

SUMMER 2026

EXAMEN

JACK HERBERT
RECEIVES FAITHFUL
SERVANT AWARD

CELEBRATING THE
30,000 GRADUATE!



ARTS IN ACTION:
TURNING CREATIVITY
INTO CALLING

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Spring Auction

GROWING THE FUTURE TOGETHER!

The Pius XI community came together in remarkable fashion for our 2026 Auction Celebration, raising nearly \$295,000 to support our students and the mission of Catholic education at the Italian Community Center on May 7, 2026. We are deeply grateful to our sponsors, donors, attendees, volunteers, faculty, staff, alumni, parents, and friends whose generosity and faith made this extraordinary evening possible.

Special thanks to our presenting sponsor, CG Schmidt, and to emcee Steve "The Homer" True for helping make the celebration such a memorable success. We are especially grateful to Auction Co-Chairs **Nickie '76 and Rick Schmidt** and **John '76 and Dawn Haertel**, whose leadership and dedication brought the event to life.

The evening also celebrated members of our Pius XI family whose service has left a lasting impact. **Fred Sitzberger '71** received the XI Impact Award in recognition of his steadfast commitment to the mission of Pius XI. We were also grateful to present outgoing **President Jack Herbert** with the Walter J. Yakich Faithful Servant Award and a Pius XI letterman jacket honoring his eight years of faithful leadership.



Jack Herbert
and **Jacen Arrington '26**
in their matching Pius XI letterman jackets.

Together, we continue Growing the Future, inspired by the faith, generosity, and community that make Pius XI Catholic High School so special.

Save the date
for the 2027 Auction on May 6!



A FAREWELL MESSAGE FROM

Jack Herbert

Over the past eight years, it has been a true honor and privilege to serve as President of Pius XI Catholic High School. This is a community grounded in a mission that matters—preparing a diverse community of young men and women to achieve their unique and highest potential. I am beyond grateful for the opportunity to have been part of that sacred work.

Looking ahead to the school's 100th anniversary in 2029, there is much to be proud of. Together, we have strengthened our commitment to ensuring every student under our care grows in reading, writing, and math proficiency—skills that are foundational to their success in college, career, and life. We successfully eliminated the Field House debt, strengthening the school's financial position for the future. Most importantly, we have built and sustained a talented, dedicated team of educators, staff, and administrators who care deeply about our students and their futures.

One of the initiatives I am especially excited about is the creation of the Applied Learning Lab, which will be fully operational in the coming school year. We know that students learn best when they can connect academic concepts to real-world experiences, and this space will provide opportunities for exactly that kind of meaningful, hands-on learning.

Like many leaders, I leave wishing much more could have been accomplished—but that is simply how I am wired. What gives me great confidence, however, is the strong foundation that is in place and the extraordinary people who will continue to build upon it.

On a personal level, one of the greatest blessings of my tenure at Pius XI has been the opportunity to meet so many alumni and supporters. Hearing your stories and witnessing the lasting impact this school has had on your lives is something I will carry with me always. I have often said that if I had grown up in Milwaukee, I would have attended Pius XI myself. Having experienced this community firsthand, I believe that more than ever.

While the neighborhoods surrounding the school have evolved over time, the heart of Pius XI remains unchanged. The school continues to nurture students to excel academically, develop moral courage, and live lives of faith and service. That mission is as vital today as it was nearly a century ago.

I ask that you continue to keep Pius XI in your prayers. There is every reason for optimism about the school's future, but continued progress will depend on the faithful support—both spiritual and financial—of this community. Together, you will help ensure that Pius XI reaches its full potential in the years ahead.

The school is in excellent hands under the capable leadership and energy of our new President, Tom Mlada. I have every confidence that he will lead Pius XI forward with vision, integrity, and a deep commitment to its Catholic mission.

Thank you for the trust you have placed in me, for your partnership, and for your unwavering support of this remarkable school.

MR. JACK HERBERT | President Emeritus

Jack Herbert

“May the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.”

— Numbers 6:24–26





A MESSAGE FROM

Tom Mlada

*“Be strong and steadfast... for the Lord,
your God, is with you wherever you go.”*
— Joshua 1:9

Dear Pius XI Students, Families, Alumni, Supporters, and Community Members:

As I began my service as your new President just days before our nation celebrated its 250th anniversary and with the school's 100th anniversary quickly approaching, I am mindful of the timing and significance of such impressive milestones. What a privilege it is to be a part of celebrating something so meaningful, for so many people! With now 30,000 alumni, and an enrollment of 670 for the upcoming 2026-2027 school year, Pius XI proudly continues its vital mission of preparing a diverse community of students to achieve their unique and highest potential.

I am genuinely honored to play a role in that mission, at such a special place. I want to express my sincere gratitude for the trust you've granted me to serve as President, succeeding Jack Herbert. Through his visionary, principled leadership these past eight years, Jack has helped position Pius XI on a very strong foundation for the future. Working collaboratively with all of you, he has set the school community on a path of sustained success. My thanks to Jack—and to all of you as well!

Together, we prepare for this new chapter and a new school year filled with possibility. We will continue building a school community where curiosity is encouraged and every student feels welcomed, challenged, and inspired to grow. Guided by our Franciscan values of dignity, peace, and respect, we will nurture students to excel academically, develop moral courage, and live lives of faith and service. Nearing our 100th anniversary, Pius XI remains more than a place of learning—it is a community shaped by the dedication of our staff, support of our families, the pride and tradition of the decades of alumni who have walked these halls, and the incredible potential of our current students.

Thank you for your partnership and the passion you have for our important mission. I'm excited for the journey ahead and confident in what we can and will accomplish together. I look forward to meeting each of you and working collaboratively to advance our important mission.

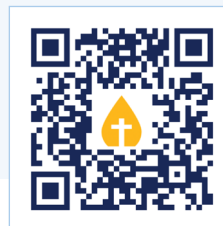
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MR. TOM MLADA | President

Pius XI invites our community to join us for an
All-Community Mass and Presidential Installation Ceremony.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2026 | 9:20AM
Saint Vincent Pallotti Parish Church

Let us know if you plan to attend



GUIDED BY FAITH, COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE: Q&A WITH NEW PRESIDENT *Tom Mlada*

President Tom Mlada begins his leadership of Pius XI Catholic High School with a deep commitment to our Catholic mission, a respect for our rich legacy, and a bold vision for excellence moving into the school's second century.

Ask new President Tom Mlada to describe his hope for Pius XI Catholic High School in one word, and he doesn't hesitate: **Excellence.**

Grounded in a deep belief in the transformative power of Catholic education, Tom brings a wealth of leadership experience and a heart for service as he prepares to lead Pius XI into its second century.

For more than a decade, Tom led advancement, stewardship, marketing, and communications at St. Monica Parish and School in Whitefish Bay before serving two terms as mayor of Port Washington (2012–2018). He later advanced the missions of two regional environmental organizations in executive leadership roles and most recently returned to Catholic education as athletic director at Dominican High School.

"Looking back upon my professional journey, I definitively see God's hand in moving me and preparing me for this opportunity," remarked Mlada. "It's been a really remarkable journey—interesting, fun, engaging, inspiring, fulfilling. I really do believe God has made it all possible; I'm humbled to know He has brought me to this moment and this place."

With Pius XI poised for an exciting new chapter, we sat down with Tom to learn more about his faith, leadership philosophy, commitment to family, and vision for the future.



Tom and his wife, Kathy, met at St. Norbert College and have been married 27 years.



Tom, with daughter Olivia, after conquering the Father's Day half-marathon.



Tom and Kathy share three daughters, Olivia, Evelyn, and Aubrey.

In your view, what makes Catholic education distinctive and valuable today?

I believe today more than perhaps ever, Catholic education provides a foundation for universal faith community and a fabric for value-based living. In an ever-changing world that can indeed so often feel volatile, uncertain, complex, and ambiguous, Catholic education instills a Christ-centered vision of life and commits to education and formation of the whole person.

What are your priorities for your first year as President?

Build upon the foundation of academic excellence, identify new opportunities to enrich the full educational experience, celebrate more broadly our Catholic identity, and ensure the continued financial strength of the community as we move into our second century.

What have been your first impressions of the Pius XI community?

Welcoming, proud, passionate, and energized!

What are you most looking forward to experiencing during your first year at Pius XI?

Being a full and active participant in the school community; meeting our staff, students, parents, alums, and benefactors; and beginning our collaborative efforts on the important work ahead.

How has your faith influenced your personal and professional life?

I really do try to have faith serve as the foundation of my personal and professional life. We have such an all-

good, all-loving, all-merciful God—how blessed are we! As I have grown older, I have grown in my faith, and my desire to trust in and surrender to Him and His plan for me. How could I possibly script it any better?

Are there particular values or teachings that guide your decision-making?

I believe character and integrity have to form the basis of every decision, ensuring that as both individuals and, in the case of Pius XI Catholic High School, we stay true to and aligned with our mission and identity.

Is there a saint, scripture passage, or prayer that has been especially meaningful to you?

It is super tough to narrow down to just one, but I'll offer one of each!

Saint: Maximilian Kolbe, whose bravery, selflessness, humility, and charity were truly immeasurable.

Scripture passage: Jeremiah 29:11, which represents such a profound message of hope and love in the plans God has for each of us. **Prayer:** I love both the Litany of Trust and the "Prophets of a Future Not Our Own," the latter of which is often attributed to or connected with Oscar Romero, another favorite Saint of mine.



Scan the QR code to see the full version of "Prophets of a Future Not Our Own."

Tell us about your family.

I've been blessed to be married for 27 years to an extraordinary woman, Kathy, who has led the charge on raising four wonderful children: A.J., Olivia, Evelyn, and Aubrey. We lived in Port Washington for about 20 years, before moving to Grafton seven years ago. I was born and raised in Sheboygan; Kathy and I met at St. Norbert College, where we both earned our undergraduate degrees.

What are some of your interests or hobbies outside of work?

Outside of sharing time with family and friends, I love to run, hike, landscape, and just be generally active outdoors. I can't speak of daily Mass as a hobby, because that is an essential part of my life!

How do you like to spend a free Saturday?

With coaching girls' basketball teams the past 25 years and other weekend family-related activities, my Saturdays have been pretty busy for most of my adult life, in good ways. On the occasional free Saturday, I love working and recreating outdoors. Fresh air and sunshine are such powerful medicines, just so stress-relieving and invigorating. And outside of being at Mass, there isn't much that I find to be more connective with God than being out in His Creation.

What brings you joy?

The easy answer is the simplest and probably the same for most people: sharing time and creating memories with family. I have found the older I get, the more joy I find in the simple things in life: a campfire with friends, a morning cup of coffee by the lake, a walk on the trails with the dogs, or a visit to a Church I've never been before. The Packers beating the Bears and the Brewers beating the Cubs will always bring me great joy, too (which I do remind my Illinois-born wife).

What's the best advice you've ever received?

Phew. Tough one. My Dad and Mom were two of the wisest people I have ever or will ever know, both such a blessing and "north star" in my life. They shared plenty of sage advice over the years before they passed away in 2020 and 2012, respectively. I'll offer three from them that always resonated with me: (1) "When you

go in search of honey, you've got to expect to get stung by some bees."; (2) "There is no such thing as a dress rehearsal in the way we care for creation."; and (3) "Remember...she was my wife before she was your mother." (the latter of which I may have heard once or twice from Dad when I may not have been on my best behavior with my Mom).

Beyond the Office: Getting to Know our New President

COFFEE OR TEA?

Coffee

FAVORITE DESSERT?

Ice Cream: Coconut Joy, After-Dinner Mint, or Coffee-flavored are my favorites

LAST BOOK YOU READ?

The One Thing by Gary Keller

FAVORITE MUSICIAN OR BAND?

Kathy and I just saw Garth Brooks in concert, which was incredible and an all-time favorite, but if I have to pick a musician it would be Frank Sinatra, the band would be Mumford & Sons (although a number of bands from the '70s are at the top of my list, too).

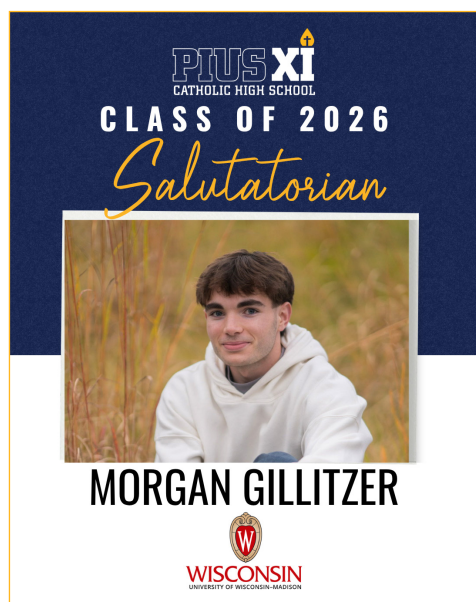
YOUR FAVORITE SUBJECT IN HIGH SCHOOL?

Environmental Science and World History

WHAT THREE WORDS WOULD YOUR FAMILY USE TO DESCRIBE YOU?

"Positive," "kind," and "spiritual." My humorous daughters might also suggest "formerly athletic."

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2026!



**Fred Smith '44 and
Charlotte Wentworth '26**



Ken Wildt '55, Mary Riegert '66, Janat Davis '72, Sr. Jane Marie Bradish, OSF '82, Kevin Kehoss '91, Emily Wentworth '01, Viveca Nwagbaraocha '14, and CaBreon Wise '23.



College/University

90%



Technical School or
Trades

7%



Workforce

3%



On May 22, 2026 we celebrated the commencement of 168 Pius XI Popes. We also celebrated a milestone– seeing the 30,000th Pius XI student, **Charlotte Wentworth '26**, cross the finish line to join the proud alumni family!

During the ceremony, Charlotte was joined by alumni representing nine decades of Pius XI graduates and was able to celebrate this unique opportunity with her mom, **Emily Wentworth '01** and TAC 202 teacher, **Kevin Kehoss '91**, by her side.

OUR TOP XI!

This year's Top XI will be headed to the following universities this fall: **Naya Alvarez Robles '26** (TAC 200) University of Wisconsin-Madison, field of study: Political Science; **Morgan Gillitzer** (TAC 200) UW-Madison, field of study: Business; **Paxton Haley '26** (TAC 613) UW-Madison, field of study: Psychology; **Anne Hemsworth '26** (TAC 610) Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design; **Hannah Hickethier '26** (TAC 310) Marquette University, field of study: Exercise Physiology; **Jayla Jackson '26** (TAC 116) Xavier University of Louisiana, field of study: Biology; **Jack Ly Phu '26** (TAC 408) UW-Madison, field of study: Business; **Nicholas Parchia '26** (TAC 420) Concordia University Chicago, field of study: Computer Science; **Isriel Reyna '26** (TAC 320) Vassar College, field of study: International Studies; **Syd Tezak '26** (TAC 404) University of Colorado Boulder, field of study: Astrophysics & Planetary Science; **Wenbo Zhang '26** (TAC 310) University of Washington, field of study: Medical Laboratory Research.

More than 36% of the Class of 2026 received the Presidential Award for Academic Excellence and more than 27% of the Class of 2026 received the Presidential Award for Academic Achievement.

GPA OF 3.0 - 3.499



27% of the Class of
2026 received the
**Presidential Award for
Academic Achievement**

More than **36%** of the
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**Presidential Award for
Academic Excellence**



GPA OF 3.5 AND HIGHER

THE ARTS IN ACTION: How Pius XI Alumni Turned Creativity into Calling

At Pius XI, the arts cultivate creativity, confidence, and purpose that last a lifetime, while teaching students to think imaginatively, solve problems creatively, and see the world through new perspectives. We recently spoke with four alumni whose experiences in the visual and performing arts helped shape the paths they pursued in their careers. These interviews have been edited for length and clarity while preserving the essence of each conversation.

Jim Frohna '86

Cinematographer



Tell us about your current job and how you got there.

I work in television and movies as a cinematographer, also known as a Director of Photography. That second title points toward the duties of the job: I work in close collaboration with show runners and directors to translate what's on the page into visual storytelling. Anything to do with framing, camera movement, and lighting falls under my role. I also lead both the camera and lighting crews.

As a kid, I always loved movies; upon arriving at Pius XI, I found a

group of like-minded friends. We'd go to the movies every weekend and spend our summer vacations making short films. To this day, three of those fellow alum remain my closest friends and all work in the entertainment business: **Kris Kachikis '86**, **Joe Neumaier '86** and **David Gazzana '87**. After attending and graduating from NYU-Tisch School of the Arts, I moved to Los Angeles and got into film production, working on commercials and music videos while making my way up the ladder in the lighting department. Ultimately, I became drawn to cinematography and endeavored to make my dream of working in movies a reality.

What is the coolest thing (or favorite thing) you get to do in your job?

I love many aspects of the job: getting to be such an intimate, key part of telling stories, as well working with some incredible actors including Harrison Ford, Nicole Kidman, Anne Hathaway, and Meryl Streep. But my most favorite thing is the community of film geeks, nerds, and oddballs with whom I work. On the best jobs, you have the sense of everyone

working hard together to make the best version of the show or movie. Being on a film set feels like a cross between summer camp and a traveling circus.

How did Pius XI prepare you for life beyond high school?

I had an outstanding four years at Pius XI. I fully appreciated the range of classes available, as well as the self-determination and responsibility that came with the mod system. But what really stands out in my memory is the care and support I received from my teachers, namely Dave Dentinger, Gladys Harvey, **Greg Frederick '67**, Sue Barron and Vicky Cerninaro. Not only did I learn so much from them, but they inspired me to explore my creative side and believe in myself as I became a young adult and headed off into the world.



Sara Stathas '93

Freelance Photographer, Commercial and Editorial



Tell us about your current job and how you got there.

I've been a full-time freelance photographer since 2002, running my own business and working independently throughout my career. Although I studied fine art in college, I became increasingly drawn to photography and decided to pursue it professionally after graduation. I spent years assisting established

photographers while gradually building my own client base and developing my style. It was a slow process rather than an overnight success. Looking back, curiosity has probably been the driving force behind my career. Instead of focusing on one specialty, I've been fortunate to photograph an incredibly wide range of subjects and people. I'm still learning and adapting as the industry evolves, while continuing to grow creatively and stay true to my own artistic voice.

What is the coolest thing (or favorite thing) you get to do in your job?

The best part of my job is the people I meet and the access photography gives me to places and experiences most people never see. Over the years I've photographed professional athletes and sports events, traveled with the vice president's press pool, and worked behind the scenes with everyone from farmers and cheesemakers to medical examiners. What I enjoy most is storytelling—

meeting people, learning about their lives, and creating photographs that help others understand who they are and what they do. Every person has a story worth telling.

How did Pius XI prepare you for life beyond high school?

Pius XI taught me how to connect with people from different backgrounds and feel comfortable in unfamiliar situations—skills that have been essential throughout my career. The school encouraged discussion, collaboration, and participation, which helped build confidence and communication skills. As both an athlete and a “6th Floor art kid,” I formed friendships across different groups and learned the value of community. The art department also played a major role in my future. Art teacher **Pat Frederick '67** recognized my potential before I did and encouraged me to take my creativity seriously. Looking back, that encouragement helped shape the direction of my life and career.

Visit sarastathas.com to see Sara's portfolio of work.



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- Sara Stathas '93

Cameron Bence '05 and Tyler Bence '07

Co-Founders, Bence Build



Cameron (top) and **Tyler**, pictured with their future builders.

Tell us about your current job and how you got there.

Before we co-founded Bence Build, a development, architecture, and construction company, we would argue as architects and contractors (and brothers) do about how buildings and places should be made!

We did our best to attend Pius XI before we both moved to the east coast to study architecture and construction management. After

a combination of Drexel University in Philadelphia, Lehigh University, Washington University in St. Louis, masters degrees, and co-op programs, we were fortunate enough to very quickly work in the highest levels of our professions. Moving back to the Midwest, we built skyscrapers in Chicago and designed for a nationally renowned architecture firm in Minneapolis. All of this until we decided to start our own firm and create our own process right here in Milwaukee.

What is the coolest thing (or favorite thing) you get to do in your job?

Translating an idea, a sketch, a dream of a place, into real life. Making a place to live, work, socialize, celebrate, is more than building a shell with a roof. We like to think our projects are about making you feel something—safe, inspired, the culture of that place, without telling you this is what happens here. We love this process of working so closely with our clients, building relationships in our communities, and hopefully moving them to believe in the poetry of architecture and construction.

We thrive on the challenge of producing projects that promote thoughtful design, well-being, accelerating business as well as something both the end-user and the community can be proud to call their own. We empathize and obsess over every project, how we can make a difference to the people and the community it is serving. Still drawing on doors and plywood we use for desks, the same doors we rolled out our first plans on 10 years ago,

we continue to be motivated by the naïve optimism you have to embrace as an entrepreneur.

How did Pius XI prepare you for life beyond high school?

Art, Art, Art. Strong work-ethics, and community-first mentality. First and foremost, connecting our hands to our minds. Pius XI opened the door to translating ideas, and a way to communicate through building and drawing—any medium really other than talking or writing (two things we aren't always the best at, ask our wives). Thinking critically, but creatively to find solutions has defined our process. We have pushed our colleagues and consultants in the industry to do things architecturally or with building materials they have never done.

Pius XI cultivated in us a responsibility to our community and confidence to stay true to ourselves and our process. We are constantly told by our industry we should be doing it differently, or following others, but we have grown to ignore the noise and believe in ourselves and our process. We believe success is measured by the positive impact you have on your community and those you surround yourself with. We push ourselves and our process to the highest standards of design for health, function, and sustainability by constantly testing our ability to better serve the people that live and grow in the spaces we create. We believe that every project needs to be motivated by the contribution and value it reflects in our communities. All values we carried with us and have been honing since our experiences at Pius XI.

A LIFESAVING LEGACY: PAT STATHAS '65 DONATES AEDs TO PIUS XI

Thanks to a generous donation from **Pat (Kelnhofer) Stathas '65**, a proud alumnus and beloved retired teacher who served Pius XI for more than 40 years, four new AEDs (Automated External Defibrillators) have been installed throughout our campus. These devices can make a life-saving difference during a cardiac emergency and help ensure our students, staff, and visitors have access to critical care when every second counts.

We're especially excited because earlier this school year, members of our HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) Club completed CPR training, gaining valuable hands-on skills that could

one day help save a life. Their dedication reflects our mission to be people of faith, service, and action—ready to care for others in moments of need.



We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Pat, who was inspired by a news story on Project ADAM—a national nonprofit dedicated to preventing sudden cardiac death—for helping us create a safer community and to our HOSA students for embracing the responsibility of caring for others.

Pat Stathas '65 pictured with one of the new defibrillators.

Photo Credit: **Sara Stathas '93**; see more on Sara's work on p.8

A Special Message from Mrs. Stathas on the meaning behind her donation:

What do these phrases describe?

The vital center and source of one's being, emotions, sensibilities.
Capacity for sympathy, care for others, generosity.
The most important or essential part.
To show one's feelings clearly and openly by one's behavior.



I never move house without my 2,075-page *American Heritage Dictionary*. I use it as a stabilizing weight when needed, but also to reacquaint myself with the HEART of a specific word I'm using. Today that word is, you guessed it, HEART.

I am claiming naming rights to the AEDs I just donated to keep HEARTS at Pius XI beating. I dedicate each to someone who gave their HEART to Pius XI when I was a student and who were still at Pius XI when I was

teaching, the single exception being a person who gave his HEART to Pius XI when my daughter Sara was a student. We all could add many, many, many more names to this list. I'd run out of money before I'd run out of names.

My AEDs are named after **Bob Stevenson**, **Ed Drexler '44**, **John Halupka**, and **Sister Ann Marie Trimberger** (aka SAM). May their HEARTS always be with us!

2025-2026 WINTER & SPRING

Sports Round-Up

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS YEAR'S GRADUATING WOODLAND CONFERENCE SCHOLAR ATHLETES!



(From Left) **Cassandra Strizic '26** - Soccer, **Hannah Hickethier '26** - Volleyball & Softball, **Amanda Contreras-Tadych '26** - Volleyball & Softball, **Naya Alvarez Robles '26** - Pom Poms, **Morgan Gillitzer '26** - Volleyball & Baseball, **Cuong "Jack" Ly Phu '26** - Volleyball & Basketball, **Marco Sevilla-Posadas '26** - Soccer, **Jacen Arrington '26** - Volleyball

BOYS BASKETBALL

Justin Jones '27 - Honorable Mention, All-Conference; **Jayson Kowalski '26** - Honorable Mention, All-Conference; **Cuong "Jack" Ly Phu '26** - Woodland Conference Scholar Athlete

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Chelinda Spector '27 - First Team, All-Conference; Honorable Mention, All-State; **Lillee Jackson '28** - Second Team All-Conference, Honorable Mention, All-State **Lizzie Jackson '28** - Honorable Mention, All Conference **Maricella Rivera '27** - Honorable Mention, All-Conference

BASEBALL

Mariano Rivera '26 - 2nd Team, All-Conference; **Morgan Gillitzer '26** - Woodland Conference Scholar Athlete; Honorable Mention, All-Conference

SOFTBALL

Amanda Contreras-Tadych '26 - Honorable Mention All-Conference; **Sydney Tilley '27** - Honorable Mention All-Conference; **Hannah Hickethier '26** - Academic All-Conference

GIRLS SOCCER

Maricella Rivera '27 - Honorable Mention, All-Conference
Irlanda Acosta '28 - Honorable Mention, All-Conference
Cassandra Strizic '26 - Woodland Conference Scholar Athlete

TRACK & FIELD

STATE CHAMPS

Pius XI's 2025-26 4x100m Girls Relay Team comprised of **Tyjah Horton '28**, **Samara Crowley '29**, **Nyomi Seals-Presti '27**, and **Alanna Loyd '27** brought home the State Title and now owns the State Record of 47.60 seconds (breaking their own school record by almost .4)!



2026 WIAA STATE MEET OUTCOMES:

1st - 4x100m Relay (G) - (**Tyjah Horton '28**, **Samara Crowley '29**, **Nyomi Seals-Presti '27**, and **Alanna Loyd '27**)
2nd - 4x200m Relay (G) - (**Tyjah Horton '28**, **Samara Crowley '29**, **Nyomi Seals-Presti '27**, and **Alanna Loyd '27**)
3rd - Pole Vault (G) - **Mya Gencuski '26**
5th - 100m (G) - **Tyjah Horton '28**
6th - 200m (G) - **Alanna Loyd '27**
7th - Shot Put (G) - **Vonna Shill '28**
9th - 100m (G) - **Samara Crowley '29**
10th - 300m Hurdle (G) - **Chelinda Spector '27**
13th - High Jump (B) - **Andrew Yates '27**
13th - Pole Vault (B) - **Mekhai Thomas '26**

MOST AWARDED VISUAL ARTS PROGRAM IN THE STATE OF WISCONSIN

This year, Pius XI's visual arts program continued in its tradition of excellence as our students earned an extraordinary 147 Regional Scholastic Art & Writing Awards—once again surpassing every other school in Wisconsin. The recognition included 118 visual art awards and 29 writing awards, spanning every grade level and reflecting the strength of the school's nationally recognized Fine Arts program. Student artists received 21 Gold Keys, 32 Silver Keys, 56 Honorable Mentions, two Gold Key Portfolios, two Silver Key Portfolios, and five Portfolio Honorable Mentions, while young writers earned four Gold Keys, 13 Silver Keys, and 12 Honorable Mentions for original works ranging from poetry and memoir to short fiction and speculative writing. Regional Gold Key winners advanced to national judging, where the competition attracts more than 110,000 students and over 335,000 submissions from across the United States and Canada.



Scan the QR code below to view a slideshow of award-winning student art!

That success continued on the national stage, where four Pius XI students earned national recognition in the 2026 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, placing their work among the country's most accomplished young artists and writers. Congratulations to **Jaden Hughes '27** for a National Gold Key in Art, **Lilly Walsh '27** for a National Gold Key in Photography, **Quinn Mizer '29** for a National Silver Key in Art, and **Axel Koth '26** for a National Gold Key in Creative Writing. Their achievements underscore the creativity, technical skill, and personal vision cultivated in Pius XI classrooms while reinforcing the school's reputation as one of Wisconsin's premier destinations for arts education. From the galleries of the Milwaukee Art Museum to national recognition through the Scholastic Awards program, Pius XI students continue to demonstrate that artistic excellence flourishes where talent, mentorship, and opportunity come together.



Jaden Hughes '27
National Gold Key in Art



Lilly Walsh '27
National Gold Key in Photography



Quinn Mizer '29 National Silver Key in Art

Join us for the **2027 Senior Exhibition and Student Art Show** on **Tuesday, March 23, 2027 from 7:00 - 9:00pm**, or **Wednesday, March 24, 2027 from 8:00am - 2:00pm**

BEYOND XI - THE NEXT CHAPTER OF FAITH



Shyla Matthews '23

Shyla is currently attending UW-Eau Claire and is studying Psychology. After serving as Women's Chair with the UW-Eau Claire Newman center, she recently became president. Shyla was a Kairos retreat leader her senior year at Pius XI and is sister to rising Pius XI Senior, Cassidy

Tell us about this ministry opportunity and what led you to participating/leading it?

My involvement with the Newman Center really started during my freshman year when I joined a Bible study group. Through that experience, I met so many women who encouraged me in my faith. During my sophomore year, I started attending more Newman Center events, and eventually I was invited to join a discipleship group. That experience gave me the opportunity to learn more deeply about the Gospel and what it truly means to live out my Catholic faith in everyday life. In my junior year I began a Bible study and discipleship group.

Some of my friends had served on the Newman Center executive board, and they encouraged me to run for the Women's Chair position. I was elected and had the opportunity to plan monthly events for women on campus. After that, my friends encouraged me to run for President of the Newman Center, and I was honored to be elected. I'm majoring in Psychology, and after graduation I'd love to become a school psychologist, ideally at a Catholic school. My faith is an important part of who I am, so being able to combine my passion for helping students with my Catholic faith would be incredibly meaningful to me.

What excites you most about this role, and why?

I'm really excited to serve as President because it's given me a new opportunity to grow as a leader. One of my biggest goals is to help more students discover the Newman Center and become involved in our community. I'll also be managing our Instagram account to better share what we're doing and reach more students across campus. There are several faith-based student organizations at our university, but we're the only organization dedicated entirely to the Catholic faith, and I

love helping create a welcoming place where students can grow closer to Christ together.

I enjoy helping others succeed in their roles. We all work together to make the Newman Center a place where students feel welcomed and connected. I also hope to be a friendly, familiar face—someone people know they can approach with questions or simply to find a place to belong.

From your perspective, what are the benefits of having a faith-based high school education?

I think that's especially important in high school. There can be so much pressure to figure out where you're going to college or what you're going to do with your life, but having the chance to build your faith in high school helps you remember that you aren't navigating those questions alone. No matter what comes next, you always have the Lord to guide you.

I also really enjoyed having religion classes at Pius XI. One class that especially stood out was Morality and Ethics with **Sr. Jane Marie (Bradish), OSF '82**. It gave me the opportunity to think about important issues through the lens of my faith and challenged me to become a more thoughtful, compassionate person. Those lessons have stayed with me well beyond high school.

What would you say to your high school self about faith and college?

I would tell my high school self to keep leaning into my faith. We live in a world that can feel confusing at times, but my faith has always been something I can rely on. No matter where life takes you or what challenges you face in college, God is always there to guide you. Don't be afraid to talk about your faith in everyday conversations. It doesn't

have to be something you keep to yourself. You never know how God might use those conversations to connect you with people who will become lifelong friends or help strengthen your own faith along the way.

I would also encourage myself to seek out friends who share those same values. Some of the best friendships I've made in college began because I joined a Bible study and wasn't afraid to be open about my faith. Those friendships have been genuine, encouraging, and life-giving.



Photo submitted by Shyla of this past year's Newman Center Galentine's Brunch. It ended up being the best-attended Newman Center event of the year, and it was a wonderful event for women to build friendships and grow in their faith.



Ellie Baudry '24

Ellie is currently attending UW-La Crosse and is an active member in the Roncalli Newman Center. Ellie is a Marketing major and also works for the UWL's Center for Organizations, Vision & Engagement as a graphic designer. In 2023, Ellie was awarded the St. John Paul II Award for Youth and Young Adult Leadership Award by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. We asked Ellie to tell us more about how she keeps her faith in the forefront as a busy college student!

From Ellie: One of the reasons I've loved my time at UW-La Crosse is getting involved at the Roncalli Newman Center. During my freshman year, I started attending Sunday Mass regularly and made the decision to make my faith a bigger part of my life. For the first time, it was something I was choosing for myself, and having that consistency each week became really important to me.

The biggest thing I've found through Newman is community. This year, I joined a weekly Bible study with six to eight other girls, and it became a time each week where I could intentionally slow down and reconnect with myself. I love the people I've met through it, and having a group of friends who share similar values and genuinely support one another has meant a lot throughout college.

I've also gotten involved with Cru, a Christian student organization on campus. Through worship nights, guest speakers, and small groups, I've met people from a variety of faith backgrounds and learned a lot from their experiences. It's been interesting to hear different perspectives and see the ways faith can connect people.

Over the past year, I've also become a Eucharistic Minister at Sunday student Mass and have volunteered through the Newman Center.

This summer, while studying abroad in Spain, I had the opportunity to see Pope Leo XIV in Madrid and attend his speech. Later, I traveled to Rome, attended Mass at Saint Peter's Basilica, and watched the Pope give a blessing in Vatican City. These experiences are something I'll never forget.



Looking back, getting involved at Newman helped make La Crosse feel like home. College comes with a lot of uncertainty, and there are many things that don't always go according to plan. My faith has helped me focus on what truly matters, let go of what I can't control, and trust that God's plan is greater than the one I could create for myself.

CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS ARE UNDERWAY

Driving past Pius XI, you can't help but notice a flurry of activity. While classrooms may be quieter during the summer months, our campus has been anything but. Several significant construction projects are underway, each designed to enhance the learning environment, improve safety, and ensure our facilities continue to serve students for generations to come.

One of the most exciting transformations is taking place on the first floor in the former weight room (think pre-2004 before the Sitzberger Field House was built), where construction is nearing completion on the new Applied Learning Lab set to open this coming school year. This innovative space will support hands-on, project-based learning and provide students with expanded opportunities to collaborate, create, and solve real-world challenges. The lab reflects Pius XI's commitment to preparing students with the skills and experiences they'll need for college, careers, and beyond. More details on the lab will be shared in the near future.

Elsewhere on campus, crews are making steady progress replacing sections of the school's roof and aging windows, specifically on the 6th floor, as well as the south and west elevations. These much-needed improvements will better protect our building envelope, increasing energy efficiency, and creating more comfortable learning spaces throughout the school.

Accessibility is also receiving an important upgrade with the modernization of our main elevator. Once completed, the enhanced elevator will provide improved reliability

and ensure students, faculty, staff, and visitors can more easily access every level of the building.

Perhaps the most visible change for visitors will be the construction of a new secure main entrance. The redesigned entryway will feature a secure vestibule with two sets of locked doors, creating an additional layer of protection while maintaining the welcoming atmosphere that defines the Pius XI community. This investment reflects our ongoing commitment to providing a safe and secure environment for everyone who enters our campus.

While construction may temporarily bring a little extra noise and dust, each improvement represents an investment in the future of Pius XI. We look forward to welcoming alumni back to campus to experience these exciting enhancements firsthand. We are grateful to the many alumni and donors who have invested in these projects, allowing us to build an even stronger future for our students.



Pius XI Proud ALUMNI UPDATES



JAROS (JAY) RICKMEYER '57

is retired and resides in St. Louis, MO. He spends his time volunteering with Wings of Hope as a mechanic, pilot, and patient host, providing free medical flights

for patients traveling to hospitals throughout the Midwest. He is the recipient of the U.S. Army Meritorious Service Award, the FAA Wright Brothers Master Pilot and Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Awards, and the St. Andrews Ageless Remarkable St. Louisan Award; he and his wife, married since 1960, have eight children, 16 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

TOM KRUEGER '58 resides in Rochester, MI with his wife. He retired in 1980 from a career in risk management, accounting, and treasury. He remains active in his church's stewardship and tithing committees, enjoys the outdoors and golf, and is proud of his two successful children.



DENNIS CARR '69 is retired after serving 24 years on active duty in the U.S. Air Force and earning bachelor's degrees in computer information systems and human

resources. He is an instructor at Remington College and Delta College and co-founded his local historical and genealogical society in Scott, Louisiana.



WILLIAM RUSSEL STEMPSKI '75

is retired and lives in Milwaukee, WI.

JANE ANDERA '76 lives in New Berlin, WI and recently retired in October 2025 after a career in healthcare.

STEVEN ANDRUSKI '76 Lives in Rockville, MD and works for Blind Badger GMP Consulting and is the founder and president of the Rockville Bike Hub, a nonprofit community bike shop.



BARBARA (BAYER) BAUSCH '76

resides in Waukesha, WI with her husband, whom she married in 1977. A retired operating room

nurse with degrees in nursing and adult education, she enjoys traveling the world with her husband, playing pickleball, and spending time with their two sons and granddaughter.

SANDRA (HUMES) BENTON '76 lives in Milwaukee, WI and is retired from UW-Milwaukee.



LYNDA (CAMDEN) DUPUY '76 is a resident of Hubertus, WI. After retiring from HellermannTyton and earning an Associate of Applied Science degree in Photography, has remained active in the arts as an actress and crew member with Falls Patio Players Community Theatre and serves as a cantor at St. Paul Parish in Wales and St. Gabriel Parish in Hubertus.

LINDA (RIESS) GONIA '76 resides in



Franklin, WI with her husband, Greg, whom she married in 1981. She works as an office administrator/manager for the Xaverian

Missionary Fathers and enjoys serving as a "4-in-Hand" ringer in the St. Alphonsus Handbell Choir, while also serving as secretary of P.E.O. Chapter AW; together they have three children and two grandchildren.

TERI (MAZZA) GROSS '76 lives in Menomonee Falls, WI with her husband of 45 years. A graduate of UW-La Crosse, she worked as a recreation therapist at Sacred Heart Rehabilitation Hospital, served on numerous school boards during her children's school years, and now enjoys traveling the world and spending time with her four children and 11 grandchildren.

DEBORA (CZECH) GUETZKE '76 lives in Cedarburg, WI with her husband, whom she married in 1998. After a 40-year career that included 31 years in the trauma units at Froedtert and Children's Hospital she now enjoys gardening, volunteering and spending time with her two daughters and two grandsons.

SUSAN (JACOBS) HIRTHE '76

is retired and lives in Milwaukee, WI.



ROBERT IGNASZAK '76 is retired and lives in Lannon, WI. After a 35-year career teaching orchestra in the Oconomowoc Area School District, he continues to support music education as a frequent adjudicator for the Wisconsin School Music Association.

MARY JO LA TONA '76 resides in Mukwonago, WI. She currently works as a dental hygienist and volunteers with Life Connections and teaches first-grade Sunday school.

KEVIN MURRAY '76 is a ski instructor and resides in Avon, CO.



GREGORY PAASKE '76 lives in Laguna Vista, TX with his wife of 38 years, Dorothy. He works as a consultant with Cygnus Professionals, Inc.



JIM PASSAGE '76 resides in Getzville, NY with his wife, Kathy, whom he has been married to for 43 years. He serves as East Coast Territory

Manager for Energy Products Distribution and is the proud father of two sons and grandfather of one granddaughter.

ROBERT RIEDL '76 resides in Hilton Head, SC and is the CEO at Endowment Wealth Management.

CYNTHIA "THIA" (BARETA) WALKER '76 resides in Windsor, CO with her husband, Brad, whom she married in 1983. After earning a master's degree in plant pathology from Colorado State University, she enjoyed a distinguished career in agricultural research and extension, retiring in 2025 after helping develop a national pesticide applicator certification manual for UC Davis; today she



enjoys spending time with her six grandchildren and volunteering at the CSU Temple Grandin Equine Therapy Center.

PAUL WOLLERSHEIM '80 is a resident of Greendale, WI and currently serves as the Dean of Students at Martin Luther High School.



PHILIP FOSTER '81 resides in Laughlin, NV with his wife, Janet, to whom he has been married for 39 years. He works as an independent broker and enjoys spending time with his three children and five grandchildren.

DENISE (DOEHR) HODKIEWICZ '81 is a resident of West Allis, WI and serves with Milwaukee Public Schools as department chair for special education and coordinates both the Voices of the Elders program and the Market Service Learners program.

KATHLEEN (MCGINNIS) ABRAHAMSON '86 Lives in Fond du Lac, WI and is a professor at UW-Oshkosh, and Professor Emeritus, Purdue University.

SUSAN (HALEY) O'CONNOR '86 lives in Oconomowoc, WI with her husband Timothy O'Connor '84, whom she married in 1993.

TED ROBERTS '86 resides in the Village of Lakewood, IL with his wife, Marni.



He has spent his entire career in interventional cardiology and electrophysiology sales and is the proud father of Lucie and Nate and stepfather to Mason and Kendall.

TIFFANY (ENDERS) REILLY '89 is a resident of Milwaukee, WI and works as a Business Analyst for Schwaab, Inc.

DEBBIE CONTRERAS-TADYCH '91

resides in Oconomowoc, WI with her family. A licensed psychologist at the Marquette University Counseling



Center, she and her husband are the proud parents of three daughters, two of whom are Pius XI graduates, with the third entering her senior year at Pius XI.

MARK DINAN '91

resides in East Palo Alto, CA with his wife, Fabiola, whom he met in Brazil 20 years ago. A Marquette University history graduate, he serves on the East Palo Alto City Council and owns a software recruiting business; he and Fabiola have a son, Mateo.



LETY GUTIERREZ-KENNY '91 lives in



Milwaukee, WI. She serves as Director of Formation & Communications at St. Gregory the Great Parish and is celebrating 25 years of ministry.



VALENTINO LIMON '91 resides in Milwaukee, WI and works in Construction and Engineering at AT&T.

LAURA (VELLA) MEYER '91 lives in Random Lake, WI with her spouse and two daughters. She has a Master's Degree in Business and works as a Human Resources Manager.

TANYA (FORMELLA) MURPHY '91 resides



in Franklin, WI with her husband, Adam Murphy '89, whom she married nearly 27 years ago. She works as a travel agent and together she and Adam enjoy traveling the world while running successful businesses.

JULIE (MUCHA) ODDEN '91 resides in Pickerel, WI. She holds a bachelor's degree in human services and works as an IRIS Consultant with Midstate Independent Living Choices while enjoying life in northern Wisconsin with her spouse and their four children.

MELINDA "LINDY" (HAYASHI) PERKINS '91 lives in Madison, WI and serves as the vocal music, general music, and drama director at Jefferson Middle School in Jefferson, WI.

DORENE (TUTKOWSKI) RINELLI '91 is

a resident of Milwaukee, WI and is the on-air morning show host for 96.5 WKLH.



PATRICK SCHMUTZER '91 resides in Waterford, WI with his wife, Laura, whom he married on June 5, 2026. He serves as Team Leader for Network and Telecom at WEC Energy Group and coaches high school and collegiate Olympic trap shooting.



JENNIFER (CHRISTOPHER) SWEENEY '91 resides in Hales Corners, WI with her spouse and three daughters. She serves as Senior Market Director at Vistage Worldwide.

THERESA (HAAS) WILMOT '91 resides in Pleasant Prairie, WI with her husband, Christian, whom she has been married to for 25 years. She is the founder and brand architect of Wilmot Designs, a business she launched to balance her career with raising their two daughters, Taylor and Olivia, and which has continued to grow over the years.



KELLY HERBST-FRILING '92 lives in Greenfield, WI and is a Physical Therapist at Aurora Healthcare.

MICHELLE SKIERKA '92 resides in Milwaukee, WI. She is a nurse practitioner specializing in occupational medicine with Froedtert & the Medical College of Wisconsin Community Physicians and recently earned a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)-Executive degree from the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing.

JENNIFER (KAMINSKI) LITTMANN '96

lives in Mukwonago, WI with her husband, Tony Littmann '96, and their son, Drake. A Marquette University graduate with both undergraduate and graduate degrees, she serves as Senior Director of Global Procurement at Cognizant Technology Solutions and is a board member of Literacy Services of Wisconsin.



CHERYL (THOMA) MUELLER '96 resides in Hartford, WI and works as a Project Specialist at GE HealthCare.

TRICIA PELKEY '96 resides in Campbell, CA with her husband, Zeki Gunay, and their three sons, Jack, Pierce and Blaze. She serves as Director of Emergency Services and enjoys sailing, traveling, and cheering on her boys in their many activities.



JOEL TRUSS '96 resides in Nashville, TN with his wife, Alanna, whom he married in 2007. He is CEO of Paymentum with more than 23 years in the payments industry and is the proud father of two sons, AJ and Caleb.

JAMIE (WAGNER) GOLL '99 is a resident of Waukesha, WI with her husband, James. She is the owner of Rooted Awakenings Wellness and is a board-certified trichologist and functional nutrition consultant; together they have four children.

JENNIFER CYRZAN '01 lives in Arlington Heights, IL and works as a physician assistant.

ANDREA (REWOLINSKI) DAS '01 lives in Burbank, CA and is a costume designer for Warner Brothers.

LY (LYNN) (DALUGA) DRESCHER '01 resides in Burlington, WI with her husband, whom she married in 2022. After 23 years in the sign industry, she founded Cabin Fever Studios in 2024 and now owns and operates the business alongside a blended family with stepchildren.

KATHY (LYNCH) OLSON '01 resides in Wind Lake, WI and is a Consultant Experience Specialist at TEKSystems.





SAMANTHA "SAM" (PENDERGAST) HAAN '05 resides

in Waukesha, WI with her husband, Mitchell. She is the owner and insurance broker of Haan Group, LLC, and together they are the proud parents of three sons.

KAITLIN KELLY '06 resides in Cudahy, WI. She serves as Community Relations Manager at Wilson Commons Senior Living Community and holds bachelor's and master's degrees in sports medicine, athletic training, gerontology, and exercise science, while volunteering with The Sports Bra Project and Project One Goal to support girls and underserved communities through sports.



LAURA (WAWRZYN) MAYER '06 resides in La Crosse WI, and is a Senior Financial Analyst at Marine Credit Union.

ALLISON (YANASAKI) MCGAVER '06 resides in New Berlin, WI. She serves as Association Director of Membership for the YMCA of Greater Waukesha County.

BRECCGHAN RYAN '06 is a resident of Clarksville, TN and works as an Industrial Engineer at LG Electronics.

ANDREW MUHICH '07 resides in Cincinnati, OH with his wife, Addie, and their three children. He serves as PGA Head Golf Professional at The Golf Club at Stonelick Hills in Batavia, Ohio.

KRISTEN MENDOZA '12 resides in South Milwaukee, WI and is the Service & Learning Director at City Year Milwaukee.



GRACE (REIKKOFF) ROUBIK '15 resides in Wauwatosa, WI. She married in 2025 and works as a therapist at a mental health

clinic, providing individual, group, and family therapy for adolescents.

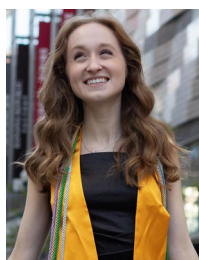
KATIE GARDNER '16 lives in Broomfield, CO and is a Cybersecurity Analyst with BAE Systems, Inc.

CIERRA GRIFFIN '16 resides in Menomonee Falls, WI. She serves as a Virtual Design Engineer and Drone Fleet Manager and has been recognized as a Milwaukee Business Journal 40 Under 40 honoree (2024) and an Autodesk Construction Champion 40 Under 40 (2021).

DESIREE HENRY '16 resides in West Allis, WI. She teaches Ojibwe language and culture at the middle school level and is pursuing an associate degree in education at MATC with plans to continue at UW-Milwaukee.

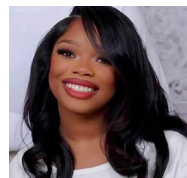
JESS WENER '16 lives in Milwaukee, WI and is a school-based mental health therapist with Lutheran Social Services.

LINDY GIRMAN '20 is a resident of Chicago, IL After graduating from Columbia College Chicago, she worked in theater before joining



Advocus National Title Insurance Company as a receptionist, while continuing to pursue her passion for theater in her free time.

KAYLEE CRESTO '21 resides in Milwaukee, WI. She earned a degree in criminal justice and works as a 911 call taker for the City of Milwaukee.



JAHIRA LASSITER '21 lives in Milwaukee, WI and enjoys spending time with her family.

AMADA MONTEMAYOR '21

resides in Caledonia, WI and works as a paralegal at Jacobson, Schinsky & Houck.



Learn more about our Alumni Ambassador Program!

We are looking for passionate alumni who are willing to show their love for Pius XI and share the latest school-related news within their alumni networks. With an alumni base of over 30,000 former students, you can't go far without running into a fellow Pope! Help us reach more of our alumni and be a champion of our school.

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Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May the soul of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Louise E. LeBlanc '47
May 10, 2026

Elizabeth Anne Spridco '50
May 20, 2026

Shirley (Sisolak) Brunt '51
December 16, 2025

Marguerite Burtch '51
September 6, 2024

Richard E. Limbach '53
March 19, 2026

Judith "Judy" Anne Ruzicka '53
June 2026

Walter Hollenstein '54
September 9, 2025

Elizabeth Rae Acker-O'Boyle '55
January 1, 2026

Colette Brunkan '55
August 28, 2025

Patricia Gallo '55
December 7, 2025

Patricia Ann Groth '56
May 4, 2026

Wayne Henry Herder '57
February 13, 2026

Gerald Mueller '57
December 15, 2025

Deacon Frank Bruce Pemper '57
February 11, 2026

Joan "Joy" Schwalbach '57
January 21, 2026

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April 7, 2024

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February 28, 2026

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March 3, 2026

Janet W. Klug Zierath '58
July 24, 2025

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February 11, 2026

Donald Joseph Schulteis '58
May 4, 2025

Patricia Ann (Strobel) Benoit '59
December 5, 2025

Michael P. Reeve '59
February 1, 2025

Carol Frieburger '61
January 31, 2026

Patrick M. Reardon '61
May 23, 2026

Jeanette Mary Benton '62
February 11, 2026

Marilyn Ann Doerr '62
February 16, 2026

Michael "Mike" Yehle '63
March 7, 2026

Chet Zurawik '63
June 27, 2025

Suzanne Mary Bartz White '64
January 4, 2026

Mary Lewis '64
January 28, 2024

Suzanne M. Rudesill '64
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Donald Davis '66
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February 26, 2026

Dennis J. Rosa '66
February 12, 2026

Janaan (Faherty) Witt '66
August 6, 2025

Anne Zehren '66
September 22, 2025

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December 3, 2025

Sharon Dee Dillon '68
December 14, 2025

Michael John Faherty '68
March 24, 2026

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June 4, 2026

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May 11, 2026

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September 9, 2025

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December 22, 2025

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April 6, 2026

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May 2, 2026

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June 1, 2026

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May 26, 2026

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October 11, 2025

Brian Finkbeiner '96
January 6, 2026

Sarah Mary Stefaniak '97
January 24, 2026

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Sr. Grace Golata, SSSF
March 13, 2026

Lois Virginia Harris
July 31, 2025

Gladys Harvey
January 1, 2026

Jordyce "Jordy" Schraith
March 13, 2026

Pius XI celebrates the lives of Pius XI Alumni and current and past faculty and staff whose passings were recently shared with us. We rely on the information available to us and sincerely apologize for any names we have inadvertently omitted. Please contact Communications Manager, Kristin Bendlin, at kbendlin@piusxi.org for any memorial notifications.



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