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ON THE COVER:

As Blessed William Joseph Chaminade calls us to do, Chaminade Julienne is reading the signs of the times and shaping the landscape of education. “Programming and space are being elevated to prepare today’s students to become life-long learners, contributing members of society and people of compassion, integrity, and service” through a recently announced \$25 million campaign effort, Ascend.

Because of early gifts provided by CJ’s generous community, spaces and offices in the former Marianist Hall

have found new homes in the main school and in Founders Center, for example. Future gifts will create new opportunities including that all students will be able to attend a mission trip during their time at CJ.

Read more about the announcement event, what has already been accomplished and what is yet to do on page 4.



EVERY DAY AT CHAMINADE JULIENNE, students from all parts of the greater Dayton region pursue more perfect maturity: intellectual maturity as they use math, science, social studies, English, and all the other subjects to better understand the beauty of God's creation and their own place in the Kingdom of God; physical maturity as they experience changes to their adolescent bodies; and mental maturity as they navigate successes and disappointments, peer relationships and family dynamics, and dreams for and constraints on their plans for the future.

Students are often straining toward what lies ahead — the next athletic contest, the next performing arts event, the first driver's license, senior year, graduation, and what comes after their high school experience. As they mature and as they strain forward, they are being guided, supported, and encouraged by teachers, coaches, counselors, tutors, and staff members who have chosen to walk this journey with them as ministers of the Church and believers in the mission of Catholic education in the tradition of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur and the Marianists.

This is what makes CJ a special place. Families choose Chaminade Julienne to partner with them in this formative time in the lives of the young people they love. Teachers, counselors, coaches, and other adults choose to work at CJ to genuinely be a part of the journey with students and their families. The community of supporters choose to give of their time and resources to help assure that our mission is sustained and expanded. Together, we all join in pursuit of the goal St. Paul describes, for ourselves and the young people we serve: the prize of God's upward calling.

The four years of high school go by in a hurry.

Year after year, students and families arrive at the culmination of the Chaminade Julienne experience at Baccalaureate Mass and the graduation ceremony scarcely believing how time has flown since that first day. Teachers, counselors, and staff members remark how timid 14-year-olds have become confident 18-year-olds who have already made a positive difference in the world through their leadership, community service, pursuit of knowledge, senior capstone projects, and participation in activities like athletics and performing arts that bring others such joy.

Yet, no one knows for certainty where the next journey will take them. While some have clear ideas about their college major and future career path, it is uncertain how their next learning experience — and the lessons learned during the pursuit of perfect maturity at CJ — will shape and form them for a direction they may not have previously considered.

As we hear the stories of CJ graduates now in medical school, law school, founders of technology companies, software technicians at the country's largest companies, Wall Street and U.S. Capitol interns, finishing student teaching,

*It is not that I have already taken hold of it or have already attained perfect maturity, but I continue my pursuit in hope that I may possess it, since I have indeed been taken possession of by Christ Jesus. Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus. **PHILIPPIANS 3:12-14***

serving as campus ministers, and any other number of exciting and rewarding endeavors, we are excited by the manner in which they are heeding St. Paul's words to strain ahead, even while, hopefully, keeping in mind the advice given by St. Julie to her Sisters, "Let us follow the good God step by step, let us not go faster than Him."

For more than 170 years, Chaminade Julienne and our predecessor schools: St. Mary's School for Boys; Notre Dame Academy; Chaminade High School; Julienne High School; and St. Joseph Commercial High School; have been helping young women and men discover and develop their unique gifts and talents granted to them by God, our Father so they can determine how God is calling them to serve the world. The manner by which we do this today looks different than when my siblings and I were students in the 1980s and early 1990s and different from when my father and his siblings were students in the 1950s, 1960s, and early 1970s.

Nonetheless, we do not forget what was left behind as we forge what will be for our students in the years to come. We harness the legacy of our founders, we cherish the commitment of the vowed religious and lay people who came before us, and we remain grateful for all the parents, grandparents, and multitude of benefactors who invested in our mission. We hold these things in our institutional heart, because we know that our students today and those who will be part of the Chaminade Julienne story in the years ahead can only begin to achieve perfect maturity if we continue to reactivate and re-energize all those who care about our mission to continue to make the future brighter than our past, to continue to shape the dreams of today and the future for our students, and to continue to help students learn to do, as Mary said at the wedding feast of Cana, to "do whatever He tells you." John 2:5

Thank you for believing in and supporting the mission of Chaminade Julienne and may God bless you in great abundance,

Daniel J. Meixner '84
President

A Treasured Family



Chuck O'Neill '65 pictured with his daughters: Mandy '87, Josie '90, Vicki '88, and Kasey '97.



Chuck O'Neill, Jr. '65

When thinking about my lifetime so far, I would consider helping others through my work and coaching my kids in their sports as my calling. The thing that has given me the most fulfillment is helping raise my four daughters.

My family is so important to me, they have helped me live the life that I have lived. I am the longest living male on both sides of my family, and I feel that my family has strengthened and supported me, enabling me to pull through some tough times.

My faith in God has also played a role in my life — I believe it has helped me be a better person. I leaned on my faith especially when my wife passed away in 1997.

My hope for future generations is that they get a good education and stay on the right path. I also believe that having good parents who support and help is so important as it will strengthen their faith and their family connections and, in turn, help them be successful.

About Chuck

After graduating in 1965, Chuck attended the University of Dayton and Sinclair before being drafted in the Army and relocated to Germany, where his two oldest daughters were born. After returning to the States, Chuck was a long time employee of DP&L with over 50 years of service. During these years, he coached numerous sports for his daughters. He has since retired and enjoys spending time with his family and attending all their sporting and family activities.

FOUR-GENERATION LEGACY

Being an Eagle is a family tradition for recent graduate Miles Boston. Miles is a fourth-generation graduate on both sides of the family. On the O'Neill side of the family, his mother Kasey '97, grandfather Charles "Chuck" O'Neill Jr. '65, and great-grandmother Elizabeth "Betty" Menke O'Neill '44 (Julienne), are all alumni as are Kasey's sisters Mandy '87, Vicki '88 and Josie '90. On the Boston side of the family, Miles' father Eric '97, grandmother Jane Lyons Boston '74 (St. Joseph Commercial), great-grandfather Charles "Al" Lyons '44 and Eric's sister, Andrea Boston '99 are alumni.

Legacy

Messages of Hope for Future Generations



About Kasey

Born and raised in Dayton and the youngest of four girls, Kasey '97 attended St. Rita Elementary and CJ. She graduated from Wright State University with both a bachelor's and master's degree and has been teaching for 20 years, the last five at CJ. Kasey married Eric '97 in 2004 and they have four children — Miles '24, Max '27, Amelia '30, and Grace '31. In her free time, she enjoys playing volleyball and watching her kids do what they love.

About Miles

While at CJ, Miles '24 was an Eagle Ambassador, in Student Council, FLIGHT, and National Honor Society. He played volleyball for all four years and would like to continue playing club volleyball while attending the University of Cincinnati.

Kasey O'Neill Boston '97

Helping others — hands down — has been my calling in life. I love teaching and being in the classroom and seeing those lightbulb moments! Educating students and helping them grow in all areas of life has been a true blessing for me. I have always wanted to help and care for others, and I do believe God's plan has always been for me to be there for others through service and education. My educational experience growing up was exceptional and I knew I wanted to be like the teachers that I had during my time at CJ.

Being a mom to my four kids has been my true calling in life and gives me the most fulfillment. They mean the world to me, and it's been a huge blessing being able to share my passion of teaching with them at CJ.

Family is of the utmost importance to me. We love to do things together as much as time allows, and when we do, we cherish the moments together. I am also a strong believer in traditions and find myself carrying on the many traditions that my mom and sisters have had over the years, whether it be recipes, holidays, special occasions. I am a huge fan of birthdays and love celebrating my children's. Finding individual quality time with each child is super important to me as well, and I think they enjoy it also.

My hope for future generations is to continue living the life they want but remember to include those around you. It's not just about us as individuals, but our community of family, friends, and those who surround us. We can do so much good in this world if we work together. Showing kindness, grace, and compassion to ourselves and others are critical for our future. It really does take a tribe to be successful!

Miles Boston '24

Family is incredibly important to me as I have a very close relationship with my family, and even more so, my mom. One of the primary reasons I chose Chaminade Julienne is because of all of my family who went to the school before me. When I went to CJ's open



The Boston family celebrating Miles graduation: Kasey '97, Eric '97, Grace '31, Miles '24, Max '27, and Amelia '30.

house in 6th grade, I was really interested and impressed with the STEMM and engineering programs. Between that and the family legacy aspect, I knew Chaminade Julienne was the place for me.

What I am looking forward to most following graduation is the new freedoms and independence that my time at the University of Cincinnati will bring. I'll miss being home, but I'm excited for all the new experiences ahead — and all that I will gain from my time there.

I feel ready for college because CJ has taught me not to take the easy way out. Taking CCP and AP classes has prepared me for the rigor of my major. The Project Lead the Way Engineering courses really kept me engaged and reinforced my hopes of going to college to become an engineer. Mr. (Alan) Rozanski was my teacher for three years — two years for math and also for my third year of PLTW. He's engaging, patient and was always willing to help when needed.



Kasey and Miles Boston led the closing 3 o'clock Prayer at CJ's 50th Anniversary assembly in February.
(See page 6 for article.)

CJ Announces Ascend \$25

Bold Effort Adapts Learning and Spaces to



In April, the CJ Board of Trustees shared their vision for Chaminade Julienne to boldly claim its future in the Dayton region by announcing a \$25 million campaign effort, Ascend. Seeking to serve students in changing times, Ascend will enhance student learning, serve a growing enrollment, and position the school to enact opportunities imagined by the school's campus master plan.

"As Blessed Chaminade calls us to do, we must look for the signs of our times, and then make changes in adapting to the needs of our students in the building today, with opportunities for all," said Dan Meixner '84, president. "Ascend brings those changes and improvements that will best prepare our CJ Eagles to step out in the world confidently as graduates of Chaminade Julienne."

As part of the announcement, John Marshall '86, director of development, said that benefactors had already made gifts and pledges totaling \$18 million toward the goal.

"We are so grateful to those people who continue to create new and exciting opportunities for our school and community and who have helped us make early progress. But we still have some work to do," said Marshall to those who had gathered to hear what was planned for the school, sponsored by the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur and the Marianists.

"The additional \$7 million of gifts from our community that we seek in the months ahead will help pilot our new academic and student support model, CJ United, in the 2024 -2025 school year; allow every student to attend a mission trip or pilgrimage during their time at CJ; and will update remaining spaces in the building centered around student services."



CJ challenge coins were distributed at the announcement event and depict commitment to school mission and CJ community.

Ascend brings programs centered around student support, leadership and faith development, and takes advantage of opportunities to grow CJ's campus and modernize spaces — all to deepen its commitment found in this year's hashtag: #AllAreWelcomeCJ.

"We are now nearly a quarter of the way into the 21st century. We are clearly in a place where young people need to be absolutely certain — in their heads and in their hearts — that God loves them, and that each one is valued and treasured as a child of their creator," said Dan Meixner, CJ president at the announcement event.

"We boldly seek to fortify Chaminade Julienne as a very special place of welcome — a sacred place where students are encouraged to seek God's design for their lives; where students learn and grow alongside of students from different backgrounds; and where students thrive because they are inspired by caring and creative teachers, coaches, and staff members who encourage them to reach for their fullest potential."



Greg Mueller, principal, and Dan Meixner '86, president, shared the background and vision for Ascend at the announcement event in April.

Accomplished so far by Ascend:

Campus Development & Improvements

- Relocation of Marianist Hall spaces into the school building: CJ Chapel, admissions, health clinic, and St. Joseph meeting space;
- The purchase of Founders Center which accommodates administrative offices, space for student activities and 7th and 8th graders from Our Lady of the Rosary; and
- The purchase of the former Dayton Frozen Solutions "Ice House" building.

Student Support & Development Programs

- College and career readiness support;
- English Learner (EL) services support;
- Counseling initiatives and ECHO, Empowering Children with Hope and Opportunity (University of Dayton);
- Teacher professional development and growth plans; and
- Academic scholarships in addition to traditional class scholarships to attract new students.

Ascend will also:

- Help develop and implement the SOAR/advisory model, CJ United, next year;
- Provide means for all students to attend a mission trip during the time at CJ; and
- Renovate spaces dedicated to serving students through academic, social, and emotional well-being. These updates will further the goals to meet the needs of students, regardless of the challenges they may bring or encounter and include the office of student services, counseling office and ECHO spaces, welcome center, health center (already accomplished because of ASCEND), and classrooms.



Hear about some of the things happening because of Ascend through the perspective of students.

Million Campaign

Meet the Needs of Students



After several years of research, best practice visits, discussions, and discernment, Chaminade Julieanne will implement CJ United, a new daily programming model for the 2024-2025 school year that will provide all students with a more enriched and deeper experience during their time at CJ. This is one example of a program supported by the Ascend effort.

This new model will expand and formalize the current social and emotional learning programs, including SOAR and homeroom advisories, to better align education rooted in school mission. It will also provide opportunities for students to more fully grow in an environment steeped in family spirit, encouragement and support.

"Following the call of our sponsors to 'develop holistic learning communities which educate for life,' (Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur), and to 'provide a quality, integral education ... in family spirit,' (The Marianists), we must look at the signs of the times and adapt in providing students of today with new opportunities," said Greg Mueller, principal.

Additional benefits include that new and expanded academic support opportunities will also be built within the school day. Teacher office hours, subject specific tutoring, the testing center and study tables will allow students to access the academic support they need at a time convenient for them.

In a place where #AllAreWelcomeCJ, students will benefit from programming focused on emotional, spiritual, and academic growth. They will learn vital social emotional learning (SEL) skills and build cross grade level relationships, while also deepening their connection to God through sacraments, prayer, and service.

"There will be new and traditional opportunities for students to grow in leadership skills all four years at CJ," said Mueller. "Student enrichment programming will be embedded during the school day, which will allow all students to more fully participate in extracurricular activities such as clubs, student groups, and other opportunities not previously possible because of other after school commitments."

"We have already begun to see success for CJ United based on approximately 150 student leadership applications submitted at the end of this school year and over 60 being elected for leadership positions, with many more positions opening next school year," he said.

To help organize, coordinate and plan programming for the CJ United effort, Libby Harbaugh, Spanish teacher, accepted the position of student activities coordinator.



CJ Trustee chair, Ellen Quinttus, leads the Trustees in a blessing over the coins and for those who will carry them.



Sr. Kim Dalgarn, SNDdeN, CJ Trustee and former teacher presents challenge coins.



Elaine Lantz '70, CJ Trustee shares challenge coins with Meg and Kendall Draeger.



Bro. Justin Quiroz, SM, and guests celebrate the goals of Ascend.

CJ Trustee Julie Sullivan shared next "to do" steps of Ascend which include celebrating the moment; imagining what new spaces might look like; and prayerfully discerning support to Ascend.



Sr. Kathy Harmon, SNDdeN, provincial leader of the Ohio Province of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur opened the ceremony with prayer.



50th AnniversaryTH Assembly



The 50th anniversary of the unification of Chaminade and Julianne was celebrated with a special assembly hosted on the last day of Catholic Schools Week.

The assembly started with a nearly two-minute tik tok style history lesson on how the schools Chaminade, Julianne, and — a year later — St. Joseph Commercial became CJ. (See page 19.) Dan Meixner '84, president, gave some background on why the schools decided to join forces and about the initial time of transition.

As a special feature, Gene Noonan '74 and his granddaughter Chloe Britton '24 took the stage to share how things have changed for students over the last 50 years.

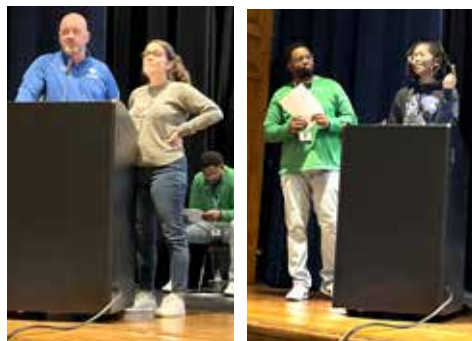
Following Noonan and Britton, pairs of alumni faculty and staff members took turns sharing what it was like as students from their eras, including clothes, culture, music and friends:

1980s — John Marshall, director of development and **Amy O'Loughlin**, science teacher and department chair;

1990s — Katlyn DeLong, teacher, newspaper moderator; **Charlie Szabo**, teacher and head basketball coach;

2000s — Jessica Smith head cheerleading coach; **Anthony Turner**, athletic director;

2010s — Caitlin Pearn, communications coordinator and **David Cordonnair**, then annual coordinator.



In acknowledgement of those who are currently serving at CJ as an employee, a roster of more than 40 alumni was displayed, illustrating how many graduates had “come home” to CJ to share their talents with today’s students.

Students who had parents, grandparents or great-grandparents attend CJ or a predecessor school were asked to stand and be recognized as members of legacy families. The event concluded with the traditional 3 o'clock prayer lead by Kasey Boston '97 and her son, Miles '24. (See page 2).

Q&A With Alumni From the 50s, 60s and 70s

As part of Catholic Schools Week, several graduates from Julianne and Chaminade spoke to students about what it was like attending a single gender school. Those taking part in the interviews organized by Jacki Loffer '87, shared services coordinator, and hosted by John Marshall '86, director of development, were:



Top (l-r) Peg Regan '73, Charlene Wheeler '65 Elizabeth Naughton '50

Bottom (l-r) John Zaidain '68 Rick Iannarino '67, Tom Burkhardt '66



Alumni Currently Serving at CJ

More than 40 alumni served at CJ during the 2023-2024 school year, including:

Tony Ricciuto '74, social studies teacher, moderator

John Marshall '86, director of development

Amy Dudon O'Loughlin '86, science teacher, chair

Jacki Loffer '87, shared services coordinator

Kimberly Kieselhorst '87, administrative asst., OSS

Dan Meixner '84, president

Kate Lehner '93, accounts coord., business office

Kasey Boston '97, math teacher
Stacy Brinley '97, Spanish teacher

Katlyn DeLong '98, science teacher, moderator

Charlie Szabo '98, social studies teacher

John Gutendorf '00, intervention specialist for Cuvilly

Brett Chmiel '02, associate director of development

Anthony Turner '04, athletic director

Jordi Orr '05, math teacher

Caroline Meadors '10, administrative asst., admissions

David Cordonnair '10, annual fund coordinator

Peyton Keys '12, counselor

Caitlin Pearn '13, communications coordinator

Amanda Bertke '14, English teacher

Angelo Knight '18, music teacher

Coaches/Staff

Adelyn Helms '15, performing arts

Jessica Smith '08, cheerleading

Aujanae Coleman '10, cheerleading

Ke'Darea Young '11, cheerleading

John Zaidain '68, football

Ian Saunders '17, boys soccer

Ben Saunders '21, boys soccer

Katie Settich '16, girls soccer

Brianna Schneider '17, girls basketball

Charlie Szabo '98, boys basketball

Terry Raglin '98, boys basketball

DeShawn Benson '98, boys basketball

Alex Johnson '06, boys basketball

Joe Staley Jr. '10, boys basketball

Alex Juniewicz-Fogle '15, boys basketball

Erin Staley '15, swimming

Phil Hawthorn '17, swimming

Todd Barhorst '10, baseball

Garrett Wissman '17, baseball

Kasey Boston '97, boys volleyball

Ben Rosenbauer '05, boys volleyball

Andrew Murray '20, boys volleyball

Tyesha Jones '09, track and field



Chloe Britton '24 and Gene Noonan '74 share the stage at the 50th Anniversary Assembly

1974-2024

Then & Now

When Gene Noonan '74 first entered the doors of Chaminade High School, only boys meandered down the halls and tuition was less than \$400 a year.

Fast forward more than a half century and his granddaughter Chloe Britton '24 attends classes in the same building but is experiencing a dramatically different high school in Chaminade Julienne.

"When I took a tour about 10 years ago, I wanted to go back to school," Noonan said with a smile. "And it's even better now."

While much has changed since Chaminade and Julienne became CJ in 1974, one thing has remained constant — the importance of tradition. And with Britton graduating in the school's 50th anniversary year, the grandfather and granddaughter share their family's CJ tradition.

What does it mean to you to be part of school tradition?

Chloe: "Family has always been a huge thing to me and a big part of my life. It makes me feel more at home knowing that so many people from my family walked the same halls as me. The family tradition makes going to CJ even more special because it isn't just some school that my parents and I decided I should go to, it's a legacy."

What stories have you shared with Chloe about your high school experience?

Gene: "When you walked out behind Chaminade, Sophie's Bar was located there, and it would actually have been on what is now CJ's campus. And when we went to Chaminade, there was no cafeteria line — we ate out of machines. There was a whole wall of them — sandwiches, hot soups, pop, candy, and snacks. And then there was Mr. Faust, "Fuzzy." He was very religious and very fair, but if you came into his class late, he had a paddle. In fact, there were paddles lined up all the way around the room — mostly as an attention getter and it worked."

Besides your time in class, what were you involved with at Chaminade?

Gene: "There weren't as many clubs and organizations as there are now that's for sure. I played intramural basketball, we basically drew teams out of a hat. Basketball and football were the main sports. Chaminade won a state championship before my 8th grade year. And football games were big, at the time they played at Baujan Field at the University of Dayton. The Chaminade band was also huge. For me, my senior year, I had enough credits that I didn't have to go to school for a full day — I left at noon and went to work."

When you hear stories about Chaminade from years ago, do they seem hard to believe?

Chloe: "One of the craziest things or hard-

est things for me to believe is that my mom, grandpa, and many other people from my family went to school in the same building. It's so funny to imagine my grandpa walking the same halls I do. Another story or image that is hard for me to believe is that there was a bar right on CJ's campus — as a matter of fact, it being right outside the CJ gym doors is just insane to imagine. My grandpa tells me stories that took place in or had something to do with Sophie's and they are all so funny and crazy."

How has CJ changed since you attended school?

Gene: "To be honest, when they said, the girls were coming to school here, I thought it was going to go downhill, but just the opposite happened. This is a campus now, not just a school. The level of education and the technology has advanced so much — the STEM program is just amazing — but the community and the tradition are still strong. I've gone to football games and basketball games and that spirit is as strong as ever."

How has CJ impacted you and your future plans?

Chloe: "One of those ways is by impacting my faith, CJ has made me more comfortable with my faith and helped me to learn more about it. I would say that CJ also helped me realize that I want to stay close to home for college. CJ has helped me tremendously in more ways than one and I truly could not be more thankful. I love CJ and would recommend it a million times over."

From 1974 until Macy graduates in 2027, there will only have been five years that a member of the family has not been on the CJ campus.



Back row: Gene Noonan '74, Mike Noonan '77, Bill Cord '03

Front row: Danielle (Noonan) Rayle '97, Chloe Britton, '24, Macy Rayle '27



Class of 2024 Joins the Ranks of CJ Alumni

Members of the Class of 2024 were recognized for their contributions to Chaminade Julienne at the commencement ceremony held on May 20 at the University of Dayton Arena. Graduates will attend 37 different colleges or universities in the fall with scholarships awarded in excess of \$18.1 million. One member of the class was selected for the United States Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps and another is enlisting in the U.S. Army.

During their four years at Chaminade Julienne, the Class of 2024 completed 11,354 hours of community service,

with 27 students serving more than 100 hours during their time at CJ.

Fifty-four members of the Class of 2024 are graduating with distinction due to their qualified weighted grade point average.



Keaton DePierre

The National Merit Scholarship Program recognizes students who achieve top scores on the PSAT. Charlotte DeLong was named a Commended Student for scoring in the top four percent of scorers, and Keaton DePierre was named a National Merit Finalist for scoring in the top one percent of all scorers.



Samarra Caldwell



Charlotte DeLong



William Robertson

Three seniors were also recognized by the CJ faculty and staff with annual awards that best exemplify the three pillars of the school's mission: For her commitment to faith, dedication to learning, and demonstration of school and family spirit, Samarra Caldwell received the Founders Award. Given to a student who has regularly demonstrated intellectual curiosity, Charlotte DeLong received the Michael D. Trainor Award, named in honor of Chaminade Julienne's principal from 1999-2004, and for best exemplifying the Chaminade Julienne spirit, William Robertson received the Gerard "Fuzzy" Faust Award, named in honor of the legendary CJ teacher and coach who served from 1933-1980.



Asia Ricks

Xavier University Recognizes a Heart for Service with Prestigious Fellowship

Asia Ricks '24 was selected for the Xavier University Community Engaged Fellowship by the Eigel Center for Community Engaged Learning. She was one of only 40 students selected

by Xavier to interview for this fellowship. Out of the 40 interviewees, only eight Fellows are selected each year. Asia is one of those eight for the incoming class at Xavier.

As a part of this fellowship, Asia will dedicate 10 hours of service per week in the Cincinnati region, exploring different service sites as a freshmen. She will select her favorite site as a sophomore and junior, and become a program leader as a senior. The Legacy Leadership aspect of this program allows graduating Fellows to pass on leadership of a program to rising seniors. The program has about 160 different partner sites throughout Cincinnati.

As a Community-Engaged Fellow, Asia will receive \$36,000 per year towards her tuition.

"Ever since I volunteered for Food For The Journey while at CJ, I knew I wanted to do more for the community," said Ricks. "My grandfather and mother were both active in community service, and so it has always been something that I valued. My grandfather was the only African-American and the fifth recipient of the Dayton Community Blood Center's Award of Distinction. In 2022, my mother was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters for her community service. I knew that applying for Xavier's Community Engaged Fellowship would not only allow me the opportunity to gain a substantial amount of financial aid, but it would allow me to continue my family's legacy of giving back and paying it forward. I also believed that this opportunity would allow me to grow as a leader and student."

"Attending Chaminade Julienne and completing service as a student has prepared me with tools and knowledge to be successful for this prestigious opportunity," she said.

"This is quite an accomplishment and definitely something for the school community to be proud of," said Andy Taube, college and career coordinator. "I have no doubt that her formation and experiences here at CJ were contributing factors to her selection for this Fellowship."

Winter Sport Programs Marked By Growth & Success

Growth and development are all part of building a successful program. "It's always a great time seeing our students give it their all and find success in their sport no matter what success looks like for them," said Anthony Turner '04, director of athletics. "Success comes in many forms, including students placing as a state qualifier, improving their swim times, or trying something new." Highlights for the winter sport season are shared below:

Boy's Basketball

The boy's basketball program came in as a district runner up with an overall record of 12-12 and a league record 6-4.

GCL All League



1ST TEAM
Bryce Johnson '24
Cal Weatherspoon '24



2ND TEAM
David Cartwright '25
HONORABLE MENTION
Devin Rakestraw '24

Girl's Basketball

The girl's basketball team had an overall record of 16-7 and a league record of 4-6.

GCL All League



1ST TEAM
Brooke Haywood '25
2ND TEAM
Janae Cain '26
HONORABLE MENTION
Tiyah Parker '25

Boy's Wrestling

The boys wrestling program saw many individual successes including two state qualifiers and a podium placement.



100 WINS Jeffery Blair '25

GCL All League

1ST TEAM Jeffery Blair '25 - 285 lbs, OHSAA state qualifier, finished 6th on the podium, Michael Kenny '25 - 132 lbs, OHSAA state qualifier; Aiden Frederick '27 - 165 lbs; Ronald Johnson '26 - 144 lbs

3RD TEAM Mathew Matarrita-Sanchez '27 - 150 lbs; John Cerjan '25 - 157 lbs

Girl's Wrestling



The girl's wrestling program saw many individual successes including a state alternative qualifier and a player of the year award.



Mariah Gibson '25

2ND TEAM Elise Singizwa '26 - 170 lbs; Gabriella Kennedy '24 - 190 lbs;

3RD TEAM Brooklyn Askew '26 - 125 lbs

Swimming



Six swimmers qualified to compete at districts, returning great results and with significant time drops. The following swimmers qualified in their disciplines for the district swim meet:

Alex Brown '24 100 breaststroke and 200 freestyle;

Addie Woessner '26 200 medley relay, 100 breaststroke, 100 butterfly, 200 freestyle relay;

Penelope Tischer '25 100 backstroke;

Penelope Nelson '26 200 medley relay, 50 freestyle, 200 freestyle relay;

Abby Kutter '25 200 medley relay, 500 freestyle, 200 freestyle, 200 freestyle relay;

Annabel Herwig '26 200 medley relay, 100 freestyle, 100 backstroke, 200 freestyle relay

Bowling

Boy's and girl's bowling teams both finished second in the overall season GCL standings. Girls won the GCL bowling tournament in January with **Izzy Schneider '25** named Athlete of the Year, and **Joe Burless** named Coach of the Year. **Jason Caldwell '24** was named Athlete of the Year for boys. Schneider and Caldwell qualified to compete at OHSAA State Districts.

Boy's GCL All League



Jason Caldwell '24

1ST TEAM Jason Caldwell '24; Daniel Doyle '24

2ND TEAM David MacLeod '24; Dylan Montgomery '24

HONORABLE MENTION Tim Gonzalez '24

Girl's GCL All League



1ST TEAM
Izzy Schneider '25;
Cassie Vo '26

2ND TEAM Ruby Perez-Mendiola '26

HONORABLE MENTION
Adrianna Roberts '25



Emily Benson Named Assistant Director

Since the fall of 2017, Emily Benson has served as the administrative assistant to the athletic director. With six years

of experience and service dedicated to enhancing the experience for student athletes, Benson accepted the newly-formed position of assistant athletic director.

"Being an administrative assistant in this department has provided me with the ability to gain comfort in the realm of high school athletics," she said. "I look forward to building upon that foundation and am ready to expand past that comfort and become more proactive with opportunities for our coaches and student athletes."

Spotlight on Excellence



Accepting the NCEA award on behalf of CJ were Greg Mueller, principal, Dan Meixner, president; Kelli Kinnear, dir. of ministry and service; Molly Bardine, teacher, department chair and Senior Capstone moderator; Meg Sharp representing the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur; and Sharon Wilmes from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

CJ Receives NCEA Award for Furthering the Mission of Catholic Education

This April, the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) recognized Chaminade Julienne as this year's recipient of the Dr. Karen M. Ristau Innovations Award for the school's Senior Capstone program, which celebrated its 10th anniversary this year. The award is given annually to a school, program or individual that has furthered the mission of Catholic education through an innovative program or approach.

For the past ten years, CJ seniors have embraced the call to servant leadership with "hearts as wide as the world" — echoing the inspiring words of St. Julie Billiart — through their Senior Capstone Project. Through this program, students turn their four years of faith development and service experience into projects centered around issues of justice for which they have become passionate.

Capstone was first imagined by Kelli Kinnear, director of ministry and service; Molly Bardine, CJ English teacher and department chair (who implemented and coordinates the program); and Sr. Nicole Trahan who was a member of CJ's ministry and service team at the time. The year-long process challenges students to combine their research skills and the foundation of Catholic education — grounded in the traditions of the Sisters and

the Marianists — to design and implement a project around an issue that they care deeply about.

Projects in the past have ranged from the sanctity of life, mental health, fair trade, immigration and ecology. A few results of this work include our students being invited as guest panelists in public forums; 7th and 8th graders being bolstered by messages of self worth; and fresh produce being made available to families who would otherwise go without.

The capstone experience culminates with all seniors presenting their projects at the annual Sister Dorothy Stang Symposium. It has become a highly anticipated event for seniors and their parents, celebrating the wonderful accomplishments that students achieved through their own creativity, planning and implementation. They leave CJ knowing that they can make powerful differences in the lives of others through the joyful work of servant leadership.

A representative group from CJ (pictured above) traveled to Pittsburgh, PA on Easter Monday to be recognized by the NCEA for the achievement at its annual president's award ceremony. Bardine accepted the award and spoke on behalf of the Senior Capstone Project at CJ.



Kelli Kinnear Says Good-bye

After serving Chaminade Julienne for 32 years — first as a religion teacher, then as a member of the ministry and service office, serving as its director for 16 years — Kelli Kinnear has accepted a new role with the Marianists. She will serve as the executive director of Bergamo Center for Lifelong Learning.

During her time as director, Kinnear says she is most proud of implementing mission and service learning trips. "Mission trips helped form my faith in my younger years and I wanted to be able to offer those experiences to our students."

The first service-learning immersion trip she planned was a weekend Urban Plunge Retreat in Cincinnati, hosted by a Marianist community of Brothers in the Over the Rhine neighborhood. This experience was soon followed by CJ's first summer mission trip in 1998 which was hosted in Kentucky. Later trips took students and chaperones to New Orleans — where the group helped with relief and rebuilding after Hurricane Katrina; Mexico; Belize; Trinidad and Tobago; Indiana; and Taos, New Mexico.

In the realm of service, Kinnear created a network of more than 30 service partners from local organizations that provided students with meaningful experiences when volunteering their time. With so many opportunities, students were able to work with organizations that connected best to their own passions, and which nurtured their desire to serve others.

CJ was one of two high schools in the Dayton area that participated in Make A Difference



Day when it was established. Now, hundreds of CJ students and adults elect to use their day off of school in October to volunteer at over 20 different service sites. Kinnear also helped establish the Senior Capstone Project which allows senior students to culminate their educational, faith and service experiences into a project designed to bring goodness and support to others.

"The community and family spirit of CJ has certainly played a big part in why I stayed for so many years," said Kinnear. "I treasure the relationships I have formed with colleagues and coworkers, some of whom have become dear friends through the years. Teachers and staff sincerely care about our students — and I witness that every single day! So many go over and above to support our students, whether it be providing extra academic help and tutoring, volunteering to chaperone overnight retreats and trips, spending countless hours coaching, or whatever it may be — it has been an honor to work with such dedicated people."

"I also appreciate that CJ is formed by the charisms of the Marianists and the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur. Our Catholic faith is at the core of CJ's mission, and our founding orders guide us and help keep us true to our faith, as we seek to share that faith with our students, and develop them into people of 'integrity, service, and justice,'" she said.

"Even as I look forward to my next adventure and continuing my ministry within the Marianist family — though in a new and different way, I am forever grateful for my 32 years at CJ."



Katlyn DeLong '98 Translates Accomplishments into Wins for Students

The Ohio Council of Teachers of English Language Arts (OCTELA) selected Katlyn DeLong '98 as Outstanding English Language Arts Educator for 2024. Recipients of this award demonstrate leadership in and advocacy for the language arts and focused efforts to improve student learning.

"I am truly humbled to receive this award from OCTELA, and it's truly an honor," said DeLong, who was nominated by Molly Bardine, English department teacher and chair.

"Katlyn is passionate about creating a student-centered classroom and seeks to make learning fun and accessible while at the same time establishing high expectations for their growth," Bardine wrote.

"She is committed to students in and outside of the classroom as she continues to grow and develop her teaching craft while also contributing to the scholarship of teaching and curriculum development — and is so deserving of this honor."

This is not DeLong's first time at OCTELA. She has attended the conference multiple times and says that it rejuvenates her, gives her new ideas for the classroom, and reminds her of how important it is for educators to keep learning and growing along with our students.

A Fellowship to Enhance Journalism at CJ

DeLong takes the concept of growing with her students to heart and applied this winter for the Communication Fellows Program through Ohio University's Scripps College of Communication.

The program, developed in 2018, focuses on curriculum development in communication across PK-12, offers graduate-level professional development credit, project support, and stipends for both the teacher and the classroom. In March DeLong was notified that she had been awarded the fellowship.

"When I learned of this opportunity at Ohio University to apply to be a communications fellow and learn current best practices in journalism education, I felt like an opportunity fell into my lap," she said.

The opportunity came at the perfect time since just last spring, Cora Markewicz '26 came to DeLong inquiring about reigniting the student newspaper with the hopes that DeLong could oversee it. At the start of the 2023-2024 school year the *Eagle Messenger* officially launched.

"To win the fellowship feels like a win for the *Eagle Messenger*!" said DeLong. "I want the newspaper to be a truly student-run endeavor. I see this fellowship as a chance to refresh my journalism skills, network with other journalism teachers, and be the best support I can for students on the *Eagle Messenger* moving forward."

Sarah Stone Named Recipient of This Year's Founders Award

Nominated by both colleagues and students, Sarah Stone is the recipient of this year's Founders Award, given to an adult in the CJ community that best represents the spirit of Blessed William Joseph Chaminade and Saint Julie Billiart.

The impact of Stone's leadership this past year can be felt inside school walls and out in the greater community. She is a member of the Marianist lay community, having also served on the Marianist Family Council, and she assisted the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur by leading their Hallmarks retreat this year.

At CJ, she serves on Mission Integration Team (MIT) which helps ensure that the Hallmarks and Marianist Characteristics are fused into every day living at CJ. She has also taken on a larger role with the school's new employee orientation program, which helps welcome and acclimate new employees to the mission of CJ throughout their first year.

After the final bell of the school year rings, Stone extends her involvement at CJ by chaperoning summer service opportunities and mission trips. As an educator, she is known to "check in with students and spend time tailoring her classroom resources to address the varied needs of those in her care," according to one nominator.

"Much of what she does gets little spotlight. She is so tuned in to the needs of students and the needs of those she works with that she doesn't think about recognition."

And by another nominator, "I cannot say enough about her humility and her passion for this community. She is a role model beyond words for me in faith and friendship, and I hope to be an educator as patient, kind and reflective as she is."



CONGRATULATIONS!



Maura Lemon Places Top 10 in Boston Marathon

Among the nearly 30,000 pounding footsteps at the 2024 Boston Marathon, Maura Lemon, CJ science teacher, made her mark when she crossed the finish line, placing as the 10th American finisher. A testament to her grit, determination, and unwavering spirit, this achievement places her among the elite in a field of world-class athletes.

"Racing the Boston Marathon was the thrill of a lifetime and one of the

highlights of my running career," said Lemon. "Toeing the line with some of the world's best runners, riding the energy of the crowd through Wellesley and Boston College, cresting Heartbreak Hill, and making that final turn onto Boylston are all moments that will stay with me forever."

Lemon recalls her favorite moment of the entire marathon being when she was reunited with her coach at the end of the race where she learned how she placed in the lineup. "He grabbed me in a big hug and told me I'd finished 10th American," Lemon said. "No words can describe that feeling."

Lemon had a community cheering her on back home at CJ. She remembers the moment she got back to her phone after running and was shocked by the messages of congratulations she had already received.

"I was overwhelmed by the number of texts from friends, family, and coworkers. I even had emails from some of my students!" Lemon said. "Knowing that I have my Dayton community behind me has always helped push me to be better. I feel so blessed to be able to celebrate my gifts with my students, coworkers, and the greater CJ community."



Debi Schutt Takes the Podium in Honor of Roger Glass

Stepping onto the podium of the newly minted Roger Glass Center for the Arts, Debi Schutt, CJ performing arts chair, was invited to be a guest conductor for the debut performance of the University of Dayton Symphonic Wind Ensemble.

"It was a musical experience for the memory books as I shared the stage with Dr. Patrick Reynolds and Dr. Linda Harlley, two of my professors and men-

tors during my time as a student at the University of Dayton," said Schutt. "Their continued guidance and modeling has had a great influence and shaped the educator and musician I have become."

The experience was special for a multitude of reasons. Chaminade Julianne and the University of Dayton share Marianist ties that date back to 1850 when St. Mary's, later renamed The University of Dayton, was established and started a Marianist high school which was moved to the corner of Franklin and Ludlow in 1927 and renamed Chaminade High School.

Schutt is also an alumni of the University of Dayton and graduated with a degree in music education. "CJ and UD now have a community space made possible by Roger Glass '60 — the new Roger Glass Center for the Arts and CJ's Roger Glass Stadium - Home of the CJ Eagles," said Schutt.

"It was also a special honor to be a part of this debut performance in a space I know Roger Glass would be so proud of," she said. "His generosity will continue to be far reaching with so many musicians who will now have the opportunity to perform there."



Caitlin Bennett Receives Top Regional Honor

With Chaminade Julianne theatre sweeping the Miami Valley High School Theatre Awards in 2023 — including sending one of two students (Maggie Weckesser '24) from the region to Broadway last summer, there was one award that was ready and waiting to be announced this year.

During the 2024 MVHSTA awards ceremony, Caitlin Bennett, CJ performing arts teacher and director, was named Director of the Year — the only honor given to an adult in the realm of the student recognition program. It was a special moment as nearly 50 CJ stu-

dents, colleagues, family and friends attended to honor Bennett during the surprise reveal in front of a full house at the Schuster Theatre.

"Working alongside Caitlin, I have been a witness as she consistently creates outstanding theatrical productions while making the program as accessible and as inclusive as possible to a very diverse student population," said Debi Schutt, CJ chair and teacher, pictured along with Mark Phillips, former staff member and past parent.

"Caitlin brings exceptional art to the stage for the enjoyment of the audiences while most importantly, weaving in life lessons for our students that last much longer than the final curtain."

Past and present colleagues and students contributed to a video in support

of Bennett's nomination, and also attended the gathering at Schuster to help celebrate the well-deserved recognition.

"I am so honored to be recognized for this award, and am especially touched to be nominated by current students, former students, and colleagues. CJ has provided me with so many opportunities to grow as a director, musician, and educator and I am grateful to be a part of this community."

For the 2024-2025 school year, Bennett will serve as the chair of the performing arts department, continuing the growth of the program that moved and expanded from "music department" to performing arts under the direction of Debbi Schutt, and which Bennett helped to support.

STUDENT ASSEMBLIES

Knowledge & Resources Promoting Student Safety



This April, CJ hosted its first Safety and Violence Education (SAVE) Students Act Mental Health Day to help satisfy a new requirement by the Department of Education & Workforce. Beginning with the 2023-2024 school year, schools with students in grade 6-12 were required to provide evidence-based

health education on suicide prevention, violence prevention, and social inclusion.

Chris and Anthony Grant, whose daughter Jayda Grant '18 was a CJ alumna, kicked off the event with a powerful message about their journey through grief and their mission to promote mental health awareness and suicide prevention. Their story, filled with both heartache and hope, inspired everyone, emphasizing the importance of community, dialogue, and support.

"Under the leadership of Jama Badinghaus, Karen Long and the CJ counseling team — and through the courage of the Grant family, our SAVE Act Day invited students to see more fully how change can happen when we move things that are heavy and painful from the darkness into the light," said Libby Harbaugh, Spanish teacher, and department chair.

Throughout the day, students engaged in activities that promote mental wellness: painting and crafting in the art stations, bonding with therapy animals, and making bracelets as symbols of support.

"Stopping our regular routine of school to spend a day focused on students' mental

health is not only important, it's necessary," said Greg Mueller, principal. "Education and prevention programming like this is how we live out our mission and dedication to educating the whole person. I am grateful for the Grant family, our student planners, and our teachers and counselors who planned and executed a wonderful day at CJ."

The day concluded with the schoolwide talent show, where students celebrated their unique gifts and talents.

"I believe our students walked away that day understanding two things more fully," said Harbaugh. "That it's okay not to be okay, and that together as a community, we get to help carry each other through the hard times and come together in celebration of the good."

This special event was made possible by the dedication of school counselors, the ECHO program, and Hope Squad student leaders. The day's activities left everyone feeling connected and determined to continue the fight against mental health challenges, keeping Jayda's spirit and message of hope alive.

Tushar Gandhi Shared Message of Peace Inspired by Great-Grandfather, Mahatma Gandhi



January marked a historic moment for CJ as Tushar Gandhi, the great-grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, visited Chaminade Julienne. To honor and celebrate a Season for Nonviolence Gandhi shared a meal with student leaders, discussing his life's journey and his commitment to his great grandfather's principles of nonviolence.

Following the meal, Tushar addressed the entire school in an assembly with stories of his legacy and the continued relevance of nonvi-

olence in today's world. His words resonated deeply, inspiring many to reflect on their own lives and the impact they can make through peaceful actions. He led the group through an exercise that demonstrated how much more powerful communication through words can be over blind force.

During his visit, the CJ community had the opportunity to engage with Tushar Gandhi directly. Students and faculty alike posed thoughtful questions to gain insights from his

experiences and perspectives. Tushar's responses were both enlightening and encouraging, emphasizing the importance of understanding, empathy, and active peace-building in our everyday interactions.

CJ was just one stop on Tushar Gandhi's trip to Dayton, where he is supporting the International Peace Museum's Season for Nonviolence. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Tushar Gandhi, the International Peace Museum, and our Ministry and Service office for bringing this incredible opportunity to our school community.

2024 CJ ATHLETIC

They've garnered league and all-area honors, set school records and won state titles. They were leaders on the playing field and are now leaders in their community.

The incoming hall of fame inductees have tallied a combined 47 varsity letters in eight different sports.

While some excelled in the pool and others on the court, they are all Eagles at heart. All were celebrated at a reception and ceremony held on January 20.

The Hall of Famers share, in their own words, what this honor means to them and how CJ continues to shape the people they are today.



Darrien Howard '13
FOOTBALL/TRACK

The Defensive Player of the Year Ohio SW was a four-year starter and four-time All-GCL first-team honoree. Darrien was also the Field Athlete of the Year. Still in Dayton, he works as a security supervisor at the Greater Dayton School.

"This honor means that the ceiling is never out of reach when you have passion for what you love doing. I'm most proud of the 2011-12 playoff run we made; that meant the world to me. CJ opened my eyes to many opportunities and gave me the confidence to pursue them."



Jessica (Humble) Booth '92
SWIMMING

Jessica's impact is still being felt at CJ as the three-time state qualifier still holds the school records for the 100-yard breaststroke and 200-yard individual medley set in 1992. The All-American went on to swim at Florida Atlantic University. After years working in the tech and education fields, the mother of two, who lives in Texas, remembers fondly her high school experience.

"I received a great education that prepared me well for college and life, had caring teachers and admin, made lifelong friends and found my faith. It was such a blessing. My relationship with the Lord really began at CJ. I wasn't raised in a religious family and I attended public school for elementary and middle school. I'm so grateful I was in a place where I could seek and find Jesus. My faith is the most important thing to me and I rely on it daily.

"Being that my time at CJ was over 30 years ago, this was quite a surprise and I'm deeply touched. I'm also turning 50 this year and it certainly is appreciated to be reminded that the hard work and sacrifices then, could possibly still inspire younger generations today. Frankly, it inspires me to remember to keep reaching and dreaming."



Mikaela Hadaway '13
GOLF

A four-time All-GGCL and All-District golfer, Mikaela was an integral part of the 2011 state championship team. During her four varsity seasons, the Eagles compiled an 84-19 record and placed first, second, fifth and sixth at the state tournament. Mikaela is now a plastic surgery physician assistant outside of Washington D.C.

"Being inducted into the CJ Athletic Hall of Fame is a great honor. I appreciate being recognized for my contribution to the women's golf team during my four years at CJ. I am most proud of our golf team making it to the State Championship all four years I was at CJ. We won the championship my junior year and placed second my senior year. It was so incredible to experience that sense of accomplishment after long seasons of hard work and dedication by the whole team.

"I believe that where you attend high school has a large impact on a teenager's development. CJ instilled the importance of striving for excellence, building community, and being grounded in a strong faith. I have carried these values through college, graduate school, into my career, and in my relationships."



Grace (Kauth) Szabo '13
VOLLEYBALL

All-league, All-Area and All-state, the Southwest District Player of the Year was also tapped to play in the All-Ohio All-Star Game before heading to Cleveland State University to continue her volleyball career. The married (Tim Szabo '11) mother of two now lives in Vandalia and works for ACCO Brands.

"I am incredibly honored to be included in a group of not only extremely talented athletes, but truly remarkable people. There is so much rich history and tradition within the CJ Hall of Fame that I am eager to learn more about. Right now, I'm very excited to celebrate the accomplishments of those inducted with me and to relive some very special moments.

"CJ instilled confidence in me. It's a community of support - both in times of success and failure. That sense of confidence earned through hard work and community support has propelled me in life to tackle new challenges, explore different paths and meet new people. My experience at CJ has amplified my life to be better than I could ever have imagined."

HALL OF FAME



Emily (Michael) Hutmacher '12
BASKETBALL

Emily lit up the scoreboard when she was an Eagle, setting records for most three-point shots made in a game (8) and in a career (152). She earned all-league honors for her play on both the basketball and tennis courts. Now living in Denver, Emily works for a payroll software company as a manager.

"CJ gave me the opportunity to not only gain a great education, but also to excel in my athletic career. CJ allowed me to achieve my dream of playing basketball in college. I think my greatest accomplishment was being the all-time three-point record holder for eight years. This record was broken by my sister – which was super special as well.

"During my time at CJ, community and faith were extremely important. I value the teachers, coaches and friendships that I made, supporting and pushing me to challenge myself each day. It is part of what inspired me to be in a leadership role in my career. CJ's emphasis on faith was also part of what encouraged me to continue in my faith journey at a Franciscan college, and beyond, to this day."



Cierra Brown McNair '12
TRACK

The two-time state champion, in 100-meter and 300-meter hurdles, also posted several Top 8 finishes at the state meet. The GGCL Runner of the Year who now lives in Georgia is still on the run as a physical therapist, wife and mother of two – not to mention two dogs.

"As a former athlete, I dedicated all of my time and effort into being the best student athlete I could be. I'm grateful that CJ recognizes those efforts. I truly gave my all in every race and competition, so it feels amazing to be honored for it. I am most proud of my first-place state finishes.

"As a competitor in an individual sport, it took a lot of discipline to stay committed to my ultimate goal of becoming a state champion. I am proud of the way I persevered and encouraged my teammates along the way.

"CJ pushed the competitor in me, on and off the track. I was stretched in the classroom, in sports, and even in my faith. My belief in Christ is everything to me and CJ helped draw me near to the cross in a way that was personal to my own relationship with God."



Sam Spees '12
BASEBALL/FOOTBALL

Sam was a player for all seasons from football to swimming and then baseball. Quarterback, receiver, defensive back and punter, Sam did it all. The multi-sport All-GCL athlete also pitched a no-hitter during his senior season. Sam, who now lives in Nashville, recently helped open a glassblowing studio – the Nashville Glasshaus – and has maintained his own business making glassware, lighting and decor called Samuel Spees Studios.

"This is such an amazing group to now be a part of that I really don't have words. I am truly blessed and thankful to everyone that helped me get here to receive this honor. When I look back what truly stands out more than anything else was the entire football season my senior year. We were truly a team in every sense of the word and I am so proud to have been a part of that group of men. We fought through so much adversity and made a great run in the playoffs. That entire season was unforgettable.

"I have been fortunate to maintain some lifelong friendships from CJ that I couldn't begin to describe. The people are what make it such a special place and I am so thankful for those relationships that I cultivated during my time there. The environment is what pushes people to the best of their abilities and I truly believe that I was pushed to become the best version of myself."



John Staley '12
BASKETBALL

The GCL Player of the Year tallied 909 career points – 8th all-time for the Eagles. John scored in double figures in 65 of 66 career games. Now living in Columbus, John is still on the court but now as a coach at Upper Arlington High School.

"This honor means everything to me. I grew up loving CJ basketball and going to games with my family. For as long as I can remember, I wanted to play for CJ. To be inducted into the Hall of Fame and joining my dad and brother is an unbelievable feeling. I am most proud of winning a GCL basketball championship as a sophomore, and then again as a senior. My sophomore year is more special to me because I played for my dad, with my brother and some of my best friends.

"CJ gets a tremendous amount of credit for the person I am today. It was a great educational experience and I had some unbelievable teachers that helped shape me into the teacher I am today. Aside from the actual education, CJ also taught me a lot of real-world lessons that I was able to take with me into college and early adulthood. I am very fortunate to have parents that sent me to CJ. I absolutely loved my time there."

milestones

'50s

Laurence Lange '54 asks for prayers as he is adjusting to a different way of life with the passing of his wife.

Jerome Staeuble '55 is still helping fourth graders with math. He works with two service clubs and plays golf.

Kenneth Krimm '56 and his wife, **Dee Routsong Krimm '58** stay busy with family and friends, meetings with school friends and retirees from work, conservation clubs and their yard and garden.

Thomas Berger '57 a retired colonel in the Army Medical Corps (Reserves), raises a large vegetable garden that he shares with the Food Kitchen. He also volunteers for church functions. Thomas is a professor emeritus and was the director of the Divisions of Pediatrics at the University of Cincinnati.

Judy Lang Huber '57 shares that she is very happy living in a senior apartment near her son David, Jr.

Jim Hall '58 is retired from the Army and from a career in civil service.

Carol Hunsbarger Yospur '58 enjoys volunteering time working on the Angel Tree project at the Elks' Lodge.

John Schmid '58 says that he is slowing down, though he is happy that he lives close to his children. He spends time enjoying visits from his grand and great-grandchildren.

John Swintek '59 shares that he is really enjoying retirement.

John Koerner '59 spent two weeks in Bavaria this past year, including four days at the Oktoberfest.

'60s

David Wittman '60 is enjoying his grandchildren's success and being alive.

James Wolf '60 shares that getting older is tough, especially when dealing with things like arthritis.

Marilyn Trame Good '60 says that she is retired and has six great-grandchildren.

Mary Schmitz Brown '60 has been married for 58 years with three children and six grandchildren.

Sr. Nancy Wellmeier '60 moved to Cincinnati after living in Arizona for 50 years. She is living at Mt. Notre Dame and volunteers with Catholic charities.

Chuck Schafer '61 is enjoying family and 58 years of marriage.

Judith Rawers Eifert '63 is retired, traveling and enjoying life at Clear Lake in Michigan.

Richard Dineen '64 has eight grandchildren in his family. "They are special!"

Louise Cramer Webb '64 is a retired mental health nurse, and she has six grandchildren.

Cecilia Thomas Bosticco '66 is retired and enjoying living near her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Julia Hansen '66 shares that she is retired and enjoying her time traveling.

Michael Topp '66 moved to St. Leonard and enjoys playing cards and volunteering.

Thomas Henehan '66 is retired and has been married to Lynne for 53 years. They have three grandchildren.

Dennis Trick '67 is enjoying retirement, grandchildren and volunteering.

Kathleen O'Hearn '69 continues to be blessed in being able to do liturgy and outreach ministry.

'70s

Gregory Bayer '70 is retired and in good health in Florida.

James Corbett '70 and **Susan Kreusch Corbett '71** celebrated 51 years of marriage. They are enjoying their four grandchildren and traveling every year to their favorite spots — Hawaii and St. John.

Carol Buddendeck Fox '71 is busy visiting retirement home residents with her therapy dog/pandemic puppy, El.

Tim Kracus '71 and his granddaughter **Penelope Tischer '25** enjoy the camaraderie of donating blood to the Blood Bank together, and Penelope also participates in CJ's annual blood drive. The duo has plans to continue the tradition.

Barbara Kaucher Etter '72 and her husband are both retired. She shares that they look forward to traveling.

Ed Hempelman '72 took his boat down the Champlain and Erie Canals, about 400 miles. "It was fun!"

Rita Harlett Ward '76 and her husband are enjoying their first grandson.

Ken McSherry '77 retired in November 2020. He writes, "I love it; I'm never bored!"

Sam Elam '78 is retired and traveling, swimming, golfing and cooking.

John Heaney '79 writes that his son Seamus is a junior at Mizzou and daughter Maeve is a freshman at The Ohio State.

'80s-'10s

Nina Harawa '88 is still doing public health research and education and believing in science. Her first niece was born last summer, and her oldest entered her first year of college.

Robert Signom '99 produced seven off Broadway shows and one opera last fall.

Jacqueline Miller Kelly '07 and her husband Nick welcomed a baby boy this past October.

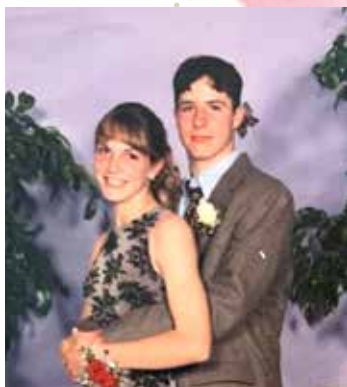
Conor Hickey '14 earned his Naval Aviator Wings of Gold in 2021. He was stationed in California with Airborne Command and Control Squadron 115 prior to his deployment.

Kelly Pleiman '17 was recently promoted to senior consultant at Etsy.

Nicole VanVoorhis '18 recently returned from a year of service in Ecuador and started working at St. Vincent in Cincinnati.

Eagles Forever

Taking advantage of the Valentine's Day sentiment in February, CJ reached out through social media to Eagle alumni who are living their "happily ever after" after having met for the first time as students at CJ. Here are responses that were shared with us.



Mike '00 and Gretchen (Shock) Farrell '00 were great friends during their time at CJ. A while after graduation, Gretchen was coaching CJ's JV girls soccer team when her assistant coach reintroduced her to Mike. They have now been married for 16 years and have three children. Their oldest, Quinn '28, will be a freshman at CJ next year.



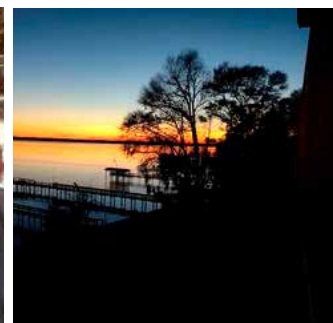
Rob '83 and Kim '84 (Shoemaker) Bertke met during their freshman year at CJ and have been together ever since and this year celebrated their 34th anniversary. Their three children, Dr. Alex Bertke '10, Amanda Bertke '14 (current CJ English teacher) and Allison Bertke '21 are also a part of their shared legacy at CJ.



Blake '13 and Courtney (Phillips) Sutherland '13 became friends their senior year at CJ and began dating while in college. They are now going on five years of marriage and just welcomed their daughter, Carter, into their family.



Alex '15 and Victoria (Metallinos) Zavakos '15 met their sophomore year at CJ and have been together ever since. During their senior year, the couple was elected senior year prom king and queen. They welcomed their first child this year. "We are so grateful to CJ for the amazing education and friendships we made. We even found our soulmate!"



John Kessler '71 and Janice (Venditti) Kessler '72, who attended St. Joseph Commercial, met during an away football game. Janice threw confetti at John and John told her she could make up for it by going on a date — the rest is history! They recently celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary and now enjoying their retirement living on Lake Marion in South Carolina. "I think it was my 1964 Mustang that won her over."



*Chaminade Julienne extends its **deepest** sympathy to the families and friends of CJ family members who have died.*

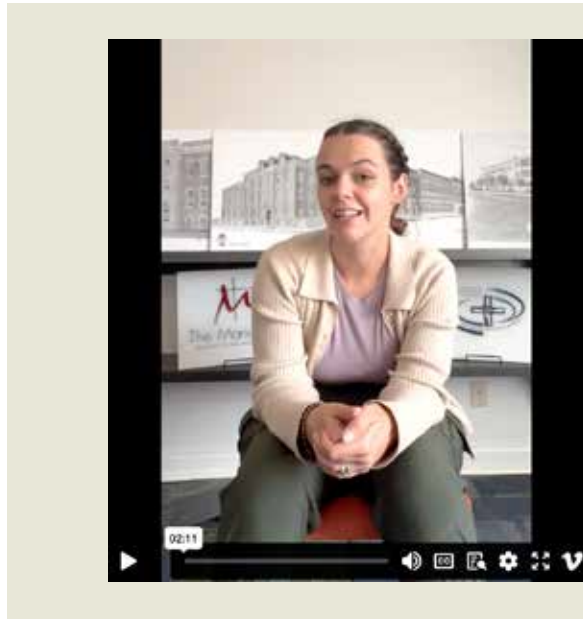
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COMMEMORATING 50+1 YEARS

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Short History Lesson Tik Tok Style

Released last fall, listen as Caitlin Pearn '13, communications coordinator, gives a brief history lesson on how predecessor schools: Notre Dame Academy, St. Mary's, Chaminade, Julienne and St. Joseph Commercial High Schools became united as Chaminade Julienne Catholic High School.



As Chaminade Julienne concludes celebrating the 50th anniversary of the unification of Chaminade and Julienne High School in 1973-1974, the community is excited to continue the celebration in honor of the year when St. Joseph Commercial High School students were welcomed to the then newly-formed Chaminade Julienne for the 1974-1975 school year.

In 1973, the first year for Chaminade Julienne was also the last year of school for St. Joseph, affectionately known by its students as "St. Joe's."

"After a wonderful year of celebrating our founding orders' 50th years of unification of their schools located in Dayton, we look ahead to celebrating when the young ladies of St. Joseph Commercial High School joined the CJ community a year later," said John Marshall '86, director of development.

Coming from a school that focused on preparing women for the business world, the newly arriving St. Joseph students in 1975 brought valuable characteristics and business-focused curricular expectations," said Marshall. "That level of rigor is still an expectation at CJ when deciding on regulated course work programming.

Chaminade Julienne also became home for the St. Joseph archives, with CJ receiving more memorabilia when the building that housed St. Joseph underwent demolition in 2020. The CJ archives continues to grow with keepsakes and souvenirs from all three predecessor schools, which are displayed as part of Reunion Weekend each year.

We are happy to be the legacy caretakers of the Dayton treasure that is St. Joseph Commercial High School, and we are proud that they are part of Chaminade Julienne's combined legacy," Marshall said.

Supporting the Mission of Chaminade Julienne

If you would like to know more about the goals set forth for the Ascend campaign, have questions, or would like to better understand the different ways that are available for giving a gift to CJ, you are invited to schedule some time for a casual meet or to speak with a member of the development team.

Scan the QR code here, or you can visit the website at: ascendcj.org

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Wednesday (Forest) Shipp '98

Wednesday Shipp, who graduated from Case Western Reserve University School of Law, began her legal career like many other young lawyers, working in a private law firm. Her focus was labor/employment law and, in this capacity, she litigated matters before the Ohio Civil Rights Commission and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Shipp made the move to Procter & Gamble in 2010, working initially in global legal compliance and later as director and assistant general counsel focusing on intellectual property. When she was offered the opportunity to work in the Latin America region for P&G in 2021, it wasn't long before she was packing her bags.

"In this role, I have responsibility for legal compliance in South America, Central America and Mexico," she said. "This means focusing on anti-corruption, internal investigations, and managing efforts to ensure ongoing compliance with various types of laws – ensuring awareness, systems to facilitate compliance, proper accountability and more."

Four years of high school Spanish class plus a semester in college was a good start, but language was a bit of a challenge in her new role.

"When I arrived in Panama, I realized there are differences between Spanish from Spain, which I learned, and Latin American Spanish.

And, as I traveled, I learned there are even more differences from country to country," Shipp said.

"I was able to work without becoming fluent as my coworkers spoke English, but outside of work, in daily interactions, I had to learn enough to get by."

Now living in Panama, her family's home for almost three years, Shipp also manages the legal teams in Colombia, Peru and Chile, ensuring proper resolution of all legal issues in those markets.

"I have always liked learning and trying new things," she said. "That love of learning and confidence to try new things was fostered at CJ, through both the teachers and my peers."

Shipp will return to the United States in the coming year to another legal position with P&G.



Brittany (Clarke) Fennell '05

Brittany Clarke Fennell is ready for another first as she was announced last October as Maryville University's first female athletic director.

"It isn't lost on me what being the first female director of athletics at Maryville University signifies," Fennell said. "I've been the 'first' in a lot of spaces in my personal and professional career. The support and outreach I've received from my Maryville University family and the community have meant the world to me.



"Women, in particular, have pulled me aside to share their congratulatory remarks about seeing a woman leading a collegiate athletic program."

Fennell, who served as associate athletic director and senior woman administrator since July 2016, has seen the accessibility for women in sports as athletes and administrators grow exponentially since she first began working in college athletics as an intern 16 years ago.

"At conferences, I used to see the same faces of female administrators who had been in those positions for what seemed like forever. Now, I see new diverse faces of women getting their foot in the door of our industry," she said. "Access and opportunity are what the president of my university preaches, and I see that continue to play out across the collegiate athletic landscape."

While it has been almost two decades since she was a CJ student, those lessons still guide Fennell today.

"My career at CJ proved to be a very important cornerstone in my life and shaped me into the person I have become," she said.

"Most importantly, my faith continues to guide me in every life decision I make. In my academic and athletic career at CJ, I (later) learned perseverance is key. As I was navigating my high school career, I did not fully grasp at the time that I was creating my toolbox for what would be necessary later in life."



(Photo: Courtesy of Cara Jonas Photography.)

Patricia (Bruns) Plavko '06

Making a positive impact on the community is a priority to Patricia Plavko.

The Cincinnati attorney was recognized last November by the West Chester/Liberty Chamber Alliance for doing just that as one of their 10 Women of Excellence honorees. The women are selected based on their contributions to business, education, culture, philanthropy, and service.

A focus on service has been an integral part of Plavko's life for as long as she can remember.

"I try to find opportunities to do community service whenever I can," she said. "It has always been a part of my life and, as my daughter gets older, my husband and I want to find organizations where we can do service as a family."

While the corporate attorney has a full schedule with work and family obligations, she also serves as Board of Trustees chairperson for the Shared Harvest Foodbank. Plavko has been a volunteer and board member of Shared Harvest Foodbank's board of directors for the past decade.

"I have been blessed in my life with benefactors who have helped me get where I am, so it's important to me to give back," she said. "I do have a busy schedule, but I carve out time in my schedule and make a conscious effort to prioritize service."

Food insecurity has been a concern to Plavko since she was at CJ volunteering for an organization that provided meals to seniors in need.

"It goes back to one of the most basic needs of society and people – food," she said. "I want to help make sure that people with the potential to be successful can meet that potential and that can start with making sure that there is food on the table."

Beyond her work with Shared Harvest, Plavko is a partner with the law firm of Frost Brown Todd LLP, was named to Super Lawyers magazine's list of rising stars in Ohio for 2022 and 2023 and she does pro bono legal work.



Darian Reynolds '12

Working with the biggest names in entertainment, on the biggest stages — Darian Reynolds is right at home. The senior director of production at Diversified Production Services in New York City most recently collaborated with Usher on the star-studded Super Bowl LVIII halftime show, the fourth Super Bowl Reynolds has worked on.

"I manage and oversee all production and technical elements of any given unique live or broadcasted event," Reynolds said.

"I like to say I'm on the execution side of producing events – coordinating plans, designs, schedules, vendors, etc. and collaborating with my team on bringing events from concept to life."

Bringing those events to life on a football field can be especially challenging.

"The typical musical performance stage is a wooden, metal or steel framed deck/platform that your local and global stars sing and dance on," he said.

"For the Super Bowl, the halftime stage is the playing surface — grass or turf — of the highest caliber football game being played both before and after the show. There are a lot of logistics and coordination required with many entities that go into producing such an iconic and widely viewed show as we are one part of the massive global sporting event. Ultimately, the halftime show shares the same challenges that we face with most events but of course magnified."

Those challenges are also what make it such a rewarding experience for the CJ grad, and an Emmy win in 2022 as well. July will mark Reynolds' fifth anniversary at DPS and he is grateful for the many unique experiences his job has afforded him as well as the talented professionals he works with.

"I've met some incredibly smart, genuine, and talented people in my career and life experiences up to this point," he said. "There are numerous colleagues and friends – that I've worked for and with – that I would consider impactful because they've contributed to my professional and personal growth."

Whether given through teaching and providing mentorship, true collaboration, or a challenge to do or be better, I've come across a lot of great impactful contributors."

NEW HEAD COACHES AT CJ INCLUDE TWO ALUMNI



Andrea Ferguson '99

GIRL'S VOLLEYBALL

As an alumni volleyball player for CJ and a member of the district champion teams, Andrea Ferguson '99 carries a legacy of excellence she brings with her as she returns to CJ as the head girls volleyball coach. Ferguson has stayed deeply involved in volleyball since graduating from CJ. In 2007, she seized the opportunity to coach a new volleyball club and honed her coaching skills there until 2023, during which time she coached a national level club team. She has also been coaching at a high school level since 2021, which only solidified her passion for nurturing young talent. Now, returning to where her love for the sport began, she is excited to take on this position.

Her coaching philosophy had always been player-focused, emphasizing comprehensive learning about the game, skill development, and the mental aspects of play. Ferguson's enthusiasm for volleyball helps her better motivate her players to give their best both on and off the court.

"We want to succeed together and that is crucial in this game and in life," Ferguson reminds her players. With a heart full of pride and dedication, she looked forward to instilling the same love for the sport in her athletes that she had discovered at CJ. As she gathered the team for their first practice this year, her smile promised both discipline and encouragement, setting the tone for a season filled with potential and camaraderie.



Marcus Fails

SOFTBALL

After serving as the assistant softball coach for CJ last year, Marcus Fails was thrilled to reunite with the talented softball team he helped shape — eager to build on their successes as head coach. His passion for coaching softball began in 2016 when he took on a middle school team that was struggling to find success. Inspired by the impact his own coaches had on him, he fell in love with coaching and is

now committed to sharing his love of the game with student athletes at CJ.

His coaching philosophy emphasizes resilience and a positive mindset, both on and off the field. He prioritizes his athletes' academic performance, reminding them that they are students first. Fails aims to provide valuable life lessons that extend beyond the game such as how to handle stress and balance life through activities like sports. He also encourages personal growth through leadership and sportsmanship, urging his players to strive for their best every day and to take pride in their own achievements.

"Do it for the name on the front of the jersey, but always make the name on the back proud," said Fails. With this balanced approach, he is excited to build on the softball program and bring the team to new heights, fostering both athletic excellence and personal development.



Ian Saunders '17

BOY'S SOCCER

A 2017 graduate, Ian Saunders returns to his alma mater with a mission. Having captained the varsity soccer team during his senior year, Ian led the team to one of their best records in years, a testament to his leadership and passion for the game. Now, as the new head coach for the boys' soccer team, Saunders is eager to bring his deep connection to soccer and CJ full circle.

"Soccer was such a huge part of my life growing up that it became part of my identity," he said. "CJ has given me the opportunity to deepen that connection and instill the love of the game in the community."

He is most excited about shaping a talented group of students into a cohesive team. "I'm ready to take this group of very talented young men and build an identity both on and off the field."

His goals for the season are ambitious yet grounded in a clear vision: to build on the success of last season and elevate the program further. With the Greater Catholic League growing more competitive each year, Saunders aims to position CJ for success. By fostering a dedicated system of play and nurturing the talents

of team members, he hopes to achieve excellence and instill a lasting love for soccer in his players.



Terrence Glenn

TRACK AND FIELD

Terrence Glenn brings a wealth of experience and passion to his new role as head track and field coach at Chaminade-Julienne.

A four-year letterman in track and field, Terrence still holds the Division 1 District Meet record for the 4x200 relay and was the state runner-up in the 4x100 relay in 2009 with a time of 41.89. Since his first head coaching job in 2016, where he led the team to back-to-back city championships and a state champion 4x200 relay team, he has continued to build successful teams. As an assistant coach at Dunbar High School, he helped secure state titles in the 4x200 and 4x400 relays. Glenn is not brand new to CJ as he was the sprints coach for the boys' 4x100 relay team and helped them achieve a top 6 finish in the State Finals in 2023.

Glenn's approach to track and field emphasizes hard work in practice as the foundation for success in meets. He motivates his athletes by having them set and review their personal goals weekly, ensuring continuous progress.

"One of my training methods is to teach the proper form of running before actually running," said Glenn. "If you do not have the proper form and technique, then a runner can never put together a proper race."

His primary goal for the team is to cultivate a reputation for hard work and dedication, with aspirations to make a strong showing at the State meet. Glenn fosters team camaraderie by encouraging athletes to connect with teammates they don't yet know, believing that strong bonds off the track lead to better performance on it.

"What I am most excited about is seeing some familiar faces and getting to know some new ones," he said. "I'm excited to coach a special group of young men and women who I believe have what it takes to represent Chaminade-Julienne and compete at the highest levels in Ohio."

Molly Bruggeman '10 Heads to Paris to Seek Gold at the Olympics



Photos (Credit: Row2K)

Molly Bruggeman '10, is preparing for the biggest adventure of her life — the 2024 Paris Olympics. Chosen as one of only 13 women to make the team, Bruggeman reflects on how she got to this high point in her long standing rowing career.

“Words can’t exactly describe the feeling of chasing and achieving a dream that you’ve had for most of your adult life,” said Bruggeman.

“It’s been quite a few years since I was walking the halls of CJ, but even then I felt I wanted to go far with the opportunities I had. I was lucky enough to be playing two sports at CJ, rowing and volleyball, and had the right people around me to push me to be the best at both.”

Molly’s rowing journey began with the influence of another CJ family — Trish and Mike Miles, who encouraged her to join the Dayton Boat Club. In rowing she found her passion, which led to a

rowing scholarship at the University of Notre Dame and eventually opened the door to the national team. Since 2014, she has made 11 national teams and now qualifies for her second Olympic team.

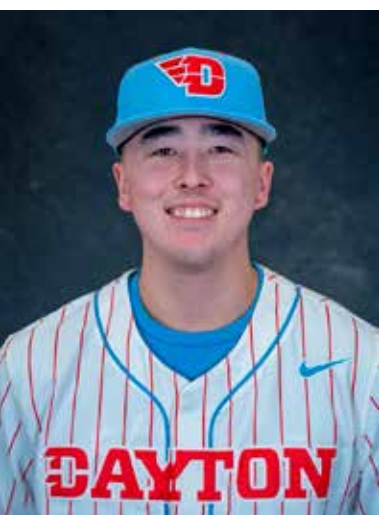
Reflecting on her path, she gives this advice to current CJ students, “Don’t

let your dreams remain dreams — it requires perseverance and hard work, but there is always a path forward for those willing to look for it.”

As she prepares for the Paris Olympics, Bruggeman is most excited about racing for a medal.

“To bring home hardware from the highest level of competition in the world would mean so much to me and the people who’ve gotten me here.”

Nick Wissman '19 Named Top in the A10 League and as a UD Rudy Award Recipient



For Chaminade Julienne graduate Nick Wissman, faith helped him overcome frustration and failure.

From pitching only 10 innings a season for the Dayton Flyers in his first few years on the mound to being named the Atlantic 10 Conference Pitcher of the Year, Wissman has come a long way – much to his surprise.

“If you would have told me then that I would win this, I definitely wouldn’t have believed you,” he said with a smile. “I have exceeded any expectations I ever had.”

The 2019 CJ graduate – who played on back-to-back state championship teams for the Eagles – has been playing baseball for as long as he can remember. He climbed up the ranks from kid pitch to collegiate player but saw limited playing time until he made a drastic change to his pitching

motion – from overhead to sidearm.

“At the time I was really frustrated, and it took me at least a year to get comfortable with it,” Wissman said of his new pitching motion.

His patience paid off as this season was one for the record books as he became the first UD player named the A-10’s top pitcher. Wissman finished the season 11-1 with a 2.93 ERA in 25 appearances. He tallied 64 strikeouts in 67.2 innings played. Beyond the stats, Wissman also made the A-10 All-Academic Team and was the recipient of the RUDY Award, the most prestigious UD athletic award which goes to the people who “most epitomize what it means to be a Flyer.”

“It was a crazy jump for me,” Wissman said. “Halfway through the season I had already surpassed my season totals from the previous year.”

Through all the ups and downs, it was Wissman’s faith that sustained him.

“I definitely had times of doubt, but I always felt like I was on the right path,” he said. “I would credit my faith for a lot of it and trusting that whatever plan God had me on was the right one.”

Wissman continues to practice patience as he waits for the MLB draft in mid-July. He has already had a couple of workouts with pro teams this summer and is hopeful that his stock has risen as a result of his A-10 recognition.

“This month is just a lot of sitting and waiting and it’s hard not knowing what’s happening, but it’s also really exciting.”

This year's gathering celebrates milestone years with classes ending in '4s and '9s, including celebrants from the Class of 1947

2024 REUNION WEEKEND

June 21 & 22



Creating New Memories with Classmates and Friends

TRADITIONAL EVENTS

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

Taste of CJ (6 p.m.)

We appreciate the support of this year's "Taste" participants, including:

- Amber Rose
- Marion's Piazza
- Playa Bowls
- Dorothy Lane Market
- Sweet P's Ice Pops
- Smales Pretzels
- Rivertown Chili

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

Tennis Hit Around

Hosted annually at the Eagles Tennis Center

Golden Eagles Luncheon

Hosted annually for all alumni celebrating 50 or more years as graduates.

Class Parties

Class parties held for the classes of 1964, 1969, 1974 and 1999.

It's not too early to start planning for class celebrations for Reunion Weekend 2025, planned for June 20-21. If you would like to help coordinate a party for your class, please contact Jennifer Farthing, alumni relations coordinator, at (937) 461-3740 x254, or jfarthing@cjeagles.org.

Photos from Reunion Weekend 2024 are made available through CJ's Alumni Facebook Page: facebook.com/ChaminadeJulienneAlumni/ or scan QR code.



Meet Jennifer Farthing

When Jennifer Farthing joined CJ in April as the school's alumni relations coordinator, one of her first tasks was taking the reins in planning Reunion Weekend 2024.

"I am excited to join the CJ community as the alumni relations coordinator," said Farthing. "It has been a lot of fun getting to know the staff, faculty, and students, as well as using my creativity to present new ideas to my team.

I am looking forward to wrapping up Reunion Weekend and transitioning into next year's celebrations, and exploring fresh ways to engage our newest alumni members!"



ALUMNI EVENTS



CJ Fish Fry
 Here's a look back at this year's gathering of more than 600 on March 16. Photos from the event can be found on CJ's Alumni Page on Facebook.



You are Invited!

Alumni create their own mini-reunions by enjoying some social time together over a meal. They welcome classmates to join them and add to the fun and conversation. Contact the group representative listed below for more details. If you would like to include your class gathering on this listing (also found on the alumni page on CJ's website: cjeagles.org), please contact Jennifer Farthing, alumni relations coordinator at (937) 461-3740 x254 or jfarthing@cjeagles.org.

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 Second Thursday of the month
 1 p.m.
 Geez Pub
 Carol Koehnen: ckoeh@sbcglobal.net

1957 - St. Joseph and Julienne
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 1 p.m.
 Geez Pub
 Suzanne Neumann Geraghty:
suzgeratee@gmail.com

1960 - Chaminade
 First Thursday of the month
 12 Noon
 Milanos or Marion's Piazza
 Bill Wabler: billwabler@juno.com

1963 - St. Joseph and Julienne
 Second Saturday of the month
 12 Noon
 Geez Pub
 Jane Friel: ohpetunia@aol.com

1964 - Chaminade
 Second Friday of the month
 12 Noon
 Kettering American Legion
 Jim Dell: dellji@yahoo.com

1964 - St. Joseph and Julienne
 Day and location change monthly
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- Julienne High School (1927-1973)
- Chaminade High School (1927-1973)
- St. Joseph Commercial High School (1945-1974)

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Free Family Concert

Thursday, Sept. 5 • 7 p.m.

Levitt Pavilion Dayton

Building 429 and Josiah Queen are the featured performers with local performer Melody Baccus opening for this year's concert. The event is sponsored by **Light in the City**.



CJ Open House

Sunday, Sept. 22 • 4-6 p.m.

Alumni, parents and friends are invited to visit CJ and bring guests who are interested in knowing more about the CJ experience for their students.



Homecoming Game

CJ vs McNicholas

Friday, September 27, 7 p.m.

Roger Glass Stadium • Home of the CJ Eagles
Tickets for the game will be available for purchase at the start of the season on the athletics tab at cjeagles.org. Go, Eagles!

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