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"EXAMEN" is an invitation to pray, reflect on our day, hold each other in prayer, and then make a plan to serve a greater good through our outreach to one another.

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Dear Pius XI Community-

When I began teaching at Pius XI in 1986 I was a teacher on a mission to prove that an excellent Catholic school education is transformative. Over time, it became clear to me that it was I who was transformed. Today, I write to thank you for your investment in my development into a mission-oriented leader serving the Pius XI community.

To our alumni, especially my history students, and every TAC, your love for life, your resilience in the face of adversity, compassion and care for one another and respect for your Pius XI teachers shaped me profoundly.

To my cherished and hard-working colleagues, your combined support and forgiveness as an educator-in-the-making helped me grow in the realization that our students are the center of our classrooms, not the subject matter.

To our Pius XI parents, friends, benefactors and board leaders, thank you for prioritizing our students, colleagues and community through your investment of time, wisdom, and support of the mission. For me, the call to serve Pius XI Catholic High School is best understood by fully embracing that we are always in the presence of God. Deepening the charisms of our founders, the Pallottines and School Sisters of St. Francis is made possible in our daily lived experience. Transformation is the real work and what God calls us to do.

This will be my final note to you as president of Pius XI Catholic High School. But it is not goodbye forever. My heart will always be at 135 N 76th Street and with each of you who have made the past 30 years a blessing. Please continue to keep Pius XI students and faculty in your prayers, and make every effort to support a school community unlike any other. Know that I will too...

Forever a Lady Pope,

Melinda Lawlor Skrade, Ph.D.
MEET THE INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT TEAM

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“Contact me if you would like to make a gift to Pius XI, large or small, or follow up on how your gift was used. I can also answer any questions you may have regarding the how to include Pius XI in your estate plans, or to set up a scholarship or endowed fund. I am happy to meet with you to learn your story, and to discuss any ideas you may have to support Pius XI. If you are looking to reconnect with Pius XI, or learn more about students, staff or programs, I would love to speak with you!”

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SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Seventy five percent of Pius XI Catholic High School students receive assistance in funding their education. Scholarship and financial aid awards total nearly 2 million dollars.

Select students are funded through the generosity of scholarship donors. Students must complete a formal scholarship application provided by the Pius XI Financial Aid office.

Here are just a few of the scholarships incoming freshmen can apply for:

**Faith in Our Future Scholarship**
- *Scholarship Criteria:* Incoming freshman; involved in faith life and service; positive character and behavior record

**Father Carney Alumni Scholarship**
- *Scholarship Criteria:* Incoming freshman; parent or legal guardian is a graduate of Pius XI; involved in community service; meet GPA requirements

**Kevin Goggins Memorial Scholarship**
- *Scholarship Criteria:* Graduate of St. Agnes grade school

**Gold/White Scholarship**
- *Scholarship Criteria:* Financial need; excellent academic record; positive character and behavior record

**Edward and Martha Kasprzak Endowed Scholarship**
- *Scholarship Criteria:* Incoming freshman; graduate of St. Matthias grade school; demonstrated service to St. Matthias school and parish; top one-third of graduating class

**Archie and Viola Meinerz Family Foundation Scholarship**
- *Scholarship Criteria:* Incoming freshman; graduate of Catholic East grade school or St. Martin of Tours grade school; positive behavior and academic record

**Hank Raymonds Family Endowed Scholarship**
- *Scholarship Criteria:* Strong academic record; financial need; involved in community service

**Mary Alice Yakich Educational Foundation Scholars**
- *Scholarship Criteria:* Academic excellence; financial need; positive behavior record; demonstrated service to community; involved in co-curricular activities

If your student is considering a Pius XI Catholic education, the Financial Aid office will work with families to create a payment plan or to provide financial aid to meet your needs. If the cost of education is a consideration, please make an appointment to speak to the Enrollment office by contacting Anne Osmon at 414.290.8175.
DISTINGUISHED ALUM
JULI KAUFMANN ’87

Each year Pius XI presents its Distinguished Alum Award, recognizing outstanding service to Pius XI, the church, community, or their profession. This year we honor Juli Kaufmann ’87. Juli is an entrepreneur, developer, civic leader and president of Fix Development, a Milwaukee-based commercial real estate company. Juli and her firm have developed more than $25 million in real estate projects, creating positive cultural, social, environmental and economic impact. She is currently working on several projects, including Sherman Phoenix in the Sherman Park neighborhood, converting a former BMO Harris Bank branch into an entrepreneurial and wellness hub that will house 20 businesses. Juli also serves as Board Chair at 88.9 Radio Milwaukee.

We recently had an opportunity to talk with Juli, as she shared her unique perspective on community-building, using her voice to create change, and the impact that the Pius XI community has had on her.

Talk about your experience as a student at Pius XI. Memorable moments? Favorite teachers? Funny stories?

Pius presented me with opportunities to make friends from all walks of life, with diverse experiences to learn different perspectives, and a nurturing environment to discover myself. I can’t possibly distill my high school days into just a few moments, but I know Pius helped me develop a sense of self-confidence and identity that has served me well every day since.

Why does Milwaukee need a Pius XI Catholic High School?

To me, Pius is exceptional because - through its values, people, and mission - it encourages each individual student to discover their own strength, beauty and capabilities. This celebration of diversity and difference is powerful. Through realizing our individual gifts, I think we are best able to find love, happiness and to make a difference in our world.

What advice would you give to a high school student?

Consider advice offered by older people like me, but more importantly, trust your own power and listen to your own voice. You will create the world of our future, so consider tackling such awesome responsibility with purposeful imagination.
What is the most important skill that a young person needs to be successful in today’s world?
Empathy

How do we convince young people to stay in Milwaukee.....or for those who leave, to come back and make a difference here?
I’m not interested in convincing people to stay in Milwaukee. I believe everyone should follow their heart and their passions. If that keeps you here or brings you back, then we are lucky indeed. If not, there is no reason we can’t benefit from every Milwaukee-born person, no matter where in the world we each land. The world is a small, interconnected place. Sometimes we learn the most by leaving a place of comfort to discover something new about our world and, in turn, ourselves.

Why was it important for you to invest in Milwaukee, when you could have been doing this anywhere? What do you see in Milwaukee that sparked such a passion of investment of time, money, and resources?
I believe we all have an obligation to make the world better using our time and talents. My corner of the world is Milwaukee, so this is where I choose to make my effort. Until Milwaukee is a place that is environmentally sustainable and equitable for all, there will be work to do.

Now that you can add the Pius XI Distinguished Alum to your list of accomplishments.....what are you most proud of?
I am most proud to call myself the daughter of Karen LeSage. My Mom was a light to everyone in her life and she lived a life of service. She was taken too soon and I miss her everyday. It is the least I can do, each day, to try to honor her legacy in how I live my life. I hope she would be proud.

What is your motto or personal mantra you live by?
“Be the change you wish to see in the world”
- Ghandi

What book are you reading right now?
We Were Eight Years in Power by Ta-Nahesi Coates

When you were a Pius XI student, what did you want to be “when you grew up”?
I still don’t know the answer to this question. Life is a constant journey of discovery.

What is your favorite song from your high school days? How about today?
In high school - I listened to anything 80's Alternative-which I still love to this day. Today, however, I also serve as Chair of the Board of Directors for 88.9 FM Radio Milwaukee, so I discover new music constantly. At this moment, I cannot get enough of Janelle Monae and I also have a soft spot for Pius alum Grace Weber, who is making great music while giving back through The Music Lab - a music program to inspire Milwaukee high schoolers. She is a role model for us all.

If you could switch jobs with someone in Milwaukee for a day, who would it be?
I love what I do and would not switch for the world. Although a vacation would be nice! I think I’d enjoy providing trail maintenance as a crew member for the Ice Age Trail. I’d love to camp across Wisconsin all summer long.
New head football coach John Rasmussen ‘73 is ready to give back to Pius XI. His Pius XI roots run deep, as he is one of 9 alumni in his family - with at least one family member attending Pius XI for 27 straight years, from 1963-1990). Coach Rasmussen was a 3-sport athlete and captain on the undefeated 1972 State Championship football team, earning induction into the Pius XI Athletic Hall of Fame in 2007.

In just a few short months on the job, “Coach Ras” already has the momentum building for his program. Player participation numbers are increasing, the weight room is lively, and an energetic coaching staff has been hired (including alumni Pat Baltz ’87, Oscar Lopez ‘11, Nick Monreal ‘88, and Roberto Zarate ‘12).

How did your football playing experience at Pius XI shape your coaching philosophy?

I had some tremendous coaches, guys like Ron Wied, Dick Fischer, Jerry Pintar, Tim Doherty. They taught me the importance of camaraderie, as well as the ability to individually sacrifice for the greater good of the team. There’s just something special about working together....the blood, sweat, and tears....fighting for each other, covering each other’s back....pursuing one common goal.

How do you build team chemistry and unity with your players?

I take every player under my wing. They are all important. I want everyone to genuinely feel part of the team, and to have a positive experience. I’m focused on developing these kids in the program in all phases of their life, helping them become who they want to become and reach their goals.

How do you motivate your players?

It starts with building trust - these kids will know that we care about them. I strongly believe that football is 75% attitude and the mental side, and 25% physical. A positive attitude goes a long, long way.

What qualities did you look for when hiring your coaching staff?

I love the staff we have put together. They work well with young people, can connect with them, and can teach the game at a high level. We have positive, high-energy coaches who have great character and are role models for our players. I really believe I have hired a staff full of committed, driven coaches who are passionate about Pius and excited to work together to build this program.

What do you like to do when you’re not coaching football?

I love to be outdoors, especially camping. I also enjoy working out at the YMCA, and I love going to plays and musicals. I also enjoy running around chasing my 3-year-old grandson Jace!

How important is alumni support to your football program?

I know first-hand how special the bond is between Pius alumni. It’s hard to explain in words, but you can just feel it. Our goal is to build a winning program that alumni can be proud of, and we want them to join in the process of getting this program back on track.

“This is a dream come true.....to come back where it all started, and rebuild this program - you just can’t beat this opportunity”
EXCELLENCE IN ATHLETICS

ALL-STATE

BOYS VOLLEYBALL | Gino D’Alessio ‘18 • TJ Driver ‘18

ALL-CONFERENCE 1ST TEAM

SOFTBALL | Rachel Kraetz ‘17

BASEBALL | Gino D’Alessio ‘18 • Sam Treffert ‘18

FOOTBALL | Luc Leszczynski ‘18

BOYS SOCCER | Ivan Cuellar ‘19 • Ryan Pogodzinski ‘19 • Chris Quinto ‘20

BOYS VOLLEYBALL | Gino D’Alessio ‘18 • TJ Driver ‘18

WRESTLING | Jonathan Lee ‘18

BOYS BASKETBALL | Preston Maccoux ‘18

GIRLS BASKETBALL | Jasmine Kondrakiewicz ‘20

2018 ALUMNI BASKETBALL GAMES
**POPES MAKING A GLOBAL IMPACT**

“**What I love most about the work is that I am doing something I believe in.**”

For **Georgie Nink '11**, this work is at the Za'atari Camp for Syrian refugees in the north of Jordan. Georgie helps run the Youth Center, providing sports, arts/cultural, and educational activities for all youth, boys and girls, ages 10-30. While pursuing her undergraduate degree at Tufts University, Georgie studied abroad in Amman, Jordan. There she came across an organization called Questscope, specializing in working with at-risk youth. She became fascinated with their work, set up an internship, and upon graduation from Tufts in 2015 was hired back to work at the Camp.

“I am so lucky to work with an amazing team of Jordanian staff and Syrian staff,” said Nink. “I also really enjoy the pleasure and challenge of building close relationships across the cultural barrier with Jordanian and Syrian staff.”

“**God presented Himself/Herself in the simplest of ways: A student’s smile, coffee with milk, enjoying the breeze on our roof, or a conversation with a stranger in town. God is constantly asking us to be present and to see the goodness in everything.**”

**Katie Coffey '11** spent two years volunteering as Campus Minister in Dodoma, Tanzania, teaching scripture, coordinating retreats, and co-founding the Kairos program, among many other responsibilities. “My mission was to be present in each moment, to accompany newfound brothers and sisters, to ask questions and empower others, to appreciate a culture other than my own, and to let grace fill our lives,” Katie said.

She was reminded daily of the students’ need for presence, as the over 1100 boarding students lived with no way to communicate home to parents or relatives. “It is the relationships we build which can bring healing, laughter, and purpose. The memories I hold near and dear to my heart would be meaningless without the individuals who brought that memory to life. At the end of the day, it is not about the work we have done or the money we have saved but how we loved one another.”

“**Travel is more than sight-seeing. It’s about connecting with the people of the country through their food, music, education system, and political history.**”

**Haley Haupt '12**, recently finished working for Teach for India in Mumbai. She worked with Kids Education Revolution (KER), planning a week-long leadership conference for 100 students across India. She was involved in the selection process, curating creative activities during the retreat, and choreographing a dance with a group of 13 students for the opening night ceremony. “The richest part of my experience was spending time with children who embody the values of their culture in the purest of ways,” Haley said. “Their smiles and willingness to share their food with me made me feel incredibly welcome.”

Haley graduated from UW-Stevens Point in 2016 and is pursuing not only a career in performance, but also arts education. “I’m so fortunate. I’ve been blessed to have supportive role models all around me. I am confident in my decision to pursue a career as a performer and an arts educator. It’s ok to be creative and to enjoy your work,” she said.
The impact of Xavier Lightfoot ’18 is felt all around Pius XI. He is a talented artist and photographer, earning the opportunity to showcase his work as a National YoungArts Foundation Finalist in Photography (one of just 10 in the country) at this year’s YoungArts Week in Miami. Xavier was also one of just 20 students nationwide to be named a Presidential Scholar in the Arts, one of the nation’s highest honors for high school students.

Xavier is also a high honors student, and a member of the student organization CALO (Christian Athletes Leadership Organization). On top of all of this, he is a successful varsity runner in both Track and Cross Country.

Xavier has a deep motivation which drives him to succeed in all of these areas of his life. “I truly believe in finding your passion and sticking with it. Be a voice for others. Speak up for people who may not be comfortable speaking up for themselves,” he said. Xavier will attend Maryland Institute College of Art (MD).

Kemp McNealey Jr. ’18 is making an impact in youth soccer coaching through the Milwaukee Urban Soccer Collaborative, an organization providing quality soccer programs for kids in the inner City of Milwaukee. Kemp’s mother, Patricia, started this program 18 years ago and it has grown to include over 2000 kids. Kemp has used his passion for soccer to help with coaching, officiating, and mentoring the kids in the program since he was 12 years old. He enjoys teaching basic soccer skills, but finds the most joy in teaching life skills like discipline, sharing, and working together as a team. “I like giving back, and I love helping people... especially kids that need it,” he said. Kemp will attend Elmhurst College (IL), where he will major in Information Technology and play soccer.

Mitchell Weigel ’18 is set up to make an impact in the field of Physical Therapy after graduation from Pius XI. Mitchell was one of just 62 recipients (among 900 applicants) selected to receive direct admission to the prestigious Doctor of Physical Therapy Program at Marquette University. He will major in Psychology, and will work towards his doctorate in Physical Therapy.

A passion for Physical Therapy work started in Forensic Science class as a sophomore. Mitchell began to think of the field as a possible career during his junior year in Ms. Zivkovic’s Anatomy and Physiology class. This classroom experience, combined with job shadowing opportunities facilitated by Guidance Counselor Ms. Lovinus, further deepened his interest. “Throughout these experiences that Pius gave me, I realized my interest in how the body works, combined with a desire to help a wide range of people - from sports injuries to stroke to brain surgery,” Mitchell said.
DEAR PIUS XI,

This spring, junior Jaymie Weigel worked with Pius XI Writing Center Coordinator and English teacher, Lauren Schimmels, to organize an all-school writing project (Wordraiser) in which students wrote thank you letters to Pius XI Catholic High School. Jaymie was inspired by a speech given by Principal Ostap and wanted to create an opportunity for students to express their gratitude for their school.

Schimmels started the Wordraisers earlier this year with support from the Pius XI Writing Tutors. When asked where the inspiration for the Wordraisers came from, Schimmels shared, “It came from my desire to bring more student writing to Pius. Our goal is to show students that writing can be a natural and enjoyable process rather than stressful and merely hinging on a grade. By promoting the value of writing itself, this will hopefully embed a desire to turn toward writing as comfort rather than fearing the process of it.”

Schimmels and Weigel received over 100 letters from students, sharing stories, appreciation and love for the Pius XI community. “I wanted those who came to write to be reminded of how they have been blessed,” Jaymie explained. “Given the letters we received, I think we did that.”
At Pius, I am allowed to have an opinion and share without fear of judgement. Being at Pius has encouraged me to be more loving and supportive and that’s everything. Pius is a place where

Thank you for giving me the chance to explore! I’ve been able to try so many amazing and unexpected things I never thought I’d want to do!

I appreciate everything you have done for me and the many blessings you have brought to me. The multiple retreats I’ve been.

The diversity of Pius School has made me want to know more about different cultures and activities.

Thank you for being so welcoming to all people.

Pius creates an environment where everyone can find something they love and are fully interested in.

I have never experienced the amount of love at a school environment than I do at Pius.

Thank you for preparing me for the future and what’s next to come.

You have always seen my potential and pushed me to be the best that I can. I can’t thank you enough for that. You

Thank you!

I love the community, sports, teachers, and my friends that I made at Pius School.

When I feel as if I am at my lowest point the community you provided for me picks me up and makes me feel 1000% better. I always have a home at Pius.

LOVE,
YOUR STUDENTS
Congratulations to the Pius XI Class of 2018! This class has earned $13.6 million in scholarship offers, with students going to 58 different colleges and universities in 19 different states.
WHERE THERE’S A WILL, THERE’S A WAY

Charles Salb ’52, a United States military veteran and engineer, built a good life and enjoyed a successful career in Minnesota after graduating from Pius XI High School. Charlie lived modestly and, unbeknownst to most people, invested wisely.

Each year, he sent a modest gift to Pius XI through the yearly mailings he received.

Charlie was raised by his grandparents and was able to attend Pius XI High School through the generosity of his uncle, Fr. William Knoernschild, who paid Charlie’s tuition. That gift made a lasting impression on Charlie, who had plans to pay it forward.

In his will, he dedicated the residue of his estate to Pius XI Catholic High School to establish an endowed fund for scholarship support. With some simple planning, Charlie’s giving went from $25 a year to his final contribution through his estate of $1 million.

Coincidentally, his funeral was held on September 19, the anniversary of the founding of Pius XI.

As we approach our 90th year in 2019, we thank all those who believed, and continue to believe in the importance and value of a Pius XI Catholic education. And we remember those who so generously pay it forward for the benefit of future students.

Please consider speaking with your loved ones and financial representative about your own plans to make an impact beyond your lifetime. If you would like to share this information with Pius XI, please contact Angela Dempsey Reilly at 414.290.8162 or areilly@piusxi.org.
The Pius XI community lost a dear friend with the March passing of Jerry Martynski. Jerry graciously served Pius XI as a history and social studies teacher, retiring in 2014. After his retirement, he continued to volunteer at Pius XI. He was revered by faculty and staff as a noble man of integrity who simply loved the people of Pius XI Catholic High School. On April 14th, 2018, the Pius XI community gathered to pay tribute to the one and only Mr. Martynski. Here are excerpts from three of the moving testimonies given that day.

**By Peter Burzynski, Pius XI alumnus from the class of 2005**

I am the luckiest student to have never taken a class with Jerry. I never had the fortune to take a class from Jerry Martynski, instead I had the invaluable privilege to learn from him as a mentee, a student of life, and as a friend.

Mr. Martynski loved teaching, he loved Pius, but most of all he loved his students and colleagues. My friend was a classical scholar, a wordsmith, an athlete, an artist, and a patron of the arts. He was a warrior, a chef, and devoted family man. Quite simply he was perhaps the closest I’ve come to knowing a true renaissance man.

For the past several years Jerry and I would have lunch, usually once a week. In that time I witnessed my friend courageously fight for every moment of life. We would have an eclectic lunch, often with little exotic delicacies like (his wife) Donna’s quiche, smoked trout or Polish herring and always a dram or two of a fine spirit. As time passed, Jerry found eating less enjoyable but never grew tired of conversing. We solved some of the great mysteries of history, and debated the works of great philosophers and essayists. We pondered why through most of human history the human species at times didn’t act human at all. But most important for me, was that I had the chance to listen to a man whose life experiences tempered and taught him about the value and fragility of life itself.

**By Brian Kangas, Retired Pius XI Social Sciences teacher**

I taught Social Science for 42 years, the last 30 here at Pius. In the 15+ years that I knew Jerry Martynski he not only was an esteemed colleague but more importantly a close friend.

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Jerry frequented my parents’ restaurant, Polonez, with his wife Donna on a regular basis. There they would order herring, deviled eggs, wiener schnitzel, and from time to time, czarnina... I told them of my graduate studies, my ambitions, and my publications. Jerry smiled wider than his mustache, tugged my sleeve and said, “Petey...don’t forget to be as eccentric as possible. You’ll want to make an impact, make them not forget who you are.” I could have never so easily obliged a piece of advice. I carry it with me to this day. And I remember it, because Jerry, you’ll never make us forget who you are.

Jerry had a brilliant mind and an even greater heart. He cared for every student, colleague, and friend that crossed his path.
By Rick Carpenter, Current Pius XI Social Sciences teacher

I first met Jerry fifteen years ago when he joined the Pius XI Catholic High School community. Over the years I came to know him as a premier teacher, dedicated adviser, dapper dresser, proud marine, loving family man, and most importantly, quality human being.

Jerry came to Pius as a fresh-faced fifty-eight year old eager to live out his dream of being a history teacher. I was impressed by the fact that he was not afraid to pay his dues. Before teaching, he spent a year as one of the supervisors in our school cafeteria. Being able to handle hundreds of hungry teenagers every day is a daunting task for anyone, but Jerry did so with great aplomb. More than once he told me that he wished he could have spent his entire career teaching at Pius.

Once he got into the classroom, it took Mr. Martynski about four minutes to become one of our most respected and loved teachers. The reason this happened was because teenagers are really good at identifying genuine people who truly care about them. It was also apparent that he loved his students even more than the subjects he taught.

It was well known that Jerry served in the Honor Guard for John F. Kennedy’s funeral, but it’s also nice to see that he took the message from Kennedy’s Inaugural Address and applied it to school. He always asked not what Pius could do for him, but what he could do for Pius. Because of this attitude, he made our school a better place and I am convinced he will do so in heaven as well.

Jerry Wayne Martynski led a life well lived. He was a proud Marine, outstanding teacher, loving family man and quality human being. He was a true asset to the Pius XI Catholic High School community and his legacy will live on through his family, friends and students.

To honor Jerry’s talents and tremendous impact on Pius XI, his wife Donna has requested that memorial gifts be directed to Pius XI. For information on how to donate in remembrance of Jerry, contact Angela Dempsey Reilly, at 414.290.8162 or areilly@piusxi.org.

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- RICK CARPENTER
**ALUMNI PROFESSIONAL UPDATES**

**John Rasmussen ’73** is the head football coach at Pius XI Catholic High School.

**Carrie Wall ’78** is the President & CEO at YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee.

**Michael Frohna ’84** is the President of Junior Achievement of Wisconsin, the world’s largest organization dedicated to inspiring and preparing young people to succeed in a global economy.

**Audrey Skwierawski ’85** was appointed Milwaukee County circuit court judge by Governor Scott Walker.

**Steve Green ’97** is a Global Product Art Director for Nike.

**Maggie Skarich Joos ’98** is the owner of The Real Good Life, a food service that prepares and delivers ready-made meals.

**Paul Golomski ’99** is the Facility Director for the Pettit National Ice Center, and worked in ice maintenance at the Gangneung Oval, the long-track speedskating venue at the Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea.

**Kristin (Davidson) Fontenot ’92** was inducted into the George Washington University Athletic Hall of Fame in Women’s Soccer. Kristin leads the Cyber Security Analytics Program for Capital One.

**Johnny Arnold ’93** is the West Regional Manager at Zywave, managing reps that cover the East Coast and working with independent insurance brokers.

**Christina (Lovrek) Mack ’93** is a Lead Teacher in the infant-toddler room at the Next Door Foundation.

**Sara Stathas ’93** is an editorial, commercial, and portrait photographer based in Milwaukee. Her editorial work has appeared in The New York Times, Forbes, ESPN, and Rolling Stone. She was recently awarded the 2017 Julia Margaret Cameron International Award for best individual sports image of Milwaukee Bucks player, Thon Maker.

**Femi Jones ’00** is an IT Supervisor for Milwaukee Public Schools.

**Karla Barillas ’01** was selected as one of the Milwaukee Business Journal’s “40 Under 40”. Karla is the Vice President of Human Resources and Organizational Development at St. Anthony School of Milwaukee.

**Erica Cook ’01** is a Chemistry teacher at New Berlin Eisenhower High School, as well as Director of the Wisconsin RAP AAU basketball program.

**Beth Krey ’01** is the Assistant Dean of Undergraduate Programs in the College of Business Administration at Marquette University.

**Shawna Nicols ’01** was named “Best Club DJ” as part of the Best of Milwaukee series from Shepherd Express. Shawna also wrote a book titled “The Adventures of Bob and Downtown Milwaukee”, with all proceeds going to Key To Change to help end chronic homelessness.

**Aimee Mikolajek Jorjani ’95** was given a presidential appointment to Chair of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.
Ken Mika ’03 was named STEM Forward’s 2017 Young Engineer of the Year. Ken is currently the Operations Manager at O’Brian & Gere (OBG).

Patrick Landry ’04 is the President of Notre Dame School of Milwaukee.

Justin Nicols ’04 is the Founder and CEO of Sift Medical Data, a Milwaukee-based health care technology startup.

Honore (Croze) Nolting ’05 wrote a book titled “128 Days and Counting”, a caregiver story about young adult cancer.

Marin Reyna ’05 works as a private security officer for Allied Universal.

Danny Torres ’08 is an Assistant Men’s Basketball Coach at Cardinal Stritch University.

Dylan Waldhuetter ’09 earned his Masters Degree in Water Policy & Management from the UW-Milwaukee School of Freshwater Sciences, and is the Alliance for Water Stewardship Program Manager at The Water Council in Milwaukee.

Amanda Braun ’10 is the Principal of E3 Group, an energy consulting company that helps organizations design, build and operate facilities to achieve optimal sustainability and LEED certifications.

Kelly Frings ’10 was selected to the “Thirty Under 30” by the Women’s Basketball Coaches Association, recognizing 30 up-and-coming women’s basketball coaches age 30 and under at all levels of the game. Kelly is an Assistant Coach at Drury University.

Justin Dischler ’11 is a Financial Professional at AXA Advisors in Milwaukee.

Nikki Nellen ’11 is the head girls basketball coach at Catholic Memorial High School in Waukesha.

Charlie Burnett ’13 currently works as a Director at Crystalaire Adventures.

Daniel Gutierrez Ayala ’17 is a Case Manager at Soberalski Immigration Law, LLC, helping prepare cases and organize with local nonprofit organizations to bring resources to the community.

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*If you know of any alumni who have passed away, let us know so we can recognize them at All Souls Day Mass in November.
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@ IRONWOOD • TUESDAY, JULY 31ST

XI CONNECT ALUMNI NETWORKING EVENT
@ EAGLE PARK BREWING COMPANY • FRIDAY, AUGUST 24TH

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY
• SATURDAY, AUGUST 25TH

HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME • FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH

HANK RAYMONDS CLASSIC • SATURDAY, JANUARY 5TH