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**Class of 2022**

2019
Bishop Brennan arrives

2020
COVID-19 pandemic hits

2021
Real Presence Real Future begins

2022
Bishop Fernandes and GRADUATION!
Cristo Rey Columbus High School awarded diplomas to 86 members of its largest-ever graduating class at commencement ceremonies on Saturday, June 4 in Ohio State University’s Mershon Auditorium. Their baccalaureate Mass was celebrated Wednesday, June 1 in Columbus Christ the King Church.

The Class of 2022 continued the school’s record of having every member of its graduating class during its six years of existence accepted to at least one college or university. The graduates were offered more than $17 million in scholarships by more than 130 institutions. Tsigereda Adane and Laena Rene were co-valedictorians, and Dincel Landaverde Rivera was salutatorian.

Members of the Cristo Rey Columbus High School Class of 2022 are:


- Carla Rose Lopez, Ana Celeste Madero Morales, Jason Magana, Ana Maguana, Christian M.D Martin, Zoinaikai Christavon Masud, Jissell Medrano Castorena, Camila Mendoza Cruz, Kidus D. Mersha, Jaylah Domi-nique Miles, Ethan Montoya Salazar, Heidy Morena Orellana, Monilolalouwa Oyesola, Joshua Piedra, Tevis A. Pryor, Titus Augustus Pryor, Oscar Al-

- exander Quiroga Lemus and Laena Au-gustine Rene.

- Ashley Reyeros Brenasia, Cardae Chenelle Ridgeway, Tyler-James Rufus, Jeriah Shaffer Holmes, Paul A. Takyi, Marra Thompson, Reynada Dashae Thurman, Mateo Torres-Tenorio, Emily Marie Turley, Beatriz Joana Vasquez, Manases I. Vasquez-Pineda, Lizbeth Ventura Gomez, Erica Villeda, Stacy Ahne Jae F. Virtudazo, Chyna Elaijah Wade, Kira Lind Weaver, Devin Wells and Ja’Niyah Yarbrough.
A Ukrainian exchange student who graduated this month from New Philadelphia Tuscarawas Central Catholic High School (TCC) is hoping to stay in Ohio for college as the invasion of her homeland by Russian troops continues.

Anastasia Didenko received her diploma from TCC on Sunday, June 5 and also has graduated from the equivalent of high school in her hometown of Novomoskovsk, a city of about 70,000 people in east-central Ukraine.

She wants to study economics in college, has obtained a student visa that allows her to stay in the United States and has been accepted at Ohio State University, but she says tuition there is too expensive. She is working with Malone University in Canton, which is within commuting distance of Tuscarawas County, on a plan to attend classes there.

Bomb explosions have fallen about 15 minutes from her hometown, but the city has escaped damage so far. Her mother and her 12-year-old sister live in an apartment in Novomoskovsk, while her father is serving in the Ukrainian army at an undisclosed location.

“She said, ‘They were working in different cities when the invasion began on Feb. 23. Mother was able to return the next day, but Father was called up by the army not long afterward. “It’s not very safe, but my mother and sister chose to stay home. There is a curfew, and they hear air raid sirens almost every night, and they go to the basement when that happens. Conditions in the basement are pretty bad, so they don’t stay down there long.’”

Anastasia said she talks to her mother and sister most days and to her father periodically.

“Many people have taped their windows to prevent glass from flying in the event of bombing, but we’ve been fortunate so far,” she said. “People are trying to live the best they can in an impossible situation. They’re going to work as before, but school stopped when the invasion started.”

“The city has taken in many refugees and has a huge hospital that’s filled with wounded soldiers from the front lines and civilians from elsewhere in the nation. The war seems to be bringing out the best in everyone. People are doing all sorts of things for each other because they never know what might happen tomorrow, and they know they have to depend on one another.”

During the school year, students at TCC, its two feeder parochial schools and Tuscarawas County public schools had fundraisers for the people of Ukraine. Now that school is out, Anastasia is collecting donations for first-aid kits for her father’s battalion. She is purchasing items for the kits and has sent 10 to her father so far.

“It would be five times more expensive to buy those items in Ukraine, and their quality wouldn’t be as good as it is here,” she said. “The main expense is shipping costs, and that’s where I can use help from others.”

“The war’s been going on for four months and could continue for some time. And right now it hurts to see people starting to forget about it because of other worries like the high cost of things here,” she said.

“Some people think the war is over, but that’s not true at all. Our capital, Kyiv, was bombed a few days ago for the first time in quite a while. People are still dying in Ukraine every day, and I want people to keep that on their minds.”

Anastasia came to Ohio through the Future Leaders Exchange program funded by the U.S. State Department. The program provides scholarships so high school students from Europe and Asia can spend an academic year in the United States.

After living with Bobby Eddy and Heather Jones of Bolivar during the school year, Anastasia is residing with Kimberly and Matthew Nadalin of New Philadelphia. The hair salon where Jones works is continuing to accept donations for shipping for the first-aid kits.

To donate, send a check made payable to Anastasia Didenko in care of Lock 7 Hair Studio, 10880 State Route 597, Bolivar, OH 44612.
The Class of 2022 has earned over 30 million in scholarships and grants.

Visit www.sfdstallions.org/class-of-2022 to see where these outstanding students will be headed next fall.
This year’s 216 graduates of Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School earned $30.5 million in college scholarships, and 98 percent of them will be attending one of 62 colleges and universities in the fall. One will be joining the U.S. Coast Guard.

Graduating at the Summa Cum Laude level of achievement were Katie Le, Vanna Giang, Pakindam Lamboni, Ryan Gustafson, Michael Sabatino, Abigail Groff, Kevin Morales, Grace Vance, Claire Bailey, Andrea Millenbaugh, Mia Gehrlich, Joseph Behrendt and Maddox Rickens.

Magna Cum Laude graduates were Allisann Sarff, Jamie Cox, Ashley Allton, Gabriella D’Amico, Ziwen (Roy) Ding, Andrew Shaffer, Molly Ballard, Sophia Hipolite, Wanqing Alice Liu, Alexander Shaffer, David Chintala, Ashley Anderson, Jacqueline Wiggins, Gianna Mancini, Lauren Afrifa, Hayden Bucher, Jenna Pusecker, Sarah Stevens, Victoria Asiedu, Gianna Cua, Adison Czerniak, Maggie Valentine, Madison Wehrman, Iris D’Costa, Rori Draminski, Mariana Perez Flores, Ashleigh Zehala, Ablerma Forjoe, Luca Ricci, Eleanor Mullins, Kelly Mai, Elizabeth Fleisher, Isabella Gigliardi, Phoebe Kraus, Madelyn McCurdy, Ashley Mejia-Lopez, Elizabeth Ruff, Katherine Jolley, Abigale Phelps, Emma James, Alena Stewart and Sumon Estifanos.


Cum Laude graduates were Briceida Ortega-Garcia, Owen Moran, Layla Jones, Kyle Hast, Zhiwei (Winnie) Zhang, Joyce Vamboi, Joel Villa, Cameryn Williams, Christian Hopp, Ava Richards, Brady McInerney, Natalie Schwartz, Kyle Nicely, Stephen Stalnaker, Yaming Wen, Carys Wasil, Hayven Ayitiah, Jalen Carpenter, Angela Adu, Ana Olalde Florencio, Priscilla Soto, Josephine Osei, Jackson Carawan and Anna Pham.

Receiving school service and leadership awards were: Father James M. Berendt Award, Lauren Afrifa, Grace Vance and Maddox Rickens; Alumni Award, Pius Edzie and Laurenda Lamboni; Bishop Herrmann Service Award, Madeline McNamara; Senior Spirit Award, Jalen Carpenter and William Djedje; Mother Frances Cabrini Award, Wanqing (Alice) Liu, Ziwen (Roy) Ding, Yaming (Jackie) Wen and Zhiwei (Winnie) Zhang; Campus Ministry Award, Kaylyn Malinowski and Ablerma Forjoe. Class members performed 8,095 service hours.


Miles Alexander Butler, Zavier Tykee Butler, Audrey Belle Callahan, Evan Joseph Campbell, Jackson Roarke Carawan, Jalen Cliff Carpenter, Maria Elizabeth Castorena, Michael Patrick Caunaugh, David George Chintala, Cecilia P. Coglianese, Ayan Silva Comedy, Modou Aliou Conde, Jamie E. Cox, Shayla Ann Cremans, Mitzely Cruz Rueda, Gianna Maria Cua, Matteo Gerhard Cua, Abigail Rose Czerniak, Gabriella Angelina D’Amico, Iris MaryAnne D’Costa, Brian Diaz, Madison Nguyen Dile, Ziwen R. Ding, William Josuah Djedje, Elliot Isisdo Salido Dortmund, Rori M. Draminski and Andrew Huston Dunbar.


Janiya Davis and Charles Easley will be the first to acknowledge that four years ago they never expected to be attending a Catholic high school let alone graduating from one.

And yet on Saturday, June 4, the two seniors accepted their diplomas, moved the tassel on their graduation caps from one side to the other and flashed a smile befitting their accomplishment.

At that moment, they could call themselves graduates – and now alumni – of Columbus Bishop Ready High School.

“The diploma looks really good,” Davis said.

Their stories represent the power and potential that a Catholic school education provides when the opportunity is made available to young people from all backgrounds, even those who have not had the chance to attend a Catholic elementary school.

Both students trace the successful completion of their high school education at Ready to the Run the Race Club founded to help underprivileged children on Columbus' west side in the Hilltop area by Rachel Muha.

Muha started the club to honor her youngest son, Brian, a Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School graduate who was murdered in 1999 while a student at Franciscan University of Steubenville.

“The Brian Muha Foundation has been supporting inner-city students who want to go to Bishop Ready,” Muha said. “We have helped five other Run the Racers graduate from there, and we will have five Run the Racers at Ready next year – two freshmen, one sophomore and two juniors. We are so glad that we can help this way.”

When Davis arrived at Bishop Ready four years ago, she admitted that she had trouble adjusting to the academic and personal discipline required in a Catholic school and that she'd never experienced it before. There were some rough spots with teachers and administrators at first, but then she began to understand the expectations and adapted.

“Where I came from, it's different from here because of my behavior and how I used to act when I used to go to different schools,” she said. “Being here has made me act in a different way and know how to act in front of others.”

As a freshman, she said she felt out of place at first coming from a different environment than other students (about 70 percent matriculate from Catholic elementary schools to Ready), and it took time to adapt. Academically, she struggled initially and had to take summer courses during that first year.

“I will say I really did not think it was a good idea. But, after four years, I feel like it really has been a good thing for me. I’m glad she wanted me to go here because I think it was a great experience, and I learned a lot. I became a different person. I’ve grown a lot.”

Assistant principal Rocco Fumi recalled those early struggles and the transformation the two students made.

“We understand that there are going to be some bumps along the way, but we were not going to give up on them. We hope they didn’t give up on us. And it’s just so rewarding to see where they were and where they are now.”

“If you listen to their stories, I think the one thing that stands out is their growth from where they came in here,” Ready principal Matt Brickner said. “Not coming from one of our traditional feeder schools, that path is different because the expectations are different.

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Columbus Bishop Ready High School principal Matthew Brickner presented diplomas to 95 graduates at the school's 58th commencement ceremony on Saturday, June 4 in the school gymnasium. The ceremony was held at the Navigator Church, both of whom plan to attend the University of Dayton on scholarship.


Five seniors were inducted into the Bishop Ready Hall of Fame. They are Allison Bair, Kaitlan Harlan, Kaitylan Lancia, Dylan Murray and Angel Rivera-Martinez.

Ninety percent of the class will be attending one of 37 institutions of higher education. Two class members will join the U.S. Marine Corps. The class contributed approximately 5,200 reading hours.

Receiving school awards were: Principal’s Award, Angel Rivera-Martinez; Ready Award, Caroline Buendia; Spirit Award, Sierra Schlosser; Gifts of the Heart Service Award, Abigail Grunede; Gertrude C. Kuehfuhs Music Award, Charles Easley; Alexa McAllister Memorial Scholarship, Elizabeth Agostino; Walsh University Founder’s Scholarship, Amelia Freeman.

Eleven seniors signed to play college sports. They are: Caroline Buendia, soccer, Rhodes College; Megan Chesser, volleyball, Goldey-Beacom; Simone Daniel, volleyball, Capital; J’Sun Gardner, football and track, Kenyon; Kenny Haynes, baseball, Hocking; Troy Hixon, basketball, Bethany; Lillian Kapala, softball, Mount St. Joseph; Claire Larger, track, Capital; Paul Marshall, football, Marietta College; Sierra Schlosser, basketball, Mount Union; and Emma Sweetman, softball, Capital.

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The following year, the school staged a show with a limited cast of nine, and then this spring returned to a full cast for a performance of Little Mermaid.

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“Charles and Janai both made Bishop Ready a better place in their four years here with what they’ve been able to do.”

Davis, who participated in track and field and cheerleading while at Ready, also developed a stronger sense of faith in the school’s Catholic environment.

“When I first came here, I really didn’t play attention enough to my faith life,” she said. “I have actually learned a lot with our religion classes. Being here is basically like going to church.”

Easley’s story resembles his classmate’s. He started going to the Run the Race Club in third grade and quickly blossomed there under the guidance of Muha and many volunteers who mentored him and helped set up academic tutoring that allowed him to enroll at Bishop Ready.

“My freshman year, it was really hard academic-wise going from public school to Catholic school,” he said. “Me and Mr. Fumi, we spent a lot of time together because I was always in trouble.

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St. Michael School is a Catholic community committed to academic and moral excellence because Christ is the center of our lives.
Congratulations, graduates

By Dr. Adam J. Dufault

Dear Graduating Class of 2022,

On behalf of the Office of Catholic Schools and the 52 Catholic schools in the Diocese of Columbus, congratulations on your graduation! We hope you know that we are proud of you and proud of all that you have accomplished in your years in Our Catholic Schools. You have persevered through so many challenges, many unprecedented, and have achieved tremendous successes in your high school career. Across our Diocese, you join 1,100 Catholic high school seniors who will walk across stages at graduation.

Many of you, our graduates, are completing a journey through thirteen or more years of Catholic schooling. You have formed close bonds with each other and with your principals and teachers in that time. You have had tremendous experiences and made wonderful memories while building a relationship with Jesus and our Church.

It is the hope of all of us who work in Catholic education that you are ready to be young men and women of faith, ready to serve our Church and our world. We encourage you to live out the faith you have learned, remembering St. Paul’s encouragement to “persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith” (Hebrews 12:2). We thank God for the good you have seen and done in high school, and we are confident that the Lord will walk with you through the adventures ahead.

Once again, to the graduating class of the Diocese of Columbus of 2022, congratulations. To the dedicated teachers, administrators, and parents who have done so much to bring our graduates to where they are today, thank you. Be assured that we are all praying for you!

Dr. Adam J. Dufault is the Superintendent of Catholic Schools.

Message from Bishop Fernandes

My Dear Friends in Christ,

Congratulations! Your graduation is a significant accomplishment, and the whole Church in the Diocese of Columbus rejoices with you. Your hard work has paid off. We are grateful for your parents, family members, teachers, administrators, coaches, and friends who have accompanied you on your journey and have helped you to make the most of your God-given talents.

Many years ago, when I was leaving for graduate studies, my archbishop told me, “Don’t let your studies get in the way of your education!” I think he meant that we also learn a great many things outside the classroom and from people—true and authentic witnesses to those values and virtues, including those of faith—which has to be truly great.

The purpose of education is not so much to give us all the answers or to make us efficient workers or to help us get into the best college or graduate school; rather, it is to train the mind and heart to ask critical questions about that which is true, good, and beautiful and to lead us to discover the Truth, who is the person of Jesus Christ, the fulfillment of the desire of our hearts.

Jesus was the Teacher par excellence. He began his great Sermon on the Mount with the Beatitudes, those spiritual attitudes and dispositions—poverty of spirit, meekness, etc.—which He demands of his disciples. He then proceeded to tell them that they were the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

You, graduates, are the salt of the earth. Salt preserves food from corruption. It is a symbol of purification. You must not only have pure hearts to see the face of God, but you must purify our toxic culture with the joy of the Gospel, with your faith in Jesus Christ. Salt is also a symbol of wisdom. St. Bonaventure says that Wisdom is knowledge infused with charity. It is not enough to have book smarts; we also need to have loving hearts. Finally, salt adds flavor. We are counting on you to add flavor to a world that has grown stale and is filled with hatred and violence. Be ambassadors of peace, adding the flavor of peace and joy to our society.

You are the light of the world. How dark our world is filled with sickness, suffering and senseless violence! How many people are forced to live in abject poverty, what Mother Teresa of Calcutta called “dark holes.” Go. Be the light of Christ. Once upon a time, the Church was portrayed as a lighthouse, a pillar of hope and strength amid the storms of this world. However, our times have changed and many people are so wounded that they cannot make it to the lighthouse, and they live in darkness. Bring the light of Christ to them.

Your education has brought you to this moment. You were made to be missionaries to bring this light into our world. Often, people will say that our young people are the future of the Church, but I say, “You are the Church of today.” We need your witness. We need your gifts. We need you.

As you go into the world or continue your studies, go with the grace of God and with the pride and admiration of your family members, friends and the people of God in Columbus. May the Immaculate Virgin Mary, the Seat of Wisdom, accompany you on your journey.

May God bless you. Yours in Christ,
Bishop Earl K. Fernandes

God Bless all our graduates in the Class of 2022 from the people of Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church.

Three diocesan principals retiring

Dan Kinley, principal of Columbus St. Matthias School, retired at the end of the just-completed academic year after 30 years in that position. He also was principal at London St. Patrick School in 1991-1992.

Other diocesan principals retiring were Luna Alsharaiha, principal at Columbus St. Mary German Village School from 2011 to 2015 and Columbus St. Agatha School from 2015 to 2022, and Matt Ritzert, principal at Dover Tuscarawas Central Catholic Elementary School from 2013 to 2022.

The three were honored at the annual year-end meeting of diocesan school administrators.

Receiving recognition for service milestones were Jim Silcott, principal, Columbus Our Lady of Peace School (30 years); Rocco Fumi, assistant principal, Columbus Bishop Ready High School (20 years); Amy Chesser, principal, Columbus Holy Spirit School; and Mary Kobel, principal, Coshocton Sacred Heart School (both five years).
Portsmouth Notre Dame Junior/Senior High School celebrated its baccalaureate Mass on Friday, May 13 at Portsmouth Holy Redeemer Church. The school’s 2022 commencement ceremony was on Sunday, May 15 in the school gymnasium.

Diplomas were awarded to 23 graduates by school principal J.D. McKenzie and guidance counselor Beth Haney.

The Class of 2022 was offered $1.3 million in scholarships and accepted $477,914 of that total. Ninety-one percent of its members are pursuing higher education. Twenty-one of the 23 graduates will be attending 12 different colleges, including four outside Ohio.

There were two valedictorians – Ethan Beckett and Lindsey Blau. Ethan is the son of Marian Beckett and the late Gene Beckett of McDermott and has accepted $142,920 in scholarships to attend the University of Dayton, where he will major in mechanical engineering. Lindsey is the daughter of Phillip and Amanda Blau of Stout and has accepted a $56,000 scholarship to the University of Massachusetts, where she will major in data science.

The salutatorian was Gary Zheng, the son of Kevin and Shirley Zheng of Portsmouth. He has accepted $137,000, the full cost of tuition, room and board in scholarship offers to attend Ohio State University, where he will major in computer science.

Students graduating with honors diplomas were Ethan Beckett, Lindsey Blau, Bryce Isaac, Kaia McKinney, Kalie Pettay, Ebbie Potts, Viv Wheeler, Brayden Yarnell and Gary Zheng.

The school presents three special awards voted upon by the faculty. The Citizenship Award was given to Gary Zheng for his contribution of time and energy to civic, community and school projects.

The Senior Service Award went to Ethan Beckett for his generosity with his time toward course work and extracurricular activities. Viv Wheeler was chosen for the Outstanding Senior Award. She has best fulfilled the roles of scholar and leader in the school and community and has demonstrated outstanding character and service to others. Most important, she has demonstrated high Christian ideals in all of her daily activities.

Members of the Portsmouth Notre Dame Junior/Senior High School Class of 2022 are:


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Real Presence Real Future Second Round Draft Models are now available for public viewing and comment. We want to hear from you about your impressions of this second round of draft models. Now is the time to share concerns, hopes and alternative to these models.

Please visit www.realpresencerealfuture.org to review your planning group’s Fall feedback and Second Round Draft Models and complete the accompanying survey by June 30.
Newark Catholic graduates 46

Newark Catholic High School graduated a class of 46 seniors in a commencement ceremony on Sunday, May 22 in the school auditorium. A baccalaureate Mass was celebrated Tuesday, May 17 at Granville St. Edward Church.

The class valedictorian was Margaret Matuska, and the salutatorian was Brooklyn Smith. Forty-four of the seniors will move on to higher education and earned $2.7 million in merit-based scholarships, with one joining AmeriCorps and one entering the workforce.

Twenty-three seniors earned state honors diplomas, and an equal number were inducted into the National Honor Society. They helped contribute more than 300 pounds of food to a local food pantry and performed 1,500 hours of community service.

Members of the Newark Catholic High School Class of 2022 are:


Newark Catholic valedictorian Margaret Matuska (left) and salutatorian Brooklyn Smith

Photo courtesy Newark Catholic

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Owusu, Ethan Ivo Patterson, Noah Anthony Patterson, Jason David Payne, Mariana Stephanie Perez Flores, Valery Perez-Gonzalez, Anna Ngoc Pham, Abbie C. Phelps, Dominique Latel Poe, Dylan Chase Pugh, Jenna Noel Poe, Giovanni Rangel Guillen, Abigail Catherine Reagan, Luca Giovanni Ricci and Ava Grace Richards.

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BISHOP HARTLEY
Bishop Hartley graduates 175 students

The 175 members of Columbus Bishop Hartley High School’s 62nd graduating class received diplomas on Saturday, May 28 at the school’s Jack Ryan Field. A baccalaureate Mass was celebrated Friday, May 27 at Columbus Christ the King Church.

Members of the class will be attending one of 55 colleges and universities, with one going into the military and one combining college and the military. They were awarded academic and merit-based scholarships totaling $27.9 million, with 95.4 percent of the class going on to higher education. Members of the class totaled more than 19,875 service hours.

Receiving full-tuition scholarships were Rita Barton, Cherod Bowens, A’Mya Eaton, Kidist Endale, Alex Gabriel, Lukas Graham, Sarah Godoy, Emma Guess, Milodi Mamo, Mia Martin-Fuller, Natalie Mitchell, Payton Moore and Mycah Newton.

Morgan Ford was a National Merit Commended Scholar, and A’Mya Eaton was a College Board National African American Recognition Scholar.

Addisyn Carlyn McCall, who will attend Alabama A&M University, received the Future of STEM Scholars Initiative Scholarship, a four-year scholarship of $10,000 per year. This is the largest third-party scholarship ever received by a Bishop Hartley student.

A total of 64 students received academic honors.

Summa Cum Laude students, who had a cumulative grade-point average (GPA) of 3.9 to 4.0, were Dominique Assis, Rita Barton, Alexsia Cashwell, Ryan Clark, Margaret Collins, Sydney Collins, Ameliana Conigyi, Avery DeFoor, Kena Demie, Kidist Endale, Luke Eschmeyer, Ella Ewing, Morgan Ford, Rutha Gola, Lukas Graham, Emma Guess, Elayna Kebe, Stuart Landry, Milodi Mamo, Eleanor Morrow, Alex Ramicone, Sophia Sammler, William Sheridan, Katie Shuman, Destiny Starks, Emily Thompson and Alexander Treon. Earning Magna Cum Laude honors (3.7 to 3.799 GPA) were Jonathan Abel, Kertina Adamo, Aidan Alexander, Charlotte Chamberlain, Joseph Ferryman, Sarah Godoy, Zachary Grimes, Sophia Kanowsky, Rylan King, Emily Knox, Katherine Mackessy, Riley Mann, Nebuy Mekuanet, Natalie Mitchell, Anthony Nicola, Kathrina Noma, Jarah Orndoff, Camille Payne, Olivia Rašton, Mackenzie Satford, Trevyhon Saunders, Samuelyn Smith and Haymanot Zeleke.

Cum Laude honors (3.7 to 3.799 GPA) went to Karli Barringer, Kaelyn Covington, Richard Everhart, Taryn Jones, Andrew McFeeters, Payton Moore, Andrew Navarro, Allison Page, Isabella Parker, Jacob Ross, Jaiden Stratton, Simon Sybert, Bradley Teynor and Rylee West.


Isabella Noelie Parker, Landen Stephen Paulus, Camille Joellen Payne, Heavenlee Marie Payne.


Lymphoma doesn’t stop Hartley graduate

When Zaven Solomon received his diploma from Columbus Bishop Hartley High School on Saturday, May 28, it was significant not just because of the achievement itself, but also because he graduated on time after being diagnosed with Hodgkin’s lymphoma in August 2019, five days into his sophomore year.

From the time of his diagnosis through December 2019, Zaven underwent four rounds of chemotherapy. He checked into Nationwide Children’s Hospital monthly on a Friday morning to undergo treatment and was released on Sunday evening.

In January 2020, he spent 15 days undergoing radiation treatments at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital. He continues to have follow-up appointments every three months. These will continue for two years.

School counselors and administrators helped his mother coordinate with tutors so he stayed on schedule with his studies. The Hartley community sent him cards and gifts to keep his spirits up.

He returned to Hartley for his junior and senior years and will attend Capital University in the fall.
38 graduate from Fisher Catholic

Lancaster Fisher Catholic High School graduated a class of 38 members at a commencement ceremony on Sunday, May 29 in the school gymnasium. A baccalaureate Mass was celebrated on Friday, May 27 at Lancaster St. Mark Church.

Thirty-three members of the class will be attending 20 institutions of higher education. They were awarded more than $2.8 million in scholarships. The class also performed nearly 1,000 service hours. Luke Sharp was valedictorian and is a National Merit Scholar. John Tencza was salutatorian.

Members of the Lancaster Fisher Catholic High School Class of 2022 are:


Gratitude expressed for beloved teacher who became valued peer

By Kayla Elrich

As I sat in Mrs. Van Evra’s eighth-grade language arts classroom in 2003, I knew that I wanted to be a teacher, but I had no idea that I would one day work side-by-side with someone who had such an influence on my education.

After graduating from Lancaster St. Mary School and Fisher Catholic High School, I entered Ohio Dominican University and earned my teaching degree.

During my first week as a teacher in Columbus, I received a note in my mailbox. It was from Mrs. Van Evra, my former teacher, congratulating me as I embarked on my teaching journey.

Her words of encouragement gave me confidence, and I knew that Mrs. Van Evra was by my side, believing in me just as she had done when I was a student in her classroom.

In spring 2021, I interviewed for a position at St. Mary School where I attended years ago. My husband and I had purchased a home close to the school, and I felt called to apply. I had complete trust that our Lord’s will would be done, but I was still nervous the day of my interview.

When I walked into the interview, I was greeted by Mrs. Van Evra’s thoughtful, warm and welcoming smile, and anxiety was replaced with joy. My face lit up, and I said, “Mrs. Van Evra, it is so good to see you!”

With a kind and gentle voice, she said, “Oh please, it is Kathleen.” I smiled and said, “It will always be Mrs. Van Evra.”

Transitioning from her student to her peer to her administrator has been such a gift and an honor. As her student, I was the recipient of her engaging and thoughtful lessons. As her teaching peer, I was the fortunate beneficiary of her support and encouragement. As her administrator, I was the proud supervisor of her awe-inspiring talent and generosity.

Mrs. Van Evra’s love for her faith was life-giving, and her enthusiasm for language arts was contagious. The knowl-
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ALL-DIOCESAN ACADEMIC HONOR TEAM MEMBERS

ALLISON BAIR/Columbus Bishop Ready  Parish: Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
National Honor Society; National Business Honor Society; Student Council; Beta Club; Advanced Placement Scholar; Father Huber Scholarship; Hilltop Kiwanis Scholarship; Columbus Founders Award for Handshake America; Soccer, Track, Cross Country and Bowling Teams; Future Business Leaders of America; Prayer Group; St. Vincent de Paul Club; 4-H Club; Harvard University Women in Business Conference; Volunteer for Mid-Ohio Food Collective, Run the Race Club, St. Aloysius Church Thanksgiving Meal, Madison County Humane Society, and Central Catholic League Day of Service; Attending University of Dayton

LINDSAY BLAU/Portsmouth Notre Dame  Parish: Portsmouth Holy Redeemer  
National Honor Society; WSAZ-TV Best in Class; Presidential Award for Academic Excellence; Ohio High School Athletic Association Academic Award; Key Club; Swimming Team; Cheerleader; Volunteer for St. Francis Outreach Center, Notre Dame Elementary School, Parish Canned Food Drives and International Festivals  
Attending University of Massachusetts

GABRIELLA DAVISON/Cristo Rey Columbus  Parish: Reynoldsburg St. Pius X  
National Honor Society; Volleyball Team; Softball Team; Employee of the Month; St. Pius X Vacation Bible School, Gospel Road and Confirmation Retreats  
Attending Marietta College

KATHERINE DRAB/Columbus Bishop Watterson  Parish: Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare  
National Merit Commended Scholar; National Honor Society; Presidential Award for Academic Excellence; Student Council; Buckeye Girls State; Intern for Ohio Rep. Adam Miller; Ohio Attorney General’s Teen Ambassador Board; Zonta Club Outstanding Woman, Catalyst for Positive Change Award; Msgr. Spiers Service Award; Principal’s Scholarship; Cross Country Team; Little Theater; International Thespian Society; Kairos Retreat Leader; Worship Band; Concert and A Capella Choirs; Interns-4-Good Tutor; Cantor; Parish Teen Choir; Dublin Soccer League Coach; Library Homework Volunteer  
Attending University of Notre Dame

ELAYNA KEBE/Columbus Bishop Hartley  Parish: Columbus St. Catharine  
National Honor Society; Tennis Team; Theater Program; Art Club; Christian Camp Counselor; Kairos Summer Retreats  
Attending Ohio State University

KATIE LE/Columbus St. Francis DeSales  Parish: None  
National Honor Society; Run the Race Club Co-President; Core Student Ambassador; Golden Hearts Club Leadership Council; Math Club; Mind Over Matter Group; Red Cross Volunteer; Columbus Library Reading Buddy; Mid-Ohio Food Collective Volunteer; Rustic Pathways Volunteer  
Attending Harvard University

JAMES MARINAS/Columbus St. Charles  Parish: Columbus St. Peter  
National Merit Scholarship Finalist; National Honor Society; Student Council; School Newspaper; TEAMS Engineering Competition; Quiz Bowl; Tennis Team; Chess Team; Engineering Team; Jazz Band; Campus Ministry; Pencil Drive; Coat Drive; Vacation Bible School volunteer  
Attending University of Texas-Dallas

MARGARET MATUSKA/Newark Catholic  Parish: Newark St. Francis de Sales  
National Honor Society; Student Council; Key Club; School Play; School Cabaret; Women in Engineering Club; Parish Youth Group; Altar Server; Liturgical and Small Ensemble Choirs; Competitive Dancer; Dance Masters of America Summer Honors Program; American Diabetes Association Youth Advocate  
Attending University of Cincinnati

GINA SCIARRETTI/New Philadelphia Tuscarawas Central Catholic  Parish: New Philadelphia Sacred Heart  
National Honor Society; Buckeye Girls State; Kiwanis Academic Excellence Award; Stephen A. Triplett Memorial Scholarship; Volleyball, Basketball, Track and Softball Teams; Ohio High School Athletic Association Scholar-Athlete Award; Homecoming Queen; New Philadelphia Lions Club Rose Queen; Choir; Lector; Cantor; Altar Server; Student Council; Junior and Senior Class Treasurer; Youth 2 Youth; Winter Formal Committee; Prom Committee; Pep Club; International Club; Vacation Bible School; Volunteer for Blessings in a Backpack, Parish Santa Workshop and Many Other Activities  
Attending Miami (Ohio) University

JACK TENCZA/Lancaster Fisher Catholic  Parish: Lancaster St. Bernadette  
National Honor Society; Mid-State League All-Academic; Football Team; Basketball Team; Baseball Team; Irish4Life Club; Washington March for Life; Altar Server; Red Cross Blood Drive; Children’s Heart Foundation Heart Walk; Biddy Basketball Volunteer; United Way Community Care Day  
Attending Ohio State University

KENNEDY TOLLIVER/Zanesville Bishop Rosecrans  Parish: Zanesville St. Nicholas  
National Honor Society; Community Youth Foundation; Drama Club; Dance Committee; Baseball Announcer; School Auction and Bazaar; Christmas on the Hill; School Ambassador; Class Officer; House Captain; Mentor Group Leader; Hugh O’Brien Youth Foundation Representative; iBelieve School Representative; Muskingum Valley League Leadership and Sportmanship Ambassador; Pep Club; Key Club; Spanish Club; Drama Club; Campus Ministry; Volleyball Team; Cheerleader; Tutor and Babysitter  
Attending University of Dayton
Four students in diocesan schools have been awarded Gertrude C. Kuehefuhs music scholarships. Outstanding instrumental and choral music students receive the $250 awards to help them pay Catholic high school or college tuition. Two scholarships are awarded to high school seniors, and two to eighth-graders.

HIGH SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Lucia Cherok

Lucia Cherok, a Columbus Bishop Watterson High School graduate, was in the school’s marching, concert and jazz bands for four years. The trombone is her principal instrument, and she takes percussion and piano lessons.

She received a superior rating for her solo in the Ohio Music Education Association solo and ensemble concert as a junior. She was in the pit orchestra for the school’s production of Beauty and the Beast as a senior and helped the middle school honor band from Watterson’s feeder schools before the pandemic shut it down.

She also was a member of the school’s swim team and Student Council and volunteered at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium and the Mid-Ohio Foodbank. She has auditioned for the Canton Bluecoats Drum and Bugle Corps, has participated in the Ohio State University Marching Band’s summer sessions and high school honor weekend and will try out for the band in August.

She will major in music education at Ohio State in hopes of becoming a high school band director.

HIGH SCHOOL CHORAL MUSIC

Charles Easley

Charles Easley, a Columbus Bishop Ready High School graduate, is a baritone who has been part of school, community and professional theater productions for the past four years. He also has been active in helping inner-city children at the Run the Race Club on Columbus’ west side and as a Columbus Recreation and Parks Department volunteer.

His other school activities included Student Council, the Future Business Leaders of America, the Castle Crew and serving as an altar server and an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist. He hopes to attend Capital University and obtain a degree in education so he can help troubled young people, using art as an outlet.

ELEMENTARY INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Sarah Seidu

Sarah Seidu, who will attend Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School in the fall, began playing the piccolo in the school’s marching and concert bands during the past academic year while attending eighth grade at Columbus St. Matthias School.

She had been playing the flute in that school’s band since fifth grade and has been teaching herself the guitar for the past two years. In addition, she has been a voice student at Leppanen Music Academy and Encore Music Studios and received a certificate in modeling and television from the John Casablancas modeling and talent agency.

She has been on the St. Matthias School dance and track teams, was awarded first place in the school’s political cartoon contest and was a gift bearer, altar server, lector and cantor at school Masses. She hopes to study medicine in college and become an oncologist while retaining her involvement in music.

ELEMENTARY CHORAL MUSIC

Cameron Wilson

Cameron Wilson will be attending Columbus Bishop Ready High School in the fall after being involved in school musicals and other choral activities, serving as a cantor and being a member of the handbell choir at Reynoldsburg St. Pius X School for the past five years.

He was in the national choir of the Organization of American Kodaly Educators in 2019 and has taken part in 18 musical productions for his school, Columbus Children’s Theatre, Pickerington Community Theatre, Star Performance Academy and other organizations.

He also was a member of the school’s Drama Club and Beta Club, served as a library and food pantry volunteer and was a Boy Scout.

DESALES GRADUATE WINS WARD SCHOLARSHIP

Mariana Perez Flores, a 2022 graduate of Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School, is this year’s recipient of the Wendy O. Ward Foundation memorial scholarship.

Ward’s husband, Chris, a graduate of Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School, established the scholarship in 2015 in memory of his wife, a Hilliard resident who died of breast cancer on May 18, 2012, after a 10-year career as a writer and public relations consultant.

The scholarship is awarded to a graduate of a Columbus diocesan high school who has been involved in school, community and parish activities and has demonstrated academic achievement, particularly in language arts.

The recipient receives $5,000 for first-year college expenses and is eligible to apply for a $1,000 renewal award for three subsequent years. The Ward foundation pays the scholarship money directly to the institution the recipient plans to attend.

At DeSales, Perez Flores was a member of the National Honor Society and the French National Honor Society; made the honor roll in all 16 quarters of her four years at the school; had a poem published in the Thurber House’s teen literary journal Flip the Page; and took part in the state level of the JustWrite Ohio competition in her junior and senior years.

Activities in which she was involved include the Writer’s Club, Student Book Club, Battle of the Books competition, Math Club, Astronomy Club, Autism Awareness Club, French Club, Students for Social Justice, Asian and Pacific Islander Student Association, Art Club, Mind Over Matter Club, junior varsity cross country team and the Luv Michael volunteer organization for autism awareness.

She will attend Northwestern University in the fall and hopes to earn bachelor’s and graduate degrees in English and to be an English professor at a college.

In her scholarship application, she said she wanted “to teach the next generation of students the power of language and writing skills in our lives, the world and throughout history.” Her parents emigrated to the United States from Mexico, and she will be the first member of her family to attend college.

Wendy Ward, a graduate of Bishop Luers High School in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and of the University of Dayton, was grateful for her Catholic education and always said she counted herself lucky to do something not all English majors can – to use her skills and write every day for her company, Constructive Communication, Inc., where she was vice president.

Her husband and children, Caroline and Jack, hope the scholarship will help provide others with the same opportunity.
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BISHOP WATTERSON HIGH SCHOOL
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Columbus Bishop Watterson High School awarded diplomas to 234 graduates on Saturday, May 28 in the school gymnasium. A baccalaureate Mass was celebrated there on Thursday, May 26.

Ninety-five percent (194) of the class members were accepted at institutions of higher education and received a combined $36 million in college merit scholarship offers. They will be attending 63 colleges and universities.

The school awarded 88 state honors diplomas, with 80 students receiving the Presidential Award for Excellence. One class member had a perfect score of 36 on the American College Test, and 25 had perfect scores in individual subjects. Class members totaled more than 10,300 service hours in addition to the required sophomore service training program.

Valedictory awards for outstanding achievement in scholarship, activities, service and general ability were presented to John Agan, Layla Bergman, Lucia切尔k, Sarah Cobb, Elizabeth Copeland, Anthony DeFilippo, Chloe Demboski, Norah Dorley, Katherine Drab, Caroline Elliott, Sarah Festi, Abigail Foltz, Grant Gilsenan, Isabella Gourno, Mary Grassi, Mary Griffith, Max Hall, Matthew Heidenreich, Leah Hetteberg and Mia Hinz.

Also, Quentin King, Cristian Kubatko, Maxwell Latshaw, Lucy Louden, Thomas Marino, Isabelle Matre, Amelia Moreland, Eve Owens, Amelia Pepe, Julia Pietrie, Katherine Ragiel, Victoria Regan, Lily Rekow, Sofia Roncone, Emily Shoup, Anna Stauffer, Claire Sugar, Natalie Wallace, Samantha Wehrle and Veronica Worley.

Receiving service charity cords for completing at least 220 hours of community service above the sophomore service requirement during their time at the school were John Agan, Julia Bently, Ella Chillog, Sarah Cobb, Kate Drab, Caroline Elliott, Sarah Festi, Isabella Fogt, Ana Galuzny, Claire Gibbons, Grant Gilsenan, Molly Griffith, Abigail Hagman, Matthew Heidenreich, Jack Henry, Quentin King, Lucy Louden, Leo Pavell, Amelia Pepe, Alessandra Quinn, Sofia Roncone, Blake Tippett, Isabel Winters and Brian Zetzer.

Members of the Columbus Bishop Watterson High School class of 2022 are:


Abigail Elizabeth Brunner, Mary Grace Ryan Bryner, Averi Elizabeth Burchard, John Murthid Byrne, Grace Cantwell, Ryan Everett Cap, Adam John Carreno, Collin Brendan Cassidy, Derek Dakota Caswell, Mary Ava Cetovic, Lucas Yim-Ming Chan, Lucia Danae Cherek, Ella Grace Chillog, Sarah Kristine Marie Cobb, Zoe Marie Coleman, Riley Elizabeth Connors, Anna Marie Cooper, Elizabeth Grace Copeland, Natalie Corrine Cottrell, Evan Cowette, Conner Vincent Croppe, Claire Marie Dahman and Benjamin Robert Davidson.

Colin Christopher Dawson, Maria Anna Decaminada, Anthony Joseph DeFilippo, Chloe Marie Demboski, Bridget Standing Denihan, Claire Elizabeth Dinovo, Richelle Ashley Diodos, Christian Tyler Divierte, Norah Clare Dorley, Katherine Ann Drab, Ryan Driscoll, David Patrick Druhan, Tatyana Mary Eagle, Caroline Elizabeth Elliott, Thomas Grant Ellis, Anna Caitlin Emswiler, Gwendolene Fese-Muna Epie, Isabella Kim Eramo, Owen Daniel Ferguson, Sarah Elizabeth Festi, Ryane Irene Finnegan, Alexander Charles Fisher and Tyler Gregory Flewelling.


Bridget Catherine Kane, Rosemary Frances Kay, Ryan Patrick Kelley, Kaitlyn Mary Kertz, Peyton Christine King, Quentin Thomas King, John Patrick Kish, Cristian Michael Kubatko, Amanda Catherine Kueter, Sophie Margaret Jane Kuntz, Kristina Leigh Kurtz, Maxwell James Latshaw, Charles John Lewis, Gavin Patrick Lewis, Anna Marie Liedtke, Lucy Olivia Louden, Alexa Marie Machol, Trent Joseph Maisano, Sawyer Michael Mapes, Thomas Michael Marino, Christopher Adam Martinez, Isabelle Mary Matre and Evan Michael Matuska.


Lauren Elizabeth Tracy, Nathan Daniel Traver, Gabriel David Turner, Makena Lynn Twombly, Edward Tate Vanaudsle, Jake Richard Vanaudsle, Maria Therese Voet, Amelia Skye Walker, Natalie Marie Wallace, Elaina Kate Walsh, Samantha Ruth Wehrle, Luci Marie Thom, Isabel Rita Winters, Madison Summer Worely, Lauren Elizabeth Woodland, Veronica Hazel Worley, Shaquanna Nasandra Wright, Shawanna Nasandra Wright, Kiera Anne Yeck, Raymond Charles Yonkura Jr., Kathrine Anne Youell and Brian Patrick Zetzer.
Happy Graduation

• 132 students received over $32.5 million in scholarships
• 22 National Merit Scholars
• Average ACT score of 26.8
• 1 will pursue the seminary at the Pontifical Josephinum
• 1 received an appointment to U.S. Military Academy at West Point & 3 earned ROTC scholarships
• 1 student received the prestigious Joyce Scholarship, Merrill Scholarship and 2 National Merit Scholarships
• 13 are pursuing their athletic passion at the next level

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Happy Graduation

class of 2022

St. Charles Preparatory School
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Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School presented diplomas to 132 members of the Class of 2022 during its commencement ceremony, preceded by a baccalaureate Mass on Friday, May 27, in the Robert C. Walter Student Commons.

Ninety-six percent of the graduates will attend four-year colleges, 2 percent will attend two-year colleges, 1 percent will enter the U.S. Marine Corps and 1 percent are undecided. They earned $32.5 million in scholarship funds and will attend one of 62 institutions of higher education, with 42 percent attending colleges outside of Ohio. Both the latter figures are records for the school.

Members of the class contributed 7,500 service hours.

Eight seniors were National Merit Scholarship finalists, one was a National Merit semifinalist and 13 were National Merit Commended Scholars. Two students were National Hispanic Scholars, and one is an African American Scholar. This means that 19 percent of the graduating class were recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Corp.

Making Union

As in years past, several Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School graduates have received full scholarships, covering tuition, room and board and additional expenses such as study abroad and books, from several universities.

James Marinus will attend the University of Texas-Dallas. He plans to study cognitive science in pursuit of a career in medicine. At graduation, he was recognized as having the highest grade-point average in the class (4.4), and he scored a 36 on the American College Test as a junior.

Jackson Congrove will attend the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York. He joins four other St. Charles graduates, all from the Class of 2020, there now. He plans to major in systems engineering and pursue an engineering career in the Army.

Anthony “Rocco” Giannotti received the Glenn Joyce Scholarship to the University of Notre Dame. He plans to study political science in pursuit of a career in law and public policy. Last summer, he interned at the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio, assisting with naturalization ceremonies and new voter registration along with archiving civil cases.

Trenton Wells was awarded Ohio State University’s top academic scholarship, the Morrill Scholarship. He plans to study finance in pursuit of a career in sports business.

Bishop Rosecrans graduates 26

The Zanesville Bishop Rosecrans High School Class of 2022 had 26 members, whose graduation ceremony was on Saturday, May 28 in the school gymnasium. A Baccalaureate Mass was celebrated on Friday, May 27 in the school gymnasium.

Twenty-five of the students will attend college. They were offered $5.1 million in scholarships and performed nearly 3,500 service hours.

Valedictorians were Emily Backus, Jenna Carlisle and Kennedy Tolliver. Honors diplomas were awarded to Emily Backus, Jenna Carlisle, Kelly Goggin, Beau Hankinson, Brooke Harmon, Makaela McLaughlin, Luke Pratt, Michael Smith, Kennedy Tolliver, Margaret Ward and Connor Wooley.

St. Charles graduates 132 seniors

One student will attend the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York; three students were admitted to ROTC; one student will join the Air National Guard; and one will enlist directly in the military.

Two members of the class will be swimming, one playing lacrosse and one playing golf at the NCAA Division I level, with nine being involved in athletics at the Division II and III levels. One student will attend the seminary.

Members of the Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School Class of 2022 are:


Christopher K. Clayton, Jackson D. Congrove, Ronald W. Cottrill, William M. Cromley, Nicholas A. D’Alber

necker, Kellen P. Karas and Christian M. Kinnerle.


Joseph W. Meury, Samuel P. Mick


St. Charles students awarded full college scholarships

He has participated during the past two years with the Ohio State Student Leadership Research Collaborative, in which he and three other St. Charles students met weekly to discuss, address and find ways to improve the student retention rate at St. Charles.

This led the school to create the Learning Formation Program and Center, a new daily scheduled enrichment period, a shared teacher calendar to help coordinate when tests and quizzes are given, and the hiring of staff members to support these approaches.

Daniel Ferguson will attend the University of Oklahoma, where he plans to study environmental science in hopes of having a career in law.
Anna McLain of Newark Blessed Sacrament School and Jack Gossett of Newark St. Francis de Sales School have been awarded the 2022 Gretchen O’Neill Scholarship in memory of the longtime educator and principal at both schools.

The scholarship is awarded annually to a rising eighth grader at each school who best exemplifies Gretchen O’Neill’s extraordinary work ethic and her motto, “Be kind.”

Newark students receive O’Neill scholarships

Anna McLain and Jack Gossett have been awarded the 2022 Gretchen O’Neill Scholarship in memory of the longtime educator and principal at both Newark Blessed Sacrament School and Newark St. Francis de Sales School.

The scholarship is awarded annually to a rising eighth grader at each school who best exemplifies Gretchen O’Neill’s extraordinary work ethic and her motto, “Be kind.”

Our Lady of Bethlehem students collected and assembled activity and development kits that they made as part of a spring service project and presented them to a Nationwide Children’s Hospital representative.

OLB students complete spring project

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edge that I gained while I was her student was far greater than the standards and curriculum she taught; Mrs. Van Evra taught me to be kind, joyful, faith-filled and at the service of others.

She has been an incredible mentor, teacher and friend. We are saddened to no longer have her in the building every day, but we know that her legacy will remain for years to come through the gifts that she has imparted on her thousands of students.

Mrs. Van Evra, we are so grateful and proud and hope that you enjoy the well-deserved peace and family-filled moments of your retirement.

Kayla Elrich is the principal of Lancaster St. Mary School.

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