



Nearly 200 students received recognition at the Academic Awards Ceremony on Aug. 25. The students pictured here represent the 90 sophomores, juniors and seniors who received recognition for achievement in the various academic departments.

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The temptation to text and drive is easy to give in to. Your phone signals that you have a message, and your instinct is to look down. But students found last Wednesday that looking down or typing a few words can lead to an accident, running a red light, or slowing to an unsafe speed thanks to the Texting & Driving ... It Can Wait simulator.

Representatives from AT&T brought in the simulator for students to experience during lunches and scheduled a visit from **Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller '73** and **U.S. Rep. Todd Young**. Members of SADD attended a session with Mr. Zoeller and Mr. Young, who each spoke about the dangers of texting and driving. Mr. Zoeller told the students they should be leaders and set the example to avoid texting and driving - and speak up when they are in the car with a friend or adult who is texting and driving.



AT&T has taken the Texting & Driving ... It Can Wait campaign to several schools around the state and chose Providence as the Southern Indiana site because Mr. Zoeller is an alumnus of the school. Mr. Zoeller said he was happy to come back to Providence and share this important message with students. He shared how he has been tempted to text and drive, even with his family in the car, and now puts his cell phone in the back seat where he can't reach it. He urged students to use the same caution. "You really have to take

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responsibility," Mr. Zoeller said. "You're driving, essentially, a two-ton steel weapon, and you've got to be careful."

Senior **Bryana Rake** tried out the simulator and was surprised at how difficult it was to text and drive. She said she has tried to text while driving before but it made her nervous, so she tries not to. She won't even answer the phone unless it's her mother - and then only because she keeps calling until Bryana answers. Driving the simulator and texting further illustrated how distracting trying to do both is to drivers. "It's a lot harder than you think."



Mr. Zoeller stayed after the Texting & Driving ... It Can Wait session to speak to about 50 students enrolled in Freshman Focus this semester as part of the Career Speaker Series. He shared how his time at Providence instilled in him a commitment to service, which led to his seeking public office.

Alumni, parents and others interested in participating in the Career Speaker Series and sharing their career story, can email alumni@providencehigh.net.

Students - and our readers - who did not have a chance to try out the simulator, can do so online at ItCanWait.com. They can also take a pledge to not text and drive.

STUDENTS IN ACTION

STUDENT ENTREPRENEURS INVENT, MARKET ITEMS

Senior **Ben Shahroudi** and freshman **Ethan Palazzo** have each taken an idea and made it a reality that others can wear. Here are their stories:

Senior displays hands-free ingenuity

By senior **Katie Chrisco**

Senior Ben Shahroudi recently invented a product specifically designed to both hold an iPad and act as a backpack. The invention, called the "Pad Pouch" features a special case on the front strap of the backpack for an iPad. The Pad Pouch is more than just a specialized backpack. Soon, it will include a free downloadable app that allows wearers to choose logos and motion designs to display on their iPad screen. Users can also choose photos from their own library to display. The app will soon be available for download on the iTunes Store.

Ben had the idea for the Pad Pouch last school year, and shares on the Pad pouch website the conversation he had with his dad: "It would be cool





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if they made a backpack where the iPad could slide in the front of your chest and face out with the screen showing. Your hands would be free, you couldn't drop your iPad and you could put logos on the screen that you changed between each class if you wanted to, depending on your mood."

With the help of his father, Ben's idea became a reality. Before applying for a patent, Ben spoke with a patent attorney in Louisville. Once everything was in order, Ben was able to apply for a patent in May 2013, and the patent is now pending.

Since then, Ben and his father have teamed up with a U.S. backpack manufacturer, who will be producing the Pad Pouches. Ben and his father are working on recovering their expenses for now, since the steps they've taken to apply for the patent and produce the prototypes have been expensive. Ben said he is hopeful that they will be able to make a profit on the product and is excited to gain experience in business and entrepreneurship. The Pad pouch is scheduled to be up for pre-order soon at www.mypadpouch.com.

Freshman working to sell his t-shirt design

By junior **Ashley Bittenbender**

We all have big dreams and aspirations. Most of the time, however, they don't come true. But what if they did? For freshman Ethan Palazzo, his dreams did become a reality.

In early July, Ethan started designing his own line of street-wear called "Simply Hype." Although he just designed his line a little more than a month ago, he already has two retailers interested across the country and 30 more interested around the world. Although he has yet to obtain the \$600 patent, he hopes to get it soon. His potential earnings are estimated at over \$5,000 from just a few potential retailers but is still negotiating to finalize any contracts and is still searching for more.



Although it may sound like his creation took a lot, his process was very straight forward. His process included creating the designs with a program similar to Photoshop, finding a manufacturer, and contacting retailers. When asked why he decided to pursue his fashion line, he said, "I do it because I like it."

Ethan said he did "receive a little guidance from Aboo Gyguen, another small-time street-wear entrepreneur, if you will. He was very helpful with informing me on general information." The rest of the work was on his own. He found the manufacture through Alibaba, "a website that has thousands of Asian manufacture companies," he said. To find retailers, he searched Instagram, Yelp, Google, fashion blogs, and "many more forms of media."

HOUSE CUP COMING SOON

By junior **Madeline Storz**

On Friday, Sept. 20, the Houses will go head to head in competition to be the next House Cup Champion. Students and teachers from all Houses, including the junior high House of Honesty, will engage in a day full of fun and friendly competition in events such as sumo wrestling, quick recall, and a talent show. There also are two new events: ping pong and Family Feud! The events will take place throughout the school with dismissal at noon.

The House Cup is a way to celebrate a new school year, welcome the freshmen into the House system, and promote unity for the school.

NOTE: Each House is responsible for paying the \$250 entry fee, which divides out into students paying \$2-\$5 per person. Some Houses are also using this time as an opportunity to collect dues for their service projects or purchase t-shirts, so the fee may be higher.

STUDENTS LEAD WAY TO FORM DR WHO CLUB

By senior **Michelle Zelli**

Providence was graced with a new club last Thursday! The Doctor Who Club was founded by juniors **Elizabeth Aubrey** and **Kevin Wade**. They approached new teachers **Mrs. Sarah Workman** and **Mr. Blake Oliver** about starting a club dedicated to this classic BBC show. This brand new club will convene every Tuesday, with plans to watch episodes of the newest season, and Wednesday to discuss the history of Doctor Who characters. They meet directly after school (after BLUE Days on Tuesday) in Room 202 and welcome anyone interested in science fiction to come by and check them out.

DANCE TEAM TAKES PART IN SERVICE EVENTS

Dance Team members recently participated in the 2013 Walk to Cure Diabetes in Louisville. They walked with Chloe's Clan, honoring Chloe Brown, the younger sister of Dance Team member, freshman **Courtney Brown**. The team also helped at the Mt. St. Francis Picnic over the weekend in the cake and Mister Hardware booths.

STUDENTS RECEIVE ACADEMIC AWARDS

On Sunday, Aug. 25, a large number of students received recognition of their academic achievements for the prior school year. Three students received the Father Mike Leadership Awards for exhibiting qualities such as exemplary Christian character: sophomore **Ben Popson**, junior **Madeline Storz**, and senior **Charly Wolford**. Senior **Katelyn Koopman** received the \$1,000 Irvin and Gerry Gettelfinger Scholarship to help with expenses of senior year. Five seniors received book awards from various organizations for exhibiting qualities such as leadership and academic excellence: **Conner Johnson**, Phi Beta Kappa Association of Kentuckiana Book Award; **Brianna Jacobi**, Spalding Book Award; **Scott Hoyland**, U of L Yarmuth Book Award; and **Justin Nacpil** and **Charly Wolford**, St. Michael's College Book Award for Academic Achievement with a Social Conscience.

More than 90 students received Academic Final Four t-shirts for academic

achievement in specific departments. More than 130 students were recognized for being on the Honor Roll all four quarters last school year. For a full listing of students receiving recognition, click [here](#).

STUDENT ATHLETES MARCH IN CLARKFEST PARADE



On Labor Day, members of the Girls Basketball and Volleyball teams as well as Mr. Pioneer represented Providence in the ClarkFEST parade in Clarksville. Participants included seniors **Abby Spitznagel**, **Taylor Hoffman** and **Lincoln Ottersbach**, juniors **Patricia Mattingly**, **Tammy Coffey** and **Sara Gryboski**, sophomores **Jacquie Hornung**, **Claire** and **Audrey Shannon**, and **Mikaila Heavrin**, freshmen **Claire Rauck**, **Mia Fougrouse**, **Sydney Milliner**, **Sara Welsh** and **Bayley Wade**.

PARENT CONNECTION

SENIOR GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

A representative from Herff Jones met with seniors this morning to present information about graduation announcements, caps and gowns, and memorabilia. Students have been given information sheets and order forms to take home to their parents. Orders will be collected Sept. 9 and 10 during lunches.

PICTURE RETAKES SEPT. 24

Lifetouch will be available in the Activity Center on Tuesday, Sept. 24, during lunches for picture retakes. Students who did not have their photo taken during registration must have their photo taken at this time, and order forms are available in the main office. Students unhappy with their original photograph can have retakes but must bring the complete, original packet of photos. Students having retakes made can dress up and must follow the guidelines in the handbook. No jeans allowed.

ASBESTOS PUBLIC NOTICE

The annual Asbestos Public Notice has been posted to the school website. Please click [here](#) for more information.

BLUE DAYS SCHEDULE CHANGE

At the request of all of the department chairpersons, a slight adjustment has been made to the BLUE Day time [schedule](#). Time has been added between the end of

the school day and the first session and the passing time between the two sessions has been reduced. The first session now starts eight minutes after the 2:25 dismissal, with a three-minute passing period between sessions and a one-minute reduction in the session time. The school day and BLUE Day session dismissal times remain the same.

DADS CLUB COOKOUT FRIDAY

All current, former and future Providence dads are invited to attend the Dads' Club cookout on Friday, Sept. 6, before the first home football game in the Activity Center from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. (This is an earlier start time than previously announced.) The menu includes burgers, hot dogs and chips. Game time is at 7:00 p.m., and tickets to the game are \$5. Free-will offering for the dinner will be accepted.

DRIVERS' EDUCATION THANK YOU

The Driver Education Department and **Mr. Ben Hornung '75** would like to thank Chris Huber Auto Sales New Albany (**Chris Huber '94**) and Bales Auto Mall Jeffersonville (**David Lewis**) for providing cars free of charge for our program this past summer. We would also like to thank our guest speakers: **Doug Fisher**(State Farm Insurance), **Al Oswald** (Operation Lifesaver), and **Lt. Rusty Settles**(Jeffersonville Police Dept). Thanks so much!

Note: This story is a reprint of last issue, with a corrected headline.

ALUMNI IN ACTION

ALUMNI NIGHT FRIDAY

Alumni Night is this Friday, Sept. 6, with a reception and cookout dinner in the Activity Center from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. for all alumni. At half time of the football game vs. Holy

Cross, the Alumni Association will recognize teams celebrating five- and 10-year anniversary of their post-season



victories. Teams to be recognized include state runners-up 1973 and 1993 Football, state finalist 1968 Cross Country, semi-state runner-up 2003 Girls Soccer, and sectional champs 1998 Boys Soccer and 1978, 1988 and 1993 Volleyball.

All alumni are invited to attend. Game time is 7 p.m. Game admission is \$5. A free-will offering for the dinner will be accepted. Members of the anniversary teams can RSVP at alumni@providencehigh.net.

REUNION INFO

Providence has received word of the following reunions:

- 1962 (51 years) annual mini-reunion, Dec. 7, Clarksville Holiday Inn, 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. champagne brunch. No reservations are required; information will be mailed closer to the event.
- 1963 (50 years): Sept. 21, Covered Bridge. RSVP date was July 31.
- 1978 (35 years): Sept. 28, Hidden Creek. RSVPs due Sept. 20. [Facebook](#) page
- 1993 (20 years): Sept. 7, Horseshoe Southern Indiana. Registration deadline was Aug. 13. [Facebook](#) page

Planning is just beginning for graduation years ending in 4 and 9. Reunion committee chairpersons should contact **Christa (Payne) Hoyland '84** alumni@providencehigh.net. Providence has received word of the following planning committee meetings:

- 1974 (40 years): The next planning meeting is Sept. 12, at Roosters at 8:00 p.m.

HAVE AN INSIGHT EMAIL?

Insight customers will need to update their email by the end of September, and many of our eVISION readers have insightbb.com email addresses. To keep from missing out on future email newsletters, be sure to [update](#) us with your new email address.

THANK YOU, GOLF SCRAMBLE PARTICIPANTS



The Office of Institutional Advancement thanks all those involved in the annual Pioneer Golf Scramble, including those who planned the event as well as those who sponsored and participated. This event is an important fundraiser for the Annual Student Assistance Program.

This year's winners included: (Flight 1) **Ken Allender, Steve Day '81, Scott Hutchins '91 and Ben Hornung '75**; (Flight 2) **Terry Cody '67, Don Gibbons, Jack Koetter '72 and Jerry Adkins** (pictured above); and (Flight 3) **Marlin Andres '76, Vince Rose '94 and Jerry Koetter '84**.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: ASAP DINNER

The Annual Student Assistance Program dinner is Oct. 2 at Huber Winery & Orchard's Plantation Hall. We are in need of at least 50 volunteers to serve as table hosts. It's an easy way to volunteer, and it's a great way to give back to Providence.

Hosts are asked to fill a table of 10 for this free event. Please consider joining us for this festive night that supports the future of Providence and our students!

If interested in attending or being a table host, please contact **Debbie (Sparks) Marshall '84** at dmarshall@providencehigh.net or (812) 945-3350.

BLUE PRIDE ON DISPLAY

WELCOME, NEW THEOLOGY TEACHERS!

The Theology Department welcomes one full-time and two part-time theology teachers to replace former theology teacher **Mr. Jake Willard**, to allow **Mr. Dale Durham** to return to full-time campus ministry duties, and to accommodate the larger enrollment.

Brendan Kelly, junior and senior theology

Mr. Brendan Kelly found his way to Providence after originally discerning for the priesthood. After earning his bachelor of fine arts degree in graphic design from Auburn University, he felt the call to discern the priesthood. He joined the Archdiocese of Mobile, Ala., and began studying theology at St. Joseph Abbey and Seminary College in Covington, La. He transferred to St. Meinrad Seminary, where he discerned that he was not called to a life as a priest.



In his final months at St. Meinrad, he met **Ms. Leah Cissell '05**, coordinator of programming at New Albany Deanery Catholic Youth Ministries. The two became friends and eventually began dating and are now engaged to marry next July.

The last two years, Mr. Kelly served as a youth minister and part-time theology teacher in Birmingham, Ala. When he heard about the opening at Providence, he said he was thrilled to be able to find a full-time teaching job that would allow him to move to the area.

Mr. Kelly said he likes living in Southern Indiana because it has a mix of Southern and Northern qualities. "And it seems like a good place to raise a family," he said.

Mr. Kelly said he enjoys teaching theology to juniors and seniors because "my class has an external goal. I tell my students I want them to be big-time saints and mini-theologians." He said he likes teaching at Providence and is excited to see the students have such a deep pride in their school.

Mr. Kelly lives in Clarksville. In his free time, he likes to run in triathlons, read and use his graphic design skills.

Conor Carroll, part-time senior theology

Mr. Conor Carroll is pleased to be teaching senior theology part time at Providence, especially because it allows him to pursue his master's degree in

theology at St. Meinrad Seminary at the same time. He recently received his bachelor's degree in theology from Bellarmine University and was interested in teaching and some day moving into campus ministry.



Mr. Carroll said he became interested in teaching theology and campus ministry while a student at Trinity High School in Louisville thanks in part to his junior- and senior-year theology teachers. As Providence seniors do, he went on a Christian Awakening Retreat and was so touched by the experience that he continued to serve as a student retreat leader.

The thought of teaching in a co-ed high school was originally intimidating, he said, but instead he found that he enjoys the dynamic of the co-ed classroom. "I like having the different viewpoints and what that brings to the classroom," he said.

Mr. Carroll said he is "surprised but happy with the sense of community" displayed by the students and teachers here. And he especially appreciates the support of his fellow faculty in his first year of teaching. "That has really been a grace and a blessing," he said.

Mr. Carroll lives in Louisville and enjoys bike riding, listening to music, going to concerts and reading.

Mr. Bart Makowsky, part-time senior theology
Interview by junior **Paige Lorey**



Mr. Bart Makowsky '87 is once again teaching senior theology after serving as a full-time substitute teacher for a few years. He now teaches three classes, provides cafeteria supervision, and is a part-time sub the other blocks.

Mr. Makowsky said he is happy to be back teaching again because it gives him "a chance to have regular contact every day with the students. And I get the chance to see the 'light bulb' go off when they get something." He said he enjoys working at Providence, especially seeing the school spirit and how much the students "are willing to put into everything."

Mr. Makowsky and his wife, Heather, have two children, **Nathaniel**, a junior, and Maria, a seventh grader at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. In addition to teaching, Mr. Makowsky also works to maintain the soccer field. He also likes to cook and to garden.

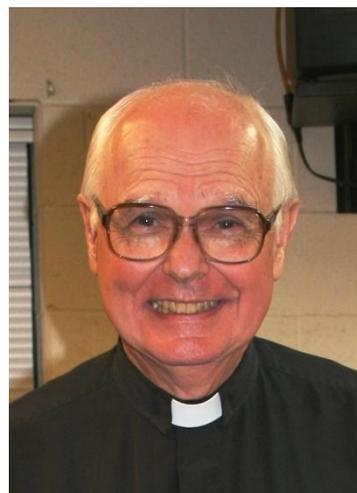
FR. CLIFF VOGELSANG CELEBRATES JUBILEE

The **Rev. Cliff Vogelsang**, retired priest and former pastor of St. Augustine Parish, dean of the New Albany Deanery, and Providence Board of Trustees member,

recently celebrated 50 years in the priesthood. Father Cliff was instrumental in the hiring of **President Joan Hurley** and said that was one of his proudest accomplishments as a member of the Providence Board of Trustees.

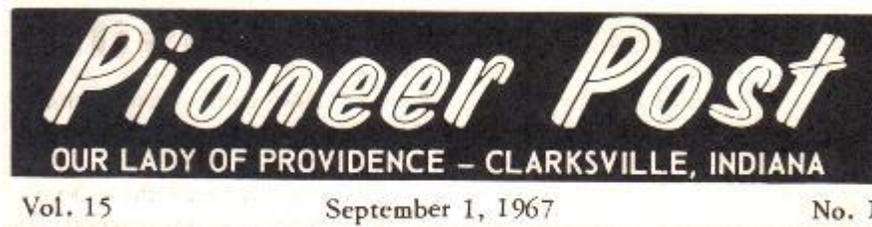
Although officially retired, he remains busy as part-time sacramental minister at St. Andrews Parish in Indianapolis and as a substitute sacramental minister, and enjoys "doing a lot of good for a lot of people," he said.

The **Rev. Sonny Day '58**, pastor of St. John the Baptist in Starlight and dean of the New Albany Deanery, said he enjoyed serving on the Board of Trustees alongside Father Cliff. "Father Cliff could always be depended upon to be faithful and generous in his priestly ministries and responsibilities, and I found Father to be a very supportive member of the Our Lady of Providence school community," Father Day said. "Father Cliff was what I would call a strong 'silent' leader and influence on the Deanery pastors and our parishes. In his own humble, gentle and easy-going way, he extended again and again his support, assistance and encouragement to us in our parish and Deanery responsibilities."



Father Cliff was recently featured in "[The Criterion](#)" for his 50 years of ministry.

BLUE NEWS - OF OLD



By **Ray Day '57**

*The following account of the opening of the 1967-1968 football season is reprinted from the Sept. 1, 1967, issue of the Pioneer Post. The first Pioneer football team in 1955-56 was lead by **Coach Bernie Roeckers**. The next season, **Gene "Spider" Murphy** took the lead position and continued until the end of the 1963-64 season. **Coach Bill Kleier** followed for three years - 1965 through 1967.*

OLP Opens Season Tonight At Jeff

The 1968 Football season at Providence officially opens tonight when the Pioneers invade Memorial Park to clash with the Jeffersonville Red Devils at 8:00 p.m.

The prospects for a successful season appear very bright with the arrival of a new head football coach, **Mr. Elmer Britton**, and with the turnout of one of the largest Pioneer squads ever.



Mr. Britton comes to Providence after having lead, as assistant coach, his Richmond (Ind.) High School team to an undefeated season last fall. Richmond was acclaimed "mythical" State Champions by the poll of sportswriters from this state.

Previous to his one season at Richmond High, Coach Britton was assistant coach at Franklin College, Franklin, Indiana. While he was there, he helped lead Franklin to the Hoosier College Conference Championship. He also served as assistant coach for the South, in the North-South Shrine All-Star Game, which was held the summer after his year at Franklin.

Coach Britton will be backed by returning coaches, **Mr. Doug Kannapell** and **Mr. Pat McKay ['63]** to complete our coaching staff.

A squad of 41 boys turned out Aug. 15 to start practice. For a school the size of Providence this is a good turnout.

Providence should keep an eye on Seniors **Kevin Hornung**, **Tom Hauswald**, **Rich Young**, **Mike Naville**, and **Stan Farrell**; juniors **Mike Kasse** and **Jerry Bailey** and sophomore **Jerome Richard**, all of whom should prove great assets to the success of the team in the upcoming season.

Addendum: Jeffersonville defeated Coach Britton's first game of the season, 27 - 13. However, the team went on to win five games: Bedford, Clarksville, Tell City, Madison and Jennings County. In addition to the loss to Jeff, they were also defeated by New Albany and Rex Mundi. In the end it was a 5-3 season.

Coach Britton remained at Providence for three seasons. He finished his second season 4-5-1 and his third season, 6-4-0 for an overall three-year total of 15-12-1. Coach Britton also taught social studies and health.

COMING EVENTS

Sept. 9 & 10 - Grad orders due during lunch

Sept. 13 - Underclassmen Picture Retakes

Sept. 18 - Homecoming Liturgy (Liturgy Schedule)

Sept. 19 - Fall Homecoming Ceremony (Special Schedule)

Sept. 19 - Pioneer House Cup Opening Ceremony (PM)

Sept. 20 - Pioneer House Cup Tournament - NOON DISMISSAL

Sept. 21-22 - Fall Show

Sept. 24 - Sophomore Class Ring Delivery/Ring Adjustment During Lunch

Sept. 24-27 - First Senior Retreat

Sept. 25 - Southern Indiana College Fair @NAHS (6:00 - 8:00 p.m.)

Sept. 27 - End of First Quarter

Sept. 27-29 - Fall Show

Oct. 2 - Annual Student Assistance Program Dinner (ASAP) Huber's Plantation Hall

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And lastly...

We congratulate Sr. Susan Gatz (SCN), who taught theology at Providence for the 1978-1979 school year and recently was installed as the president of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth based in Nazareth, Ky. She previously served as vice president of the order. Interestingly enough, this year's installation included a Skype session with a group of Sisters in India, home to the new first vice president of the order.

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