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SENIORS TAKE FLIGHT

Students graduate from Providence confident they are prepared for college and/or a career. Seniors **Devan Evanczyk** and **Josh Courtney** received even more preparation because they will soon receive their private pilot's license.

Both boys completed the two-year Aircraft Operations program offered at Prosser Career Education Center in New Albany. The aviation training took two years, with aviation ground school their junior year, and this year flight training on their own time, including 10 hours of solo flights.

Devan and Josh both said they were interested in participating in the aviation program because they want to pursue careers in aviation and hope to become a commercial pilot for UPS or FedEx. Both boys have a family legacy of piloting. Devan's father, **Byron Evanczyk '85**, and grandfather each have their private pilot's license and own a plane. Josh's father is a pilot for UPS.

"I just like the whole concept of it all," Devan said. "Just being up in the air is awesome."

Devan also said he has had some scary moments on his flights when the plane has stalled, but his training prepared him on how to recover. While he is aware of the dangers and the responsibility, he is more proud of being able to attain his license at age 18. "I just like saying I'm a pilot at 18," he said. "It's one more thing that makes me unique in who I

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am."

He also is proud to carry on the family legacy of piloting, something he realized when he saw his dad's reaction to his first solo flight. "I saw him pump his fist and jump up and say, 'That's my boy,'" Devan said. "That surprised me but made me feel really good."

Devan plans to attend Vincennes/Purdue Aviation Technology Center (ATC) in Indianapolis in the fall, a program that offers, upon successful completion, a direct admit to Purdue University's ATC bachelor's program.

Josh plans to attend Indiana State University to complete his bachelor's degree in aviation and join the US Air Force Reserves and apply for a pilot's position. He said he is glad to have his private pilot's license because it will save about \$20,000 and allow him to enter a year ahead of most of the aviation majors at ISU. He also likes that only a few people can say they have their high school diploma and private pilot's license in the same month. "It's something not everyone does," he said. "It's exciting, and it's a different perspective from what everyone else has."

Josh said he is especially proud to be earning his Providence diploma, which he believes carries more weight with colleges. He attended Silver Creek High School his junior year and missed the family atmosphere here and felt "lost in the hustle and bustle," he said.

"Providence cherishes their senior classes," he said, noting how much he enjoyed the senior retreat and the end-of-the-year activities. His former classmates at Silver Creek didn't have those same experiences and are just looking forward to getting out of school, while "all of us here are trying to hold on and stay as long as possible."

STUDENTS IN ACTION

SENIORS EARN EAGLE SCOUT

Seniors **Eric Matthews** and **Devan Evanczyk** can add Eagle Scout to the list of their accomplishments this year. Eric, a member of Troop

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4010 of St. Anthony Parish, has been in Scouting since the first grade, when he joined as a Cub Scout. His Eagle Scout project included placing benches, picnic tables and a bike rack along the walking path at the Clarksville Little League Park.

The Eagle Scout is the highest rank a Boy Scout can earn and requires the scout to complete all levels of Scouting and multiple merit badges before planning the



project. The scout must also complete any necessary fundraising and oversee volunteers to complete the project. The project must be complete before the scout turns 18. Both boys have completed their project and turned in their paperwork but have yet to hold their award ceremony.



Eric's project took about a month to complete and about 200 combined man-hours of labor. A donation of lumber from Home Depot to the Little League park in his name allowed him to keep costs down. He said he is proud to have earned his Eagle Scout rank because it will open up opportunities later in life as he applies for jobs and colleges and for the lessons he gained personally. "I learned a lot about organizing and planning things."

Devan, is a member of Troop 4089 out of Sacred Heart Parish, and his project was to install a half-mile walking path at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Jeffersonville. He organized the project and obtained donations of money and equipment, including visiting various businesses asking for use of the equipment. He also oversaw a large group of volunteers who logged more than 600 man-hours over several work days to dig and fill the gravel path.

Devan said he learned that he can be "a real people person" and is even more proud of his Eagle Scout rank than earning his private pilot's license (*see related story above*). "It's even more rare," he said. "It's

something that stays with you for life."

BOOK CLUB WRAPS UP YEAR



The Book Club recently held its last meeting of the school year at The Homemade Ice Cream & Pie Kitchen in New Albany to discuss *I Am the Messenger* by Markus Zusak . The group's previous readings included *Impossible* by Nancy Werlin, which they discussed at Orange Leaf in Clarksville, and *Silence of the Lambs* by Thomas Harris, which they discussed at Krispy Kreme Donuts in Clarksville.

PHYSICS STUDENTS SHOWCASE CONCEPTS

Honors Physics students held a Physics Showcase during Blue Days earlier this month. The students worked in pairs to present 16 labs with hands-on activities and demonstrations representing the physics concepts the students covered over the school year.

Students visiting the showcase voted for the "Best in Show" presentation and voted the Friction Lab by juniors **Sierra Collett** and **Brent Hesse** Best



in Show. Runners up were Simple Harmonic Motion by juniors **Trey Embrey** and **Owen Mattingly** and senior **Lloyd Lashley**, Motion Graphs by juniors **Matt Martin** and **Rachel Wells**, and Optical Bench by juniors **Jordan Ward** and **Autumn Meyer**.

STUDENTS DISPLAY TALENTS

Last week, students participated in nearly a dozen vocal and instrumental acts in the annual Talent Show.

The event is a fundraiser for the Music Department and drew a nice-size crowd to earn more than \$175 for the department.



HOUSE NEWS

The *House of Truth* held its final Birthday Cupcakes of the Quarter event. Each quarter, members of the *House of Truth* donated cupcakes for students, faculty and staff celebrating birthdays in that quarter. Members of the *House of Truth* also created posters for all faculty and staff and hung them throughout the building for Teacher Appreciation Day earlier this month.

Three Houses welcomed new faculty directors:

- *House of Humility* welcomed **Mr. Brad Burden**, who will replace **Ms. Carol Hocker**, pictured at right, who is retiring at the end of the year (*Story will be in the June issue*).
- *House of Loyalty* welcomed **Mrs. Kelly Quinkert-Hornung**, who replaces **Mr. Alan Mathews**.
- *House of Truth* welcomed **Mr. Scott Lutgring**, who replaces **Mrs. Ellen Holifield**.



Thank you to the outgoing leaders for all they have done for their houses, and congratulations to the new directors.

8TH GRADER WINS CONTEST

Eighth grader **Michael Murray** recently won a [Cartoon For The Classroom](#) caption contest held by The Association of American Editorial Cartoonists. His caption, "Coming up next rumors and lies with a chance of being right," related to news coverage of the Boston Marathon bombings. He submitted the caption as part of a classroom assignment, and **Mrs. Sarah Koetter** will receive a copy of the book *Best Editorial Cartoons of the Year - 2013 Edition* to keep in her classroom.

TRACK TEAMS ADVANCE IN POST SEASON

By Coach Jeanne Luther '82

The Girls Track team battled injuries all season but still managed to have a good year. They finished 7-2 in dual/tri-meets, second in the Clarksville Faulkner Relays and third in the highly competitive Corydon Sectional.

Last night at the Bloomington North Regional, the 4 x 400-meter relay team of seniors **Maryashly Betz**, **Haley Corby** and **Leah Mattingly** and junior **Charmaine Solis** finished third to advance to the state finals, edging out Jeffersonville. In the 300-meter hurdles, Maryashly finished fourth. Only the top three finishers advance.

The Girls Track team had runners compete in eight events at the regional thanks to their performance at last week's Corydon Sectional, where the team placed third. At sectional, Leah was crowned sectional champion in the 400-meter run. Other individual top four finishers at sectional included Maryashly in the 100- and 300-meter hurdles, sophomore **Gabi Wixon** in the 100-meter dash, Charmaine in the 200-meter dash, and senior **Janelle Marriott** in the 800-meter run. Two relay teams also placed in the top four at sectionals: the 4-by-100-meter relay of Charmaine, Gabi, Maryashly and Haley Corby and the 4-by-400-meter relay of Haley, Maryashly, Leah and freshman **Alyson Bass**.

Scoring but not advancing at sectional were the 4-by-800-meter relay team of seniors **Kori Siebert**, **Erin Denis**, freshman **Stefany Covarrubias** and Janelle Marriott; sophomore **Taylor Pace** in the 100- and 300-meter hurdles, freshman **Colleen Gelderman** in the 100-meter dash, Erin Denis in the 1600-meter run, freshman **Brooklin Grantz** in the 400-meter run, freshman **Jenna Gilley** in the long jump, and senior **Makenzie Ackermann** in the shot put and discus.

The Boys Track team competed short-handed all year, but that did not stop the boys from showing well in all their meets. The highlight of the year was the record-setting run by the team of senior **Murphy Sheets** and junior **Lincoln Ottersbach** in the 1600 at the Faulkner Relays. Fittingly, the meet is named in honor of Clarksville High School alumnus **Daniel Faulkner**, who was killed while serving in Afghanistan, and Lincoln is his nephew.

Last week, the Boys Track team finished seventh in the Floyd Central Sectional, with five runners qualifying for tomorrow's Boys Track Bloomington North Regional. Regional qualifiers include Lincoln in the 800-meter run, junior **Garrett Braun** in the 200-meter dash, and the 4-by-800-meter relay team of Lincoln, Murphy, junior **Alex Grove** and freshman **Collin Rankin**. Also scoring for the Pioneers at boys' sectional were senior **Cameron Mitchell** in shot put and discus, Collin in 100-

meter dash, and Murphy in the 1600- and 3200-meter runs.

SENIOR GIRLS TENNIS PLAYER ADVANCES

By *Coach Vince DiNoto*

Senior **Jacqueline Hollkamp** won round one of the Silver Creek Girls Tennis Individual Sectional 6-0, 6-0 over a Henryville High School player last night. She will compete tonight vs. the winning Clarksville player at 4:30 at Silver Creek. At the Jeffersonville Sectional, she won her match at No. 1 singles vs. Jeffersonville to advance to the individual post-season competition.

Jacqueline played No. 1 singles for the team and will play women's tennis next year at Depauw University. She holds a regular season singles record of 17 - 3, with the three losses to some of the best players in Southern Indiana. A candidate for All-District honors, she never lost a match in the New Albany Invitational during her four years here and was the most outstanding No. 1 singles player in the Providence Invitational.

As a team, the girls' accomplishments for the season include a third-place finish in the New Albany Invitational and in the Third Annual Providence Invitational. The team at times during the season played as many as four players who were not on the roster last year due to injuries this season and the search for the right combinations.

All District Player senior **Kelsey Haas** only played 10 matches this seasons before a recurring injury ended her senior season. Senior Co-Captain **Alison Primavera** then stepped up to No. 2 singles, and each match during the season Alison improved. Newcomer junior **Olivia Bass** did an excellent job at No. 3 singles but lacked experience; she will be a key component in next year's team. Freshman **Maryann Fitzpatrick** played most of the season at No. 1 doubles, and she will also be a key component in the future success of the team. Senior **Abbie Shelton** was a constant in the doubles line-up along with juniors **Brianna Jacobi** and **Elizabeth Short**. Seniors **Amanda Agtuca** and **Erin Duncan** as well as junior **Katelyn Koopman** saw varsity action in doubles also.

SENIORS EARN HONORS

Four seniors were recognized in Business First's First Honors section for May for being among the top students in the class academically and for extra-curricular involvement, as nominated by the Providence Guidance Department: **Erin Duncan**, **Kelsey Haas**, **Mandy Ross** and **Morgan Boone**. Several other seniors were recognized in previous issues throughout the school year.

Seniors were also recognized at the Senior Awards Ceremony on Sunday. A number of students received scholarships from outside organizations and awards from the principal's office and academic departments. Those honors include:

- Providence Honor Award (given to those who best live the Providence mission and philosophy) : **Luis Garcia** and Erin Duncan
- Father Badin Citizenship Award (sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and given to a senior who furthers the ideals of the Knights of Columbus): **Reed Fansler**
- Don Zipp Blue Pride Award (named in honor of long-time teacher **Don Zipp (Hon. '12)** and given to those who best exhibit Blue Pride): **Maryashly Betz** and **George Knott**

Many more students received departmental awards. Click [here](#) for a complete listing.

Several seniors were recognized earlier this month for their involvement in Deanery youth ministry. Those recognized include **Thomas Boly**, **Sarah Duffy-Dries**, **Daniel Fernandez**, **Luis Garcia**, **Lloyd Lashley**, **Taylor Marshall**, **Sam Murphy**, **Clair Slusser**, **Weston Spalding**, Erin Duncan and Reed Fansler,. Three of those students received an Outstanding Service Award for their dedication to service to others: Luis, Lloyd and Clair.

GIRLS AND BOYS STATE, HOBY PARTICIPANTS

A handful of students will represent Providence at different leadership camps this summer. Juniors **Charly Wolford** and **Julie Payne** will attend Hoosier Girls State (**Jessica Payne** is an alternate), and junior **Scott Hoyland** will attend Hoosier Boys State. The Girls and Boys State programs are week-long programs held in successive weeks in June at Trine University in Angola, Ind. Sponsored by the American Legion, the program is an immersion in state and local government.

Sophomore **Nathan Shumate** will attend the Hugh O'Brian Youth (HOBY) Leadership Seminar in mid-June at Butler University in Indianapolis. Nathan was nominated by one of his teachers to attend the conference. Sophomores from across Indiana will attend, and each school in Indiana is allowed to send one student.

ART CLUB COLLECTING END-OF-YEAR MATERIALS TODAY

Today is Locker Clean Out after school, and the Art Club is asking students to donate their leftover notebooks, packs of paper, pencils, and other school materials to needy children in the Caribbean and Mexico. Donation bins will be set up at the student exit marked for each House, and the House with the most donations will be recognized on Thursday.

The Art Club also will be collecting recyclables such as paper, cardboard and plastic to reduce the amount of waste.

Donations of educational materials will be sent to **Lisa (Naville) Zwissler '99**, a Beach Bum Vacation travel agent and representative for Beach Bum CARES, a non-profit organization that sends donations of gently used educational materials to needy children in the Caribbean and Mexico. Items that can't be used by Beach Bum CARES will be donated to Goodwill Industries.



In other Art Club news, last weekend the club held its inaugural Deanery Spring Fling Art Day. Members of the club assisted about two dozen Deanery students in creating various art projects.

FINE AND PERFORMING ART SOCIETIES INDUCTIONS



Several students were inducted recently into societies for students in fine and performing arts recently. Nine art students were inducted into the National Art Honor Society, which aims to aid its members in attaining the highest standards in art scholarship, character and service, and to bring art education to the attention of the school and community. The new members include juniors **Matthew Welch** and **Courtney**

Collins and sophomores **Tammy Coffey, Vanessa Covarrubias, Wynne Gettelfinger, Rebecca Hellinger, Tori Quinn, Sammie Stiner** and **Kay Williams**.



Last evening, 16 theatre students were inducted into the St. Genesius Society, the official honor society of the Providence Performing Arts Department. The new members are juniors **Tanner Mobley, Josh Murner** and **Kaylyn Popp**, sophomores **Ashley Bittenbender** and **Camille Reyes**, and freshmen **Kate Cummins, Alex Duffy-Dries, Megan Evans, Colleen Geldermann, Jenna Gilley, Brooklin Grantz, Abbi Hamm, Nicole Kruer, Sophia Purcell, Dori Welch** and **Sarah Zelli**.

PARENT CONNECTION

PROVIDENCE IS A FOUR STAR SCHOOL

Our Lady of Providence Jr.-Sr. High School is proud to announce that we have been named a [Four Star School](#) by the Indiana Department of Education for the 2011-2012 school year. Each year, the IDOE recognizes schools that perform in the upper 25th percentile of schools in performance on ISTEP+ and ECA state exams, as well their rating determined by the national No Child Left Behind statute's Adequate Yearly Progress. *Our Lady of Perpetual Help* and *Holy Family* schools are the other two Deanery schools receiving this recognition.

Thank you to our teachers, staff, students and parents for making this recognition - and student achievement - possible.

END OF YEAR INFORMATION

Final exams for underclassmen begin tomorrow, and seniors will take their remaining final exams Thursday and Friday. Students are to arrive by 8 a.m. and will follow the [Final Exam Schedule](#) with dismissal at noon May 23, 24 and 28. May 29 is the last day of underclassmen exams with dismissal at 3:00 due to the Senior Farewell Assembly at 1:30 in the Larkin Center.

All textbooks must be returned to the students' teachers on exam day or a replacement fee will be charged. Library books should have already

been returned to the library, and all lunch accounts must be settled by May 29, the only day lunch will be served during exam days. Students will clean out their lockers after school today.

Seniors will attend their Senior Retreat Leadership Day and Lunch from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday. (NOTE: This event begins at 10:30, not 9:00 a.m. as announced earlier.) Practice for graduation on Wednesday at 10 a.m. Baccalaureate Mass will be at 2 p.m. June 2 at St. Mary of the Knobs Catholic Church, and Graduation is June 9 at 5 p.m. in the Larkin Center. Seniors have received information on dress requirements.

Report cards will be mailed the week of June 3. Summer packets with information for the 2013-2014 school year will probably be mailed the week of July 15.

2012 YEARBOOKS TO ARRIVE

Yearbooks for the 2011-2012 school year will be distributed Friday following dismissal at noon. Students can pick their 2012 yearbook in the following location:

- Seniors - Cafeteria
- Juniors - Activity Center by front parking lot doors
- Sophomores - Activity Center by Aquinas Center entrance

Students who have siblings who are graduates of the Class of 2012 may pick up their sibling's copy in the main office starting Friday at noon.

SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENTS

The summer reading assignments have been announced by the various departments, and students will receive instructions on the assignment during final exam week. Assignments also are linked below. Most of the books are available for purchase and download on iTunes, iBooks or Amazon.com. No summer reading books will be sold in the Campus Store.

- Incoming [junior high](#) - *Shooting the Moon* by Frances O'Roark Dowell, available for \$6.99 on iTunes
- Incoming [freshmen](#), English - *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children* by Ransom Riggs, available in iBooks for \$10.99
- Incoming sophomores, U.S. History - *Profiles in Courage* by John F. Kennedy, available in print only (reading assignment instructions will be distributed later this week); [AP](#) and [Honors](#) U.S. History - *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand, available in iBooks for \$12.99

- Incoming [juniors](#), math - *The Outliers* by Malcolm Gladwell, available in iBooks for \$7.99
- Incoming [seniors](#), theology - *The Shack* by William P. Young available in iBooks for \$6.99 and \$9.99
- [ACP English](#) - W131 - *Everything But the Coffee: Learning About America from Starbucks* by Bryant Simon, available on Amazon.com in Kindle format (to be read via Amazon Kindle app) for \$12.01

CLAY CAMP FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

There are several spots remaining in the Fine Arts Clay Camp scheduled for June 10-18. Students will create a clay art piece over six days from 9 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$145. Please email **Mrs. Donna Burden** at dburden@providencehigh.net for more information.

ALUMNI IN ACTION

2012 YEARBOOKS ARE IN

Members of the Class of 2012 can pick up their senior yearbooks from the front office beginning Friday afternoon. Office hours are 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. through June 7, and June 10-July 19 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Fridays except for June 24-July 5, when the office will be closed.

Alumni are welcome also to stop in the Advancement Office. We'd love to hear about your first year in college!

JOIN THE FUN: GOLF SCRAMBLE IN JUNE

The Pioneer Cup Match Play Championship golf scramble, scheduled for June 15 at Valley View Golf Club in Floyds Knobs, is an important fundraiser for the Alumni Scholarship Fund. This fun competition between teams of various five-year eras is in a match play format, and the \$70 price includes golf, prizes, drink tickets and dinner following the competition. Shotgun start for the day is at 1:00 p.m. Registration is now open for era teams. Click [here](#) to download the entry form.

The Pioneer Cup Match Play Championship is sponsored by Beach Bum Vacation, Chillers Jeffersonville, Dermatology Specialists-**Megan Landis MD '00**, Edward Jones-**Bill Kaiser '91**, Edward Jones-**Greg Nash '92**, First Savings Bank-**Brad Denman '02**, Grant Line Nursery & Garden Center, Harritt Insurance, ISU Insurance and Investment Group-**Kirk Krininger '87** and **Mike Whalen '73**, Kochert Insurance, Koetter Woodworking Inc., Land Design Systems, Lenfert Construction,

Newcomer Funeral Home, Nicholson Printing, NuYale Cleaners, Office and Business Resources, Orange Clover, Rick's Repair Heating & Cooling and Steve Koopman Photography. Please support our sponsors.

USED WEIGHT EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

Football and other alumni athletes: Enjoy a piece of Providence history in your own workout room. The football coaches are replacing the equipment in the weight room and are selling off the old equipment as a [fundraiser](#). A variety of equipment from incline benches to military press machines will be for sale May 23 and 24 from 12:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. in the Providence weight room. (Enter through the alley behind the auditorium.) Sale of items is first come, first served.

Only cash or check will be accepted, and all offers will be considered although suggested prices are posted. Buyers must remove the equipment immediately, so come prepared to transport it.

FUN ALUMNI EVENTS

The Alumni Association has planned several fun alumni events and fundraisers this summer. These events raise funds for the Alumni Scholarship Fund, which this year will provide a new iPad (or tuition equivalent of \$600) to two incoming freshmen. With your support, we can provide more scholarships. Events include:

- July 13, [JulyFest](#) at Providence, includes All-Alumni Mass at 6:45, back lot opens at 7:30. Entertainment by 100% Poly. Food by The BBQ Cowboy. New this year: Gambling. [please link the picnic brochure pdf in the May 22 photo file]
- Aug. 24, Texas Hold 'Em at Sacred Heart's Walpole Hall in Jeffersonville.

REUNION INFO

Providence has received word of the following reunions:

- 1963 (50 years): Sept. 21, Covered Bridge
- 1968 (45 years): Aug. 30 grad night at Jeff K of C 7 p.m.; Aug. 31 reunion at Don Sperzel's in Arctic Springs 1-5 p.m.
- 1978 (35 years): Sept. 28, Hidden Creek. [Facebook](#) page
- 1983 (30 years): JulyFest, July 13
- 1988 (25 years): July 19, Grad Night at Wicks; July 20, Horseshoe Casino. Invitations have been sent
- 1993 (20 years): Sept. 7, Horseshoe Southern Indiana
- 1998 (30 years): JulyFest, July 13
- 2003 (10 years) July 12, at 7 p.m., Buckhead Mountain Grill

party room, Jeffersonville riverfront; July 13, JulyFest. [Facebook](#) page

- 2008 (5 years): June 8, Wicks. Online [registration](#) through May 31.

1973 planning is underway. Anyone interested in helping plan the reunion to call **Kathy Kennedy Bupp** at (954) 325-8264 or email kathybupp1@yahoo.com.

LEADERSHIP RETREAT NEEDS SPONSORS

About 20 Providence students will attend the annual Leadership Retreat in mid-July, and several of the students need sponsors to help them afford the cost of the \$250 fee. If you would like to sponsor a student or cover some of the cost, please contact **Leslie (Andres) Mills '93**, director of service learning, at lmills@providencehigh.net.

PIONEERS REACHING OUT

Abbey Smith '04 loves being a teacher. Her dedication was recognized recently when she was named the New Albany-Floyd County Consolidated School Corp. Teacher of the Year for grades kindergarten through fourth. Smith teaches at Mount Tabor Elementary School in New Albany and wrote this reflection after receiving the award:



"My heart has always been in teaching. With a mother (**Yvonne Yeater Smith '80**) as a teacher (Sacred Heart in Jeffersonville, preschool) and a father (**Dave Smith**, PHS director of admissions and Girls Soccer coach) as a coach, I grew up seeing the importance of learning in every asset of life. When it was time to choose a career path, the choice was clear.

"Teaching is the greatest job on earth because it presents the opportunity of changing lives every single day. The bonds and connections I make with students and their families will last a lifetime. There is no greater trust than when a parent puts the intellectual and emotional well-being of their child in my hands. We become a family for

one year, but our relationships stay for years to come.

"Education is a challenging field. There are so many factors teachers are challenged by that are truly out of their control. On days when the reality of these challenges is too much, I ask myself this question: 'Why are you a teacher? Why do you dedicate yourself to this profession?' The answer is clear -- the students. 'My kids,' as I refer to them throughout the year, light up my life. They teach me just as much, if not more, than I attempt to teach them. Their innocence reminds me of the good in the world and keeps me fighting through the challenging days. Growing up, my teachers changed my life. They were my role models, and I continue to hold them in the highest regard. The students are the reason I LOVE my job.

"I am honored to represent the teachers of NAFCS as the 2012-2013 District Teacher of the Year. This honor is indicative of the diligence and hard work ALL teachers of NAFCS show every single day in the classroom. We are a team. Together we stand dedicated to the emotional and intellectual well-being of the students in our community. I am truly humbled."

Smith earned her bachelor's degree in elementary education from Indiana University Southeast in 2008 and her master's in elementary education from IU Southeast this May.

The e-VISION staff is profiling alumni, students, faculty and staff who have provided service to the community, and we are looking for story ideas. If you or someone you know has completed a special service project or gives much of their time and talent to others in need, please contact us at alumni@providencehigh.net.

BLUE PRIDE ON DISPLAY

SEVERAL STAFF MEMBERS TO RETIRE

At the close of the 2012-2013 school year, several long-time staff members will retire as will two teachers. The retiring teachers will be featured in the June 12 issue of the eVision, and the staff members are featured here:



Mr. Dale Hinton has worked in the maintenance department here for 22 years. He was hired in 1989 as the maintenance mechanic and was the lone maintenance employee for many years. He said being the only person responsible for the building's physical condition was stressful but rewarding because so many teachers saw him as a hero.

"I thought what I did was nothing great," he said. "I just did what I was hired to do."

When he first started, he worked to repair the school's old steam boiler, restoring heat to a number of classrooms. His job responsibilities grew as the building expanded, and he said he was relieved when Mr. Toby Wright, facilities manager, was hired in 2007 to take over the load of paper work. As technology improved, the school also began to outsource many of the repairs he had previously handled. He still stayed busy replacing light ballasts, cleaning up spills and handling plumbing emergencies.

Mr. Hinton said he is pleased with how much the building has improved, including the addition of central air conditioning, and appreciates the many donors who made it possible. In recent years, however, he has found it more challenging to do the required lifting and cover the building's 200,000-plus square feet. Still, he has always enjoyed working at Providence and is not ready to leave for good but plans to return part-time in the fall to work in the cafeteria.

Mrs. Mary Ann (Block) Reed '70 has spent 18 years working in the cafeteria, 17 years starting in 1995 as cafeteria supervisor. She was part-time this year as she trained **Mrs. Karen Hennessey** to take over. Reed said she loved



working in the cafeteria, especially since there always seemed to be one of her family members here, from her children (**Kevin '97** and **Kelly Reed Osting '99**; **Steve '95** had already graduated) to her nieces and

nephews. She also was proud to carry on the family tradition of working in the PHS cafeteria. Her aunt the late **Marie Braunbeck** worked in the cafeteria from 1957 to 1966, and her mother **Rose Block (Hon. '92)** worked here from 1978 to 1991, she said.

Health problems led to Mrs. Reed's early retirement, and she said she will miss working with the students and her colleagues but is looking forward to spending more time with family, especially her children and 10 grandchildren. She also will spend time going to yard sales and hopes to do some traveling once her husband retires next year, but she will miss Providence.

"It's been so fun to watch the students grow up," she said. "And I've had a super group of ladies that have made my job easier."



Mrs. Laurie Harpring has worked nine years as a permanent substitute teacher here. She began subbing in the spring of 2004 when her son, **Kevin '05**, was a junior. She said she decided to retire because she wants to spend more time gardening and with her 89-year-old mother - and enjoy retirement before her husband retires in a few years.

Harpring said she enjoyed subbing because "I just like being around the kids. I'll miss working with the teachers and

seeing everybody every day."

BLUE NEWS - OF OLD

By Ray Day '57

In this issue we continue featuring annual Senior Awards that are named for former Providence teachers.

The Norma Reynolds Chemistry Award

Ms. Norma Reynolds served Providence for 21 years (1968 through 1989) as teacher of Chemistry, Physics and Biology. The annual chemistry award named in her honor was established in 2005.

Miss Reynolds was an extremely dedicated teacher of science who impacted students for more than two decades. Upon learning of her death on January 23, 2009, **Ken Miller '83** wrote a tribute he titled, "That wonderful and exquisite lady from Physics class!" A portion of that document is quoted here.



"I graduated from Our Lady of Providence High School in Clarksville, Indiana in 1983. I had been a student of Norma's in both Chemistry and Physics. Both difficult classes and part of the honors program. Yet as hard as they were at times, she made them entertaining, enlightening and some of my most treasured memories. Her ability and excitement to teach - to truly entice a student into delving inside material and ferreting out a morsel of understanding - is etched permanently in the fibers of who I am. It was more than just a science lab. It was her lessons of life peppered in between the elements of the periodic table and $e=mc^2$ that elevated our consciousness. Her example is still one I apply and think of when I confront any hurdle. And as I ask myself 'What would Norma do,' I still hear her voice telling me, 'Don't just sit there like a bump on a pickle!'"

"I've had the fortunate blessings of living the life I always dreamed of. It comes down to all the wonderful individuals who supported and taught me to try and to believe and to ask and to try again. And as I sit here writing this, I am reminded of that wonderful and exquisite lady from Physics class who did just the same. Norma is still teaching - and I will never forget.

"And I still, to this day, look at pickles in a whole different light."

Recipients of the Norma Reynolds Chemistry Award are:

- 2005 - **Erica Elisabeth Frazier**
- 2006 - **Erin Marie Brown**
- 2007 - **Lindsey Lee Andres**
- 2008 - **Zachary Joseph Ernstberger**
- 2009 - **Ryan Christian Albers**
Whitney Noel Popp
- 2010 - **Julia Camille Hunter**
- 2011 - **Tyler Lincoln Cecil**
Anthony John Denis

2012 - **Brenden Michael Popson**
Adrienne Lea Voelker
2013 - **Thomas Boly**
Luis Garcia

COMING EVENTS

May 22 - 24 Senior Exams
May 23 - 24 Underclassmen Exams - NOON DISMISSAL
May 27 - Memorial Day - No School
May 28 - 29 Underclassmen Exams - NOON DISMISSAL
May 28 - 29 Senior Activities
May 29 - Last Day of School - All Students
May 30 - 8th Grade Graduation - 7:00 p.m. - Auditorium
June 2 - Baccalaureate Mass - 7:00 p.m.- St. Mary's of the Knobs Church
June 9 - Senior Graduation - 5:00 p.m. - Larkin Center
July 13 - Alumni JulyFest Reunion Weekend

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And lastly...

Actually, that should read "Almost Lastly."

Why? Because this the last "twice-monthly" issue of e-VISION for the year. However, to keep you informed of happenings and upcoming events, there will be two issues published during the summer - on June 12 and July 22. We will resume our every-other-Wednesday format in August.

Your input and responses during the past year have been most helpful. We were thankful when you recommended a story or responded to a request. We were encouraged when you sent a note of congratulations or thanks for keeping you informed of our students' successes and achievements. We look forward to the brief respite ahead - a time when we play catch-up and endure fewer hard deadlines. In the meantime, we ask you to check your inbox on June 12 and July 22!

And lastly, we wish you a safe, fun, restful summer!

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