challenge of looking at the restraints of a stage and through multi-screening, backdrops and the use of technology create a professional set. Peggy is also grateful to Carol for her artistic ability



and drawing the cover for her mother's book, Bits and Pieces of a Small Town.

Barb Lowe who used to teach in our school system and works with Carol at the Heyde Center stated, "While flipping through my husband's University of Eau Claire yearbook, I discovered two things about Carol. She married Jerry for his last name. It was probably tiresome having to spell out and pronounce Czarnezki. There was also a picture of the homecoming queen (Carol) welcoming everyone to the game. Welcoming people would come natural to Carol, being in the limelight, probably not. Welcoming is a good word to describe Carol. Notice how everything about her presence is just that, gracious, sincere, warm, and beautiful, inside and out.

Carol's stage manager this past year for the production "Big the Musical", Peter Stoffel, stated, "Mrs. Way is truly the nicest lady with whom I have had the pleasure of working. She is kind, caring, and compassionate while always looking out for others without expecting any reward or recognition for her hard work. Mrs. Way is most deserving of being awarded the Unsung Hero Award."

Carol your dedication and hard work have not gone unnoticed in the McDonell Community. You have touched the lives of many and made a lasting impact. You are truly the master of what you do. Thank you Carol from all of the MACS Community.



Employee recognitions for 2017

This year the staff came together on Wednesday, June 7 for Mass in the McDonell Central auditorium with McDonell Chaplain Rev. Charlie Richmond as celebrant. The breakfast was held in the commons with food service staff preparing a very nice meal. Faculty and staff were recognized by their building administrator for their years of service following the breakfast. President Jeff Heinzen thanked everyone for their years of service, presented scholarships, and recognized those who have chosen another path outside of MACS.

Below: The Dzialowy Teacher Scholarship, is given in memory of Anthony Mikolaitis by President Jeff Heinzen. He awarded scholarships to teachers Jessica Scott (Holy Ghost), Paula Hanson (Holy Ghost), Sean Hanson (McDonell-Notre Dame) and Archie Sherbinow (McDonell).



5 YEARS

Shelley Burrier
Sean Hanson
Mitch Jacobson '07
Val Knobloch
Deacon Daniel Rider
Jennifer Wedemeyer

10 YEARS

Cathy Greenseth '14

30 YEARS

Cindy Yohnk

35 YEARS

Tony Reiter '74



Brianna Krause '11, Deacon Tom Kinnick '80, and Rita Nowak, received the Joseph & Olivia Bischel Teacher Scholarship Scholarship.

On behalf of the Bischel family, Pat Bischel presented three teachers Brianna Krause '11, kindergarten, Deacon Tom Kinnick '80 high school, and Rita Nowak first grade, with the Joseph & Olivia Bischel Teacher Scholarship. Nominated by parents, these teachers were recognized in bringing the love of Jesus into the hearts of their students, exemplifying Catholic education both in and out of the classroom. All the teacher nominations from parents were submitted to the Bischel family for their final decision. Deacon Tom Kinnick '80 also received the Clarence Rushman McDonell Teacher Award.

Thank you Miss Nowak!

Photos of the class of 2004 are held up by Mrs. Yohnk's first grade students while Mrs. Yohnk holds a photo of Miss Nowak in 1991, during the presentation of the gift from the students.



Monday, June 5, 2017 students at St. Charles Borromeo gathered one more time with one of their favorite teachers Miss Nowak who retired at the end of the school year. Many of Miss Nowak's students remember her as their first grade teacher, however the class of 2004 remember her as their kindergarten teacher when, in August of 1991, she started to teach at St. Charles Borromeo. Miss Nowak has been such a positive influence to hundreds of kids over her years of service they wanted to give her something nice to remember her time at MACS. The class had a photo taken of their hands in the shape of a heart which they presented to her along with the class of 2004.



Fr. Miller leads the 2017-18 school year with prayer.

Welcome Fr. Miller, Chaplain

Fr. Mark Miller is a graduate of UW-Eau Claire with a B.S. in Economics and a M.Div. from the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary. Currently, in addition to his assignment as our chaplain he is the Parochial Vicar at St. Charles Borromeo and St. Peter. In his prior assignment he was the chaplain at Assumption HS and Parochial Vicar at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish in Wisconsin Rapids. Father was ordained in June of 2015.



Eagle Scout project benefits the Community Gardens

Trevor Opsal a Junior at McDonell Central Catholic High School and a member of the Boy Scout Troop 15 of Central Lutheran Church in Chippewa Falls built a 10'x10' garden shed for local gardeners to complete his Eagle Scout project. The shed is to be used by gardeners at the HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital's Community Gardens "To provide an easier and more efficient experience for them during the growing season", explains Trevor.

To start the project Trevor wrote a project proposal to the scout council in Eau Claire for approval that the garden shed would be worthy to earn the Eagle Badge. He attended a growers meeting to learn more about the community gardens and what the gardeners needed. He worked directly with Thomas Sahr, head of the food project at St. Joseph's, Joan Coffman, CEO of St. Joseph's, and Roger Elliot, overseer of the gardens. The project was finished in one and a half months and was celebrated with a ribbon cutting ceremony on September 11, 2017. Trevor shared, "I'm very happy how it turned out. It was worth the work and effort put into it and time commitment towards it."

Trevor, an aspiring pilot, says, "This project has taught me how to communicate better, be well organized and overall be a better leader." He thanks all who helped this project from donation of time, talent or money including all 18 family members, fellow scouts, and friends. He also thanks St. Joseph's Hospital, Friends of St. Joseph's Hospital, Northwestern Bank, Chippewa Falls Kiwanis Club, Ed Rutledge Charity, Lakeland Overhead Door, Arrow Building Supply, and Chuck Goettl for their sponsorships, "Without your generosity this project would not have been possible".

The hospital's community garden is located off Scheidler Road in Chippewa Falls, across from Chippewa Valley Technical College. Anyone can rent a \$20 garden plot where all the produce is donated to food pantries around the area.



Above left: The project was celebrated with a ribbon cutting ceremony on September 11, 2017. Above right: Trevor Opsal finished the project of building a shed in one and a half months by laying rock around the exterior. Below: Travis stands next to the sign identifying the community garden located in Chippewa Falls near St. Joseph's Hospital and CVTC. For more information on the Community Garden, call Garden Manager Roger Elliott at 715-563-2069 or rwelae@charter.net.



Alumni Tournament Mens Basketball

Friday and Saturday, April 6-7, 2018

McDonell Central Catholic High School
and area school gyms.

Contact Nick Martell for teams:
nick@martelltire.com

Womens Volleyball Saturday, April 7, 2018

Chippewa Falls Middle School gyms

Contact Steve Roesler: s.roesler@macs.k12.wi.us



Showing their Fine Arts Awards from left: John Lyberg, John Francis, Tim Buchmann, and Samuel Zwickel.



Above: Ms. Pomeitlo presents Art Scholarship to Juniors Adrienne Polus and Jainane Matthews.

Fine Arts Awards

Fine Arts Award: Samuel Zwickel
 National School Choral Award: Samuel Zwickel
 Patrick Michael Kelly Forensic Award: Samuel Zwickel
 Woody Herman Award: John Lyberg
 Patrick S. Gilmore Award: John Francis
 Louis Armstrong Award: Timothy Buchmann
 John Phillips Sousa Award: Samuel Zwickel
 McDonell Art Scholarship: Adrienne Polus and Jainane Matthews



McDonell
 Musical set for
 February 2-4,
 2018

Auditions for "The Wizard of Oz" took place on November 13 and 14, 2017 in the school auditorium for all McDonell Central Central High School students, middle school students from Notre Dame and St. Peter who were interested in participating. This year grades 3-5 from Holy Ghost and St. Peter also have the chance to participate on stage as munchkins and monkeys!

On Wednesday, November 15, full rehearsals began at the end of the school day for the students. Construction of the backdrops, painting, rehearsing lines create a busy but FUN time for all involved.

If YOU would like to participate with this musical as an alumni please contact Carol Way, Stage Director. Leaving a message at the school office 715.723.9126. Assistance with

Forensics State Results 2017

Gold Medal:

Play Acting — "Trading Schedules"
 Anthony Roach
 Joseph Thaler
 Samuel Zwickel

Silver Medal:

Group Interpretation - "The Ledge" - Mark Buchmann, Jakeb Smiskey
 Group Play Acting - "The Spot"
 Kennedy Eslinger
 Garrett Retzlaff
 Luke Schemenauer
 Madeleine Wild
 Scott Wild

Silver Medal Cont.:

Farrago - Hannah Ullom
 Moments In History - Tim Buchmann

Bronze Medal:

Poetry - Belinda Neff
 Prose - Peter Stoffel
 Radio Speaking - Jalen Tozer

Fine Art Teachers

Sean Hanson, Band
 Julie Pomeitlo, Art
 Jill Ritchie, Forensics
 Amy Vogt, Choral

Look for the recorded concerts and music programs on our MACSTV webpage.

sewing of costumes, construction of background, stage crew and even being an extra on stage may be needed.

MAIN CAST MEMBERS ANNOUNCED

Dorothy – Madeleine Wild
 Scarecrow (Hunk) – Anthony Roach
 Tin Man (Hickory) – Scott Wild
 Lion (Zeke) – Gordy Schafer
 Glinda (Aunt Em) – Shanen Rice
 Guard (Uncle Henry) – Drew Hunt
 Wizard (Professor) – Peter Herron
 Witch (Miss Gulch) – Hannah Ullem



Wishing God's Speed to the McDonell Central Catholic - Class of 2017

On Wednesday, May 24, the class of 2017 and their families gathered and shared future plans at a meal before the Baccalaureate Mass at Notre Dame Church. Reverend Monsignor Mark Pierce, Chippewa Falls Deanery Dean was the celebrant and Reverend Charles Richmond, McDonell Chaplain presented the homily. Attendees were blessed to have present three additional priests and two deacons.

Graduation for the 50 McDonell Central seniors was held on Thursday, June 1 in the high school gymnasium. The McDonell band was led by Director, Sean Hanson. The band played the traditional processional "Pomp and Circumstance". Father

Richmond led the invocation. Then the high school principal, Mr. Schulner, welcomed everyone before presenting the Salutatorian Award to Peter Stoffel.

Peter's speech did a great job of making everyone hungry. He made direct comparisons to the encounters faced and celebrations in life to food. Some examples

Commencement speaker Deacon Thomas Kinnick '80 and Bishop's Award winner Benjamin Mitchell.

he referred to were that, "our family, friends, and celebrations are the chocolate cake in our life. It is the substance in life. It's the party that we all yearn." Peter went on to say, "The corner piece of cake with all of the sugar icing lacks substance as those people who sugarcoat everything lack sincerity and honesty. Those are the people you avoid. Today's celebration is a present given from God, and combined with hard work has produced many great things for all of the graduates."

Following Peter's speech Choral Director Amy Vogt asked the seniors to join the McDonell Choir one last time, sharing with all present the Scottish Traditional song, "The Parting Glass".

Mr. Schulner then presented the Valedictorian Award to Samuel Zwickel. Samuel shared that at its core, commencement is not about the conclusion of our high school journey. The verb commence means to "start or begin". As we move forward into our adult lives, we need to continue to ask "why". The purpose of an education might be summed up by one single word: veritas. Veritas is the Latin word for truth and serves as the motto for Harvard, the Dominican Order, and numerous academic institutions across the world. Seeking the truth is a lifelong pursuit, one that humanity has pursued for centuries upon end in universities, churches and systems of justice. This mindset becomes, arguably, even more important when stepping beyond the classroom walls.

Bishop's Award was then presented to Benjamin Mitchell. Ben shared that in discussing Thomas Aquinas, Bishop Robert Barron speaks of four worldly addictions: wealth, pleasure, power and honor. We fill our lives with these addictions, but Christ despised all of these things from the cross. Do we also despise all of these things, or has the purpose of education here been just to get a good job and make money? Do we accept the challenges that come our way, or do we try to find a way out? Do we view power as an opportunity to serve others, or do we see it as a way to



“What are you willing to give your life for?”
-Deacon Kinnick

dominate those who we should be protecting? Are we obsessed with the honor we receive from awards, or do we point our abilities back

toward God who gave them to us? Wealth, pleasure, power and honor become problems when they are the goals in our lives. We are all called to discern the way in which we are supposed to best serve others in our vocation. This is what God is calling each of us to do.

The McDonell band under the direction of Mr. Sean Hanson then invited the seniors for one last performance in presenting a resounding edition of “Apollo: Myth and Legend”.

The commencement address was given by McDonell religious studies teacher, Deacon Thomas Kinnick, who was chosen by the class. Deacon explains in his address that the Church doesn’t need another St. Thomas or Mother Teresa as they have already played their role. They didn’t die for a cause, they lived for it. We need to be the best versions of ourselves, to be saints, to shape the world as a new era starts. “What are you willing to give your life for?”

It is with sadness that Deacon Kinnick left us at the end of this school year to move closer to his family. In the 24 years he has given to the McDonell Community he has truly represented our vision and mission.

The diplomas were presented to the class by the Very Reverend Monsignor Mark Pierce, Dean and MACS President Jeffrey Heinzen while Principal Mr. Brian Schulner called off their names.

The graduates presented their class flower, a white rose, to their parents as their class song, “I Hope You Dance” by Lee Ann Womack played in the background. We all sang the Alma Mater and the graduates exited. A receiving line was set in the high school commons followed by a senior slide show in the auditorium. The tradition of an all-night graduation party at the YMCA the night of graduation continued once more this year.

“Our success rests with our educators.”
- Mr. Schulner

Mr. Schulner shared, “The job of being a principal doesn’t always allow for vast opportunities to get to know all of the students. You get to know about 2% really fast. I find it unfortunate that I didn’t get the opportunity to get to know the Class of 2017 better. Being the ‘new guy’, seniors tend to stay away from you. However, I saw some very dedicated

Seniors were asked to join their fellow McDonell band and choir members for one last piece during graduation.



Deacon Kinnick '80 during his commencement address challenges the seniors with some questions.

and hardworking young men and women this past year. What principal wouldn’t love to say that 100% of the graduates have post-secondary plans with 96% going on to a university or technical school and 4% to the military. Those numbers are unheard of in any public school. I couldn’t be prouder even though I was a temporary blip in their high school career. Congratulations Class of 2017 and God’s speed in your future.”

Mr. Schulner went on to say, “I thank the parents for making the right choice for their child in giving them the opportunity for a Catholic Education. It all begins in the family with strong values and Christian beliefs. We are extensions of that family. The largest ‘thank you’ goes out to the backbone of our educational system, the teachers and staff. I’ve said it many times, ‘Throw away the bricks and mortar, the phones and technology. Give me a teacher who can open minds and engage students under a shady oak tree and learning will take place. Our success rests with our educators.’”



Congratulations McDonell Central Catholic Class of 2017

Abram Alberts, Parents Kevin & Krista Hosley '86 Alberts

Plans to attend UW-Stout in Game Development - Art.

Austin Amelse, Parents Mark '80 & Kim Waldusky '78 Amelse

Plans to attend CVTC for Physical Therapist Assistant.

Andrew Ausman, Parents Paul & Rachel Hoepner-Ausman

Plans to attend UW-Eau Claire for computer science or business.

Wesley Benish, Parents Bill & Tricia Krause '98 Benish

Plans to attend UW-Stout for business and sales.

Lisa Bremness, Parents Berry & Lori Bremness

Plans to attend UW-River Falls in exercise and sports science.

Eric Bromeisl, Parents Scott '87 & Shari Bromeisl

Plans to attend UW-Stevens Point.

Timothy Buchmann, Parents Mike & Wendy Buchmann

Plans to attend Milwaukee School of Engineering for electrical engineering.

Luo Chen, Parent Fang Luo

Host: James & Katie Schlauderaff

Plans to attend Academy of Art University San Francisco for game design and development.

Daniel Dachel, Parents Richard '63 & Anne Dachel

Plans to attend CVTC in Criminal Justice.

Jasmine Davis, Parents Patrick '83 & Karen Davis

Plans to attend UW-Oshkosh for nursing.

Mariah Dorn, Parents Matthew & Melissa Dorn

Plans to attend UW-La Crosse to major in business.

Kennedy Eslinger, Parents Brian Eslinger & Krisann Eslinger

Plans to attend the UW-Stout for early childhood education.

Chase Everson, Parents Craig & Carie Everson

Plans to attend the UW-Eau Claire for preprofessional dentistry.

Carly Eystad, Parents William '83 & Connie Eystad

Plans to attend St. Cloud State.

Andrea Hiess, Parents Jason '84 & Kellie McCombs '84 Hiess

Plans to attend CVTC for physical therapy.

Nathan Hoglund, Parent Jayne Hoglund

Plans to attend St. Mary's University to major in physical therapy and participate in track.

Vy Huyen, Parents Vinh Son & Pham Huyen

Host: John & Wendy Schmidley

Plans to attend UW-Eau Claire for biochemistry.

Luan Huynh, Parents Vi Minh & Dang Ngoc Bich

Host: Daniel Wagner & CC Moore Wagner

Plans to attend UW-Eau Claire.

Abigail Klimek, Parents Jamie & Shana Klimek

Plans to attend CVTC for radiology.

Grayson Knowlton, Parents Jamison & Angela Knowlton

Plans to attend UW-Platteville for engineering and play football.

Austin Koepp, Parents Cindy Meyer & Mark Meyer

Plans to attend UW-Platteville in structural engineering.

Emily Krause, Parents Willy Krause & Kris Bresina '87 Krause

Plans to attend UW-River Falls to major in marketing communications.

Natalie Lorentz, Parents Tim & Lori Scheidler '84 Lorentz

Plans to attend UW-Eau Claire to major in nursing.

Chloe McChesney, Parents Jess & Megan McChesney

Plans to attend UW-Stout to study animation.

Benjamin Mitchell, Parents Brian '80 & Ann Mitchell

Plans to attend Ave Maria University to major in Theology.

Griffen Mlsna, Parents Bruce & Beth Mlsna

Plans to attend the UW-Platteville for business.

Jordan Moulton, Parents Will & Jackie Watton '86 Moulton

Plans to attend CVTC in liberal arts.

Madeline Newton, Parents Jeff '86 & Lynn Lembezeder '88

Newton Plans to attend UW-River Falls for pre-vet school.

Johnathan Normand, Parents Ryan & Renee Schemenauer '88 Normand

Plans to attend UW-Stout for computer programming.

Alex Ohde, Parents Steve & Sue Ohde

Plans to attend the UW-River Falls in computer science and basketball.

Eric Ohde, Parents Steve & Sue Ohde

Plans to attend St. Mary's University in business and track.

Rachel Ohde, Parents Steve & Sue Ohde

Plans to attend St. Mary's University in business and track.

Olivia Parkhurst, Parents Robert & Barbara Parkhurst

Plans to attend Viterbo University in nursing.

Charles Piper Kolanczyk, Parents Geralk Kolanczyk & Corina Piper Kolanczyk

Plans to attend UW-Platteville in mechanical engineering.

Helen Rada, Parents John '75 & Sue Rada

Plans to attend UW-River Falls in elementary education.

Dawson Rice, Parents Mitch & Kathy Rice

Plans on joining the U.S. Coast Guard with a law enforcement focus.

Nolan Rubenzer, Parents Ervin '90 & Rebecca Rubenzer

Plans to attend CVTC in nursing.

Seth Schemenauer, Parents Todd and Debra Baier '84 Schemenauer

Plans to attend the UW-La Crosse for occupational therapy.

Laura Schwandt, Parents Dan & Kathy Schwandt

Plans to attend UW-Eau Claire for elementary or secondary education.

Zachary Simonsen, Parents Erik & McKinzi Simonsen

Plans to attend the Northern Michigan University in computer science.

Ryan Sorensen, Parents Dale & Angie Sorensen

Plans to attend Concordia University in St. Paul for business management.

Devin Speltz, Parents Russ & Heather Speltz

Plans to attend MN State University, Mankato in construction management.

Peter Stoffel, Parents Mike '86 & Lisa Stoffel

Plans to attend South Dakota State for pre-pharmacy.

Keegan Swoboda, Parents Tom '77 & Carmen Swoboda

Plans to attend Winona State for athletic science.

Andrew Thalacker, Parents Tony & Julie Sokup '87 Thalacker

Plans to join the Navy.

Jalen Tozer, Parents Tim & Lou Tozer

Plans to work and then attend CVTC in broadcasting.

Khuyen Tran, Parents Tran Dinh Dinh & Tran Thi Thu Trang

Host: Randy & Chris Sonnentag

Plans to attend Southern Illinois University Edwardsville to major in actuary science.

Josilyn Verbick, Parents Bo Verbick & Shannon Tanzer

Plans to attend UM-Duluth in business.

Julia Verbick, Parents Bo Verbick & Shannon Tanzer

Plans to attend UW-La Crosse.

Samuel Zwickel, Parents Thomas & Susan Zwickel

Plans to attend Harvard University.

The class of 50 students were awarded over \$600,000 in scholarships.



Samuel Zwickel
Valedictorian



Peter Stoffel
Salutatorian



Front row left to right: Luan Huynh, Andrew Ausman, Benjamin Mitchell, Jordan Moulton, Natalie Lorentz, Andrea Hiess, Carly Eystad, Madeline Newton, Emily Krause. Next row: Chase Everson, Samuel Zwickel, Daniel Dachel, Jasmine Davis, Laura Schwandt, Josilyn Verbick, Charles Piper Kolanczyk, Nolan Rubenzer, Dawson Rice. Next row: Timothy Buchmann, Ryan Sorensen, Griffen Mlsna, Lisa Bremness, Julia Verbick, Kennedy Eslinger, Wesley Benish, Abram Alberts, Johnathan Normand. Next row: Keegan Swoboda, Grayson Knowlton, Seth Schemenauer, Olivia Parkhurst, Mariah Dorn, Helen Rada, Abigail Klimek. Next row: Eric Ohde, Devin Speltz, Jalen Tozer, Rachel Ohde, Vy Huyen, Khuyen Tran, Chloe McChesney. Next row: Peter Stoffel, Nathan Hogle, Austin Amelse, Zachary Simonsen, Eric Bromeisl, Austin Koeppe. Back row: Alex Ohde, Luo Chen, Andrew Thalacker

McDonell Alumni Association holds special Hall of Fame event honoring Kevin Swoboda '93

Though the McDonell Alumni Hall of Fame banquet is held during the even years, (next event is April 28, 2018 at the Heyde Center) the association board members realized they had a special request they didn't want missed. Nominated was Kevin Swoboda '93 for the outstanding athlete he was during and after his high school career at McDonell.

Kevin shared his love of football with many age groups. During his high school years he played linebacker position on the McDonell state championship team in 1989; was named first team all conference "center" in 1991, 1992; second team all conference "linebacker" 1990, 1991, 1992; All Northwest first team "center" 1992; Shrine Bowl participant "center" 1993. He is the all-time leading tackle in McDonell Central history. He also pitched a no hitter in baseball in 1991.

Kevin would go on to play defensive tackle for the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire. He didn't stray far from his Alma Mater when in the mid 1990's he started to coach grade six football for the Notre Dame Middle School. In recent years he continued to coach junior high football and was also involved with coaching the MAXX (offseason) basketball program.

On Friday, April 28, 2017 at *Bye the Willow*, both Eric Monarski '92 and Deacon Tom Kinnick '80 (Kevin's coach and teacher) spoke on the high quality of a person and football player to Kevin, his family, and those in attendance. Kevin who passed away on May 9, 2017 is sadly missed by all.



Deacon Kinnick extends a special blessing for Kevin.

Sharing a piece of McDonell History



Mary Lu Kelly Anderson '56 shared with McDonell Central students her mother's (Lucille McQuillan's) 100 year old diploma and report card from 1917. The items were on display outside the McDonell school office.

Students at McDonell Central have benefited from a scholarship that has been established by Lucille and family in her sister's honor Ruth McQuillan DiLaura '23. The scholarship helps a student attending McDonell offset the four year cost of tuition.



Lucille McQuillan Kelly '17 in school uniform



The Alumni Association surprised Jenny Schafer with an Honorary McDonell Diploma Class of 2017. Vice President of the Alumni Association TJ Proue '02 presented her the diploma at the Hall of Fame event.

ALUMNI DIRECTORY: Thank you to all the alumni who took the time to update their information with the directory company. For those purchasing a directory look for it arriving in January.



Like us on Facebook - McDonell Area Catholic Schools and request to join the McDonell Central Alumni closed group if you are an alumni. #themackway
Follow us on Twitter @McDonell_HS and @McDonell_Alum



Did you know?

MACS is live streaming school concerts, programs, and home sports games at: www.macs.k12.wi.us and on our Facebook page!



from the
Alumni Association President

Greetings Fellow Alumni and all McDonell Supporters,

So many McDonell Alumni continue to have their impact throughout the country and the world. I am so proud to hear about the many achievements

and contributions from our alumni. So many have also continued to have an impact in our hometown and to our Alma mater. This last year we have celebrated many of the accomplishments of our alumni past, present and future. I especially would like to take a moment to commemorate all those alums we have lost over the years.

This upcoming 2018 is another big year for the McDonell Alumni Association (MAA). The alumni basketball and volleyball tournaments are all set for the weekend of Friday and Saturday April 6-7, 2018. Alumni with college and professional experience came and participated in the 2017 tournaments. It was an exciting year for competition and we look forward to even more excitement in 2018.

I personally would like to thank all teams and everyone who attends the alumni tournaments as proceeds will

continue to be donated toward McDonell scholarships and the athletic booster club.

The McDonell Alumni Association's fourth annual celebration is all set for April 28, 2018. This year will incorporate a full hall of fame induction at the Heyde Center, the former McDonell Memorial High School. This year, we hope to have many past hall of fame inductees attend for a special honor. Keep your eye out for formal invitations but please reserve that date now.

Finally, as part of the MAA mission, our board has decided to create our first career fair at our Alma Mater. We hope to have a large assembly of alumni involved. The final date has not yet been set but we are looking to hold this event at McDonell Central in the spring of 2018. If you are interested in getting involved, please send an email to mcdalumassoc@gmail.com.

Merry Christmas and New Years to all alumni and supporters. God bless you all and I look forward to seeing you at all our upcoming events.

GO MACKS!

Rolly Enderes '96, MAA President



McDonell High School Hall of Fame Nominations

Please help us honor our outstanding alumni through nomination!

Do you know an alumni from McDonell Memorial or McDonell Central Catholic High School who has either served their community or country in an exceptional way, thus exemplifying 'The Mack Way'? Or how about an alumni who was an exceptional athlete while at McDonell and possibly after high school? How about someone who is not an alumni, but has dedicated numerous hours to McDonell and should be recognized as an honorary alumni? *Please help us in honoring our outstanding alumni and supporters!*

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2018 Hall of Fame and the Class of 2018 Honorary Alumni awards.

The awards banquet will be held on April 28, 2018 at the Heyde Center for the Arts.

** NOMINATIONS **

Contact Chris Eckes '09 for forms by emailing McDALumAssoc@gmail.com or go online at www.macs.k12.wi.us then ALUMNI tab

Alumni Banquet
April 28, 2018
Heyde Center for the Arts
(former McDonell Memorial)

Alumni Association email • McDALumAssoc@gmail.com

If you, or an alumni you know, have a legacy story to share, please send to:
McDonell Legacy Story, c/o Alumni Office, 1316 Bel Air Blvd., Chippewa Falls, WI 54729-1908
Or email MackMessenger@macs.k12.wi.us



Above: "Best Dressed" are Kerry Hagen, Dale Slaby, Kent Vandehaar, Wayne Jensen, Dan Hunt '75

Photos by Kris Horan



Above: "Mens Golf Top Winners" Pat Rasmus '83, Bill Eystad '83, Erick Stolp '85, Steve Rubenzer '83, and Jordan Bruce
Left Middle: Mixed Golf Winners: Nathan Stelter '98, Andy Pearson, Kendrah Pearson, Satch Hrdlicka, and Matt Flynn.

27th Annual McDonnell Athletic Booster Club Golf Scramble

The club had a great turnout with 72 golfers braving the rain at Timber Terrace. Thank you all for coming and supporting us! Thank you to all the hole and teams sponsors and Terry Durch for the use of the golf course. A HUGE thank you to steadfast volunteers Kip Panec, Nikki Eder '02 and Brittany Holzem '05. The McDonnell Golf Scramble brought in \$6,300 for MACS athletics! Look for the date for the 2018 coming soon on the alumni page on the MACS website. We hope even more alumni and supporters will be able to participate next year. Listed below are the results from the day with the top team winners in each category receiving a plaque from West Trophy and a sleeve of balls from Scheel's.

Best Dressed

Dan Hunt '75, Kent VanDehaar, Wayne Jensen, Kerry Hagen, and Dale Slaby

Closest to the Pin

Tony Stevens '03

Oldest Golfer

John Harings

Top Senior Team

Fred Kuss, Dick Monarski '59, Steve Cyr '64, and Tom Sazama '64

Top Mens Team

Steve Rubenzer '83, Bill Eystad '83, Pat Rassmus '83, Erick Stolp '85, and Jordan Bruce

Top Mixed Team

Nathan Stelter '98, Andy Pearson, Kendrah Pearson, Satch Hrdlicka, and Matt Flynn



Senior men winners L to R: Fred Kuss, Steve Cyr '64, Tom Sazama '64, and Dick Monarski '59

What are they doing now?

Nick Michels, McDonell Central Class of 1990 spies the world from lonely 153-foot perch above downtown Eau Claire as a crane operator. He is key to construction of the Confluence Arts Center in Eau Claire.

Photo by Marisa Wojcik

By Elizabeth Dohms, LeaderTelegram.com

Nick Michels, 45, is a tower crane operator employed by Industrial Construction Specialists in Eau Claire, and chances are that once he climbs 153 handrails 153 feet up the tower crane, he won't descend until his work day is over.

He operates a Liebherr 320 crane with a load-carrying capacity of close to 14 tons, though he hasn't come across anything that heavy on this project yet. His job is to communicate with crewmen on the ground who secure loads onto the hook that Michels sends down.

"Without him, the project right now would come to a halt," said Justin Geissler, a project manager for Market & Johnson, which is handling construction of the \$45 million performing arts center. "He's an important part of that project."

The hook is attached to a trolley that Michels can pull toward him or send out along a jib, a 234-foot horizontal arm that extends in front of Michels' line of sight.

Michels' office is a 5-by-5-foot cabin that sits near the top of the crane tower that he climbs, and carefully inspects for any damage, daily. Inside the cab on either side of his operator chair is his trolley and hoist controls.

The view from up top doesn't impress him much anymore; the bird's-eye view of downtown Eau Claire, the horizon marked by a Banbury Place sign, brick buildings and tree lines and the confluence of the Eau Claire and Chippewa rivers have become something he's used to seeing. He's more preoccupied with the crewmen's and his own safety.

Occasionally he'll see something that catches his eye, and for a closer look he grabs his binoculars from a nearby shelf. The binoculars' main purpose is to help Michels see hand signals from men on the ground, another method they use to communicate.

Michels is one of about 70 certified tower crane operators affiliated with the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 139 in Wisconsin, said Dan Sperberg, training director at the Wisconsin Operating Engineers Training Center near Coloma, south of Stevens Point.

Sperberg said people who are successful at the job have excellent communication skills, can work well alone for extended periods and have good depth perception.

"People don't get promoted to that job unless they have amazing work ethic," Sperberg said.

With bricks built high around the large theater on the north side of the project site, Michels can't always see the load he's delivering or picking up, something called operating "in the blind." He can watch a computerized display to his left that reads out the weight of a load to get an idea of what he's picking up.

"Bring it left six feet, two, alright trolley in, line it down, looking good," an ironworker communicates over radio.

"Him saying 'looking good' means quite a bit," Michels said. "Everything I hear on the radio means quite a bit. When I hear silence, I don't know what's happening, so

I gotta stop operating. And that doesn't make it smooth. It makes (the crane) jerk and bounce and everything. It's not good."

He keeps busy all day and can haul up to 18 to 20 picks if he's working with the carpenters. If there's a lull in the action, Michels gets on the radio and calls to other divisions, informing them that the hook is free. Different divisions rent out the crane; however that time is shared among all workers, Michels said.

Michels doesn't have much spare time because he needs to keep a firm grip on the levers to avoid shutting off power

to the crane. His hands get sweaty, but he puts socks

“God willing, I will retire doing this.”
- Nick Michels '90

over the levers to absorb the sweat.

Michels has been operating cranes since about 2005, getting certified through an apprenticeship that required 6,000 hours of training, which he completed over several winters at the training center near Coloma.

"Right from the beginning, he took his career very seriously," Sperberg said. "He was going to reach great heights."

While Michels said he was near the bottom of his McDonell High School class in terms of academics, he outshined fellow crane operator trainees when awards were handed out for performance.

"If you're interested in something, you pay attention," Michels said. "God willing, I will retire doing this."

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CLASS NOTES

Class shout-outs

Thank you to the 118 alumni who signed in at our MACS booth at the Northern Wisconsin State Fair and received a MAA keychain. Several of the alumni share their shout-outs below.

1960s

Tom '61 and Nettie Morrissey celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 26, 2017.

Gary and **Jeanne Baier Bowe '66** celebrated 50 years of marriage on August 19, 2017.

Carol Rowan Shepard '68, "Looking forward to our 50th class reunion next year."

1970s

Kathy Connell Dahl '73 "Looking forward to our 45th class reunion."

1980s

Barb Krista Eckwright '84, "My youngest daughter Becca is now married as of June 24, 2017"

Sue '85 Rauscher and David '85 Bleskachek celebrated 30 years of Marriage on September 5, 1987-2017

1990s

Bridget Boiteau Kurtenbach '97 started full-time at UW-Eau Claire as a Business Communication Associate Lecturer.

2000s

Jason Proue '04 was named Chippewa Falls High School boys varsity head basketball coach for 2017-2018.

2010s

Adam Bresina '13 UW-Stout Chancellor's Award for spring 2017 semester in hotel, restaurant and tourism.

Paul Buchmann '12 is attending George Mason University in Virginia working on his PhD in Climate Dynamics.

Kyle Cody '12 Named the Rangers Minor League Baseball Top Pitching Prospect in 2017

Abby Wild Bertrand '13

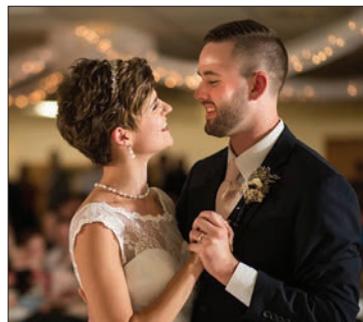
graduated from St. Thomas in Electrical Engineering

Cassie Schwetz '13 graduated from University of St. Thomas in Catholic Studies, Family Studies and Philosophy.

Shannon Globensky '13 returned to her alma mater in 2017 to teach first grade at St. Charles Borromeo. "Replacing Miss Nowak who was my first grade teacher!"

Rose Buchmann '15 is attending Cornell University in New York working on her PhD in Biomedical Engineering.

Holy Matrimony



Brianna Krause '11 and John Rider '10 were married on

September 30, 2017 at St. Charles Borromeo Parish. The couple reside in Chippewa Falls.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord

Antionette "Toni" Scheidler Kuba Class of 1941

April 29, 2017, Bloomer, WI

Lucille Hebert Hendrickson, Class of 1941, July 17, 2017 St. Cloud, MN

Gil Hebert, Class of 1946, July 5, 2017

Jim Globensky, Class of 1947 July 21, 2017, Chippewa Falls

Arthur J. Porn, Class of 1948 February 12, 2017, Elyria, OH

Franklin Steinmetz, Class of 1950 May 10, 2017, Chippewa Falls

Jane Nicolai, Class of 1952 April 25, 2017, Wayzata

Joseph Chisholm, Class of 1953 March 11, 2017, Chippewa Falls

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McDonell Central Class of 1982

Pictured left to right: Sue Zwiefelhofer Rineck, Bill Gaier, Ted Bowe, Scott Meinen, Wayne Franz, Dan Lenczner, John Rolbiecki, Jeff Geissler, Maria Roach Blum, Tom Krista, Sue Shaurette Meinen, Mary Grady Elsenheimer, Carol Zutter Wilczek, Bill Cemet, Julie Swoboda, Brian Rineck, Dave Geissler, Kathy Sumner McFarlane, Tim Alarie, Teresa Marenson Porn, Lynn Nayes, Patty Moe Williams, Julie Bowe Morrell, Mary Catherine Willkom Anglum

Celebrating their 35th class reunion, the McDonell Central class of 1982 met this past August at Roger and Carol Zutter Wilczek home in Chippewa Falls. If you were not aware of the reunion please update your information on the Alumni page of the McDonell Area Catholic Schools website or call the alumni office at 715.723.0538. Looking forward to seeing everyone in five years!

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Jean Lewis Dupey, Class of 1954

April 2, 2017, Chippewa Falls

**Francis 'Geno' Furst
Class of 1956**

June 19, 2017 Chippewa Falls

Eleanor Ziehr, Class of 1956

April 28, 2017, Chippewa Falls

**Mary Melloh Kokesh
Class of 1957**

August 24, 2017, Rice Lake, WI

Thomas Stoffel, Class of 1958

January 3, 2017, Cambridge, WI

**Margaret Kranzfelder
Class of 1958**

January 18, 2017, Chicago, IL

**Belinda (Bell) Rubenzer
Class of 1958**

April 14, 2017, Chippewa Falls, WI

**Robert 'Bob' Mrozinski
Class of 1958**

May 14, 2017, Mechanicsburg, PA

William Butler, Class of 1960

August 3, 2017, Chippewa Falls

John 'Jack' Jasper, Class of 1962

March 2, 2017, Eau Claire

**Constance 'Connie' Carroll
Class of 1965**

May 21, 2017, Chippewa Falls

Robert 'Bob' Gaier, Class of 1966

June 1, 2017, Chippewa Falls

Matthew P. Minahan

Class of 1969, June 10, 2017,
North Charleston, SC

John Waterman Minahan

Class of 1972, June 10, 2017
Fitchburg, WI

Edward 'Ed' Verbracken

Class of 1973
August 5, 2017, Chippewa Falls

Thomas J. Maurer

Class of 1976
May 31, 2017, Chippewa Falls

Kevin 'Stiffy' Swoboda

Class of 1993

May 9, 2017, Chippewa Falls

FRIENDS

Sr. Francis Elizabeth Schmitz,

O.S.F., St. Joseph's Hospital

Administrator. She was gone for a time and came back to Chippewa Falls in 1982 to 2005. January 19, 2017

Nancy Redard parent of McD

graduates, February 3, 2017

James R. Bedell parent of

McDonnell graduates

March 5, 2017

Margaret Durrch, parent and

grandparent of McDonell

graduates, March 15, 2017

Socorro 'Nene' Gaerlan, parent

of McDonell graduate

April 28, 2017

Joseph Kastelic, former teacher

and coach in 1986-1988

May 17, 2017

Roland Schneider, parent

and grandparent of McDonell

graduates, June 1, 2017

Valeria Bohl, parent of McDonell

graduates, July 15, 2017

Sr. M. Mellitene Grunloh, O.S.F.,

volunteer at St. Joseph Hospital

from 1991- 2005. August 6, 2017.

**Mass Intentions
at McDonell High**

Mail in your Mass intention with date and name to the alumni office. Mass is celebrated four days a week during the school year.

**McDonell Alumni Office
1316 Bel Air Blvd.
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729**



Classmates of 1965 enjoy trip together

Front left to right: Steve Loiselle '65, Mike Salmon "Tuna" '65, Mike McIlquaham, Dan O'Connell '64. Back left to right: Jean Fischer Loiselle '65, Mary Jo Salmon, Susan Brovold Turner '65, Barb Krejci McIlquaham '65, Barb Bloczynski Denning '65 and Diane Seckora O'Connell '65.

This past spring seven 1965 graduates visited Jackson, LA where another 1965 grad Michael Salmon "Tuna" and his wife reside along with their eight rescued dogs. Touring their property was a real treat. Moving on the seven classmates toured New Orleans and Graceland in Memphis, TN before heading back to WI. Fun time was had by all the classmates who for over 50 years still stick together and enjoy each others company.



Earliest Mac Matters in alumni office archives is Oct. 1948.

McDonell Legacy Story

By Ann O'Donnell Egan, Class of 1948

During a recent visit to my sister Edna O'Donnell Frederick '46, and while attending daily Mass at the beautifully redecorated Notre Dame Church, I was introduced to Cathy Greenseth. She was holding a copy of the Mack Messenger. I recalled that in 1947-48, Tish Rooney and I were coeditors of the Mac Matters. We had typists who typed submitted articles then "went to press" by using a mimeograph machine. I can't recall if it was the first year it was printed, but seemed like it was. *Does anyone remember an earlier Mac Matters?* I do remember McDonell days very happily and am glad the newspaper continues to be published and mailed.

Celebrating 70 years

The class of 1947 came together on September 14, 2017 at the Eagles Club in Hallie for their 70th class reunion. The thirteen classmates enjoyed each others company and a meal while they read notes they received from classmates who were unable to attend. The class also voted to donate toward the restoration of the Virgin Mary statue at McDonell. They took time to remember those classmates who passed away since they had last met in August of 2016.

Front row from left: Virginia Gustafson Keyeski, Kathleen Thornton Kopp, Shirley Greenwood Rasmus, Joanne Wild Cote, Lucile Downey Boehm, Lenore Valdreuil Wescot, Marianna Zdrzil Cochran. Back row: Bob Miller, Norb Sedlacek, Marilyn White Dachel, Eugene Mower, Bob Kutz, Francis Martell



McDonell Memorial Class of 1957 reunion of 60 years

Thirty members of the McDonell Memorial High School Class of 1957 and their guests gathered for lunch on Friday, August 11, 2017 at the Bridgewater Restaurant in Chippewa Falls to celebrate their 60th class reunion. Everyone enjoyed renewing old friendships and remembering the thirty classmates who were unable to attend as well as the thirty-four members who have passed away.

The thirty class members in attendance were front row seated left to right: Marian Kranig Anderson, Claudia Frenette Cayo, Billie Huber Dachel, Geraldine Felix White-Marko, Natalie Felix Bugella, Delores LaFaive Albert, Dorothy Marchart Kaiser, Sharon Pitsch Bell, Pat Duncan Sokup, Mary Ann Michels Bennesch. Standing immediate behind: Roberta Lehman Bourget, Norbert Gaier, Jerome Zais, Patricia (Johnson) Czech, Ellen O'Neil, Patricia (Flint) Tichey, Peter Peloquin Back row: Robert Tichey, David Hebert, Francis Stoffel, Joseph Zumbrock, James Lloyd, Jerome Dachel, James Monarski, John Bischel, Robert Bell, James Smith, Donald Douville, Robert Reiter, Bernard Herzog



Class of 1967 50th reunion

The 1967 Classmates that attended 50th reunion
(Not in order as seen in the picture)

Sue LaRue Quinn, Bill Overman, Jeannie Rada Schommer, Marcia Peterson Molner, Jack Halbleib, Karen Hawke Thomas, Connie Joas Pyatt, Pat LeCleir Farrington, John Monarski, Chuck Frenette, Kathy Rooney, Harold "Butch" Dachel, Debbie Gorton Ritzinger, Sharon Liedl Tripp, Debby Harling Spry, Robert Hartman, Tom McCarthy, Cindy Sinette Johnson, Paul Pevan, Rosemary Grzegozerski Keefer, Nettie Kreilling Proud, Steve Swoboda, Robin "Chrip" Hedrington Hassemer, Mary Kay Kuba Bodeen, Nancy Zenner Frenette, Ron Clish, Jim Smola, Jackie Bowe Bernier, Jeannie Cherrier, Ken Girard, Sandy Weber, Robert Norquest, Jim Simmons, Diane Joas Koss, Sharon See, Anita Hiess Zwiefelhofer, Debbie Berg Wells, Sue Schmidayer Schambrger, Marilyn Theirl English, Sally Durch Reynolds, Kay Cherrier Hendrickson, Jane Waldusky Von Feldt, Sue Meade, Marvin Schneider, Dennis Schindler, Connie Bresina Keys, Larry Hofmann (former class member but graduated from Ch Hi).

On Saturday, September 23, 2017 the class of 1967 came together for their 50th reunion after they had an informal gathering the night before at *The View* on Lake Wissota.

Pictured above, the classmates all took a self-guided tour of the former McDonell Memorial High School (Heyde Center for the Arts) where they spent their freshman year. In the fall of 1964 the class moved to what was then the newly built McDonell Central where they finished out their high school years. After attending 4:30 p.m. Mass at the Church of Notre Dame they gathered on the steps of the Heyde Center for a photo. They finished their evening at the Avalon Conference Center in Chippewa Falls for a social and meal.

Class Reunions

Class of 1968 - 50 year reunion

The class will be meeting on August 18, 2018 from 5:00 - 9:00 pm at Loopy's in Chippewa Falls. Classmates look for more information coming. Contact Margie Geissler.

Class of 1963 - 55 year reunion

Save the date of September 13, 2018 for our 55th class reunion. Please update your information on the MACS website Alumni page (www.macs.k12.wi.us) for Judi.

Share your photos and information with us!
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Association

Alumni Events see page 14-15

Basketball • Volleyball Tournaments

April 7-8, 2018

Banquet • Hall of Fame

Saturday, April 28, 2018

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State Champions Softball and Track Isaac Bohaty



Back row: Jessica Eisenrich, Cassie Sorensen, Madeline Newton, Abigail Opsal, Megan Baier, Liz Rietschel, Carly Jenson, Olivia Mlsna, Shanen Rice. Front row l to r: Natalie Lorentz, Laura Schwandt, Lisa Bremness, Andrea Hiess, Josie Verbick

When the McDonnell Macks spring sports season advances into the summer vacation time it sometimes is hard to keep fans engaged. However, the summer of 2017 was not so with the girls softball team advancing to state and bringing home the gold. The track and field saw the same excitement with 13 athletes participating at the state track and field. Junior Isaac Bohaty brought home the gold in the 800m. During the sectional Isaac's 800m time was a Colfax Facility Record, breaking Nick Zander's '14 previous facility record. During the season Isaac tied the school record in the high jump at 6' 3" and Senior Rachel Ohde broke her own high jump record going 5' 5". Senior Eric Ohde also set a school record in the discus throwing 150' - 4".



Isaac Bohaty, 800m
State Champion