

# PiusXI CONNECTIONS

A publication for friends of Pius XI High School  
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Director of Institutional Advancement

As Pius XI High School's new director of Institutional Advancement, I am blessed to join you, our alumni and friends, as a tremendous advocate for Pius XI, the best Catholic high school in our area.

As a Pius XI alumna, I realized some time ago that it was the Pius XI teachers and administrators who taught me, the friends I made, and the faith I formed here that has shaped me into the leader I am today.

Since returning, I am happy to report the energy and enthusiasm within the overall community is alive and well. Our current students are brilliant! The quality of their learning is evidenced in the record-breaking college scholarship offers they've received which we highlight in this newsletter. Equally important are the dedicated professionals—lifelong learners themselves—who are committed to the mission and culture of Pius XI.

I am extremely excited to welcome back to Pius XI all the alumni who will be holding reunions in September. The class of 2003 will meet for a casual evening of refreshments on September 12 in the Pius XI lobby. The classes of '98, '93, '88, '83, '78, '73, '68, '63 and '58 will meet for dinner and dancing at the Pius XI field house on September 13. And all of our graduates from the classes of 1957 and earlier are invited back for Mass and brunch on September 14. It will be a great weekend of reminiscing, catching up and uniting in our roots and traditions of Pius XI High School.

In this issue of *Connections* we highlight recent changes to campus and plans for next steps. We also celebrate the successes of our recent graduates and spotlight upcoming alumni events.

Whether you are in town for a reunion, or just find yourself in the neighborhood this summer, I invite you to stop in—Pius XI is your school and you are always welcome. And please send your current email address to [alumni@piusxi.org](mailto:alumni@piusxi.org) so we can continue to keep you updated in a timely and cost effective manner. I look forward to meeting you!

Sincerely,  
Bridgette E. (Carter) Frommell '97



## New Field House Serves as Venue for Fall Reunions

Since October 2004 the Pius XI Field House has been transforming individual lives as well as the surrounding community. The facility has been the vehicle through which Pius XI has been able to implement a uniform strengthening and conditioning program for all sports, and a fitness center accessed by faculty, staff, alumni and neighbors as well as students.

With a seating capacity of 1600, the field house has become the Pius XI venue for sporting events, community liturgy, assemblies and special events such as the Pius XI class reunions this fall. "We are very excited to welcome back our alumni to campus and host the reunions in this beautiful venue," says alumni director Joel Claassen. "It's fun to see the field house all decked out for a special event, and it's important for our alumni to experience this facility."

As the largest facility of its kind in southeastern Wisconsin, the field house offers Pius XI myriad opportunities to share the Pius XI experience by hosting community-based athletic events, ceremonies, and beyond.

**If you graduated in any of these years – 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993 or 1998 – we'll see you at the Field House in September!**



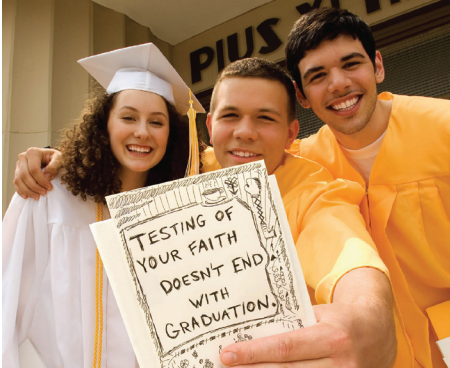
Architectural illustration of Pius XI's proposed new Fr. Robert V. Carney Arts Center

## Arts Take Center Stage in Fundraising Efforts

Phase II of the *Campaign for Inspiring Lives* focuses on raising the funds for the **Fr. Robert V. Carney Performing & Visual Arts Center**. Preliminary interior preparation work has been completed in the old gymnasium. We are \$1.5 million in cash away from being able to begin new construction.

The center will provide instructional, performing and gallery space worthy of Pius XI's award-winning arts program. A 500-seat multi-purpose performance space with a proscenium stage will be the centerpiece, flanked by galleries that display student works of art. The remodeling will provide recital and rehearsal space for figure drawing, sculpture and photography studios for the arts program.

If you would like more information on how you can play a role in making this dream a reality, please contact Bridgette Frommell, [bfrommell@piusxi.org](mailto:bfrommell@piusxi.org) or (414) 290-8162.

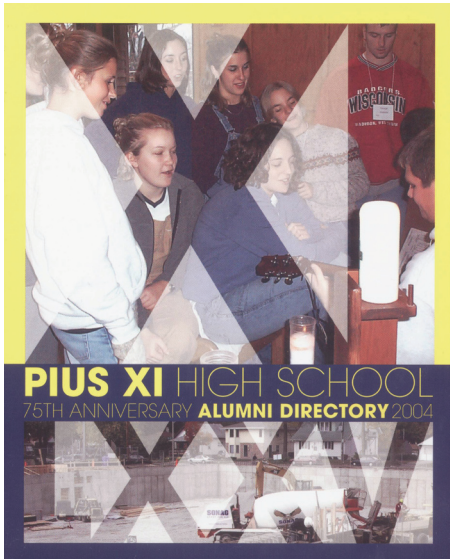


At Pius XI, students not only learn Catholic values, they live them – even after graduation!

## Congratulations Class of 2008!

Pius XI High School was proud to graduate the 303 members of the class of 2008 on May 24, 2008. These brilliant students have been offered more than \$9 million in scholarships at colleges and universities throughout the country—a record for our school! In addition, 31 seniors received the US Presidential Award for Academic Excellence – recognizing students who earned a GPA of at least 3.7 and scored in the top 85 % on the ACT or SAT.

We welcome the class of 2008 to the ranks of the Pius XI High School alumni!



## Alumni Directory in Progress

Pius XI is working with Harris Connect in producing an alumni directory scheduled for publication in February 2009. Over the next several months, you may receive postcards, emails or phone calls from Harris asking for updated contact information. We would appreciate your cooperation in updating your contact information. All updates are returned to Pius XI so that our database remains current.

Harris Connect is only collecting information for purposes of the directory. **Your information will not be released to any third parties.** You decide whether or not your personal information is published in the directory—make your wishes clear to the representative with whom you speak. You also decide whether or not to purchase the directory—Pius XI does not benefit from the proceeds—but it is a great way to stay connected to the Pius XI alumni community!

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