



Trey Embrey, Owen Mattingly, and Scott Hoyland
2014 National Merit Scholarship Program - Commended Students

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NATIONAL MERIT COMMENDED STUDENTS

Congratulations to three seniors who recently were named Commended Students in the 2014 National Merit Scholarship Program. **Trey Embrey**, **Scott Hoyland** and **Owen Mattingly** received this recognition upon scoring in the top 5 percent among students who took the PSAT last fall.

The test also serves as the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMSQT), and the top 1 percent qualifies for the National Merit Scholarship award competition. Trey, Scott and Owen are not among the semi-finalists for that award but will receive a letter of commendation. They join about 34,000 commended students throughout the nation who are recognized for their exceptional academic promise.

The three seniors said they were honored to receive the commendation. All three scored in the top 98th percentile.

Trey is the son of **Chip and Allison Embrey** and a graduate of Our Lady of Perpetual Help School. Trey said he prepared for the PSAT last fall by going to bed early and eating a healthy breakfast. He is a member of the Football team, Spanish Club, National Honor Society and Student Ambassador and is co-senior executive delegate for the *House of Integrity*. He is undecided about his college of choice but plans to major in biology or engineering.

Owen is the son of **Mike and Jill Mattingly** and a graduate of Our Lady of Perpetual Help School. Owen is a member of the Football team and National Honor Society and is the senior executive delegate for the *House of Humility*. He plans to attend Indiana University, Duke University or Northwestern University and major in accounting or finance.

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Scott is the son of **Bob and Christa (Payne '84) Hoyland** and a graduate of Sacred Heart School. Scott said that taking the PSAT sophomore year was good practice for the test junior year. He is involved in the fall show, Math Team, Quick Recall, National Honor Society and Providence Singers, as well as volunteering in his community. He is the senior executive delegate for the *House of Spirit* and plans to try out for spring musical and Popcorn Players. He hopes to attend Cornell University next fall and major in applied economics and management.

The three seniors said they believe that receiving this achievement will help with the college application process. "I feel like colleges will appreciate this honor and its prestige," Scott said.

*Note: Senior **Katie Chrisco** wrote the portion of this story featuring Scott Hoyland.*

STUDENTS IN ACTION

HOUSE OF HONESTY WINS HOUSE CUP

By senior **Katie Chrisco**

The House Cup Tournament took place Friday, Sept. 20, giving all of Providence a cause for excitement as the houses competed against each other in various events and activities. Events that were added to the House Cup this year included a donut-eating contest, ping pong, and Family Feud.

Once the finals of the rest of the events were finished, the entire school headed to the auditorium to see the winning acts of the talent show. Junior **Alyssa Koopman** placed third, with a dance she choreographed on her own. Placing second was senior **Sabrina Anderson**, who not only sang but played the guitar as well. First place went to eighth grader **Eli Lucas**, who showed off his talents on the piano. Once the talent show had concluded, tables were set up for the final event: the donut-eating contest. It turned out to be no contest for junior **Donald Gettelfinger**, who ate his way to victory by scarfing down an impressive 13 donuts.



The House Cup might be a competition, but the event works to bring the school together. Freshman **Bayley Wade** said House Cup was the highlight of her school year so far. "It was such a wonderful and unique experience," Bayley said. "My favorite part was the fact that the whole school was able to come together."



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The winning House was the *House of Honesty*, followed by a tie for second between the *Houses of Spirit* and *Truth*. Eighth grader **Will DeVary** was overcome with excitement after being presented the House Cup trophy by principal **Dr. Mindy (Lankert) Ernstberger '74**. "It's unbelievable," he said. "It's just an incredible achievement."

STUDENTS CELEBRATE HOMECOMING

By junior **Ashley Bittenbender**

On Friday, Sept. 27, our annual tradition of Fall Homecoming took place. The senior candidates for Homecoming King were **John Oppelt, Erich Day, Evan Conder** and **Lincoln Ottersbach**. Senior candidates for Homecoming Queen were **Peyton Schmidt, Kenzie Balmer, Melinda Cochran** and **Mary Kate Meyer**. The title of 2013 Homecoming King went to Lincoln Ottersbach, and the title of 2013 Homecoming Queen went to Peyton Schmidt.



Missing from the Royal Court photo - Melinda Cochran

Both the king and queen had family members who previously won similar honors. Peyton's mother, **Toni Sartini-Schmidt '78** was the Fall Homecoming Queen her senior year. Lincoln said he has long "wanted to be (Homecoming King) since my uncle won it as a senior at Clarksville. It's pretty awesome when you go out there and the people start cheering."

The evening was capped by a stunning upset victory by the Pioneer Football team, which beat 6A Jeffersonville 35-13.



Note: Parents not able to attend the assembly who would like a photo of their senior student or underclassman escort or court member, please email **Mrs. Christa (Payne) Hoyland '84** at choyland@providencehigh.net.

POPCORN PLAYER AUDITIONS TODAY

By junior **Kendall Powell**

It's that time of year again! Auditions for the Providence Popcorn Players will be held today at 3:30 in the Little Theatre. Auditions are open to interested juniors

and seniors. Popcorn Players is a fun version of Christmas-themed acting that includes tours to the Deanery schools along with the Providence Singers during the holiday season.

SADD MEMBERS RAISE AWARENESS

Six members of SADD participated in the Tragedy to Triumph 5K run/walk last weekend to help raise awareness and scholarship money in the area of prevention.

They raised \$205 and thank everyone who supported them.



TWO GIRLS GOLFERS ADVANCE TO REGIONALS

By **Coach Michelle Landis '06**

The Girls Golf Team had an outstanding year. The varsity team consisted of four sophomores, **Mary Ann Fitzpatrick**, **Colleen Geldermann**, **Brooklin Grantz** and **Nicole Kruer**, and freshman **Alexa Wilson**. The young team has improved greatly since last year, with each girl breaking 100 this season for the first time.



The team took fifth place at sectionals with a 395 behind Floyd Central (308), Corydon (357), New Albany (370) and Silver Creek (375). Two PHS Golfers qualified for regional as part of the top three scorers on non-advancing teams. Nicole was No. 2 with a 90, and Colleen won a two-hole play-off spot among two other girls with a score of 92.

The team is excited for the next season and will continue to work hard to advance to regional as a team next year.

VOLLEYBALL PLAYER IS KRATZ ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Junior Volleyball player **Haley Libs** was named Kratz Sporting Goods Athlete of the Week last week after her performance in the Providence Volleyball team's five-set victory over 4A Floyd Central. In that game, Haley had 23 kills, 15 digs and three blocks.

"Her play on the floor was amazing" said **Coach Terri (Blunk) Purichia '90**. "Every time we needed something to happen, we went to Haley."

Congratulations, Haley!

The No. 1-ranked 2A Lady Pioneers visit local rival Jeffersonville tonight and host No. 12-ranked 3A Brownstown tomorrow.

STUDENTS ENJOY RETREATS

The junior high and sophomore students have begun their days of reflection opportunities. Last week, half of the eighth grade class visited Catholic Charities of Louisville school for English as a second language for new refugees, a collaboration with Crossroads Ministries. The students helped adults learn the words they needed to complete job applications and also helped children learn by singing songs with them.

Eighth grader **Ryan Strahm** said he enjoyed the experience and hopes to do it again someday. "It showed me how we're called to do something, and we can do it every day," he said. "It's our choice to follow God's call."



Eighth grader **Sierra Brooks** said the experience helped her realize how blessed she is. Here is her reflection:

"Before, I always took reading and writing for granted. I never imagined a world without it. While at the retreat, I worked with men and women who were illiterate in their own language. It took many minutes before they understood simple skills like dates, currency, commands, numbers, and the alphabet.

"Another thing I got out of the retreat is now I understand how very lucky we are to live in a country where we can say what we want, believe in what we want, work where we want, and wear what we want. I also found the retreat extremely rewarding. It was the very first day (at the school) for my student from Afghanistan. She knew very little and felt overwhelmed. She did not understand the alphabet and how uppercase and lowercase letters are the same. Towards the end, she could pick the correct answer on her own. That was truly rewarding. Also, at the end Bebar asked me to write down numbers 1-10. She took the piece of paper and began to say numbers 1-10 on her own. That was the highlight of my day.

"I loved this field trip so much. I plan on volunteering at Catholic Charities again! Overall, my eyes were opened by God, and I saw what truly goes on past the U.S. boundaries. The eighth grade retreat was a fantastic experience that forever will be in my heart."

On Thursday, Oct. 3, the 7th grade will spend the day at St. John Starlight reflecting on faith, family and friends. They also will hear from high school students who will share how to be involved and get the most out of their high school years and their relationship with God, family and friends.

This week, Oct. 1-4, the sophomores will take part in their days of reflection and service. The students will visit Crossroads Ministry at St. William Parish in downtown Louisville. The educational program is intended to introduce students

to various social justice issues as well as the daily struggles of the homeless and disadvantaged. Students attend a prayer service, hear from agencies that serve the disadvantaged and volunteer at a day care facility for disadvantaged, mentally challenged adults.

STUDENTS CONTINUE GREEN DOT TRAINING

Yesterday, 31 students attended training to learn how to proactively stop violence, whether word choice, bullying or dating violence. Last year, 75 students took part in the program's training.

Sophomore **Brooklin Grantz** attended the training and said the training was well worth it. "I knew (violence and bullying) was a problem, but I didn't know it was such a big problem," she said. "I feel like I'm more equipped to handle these situations now."

The Green Dot program, sponsored by The Center for Women and Families, is a violence prevention program based on bystander intervention created by **Dr. Dorothy Edwards** at the University of Kentucky for the purpose of changing the culture of violence, one person at a time.



Students pictured above attended training yesterday to learn how to proactively stop violence, whether word choice, bullying or dating violence.

BLUE PRIDE STRIDE REGISTRATIONS

[Registrations](#) are now being accepted for the Blue Pride Stride 5K color run to be held Saturday, Nov. 16, at the New Albany Amphitheater at 1 p.m. The cost is \$20 for an individual or \$30 for a family (immediate family members only). The proceeds will go towards the Hispanic Catholic Charities and the House of Honesty. If you have any questions, contact **Mr. Walt Dries**.

Please help spread the word by 'Liking' the Blue Pride Stride page on [Facebook](#) - and check out the cool video promoting the event.

PARENT CONNECTION

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

Parents, teachers and students are encouraged to nominate an exceptional student for a local scholarship contest sponsored by four local radio stations, Jefferson Community & Technical College, and Neil Huffman Auto Group. Simply log on to www.ExceptionalStudentScholarship.com to nominate a deserving student and upload a photo. Nominees should be well-rounded students with interests in the community, arts, music, sports, science,

academics, church or anything that sets them apart.

Each Friday between now and March 7, 2014, between 7:45 a.m. and 8:15 a.m., two local seniors will be selected and spotlighted as finalists for the scholarship on local radio stations New Country Q103.3, Country Legends 103.9, Lite 106.9, and the Eagle 107.7. In March 2014, six scholarships will be awarded - a \$3,000, \$2,000 and \$1,000 scholarship to JCTC and three other scholarships in the same amounts to the college of the recipient's choice.

FALL BREAK NEXT TWO WEEKS

Providence students will be on fall break beginning with dismissal on Oct. 4 with classes resuming on Oct. 21, a B day. The offices will be closed Oct. 7-11 only. In the second week, Oct. 14-18, the main office will be open 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday, and 9 a.m. -1 p.m. on Friday. First quarter report cards will be mailed Oct. 4.

There are many sporting events over the break, including:

- [Girls Soccer Sectional](#): Girls Soccer will compete in the 2A Floyd Central Sectional on Tuesday, Oct. 8, vs. Corydon Central at 5 p.m. at Floyd Central. If they win, they will face the winner of the New Albany-Floyd Central game on Thursday, Oct. 10 at 5 p.m.
- [Boys Soccer Sectional](#): Providence will host the 1A Boys Soccer Sectional, with the Pioneer Boys Soccer team facing North Harrison Monday, Oct. 7, at 6 p.m. If they win, they will face the Rock Creek Academy on Wed., Oct. 9 at approximately 7 p.m.
- Football and Volleyball: Football and Volleyball will continue their regular season schedule throughout the break, including the Football City Championship at Clarksville High School on Friday, Oct. 18. Volleyball will visit rival 4A New Albany on Tuesday, Oct. 8, and host two home matches over the break, including No. 9-ranked 4A Columbus East on Wednesday, Oct. 16, with JV starting at 6 p.m. and varsity at 7:30.
- Cross Country: Cross Country finishes its regular season over the break, including hosting their invitational at Community Park on Thursday, Oct. 10, at 6 p.m.
- Boys Tennis: Boys Tennis faces Jeffersonville tonight in the opening round of the Jeffersonville Boys Tennis Sectional. The finals are tomorrow. Regional schedules will be announced next week.

DEANERY NIGHT OCT. 4

All Deanery students and their families are invited to attend [Deanery Night](#) at the Providence Football vs. Mitchell game on Friday, Oct. 4. All Deanery students grades K-8, including PHS junior high, will receive a free admission when wearing a Deanery t-shirt or jersey and accompanied by an adult. Regular admission is \$5. Game time is 7 p.m.

At halftime, Deanery football teams from flag to junior high will be recognized, and the Southern Indiana Catholic and Clark County Catholic 3rd/4th and 5th/6th grade teams will scrimmage on the field. Come out and cheer on your

Deanery teams!

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 23, after fall break. Dismissal will be at 2:30 p.m., and conferences are 3:30-7:30 p.m. Parents should enter through the main entrance and pick up their student's schedule. No appointments are necessary.

PSAT in October

Sophomores and juniors will take the PSAT/NMSQT Oct. 30 during school. The test is practice for the SAT and for juniors is an opportunity to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship. Students have received a practice booklet, and additional preparation materials are offered on the SAT website.

Students should be sure to get a good night's sleep prior to the test and eat a good breakfast. Students also should be on time to school since the test starts at 8 a.m. Students should bring two No. 2 pencils and a calculator. Student cell phones and iPads are not allowed in the testing area. The test will be over around 11:30 a.m., and students will resume their A-Day schedule for the afternoon.

SAVE THE DATE: OPEN HOUSE

Providence will host its annual Open House on Sunday, Nov. 3, from 1 p.m.-3 p.m. All prospective students and their families are encouraged to attend.

IHSAA STUDENT/ATHLETE TIP OF THE WEEK

Every Monday, the IHSAA offers a Tip of the Week on its website to encourage students to do their best. Last week, student-athletes were encouraged to lead by example in the classroom as well as on the field/court. This week, players are encouraged to have self-control. To read the full Tip of the Week, click below:

[Tip of the Week - Sept. 23](#)

[Tip of the Week - Sept. 30](#)

ALUMNI IN ACTION

REUNION INFO

Planning is just beginning for graduation years ending in 4 and 9. Reunion committee chairpersons should contact **Christa (Payne) Hoyland '84** at alumni@providencehigh.net.

Providence has received word of the following reunions:

- 1960 (53 years) annual mini-reunion brunch, Dec. 14, Clarksville Holiday Inn, 11:00 a.m. - ?
- 1962 (51 years) annual mini-reunion brunch, Dec. 7, Clarksville Holiday Inn, 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. No reservations are required; information will be mailed closer to the event.
- 1963 (50 years): Sept. 21, Covered Bridge. PHS tour 10 a.m. Meet in the main lobby.

INDY-BASED PHS ALUMNI GATHERING

Alumni living or going to college in the Indianapolis area are invited to a Colts viewing party on Monday, Oct. 14, at Scotty's Brewhouse downtown location. Join us for a chance to connect or re-connect with PHS graduates in the area.

We will meet at 8:00 p.m. in the Brickyard Banquet Room at Scotty's Brewhouse, 1 Virginia Ave., Indianapolis. Kickoff of the Colts vs. Chargers game is at 8:40 p.m. Please RSVP to **Jimmy Cox '05** at james.cox9686@gmail.com by Oct. 4.

OCTOBER SENIOR RETREAT COMING UP

The first senior retreat is scheduled for Oct. 22-25. Please pray for the seniors attending and the retreat leaders. Contact **Mr. Dale Durham (Hon. '06)** at ddurham@providencehigh.net for more information.

BLUE PRIDE ON DISPLAY

DEANERY APPRECIATION NIGHT

Providence recently hosted more than 120 teachers and staff members from the New Albany Deanery schools for Deanery Appreciation Night. The evening included dinner catered by Stumler Catering and drawings for various door prizes. Thank you to all the parents and friends who donated door prizes. And thank you to all Deanery teachers and staff for all that you do!



WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST PIONEER



Congratulations to social studies teacher **Mr. Steve Beyl '99** and his wife, Spanish/English teacher **Mrs. Corinne (Alles) Beyl '90**, as they welcomed son **Truman Thomas**, little brother of **Kramer**.

During Mrs. Beyl's maternity leave, we welcomed back two former teachers who will be teaching her classes through the end of November.

Jeanne Portman, English

Ms. Jeanne Portman taught French part-time last year and returns to teach Mrs. Beyl's freshman English classes. She taught French and English for 21 years at Southwestern High



School in Hanover, Ind. She retired early from that school in order to spend more time with her mother in her hometown of Louisville.

Ms. Portman said she is glad to be back at Providence teaching part-time. "These are nice students, and it's nice to come back and see them again and to teach English again."



Rebecca Gedney, Spanish

Even though it has been nearly 10 years since Mrs. Rebecca Gedney taught Spanish at Providence, she sees many former students among Mrs. Beyl's Spanish II students because she taught them at Holy Family School. Mrs. Gedney taught Spanish I at Providence for the 2003-2004 school year and served as a substitute teacher in the fall of 2004. She taught Spanish one day a week to grades kindergarten through sixth for two years from 2005 to 2007 at Holy Family.

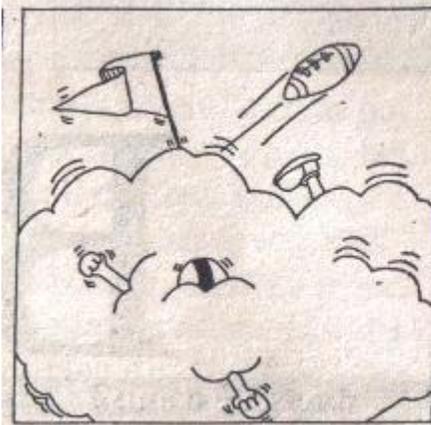
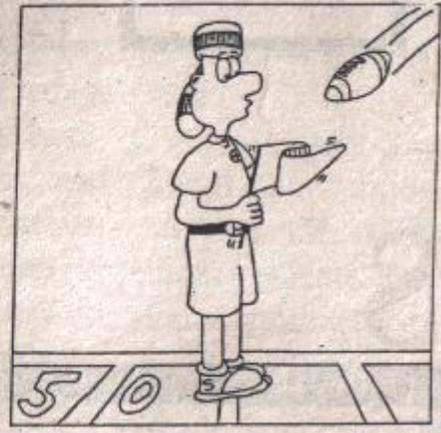
Mrs. Gedney primarily has been a stay-at-home mom with three sons since then and also taught math part-time at Indiana University Southeast. She is pursuing a master's degree in math at the University of Louisville and after receiving her degree hopes to teach math and/or Spanish full-time somewhere. Mrs. Gedney said she is glad to be back at Providence. "I like the students," she said. "I've always felt at home here."

BLUE NEWS - OF OLD

By Ray Day '57

The exciting football upset victory last week sent me into the archives to find out what was happening 20 years ago this month. I came across the artwork of **Jason Latta '97** and a character named "Pioneer Pride."

Jason entered Providence as a freshman in the fall of 1993. He was excited to be a student at Providence. Additionally, he was blessed with a natural talent for drawing and soon found a place on the student newspaper staff. With the October 1993 issue, Jason introduced a comic strip entitled "*The Mis-Adventures of Pioneer Pride*" in the monthly publication called Blue Prints. "Pioneer Pride" became a popular and highly recognized character for the next four years.



As a graduating senior, Jason wrote his farewell in the May 23, 1997, issue of Blue Prints, accompanied by the drawing below. The following comments are excerpts from that article.

For the past four years, I have been the staff artist of Blue Prints. I have enjoyed watching the faces of people smile as they view my comics and cartoons.

The reason I have stayed on staff for all four years is due to my love of art and making people laugh. I take pride not just in my art, but also this school. I am proud to be able to say that I have attended Providence High School.

The teachers, students, and faculty make this school what it is. So take pride in your school.

Smile always and keep a place in your heart for Our Lady of Providence High School. May the pride be with you.



COMING EVENTS

- Oct. 2 - Annual Student Assistance Program Dinner (ASAP) at Huber's Plantation Hall
- Oct. 7-18 Fall Break
- Oct. 17-18 - Faculty In-Service
- Oct. 21 - ECA Testing Begins, Ends November 15
- Oct. 22-25 - Senior Retreat
- Oct. 23 - 2:30 Dismissal - Parent/Teacher Conferences - 3:30 - 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 30 - PSAT Grades 10 & 11 - Full Day for All Students
- Nov. 1 - All Saints Day Liturgy (Liturgy Schedule)
- Nov. 3 - Open House (1:00 - 3:00 p.m.)

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And lastly...

Our two-week long fall break begins at the end of classes on Friday this week. We wish students and families a wonderful time away from school.

Classes resume on Monday, October 21 and the next e-VISION Newsletter is scheduled for October 30.

Happy Fall Break!

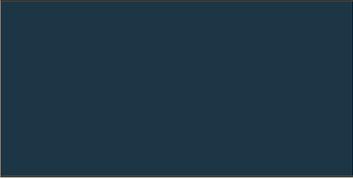
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