



# TWIN TOWERS magazine



For Alumni, Parents & Friends of Bishop McDevitt High School

SUMMER 2018



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1928

Class of  
1958

Class of  
2021

Class of  
1992

*Generations of  
Living our Legacy*

This Madonna statue was given  
to the school by the parents of the  
Class of 1958.  
A special thank you to our graduates who  
are making the name of their alma mater shine.

# NEW LEADERSHIP

Dear members of the McDevitt community,

**D**ESTINY is the first word that comes to mind when I think why McDevitt and why now. I have been in Catholic schools every year of my life since age 5 as a student or staff member. It is what I know, what I believe, and who I am. I have found a most special place to complete my career. McDevitt has all the pieces to enhance its standing towards becoming one of the premiere Catholic schools in the country. Sometimes, local folks can take for granted what they have and not fully appreciate how truly special their place really is.

Being new to your community and having learned about Catholic schools all over the nation, let me tell you what I find so unique and special about McDevitt. These are what inspired me to want to join you. It is a great blend of the old and the new. It is grounded in the rich and deep 99 year traditions of excellence, values, pride, memories, loyalty, and stewardship—solid as “The Rock”. Yet it now continues to serve its talented students in a state of the art, beautiful facility— by far the nicest of the 150 Catholic high schools I have visited. The support, involvement, and generosity of our alumni is truly extraordinary and very rare.

Also most special and rare is the support of our parishes and their elementary schools who so well prepare such exceptional young people for the challenging program at McDevitt. Many dioceses and parishes talk the talk about the value of Catholic schools. The Diocese of Harrisburg and its parishes go further and walk the walk. The moral and financial support we receive from our parishes is a true blessing that is not extended in many dioceses in our country. This support goes far in keeping our quality at the top, while also keeping our tuition affordable to as many families as possible. Our students will remain faithful and keep the Church and its schools strong for generations to come.

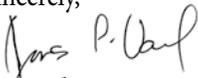
So too our Board does not just talk the talk. They roll up their sleeves and actively support and guide our growth in so many ways. Yet what is most impressive is not our awesome campus, but those who fill it each school day. All I hear from the staff I have met is how much they believe in McDevitt. They are proud to be of service. They could be making more elsewhere, but remain with us because it is their mission, their ministry, their vocation— it is their destiny to serve our students. I will be honored to serve alongside them.

I especially look forward to getting to know our students. Those I have met so far are so proud to call themselves Crusaders. I call upon them to teach me the spirit and pride of the school which I have plans to unleash. They come to McDevitt for community, to be challenged, to quest for more, and to be a part of something bigger than themselves. I won't let them down. They will build their own legacies and traditions during our 100th year!

I also call upon all of our alums to teach me about the proud traditions of our school. I'm here to learn. We want to see you on campus engaged with the life of the school today. See how the McDevitt of today carries on your legacies.

McDevitt has gone through transition and faced some challenges. It has in some ways needed to play defense. As for all Catholic schools, we confront the forces of secularism and corrosion of values. We have a great story to tell. We have all the pieces of the puzzle. It's time to place them all together and stand as one and go on the offense. Our destiny calls us. A brilliant future beckons us. When they plan our 200th anniversary, let them tell stories of the traditions we built in our 100th year. I am proud to stand with you and walk in the footsteps of the giants who have gone before.

Sincerely,

  
James P. Vail  
President



James P. Vail

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The Brixius Family—  
Anne Marie Kelly '58 Brixius,  
Caydan Brixius '21  
and Daniel Brixius '92

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Dear members of the McDevitt community,

I would first like to thank Sister Mary Anne Bednar and acknowledge all that she has done for the Bishop McDevitt community. Her selfless dedication to our students has been an inspiration to me and countless others. Sister has been an outstanding role model, mentor and friend and I wish her all the best in her new position at Lourdes Regional School.

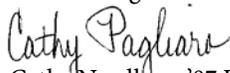
I would also like to congratulate the class of 2018 and welcome them into our alumni family. We will miss you, but are confident that you will be successful on whatever path God has planned. Always carry with you the values, both academic and spiritual, instilled in you throughout your four years at McDevitt. We wish you all the best and know that you will continually be in our prayers.

Now that graduation is over, the final classes completed and the last of the students departed for the summer, the halls of McDevitt take on a completely different feel. Gone is the bustle of the school day filled with the sounds of laughter and the scurrying of students to class. This is replaced by an almost eerie silence interrupted only by the sound of a ringing phone or the occasional hum of the floor buffer. It is in this silence that I am reminded that the building, while beautiful and that we are blessed to have, is just a building and it is the students, faculty and staff who are and always have been the life, heart and soul of Bishop McDevitt of which we have had the privilege to be a part.

As we enter our 100th year, I am awed when I think of the countless students who have graced the halls of Harrisburg Catholic/Bishop McDevitt, each leaving their indelible mark on the McDevitt family while also carrying a special place in their heart for the place they called home for four years. As an alumna, I am keenly aware of, and in many cases, share the memories that connect you with Bishop McDevitt and its great legacy of tradition, pride and excellence as well as its strong Catholic values.

While it is important to preserve the traditions and memories of Bishop McDevitt, it is as equally important to constantly be moving forward. There are many changes happening at Bishop McDevitt and while change can be frightening and uncomfortable, it can also bring about wonderful growth and amazing opportunity that reaches beyond the original and intended vision. I am excited to be a part of the transition to the new President/Principal leadership model and looking forward to working with Jim Vail and our amazing and dedicated staff to preserve the tradition of excellence that permeates every aspect of Bishop McDevitt High School.

Warmest regards,

  
Cathy Needham '87 Pagliaro  
Interim Principal



Cathy Needham '87 Pagliaro

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### MISSION STATEMENT

Bishop McDevitt High School, a Catholic, college-preparatory, coeducational school located within the Diocese of Harrisburg, encompasses students of diverse intellectual, socio-economic, and religious backgrounds. Bishop McDevitt strives to nurture the whole person by promoting a quality education rooted in the Gospel values and creating a challenging academic environment. The school community aspires to graduate well-rounded Christian men and women committed to living moral lives of holiness, integrity, justice, and responsible citizenship.

## Good-bye Sister Mary Anne

### Bishop McDevitt Says Good-bye To Our Principal!

On Sunday, June 3rd over 350 people gathered in Finestra Hall to honor Sister Mary Anne Bednar, IHM. Sister has been the principal at Bishop McDevitt for fifteen years. This very special day gave alumni and friends the opportunity to gather for Mass and a farewell reception to honor sister for her faithful service and dedication to our school.

The outpouring of love and support shown to Sister Mary Anne was a wonderful testament to her accomplishments and legacy that she has left on this school. Many of the attendees at the reception spoke about her accomplishments. Speeches were given by various people in the community: Teachers- Michelle Verbos '82 Corrigan and Jim Mercurio '04; School Board member- Dr. Michael Bosak '84; Joshua Group Director- Kirk Hallett; Her sisters- Debbie and Pam; and Director of Advancement – Cheri Comasco. Everyone who spoke gave their heartfelt thanks for a job well-done!

During Sister's tenure Bishop McDevitt relocated from 2200 Market Street to 1 Crusader Way. This move involved countless hours of meetings with the building committee, future use committee, furniture fixtures and equipment committee and the capital campaign committee. These meetings met for more than two years going over every detail for the new building. One of her biggest accomplishments was the coordination of moving everything during our Christmas break in December 2012 from Market Street to 1 Crusader Way. This was a monumental task which sister handled with tremendous leadership.

We wish Sister Mary Anne the best as she transfers to Lourdes Regional School in Shamokin. Sister Mary Anne graduated from Lourdes and grew up in Shamokin...so she is going home.

We will miss you sister! Best of Luck! God Bless You!



Dear Alumni, Parents and friends,

As I sit here reflecting on this past school year I cannot help but be grateful and amazed at the generosity of so many people. I can't tell you how much I appreciate your support for our work with these amazing McDevitt students. THANK YOU!

It is my hope that you all continue to feel a part of the McDevitt family as we begin our celebration of the 100th year of Catholic High/Bishop McDevitt High School. We have many activities planned. I hope you will plan to join us!



Cheri Comasco

*"Make no mistake, the success we are having is in large part due to your commitment to the future of Bishop McDevitt High School and to Catholic education."*

**Please remember to mark these important dates on your calendar.**

- **PCI- Alumni Directory Sales Begin** ..... July
- **All Decade Reunions** ..... dates and information are listed on the back cover
- **Grandparents Day** ..... September 9
- **100th Anniversary Golf Tournament** ..... at Harrisburg Country Club – September 10
- **Homecoming** ..... October 12
- **Veteran's Day Celebration** ..... November 9
- **Santa 5K Run/Walk** ..... December 8
- **31st Annual Blue & Gold Gala** ..... March 30

This school year was filled with many accomplishments by our students. I hope, as you read about them in the following pages, you are filled with pride and confidence that McDevitt continues to form them into faithful, compassionate, and educated adults, prepared to face the world.

That has always been, and continues to be, our mission.

I hope as you read you get a taste of what we have done and what we continue to do to form our students into adults who are aware of the world around them. Not only aware of things for their own life, but aware of the need for prayer, compassion for our family, neighbors and friends, a zeal and zest for life to leave these halls and be ready to move on to accomplish many great things with their lives.

We communicate each day with messages on our Bishop McDevitt Fan Page on Facebook and our monthly e-newsletter. If you are not receiving any information from us, please contact me, or if you want to get involved as a volunteer, just let me know.

With gratitude,

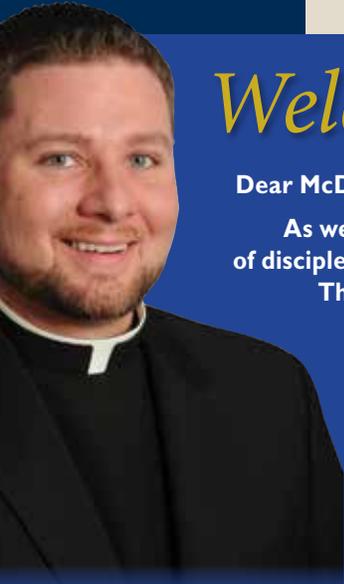
Cheri Comasco  
Director of Advancement



Some of the Comasco family were able to come, from out of state, to support their mom for the 30th Annual Blue & Gold Gala in April. Pictured: L-R- Carl, Carl Jr. '04, Dr. Lauren and Vince Comasco '06, & Cheri



Celebrating the John Traver's documentary at the school – pictured are: Carl & Cheri Comasco, John Brixius, Carmen & Tonia Finestra



# Welcome to our Chaplain

Dear McDevitt Family,

As we celebrate 100 years of graduating well-rounded Christian men and women, we celebrate a new season of discipleship as the legacy of our commitment to Catholic education in the Diocese of Harrisburg continues.

The Chaplain's Office and Spiritual Life Team at Bishop McDevitt is devoted to serving the mission of our school to form a family "committed to living moral lives of holiness, integrity, justice, and responsible citizenship."

Through collaboration with many of our student leaders, the Chaplain's Office and Spiritual Life Team has developed a mission and vision to drive us forward as we strive to form intentional disciples and servant leaders. New student ministry opportunities, dynamic faith formation programs, seminars, and workshops will help to build a strong foundation of faith and provide students with the guidance they need to grow in an ever deepening relationship with Jesus Christ.

I look forward sharing these new faith experiences with you all and I look forward to another year of walking together on our journey to holiness, please know of my prayers for all of you, most especially our students.

In Christ  
Father Coyle  
Chaplain

Reverend Kevin J. Coyle,  
M. Div., M.A., Chaplain



## McDEVITT MEN'S GROUP LENDS A HAND

*Contra Mundum*

For a service project this school year, the men of Contra Mundum decided to offer our help to a local charity doing much good for residents of our city – Silence of Mary Home. This organization maintains a house at 1411 Market Street in Harrisburg from which volunteers distribute food, clothing and toiletry items, register residents for social programs, assist in paying heating and medical bills and provide a tangible expression of the love of Jesus who said to "love your neighbor as yourself." Silence of Mary serves the disadvantaged with a weekly meal distribution and welcomes individuals and families in dire need into their network of homes around the neighborhood. The staff keeps tabs on ill or vulnerable clients who may not have family in the area. We were honored to lend a hand one Wednesday each month after school in place of our weekly meeting. Activities ranged from packing food bags at Silence of Mary's office in Lemoyne, to helping clean, move furniture, organize clothing, and assisting at the annual Thanksgiving turkey giveaway. Our men were moved by the poverty we witnessed and heartened by the cheerful work Silence's staff and volunteers accomplish day-in and day-out, mostly under the radar. It has been a blessing for us to contribute in our small way to their inspired mission to serve the poorest of the poor. We hope to continue our visits next year.

Founded by the class of 2012, Contra Mundum's fraternity gathers men at the school together for peer-based character formation, fraternal support, and immersion into our religious tradition via pilgrimages, lectures, discussions, inspiring films, and communal prayer/fasting and service.

More about Silence of Mary Home, its mission and donation wish list can be found at the website: [www.thesilenceofmary.org](http://www.thesilenceofmary.org), or by calling 717-737-4107.



## SPIRITUAL LIFE MISSION

Bishop McDevitt High School's Chaplain and Spiritual Life Team seeks to form young men and women to be intentional disciples and servant leaders by helping them recognize and answer their call to holiness, discern God's will, and become the Crusaders that Jesus Christ calls them to be.

## SPIRITUAL LIFE VISION

The Chaplain and Spiritual Life team will provide spiritual formation to students through youth focused liturgies, retreats, seminars, workshops, and service opportunities.



## KAIROS XIV

*Josh Dougher '19 and Nick Minnich '19*

Kairos XIV took place from January 24th to January 27th. It was a big leap of faith as we did not know what to expect. What we did not expect was how enjoyable these three days would be. The main purpose of this spiritual adventure was to strengthen our relationship with God. With the help of our great senior and adult leaders, each one of us was able to build an inner self-confidence full of honesty and integrity that ultimately gave us a stronger connection with God and each other. Through the various activities that we accomplished while on our journey, each individual learned to open our hearts to God, while also acquiring a sort of self-confidence about ourselves that allowed us to become great Christian examples. Kairos is not only about our spiritual lives. This time was used to experience a vacation from the busy confines of our lives. Positivity flourished throughout the experience. Much of this experience was about self-meditation and thinking about how we can change our lives in a positive manner, as well as influencing others to do the same. During Kairos, we bonded with different people and made everlasting friendships. This awesome experience allowed each individual to build a tremendous respect for God, our neighbors, and ourselves. Kairos XIV taught us to be authentic Christians and role models for all people. Overall, all the participants would strongly recommend attending Kairos to future students, no matter their faith, backgrounds, or perspectives.



# Our Thoughts are with STONEMAN DOUGLAS!



On Wednesday, March 14, 2018 the school community gathered in Finestra Hall under the direction of Father Coyle to hold a memorial/prayer service to remember those who lost their lives at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School and to pray for an end to violence in schools.

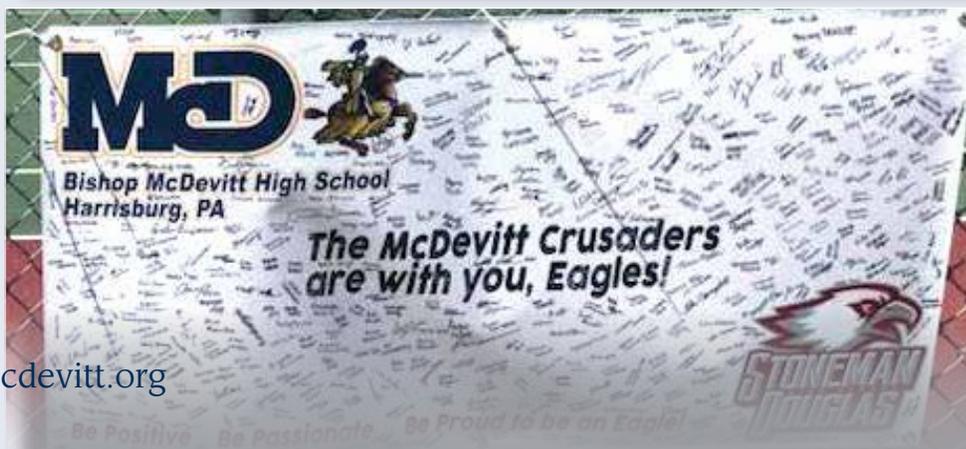
As a Catholic school community, we believe that prayer is a vital part of our response to tragedy. Senior Class President, Dominique Headen, addressed the student body and encouraged students to “walk-up”: walk up to a student who might need a friendly face or encouraging word; walk up to someone they have never met and introduce themselves; walk up to someone who looks lonely.

Finestra Hall was dark as seventeen black lanterns decorated the space before the stage to represent the lives that were lost on February 14th. A large banner reading “We Walk Together” which had been signed by the student body was present throughout the prayer service. This banner was later sent to the community of Stoneman Douglas to show our support.

Our chaplain, Fr. Coyle, read each victim’s name and our school community paid reverence by remaining silent for one minute for each name. A single rose was placed in front of each lantern as names were read. Seventeen minutes of silence and prayer were offered for each victim. It was a reverent occasion.

Our thoughts and our prayers are with the victims and their families, along with all the other students, teachers and families who were affected by this tragedy.

Finally, working with the Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank, the school held a blood drive, sponsored by our Student Council. Students chose to give the life-saving gift of blood, so important in any tragedy.



# THE PRO-LIFE CLUB

David McHugh '19

As a freshman I did not participate in any of the clubs offered at McDevitt, but at the beginning of my sophomore year, I decided to become a member of the Pro-Life Club. I had heard that the Pro-Life Club was fun and that there was a trip to Washington DC for the March for Life. However, I soon discovered that the Pro-Life Club is much more than a free day off of school.

Attending the March for Life showed me that this movement is bigger than a club at Bishop McDevitt; it is a worldwide movement with people from many different backgrounds who respect life. Once I joined, I knew that this was something I really wanted to be a part of and began attending all of our monthly meetings and rosaries.

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I have participated in spreading our message through many of the activities sponsored by the Pro-Life Club. We have a carnation sale to help support the cost of traveling for the March for Life and we hold a candy gram sale, as well as, a T-Shirt sale, and we donate to Morning Star Pregnancy Services and other organizations when we can. Last year, I went on our spring retreat to a nearby abortion clinic in Harrisburg to pray and peacefully protest. Thankfully the clinic was shut down.

As a member of the Pro-Life Club, I have met so many people I would not have met otherwise. The Pro-Life Club has helped me grow as an individual, and I know it has done the same for others. The Pro-Life Club offers many opportunities for students to grow in faith, such as; retreats, prayer services, and fellowship with others that believe in the true right for life.





## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY NEWS

During the week of April 16 twenty-three students self nominated for positions of leadership within our Chapter of National Honor Society. This is a wonderful testament to their ability to step up to serve.

On April 25 the membership voted for the following students to serve as Executive Officers for the school 2018-2019 year. Congratulations to: Wallis M. Chen, President; Molly Huynh, Vice President; Mason Cary, Secretary; Theresa Nguyen, Treasurer.

We thank our past leadership for exhibiting such a fine example to our total membership. Thank you to: Madison Nemshick, President; Brian Druby, Vice President; Eli Kerns, Secretary; Michael Hair, Treasurer.

## BRIAN DRUBY

Bishop McDevitt is proud to announce senior, Brian Druby, son of Richard and Maryellen Druby, has earned the highest possible ACT composite score of 36. On average, only around one-tenth of one percent of students who take the ACT earn a top score. In the U.S. high school graduating class of 2017, only 2,760 out of more than 2 million graduates who took the ACT earned a composite score of 36.



The ACT is a curriculum-based achievement exam that measures what students have learned in school. Students who earn a 36 composite

score have likely mastered all of the skills and knowledge they will need to succeed in first-year college courses in the core subject areas.

ACT scores are accepted by all major four-year colleges and universities across the U.S.

Brian is the fifth and last child in the Druby family to attend Bishop McDevitt. He is involved in tennis, Future Business Leaders of America, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Student Ambassadors, Math National Honor Society and Vice President of National Honor Society.

## SCHOLASTIC ART AND WRITING NATIONAL MEDALISTS

Bishop McDevitt, as always, had a fantastic showing in scholastic writing this year. Student writing is judged on the regional level. The judges are local high school English/Composition teachers.

Bishop McDevitt is particularly proud to receive two American Voices nominations. These nominees are “Best in Show” awards that most exemplify originality, technical skill, and the emergence of a personal voice or vision.

The American Voices Medal for writers is the highest regional honor presented by the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. Only one artist and one writer from each region is presented with this award each year.

Gold Key works move on to be judged nationally by an impressive panel of creative-industry experts to receive National Medals, including Gold, Silver, American Visions & Voices, Portfolio Silver with Distinction or Portfolio Gold Medals and Special Awards. National Medalists are recognized in part at the National Ceremony at Carnegie Hall in New York City. Overall there were 38 winning entries, with 17 Honorable Mentions, 11 Silver Keys, 10 Gold Keys, and 2 American Voices Nominations.

### GOLD KEY:

Molly Huynh '19  
Lily LaRegina '18 – 3 gold keys (Dramatic Script, Short Story, and Poetry) and an American Voices Nominee.

John Lyons '18– American Voices Nominee  
Maximilian Matas '18  
Hannah O'Dea '19  
Delaney Ryan '20  
Michaelyn Schneider '19  
Madeline Young '18

### SILVER KEY:

Sydney Altemose '19  
Alexandria Burns '20  
Brian Druby '18  
Stephen Gontis '18 – 3 silver keys (Dramatic Script, Writing Portfolio, and Poetry)  
Michael Hair '18

Maureen Hartwell '18  
Micki Huynh '20  
Nana Kodua '18  
Natalie Torta '19

### HONORABLE MENTION:

Walli Chen '18  
Lizzy Fillman '21  
Maria Gontis '19  
Stephen Gontis '18  
Michael Hair '18  
Ellehcynd Hallock '20  
Alyssa Harhigh '18  
Alin Jones '19  
Samantha Knipple '19  
Lily LaRegina '18  
Maximilian Matas '18  
Nicholas Minnich '19  
Madison Nemshick '18  
Claire Schroder '19  
Justin Tang '19  
Alexander Thoi '21  
Rachel Washington '18

**The Bishop McDevitt English Department is thrilled to announce the following Scholastic Art and Writing NATIONAL Medalists:** Senior, John Lyons (St MM) won a Gold Medal and an American Voices Medal for his Dramatic Script. Junior, Mary Huynh (HNJ) won silver for her Humor piece. Junior, Michaelyn Schneider (HCE) won silver for her Poetry. Senior, Madeline Young (SJA) won silver for her Poetry submission.

## APOLLO AWARDS AT THE HERSHEY THEATRE- MAY 20, 2018

Created in 2008, the Hershey Theatre Apollo Awards are presented annually to recognize outstanding achievement by local high school students in their musical and play productions. Modeled after The Tony Awards on Broadway, the HTAA (Hershey Theatre Apollo Awards) are produced and presented by the Hershey Theatre Education Department.

Apollo Award for Outstanding Student Playwright: Michael Hair for "Love is Blind"; Nominees for Outstanding Student Playwright: Alexandria Burns for "A Rough Day"; Brian Druby for "What's in a Home"; Maureen Hartwell for "No Distinction Among Them"; John Lyons for "Crooked Plume".



Honorable Mentions for Outstanding Student Playwright: Stephen Gontis for "Patient"; Lily LaRegina for "A Weekly Visit".

Honorable Mention for Outstanding Lead Actress in a Play; Alexandra McInerney as Snow White (Snow White).

Spirit of the Theater Award: Zach Strackhouse was awarded the 2018 Spirit of Theater Award for a play (Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs); Marcus Montisano was awarded the 2018 Spirit of Theater Award for a musical (Hello, Dolly!).



## GAMUT THEATRE VISIT

On April 17th the Bishop McDevitt senior Shakespeare classes attended Gamut Theatre's performance of *Macbeth*, or *The Scottish Play*; having studied the play in class this was an excellent opportunity for the students to see the play come to life through Gamut's unique interpretation. The students enjoyed the play and had an insightful talkback with the actors. Many engaging questions were asked, with equally thoughtful responses given by the cast. As always, Gamut's educational outreach program and abridged performance of the Bard's play was accessible and entertaining. The McDevitt English Department would like to thank Gamut Theatre for our continued relationship and their hospitality.

## AMERICAN LEGION ORATORICAL CONTEST

by Don Erway- former teacher

This year, senior Maureen Hartwell competed and won the local, county and regional contests. On February 25, 2018, Maureen presented her speech "A Constitutional Roadmap" at Post 594 in Middletown competing in the semifinals of the Pennsylvania contest. She was competing against three other students who had also won their regional contests. The judges at the semifinals included: a Grammy winning book editor, a local magistrate judge, a water utility manager, a Presbyterian minister, and a local attorney. The audience included many of the highest officials of the Pennsylvania Department of the American Legion and its Auxiliary as well as her family and Mr. Donald Erway, a recently retired Bishop McDevitt history teacher.

Maureen's speech was detailed and accurate and she exhibited total professionalism. Unfortunately, her competition in the statewide contest ended with a second place finish in the semifinals. However, it is with great honor to realize that her efforts led to the highest finish that any McDevitt student has ever accomplished in Mr. Erway's eight years of sponsoring students at Bishop McDevitt High School. Well done, Maureen!



## NATIONAL HISTORY DAY

The following students won the regional level:

### Group exhibits:

1st place, Karina Zeplin and Makayla Burkholder (11th, HNJ)

### Individual performance:

1st place, Megan Mwaura (10th, StMM)

2nd place, Sydney Altemose (11th, HNJ)

### Group performance:

1st place, Amy Mosier (11th, SJA), Maria Gontis (11th, HNJ), Sandy McInerney (11th SJA), Walli Chen (11th, St St)

### Individual website:

2nd place, Jia Bradford (10th, StMM)

3rd place, Aubree Narus (11th, HNJ)

### Group website:

2nd place, Claire Schroder (11th, St MM), Emma Austin (11th, St MM), Josie Stakem (11th, HNJ)

### Historical papers:

1st place, Maureen Hartwell (12th, SS)  
2nd place, Justin Dale (12th, SCLS)

### National Competition:

Megan Mwaura (10th, StMM), 2nd place Ind. Performance; Amy Mosier (11th, SJA), Maria Gontis (11th, HNJ), Sandy McInerney (11th SJA), Walli Chen (11th, St St) 2nd place Group Performance



## MATH NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The Math National Honor Society is dedicated to the study and celebration of math excellence. Our school tries to encourage excellence in math by honoring those students who achieve high grades in math and show an interest in the subject. Internal competitions, guest speakers, and a field trip to a local engineering firm are a few things that we do. The connection of math in high school to the outside of school is critical. The Math Honor Society strives to encourage bright, young students to pursue engineering and science careers.

## McDEVITT STUDENTS SELECTED AS ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE SCHOLARS

Three McDevitt students have been selected as Rotary District 7390 Youth Exchange Scholars for the latest Outbound Class of 2018-19 and Summer '18. The Rotary Youth Exchange Program offers long term (an entire school year) and short term (6-week summer exchange) programs for students who are interested in immersing themselves in a new culture and language as Youth Ambassadors. Students who embark as Rotary YEP Ambassadors carry on the long tradition of this prestigious program which seeks to promote world peace through understanding and friendship between different cultures.

Madeleine Tenny '19 will spend her senior year as an ambassador to Franca, Brazil. She will attend the local high school, live with host families, become involved in local Rotary activities, and bond with other international students who will also be on exchange in Brazil at the same time. Briana Saulters '18 and Mary Parker '20 have been accepted into the summer program and will spend three weeks in France and Italy, respectively. Conversely, they will have their French and Italian counterpart come home with them for a three weeks' stay in the US. The Rotary Youth Exchange program offers Long-Term and Short-Term exchanges to high school students ages 14-18. For more information, please see <http://rotary7390.org/page/youth-exchange>.

Bishop McDevitt has the distinction of being the only school in the District (Hbg-York-Lancaster) to have three students in the Outbound class as Youth Exchange Ambassadors, L-R: Briana Saulters (France), Madeleine Tenny (Brazil), Mary Parker (Italy)



# FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA (FBLA)

## REGIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AT CENTRAL PENN COLLEGE

On December 11th, 35 FBLA members attended the Regional Leadership Conference at Central Penn College. Fifteen of those members qualified for the State Leadership Conference in April. Those members are:

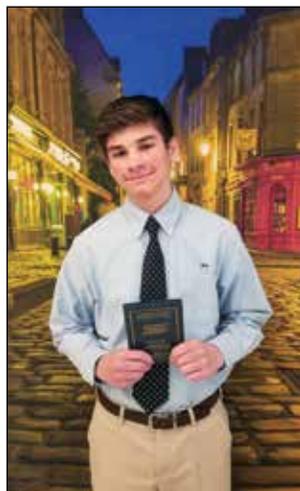
Madison Nemshick – 3rd place, Health Care Administration  
Delaney Ryan – 3rd place, Introduction to Financial Math  
Nana Kodua – 3rd place, Organizational Leadership  
Justin Tang – 2nd place, Introduction to Business Procedures  
Alex Tyson – 2nd place, Introduction to Business Communications  
Daley Ryan – 2nd place, Business Communications  
Brian Druby – 1st place, Business Communications  
Ryan Harden – 1st place, Help Desk  
Justin Dale – 1st place, Business Law  
Anthony Larry – 1st place, Introduction to Business Communications  
Maureen Hartwel – 1st place, Organizational Leadership  
Megan Mwaura – 1st place, Public Speaking  
Connor Mensch – 1st place, Impromptu Speaking  
and the Team of Katelyn Murawski & Emily Staub – 1st place, Management Information Systems



Megan Mwaura '20, Justin Dale '18, Connor Mensch '18, Brian Druby '18, Ryan Harden '18, Madison Nemshick '18, Maureen Hartwell '18, Justin Tang '20, Alex Tyson '20, Anthony Larry '20, Katelyn Murawski '20, Emily Staub '20, Not Pictured: Delaney Ryan '20



Connor Mensch '18 and Ryan Harden '18 with their awards

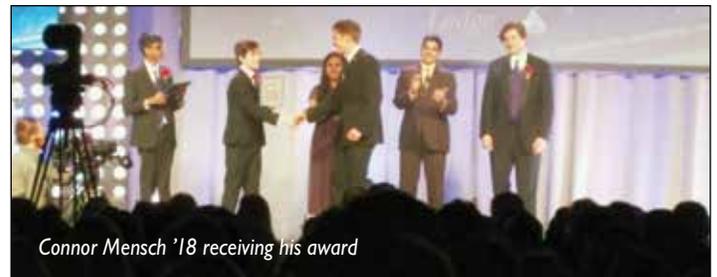


Anthony Larry with his award.

Bishop McDevitt had 13 FBLA students representing the school on April 9th and 10th, 2018 at the FBLA State Leadership Conference, which is attended by over 4,000 students from across the Keystone state. Three of our students placed at this highly competitive conference:

Anthony Larry '20 – 10th place in Introduction to Business Communication  
Ryan Harden '18 – 4th place in Help Desk  
Connor Mensch '18 – 2nd place in Impromptu Speaking

By placing in the Top Four in their events, Ryan Harden and Connor Mensch qualified to attend the national competition held in Baltimore this summer.



Connor Mensch '18 receiving his award



Ryan Harden '18 receiving his award

Bishop McDevitt High School is entering its fourth year of partnership with **Virtual High School**. Open to sophomores, juniors and seniors, and at no cost to the students (except AP and/or lab fees), VHS allows students to take classes online that McDevitt is not able to offer at the school. The VHS course catalog is comprised of over 150 electives from various disciplines including numerous STEM offerings such as Engineering and Biochemistry. The VHS online program allows students to explore potential careers with classes ranging from Criminology and Forensic Science to Preveterniary Medicine and Practical Law. VHS also offers 23 AP classes which greatly expands our AP offerings from the 7 currently provided in house.



Participation in the VHS program has the added benefit of exposing students to an online learning environment. This is essential as most colleges utilize this format for many of their courses as an extension of their courses offered in the traditional classroom setting.

The VHS program has been incredibly successful and continues to grow each year.



# Guidance

The 2017-2018 school year marked a very exciting and productive year from the guidance department at Bishop McDevitt High School. Students had many opportunities to explore their career and academic options as well as gain recognition for their outstanding and exceptional work in both the classroom and the community.

Over the summer months of 2017, Bishop McDevitt students Daley Ryan and Michael Hair attended the **Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)**. This was an intensive training program for young adults who just completed their junior year. It was a five day camp held at Messiah College organized by Rotary District 7390. Our students had the opportunity to develop their leadership skills and character, gain exposure to a variety of issues and people, meet active community leaders, and learn valuable information and career skills. The participants for summer 2018 include Samantha Knipple and Luke Lombardi. Enjoy this opportunity Crusaders!

Also over the summer of 2017, Crusader Josh Po had the opportunity to attend the **HOBY State Leadership Seminar (Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership)**. This seminar is for sophomore students who want to develop their leadership talents and become stronger leaders in their communities. Through engaging and interactive speakers, workshops, fun activities, and discussions, HOBY's leadership training explores leadership from three perspectives: personal, group, and societal. This year's participant is Gia Bradford. Good luck, Gia!

As soon as this past school year started, our counselors were off and running with senior and junior meetings. The freshman counselor with the CAIU helped transition freshmen into high school by providing a safe and nurturing environment where students meet in groups as well as on an individual basis. A wide variety of visits by colleges, military branches, and technical schools were arranged to give students the opportunity to receive information and make important contacts. **The Catholic College Fair** took place exclusively at Bishop McDevitt High School on October 5, 2017. At this event, juniors had the opportunity to talk with representative from a variety of Catholic colleges from across the country. Scholarship opportunities were presented throughout the year and many Crusaders were the worthy recipients of these local and national awards.

Each month beginning in October, one Bishop McDevitt student was recognized by the **Colonial Park Rotary Club** as the "Student of the Month." These students are in good academic standing, involved in extracurricular activities, sports and volunteer work. Each

student is chosen from an impressive list of students from the local area. Recipients from the 2017-2018 school year include: Brian Druby, Madison Nemshick, Jacob Atkinson, Daley Ryan, Marcus Montisano, and Dominique McDevitt.

On October 11th, sophomores had the opportunity to take the **ASVAB** test to help guide the way with college and career planning and juniors had the opportunity to take the **PSAT** with the chance to receive scholarships and national recognition. On March 3rd, a group of sophomore students also gained experience by taking the **PSAT10** which helped them gain acceptance into a variety of summer camps and programs. Bishop McDevitt was also a hosting site for the December 2nd **SAT** where various students from Bishop McDevitt and the community gathered to test their knowledge on this important exam.

Bishop McDevitt had a very successful **Financial Aid Night** that took place on the evening of November 9, 2017. The presentation included Faith Elmes from the Foundation, a seminar on how to prepare financially for college by Ron Louder from Thrivent, and Kendra Feigert who answered many questions on completion of the FAFSA. PHEAA representative Tiffanie DeVan and Citizen's bank representative Diane Vajdic were also present.

The **2018 Men's Junior Achievement Symposium** was held on December 21st and the **2018 Women's Junior Achievement Symposium** was held on April 13th. At this event, McDevitt students learned important skills to assist them as they continue their journey



after graduation. Tasks such as resume building, career exploration, and budgeting were addressed. Students met with local professionals who gave them advice and tips on how to be successful in the workforce. Those



in attendance were: Craig Mathias, Mark Fazzolari, CJ Beeghly, Andrew Piekutowski, John Yeckley, Ian Peradilla, Mary Parker, Katie McNamara, Nyla Lott-Khan, and Kailis Woodworth.

On February 22nd, Bishop McDevitt senior Cameron Foreman and juniors Joceyln Barrios, Luis Garbanzos, Nicole Augustine, Emily Bosche, and Chase Diehl attended **Engineering Career Day located at HACC Midtown Campus**. Our students attended presentations from local professional engineers who discussed their



employment opportunities, educational and vocational training requirements, and the abilities and interests unique to their fields. Engineering disciplines that were represented

included: architecture, civil, computer, electrical, nanofabrication, environmental, mechanical, chemical, and building construction technology.

On Tuesday, April 3rd, Josie Stakem, Melanie Nieves, Hannah Kenworthy, and Karina Zeplin attended the **Glenna Hazeltine Women in Mathematics, Science, and Technology Conference** at Millersville University. The conference was designed to encourage young women to pursue a career in mathematics and sciences. A variety of professional women in science, technology, and mathematical fields were present on campus to describe their professional duties, their



educational backgrounds, and the professional benefits they enjoy.

On Wednesday, April 4th, Sharon Robles and Patty Laguna attended **Pennsylvania's 1st Statewide Latino Health Summit** in Lancaster, PA. The

purpose of the summit was to serve as a gathering of professionals across the health industry that directly and indirectly influence the public health sector of the Latino demographic in order to begin a discourse around Latino Health. At the event, diverse organizations, including technical schools and universities showcased the healthcare resources they offer.

On Friday, April 20th, **Holy Spirit Hospital** hosted the **Future of Healthcare**. This day-long program provided students with an opportunity to experience careers in healthcare, including allied health,

information security, nursing and orthopedics. The following students attended: Lauren Roeski, Grace Matte, Patin Drayton-Brown, Isabelle Stefanic, Johnathan Paul Katzenmoyer, Giavanna Barone, Madison Bentz, Brittany Saulters, Garrison Parthemore.



On Tuesday, April 24th, Bishop McDevitt students Hannah O'Dea, Andy Vu, and Maura Almeida attended the **11th Annual Scholarship and Creative Arts Day** at Elizabethtown College. This year, the Creative Arts Day featured some of the most outstanding work



from Elizabethtown students from 2017-2018. As a result of their hard work and superb mentoring by faculty advisors, these students helped contribute their fresh ideas and experiences that will help them

build their careers. Our students were chosen to have lunch with the keynote speaker, Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, who is the former Lieutenant Governor of Maryland and daughter of Robert Kennedy.

**THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT** is in the beginning stages of planning a **Career Day** for our students. We are looking for Alumni and Parents who would be willing to come in and talk to our students. If you are interested, please email Rachel Arnold or Bryan Stovall.

The school counselors at Bishop McDevitt consist of **Mrs. Rachel Arnold, Mrs. Barbara Kauffman Ed. D., and Mr. Bryan Stovall**. If you want any more information regarding the guidance department, please contact one of the counselors listed below.

**Mrs. Arnold**, the Director of Guidance, meets with sophomores, juniors, and seniors with the last names beginning with A through L. Mrs. Arnold received her Master's in School Counseling from Messiah College. Mrs. Arnold can be reached at [rarnold@bishopmcdevitt.org](mailto:rarnold@bishopmcdevitt.org) as well as ex. 2151.

**Mrs. Barbara Kauffman Ed.D.** is a school counselor through the CAIU (Capital Area Intermediate Unit) and meets with the freshman class. Mrs. Kauffman received her M. Ed in School Counseling from Shippensburg University and her Ed. D. in Child and Youth Studies from Nova Southeastern University. Mrs. Kauffman can be reached at [bkauffman@bishopmcdevitt.org](mailto:bkauffman@bishopmcdevitt.org) as well as ex. 2152.

**Mr. Bryan Stovall** meets with sophomores, juniors, and seniors with the last names beginning with M through Z. Mr. Stovall received his Master's in School Counseling from Millersville University. Mr. Stovall can be reached at [bstovall@bishopmcdevitt.org](mailto:bstovall@bishopmcdevitt.org) as well as ex. 2154.

**The Music Department** at Bishop McDevitt is becoming known in the community as an organization of excellence and achievement. With all of the upcoming performances in concerts and community events, it promises to be an exciting year! Our musical groups are currently enjoying a surge in membership and we have twenty percent of the school enrolled in any one of our six performing ensemble!

We are currently in an effort to raise funds for percussion equipment such as xylophones, vibraphones, and audio equipment for our marching band. If you are interested in helping us raise funds for these items, please let Mr. Beshara know by email at fbeshara@bishopmcdevitt.org.

Our **Crusader Marching Band** has been on the move both in numbers and in accolades! In 2017, the Marching Band won the TOB Chapter 6 Group II championship. We are excitedly getting ready for another season of competitive performance in addition to stirring up school spirit for our hundredth anniversary! On September 22, 2018 we will host the annual Crusader Classic Band Competition. The competition is set to begin at 6:00 pm at Rocco Ortenzio Stadium. Twelve bands are scheduled to perform this year.

The **Concert Band** has also grown and now has 70 members. In addition to our usual concerts, we look forward to performing at adjudications around the area and are always striving for improvement. The **Wind Ensemble**, the auditioned concert band, was busy with performances this past year. They were given the opportunity to perform for legislators at the capitol for "Music in Our Schools Month."

The **Concert Choir** has grown tremendously and has 120 members! Our choral program is based on solid commitment and a culture of musical excellence. The **Bishop McDevitt Chorale**, our auditioned chamber choir, performed at local parishes including St. Joan of Arc, St. Catherine Laboure, and St. Matthew's. The Chorale presented a "Friends in Choral Music" Concert with the Mifflin County High School Cantare for an evening of choral music at St. Patrick Cathedral. This coming year, the Chorale will also have the exciting opportunity to perform in the Heinz Chapel Chamber Choir Festival in Pittsburgh. Three Pennsylvania high school chamber choirs are invited to this festival annually. This is a high honor and the students of the Chorale look to represent Bishop McDevitt well.

In our **Partner Feeder Schools**, Mr. Feher and Mr. Miscannon are working hard to give the elementary and middle school students a solid foundation in playing their instruments and making music in groups. We also hope to begin an honors middle school band this year.

**"A Night of the Arts: Pops Concert and Art Exhibit"** is a highlight of the concert season in which individual talents in our music department are featured, along with our large performing groups, in an evening of lighter, more modern music. The other highlight of the evening is the exhibition of student art that showcases the high quality of talent that the students at Bishop McDevitt High School possess.

We look forward to seeing many of you at our concerts and community events.

**Please mark your calendar for the concert dates during the 2018-2019 year**

- **Christmas Concert**.....December 19, 2018
- **Pops Concert** ..... March 2, 2019
- **Spring Jazz** .....May 9, 2019
- **Spring Concert** ..... May 16, 2019



*The Bishop McDevitt Chorale performed for the Bishops of Pennsylvania Mass of Consecration to Our Lady of Fatima at the Cathedral Parish of St. Patrick in Harrisburg.*



*The Marching Band Performs their show, The Phoenix.*



*The Wind Ensemble performs at the Middletown Home while on their spring tour of the elementary schools.*



*Members of the Bishop McDevitt Chorale perform The Star-Spangled Banner at Bishop McDevitt Night at the Harrisburg Senators game.*

# Music



The Bishop McDevitt Chorale performed a joint concert with Mifflin County High School at the Cathedral Parish of St. Patrick as part of the Eucharistic Devotion.



The Crusader Marching Band can always get the fans into the game while cheering on the football team.



The Bishop McDevitt Concert Choir performs in their brand new robes at the Christmas Concert.



The Concert Band performs 'Sleigh-Ride' at the Christmas Concert.



The Bishop McDevitt Chorale performs at the Cardinal Keeler Center for the Bishop Gainer and the Diocesan staff.

During the 2017-2018 school year the **CHRISTIAN SERVICE CLUB** took part in over 25 community service events. Throughout the year students have been able to grow in faith and have learned the true feeling and meaning of giving back to the community. Students have dedicated endless hours of their free time to help serve others. This year the Christian Service Club is composed of over 100 devoted, enthusiastic, and selfless students. There have been so many great projects this year.

Some of the most recent events include serving dinners for the weekly Fish Fry during Lent at Our Lady of Blessed Sacrament. Throughout the Lenten season students helped serve thousands of meals to those hungry on Friday evenings. These high school students gave up multiple Friday nights to help serve others. Instead of going out to parties or hanging out with friends on a typical Friday night, students gave up the luxury of free time to give back to their community. Another recent event comprised of helping at the local Friendship Center for Easter. Students went to the Friendship Center and helped fill over 6,000 plastic Easter eggs for an Easter egg hunt. Students took joy and pride in their task and are eager to help again next year.

Other activities throughout the year have consisted of helping serve meals at the Holy Name Christmas Breakfast and helping at the Saint Catherine's Octoberfest. Outside of the Catholic community students have given endless hours of service to serve the public and benefit the



well-being of the community. During the year students have helped at countless Fort Hunter events supervising children's activities and helping to run different events for the children. Students also gave time to help plant flowers at Pheasant Hill. On numerous occasions students have spent time giving a helping hand to those at Wildwood Park in Harrisburg. One of the more recent occasions was that students went to Wildwood and aided in the Wetlands Fest Event.

Besides serving at community locations, McDevitt students of the Christian Service Club helped embrace reading. During the year students collected books for the RSVP Organization which gives books to an after-school reading program. Through this drive, numerous children were given books to encourage a love of reading. Students also came together to help the less fortunate. Once a month, students went to the Manafood Pantry and distributed food to those in need. And every so often students gathered in groups to package food

to benefit the Central PA Food Pantry. A group of students also worked in the background of the Taste of Central PA community event. The event consisted of a number of vendors and all kinds of delicious foods. Students helped where ever they were needed, from restocking supplies to emptying out trash bins. All profits of the benefit went towards the Central PA Food Bank.

When asked how she felt about being part of Christian Service Club, Natalie Pham responded saying, "I feel really involved with the

community". Students are overwhelmed with joy to feel like they are giving back and helping for a greater cause. When asked about her favorite thing about being a part of the club, Kaitlyn Meyers commented saying, "My favorite thing about Christian Service Club is the fact that I get to do service for others with my friends". Many groups of friends participate in Christian Service Club. When just two friends pitch in, it can make a massive difference. Rebecca Pfau agreed with classmate Kaitlyn saying, "My favorite thing about Christian Service Club is that I am able to do activities with my friends. We become closer and have a lot of fun!" Christian Service Club not only gives back but helps create better people in our society.



The Book Club moderated by our librarian, Ann Carbon

## BOOK CLUB

Looking for a good book? The Bishop McDevitt Book Club recently finished reading the book *Love & Gelato* by Jenna Evans Welch. The story follows the life of Lina Emerson, a seventeen year old, whose mother died from cancer. Lina is then sent to Florence, Italy, to live with her father, whom she only found out about after her mother's death. In the midst of adjusting to her new life, a friend of her mother's gives her the journal her mother kept the year she lived in Italy - the same year she was pregnant with Lina. Upon reading the journal, Lina begins discovering things about her mother and herself that she never knew, all the while dealing with the changes in her own life, including new friends and new love.

The members of the Book Club had a blast discussing this book. From trying to find pictures of the stunning landmarks mentioned in the book, to chatting about the many shocking revelations that were encountered as the plot unfolded, the meeting was filled with enthusiastic conversation that made for one of the best meetings yet.



Book Club members completed ballots that will determine which titles will be on our reading list for next year.

**McDEVITT'S CREATIVE WRITING CRUSADERS POETRY CLUB** is proud to present its second edition of *The Fallout Shelter*, Bishop McDevitt's student run literary journal. The student editors, Stephen Gontis (2018), Samantha Knipple (2019), Sandy McInerney (2019), and Josh Po (2019), worked tirelessly in gathering and selecting for publication manuscripts, artwork, and photography created by the student body. The journal is a culmination of their effort, and ability to work together. Comprising over seventy pages, with the works of nearly forty students, and representing all grade levels, the journal is a true testament to McDevitt's dedication to the arts, and its creative spirit. The journal is sold at the school for five dollars per copy, and has almost sold out of its initial running. Moderator Mr. Joshua Yeckley (1999), and the rest of the McDevitt faculty are proud of the student editors for a job well done.



### BISHOP MCDEVITT POETRY CLUB'S SENIOR SENDOFF

Poetry Club hosted its annual Senior Spotlight Open Mic Night on May 18th in the McDevitt cafeteria. There were many talented performances by the students throughout the evening. The event was coordinated by Stephen Gontis (18) and Sandy McInerney (19), who emceed the evening and gave spirited performances themselves. There were many highlights throughout the night, such as the seniors taking the stage to perform "Don't Stop Believing", both Stephen and Lily LaRegina reading original poems to commemorate their upcoming graduation (Lily's is featured below), and of course McDevitt's very own Mr. Mercurio performing an inspired rap with senior Mario Corradi, and accompanied by junior Josiah Lauver.



▲ The seniors take the stage for Journey's "Don't Stop Believing".

◀ Stephen Gontis and Sandy McInerney begin the Open Mic with some playful banter.



### "The End is the Beginning"

Lily LaRegina

*I used to think "commencement" meant "an end".  
How funny now knowing it's "beginning".  
The start of freedom and unhindered days,  
Beginnings, chances, shots to be taken.  
The road ahead sprawls out unknown to me.  
I now begin the hike through adult life  
With gained responsibilities and deadlines.  
I hold my own hand, hoping for a guide.  
This portion of life is handed down,  
A box of random puzzle pieces.  
How will I ever piece it together?  
I have come to a beginning but it is also an end,  
The corner of my comfort zone  
Where I am safe in my habits and home of eighteen  
years.  
It is time to bid adieu to childhood's warmth  
And the familiar folds of high school halls.  
When fresh faces fill and stream through them in coming  
years,  
Few dents will be left visible to their eyes  
Showing our passage, marking our paths.  
These halls bear few signs of those here before -  
A name inked in a book, a note left in a locker.  
As we dive into our beginnings,  
Perhaps we have bigger marks to leave ahead of us.*

### POETRY CLUB hosts Jesse Waters

Bishop McDevitt Poetry Club hosted Jesse Waters, the director of Bowers Writers House at Elizabethtown College, for a creative writing workshop and discussion. The students were given a lively talk about the merits of poetry and the importance of their own poetic voice. Poems were discussed in a causal manner highlighting the continued relevancy of the genre. Students were engaged by Waters' disarming nature and were encouraged to explore and mine their experience for potential subjects for creative writing. The talk ended with a brief discussion about Camp ArtWorks, a summer creative writing opportunity at Elizabethtown College from July 11-16. Camp ArtWorks is a 6-day, 5-night experience for fourteen to seventeen-year-olds who want to immerse themselves in the creative arts, with sessions offered by professionals. Registration deadline in June 20th.





## Honoring Our Military

Honoring our military for their service and sacrifice has always been important. Many of our alumni, parents of alumni, grandparents, current parents and friends of Catholic High/Bishop McDevitt have served this great country. We are truly blessed and grateful for their service and for our freedom!

Last spring, we decided to change the way we do our activity fee at McDevitt - instead of everyone selling lots of magazines and raffle tickets, students were asked to sell 12" x 18" American flags. Each student had to sell 4 flags at \$25.00 each. The flags had a 4"x6" laminated tag with the name of a veteran or active duty military person written on the card. Students reached out to family members, neighbors and friends. Before you know it, we had over 2500 flags sold.

Late October 2017, in honor of Veteran's Day, over 2500 flags were pounded into the ground lining Crusader Way up into the bus loop in front of the school. It was an amazing sight to see! After Veteran's Day students had the opportunity to take their flags home and give them to the people who purchased them. We want to thank everyone who purchased a flag to support the school.

This fall, we will be doing this fundraiser again and we will be adding a **Veteran's Day Assembly** on **Friday, November 9** at the school. If you would like to learn more about purchasing a flag, planning the assembly or attending the Veteran's Day assembly, please contact Cheri Comasco.



## ▼ FALL DRAMA: SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS

The fall drama of 2017 was one of the most cherished stories of all time, **Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs**. Though the stage version differs slightly from the movie and musical adaptations, the story still centers on the main characters of Snow White, the Evil Queen, the Huntsman, the Witch, and of course, the Seven Dwarfs.

The cast included junior, Sandy McInerney as Snow White; sophomore Hannah Arnold as the Queen and Junior Nerek Sprague as the Witch.

The tale would not be complete without the many other interesting characters in the play portrayed by talented Crusader actors. The cast and crew rehearsed endlessly to prepare for this year's production, directed once again by the incomparable Mr. John Brixius. The play was held over a weekend in November.

Bravo to everyone involved in this amazing show, and thank you especially to the parents, teachers, helpers, and friends for their support.



## ▲ SPRING MUSICAL: HELLO DOLLY

The musical this year marked the Crusader Players return to Yonkers, New York after 17 years with the Broadway classic **Hello, Dolly!** Directed by faculty member Mr. Nathan Delp '04, the production was blessed with the help of over 20 alumni, former and current faculty and a cast of over 50 students, many of which are underclassmen.

With the help of Mr. Faris Beshara '05 directing the pit, Mr. Chad Reed directing the voices, and Mrs. Stephanie (Pupo) Bader '04 designing and Mr. Nick Bader '04 building the set, the future of the performing arts department is looking very bright indeed! The play was a great accomplishment by all the cast and crew and a true testament to their talents and passions for the theater. Mr. Delp hopes to see many more students participating in the performing arts in the coming years!

**Special Thanks**— Mrs. Colleen Kruger and Mrs. Ann Manganielli '71 Delp deserve a huge thank you for helping with the costumes for both the fall drama and the spring musical. Their work, along with their numerous volunteers, is fabulous. All of the costume helpers sacrifice a lot of time to create beautiful costumes for these productions.



# Meet *Fourth Generation* The Reuwer, Kelly

Harrisburg Catholic/Bishop McDevitt High School celebrates a Centennial of educational service to Central Pennsylvania. 100 years of any institution is a remarkable feat but much more outstanding for a Catholic Secondary School when financial support is dependent on the generosity of its faithful church community and its Community at large. Our Centennial Celebration will be begin in the Fall of 2018 and run through the school year concluding in the Spring of 2019.

In the early part of the 20th century, Catholic Education, especially secondary, existed mainly in large urban areas and private settings only. Most parishes in the Harrisburg Diocese had a primary Catholic school. If you were able to continue your education, you would then go to your local public school. In 1916, Philip R McDevitt, the Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia was appointed the fourth Bishop

of Harrisburg. Within two years, Bishop McDevitt established the first four year catholic high school in the Catholic Charities building on North Street in the City of Harrisburg. Catholic High opened its doors September 1918 with 44 students and forever changed the landscape and availability of a quality catholic education from first through twelfth grade within the Diocese of Harrisburg.

One family that was able to take advantage of a quality 12 year Catholic education in Harrisburg was the Reuwer family. Henry and Anna Reuwer ran the Gold Seal Drug Store on Market Square in the city. With the founding of Catholic High, Henry and Anna were able to provide their daughters, Mary '28, Anna '29 and Dorothy '29 (twins) with 12 years of catholic based education. All three girls completed their education on North Street and continued on to college.

Many families sent their sons and daughters to Catholic High in the 1920's. The building was not able to expand for the size and needs any longer. In 1928, Bishop McDevitt held two dinners and collected over \$100,000 in pledges toward the purchase of land and the construction of a new school. Many people joined in the campaign effort to see Bishop McDevitt and his dream of a new school take flight. Henry and Anna personally went door to door to solicit funds for the campaign. The campaign was a huge success. Bishop McDevitt purchased 6 acres of land next to Reservoir Park and construction began on 2200 Market Street.

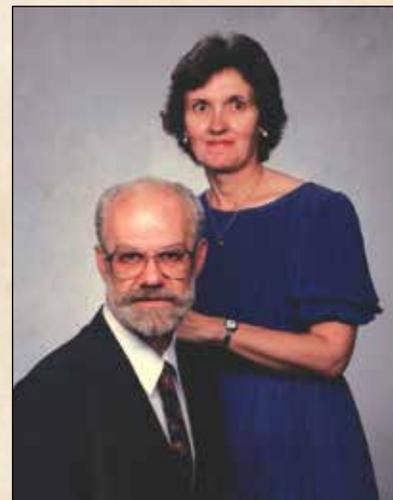
The success of the Reuwer Family and the legacy they helped to established has continued on through the 21st century. Mary Reuwer married Hugh Kelly. They had three children, two daughters and a son. The family moved to York for a while and Dorothy



**Mary A. Kelly Reuwer**  
*Class of 1928*



**Anne Marie Kelly Brixius**  
*Class of 1958*



**John and Anne Marie Brixius**

# One of Our *Legacy Families...* and Brixius Family

graduated from York Catholic. Michael '65 married and moved to Texas. Anne Marie '58 was of a very special class. On October 6, 1957, Catholic High was renamed Bishop McDevitt High School in honor of the Bishop that introduced secondary education to the Diocese of Harrisburg. Anne Marie's class ring bears the name of Catholic High – but her diploma bears the name Bishop McDevitt High School.

Anne Marie married John Brixius, a beloved teacher of Bishop McDevitt High School. They were blessed with four sons: Mark '91, Daniel '92, David '94 and Andrew '96, who all attended Catholic grade school (St. Catherine Labouré), high school (Bishop McDevitt) and Catholic colleges. In August 2017, Daniel enrolled his daughter Caydan into Bishop McDevitt High School at 1 Crusader Way. Caydan became the 4th generation of their family to attend Catholic High/Bishop McDevitt. The Brixius Family is proud and

honored to be part of the Legacy of Catholic High/Bishop McDevitt.

As we begin to make plans for the 100th Anniversary Celebration we are asking for your help. We are trying to find information about our Legacy families who have had multiple generations attend Catholic High/Bishop McDevitt High School. Is your family a Legacy Family? Do you have a history of three, four, or even five generations of family to come through these hallowed halls? If so, we want to hear from you.

Please send us your family history so we may begin to chronicle our many Legacy stories. Photos, notes and all the memorabilia you can find that will help with the history of our school and your story are welcome. We look forward to hearing from you!



**Daniel, David, Mark, Andrew  
Anne Marie, and John Brixius**



**Caydan Brixius**  
*Class of 2021*

Are You  
Interested  
in the  
Catholic High/  
Bishop McDevitt

*100th  
Anniversary?*

Over the past couple of years groups from the ARCHIVES committee, along with several other alumni, have been working hard compiling all of the different areas that make up the history of the school. The committee has been researching all aspects of the school in anticipation of our Centennial Celebration. Their work has paid off.

**A Centennial Anniversary** book on the history of Catholic High/Bishop McDevitt from 1918 to 2018 will be available for purchase in August 2018 at a cost of \$40.00. If you would like to reserve a copy, please provide your contact information in an e-mail to:

**100th@bishopmcdevitt.org**

This will reserve a copy for you and assist in judging the number of copies that will be printed. No payment is needed until the book has arrived.

**GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY**

**Head Coach: Dan McGinnis**  
**Record: 5-2, Mid Penn Capital**  
**Team Highlights:** The girls cross country team had a solid season under the leadership of senior captains Lyndsay Stakem, Hannah Kenworthy, Maureen Hartwell, Agatha Chimelewski and Madison Nemshick. For the second consecutive season, the girls won the team title at the '17 Diocesan Invitational. The top three finishers for the team at the Mid Penn Championships were Hartwell, Emma Austin and Chimelewski. The top three finishers for the team at the AA District III championships were Austin, Chimelewski and Nemshick.

**BOYS CROSS COUNTRY**

**Head Coach: Dan McGinnis**  
**Record: 4-3, Mid Penn Capital**  
**Team Highlights:** The boys cross country team had an improved season under captains Eli Kerns, Ryan Harden and Josh Lapitan. The team was paced by several underclassmen runners featuring Joe Leiter, Josiah Lauver, Eli Cargas and Josh Beeghley. The top three finishers at the Mid Penn Championships were Cargas, Lauver and Beeghley. The top three finishers for the team at the AA District III championships were Lauver, Dylan Duke and Cargas.

**GIRLS SOCCER**

**Head Coach: Matt Small**  
**Record: 10-5-3, Mid Penn Capital**  
**Team Highlights:** The team was led by seniors Olivia Pagliaro, Diane Scalera, Allison Nork and Krista Toth. The season featured an early 1-0 victory over Trinity for the first time since the 2012 season. The team qualified for the AAA District III tournament as the #14 seed and had a 3-1 first round defeat to Northern. Mid Penn Capital Division All-Stars were: First Team – Olivia Pagliaro, Allison Nork; Second Team – Elle Hallock and Olivia Fasick.

**BOYS SOCCER**

**Head Coach: Terence Maloney**  
**Record: 6-10-1, Mid Penn Capital**  
**Team Highlights:** The boys soccer team was led by senior captains Luke Husic, Jonathan Fonner and Thomas Parker. The team battled hard and ended the season by winning three of the last four games. Mid Penn Capital Division All-Stars were: First Team – Jon Fonner; Second Team – Thomas Parker and Luke Husic.

**GOLF**

**Head Coach: Todd Evans**  
**Record: 17-25, Mid Penn Capital**  
**Team Highlights:** Led by senior captain Connor Sload, the team fought hard in each and every divisional match this fall. Sload, Andrew Sellers and Casey Auerbeck each qualified for the Mid Penn Championships. Freshman Grant Werner was another bright spot for the team placing in three of the league matches throughout the course of the fall.

**FIELD HOCKEY**

**Head Coach: Tami Scola**  
**Record: 11-7, Mid Penn Capital**  
**Team Highlights:** The team continues to build in a positive direction under head coach Tami Scola. This fall the team notched a program best 11 wins and qualified for the District III A tournament for the second consecutive season. The team had signature wins over Northern, Milton Hershey and Wyomissing High Schools. Team captains were Devon Donley and Dominique Headen. Other team members Patty LaGuna, Mary Parker and Sydney Altemose provided goal scoring statistics and Emily Hughes was a heavy contributor on defense. The team qualified for the District III A tournament as the #10 seed and suffered 2-1 loss to #7 Newport High School. Mid Penn Capital Division All-Stars: First Team – Devon Donley and Emily Hughes; Honorable Mention – Patty Laguna, Tori Caruso, Kristen Ziegler and Mary Parker. Mid Penn All-Star game participants were: Dominique Headen, Devon Donley, Patty LaGuna and Kristen Ziegler along with coach Tami Scola.



## GIRLS TENNIS

**Head Coach: Noli Nacionales**

**Record: 13-2, Mid Penn Colonial Champions**

**Team Highlights:** For the fourth consecutive season, the girls tennis team won the Mid Penn Colonial Division crown (tied East Pennsboro). Led by senior captains Maddie Young and Zoey Stapleton, the team finished with a division record of 11-1 and qualified for the AA District III team championships as the #8 seed – eventually losing to #1 seed Wyomissing 3-0 in the first round. Once again the team shined at the AA Mid Penn Championships. Gold medals were won by Stapleton at #2 singles, Makayla Burkholder at #3 singles and Young and Stapleton won the district doubles qualifier and were undefeated in the regular season. Other team members Aubree Narus and Maria Gontis placed 2nd in #1 Doubles.

## FOOTBALL

**Head Coach: Jeff Weachter**

**Record: 8-2, Mid Penn Keystone Division Champions (6-0)**

**Team Highlights:** The football team finished the regular season 8-2 winning the Mid Penn Keystone Division for the 7th consecutive season. The team defeated out of state New York powerhouse, Canisius High School, 28-21 in a thrilling come from behind win. The McD offense was led by junior QB Chase Diehl and junior WRs Nazir Burnett and T'nyis Becker. Senior WR JuQuill Adams also provided big plays. The defense was led by junior LB Dray Donley and an experienced secondary of seniors James Lawson, Aaron Gethers (Boston College commit) and Qualik Davis. The team qualified for the 4A District III tournament as the #2 seed.

**Mid Penn Keystone Division All-Stars:**

First Team Offense – WR Nazir Burnett, WR JuQuill Adams, WR T'nyis Becker, OL Logan O'Grady, OL Darrin Petrucci, OL Carter Christopher, QB Chase Diehl and RB Qualik Davis. Second Team Offense selections were: C Josh Dougher, TE Cordell Cash, OL Sawyer Morgan, and K Jon Fonner. First Team Defensive selections were: DL Cordell

Cash, DL Jayonn Butts, DL Carter Christopher, LB Dray Donley, DB Aaron Gethers, DB James Lawson. Second Team Defensive selections were: DL TyQuan White and LB Tate Myers. In special awards QB Chase Diehl was the offensive MVP and DB James Lawson was the defensive MVP and Coach Weachter was a Co-Coach of the Year.

## WRESTLING

**Head Coach: Dean Shields**

**Record: 20-4**

**Team Highlights:** The wrestling team achieved 20 team victories – the most in school and program history. During the course of the season the team swept tournament titles at both the Lancaster Catholic and Waynesboro Duals. Senior Bodee Tolbert and junior Chase Shields each eclipsed the 100 career win totals. The team qualified for the District III AA team dual tournament and for the first time hosted the quarter and semi final rounds earning victories over Camp Hill and Northern Lebanon. The team was defeated by Boiling Springs 43-24 in the championship dual. During the team PIAA tournament, the Crusaders took matches over Line Mountain and Westmont Hill-top in the first two bouts and later fell to eventual PIAA team champion Reynolds and Huntingdon High Schools.

**Individual accomplishments:** AA Section Champions – Nate Smith, Chase Shields, Bodee Tolbert, Tyler Martin and Tanner Updegraff; Elisha Cooksey 2nd and Jack Cunningham 3rd.

Individual District III AA Champions – Nate Smith (113), Chase Shields (120), Bodee Tolbert (132), Tyler Martin (138) and Tanner Updegraff (152). Elisha Cooksey (160) placed 4th and Jack Cunningham (126) placed 8th.

The team won the Southeast Regional AA Team championship scoring 112 points. Regional champions were Nate Smith, Chase Shields, Bodee Tolbert, and Tyler Martin. Tanner Updegraff placed 3rd.

**PIAA medal winners:** Chase Shields placed 2nd in the 120lb. weight class and teammate Nate Smith placed 7th in the 113lb weight class.



## Mid Penn Capital Division All-Stars:

First Team - Nate Smith, Chase Shields, Jack Cunningham, Bodee Tolbert, Tanner Updegraff, Tahir Layton; Second Team - Tyler Martin, Luke Pipa

## BOYS BASKETBALL

**Head Coach: Mike Gaffey**

**Record: 15-13**

**Team Highlights:** The 2017-18 season saw an underclassmen laden team under the leadership of seniors Richard Stuart, Divine Ward, Zach Weigl, Max Matas, and Johnny Ninosky. For the second consecutive season, the team won the Elizabethtown Holiday tournament with victories over West York and Elizabethtown. Sophomores Davon Lee was the tournament MVP and Jake Kelly made the All-Tournament All-Star Team. Lee was an area scoring leader (15.8 per game) and Kelly was an area leader in 3-point FGs. Junior guard Tarajae Davis (11.1 per game) provided significant minutes and production along with other sophomores Jayson Pilsitz and Ben Marsico. Mid Penn Keystone Division All-Stars: 2nd Team Davon Lee and Jake Kelly. The team qualified for the District III 4A tournament as the #9 seed and had thrilling victories over local rival Susquehanna Twp, #1 seed Lancaster Catholic and #4 seed Kennard-Dale. The team eventually fell to #2 seed Berks Catholic in the 4A District III Championship game. The team went on to defeat Danville High School in the first round of the PIAA tournament but fell to Huntingdon High School in the second round.

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

**Head Coach: Joe Bressi**

**Record: 18-8**

**Team Highlights:** The 2017-18 team was led by juniors led by Olivia Fasick, Treasure George-Morrow, Jasmine Chisholm and Alexia Thomas. For the second consecutive season, the team won the Warwick Holiday tournament with victories over Peters Twp. and Wilson High School. Fasick was the tournament MVP and Chisholm made the All-Tournament All-Star Team.

During mid-season Fasick reached the 1,000 career point milestone in a game at

Palmyra and continued to be a stat machine as one of the area leaders in points (16.2 per game), total 3-pointers made, total steals and blocked shots. Teammate George-Morrow was named PennLive.com's Player of the Week on January 24th.

Mid Penn Keystone Division All-Stars: 1st Team Olivia Fasick, 2nd Team Treasure George-Morrow; Honorable Mention Jasmine Chisholm.

The team qualified for the District III 4A tournament as the #4 seed and hosted Northern Lebanon in the quarterfinals. The team defeated Northern Lebanon and Wyomissing High Schools but fell to #1 seed Lancaster Catholic in the semifinals. In the PIAA tournament the team recorded first and second round victories over Penn Charter and D6 champion Forest Hills but eventually fell to D3 rival Berks Catholic 51-42 in the Sweet 16.

## SWIMMING

**Head Coach: Kurt Sprowls**

**Record: Girls 3-6; Boys 7-2**

**Team Highlights:** The boys swimming team finished Runner-Up at the holiday Big Spring Bulldog Splash; school records were achieved by Nicole Augustine (100 fly); Josiah Lauer (100 fly); Lauer, Zack Miller, Patrick Hemingway and Jonah Hancock (400 free relay). Mid Penn Championship meet medalists were: 200 free relay 5th (Lauer, Hemingway, Eli Cargas and Miller); 400 free relay 4th (Lauer, Hancock, Miller and Hemingway); Lauer 3rd in 100 free and 3rd in 100 back; Miller 7th in breast.

Congratulations to the boys swimming team for winning the District III AA Team Championship (**first in school history**) at Cumberland Valley High School! The team had four gold medalists: Josiah Lauer won the 100 backstroke and 200 freestyle, Zach Miller won the 200 IM and the 200 Medley relay of Lauer, Miller, Patrick Hemingway and Eli Cargas also won gold.

Other medalists included Jonah Hancock 6th in 500 free and 7th in the 200 free, Hemingway 5th in 100 backstroke and the 400 free relay placed 2nd (Lauer, Hemingway, Hancock, Miller). The team scored 231 points for the team title to outlast



Cocalico (225). The girls team was paced by Nicole Augustine who placed 5th in the 100 butterfly and Katie Posavec who placed 8th in the breaststroke. The 200 Medley relay team placed 8th (Lyndsay Stakem, Augustine, Posavec and Delia Corbett). The boys swimming team went on to place 5th at the PIAA AA meet totaling 105pts. The weekend was highlighted by junior swimmer Josiah Lauver who won gold in two events – the 100yd Backstroke (49.70) and 200yd Freestyle (1:39.24). He also led two relay teams to 5th place medals – 200 Medley Relay (Eli Cargas, Zack Miller, Patrick Hemingway) and 400 Freestyle Relay (Miller, Hemingway, Jonah Hancock). All four events were new school records. For this performance the PIAA named Josiah Lauver the 2018 PIAA AA Swimmer of the Meet and Josiah became the first swimming PIAA champion in school/program history. Lauver was later named Pennlive's Male Swimmer of the Year along with First Team All-Star selection Zack Miller.

## SOFTBALL

**Head Coach: Tim Bowen**

**Record: 19-5**

**Team highlights:** The softball team had a sensational season recording a program best 17 victories during the regular season, finished 2nd in keystone division 3rd in District 3 qualified for State tournament for the first time in school history. The team won Back-to-Back Diocesan Tournament championships with victories over Trinity, Lancaster Catholic and York Catholic. Senior Alyssa Harhigh achieved the 100 career hit milestone on 3/31 and the 100 runs scored milestone on 4/4/18. Freshman Maddie LeHigh won PennLive.com's Player of the Week – 5/9. Harhigh and LeHigh were area leaders in most statistical categories throughout the course of the season. At the conclusion of the regular season, Harhigh led the area in total hits with 40 (.556 batting average), 8 doubles, 11 triples (area best), 33 RBI's, 4 HR's; LeHigh had 37 total hits (.544 batting average), 8 doubles, 29 RBI's, 4 HR's. Junior pitcher Lauren Gerula was an area leader with 15 wins and a 2.1 ERA.

She also had 26 RBI's as an area leader. The team earned a #4 District III 4A seed and hosted the program's first home district playoff game vs. James Buchanan on May 24th.

Mid Penn Keystone Division Softball All-Stars: First Team – Lauren Gerula and Maddy LeHigh; Second Team – Isabelle Morrow; Honorable Mention Ashley Wrabel and Brittany Little. Alyssa Harhigh was also named Co-Player of the Year in the Keystone Division.

## BASEBALL

**Head Coach: Steve Groff**

**Record: 12-9**

**Team highlights:** Senior pitcher Trystan Housman was an area leader in strikeouts with 57 and a record of 5-2 at the completion of the regular season. Senior teammate Jared Matte was an area leader in RBI's with 15; Junior Joe Barbera was an area leader in batting average (.408).

The team enjoyed the newly constructed grandstand for all spectators – the project features upper deck style seating for 30 fans and also has a concession stand and press box. The team earned a #5 seed in the District III 4A playoffs and played in the quarterfinals at West York.

Congratulations to Mid Penn Keystone Division Baseball All-Stars: First Team – Nick Fisher; Second Team – Jared Matte and Joe Barbera; Honorable Mention Connor Wrabel, Trystan Housman and Josh Dougher.

## TRACK AND FIELD

**Head Coach: Tommy Mealy**

**Record: Girls 7-1, Boys 5-3**

**Team highlights:** The track and field team had a successful season with both teams finishing in 2nd place in the Mid Penn Capital Division. It was also the biggest team in program history featuring just over 160 athletes. Both teams swept victories over Trinity, Camp Hill and Middletown during the season. The senior class in boys and girls never lost a dual meet to rival Trinity in their four year careers.



Pan Ram Invitational medal winners: Girls 4x100 relay placed 4th - Annika Wise, Elle Hallock, Emily Hughes and Lauren Roeske, Anthony Guarneschelli placed 4th in the discus, Jordan McClendon-Spencer placed 5th in the high jump, Deeana Davis placed 6th in the discus, and teammates Emma Austin and Lyndsay Stakem placed 5th and 8th in the 800m. Treasure George-Morrow placed 3rd in the shot put with a throw of 34-8. Congratulations to members of the track and field team for earning medals at the Mid Penn Conference Championships. Medal winners were: JuQuill Adams won 2nd place in the 100m dash (10.84), Cordell Cash placed 5th in the discus and 7th in the high jump. Elle Hallock placed 8th in the 300m hurdles. Two school records were achieved during the season: Treasure George-Morrow placed 2nd in the shot put with a new record throw of 35-8 and the girls 4x400m relay placed 3rd and broke the school relay record in 4:06. Those team members were Elle Hallock, Emma Austin, Madison Nemshick and Molly Huynh.

Senior JuQuill Adams went on to claim the District III AAA Boys 100m cash District III championship with a time of 10.87. JuQuill became the 6th sprinter in program history to win the District III 110m crown - the first at the AAA classification. He was also named to PennLive's Boys Track and Field All-Star team.

### *The following students will be continuing their athletic career in college!*

#### **Girls:**

- Alyssa Harhigh** - softball - York College
- Lorianna Leynes** - Women's Gymnastics - Temple University
- Brittany Little** - softball - Millersville University
- Allison Nork** - Girls soccer - University of Mary Washington
- Kristen Zeigler** - field hockey - Christopher Newport University

#### **Boys:**

- JuQuill Adams** - football - Shippensburg University
- Jayonn Butts** - football - Slippery Rock University
- Cordell Cash** - football - Shippensburg University

## **BOYS LACROSSE**

**Head Coach: John Edler**

**Record: 4-13**

**Team highlights:** The lacrosse team was led by seniors Nick Centrone, Brandon Foreman, Cameron Foreman, Derek Marsilio (Randolph-Macon recruit), Patrick Quinn, Connor Sload and Zach Venios. The team posted victories over Cedar Cliff, Danville, New Oxford and CD East during the season and they were the team champions winning the New Oxford tournament in April. Fellow stat leaders for the team were sophomore Zach Strohecker and freshman Jackson Shields.

## **BOYS TENNIS**

**Head Coach: Christina Lacey**

**Record: 10-4**

**Team highlights:** The starting lineup featured Josh Lapitan, Elliot Barwin, Craig Mathias, Cole Berryhill, Justin Tang, Jett Hallock, George Hollick, Nick Minnich, Ian Peradilla. AA Mid Penn AA medal winners were: 1st Doubles - Cole Berryhill and Jett Hallock placed 1st place, 2nd Doubles - Justin Tang and George Hollick placed 2nd, Elliot Barwin placed 2nd in 2nd Singles, and the District Doubles team of Barwin and Josh Lapitan placed 3rd and qualified for the AA District III Doubles tournament - both were defeated by Pequea Valley in the first round.



# Congratulations Class of 2018

The Class of 2018 graduated on Thursday, May 24, 2018 in Finestra Hall.  
The Baccalaureate Mass was held the previous night at Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Harrisburg.  
We wish the Class of 2018 the best as they begin a new chapter in their book of life!

*Once a Crusader, Always a Crusader!*



# WHY CHOOSE Bishop McDevitt ?

Bishop McDevitt has a tradition of academic excellence. We have a rigorous curriculum that supports every student in reaching their academic potential.

- 13:1 student to faculty ratio
- College acceptance rate of over 96% (4% enter military or workforce)
- Accredited by the Middle States Association of Secondary Schools
- 36 honor classes and 7 advanced placement (AP) classes
- Access to over 150 classes, including additional AP classes through accredited Virtual High School
- Recent graduating class earned millions of dollars in scholarships
- Among others, alumni are currently attending Princeton, Cornell, Notre Dame, Wake Forest, Duke, the Naval Academy, and various seminaries

## SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

Spiritual development in a Catholic environment distinguishes us from other high schools. Our students have opportunities to learn more about their faith and to practice it daily. With respect for students from various religious backgrounds, we emphasize moral development, service to others, and leadership skills through:

- Religious education classes
- Prayer integrated throughout the day
- Mass celebrations, including student altar servers, readers, music, choir and Eucharistic ministers
- Onsite chapel and chaplain
- Community service opportunities for all students
- Spiritual related after school clubs
- Kairos retreats



## TUITION

For 100 years, we have been educating young men and women in the Harrisburg area. We are part of a rare and beautiful tradition where faith and academics are intertwined in a real-world setting. Beyond the classroom, we offer opportunities in art, music, theatre, clubs, activities, and athletics. The actual cost of a Bishop McDevitt education and experience is well above the tuition amount. However, ongoing support from local parishes, alumni, and other donors makes our full tuition less than most private schools. In addition, over 35% of our students receive financial assistance, including:

- FACTS- financial management company for tuition and scholarships
- Bishop McDevitt Tuition Assistance Programs
- Scholarships from the Neumann Scholarship Foundation



## ACTIVITIES, CLUBS, & SPORTS

Our students are part of a 100 year tradition of school spirit and pride. Every student is given the opportunity and encouragement to participate in over 30 clubs and activities. They can also join a wide range of competitive sports teams.

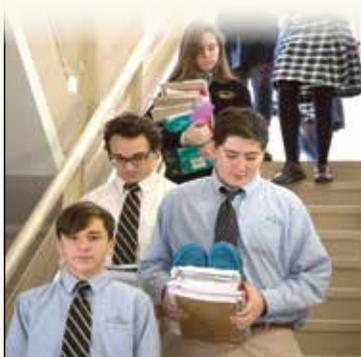
### ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

- Altar Servers
- Art Club
- Book Club
- Catholic Athletes for Christ
- Chapel Aids
- Christian Service Club
- Contra Mundum
- Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Field Trips
- French Club
- Future Business Leaders of America
- Ice Hockey
- Library Aides
- Lab Aides
- Math National Honors Society
- Mission Representatives
- Mock Trial
- Model U.N.
- Music Program
- National Honor Society
- Peer Counseling
- Poetry Club
- Pridwen (Yearbook)
- Quiz Bowl
- Respect for Life
- Spanish Club
- Stage Crew
- Student Ambassador
- Student Council
- Talitha Kourn
- Twin Towers
- Youth Community Development Team



### SPORTS

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cheerleading
- Cross Country
- Field Hockey
- Football
- Golf
- Lacrosse
- Soccer
- Softball
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Track and Field
- Girls Volleyball
- Wrestling



## The Little Flower Scholarship Fund - General Purpose

This scholarship fund has been established to assist families in providing a Catholic education for their children. This popular fund has been named in honor of Saint Therese of Lisieux, a young saint in late 19th century France. She joined a Carmelite convent at the age of 15 and is internationally known for her "little way." She is quoted as saying:

*"Love proves itself by deeds, so how am I to show my love? Great deeds are forbidden me. The only way I can prove my love is by scattering flowers and these flowers are every little sacrifice, every glance and word, and the doing of the least actions for love."*

The families that receive financial aid for their students already make huge sacrifices to provide a quality Catholic education for their children. In the spirit of Saint Therese, we ask that you consider making a small sacrifice to help these students so they can benefit from the same education and faith that inspired Saint Therese to become a Saint and Doctor of the Church. You can help support Bishop McDevitt's mission of a quality, Catholic education by responding in the envelope provided. Please consider checking the box for the "Little Flower Fund" to make the dream of a Catholic education, a reality.

Donations to the Little Flower Scholarship Fund are always appreciated and accepted year round.

## Sponsor A Student – Become A Saint Therese Angel



This year we are adding a new element to the Little Flower Scholarship Fund – **Saint Therese Angels**.

**Saint Therese Angels** will help a child reap the rewards of a Catholic Education by sponsoring a student either with full tuition coverage, or partial tuition. In doing so, you will not only make a dramatic difference in the life of a student, but also serve as an example of the compassion and selflessness we strive to instill in our students each day.

**How does it work?** Your tuition sponsorship will be distributed to a needy student and will be selected by our President, Jim Vail.

**Giftng levels:** Options include full tuition (\$7,100 Catholic or \$8,425 non-Catholic) or half-tuition. Gifts may be made by cash, credit card, or check and made with one payment, monthly payments, or quarterly payments. Please note: in order for this to be a tax-deduction, you may not choose the student you wish to sponsor. The donation must be to the general **Saint Therese Angel** program – with your gift distributed anonymously.

What is the difference between **Little Flower Scholarship – General Purpose** and **Saint Therese Angel**? Many people like to give to the general scholarship fund by contributing a one-time gift of a smaller amount than full or half tuition. These gifts are truly appreciated and needed! We are just extending the program now to accommodate those who would like to sponsor a student so he/she can attend Bishop McDevitt.

A financial contribution to the **Saint Therese Angel** program is an investment in the future and dreams of our students. To learn more about becoming a **Saint Therese Angel**, please contact Cheri Comasco at 717-236-7973 ext 2133 or email her at [ccomasco@bishopmcdevitt.org](mailto:ccomasco@bishopmcdevitt.org).

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*"Our Lord does not look so much at the greatness of our actions, or even at their difficulty, as at the love with which we do them."*

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**A Named Scholarship** is a form of financial aid given to a student to help pay for their education here at McDevitt in all or part. A scholarship is a gift based upon financial need, one's merit, an essay or all of these. Named scholarships are crucial for the families of our school, as they allow our families the opportunity to be awarded money via a scholarship that they might not have received any other way.

Below is a list of Named Scholarships awarded this past school year. The amount of money awarded varies depending on the decision of the family or donor setting up the named scholarship. This year we distributed \$12,500 for the named scholarships listed below. Most of the named scholarships require students to write an essay, to meet minimum GPA standards, and to be involved in extra-curricular activities. Applications for these scholarships are usually announced via our monthly e-newsletters, through school announcements and through the advancement office.



**F. Richard Wesley '58 Scholarship**

Winner is senior, Jared Matte with Tim Wesley and his father, Dick Wesley '58



**The Dan & Ann Manganello '71 Delp Scholarship**

pictured are Dan Delp, Megan Mwaura and Ann Delp.



**The Krajcsik Family Memorial Scholarship for Nursing in Memory of Arlene '53 and Charles '41**

winner is Megan Standish with Bob Krajcsik '53



**The Notarfrancesco Scholarship**

pictured with the Notarfrancesco's are the winners-Carter Rodgers, Megan Mwaura, Emil & Lana Notarfrancesco, Le Notarfrancesco, Andrew Piekutowski, Sister Mary Anne, and CJ Reyes



**The Marlin Hicks '42 Memorial Scholarship**

pictured are Isabella Garcia-Fera, Dominique Headen, Sister Mary Anne, and Humberto Torres-Not pictured -Natalie Melendez-Martinez



**Willie and Lisa Fuller' 88 Hendrickes awarded the 2nd Annual Alexis "Lexi" Hendrickes '17 Memorial Scholarship**

winner is Natalie Grill



**The Lamar Banks '93 Memorial Scholarship**

pictured are Winston Horshaw, Kara Sullivan, Vince Acri and Andy Rutherford



**The John Brixius Spirit of McDevitt Award**

winner are seniors Dominique Headen and Luke Pipa



**The Lawrence Bekelja '59 Memorial Scholarship**

winner is Hannah Arnold with Diane Webb '60 Bekelja and Jill Bekelja '83 Hanes.



**AS BISHOP MCDEVITT HIGH SCHOOL** begins preparations to celebrate its 100th anniversary, we are implementing plans to enable the school to continue to provide a quality education in the Catholic tradition as Bishop Philip R. McDevitt envisioned.

As Bishop McDevitt graduates, we were nurtured and inspired by the Bishop McDevitt community and received an education that provided us with the knowledge and values we needed to succeed in today's society.

## The Legacy Campaign: Faith, Hope and Caring

### FAITH

In an ever more polarized world, the need for a faith-based education for our students has never been more important, but some may not be able to afford it;

### HOPE

More than ever our students need your gift of hope through education. It allows them to learn, grow, and capture the opportunities that will abundantly unfold over time;

### CARING

More than ever your charitable contributions are needed to help provide for teacher salaries, student aid for distressed families, debt service and operating costs that facilitate a vibrant McDevitt education community.

## Ways to Leave Your Legacy



**Robert A. Pugliese '65**  
Campaign Co-Chair

As we prepare to celebrate our 100th Anniversary, Bishop McDevitt High School not only depends on your help to fund its operations, but requires your faith based leadership. Your generosity allows our teachers and students to expand in ways that would simply not be possible without your incredibly generous support. This is not a wish to have...but a "have to have!"

St. Luke the Evangelist said, "to whom much is given, much is required." If there was ever a time for you to reflect on how and where you might want to give back to make an impact, this is a most meaningful opportunity to do so.



**Maria DiSanto '77**  
Campaign Co-Chair

We enthusiastically invite you to review the attached information. It evidences how McDevitt's academic excellence coupled with spiritual enlightenment shape the minds and souls of the future leaders of our Harrisburg community. May we respectfully ask for your financial AND prayerful support of *The Legacy Campaign* for Bishop McDevitt? It is more essential and valuable than ever!

We thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration. One of our campaign volunteers will be in contact with you to answer your questions. We cannot tell you how critical you are to this bold, sustainable fundraising effort.

Thank you!

With sincere gratitude and the blessings of Christ,

Bob and Maria

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Why is Bishop McDevitt considering a capital campaign at this time?

The Board of Directors has created an institutional strategic plan for the next five years. This plan involves expanding and enhancing enrollment efforts and conducting a capital campaign to reduce debt by \$5 million.

### Who will benefit from *The Legacy Campaign*?

Every student who enrolls in Bishop McDevitt now and in the future will benefit from the successful campaign. Additionally, this effort will help to aid families who may need some help in meeting their childrens' education costs, particularly families with two or more students attending the school.

### When will the campaign take place?

The campaign is continuing. Solicitations will continue throughout our 100-year anniversary. Pledges of support can be paid over a three-year period.

# MATCHING GIFTS

*The Legacy Campaign* is providing alumni and others with the opportunity to effectively triple the impact of gifts. A generous challenge grant has been provided by alumni Carmen and Tonia Finestra. The Finestras have created two \$500,000 matching grants to inspire everyone to join in this vital campaign and maximize their contributions.

- 1) They will match dollar for dollar all contributions of \$25,000 or more, up to \$500,000. It will double the amount you give for a gift of \$25,000 and above.
- 2) They will provide two-to-one matching funds for all first-time capital gifts of \$100 or more, up to \$500,000. McDevitt will receive triple what you can afford for a contribution of \$100 and above.



*"I urge all alumni to join me in participating in **The Legacy Campaign**. We have a unique opportunity to give back to our alma mater, and ensure students and families have the ability to experience the wonderful benefits of a McDevitt education."* — Joshua Eisner '09



Carmen '65 and Tonia Stivale Finestra '73



## WAYS TO GIVE

- One-time gift
- Pledges over 3 year period
- Gifts of securities and other appreciated property
- Gifts of real estate or personal property that can be sold
- Bequests
- Gifts of a paid-up life insurance plan
- Gifts from a trust or annuity plan

### Who will be asked to support the Bishop McDevitt *Legacy Campaign*?

All alumni and friends will be asked to support this campaign. Campaign leaders and volunteers will be contacting the board of directors, administration, faculty and staff, alumni, current parents, past parents, friends and benefactors, and the business community.

### How will my gift be used?

All gifts to the Bishop McDevitt *Legacy Campaign* will be used to retire building construction debt and assist in enrollment efforts.

### Will my company's matching gift program be counted towards the campaign goal?

Yes. If you work for a company that has an employee matching gift program, you will be asked to provide the appropriate paper work to the Bishop McDevitt Advancement Office or directly to your company, based on the company's policy.

### Who will I contact for more information?

If you have any questions regarding *The Legacy Campaign* please contact the Director of Advancement, Cheri Comasco, 717.236.7973 ext. 2133 or email [comasco@bishopmcdevitt.org](mailto:comasco@bishopmcdevitt.org).

The World Languages Department has had a busy year!

Things are exciting if you're studying a World Language at Bishop McDevitt! The highlight of the year for Spanish, French and Latin students at McDevitt is World Languages Week. Held in March, it is a fun-filled, educational time for students to showcase and celebrate the cultures of the languages they are studying. Excitement builds during this special week as we celebrate the induction of students into the **Spanish Honor Society**, **French Honor Society** and **Latin Honor Society**. Honor Society students are inducted into official membership during a special ceremony with a reception that follows. Students are eligible for membership if they have earned an overall cumulative average of 90% and a cumulative average in their target language of 93% by mid-term of that year. Students are required to maintain these grades through the rest of the year, and must requalify in order to be readmitted the following year. This year, over 100 new and returning students were inducted into the world language Honor Societies at McDevitt.

In addition to Honor Society inductions, World Languages week was a time to eat, pray, dance and paint! Once again, the **International Luncheon** was a huge success! Tons of delicious heritage dishes were available for all to taste. There was even a made-to-order French crêpe bar. Students were once again treated to **Latin ballroom dancing** lessons. Students learned the basic steps to classic dances such as the Samba, Bachata and Salsa. French students spent time in the Art Room mastering the art of **French painting**, creating their own renditions of Vincent Van Gogh's *A Starry Night*. During the week our morning prayers and afternoon Angelus were offered in Spanish, French and Latin as well as many other languages that represent our diverse population. Father Coyle, a learned Spanish speaker, held a foreign language Mass to help celebrate our faith through our love of languages.

Other language department activities this year have included field trips to a Peruvian Restaurant in Lancaster, a trip to Philadelphia to the Museum of Art, the Rodin Museum and a performance of *Les Misérables*, and another trip to Philadelphia to experience saints and Roman artifacts. The French Club also hosted a French Movie Night, setting up a French Café and a viewing of the movie *Midnight in Paris*.

On the academic side, French and Latin students participated in respective French and Latin National Exams. Students took tests competing in listening and reading skills against other language students across the country. In French, students took *Le Grand Concours*, sponsored by the AATF (The American Association of Teachers of French Teachers). McDevitt French student Amy Mosier ('19) earned a gold medal ranking in the 95% percentile nationally, and John Lyons ('18) earned a bronze ranking in the 80% percentile nationally.

We are very proud of our World Languages Department and would like to thank Señora Morales, Señora Campbell, Señora Martin, Mr. DiMarco and Madame Tenny for everything they do for our world language students!



Spanish Club students enjoyed an authentic Peruvian meal at El Serrano in Lancaster.



The owner of the restaurant not only helped serve the meal, which was a sampling of different authentic dishes, but gave the students and chaperones a tour of the restaurant.

### The Spanish Class Experience

Maria Gontis

Every day I enjoy going to 8th period: my Spanish III class with Mrs. Martin. During that class, I know

I have the ability to express my faith, in prayer and in actions. We begin every class by praying a prayer in Spanish, then one student reads from a book of prayer reflections. Beginning class with these prayers sets the tone and the mood for the rest of the period. As we continue through class and learn about the Spanish language and culture, it is evident that the prayers and reflections done at the beginning of class carry through until the end of the period, instilling in the class a sense of moral Christian behavior and the desire to act with Christ's love.

Also, the introduction of the Language National Honor Society to McDevitt has allowed for a deeper appreciation for foreign languages by giving students the opportunity to better understand and admire other cultures in an academic atmosphere. We learn about these various aspects of culture in Spanish class. These include anything from a certain country's customs and diets to aspects of the Faith, like cathedrals, religious holidays, or religious practices. Incorporating the Faith during Spanish class, and really every class, is an integral part of our learning, and living, experience.





French Club students at a performance of *Les Misérables*, at the Kimmel Center in Philadelphia.



French Club students went on a field trip to the Philadelphia Museum of Art, home to the largest collection of French Impressionist Art outside of Paris! The kids participated in a scavenger hunt to find 25 of the most famous paintings in the collection.



First students learned about the French sculptor Auguste Rodin in class, then visited the Rodin Museum of Philadelphia and viewed and sketched many of the famous sculptures on display.



At the Philadelphia Museum of Art, French Club students came face-to-face with a real Van Gogh painting.



French III students celebrating Mardi Gras!



In November, the French Club sponsored a French café and movie night!



Delaney Ryan ('20) and Brianna Ribic ('20) stop for a quick photo with Mrs. Campbell after the Language National Honor Society Induction.



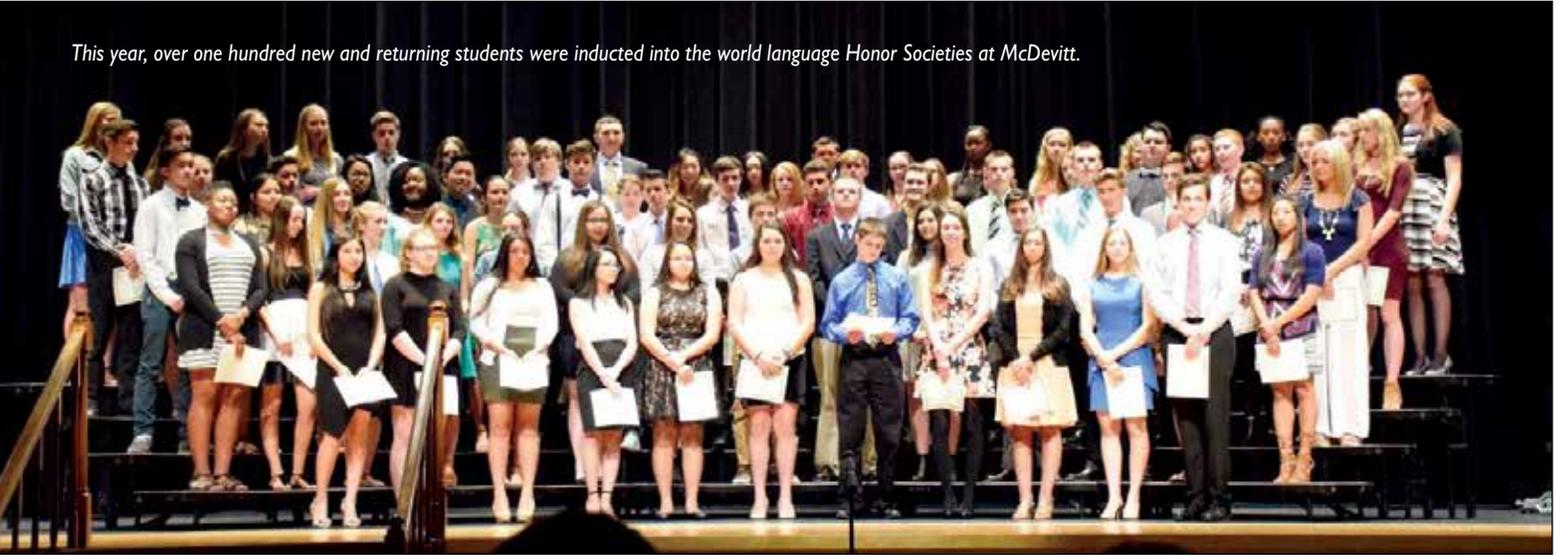
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The French Club transformed the McDevitt lobby into a French café, and Finestra Hall served as their cinema for a showing of *Midnight in Paris*.



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*During World Languages Week, the French department held their initiation ceremony for membership into the Spanish Honor Society, French Honor Society and Latin Honor Society.*



*Parents volunteer at Word Language Week Lunch*



*DiMarco Family*



*John Lyons ('18) received a special distinction for being inducted into both the French Honor Society and the Latin Honor Society.*



*Spanish Honor Society inductees.*



*Father Coyle presided over the International mass, held in the chapel before school, during World Languages Week.*



French students spent two days in the art room, recreating Vincent Van Gogh's masterpiece, A Starry Night.



Students create their own custom French crêpes at the International Luncheon during World Languages Week.



Members of the Latin Club at an 8th grade orientation.



## Delp Family Reflection- After 24 Years of Paying Tuition!

Dan Delp

The Dan and Ann Manganelli '71 Delp Compulsory Education Farewell Tour, Next to Last Stop

This was a day I sometimes never thought would come. This particular Tuesday morning Ann wrote the last tuition check to Bishop McDevitt High School; end a very special chapter in our lives. Many families have experienced this same thrill time after time. In our case it is unique because we have been writing checks for 24 years. More specifically, our family's time at McDevitt spans 286 consecutive months or 1,246 weeks or 8,448 days. Figure the hours, minutes and seconds out for yourself; I am not counting any more. During that time Ann and I estimate that the sum of all our checks easily exceeds one-hundred thousand dollars. Our oldest son Stephen enrolled in August of 1991. Seth our youngest graduated May 27, 2015. Our home mortgage did not last this long. Before I continue, please permit me to say that we wish it to be clear that we are not complaining. This was our choice, 100%. We were in one accord in this decision. To us it was not a sacrifice but rather a priority. Never did we feel that we missed out on anything, never did we do without anything and never did we ever have second thoughts about our commitment to the value of the high school education of our children provided by Bishop McDevitt educators. The return on our investment (ROI) was worth every cent.

How does one measure the ROI for a hundred thousand dollar plus investment twenty-four years in the making. In our case we looked at the finished products and the feedback received from them directly and garnered from the successes and failures in their post secondary years reflected in their lives. When your college student tells you that their undergraduate classes are easier than the classes they had at McDevitt you know your ROI is good. When your college student tells you how easy it is to write term papers you inherently know your ROI is great. When your college senior is challenged by his professor, accused of plagiarism, stands his ground by defending his work and ultimately wins when the accuser admits that he has been convinced admitting that rarely has he witnessed



writing skills such as those exhibited by this particular college student, you know your ROI is off the charts. When you have a son that does not do well in college as a recent high school graduate but returns to the academic world ten years later and earns a Bachelor degree while working full time, one's ROI soars. The value of a McDevitt education is not only manifested in those

who continue their education in college. When you have a son that finds himself challenged by the classroom rigors of the undergraduate student, realizes that it is not for him, then parlays what he learned at McDevitt into a successful career as a surveyor, our ROI continues to climb as it nears the apex of expectations. The measurement does not end here. We have other children who are still working on or just beginning the next chapter of their lives. Where they are going, what they do when they get there and the measure of success achieved are still hidden behind the curtain of time. What we as parents know, what we as parents have proof of, is that they have the same advantage as those siblings gone before them ... they have a Bishop McDevitt education.

Through the years when speaking to friends about our commitment to a Bishop McDevitt education we are told that they cannot afford to send their child there. We realized when we were blessed by having a family, when we became stewards to God's creations, we could not afford *not* to make the commitment. Through the entire process these past twenty-four years we were able to do what we did, we were able to provide what we did, and we were able to have a fantastic ROI because we believed that God would provide us our daily bread. Whether it was the food on our plates, the roof over our heads or the tuition needed to provide a quality education for our seven children, He was always there, He was always faithful. Thank you Lord! May you now continue to be with us as we turn the page to the next chapter of the life you have so graciously given us. *Proverbs 30:8-9 - DD*

# A Student's PERSPECTIVE

Andrew Pieukutwoski '19

No experience at Bishop McDevitt High School is the same for everyone. We are all diverse and it is diversity that makes our school so great. The McDevitt community is open to all because we are all different.

I came from Saint Joan of Arc School in Hershey. Twenty out of 27 of us went to McDevitt, but we all went our own separate ways. I had a lot of trouble finding a group to hang out with. It seemed like everyone was making friends, except me. Freshman year I took four honors and two college prep classes. At McDevitt, students can take Latin, French, or Spanish. I took Latin to help me with my SAT and ACT tests since most of the English language is derived from Latin. Freshman year was challenging physically and mentally, but I rose to the challenge.

I got involved in activities like the Speech and Debate Club, which has now integrated with the Poetry Club. I also joined Student Ambassadors which is a club that, "promotes and helps the school. We help with open houses, visiting feeder schools, and hosting fun events for incoming students. I like the club because we get to give service to the school and set a leadership example throughout the school" as explained by junior Aubree Narus. Outside of school, I have been doing gymnastics since I was three and have been competitive since I was six. I train three and a half hours a day, five days a week. It was a hard transition from middle school work to high school homework. I had to learn to manage my time more efficiently.

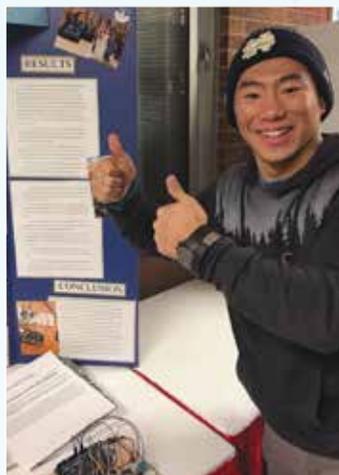
My sophomore year I was taking three honors, two advanced college prep, and two college prep classes. I also had the opportunity to take computer aided design through virtual high school (VHS). I joined the AV Tech crew at school, which I loved. Near the end of the year I was inducted into the first Language National Honor Society to be held at McDevitt. My sophomore year went fast though and was over with the snap of a finger.

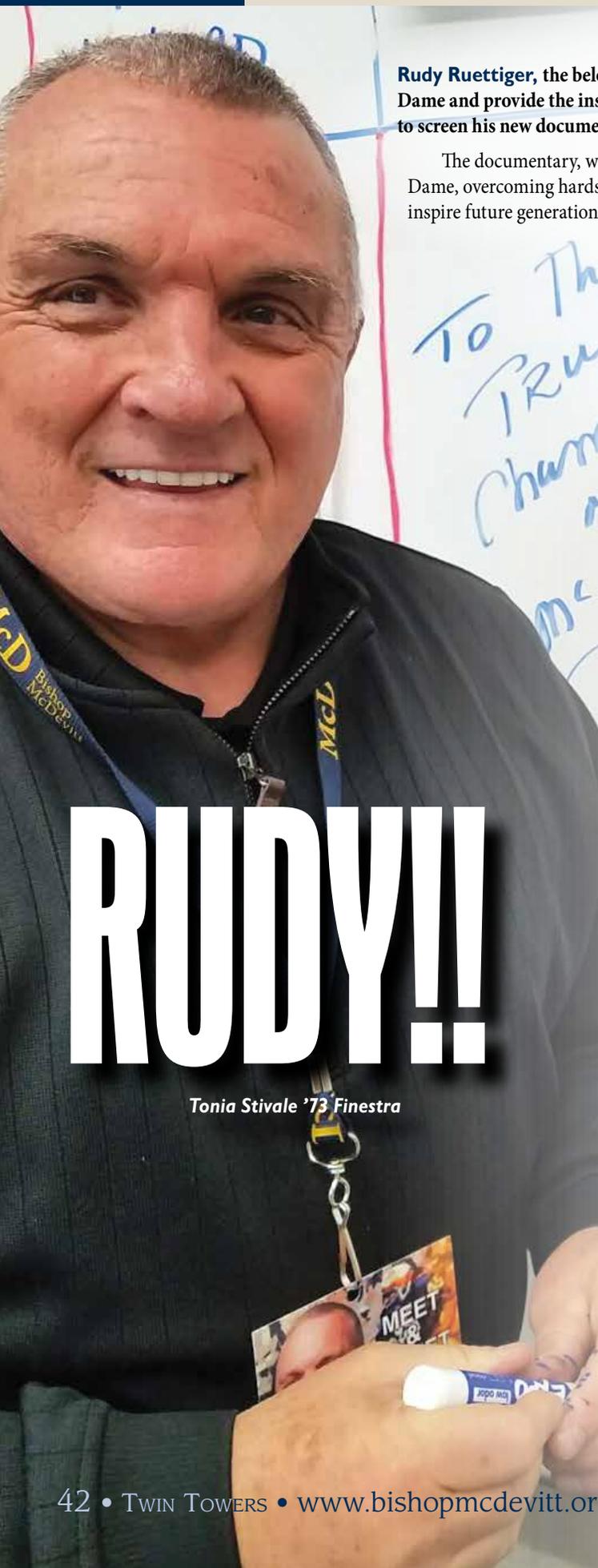


My junior year I took advanced placement biology II and chemistry II, along with three honors, and advanced college prep American literature. This year was challenging with the new pressure of AP classes, which demand a lot of work, focus, and dedication. In the beginning of the year I was inducted into the Math National Honor Society. I also began tutoring students in math. Recently I began volunteering once or twice a week at my parish to help with any maintenance requirements needed around the church. Along with that, it was difficult to balance several honors and AP classes with gymnastics. I often found myself planning out the week on Sunday nights and figuring out when I had to do what and what projects I had to prioritize.

Emotionally and mentally the past year has been a roller coaster. Over the summer I made bad decisions and fell into a bad spot; however, I listened to a commencement speech that said, "Rock bottom can be a great foundation upon which to build". I took what I had and built anew. At the time, I was further from my faith than ever before, but I began putting more trust in God that there is a plan and purpose for me. Principal Sister Mary Anne Bednar has extended a comforting hand to me as well as Mr. Scarcella. He told me, "At the end of every day, find something in the day that you did that was noble, something that was beautiful, and something that made you smile". This created a great mentality to live by. The best feeling is when someone genuinely cares about how you are doing. The reason I fell into a bad spot was that I felt like I never fit in and that I was an outcast. I learned that we are all going through some difficult experiences whether we show it or not, and that it is okay to be different because we are all different and unique and that everything will be okay because you trust in God and believe in yourself.

McDevitt is one family, and if one struggles, we all struggle together.





# RUDY!!

Tonia Stivale '73 Finestra

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**Rudy Ruettiger, the beloved underdog who overcame numerous obstacles to play football for Notre Dame and provide the inspirational basis for the 1993 movie "RUDY", came to Bishop McDevitt April 21st to screen his new documentary, "The Walk On".**

The documentary, written by Emily Hache, is an in-depth examination of Ruettiger's path to Notre Dame, overcoming hardships on and off the field as a member of the Fighting Irish, and how he continues to inspire future generations.



"The Walk On" chronicles Rudy's improbable road to success as a Notre Dame walk on who makes a famous tackle, now called "The Rudy Play", and becomes the first Notre Dame player to be carried off the field. The documentary also charts Rudy's arduous path through Hollywood to get "RUDY" written and produced. He even has a cameo in the film - he's cheering in the stands during the big tackle.

During his Friday night appearance, Rudy delighted his audience at a private dinner and screening hosted by Bill Parker '82 and his family. Rudy, whose real name is Daniel, autographed posters, cards and footballs before presenting a personalized jersey to a very happy young man. Rudy earned the nickname "Rudy" because, as one of 14 children, his teachers identified each Ruettiger as "he or she's a Rudy". The nickname stuck.

Admission to the dinner and screening was auctioned during the Blue-Gold Gala.

On Saturday night at McDevitt, before and after the second screening of the documentary, Rudy signed autographs, chatted with fans and posed for photos. Now a motivational speaker, he also addressed the crowd from the podium and spoke about the importance of perseverance. He battled dyslexia; applied four times to Notre Dame before his acceptance; and it took 10 years to bring "RUDY" to the big screen. "Hold onto your dream," he said, and "never let anyone steal your joy."

Rudy, who currently resides in Las Vegas, serves as a motivational speaker, reaching a wide range of audiences from major corporations and professional athletes to young children.

He promised he would revisit McDevitt to encourage and inspire his audience to live their best lives.

Thank you, Rudy. We look forward to your return.

100th Anniversary-  
Centennial  
Golf Tournament

**Monday, September 10, 2018**

Harrisburg Country Club

1:00 pm Shot-Gun Start  
Sponsorships Available/Golfers/  
Foursomes-  
Online at website

*6th Annual  
Santa  
5K Run/  
1 mile Walk*

**Saturday  
December 8, 2018**

Registration opens August 1st

Sponsorships available on  
website

FALL  
Drama Play

**November 9, 10 & 11, 2018**

Spring Musical  
March 14, 15, & 16, 2019



**Centennial Celebration  
of Catholic High/Bishop McDevitt**

History, Music and Drama

**SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2019**

Produced by Carmen Finestra & John Brixius

*Save the Date*

31st Annual  
Blue & Gold Gala

**Saturday, March 30, 2019**

Sponsorship opportunities  
will be available soon!

Contact Cheri Comasco



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## CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION!

Catholic High/Bishop McDevitt  
All Decade Reunions — Fall 2018  
*Save the Date!*

The reunions are still in the planning stages. Invitations for the  
1930's thru 1960's were mailed early July!

All other invitations will be mailed out to the other classes approximately  
8 weeks prior to the events.

### ■ 1930's, 1940's, 1950's — Sunday, August 26

SHERATON HARRISBURG /HERSHEY

1:00 -4:00 pm

Call 717-564-5511 to Reserve a Room

### ■ 1960's — Saturday, September 1

THE RADISSON PENN HARRIS

6:00-11:00 pm

Call 717-763-7117 to Reserve a Room

### ■ 1980's — Saturday, September 22

HERSHEY LODGE

6:00-11:00 pm

Call 717-533-3311 to Reserve a Room

### ■ 1990's and 2000's — Saturday, October 13

BEST WESTERN

6:00-11:00 pm

Call 717-561-2800 to Reserve a Room

### ■ 1970's — Saturday, October 27

RADISSON PENN HARRIS

6:00-11:00 pm

Call 717-763-7117 to Reserve a Room

Blocks of Rooms are being held under  
**Bishop McDevitt High School  
All-Decade Reunion.**

*We received discounted rates at each  
hotel.*

There are HOME football games every  
Friday night before each of these  
reunions. We are inviting all athletes,  
cheerleaders, band members, trainers,  
etc. to join us on the field before the  
game to be recognized.

We are also still looking for people to  
help with the planning of these events.  
Contact Cheri for meeting dates and  
times.

#### QUESTIONS?

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