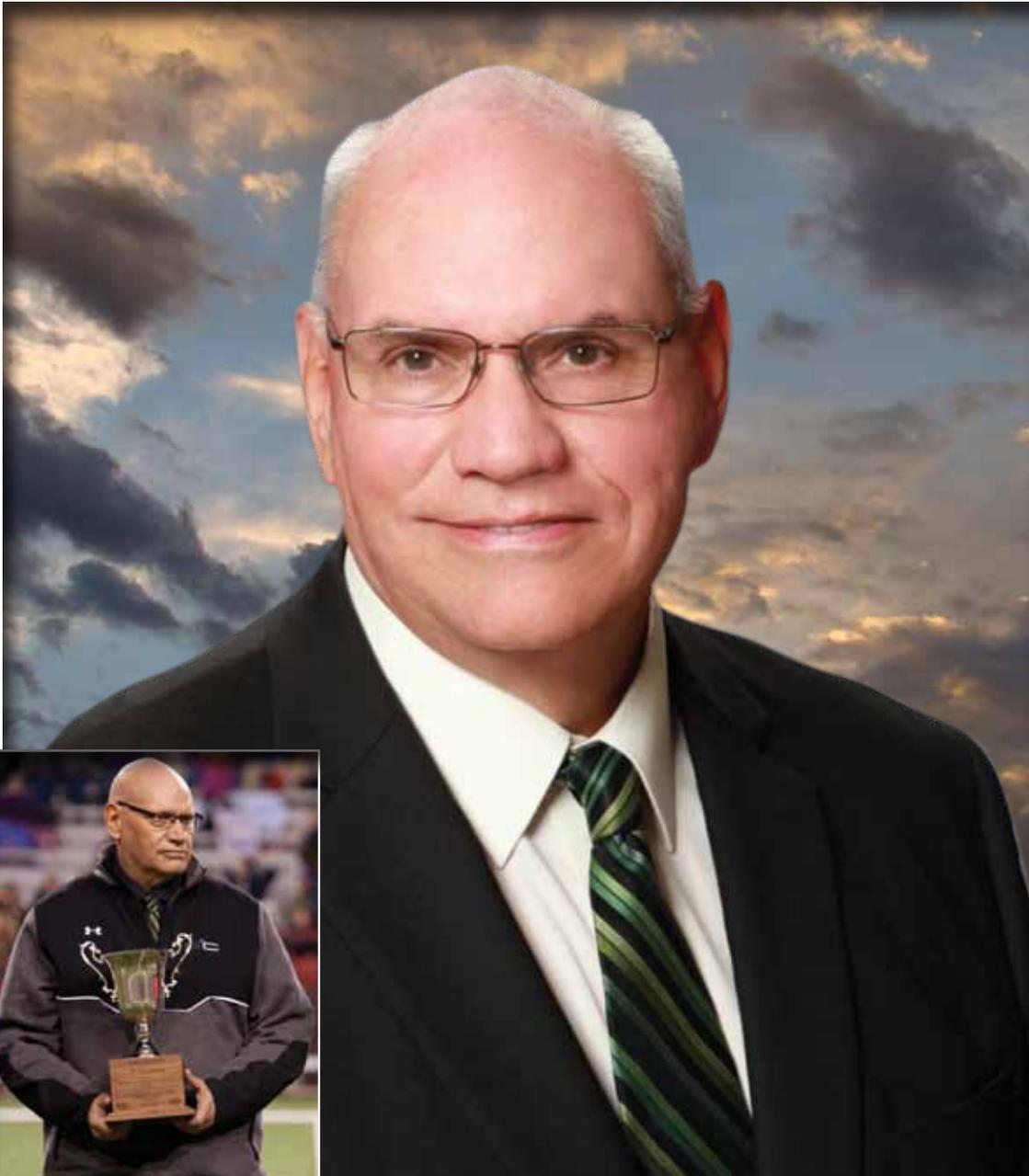


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OUR *Legacy*

NEWS OF INTEREST FOR
SKUTT CATHOLIC ALUMNI,
PARENTS, AND FRIENDS

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Mike McMahon – 1952 - 2014

Skutt Catholic National Merit Semi-Finalists

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V.J. & Angela Skutt Catholic High School forms and educates young men and women to become Christian leaders who empower others, promote justice, and initiate change.

Cover Photograph - Mike McMahon, inset photo: Mike accepting the NSAA U.S. Cellular Cup at halftime of the Skutt Catholic - York football game Memorial Stadium in 2013.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Skutt Catholic High School admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin.

President's Letter



John F. McMahon
President

May the peace and joy of Christ be with each of you.

It seems as though it was only yesterday that I was writing about watching the sun set for the last time over the Gulf of Mexico as I prepared to make my final move to Omaha and to Skutt Catholic High School. Yet, the proverbial sun has now set on my first semester as president of Skutt Catholic and on the year 2014. As happens for so many, the end of one year and the dawning of another gives us pause to reflect on what has been, what is, and what is to come.

While there is much to celebrate at Skutt Catholic, the fall semester was unfortunately marked by a great deal of tragedy in our school community. In October we lost a dear colleague, mentor, and friend in Mike McMahon. Mike gave so much of himself to Skutt Catholic in his 17 years at the school and 13 years as activities director. During those years our school saw tremendous growth and experienced success at almost unimaginable rates and across the spectrum of activities - from athletics to performing arts and everything in between. In the wake of Mike's passing, we learned of the untimely deaths of two of our young alumni. Mark Ferguson '05 died tragically on a Nashville roadside in November trying to help those involved in a traffic accident. Shortly thereafter, Paul Troupe '10 was killed in a traffic accident in Arizona. Our school community is far too young to be facing the deaths of alumni, and in these two cases Skutt Catholic and the world lost two outstanding young men. This issue of Our Legacy pays tribute to each of these fine SkyHawks, and I ask for your continued

prayers for the McMahon, Ferguson, and Troupe families as they continue to deal with the loss of their loved ones.

This school year began in an exciting way as we welcomed the largest freshman class in the school's history at 216 strong - evidence that interest in being a SkyHawk is at its historical peak and continues to soar. At the same time, we initiated the schools 1:1 iPad program, positioning our students and teachers on the cutting edge of technology in the classroom. The iPads are transforming our classrooms into centers of collaboration and learning, empowering our students to be 21st century learners and active and competitive players in an increasingly complex and global world. Beyond the iPads, great things continue to happen in our classrooms that prepare our students well to engage the world in successful ways. In this edition of Our Legacy, Mrs. Cynthia Carlson highlights the value of learning German and provides shining examples of SkyHawk alumni who have gone on to great success - due, in part, to their learning of German while at Skutt Catholic. We seek to build upon the success that saw last year's ACT scores surpass the national, state, and archdiocesan averages and PSAT scores that produced five National Merit Semi-Finalists, more than any other school of our size in Nebraska, public or private (only two schools, both Class A, claimed more semi-finalists than Skutt Catholic). In the wake of last year's 11 state championships, our football team won its second consecutive championship, and our girls' golf team, volleyball team, and mock trial team finished their respective seasons as state runners-up. During halftime of the football championship game, Skutt Catholic accepted the NSAA U.S. Cellular Cup for the fifth time in seven years, evidence that our activities program continues to be one of the premier programs in the state. This past fall saw the Nebraska premier of the Broadway musical Big Fish on the Skutt Catholic stage, following in the success of last spring's award-winning performance of Les Miserables. Six of our musicians were selected for All State choir or band, and two were selected for national honors choirs.

Angel Flight 2014, Expect a Masterpiece, celebrated the masterpieces that are our students. Nearly \$400,000 was raised at the event. My heartfelt thanks go to all those

who supported Angel Flight and those who support Skutt Catholic in so many other ways. I am confident that that same spirit will result in a successful Annual Appeal, which will continue through June 2015. Thanks to all of our benefactors, and to those administrators, faculty, and staff members who have been such good stewards of the treasure with which they have been entrusted over the years, Skutt Catholic finds itself in a very stable financial position. The 2014 Annual Report is included in this edition of Our Legacy and provides a vivid picture of your generosity and stewardship.

Much of the success that we have seen in recent years was the result of a strategic planning process completed in the years leading up to 2010 and enacted and completed since then. It is now time to engage in that process again, and spring 2015 will find us once more taking stock of where Skutt Catholic is and where we want to see it go in the future.

As we enter into 2015 and look forward to the years to come, one thing that remains constant is the centrality of our Lord, Jesus Christ, in all that we do at Skutt Catholic. He brought us through the tragic deaths of loved ones and assured us of life beyond our earthly lives. The gifts that we use and share that generate our successes ultimately come from Him. He is the source of our mission to form and to educate young men and women to be Christian leaders who empower others, promote justice, and initiate change. It is our continued faith in Him that will carry us well into the future.

May God continue to bless each of you, as you are a blessing to us, and may God continue to bless Skutt Catholic High School.

Go SkyHawks!

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John F. McMahon". The signature is fluid and cursive.

John F. McMahon
President

"It is enough that you are young for me to love you."

- St. John Bosco

Alumni *Updates*

Jeff Riesselman '97 and his wife Karisa recently adopted a baby girl from out of state. Her name is Kaya Jo Riesselman and she was born Oct. 11, 2014 in Portland, Maine. Their 6 year old son Charlie, a kindergartner at Christ the King, stayed behind under the care of family and friends while they traveled to Maine awaiting the birth of baby Kaya. After she was born, Kaya required a longer than anticipated stay at the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital at Maine Medical Center. Jeff stayed in Maine for three weeks and Karisa stayed for a total of 40 days before they were finally able to welcome Kaya home to Omaha on Nov. 13, 2014.



Charles Olson '98 and **Jen Nelson Olson '99** welcomed their fourth child this year. Dominic James Olson was born on May 13, 2014. Eight year old sister Addison, 5 year old sister Ellie, and 3 year old brother Christopher truly love 6 month old Dominic.

Carolyn McMannama Sutton '99 and her husband Chase welcomed their third child this summer! Neal Charles Sutton was born on July 9, 2014 at 8 lbs. 7 oz. He joins his big sisters Eloise Joan Sutton, age 5, and Edith Day Sutton, age 3. Neal is constantly entertained by his big sisters and the Suttons are having a blast as a family of five.



Steve Schumacher '01 and wife Emily are proud to announce the birth of their son. Matthew John Schumacher was born on Aug. 4, 2014. He weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz. and measured 20 1/2 inches long. Matthew is welcomed by mom, dad, and big sister Jillian.



Allison Ecker Boulay '02 and husband Vince are pleased to announce that their new baby, Leo Ecker Boulay was born Aug. 15, 2014. He weighed 7 lbs. 3 oz. and measured 21 inches long.



Laura Christiansen Larson '02 and husband Ben would like to announce the birth of their second child. They welcomed Audrey Jane Larson to their family on Oct. 13, 2014. She weighed 9 lbs. 2 oz. and was 20 3/4 inches in length. Evan is her big brother.





Brett Render '02 and Erin McMahon Render '02 welcomed the birth of their second child, Reese Nicole on June 26, 2014. Pictured with Reese is daughter Brooklyn who is 5 years old.



John Gawley '02 and his wife Trisha are pleased to announce that their new baby, Michael was born Sept. 3, 2014.



Ashley Rasmussen Hinze '02 and husband, Eric welcomed their second daughter, Kaia Paige on Sept. 1, 2014. She was born at 6:05 p.m., weighed 8 lbs. 7oz. and measured 22 inches long. Her big sister Kinley is 3 year old.



Kate Dempsey '03 was married to Sam Cooper on June 21, 2014. Her bridesmaids included **Amy Ruf Smith '03** and her sisters **Margaret Dempsey '05** and **Maureen Dempsey '08**.

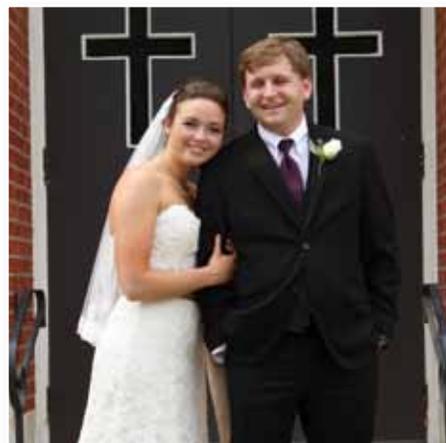


Stephanie Lawton Pestotnik '03, husband John, and big brother Henry are happy to announce that Samantha Rose Pestotnik was born on Oct. 26, 2014 weighing 7 lbs. 6 oz. and measuring 19 3/4 inches long.



Elizabeth Gawley Bullington '04 and Nick Bullington are proud to announce the birth of their daughter. Emiline Bullington was born April 8, 2014.

Andrew White-Hamilton '04 married Sarah Hammons in Platte City, MO on Aug. 9, 2014. The couple reside in Lawrence, KS where Sarah works as a Physical Therapist and Andrew is employed at Garmin in Olathe, KS.



TJ Welniak, MD '03 and Teryn Sedillo, DDS were united in marriage on Oct. 18, 2014 at St. John's Catholic Church on the Creighton University Campus. The couple currently resides in Brooklyn, NY where TJ is an emergency room physician at Maimonides Medical Center and is completing a Medical Education Fellowship. TJ recently completed his Emergency Medicine Residency at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, where he was Chief Resident. Teryn is a 2014 graduate of Creighton University Dental School and practices in New York City.

Alumni Updates



Alexandra Wolf Kane '05 and husband Ryan would like to announce the birth of their third child. Liam Thomas was born at 5:49 p.m. on Dec. 5, 2014. He weighed 8 lbs. 5 oz. and measured 20 inches long. Liam was welcomed by big sister Nyah and brother Daniel!



Jenna Reinders Bishop '05 and husband Alex are proud parents of Abram James Bishop who was born on Sept. 17, 2014.

Christina Gawley McMichen '06 and her husband Brian are happy to announce a new addition to their family. William Brian McMichen was born on Nov. 15, 2014. Big sister Isabelle (2) holds her new baby brother.



Mark Holland '05 married Amy Jackman and have two sons, Cayden (3) and Parker (8 months). Mark graduated from UNL in Middle School Education and is currently working at Park Middle School in Lincoln as a 6th grade Math, Social Studies, and English as a Second Language teacher, while also working on his second Masters degree.



Sarah Guinane Hennings '06 and Chris Hennings were married Aug. 16, 2014 at St. Margaret Mary Church in Omaha, NE. They honeymooned in the Bahamas. Sarah is currently working for Infectious Disease and Epidemiology Associates as a Physician Assistant and Chris is working for Benesch Consulting Engineering Firm as a Civil Engineer.

Bridesmaids L-R: **Sarah Smith '06**, **Sarah Taphorn '06**, **Ashley Kiekhoefer '06**, **Riley Moritz (current Skutt 9th grader)**, **Reagan Moritz (future Skyhawk)**, **Kati Asherin '06**, **Alyssa Johnson (current Skutt 11th grader)**, **Elizabeth Odorisio '06**, Emily Higgins, **Kelsey Brannen Ludemann '06**

Groomsmen L-R: **Mitchell Guinane '08**, Jeff Hennings, Matt Havelka, **Jason McMillan '06**, Jake Tiegen, Brendan O'Connor, Jeff Martin, **Colin Wurtz '06**, Dan Hennings, **Michael Guinane '10**

Flower Girl: Evelyn Jones (**Elizabeth Odorisio's '06** niece) Ring Bearer: Brandon Hennings



Trent Schlautman '07 and **Mandi Andersen '07** were married on July 26, 2014 at Mary Our Queen Catholic Church. Father Ed Vacek, uncle of the bride, officiated. A reception was held at The Scott Conference Center on the campus of the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Also in the wedding party were **Todd Schlautman '08, Jake Andersen '08, Brad Hudson '07, Jake Kliene '07, Matt Foster '07, Evan Freyermuth '07, Alli Andersen '14, Jenna Schlautman '12, Katie Patera '07, Lizza Quinlevan '07,** and current Skutt student **Jessica Schlautman**. Trent is currently employed at BuilderTREND Solutions and Mandi is currently employed at Enchanted Honey moons.

Matt Nelson '07 and wife Megan wish to announce that they are the proud parents of Bennett Matthew Nelson who was born Aug. 5, 2014. Both Matt and Megan work at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. In January, Matt will begin Ph.D studies in higher education administration at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln.



Jimmie L. Pinkham III, J.D., '07 became engaged to Kristine Niemann, a graduate of Duchesne Academy, in September of 2014 and will marry on Oct. 3, 2015. Jimmie is a graduate of the Creighton University School of Law in 2014 and is currently working as a Deputy County Attorney for the Civil Division of the Douglas County Attorney's Office.



Josh Berens '08 and **Megan Schmitz '08** were married on April 26, 2014 at St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church. Their reception followed at the Scouler Ballroom. The wedding party included eight Skutt Catholic alumni, **Bailey Schmitz '11, Lauren Naughton '08, Tyler Sackett '08, Payton Brannen '08, Jake Cardenas '08, Steve Eichelberg '05, Josh Molek '08, and Mike Thedinga '08.** Josh is a firefighter for the Omaha Fire Department and Megan is a Registered Dietitian at Nebraska Medicine and is currently working on her Master of Science degree in Medical Nutrition at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.



Nick Wedige '08 and Kayleigh Peterson were married Oct. 18, 2014 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Kansas City, MO. Nick graduated from the Art Institutes International in Kansas City, KS. He is employed as a production specialist at Blu Giant Studios in Omaha. Kayleigh graduated from the University of Kansas and also earned her Master of Business degree from Rockhurst University. She is an account manager at Orion Advisor Services LLC also in Omaha. They are making their home in Omaha.



Stephanie Sackett Smith '08 and Matthew Smith were married on Aug. 17, 2013 at St. Robert Bellarmine Church in Omaha. Stephanie earned a Master's degree in Speech-Language Pathology in 2013 and is employed by CHI Health. Matthew, formerly of Carmel, IN, is employed as a business analyst with Lease Team, Inc.

Alumni *Updates*



Liz Kavan Kuncil '08 was married to Adam Kuncil on Sept. 13, 2014. Liz currently works at Union Pacific. Adam was a 2008 graduate of Gross Catholic and currently works at First Data.



Stephanie Muschall '09 received her Master's in Business Administration degree from Missouri State University in December 2014. She accepted a position as Marketing Communications Specialist at Americo Financial Life and Annuity Insurance Company in Kansas City, MO and will begin working in January 2015.



Kristin Vankat '09 graduated with high distinction from UNL in May 2013. She earned her Masters in Accounting from UNO in August 2014 and also passed all four parts of the CPA exam over the summer. Kristin started employment with McGladrey CPA's in Omaha this fall.



Tyler Friend '10, son of John and Karen Friend, graduated from the University of Nebraska – Lincoln in May 2014 with a BS in Criminal Justice. He began at the Omaha Police Department Academy in April and Graduated on Aug. 28, 2014. Tyler will finish his Field Training Officer training in December and will then be on his own serving the public.

Pictured L-R: Mayor Jean Stothert, Tyler Friend, Chief Todd Schmaderer, and Tyler's father, John Friend, retired Omaha police officer.



L-R: **Jennifer Daro '13**, sophomore at Creighton, **Kaylan Jablonski '14**, freshman at UNL, SC head softball coach Keith Engelkamp and **Erin McGonigal '12**, junior at Creighton.



Ashley Holland '10 graduated from Benedictine College in Athletic Training and Strength & Conditioning and completed her college soccer career with the Benedictine College Women's Soccer team. The team won both the 2014 Heart of America Athletic Conference (HAAC) and HAAC tournament, and successfully made it to the 2014 NAIA National Tournament Quarterfinals, with Ashley earning the HAAC 2014 Defensive Player of the Year award and HAAC 1st Team All Conference in 2013 and 2014.

Frankie Krejci Smith '11 was accepted to UNMC medical school. She will start In August 2015 after graduating from Nebraska Wesleyan this coming spring. No doubt Frankie's Skutt Catholic education and hard work helped her achieve this goal.



L-R: Kyle Miller '05, junior Brandon Miller, and Matt Miller '09 are brothers who have all played in state football championship games under the leadership of Coach Matt Turman.

Kyle Miller '05 was on the Skutt Catholic winning team his senior year when they finished 1st place at the Class B State Football Championship in Lincoln receiving a gold medal for his efforts. His brother, **Matt Miller '09**, also played in a Class B State Football Championship game his senior year where the team finished runner-up at Memorial Stadium allowing Matt to receive a silver medal. Matt received another silver medal while a member of the SC state basketball team when they finished runner-up at a state championship game. Current junior **Brandon Miller** has been privileged to be on two back-to-back SC state football teams and has received two gold medals for these championships.

All of the brothers are very proud of being part of the hard work and successes of SC Football. Brandon is absolutely shooting for a 3rd title for Coach Turman before he graduates.

Kyle went on to play at Dana College in Blair, NE and Matt currently plays for the University of South Dakota. Brandon is hoping to follow his brothers and also play football in college.

Darby Epperson '14 recently moved to Los Angeles, CA to pursue a career in performing arts. She attends school at American Musical and Dramatic Academy (AMDA), and is studying to get her Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance Theater. AMDA also has a campus in New York and she will have the opportunity to study there during her third semester and can't wait to see what they have to offer. While in LA, Darby has been able to do a little sightseeing during her free time. Actually, she just has to step outside and she is next to some pretty huge tourist attractions. The Hollywood Walk of Fame is right across the street from her dorm, Capitol Records is caddy corner from her school, and the Chinese Theater on Hollywood Boulevard (with famous stars' hand/footprints) is just a block away. So, even though it has been difficult to adjust being so far away from her family and friends, she is so thankful for the experience that allows her to do what she love every day!



Dakota Krejci Smith '14 is studying Architecture at K-State and is excited to be a sprinter on the Wildcat Track Team.



Six Skutt Catholic alums received their white coats during initiation ceremonies at the University of Nebraska Medical Center this past August: L-R: **Jennilee McCarty '10**, **Michaela Klesitz '10**, **Rebecca Osborn '10**, **Andy Hollins '10**, **Derek Vogel '09**, and **Joe Pachunka '09**

Former Skutt Catholic tennis stars **Angela Polodna '03**, **Elise Sambol '07**, and **Brian Polodna '07** returned to the courts during a celebration this past Fall.

Alumni *Updates*

Why German?

Faculty member Cynthia Carlson explores why German is a beneficial language to master and how it has opened doors for several Skutt Catholic alumni.

A case can be made for studying any language, or many languages for that matter, but a helpful question to ask when choosing to study a particular foreign language is which one will serve you best in school, college, and in the workforce. If the question is focused on which language will offer you a competitive edge in such fields or industries as alternative energy, pharmaceuticals, automotive, engineering, construction, heavy equipment, transportation, precision instruments, medical equipment, finance, banking, insurance, technology, the arts, scientific research, architecture, philosophy, medicine, music, and computer science, then consider German for the following reasons:

- Germany is first in the world for financial support to study at its secondary schools and universities, and ranks third in the highest number of international students.
- Four of the five best “quality of living” cities for students are located in German-speaking countries: Vienna, Zurich, Munich, and Berlin.
- Berlin ranks as first in the world as the best place for creative artists of any kind, and is the most affordable city for students pursuing all arts.
- Germany is the second-most innovative country in the world after the U.S.
- German is the most widely spoken native language in Europe, and the official language of Austria, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Belgium, and Italy’s South Tyrol. German is also a minority language in Denmark, Poland, France, Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania, and Slovakia.
- German is the third most taught foreign language in the world, and second most popular language in Europe and Japan, after English.
- English is a Germanic language, making German easier for English speakers to learn. Other Germanic languages include Dutch, Yiddish, Flemish, Afrikaans, Frisian, Swedish, Danish, Norwegian, and Icelandic.
- The average lifetime earnings bonus for students of German is significantly higher than for students of the most commonly taught Romance Languages.
- Germany is the fourth largest national economy in the world, while Switzerland and Austria rank third and fourth in the EU in per capita GDP.
- Switzerland is currently ranked first in the world for economic competitiveness with Germany ranking fifth.
- In terms of market size, innovation, infrastructure, and training, Germany ranks third in the world. U.S. companies and state governments are studying the German model in training skilled factory workers.
- Germany is second only to China as the world’s largest exporter, with the highest balance of payments surplus.
- Germany has invested over a trillion euros in the U.S. Each country employs about 800,000 people in the other’s workforce. There are over 3,700 headquarters and branch offices of German-owned subsidiaries in the U.S.
- Nine of the 50 largest companies in the world are German: the best known are BMW; Daimler; Deutsche Post; Deutsche Telekom; Siemens; and Volkswagen. Hochtief is the world’s leading construction company, and Deutsche Bank is one of the biggest financial institutions. Daimler and Siemens rank 3rd and 4th in spending on research and development.
- Bertelsmann is the world’s largest publisher and German book publishing as a whole ranks third in the world after England and China.
- Germany’s SAP is the world’s largest software producer after Silicon Valley, Boston, and London, and “de” is the most widely used country-specific domain.
- Germany is ranked the most energy-efficient country in the world and a leader in alternative energy by the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy.
- Germany, Austria and Switzerland consistently rank at or near the top in Winter and Summer Olympic sports. Germany is the only country whose men and women have both won the World Cup, with the German Men’s team scoring the highest number of goals in soccer history.

Sources Consulted: GE Innovation Barometer 2014; The Economist; Mercer Consulting Quality of Living Survey; World Economic Forum Global Competitiveness Report; Bloomberg Business Report; The Wall Street Journal; The New York Times; International Herald-Tribune; The German Information Center; German Business Matters—A Congressional Study Group on Germany; German American Chamber of Commerce; Goethe Institute; BBC Poll World Polls; Globe Scan Country Ratings; U.S. State Department German Fact Sheet; United Nations Human Development Index; German-American Heritage Foundation; UNESCO Worldometer, Forbes, et al

Oh, the Places You'll Go!

"You have brains in your head.
You have feet in your shoes.
You can steer yourself any
direction you choose."

-Dr. Seuss



Presentation on
Bayesian Statistics in
Vienna, Austria



Molly "Dagmar" Gottschalk '07 studied German at UNL where she also earned her MBA. She currently

works at Sandhills Publishing (based in Lincoln, NE) for the international publication Marketbox, which requires travel to their overseas territory in Berlin, Germany. Meetings are often conducted in German which gives Molly the chance to maintain her language skills.



Austin "Markus" Newcomer '12 is currently studying German at UNL and enrolled in ROTC. He recently won the highly coveted German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge, awarded by the Bundeswehr, and one of the few foreign badges allowed to be worn by the US military. While still at Skutt, Austin toured Germany with a fellow German student/National Wrestling Champion & Internationally Ranked, Thomas Gilman.



Brenna "Bianca" Rossi '13 is an undergraduate student at the University of Dallas in Texas majoring in Biochemistry with a minor in German. She hopes to do research in Germany in the summer of 2015 with a DAAD scholarship. As a Skutt sophomore, Brenna participated in a summer exchange program with a partner school in Bregenz, Austria, along with classmates **Alexis "Alexandra" Schinco**, **Mary "Monika" Friedt**, and **Haley "Kerstin" Eck**.



Bryant "Bernd" Wulfkuhle '06 currently works as a Biochemist with Dow AgroSciences in Indianapolis after graduating from Purdue University with a degree in Biotechnology. Bryant was the very first Skutt Catholic student-and the only one to date-to spend his entire junior year of high school abroad, with a full scholarship from the Bundestag Youth Exchange Program.



William "Wolfie" Gross '10 is a graduate of DePaul University in Chicago, IL with separate degrees in Political Science and Relational Communication, along with minors in Modern Language (German) and ASL (American Sign Language). Since leaving Skutt Catholic, Will has spent nearly six months abroad, and says that his German skills always save the day when English does not suffice.

Vojtech Helikar '05 came to Skutt Catholic as an exchange student from the Czech Republic, and continued his study of German while here. He earned scholarships to study Economics in Germany and Austria, and currently serves as Executive Director of the Czech Trade Promotion in Sydney, Australia. Vojtech knows first-hand the rewards for German-speaking specialists in international business.

Cynthia Carlson

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SKUTT CATHOLIC

Around *Skutt Catholic*

Still Waters Run Deep in *Big Fish*

The Skutt Catholic Theatre and Vocal Music departments kicked off the theatre season this fall with the Nebraska premiere of *Big Fish!* We were only the 8th theatre company to produce this beautiful musical since it closed on Broadway last December. John August and Andrew Lippa adapted Daniel Wallace's novel, *Big Fish* that was the basis of a Tim Burton movie in 2003.

On the surface, *Big Fish* is full of stories of epic proportions with a giant, werewolf, and witch, but underneath, it is a telling story of a father and son who have lost the connection they once had. Sometimes the most difficult relationships are the ones that become the most important because of what they can teach us. We have to learn to see beyond the surface, to the person, and when it comes to the relationship between parents and a child, nothing could be truer.



Photo credits: Karen Spulock

With auditions last May, a week-long summer boot-camp, and acting, choreography, and vocal rehearsals that began in August, the cast and crew members pushed themselves to meet new challenges. The cast and crew members learned to juggle, walk on stilts, and tap dance. They created an "Alabama Stomp," performed dream sequences, dealt with flying fish and robotic set pieces. A cast member was even shot out of a cannon, while others interacted with the audience. These are just a few examples of taking SC theatre to new limits.

More than 50 students participated in the musical, along with a 17-piece professional orchestra. This year, alumna **Traci Christensen Stiles '02** joined the artistic team as choreographer.

In its second year, the Nebraska High School Theatre Awards (NHSTA) program provides an opportunity for musical theatre students to receive professional critiques. After receiving last year's outstanding performance award in June, the musical theatre



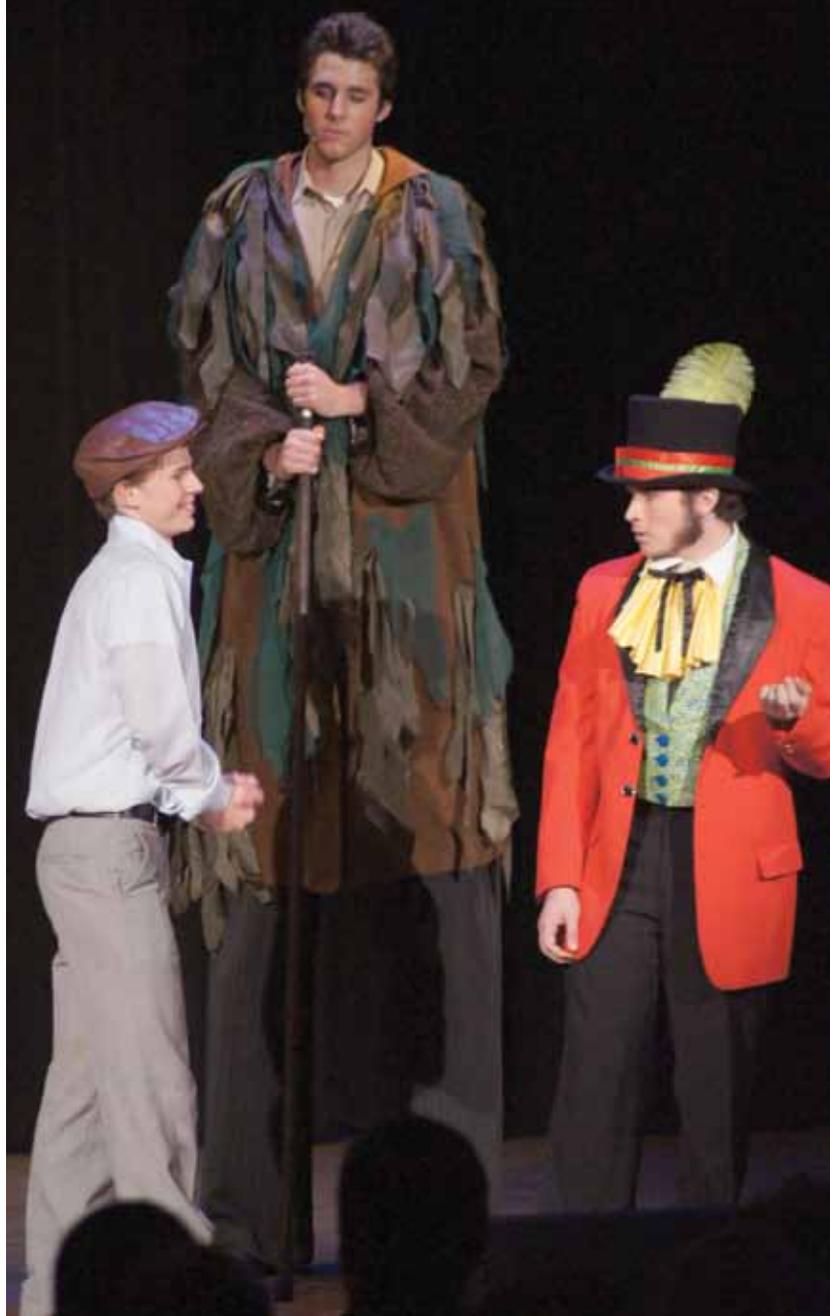


students used this premiere opportunity to showcase all that we can do.

One professional said, "I've been going to musicals for more than 40 years. This story had more emotional impact on me than 90 percent of the musicals I've seen, thanks to strong lead performances. Ensemble work showed excellent attention to detail and individual role-playing. The energy levels and focus were strong." We have high hopes for possible recognition at the NHSTA's again this year.

One of the cast members told me, "Big Fish tries hard to teach an audience a story of love, comedy, and relationships ... I have learned the tenderness and beauty of life. Death comes for us all, and this taught me how to live for something far greater than The End." We had a wonderful time bringing this story to our stage and sharing all of the myths and legends it contained.

Mark Schnitzler



SKUTT CATHOLIC

Around *Skutt Catholic*

Fall 2014

What a kickoff to the fall season; the SkyHawks started the 2014-15 school year with a state championship in football and two runner up finishes in girls golf and volleyball!

Girls Golf

Coach Mike Stolarskyj returned a great group of girl golfers this past season. The girls finished 1st at the River City Conference (RCC) meet and 1st at districts with **Teresa Kaiser** individually winning districts. The team completed an amazing season as state runner up with **Teresa Kaiser** finishing 12th at the state meet. Team members also included **Lydia Nokels**, **Emma Sheridan**, **Maggie Elliott**, and **Elia Healy**.

Boys Tennis

The week of state golf always ends with additional state competitions in boys tennis and softball. The boys tennis team, coached by Sheryl Vaughn was in rebuilding mode. There were some setbacks but every match was extremely hard fought. At the RCC tournament **Skyler Lowe** won #1 singles.

Softball

Coach Keith Engelkamp's softball team included a talented group of senior girls and finished the season with a 20-12 record. The team had a great run at the RCC tournament but fell just short in the

championship game. The SkyHawks faced a tough task in their district as the top two teams in the state were also in their district. Only one team was guaranteed a state tournament spot. The SkyHawks fell to Elkhorn in the semifinals and just missed out on a wildcard invite to state. Great effort girls!

Cross Country

As they always have, the SkyHawk Cross Country team and Coach Steve Schumacher ran and ran and ran during summer workouts. The boys and the girls began the year with personal and team goals just within their reach. At the RCC meet held at Mount Michael, the girls finished 1st; individual placements saw **Kelli Zavadil** 2nd, **Abby Nicholas** 3rd, **Abby Lenz** 4th, **Kaelie Lenz** 7th, **Macy Damewood**, and **Mary Ninneman**. The boys finished in 4th place with **Trevor Camenzind** 4th, **Jon Camenzind** 10th, **Scott Friend**, **Andrew Heithoff**, **Jacob Baumert**, **Brett Manternach**. A week later at districts, at SC, the boys finished 2nd and the girls were 1st. At state, the boys finished 6th, while the girl's team finished a terrific season with a 3rd place finish. **Abbey Lenz** earned an impressive 8th place medal. For a runner, there are always more trails to conquer.



Football

Coach Matt Turman kicked off their season with a few dominate wins. The team experienced a couple learning losses in the middle of the year before putting together an impressive run in the playoffs. The SkyHawks culminated their season with a state championship. In the playoffs, Skutt Catholic defeated Waverly 35-0, Seward 17-13, and Scottsbluff 28-7 to advance to Memorial Stadium. In the championship game, the SkyHawk offense showed the Elkhorn Antlers their dominance. They controlled the game and soared to a 40-10 victory. SkyHawk Football has reached the state playoffs 11 of the last 12 years and this was the program's 3rd state championship in ten years. Great year guys!



Volleyball



Girls Golf



Mock Trial

Volleyball

Volleyball Coach Renee Saunders began her 4th season with leadership provided by two dedicated seniors, **Claire Knust** and **Monica Hruby**. The SkyHawks won the RCC tournament. A tough district brought a #1 seed and huge wins over Elkhorn South and Elkhorn. However, the SkyHawks came up just short falling to Norris in the state final. Saunderson's team finished the season as state runner-up with a 36-6 record and plenty of amazing memories.



Football

Mock Trial

Mock Trial, coached by faculty member Mary Meyers and SkyHawk parents Pat and Judy Borchers, had a dominate run this fall. The team battled Duchesne Academy at the mock trial state tournament. It was a skillful trial by both teams. The SkyHawks came up just short and were awarded state runner-up. Mock Trial has won five out of the last six state championships and has made several trips to nationals.

What a year and it is only January!

Jeremy Moore
Athletic Director

Community Involvement Day

On Wed., Oct. 1, Skutt Catholic High School students, faculty and administration participated in our annual Community Involvement Day. During this wonderful 'Hawktober' tradition, the entire student body visited various agencies and schools that serve the elderly, children, those experiencing poverty, and the disabled and sick within the Omaha and surrounding community. This day provides students and faculty the opportunity to learn about the people and agencies that serve the needs of our community, and then do service themselves. It is a joy every year to hear how the students' eyes were opened and their hearts were touched through the people they had interacted with on this day.

This year, our students spent time with almost 50 sites in the Omaha and surrounding area. Some of their experiences included a Fashion Show at Good Samaritan Society-Millard, building with Habitat for Humanity, bus training with students at Millard Young Adult Program, and painting pumpkins with residents of nursing homes. Two groups partnered with students with disabilities from Boyd Elementary and played games at Seymour Smith Park. We closed the day watching a slideshow of pictures of all of the different places we visited and people we met that day.

Julie Schmitz
Service Coordinator





Jill and Mike McMahon

Our Skutt Catholic

Mike McMahon

One of the poems we study in our Theology and Literature class is a poem by Gerard Manly Hopkins titled Spring and Fall. On the surface it is a poem about a young girl named Margaret who is mourning the loss of summer and the coming of winter as she watches the leaves fall from the trees. However, the last line of poem reads, "It is the blight man was born for, it is Margaret you mourn for." Every year we watch the green life of summer slowly slip away to the bleak death of winter. Hopkins reminds us as we watch the leaves die and fall from the trees that we, too, were not meant to live on this earth forever. This fall Skutt Catholic lost her beloved Mr. McMahon. Mike McMahon had been such a part of this school that it is hard to picture one without the other. He was beloved by faculty, staff, families, and most importantly, students. So many people turned out for his vigil service and funeral that there was standing room only at both events. It was a testament to the impact that Mike had on people's lives; but I think it was a testament to something even greater as well. It was a testament to our faith, the faith that we so proudly profess here at Skutt Catholic. The vigil service for Catholic funerals states that we believe that death is not the end, nor does it destroy the bonds we form in our lives. Nobody at Skutt Catholic will ever forget Mr. McMahon, nor will our love and admiration for him ever change. We are still very sad about his death, and that sadness will continue for some time. But, like the young girl in the poem, we also know that even though leaves die and fall to the ground, spring is never far off. We believe that all who die in Christ will rise with Him on the last day. This is the very cornerstone of our faith, that Jesus Christ suffered and died for us and purchased for us the rewards of eternal life. That message was on display at Mr. McMahon's funeral, it is on display every time we gather for Mass, and it is on display in the very way we live our lives. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

Rev. Jeff Mollner

Mark Ferguson '05

Mark Ferguson graduated Skutt Catholic in 2005. He attended the University of Nebraska – Lincoln, pursuing a degree in Criminal Justice. During his first year at the university he was hired as a dispatcher for the University Police Department; a job he held until after his 2010 graduation. After police dispatcher he joined Air Methods, an emergent air ambulance company. Mark enjoyed his dispatching work, but the lure of criminal justice work was too strong, and he accepted a job with the Nebraska Department of Corrections, a job he held until his death.

Mark was loud, happy, and loving person. He was larger than life and you couldn't help but notice him when he walked into a room. He was the towering, laughing, bearded-figure that refused to comb his hair and had to be pushed out the door to go home at the end of the night. Mark loved people: old friends, new friends, and strangers. He easily made friends and a friendship with Mark was a friendship for life.

On Nov. 14, 2014 Mark died in Nashville, TN. Much has been written and said about the events surrounding his death, but as our family deals with the grieving process there is one point which we choose to focus. When Mark stepped from the bridge and fell into the darkness, a fall which ultimately claimed his life, he did so in the search of a lost and beleaguered driver. During the past month the word hero has been foisted around to describe his actions. I believe that he was a hero, but not because he died trying to do a good deed. My brother was a hero because after he



Mark and Amanda Ferguson



Sarah and Paul Troupe

Community Mourns

fell, mortally injured, he continued to express concern for the lost driver's welfare, asking again and again if he had been located. The selflessness he displayed in the moments of his death, more than anything else, proves his heroism.

There is much I could say about my brother's life, but it was the actions of others after he died that best stood testament to his character. Mourning with our family were Mark's friends who ranged from new acquaintances to grade school companions. There were countless co-workers, past and present. The two Nashville Police Officers who were with Mark when he died were so moved they took personal time off and drove to Omaha for the service. But the strongest testament of all was the actions of the prisoners that Mark was assigned to monitor as an employee of the Nebraska Department of Corrections. These men, who would have every reason to hate, dislike, or avoid their jailer, pooled their meager resources and sent cards and a donation to his family, their only means of offering comfort.

My brother was a grandson, son, brother, husband, father, uncle, godfather, and a good man. To all he is an example of mid-western values, Christian charity, and basic humanism. The world is poorer for his loss, yet richer for his example of goodness.

Lowell Ferguson

Paul Troupe '10

Paul Troupe, class of 2010, was killed in a traffic accident in Phoenix, AZ on Nov. 19, 2014. He is survived by his wife Sarah, parents Doug and Sherri Troupe and sister Katie.

Paul excelled at Skutt Catholic, earning 10 varsity letters for academics and athletics. He was the captain of the cross country team and finished 10th at the State Cross Country Meet his senior year.

After graduating from Skutt Catholic, Paul attended Iowa State University in Ames, IA. He graduated from ISU in May 2014 with a degree in Aerospace Engineering. At ISU he was a member of the Cardinal Key Society, Sigma Gamma Tau Aerospace Society, Tau Beta Pi Engineering Society, Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, and the Salt Company college ministry along with numerous other clubs and organizations.

Paul and Sarah met at Iowa State where Sarah also earned her degree in Aerospace Engineering. The couple was married in Cedar Rapids, IA on May 24, 2014. After a three-week honeymoon traveling throughout Europe, Paul and Sarah moved to St. Louis, MO where they began their careers at Boeing Company.

Paul was a friend to all and always saw the good in every person. He served everyone he met with compassion and love. He was a source of light and happiness in the lives of so many. He lived his life for the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ and was welcomed into the arms of the Savior.

Memorials are being accepted at Skutt Catholic High School to establish a scholarship in his memory.

Doug and Sherri Troupe

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SKUTT CATHOLIC

Around Skutt Catholic

SkyHawks in the City

SkyHawks in the City is a 'service trip' within Omaha. Students immerse themselves in a weekend of service in our own backyard. We offer one trip each semester, Nov. 21-23, 2014, and March 27-29, 2015, leaving right after school on Friday, returning on Sunday afternoon, while staying overnight at the Archdiocesan Retreat and Conference Center.

In November, 16 students participated in SkyHawks in the City. Our weekend began with Manicure Mania with the residents at Good Samaritan Society in Millard and line dancing with members of the VSP Club. On Saturday, we distributed Thanksgiving meals at Heart Ministry Center, served lunch at the Open Door Mission, ate lunch at Table Grace Cafe followed by a talk about their mission, and packaged meals with Kids Against Hunger. On Saturday evening, we visited with the residents at Sheltering Tree, a brand new housing community for young adults with developmental disabilities. Former Skutt Catholic teacher, Duane Thome, was very instrumental in the building of this facility and it was very inspiring to see his dream become a reality.

On Sunday morning, we went to Mass at Holy Family and helped make sandwiches with the Holy Family Lunch Program. Throughout the weekend we also shared in reflection and prayer together.

These students were very enthusiastic as they helped wherever needed, truly serving others with a giving spirit. Many of the students volunteer regularly and several return to the sites we visited over the weekend to continue serving.



Rendezvous
Trading Post

Pictured L-R: Juniors
Michael Franklin,
Allison West, Andrew
Friedt, Brennan Jones,
Madi Koperski

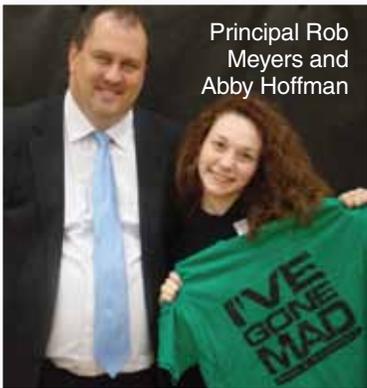
Julie Schmitz
Service Coordinator

Posing for a holiday
photo are Mock Trial's
Nina Chen, Mary
Ninneman, Marie
Wagner, Brittany
Margritz, and Grace
Smith. The boys
peeking behind the
tree are Nick Wagner
and Christian Jasper.



Christmas Choir





Principal Rob Meyers and Abby Hoffman



Bailey Pfeifer and Principal Rob Meyers



Arlo Selix with his mom Vicky Altic

SkyHawks Gone M.A.D. is an award given each month to a student who exemplifies, by their words and deeds, what it means to be a true SkyHawk. M.A.D. stands for our school motto "Make a Difference." Students are nominated by faculty, other students, and the community. Congratulations to the winners of the *SkyHawks Gone M.A.D.* for the first semester of this school year.



Ruby Ding playing Chinese Dulcimer



The 2014 Mr. SkyHawk Pageant was superb entertainment for all in attendance! Marty Plum was our Emcee for the first time and did a wonderful job. This year's winner was Kyle O'Neill a senior varsity football and baseball player. He is pictured in the orange tuxedo with fellow contestant Shane Miller who was the runner up. Shane will fulfill all the Mr. SkyHawk duties, should Kyle be unable complete his reign.



Katie Walker and Matthew Pohlman are seen emerging from the TARDIS box during a Skutt Catholic home football game.



Dressed for Homecoming: Maggie Keller, Alyssa Schmitt, Rebecca Langel, and Emily Eich



Honoring the Sweep in girls tennis



This photo was taken at a Skutt Catholic home football game and includes current Colorguard members and middle school students as part of the band fun night.



These ladies are in the Skutt Catholic Colorguard. From L-R are: sophomores Samantha Lierz and Mckenna Schmidt and junior Brianna Siracuse.



Jazz Band

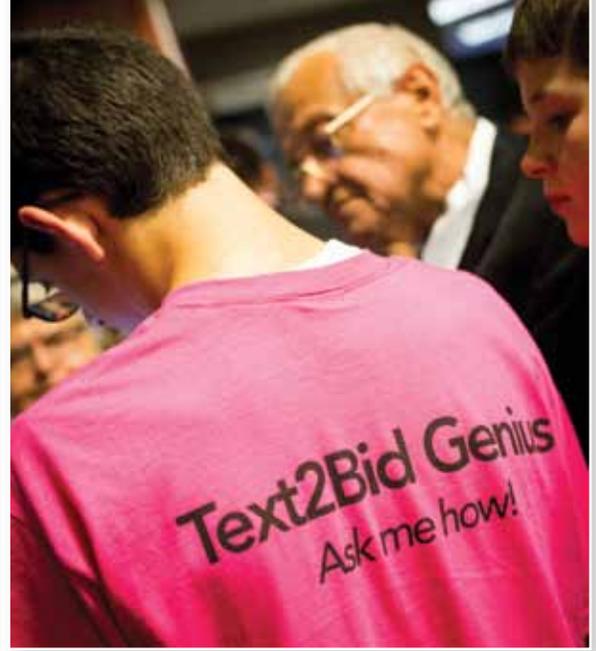


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Skutt Catholic

Angel Flight 2014

When a collection of brilliant minds, hearts, and talents come together...

...Expect a Masterpiece



Over 530 people attended Angel Flight 2014 – Expect a Masterpiece. The event was held on Sat., Sept. 27 at Skutt Catholic High School. **Steve & Chris Mendlik** and **Brent & Michele Pohlman** served as general chairs for the fundraiser. The Commons and gymnasium functioned as open canvases and were transformed into beautiful works of art for the silent auction, live auction, and gourmet

dinner. The event raised nearly \$400,000 for the school. Honorary Chairs **Paul and Patty Mendlik** established a \$25,000 endowed scholarship for Skutt Catholic students. **Dr. Christopher Wolfe** was named Outstanding Alumnus of the Year (see article on the next page) and **John McMahon's President's Wish List** raised \$60,000 for renovation of the school's chapel.



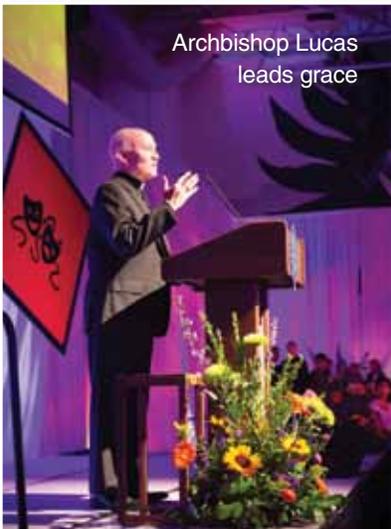
Steve & Chris Mendlik and Michele & Brent Pohlman



The Paul and Patty Mendlik family



Lydia Nokels and Theresa Kaiser sell special raffle tickets



Archbishop Lucas leads grace



Big Fish cast performs

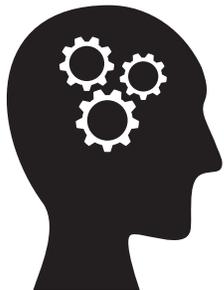


Dr. Christopher Wolfe named Outstanding Alumnus of the Year

Dr. Christopher Wolfe is a 1999 graduate of Skutt Catholic High School and a 2003 graduate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree majoring in biotechnology with a minor in chemistry. In 2008 Dr. Wolfe graduated Summa Cum Laude from Northeastern State University Oklahoma College of Optometry. During his education, Dr. Wolfe received extensive training in all aspects of primary eye care: including eye infections, cataracts, diabetic eye care, specialty contact lenses, and pediatrics. He completed an internship at BVA Advanced Eye Care in Tulsa, OK where he gained specialty training in minor surgical techniques, as well as therapeutic laser ocular surgery. Dr. Wolfe won the Golden Retinoscope Award, the Oklahoma College of Optometry's highest distinction for clinical excellence. Dr. Wolfe also served as president of the American Optometric Student Association, where he represented over 6,000 members. Currently he is a member of the State Government Relations Committee of the American Optometric Association and is the Legislative Chairman for the Nebraska Optometric Association (NOA) and serves on the Board of Directors for the NOA.

Dr. Wolfe and his wife, Jaime Ammons Wolfe '00, have six children, daughters - Ryan, Paityn, Camryn, and Logan and sons - Lincoln and Deacon.

Save the *Date*



FEBRUARY 13, 2015

Trivia Night Fundraiser

Put a team together and join Fr. Jeff Mollner and Rachel Twist on Fri., Feb. 13 in the Commons as they raise funds for the Skutt Catholic summer mission trips to Haiti and Rosebud.

MARCH 7, 2015

Mark Ferguson Fundraiser

Family and friends of the late Mark Ferguson are holding a game/trivia night in the SC Commons with proceeds benefitting Mark and Amanda's infant daughter Genevieve Ferguson's Education Fund.

MARCH 27 AND 28, 2015

Skutt Catholic Alumni Basketball Tournament

Start organizing your team and watch for online sign-ups on SkuttCatholic.com.

MAY 15, 2015

Baccalaureate Mass - 7 p.m. at St Patrick's Catholic Church in Gretna

MAY 16, 2015

Graduation - 2:30 p.m. at the Holland Performing Arts Center

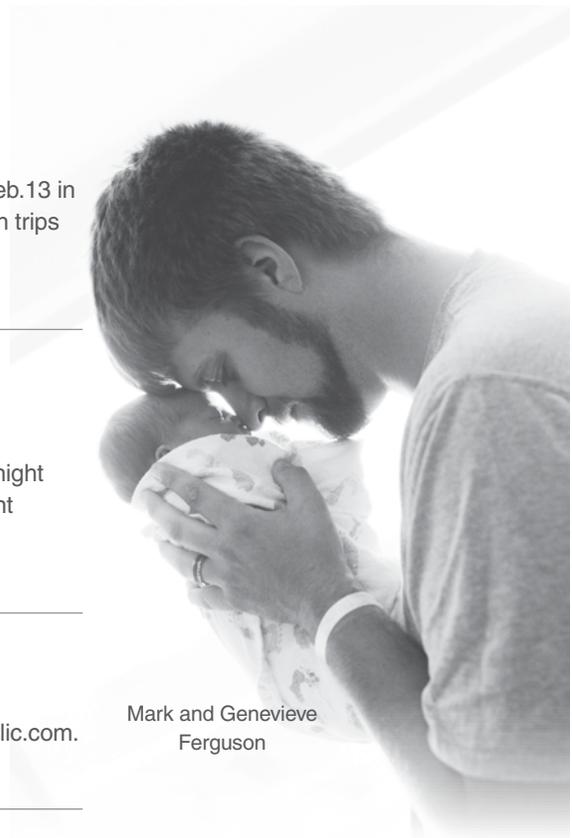
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Skutt Catholic Alumni Association's
Flight for Excellence Golf Tournament

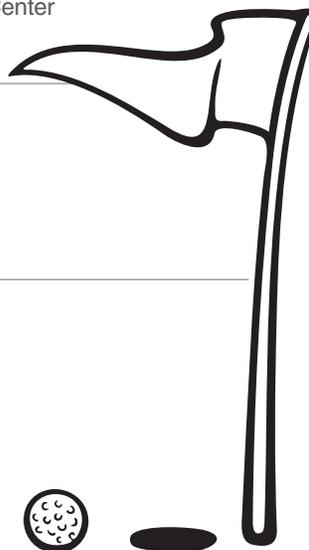
JUNE 27, 2015

Skutt Catholic High School
Class of 2005 10-Year Reunion

Reunion Chair: Ryan McQuillan
Contact Ryan at ryanmcq11@gmail.com with questions or offers to help in the planning process.



Mark and Genevieve
Ferguson



**10
YEAR
REUNION**

Chairman's Letter

It seems as though every year is a successful year at Skutt Catholic High School. As you will see in this annual report we achieved financial success through the support of our generous donors and by the sound fiscal management of our administration and faculty.

The high expectations and work ethic of our students, parents, faculty, and staff isn't surprising, but it is also something we can't take for granted. We must constantly challenge ourselves to raise the bar. We should also strive to help every student who attends Skutt Catholic maximize their abilities and opportunities.



Phil Ruden
Chairman of the Board

We must also adapt to change. As was mentioned in last year's letter our students are used to change. In the not too distant future they will very likely be riding in driverless cars that drop them off at work. The car will then go to the grocery store to pick up their submitted on-line order, along with their dry cleaning, before returning to the office to pick them up. Sound crazy? Go *Back to the Future* and look at the world when our seniors were kindergarteners – Walkmans were just on the verge of being supplanted by something called an iPod. Texting was a new concept. How do we prepare children to make ethical and moral decisions in a world of twitter, snap-chat, etc? As the world changes, so do the ways that we as adults and role models guide our children. I am proud to be included among those who are accepting these new challenges. I am also proud of how our administrative leadership approached the implementation of new technology with the successful launch of the iPad program and how they and our faculty have managed the challenges that came with it. They didn't shrug at the challenges but accepted each one as an opportunity and as the reality of the world in which our students live.

As I write this letter I am a parent whose fourth and youngest child will graduate from Skutt Catholic next May (barring a total melt down on his part.) I want to thank the parents who came before me. They built this school and guided it to an amazingly successful first 21 years. I guess you might say Skutt Catholic is legally an adult - but clearly this institution is not done maturing or attaining new levels of success. Thus on that note, while I am grateful for the past leaders, I would like to pass the torch to new leaders with fresh ideas that will continue to prepare our students for a future that not even *Marty McFly* has yet seen.

God's blessings to all of you and thank you for all you do for Skutt Catholic.

Phil Ruden
Chairman of the Board

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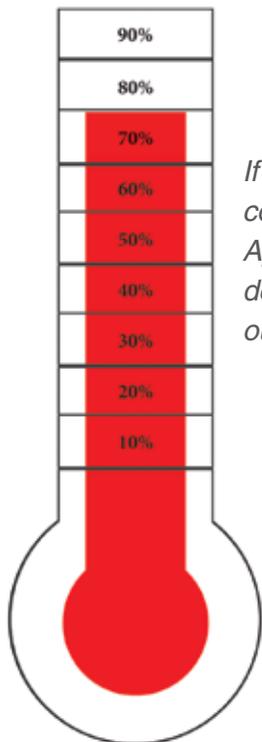
2013-2014 Annual Report

The 2014-15 Annual Appeal is underway. The goal for this year's appeal is \$125,000. The funds raised offset our operational costs and help keep tuition as affordable as possible. The Annual Appeal helps make up the difference between what a family pays in tuition and the actual cost to educate one student. Your support at a level meaningful to you will make a difference towards our overall goal. Thank you for your consideration and support of Skutt Catholic High School!



Christine and Chuck Stevens
2014-15 Annual Appeal Chairs

**2014-15
Annual Appeal GOAL!
100%**



If you have not yet contributed to the Annual Appeal, please consider donating. Help us reach our \$125,000 goal.

Operating Revenue:	Amounts:
Tuition and Fees	\$6,289,171
Less Financial Aid & Scholarships	(\$891,580)
Net Tuition and Fees	\$5,397,591

Parish Assessments	\$272,022
Student Activities	\$135,504
Auxiliary Activities	\$123,724
Other revenue	\$38,013
Total Operating Revenue	\$5,966,854

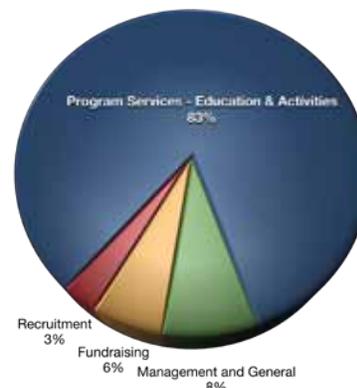
Operating Expenses:	Amounts:
Instructional	\$3,451,871
Student Activities	\$708,219
Auxiliary Activities	\$107,497
General Administration	\$912,452
Recruitment	\$155,140
Plant Operations & Maintenance	\$776,835
Depreciation	\$492,096
Interest	\$17,493
Total Operating Expenses	\$6,621,603

Operating Loss	*(\$654,749)
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Nonoperating Revenue, Support, Expenses, Gains, & Losses	Amounts:
Interest and Investment Income, net	\$308,901
Development & Fundraising Income	\$1,087,785
Development & Fundraising Expense	(\$453,751)
Total Nonoperating Revenue, Support, Expenses, Gain, & Losses	*\$942,935

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$288,186
NET ASSETS, Beginning of Year	\$10,813,330
NET ASSETS, End of Year	\$11,101,516

Functional Allocation 2014



*Tuition and parish assessments cover approximately 90% of the school's operating expenses, while the remaining 10% is funded by charitable contributions to the Annual Appeal, Angel Flight, and other fundraising campaigns. Thanks to our generous donors who make it possible to carry out the school's mission, values, and programs.

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In Memoriam

The following names are friends of Skutt Catholic who have passed away since July 1, 2014. If you have an immediate family member who has passed way recently, please contact the Advancement Office. We would be honored to include them in the Skutt Catholic Book of Remembrance.

James Black - father of Kerry Black (faculty member)

Ron and Eleanor Byrd - maternal grandparents of Michael Stibbs '07, and Lindsey Stibbs '10

Mark Ferguson - husband of Amanda (Meehan) Ferguson '07, brother and brother-in-law of Samuel (Lowell) Ferguson '00 and wife Nicole (Zych) Ferguson '00, brother and brother-in-law of John Ferguson '02 and wife Kalene (Stremlau) Ferguson '02, and brother of Alan Ferguson '05

Cecil Fullinfaw - paternal grandfather of Ian Fullinfaw '14, Colin Fullinfaw '17, Nathan Fullinfaw '17, and Trevor Fullinfaw '17

Dennis Gorham - father of Reece Gorham '09 and Chase Gorham '12

Donald Gregory - paternal grandfather of Elizabeth Gregory '15

Thomas Harn - uncle of Cassidy and Kelsey O'Malley '15

Ervan Heinz - paternal grandfather of Jeffrey Heinz '17

Richard F. Jacoby - maternal grandfather of Rachel Mihulka '11 and David Mihulka '17

Timothy D. Koch - brother of Kelsey Koch '05

Ben Mannino - maternal grandfather of Natalie Hahn '14 and Rachel Hahn '17

Richard (Mick) Marsicek - father of Malorie Marsicek '05, Steven Marsicek '07, and Scott Marsicek '10

Michael McMahon - past faculty member and father of Erin (McMahon) Render '02, father-in-law of Brett Render '02, and father of Andrew McMahon '08

Joseph Miklas - paternal grandfather of Joseph (Cody) Miklas '13 and Tim Miklas '18

Lou Pantano - maternal grandfather of Ryan Healy '10, Nolan Healy '12, Christian Healy '15, and Elia Healy '17

Romona Reuland - maternal grandmother of Adam Podraza '13, and Christopher Podraza '15

Peter Rigatuso - paternal grandfather of John Paul Rigatuso '16

Conrad Slater - paternal grandfather of Michael Slater '08, Christopher Slater '10, and Stephanie Slater '14

Dorothy (Vonnie) Spellman - paternal grandmother of Meghan Spellman '17

Mildred Stodola - paternal great grandmother of Courtney Stodola '15

Ordine (Todd) Tastad - maternal grandfather of Eric Urbanec (SC athletic trainer)

Louis Thiele - maternal grandfather of Laura (Christiansen) Larson '02, Ann Christiansen '04, Adam Christiansen '07, and paternal grandfather of Andrew Thiele '08, Emily Thiele '11, and Jenifer Hjelmstad '11

Paul Troupe '10 - brother of Katie Troupe '13

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This is an excerpt from Sandy Lane Brucker's blog. Sandy's son Ben was a member of the 2013 Class B State Football Championship team. Her words perfectly capture the best part of winning a high school state championship from a parent's point of view.

Today's confession is that I cried a bit as I remembered the game. And the tears weren't from the small bit of the game that I saw live, it's what I saw after. The joy of the win. Watching my

son, his coaches, and teammates sharing this moment was unforgettable.

As I drove home yesterday, cherishing this memory with welled up eyes, I called Ben. As any good mother would, I wanted to share with him my reliving of the moment and to tell him I was tearful.

"Why are you crying, Mom? Are you sad?" asked my college son, now eons away from his high school years.

What I told him was the truth. And it was far from sad. My tears were happy.

As I reflected on that glorious night, I remembered a full heart bursting with happiness. I watched my son and his team feel immense joy. There is no better feeling as a parent than to watch your child experience joy...raw, pure, beautiful joy.

That was it. That was how I felt. My tears stemmed from knowing Ben would have this memory forever. And that made me very happy.

Sandy Lane Brucker