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## STUDENTS WORK ON LEADERSHIP

Although the start of the school year is a week away, a group of about 20 students have already started planning and setting the tone for the year. Students from each of the eight high school Houses attended the Student Leadership Retreat to develop their leadership skills and brainstorm ideas for the school year.



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The students participated in a scavenger hunt to test their mental and physical skills as well as foster team building within each House. They also took part in various brainstorming sessions. The juniors and seniors developed ideas for the annual House Cup and theme ideas for upcoming sporting events. They also discussed ways to improve communication among the student body.

Rising senior **Zack Flanagan**, co-senior executive delegate for the *House of Faith*, said he was impressed with how the seniors from the various Houses were able to come together to work on unifying the students. "It was a cool foreshadowing of how we can all work together," he said.

Rising senior **Morgan Daniel** represented the *House of Humility* because the senior delegates were unable to attend. She said she was impressed with how positive the participants were. "It was fun and a good opportunity to voice new ideas," she said.

**Mr. Brad Burden**, Spanish and P.E. teacher and new faculty director of the *House of Humility*, said he was impressed with how students like Morgan stepped up to represent their House when their executive delegates couldn't attend because of other commitments. He also enjoyed seeing the students work well together. "They really listened to each other's ideas and communicated well," he said. "They are willing to step up to make this year a positive one for everyone."

Mr. Burden also acknowledged the five recent graduate leaders who shared advice and insight from their time as leaders: **Erin Duncan '13**, **Reed Fansler '13**, **Luis Garcia '13**, **Alison Primavera '13** and **Jacob Resch '13**. "They did a good job leading and guiding," he said. The students who attended hope more students attend the retreat next summer. Rising senior **Melinda Cochran**, co-senior executive delegate for the *House of Courage*, especially encourages students who are looking for new opportunities to attend. "If you want to get involved, this is your chance to concretely make a difference to change what you don't like and make better what you do like."

## STUDENTS IN ACTION

## STUDENT ATHLETES RECOGNIZED

Two Lady Pioneers were named in the News & Tribune Top 10 Athletes of the Year: Girls Basketball and Softball player **Meredith Endris '13** was No. 8, and Volleyball and Softball player rising sophomore **Jacquie**



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Hornung was named No. 9.

Several student athletes were named to News & Tribune All-Area teams in their respective sports:

- Girls Tennis All-Area Second Team - **Jacqueline Hollkamp '13**
- Softball All-Area First Team - Rising junior **Lillian Hughes** and Meredith Endris; Second Team - **Morgan Boone '13**; Third Team - rising seniors **Jordyn Stengel** and **Melinda Cochran** and rising sophomores **Jacque Hornung** and **Marlee Karem**
- Baseball All-Area First Team - **Jon Davis '13** and Third Team - **Andrew Hunt '13**
- Girls Track First Team Hurdler - **Maryashly Betz '13** and Second Team Sprinter - **Leah Mattingly '13**
- Boys Golf All Area First Team - Rising junior **Mitchell Allender** and rising sophomore **Kevin Crone**, and Second Team - **Cory Cahalan '13**

Congratulations to all!

## BOYS GOLF SEASON WRAP UP

By **Coach Ken Allender**

The Boys Golf team had a successful season with a regular season record of 96-23. The team also placed in the top in several important tournaments, earning first place in the Big 4 Classic and the Charlestown Invitational, third place in the Bedford Invitational, 11th in the Spring Preview Invitational and being named 16th in the final state poll.

At sectional, the team placed second with a team-record score of 301. At regional, the team placed fourth and rising junior **Mitchell Allender** qualified to advance to the state finals. Mitchell finished 24th in the state as an individual.

The team graduated three seniors: **Cory Cahalan '13**, who will play Men's Golf at Marian University, and **Max Hupp '13** and **Robert Waiz '13**. Next season, the team will look to Mitchell and rising sophomore **Kevin Crone** to lead the team back to state.

## STUDENTS MAKE MISSION TRIP TO NICARAGUA

Last summer, a group of Providence students, parents and teachers made a school-sponsored mission trip to Nicaragua to assist the non-profit organization Amigos for Christ in its goal to bring clean drinking



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water to the impoverished people of that country. This summer, a new group of 18 students and parents decided to return on its own to help again, led by one of the parent chaperones from the first trip, parent **Eric Happel '80**. Parent **Chris Day '80** also attended this year.

Mr. Happel said he wanted to make a second trip because he was so touched by the opportunity last year to bring clean drinking water to people in need. More importantly, it was the students' saying the trip "forever changed their lives" that inspired him to take a second trip, he said. "When you are able to make it possible for a young person to experience something that will have a positive change for the rest of their lives, that's the only inspiration I need. I guess that's why teachers do what they do."



This trip was as memorable as the first, with the group digging 600 feet of trenches each day to allow a second crew to lay water lines. The group also was able to see water turned on for the first time in a village for which they had dug trenches last year. They also visited the village that would one day receive water thanks to their work digging this summer - a community living in extreme poverty whose only well was contaminated by a dead dog. Hearing that story and seeing what the people had to go through for life-sustaining water spurred on the group, Mr. Happel said. "Even though we were hot, sweaty, tired and dirty from head to toe, we returned to work with a renewed spirit. Our goal - to pave the way for the next mission group so that by August the people of La Chuscada will be drinking clean water."

Mr. Happel said it's difficult to describe to others the full impact the trip had on him and the other participants. "The word 'awesome' comes to mind, but that really doesn't do it justice," he said. "Sometimes I tell people it's the most confusing feeling when your body is covered in sweat and dirt and the bugs won't leave you alone yet you're the happiest you have been since the last time you were there. I will say this...God leads us to do things we never knew we were capable of

doing."

Here are excerpts from reflections written by some of the student participants:

By **Amanda Ross '13**

"I met a multitude of local villagers who opened up their homes to us and fixed us food and carried out conversations. I was amazed at the friendliness of everyone in the community. These people have absolutely nothing, yet they are very happy and kind.... As I was digging, villagers would pass by on their wagons, and a lot of men had babies on their laps. I was appalled when I learned that most children die before the age of 5 due to diarrhea from parasites. I couldn't help but to think that my work for those few days would allow those babies to live a full life. Working in Nicaragua humbled me. It made me realize that no matter what conditions you live in, human dignity still exists and every person deserves their dignity. I felt God's love present with me throughout the trip and could not have asked for a better week."

By rising sophomore **Makenzie Koerner** (who was inspired to go because her brother, rising senior **Brad Koerner**, went last year and was changed by the experience)

"The part I enjoyed most about the trip was working. The second day in Nicaragua we got to visit a town called Miguel Cristiano. The year before Amigos for Christ had been building their water system so they could have clean water. The week we were down there everything was complete, and they were planning on turning the water on for the first time.... Watching the reactions that people had when the water was turned on was unreal. I've had running water since the day I was born, and I don't think twice when I walk up and turn on a faucet and water starts pouring out. Watching people who were 65 and had never in their life had water gave me the motivation I needed to work as hard as I could when we dug the water system we would be working on. The days we worked were hot, and there were bugs everywhere. It was a lot of work, but I loved it. I just kept telling myself that with every swing of the pickaxe and every shovelful of dirt I was one step closer to giving these people clean water. It's amazing standing in a five-foot deep trench and watching the people from the community walk by carrying their babies and smiling because they know you're working to help them. Everyone is just so happy and it's a great atmosphere."

"The most meaningful part of the trip was climbing the 2,388-foot volcano Cerro Negro. Before we left to go to the volcano, they said to us, 'You're going to want to stop. You're going to want to give up. Don't. Everyone's making it to the top no matter how long it takes. Grab a

partner and encourage them. Don't leave anyone behind.' I didn't think it would be that hard, but when you step foot on the volcano, you can't help but be negative. It was hot. I was sweaty. I was tired. With every five steps you take, you only move about one because you slide back down. I wanted to give up and go back down. There were so many people that were climbing next to me and could tell I was frustrated. The people had already climbed before and knew what was waiting at the top. 'Trust me. Keep climbing. It's worth it,' they said. Everyone was so encouraging. I kept climbing, and it took me a little over an hour to make it to the top. I was so close to the top, and I look up and see my brother smiling ear to ear and looking down at me. 'Come on, Kenzie. Finish strong. You can make it.' I took those final steps, and when I made it to the top I fell on my back and laid there awhile and thought about what I had just done. I climbed a volcano. When I finally stood up, I walked over to the edge and just stood there with my arms out. I looked out and saw all the trees and mountains. Someone came up to me and said, 'See. I told you it was worth it.' I kept thinking of how beautiful the view was and someone else walked over and put their hand on my shoulder and said, 'How can someone look at something so beautiful and not believe that there is a God.' That meant a lot to me. I just kept standing and thinking about when God created the earth, He created everything I was looking out at. It was mind blowing."

*By rising junior **Ryan Day***

"To say the least, going to Nicaragua for a week was a life-changing experience. It helped me realize that there is nothing in my life that I have the right to complain about, nothing I should take for granted and nothing I would change. As I walked through La Chuscada, I saw that the walls of many houses were constructed from garbage bag materials and pieces of rusted sheet metal. All had dirt floors and housed many generations of family members. Some houses were even as small as my bedroom. This might seem like a burden to us, but to the people I met down there, joy filled their life. I have never met a group of people so happy and hopeful with the living conditions they faced. I was filled with joy when I saw two young kids playing with marbles. I constantly search for something to occupy my time, but these young kids were having a blast shooting one marble at another. That moment alone throughout my trip to Nicaragua and my time here on this earth was the most inspiring and life changing moment.

"Nicaragua changed my attitude toward people and life itself and even strengthened my religion. No matter what life brings my way I know that God has blessed me beyond measure and I am so grateful for the life I have been given. If there is one thing that I want to take away from this trip is that no matter where you are on this Earth it is always the little

things that bring you the most joy and happiness. Just like the marbles."

## **STUDENTS ATTEND LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS**

A handful of students attended summer leadership camps, including four rising seniors who represented Providence at Hoosier Boys State and Hoosier Girls State in June.

**Scott Hoyland** attended the boys' program, and **Charly Wolford** and sisters **Jessica and Julie Payne** attended the girls program. Scott offered this reflection on his experience:

"A Week to Shape a Lifetime' was the motto for the 2013 session of Hoosier Boys State. When I first arrived, I thought that they were over exaggerating that point. How could one week change my entire life? I couldn't believe it, but it really did. I learned so much about the government that I didn't truly understand. Hoosier Boys State also opened my eyes to things about myself that I had never realized before. The first three days of the week, many of the participants tried to run for government offices, including me. I ran for the State House of Representatives. Those first three days were some of the most stressful days of my life. I could hardly imagine what a year-long campaign would do to people. As I watched people trying to campaign, I realized how much easier it is for those who have help. Two people would team up and campaign for each other so that the names got spread out more. Campaigning, even on the small scale of Hoosier Boys State, required a lot of organization. Once in office, it became apparent to me how difficult it is to pass legislation, or even vote on it. The representative or senator will have to decide between personal convictions and the voice of the people in his/her district. Overall, I thought Hoosier Boys State changed my entire view on politics and truly did reshape my life, all in one week."

### **Charly Wolford reflects on Hoosier Girls State**

"Going in, I expected Hoosier Girls State (HGS) to be a government boot camp. I was going with two other girls from my grade, and we thought, 'Hey, this won't be bad; we will just eat together and meet up all the time.' Little did we know that we would end up in different 'cities,' with different lunch and dinner times. Although, I didn't get to hang out with my friends, I was lucky enough to make some new ones. My six suite mates became some of my best friends. That Friday when I left for HGS I would not have been able to tell you anything about the governmental process or parliamentary procedure, but today I can tell you just how everything really works!

"I ran for and was elected senator of Lowe City! The campaigning process was the most fun part. It allowed my inner competitiveness to come out. I still have the posters - who knows, maybe they'll come in handy someday. My week at HGS made me realize just how important the election process is, but more importantly how important it is for the voting citizens to get involved. It was really a honor to have the chance to attend this life-changing event, and I owe it all to my local American Legion Auxiliary Unit, which sponsored me."

### **Junior attends HOBY**

Rising junior **Nathan Shumate** attended the HOBY Leadership Seminar in June after being nominated by his teachers. Nathan said that before he went, he asked **Reed Fansler '13**, a former HOBY participant and leader, what to expect, but "he would only tell me that I would love it. No one has ever been more right about anything."

Nathan said he enjoyed listening to the speakers and taking part in small-group sessions and leadership activities. He said he especially liked that the event took place "on the beautiful Butler campus, which made the overall experience even better" and appreciated the opportunity to attend Sunday Mass.

"My experience at HOBY Indiana was just simply outstanding, and there is no other way to put it," he said. "I also made some great new friends at HOBY. Overall, the four days of HOBY were life changing, and I plan to use what I learned to make Providence even better."

## **STUDENTS ATTEND SUMMER RETREATS**

Several Providence students participated in *One Bread, One Cup* liturgical leadership conferences held at St. Meinrad Seminary this summer. The seminary holds several five-day conferences over the summer, and rising senior **Josh Murner** attended with his youth group from St. Michael's in Bradford in order to work on his cantoring skills. He participated in cantoring preparation for the daily liturgies as well as in the retreat activities, which included group discussions, morning and evening prayer, daily Mass and recreational events such as a game night and a talent show.

Josh said he particularly enjoyed taking part in the Theological Reflection Groups (TRG), during which groups of about six people would gather to reflect on the day's activities and how to apply what they learned to their lives. "There were several emotional life stories that I heard in our TRG, and I grew very close to the people in my group. One Bread, One Cup was a very powerful experience that I had, and my life has changed because of it."

Other students participated in *Faith in Action*, a week of service in the local community that included serving meals at the Franciscan Kitchen in

Louisville, helping St. Francis Xavier Parish in Henryville with continued tornado relief efforts, working with the refugee ministry at Casa Latina Catholic Worker Community in Louisville and much more. Those students included incoming freshman **Adam Ernstberger** and rising seniors **Mary Lashley**, **Jenna Merchant** and **Amelia Voelker**.

**Taylor Marshall '13**, Josh Murner and rising junior **Natalie Harper** took part in the Wolfe Pack Mission Trip, a five-day mission trip to Campton, Ky. They were part of a group that provided needed home repairs in the community.

## FALL SHOW ANNOUNCED

Auditions for the fall show "Almost, Maine" will be Thursday, Aug. 1, at 3:30 p.m. in the Ray Day Little Theatre. Students should prepare a 90-second monologue. Students interested in stage management, lights, sound or props should attend to fill out a form to state their interest. "Almost, Maine" by John Cariani is comprised of nine short plays that explore love and loss in a remote, mythical town called Almost, Maine. All students are welcome to [audition](#).

## PARENT CONNECTION

### CAFETERIA RECEIVES NEW EQUIPMENT

The cafeteria staff is pleased to announce two new additions that will improve the students' lunchroom experience. First is a new eTriton POS system with Windows 8 touch screens to ring up students' lunches. All students will wear their ID badge on a lanyard (*see related story below*) to allow for quick scanning of each purchase, including cash purchases. The new system will speed up checkouts in the lunch line and allow the staff to view each student's name, photo, notification of food allergies and the account balance immediately after the card is scanned.

Parents who create an account on EZSchoolPay.com can track their student's purchases - even cash, thanks to the new POS system. (They can also check the site or downloadable app to ensure a payment sent in with the child was credited to the account.) EZSchoolPay begins tracking purchases from the time the account is set up, so the staff encourages parents to create an account now to be ready for the school year. Note: Parents who did not access EZSchoolPay in the second semester last year may have had their account purged and will need to sign up again.

The new POS system also is integrated with the school's School Reach emergency notification system, and **Mrs. Karen Hennessey**, cafeteria

manager, said she plans to use the School Reach system to email and call parents with regular balance updates. In the past, the staff did not have time to contact parents, and only parents with an EZSchoolPay account received notifications of overdue balances. Mrs. Hennessey said she intends to provide balances that are below \$10 rather than waiting until the balance is below \$0. "We're very excited about this new system," Mrs. Hennessey said.

The staff also is excited about the installation of a new combi oven, thanks to a \$12,000 grant from the Horseshoe Foundation of Floyd County and about \$7,000 from a James P. Scott grant through the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. The new oven will replace the deep fryers and allow the school to be in compliance with updated USDA regulations. Students should notice better tasting french fries and mozzarella sticks, which will be steamed in the six-tray oven instead of fried. The new oven will allow for small-batch cooking and cooks 30 percent faster than deep frying. Food cooked in the oven will be more nutritious and of better quality.

**Mrs. Lisa Murner**, assistant cafeteria manager, said the staff will no longer have to cook large batches at the beginning of the lunch block and keep the food in warmers for several lunch periods. "Now, the last line will get food that looks as fresh as the first," she said.

## REGISTRATION AND ORIENTATION

All parents should have received the summer information packet with dates and times of orientation and/or registration for their student.

*Freshmen:* Orientation and registration is Sunday, July 28, from 4:00-8:30 p.m. Meet in the Robinson Auditorium. Parents should bring their completed forms and are required to attend from 4:00-5:00 p.m. Mothers of freshman students are invited to attend a special Freshman Moms Welcome Event planned by the senior moms from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in the auditorium. The bookstore and cafeteria will be open from 3:30-6:30 p.m. to purchase school and P.E. uniforms and to set up lunch accounts. See the information packet for a description of activities, including the taking of school photos.

*Junior High:* Orientation for new and returning seventh and eighth graders and their parents is Tuesday, July 30, from 9:00-11:30 a.m. Students should bring their completed forms. See the information packet for a description of activities, including the taking of school photos.

*Grades 10-12:* Registration is Monday, July 29, with seniors from 8-9 a.m., juniors 9:15-10:15 a.m., and sophomores 10:30-11:30 a.m. Parents are not required to attend, but students need to bring all required completed forms. School photos will be taken. See the

information packet for more information.

## IMPORTANT CHANGES IN SCHOOL POLICY

Students are now required to wear their ID card on a lanyard at all times. The new policy has two purposes: one is a safety feature that would prevent outsiders from entering the building with a student's lost card.

**Mr. Scott Hutchins**, assistant principal/director of students, said that in the past, students have lost their ID cards, which allows entry into the building via the student entrance before 8 a.m., and not informed the office. As a result, anyone could find the card and enter the building. By wearing the badges, the staff can immediately see if someone does not have a card, and if it is lost, report it immediately. Students can purchase a new one for \$5 from the main office. Failure to wear the card will result in a detention.

The other purpose of wearing lanyards is to speed up the lunch line (*see related story on cafeteria equipment above*). In the past, students who forgot their ID card - or didn't want to get it out of their wallet or backpack - told their ID number to the cafeteria staff, who entered it into the system. Under the new requirement, students will have their cards at the ready to scan and move quickly through the line. Students will receive a free Providence lanyard at registration to ensure all students have a lanyard.

Other new policies include an updated Extracurricular Academic Eligibility Policy, which now requires a student to pass six classes instead of five to participate in extracurricular activities, including athletics. Mr. Hutchins said the new policy better reflects the school's block schedule, which allows students to take eight classes - one more than with the traditional seven-period schedule. The updated Late Homework Policy standardizes consequences for late assignments instead of individual teachers creating their own policy for late work.

Students and parents need to read the Student Handbook for a full description of these and other updated and new policies, including Drug and Alcohol Policies. The changes also will be explained to students at their class meetings on the first day of school.



## ACP COURSES REQUIRE REGISTRATION

Students enrolled in AP/Advanced College Project Chemistry, ACP Eng 12 and Spanish III, IV or V or French III, IV, or V who wish to receive dual credit for these classes (students have the option of taking the course as AP or high school credit only) should have enrolled with Indiana University in the spring. Parents will receive a bill from IU later this semester as a confirmation that their student is enrolled. Contact Melissa Jackson in the Guidance Office at [mjackson@providencehigh.net](mailto:mjackson@providencehigh.net) if you have any questions..

## 4TH QUARTER HONOR ROLL POSTED

The honor roll for the fourth quarter of the 2012-2013 school year is available on the school [website](#). Congratulations to all our students who earned this achievement!

## SUIT COAT FOUND

A suit coat was found after the graduation ceremony in June. Please call the main office at 945-2538 to claim it.

## GOLF SCRAMBLE ACCEPTING REGISTRATIONS

The 15th Annual Pioneer Golf Scramble will be held Thursday, Aug. 29, at Covered Bridge Golf Club with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. Registration for teams, individuals and sponsors is now underway. Click [here](#) for a brochure and registration form. This event is an important fundraiser to benefit the Annual Student Assistance Program.

## ALUMNI IN ACTION

## GETTING A NEW EMAIL?

If you have an Insight email address, you will need to change your email address by September due to the acquisition of the company by Time Warner Cable. Be sure to [update](#) your contact information in order to continue receiving your e-Vision and other alumni information.

## JULYFEST RESULTS

The winners of the Pioneer Raffle were drawn at JulyFest. Congratulations to Providence parent **Gerri (Mattingly) Flanagan '89** (and student seller rising senior

**Zack Flanagan**), who won the first prize of \$10,000; **Bob Geswein '67** (and student seller rising eighth grader **Zach Kaiser**), who won the



second prize of \$3,000; and **Ronald P. Hall '63**, who won the third prize of \$2,000.

Thank you to all who attended JulyFest, especially the reunion classes of 1973, 1983, 1998 and 2003. Thanks to your generous support, the Alumni Association will be able to fund additional Alumni Scholarships for the 2014-2015 school year. Save the date for next year: July 12, 2014.

## ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to incoming freshmen **Juston Betz** and **Joseph Garcia**, who received the Alumni Scholarship for the 2013-2014 school year. Juston, a graduate of *Our Lady of Perpetual Help School*, and Joseph, a graduate of *Holy Family School*, received a 32 GB iPad with Retina display (iPad 3) and wi-fi only (or cash equivalent). The scholarships were awarded based on a combination of academics, school and civic involvement, financial need, and an essay.

## REUNION INFO

Providence has received word of the following reunions:

- 1963 (50 years): Sept. 21, Covered Bridge. Invitations have been mailed.
- 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.
- 1973 (40 years) Planning underway for a late summer/early September gathering. Anyone interested in participating should contact Kathy Bupp at (954) 325-0965 or send e-mail to [kathybupp1@yahoo.com](mailto:kathybupp1@yahoo.com).
- 1978 (35 years): Sept. 28, Hidden Creek. Invitations have been emailed and mailed. [Facebook page](#)
- 1993 (20 years): Sept. 7, Horseshoe Southern Indiana. Invitations have been emailed and mailed. [Facebook page](#)

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](mailto:alumni@providencehigh.net). Providence has received word of the following planning committee meetings:

- 1974 (40 years) The next planning meeting is Sept. 12, 2013, at Roosters at 8:00 p.m.

## BLUE PRIDE ON DISPLAY

## ALUMNI HAS HEART FOR INTERNATIONAL ADOPTION

**Lori (Green) LeRoy '91** and her husband Nick had considered adopting

a child from another country long before they even thought about starting a family. When they realized they were unable to have children of their own, turning to international adoption was an easy decision.

Unfortunately, the process to adopt their older son, Nate, 5, was much more difficult than it should have been, and now they are determined to help smooth the process for other parents and children. "We got caught up in this political quagmire that wasn't about the kids at all," LeRoy said.



The LeRoys had received a referral to adopt Nate from Vietnam when he was 6 months old and should have been able to bring him home by the time he was 12 months.

Instead, the Vietnamese government held up the adoption for several years as Nate remained in an orphanage. The couple worked diligently, even turning to former Sen. Richard Lugar for help, to bring their son home. When he was 4 years old, they traveled to Vietnam and stayed for five weeks, refusing to leave without him.

Now, Nate is home, happy and healthy, a proud older brother to Alex, 3, who was adopted from China. Alex's adoption process was much smoother because he qualifies as having special needs due to a cleft palate and lip, LeRoy said.

But the LeRoys' efforts to improve the international adoption process continue. They are members of the organization We Love Kids, which is partnering with a church in Vietnam to build an education center for street children in Ca Mau. Their determination to build this school came after they were in Vietnam and saw the desperate conditions of children living on the streets, she said. So far, the organization has found sponsors for 20 street children to provide them with food and clothing as they wait to transition into the school.

"Just to see the abject poverty - it will never leave my mind," LeRoy said. "As bad as my son was in those conditions, he was better off in that orphanage than those who didn't even have shelter."

To raise money for the Ca Mau school, the LeRoys and their family and friends are hosting a fundraiser at *St. Anthony of Padua Church* in Clarksville this weekend. LeRoy, who now lives in Indianapolis, grew up in the parish. With the help of her mother, **Mary Lynn (Wermeister) Green '65**, sister **Jessica (Green) Schad '90**, brother-in-law **Sam Schad '91**, and best friend **Jennifer (Fisher) Kelly '91**, they organized the fundraiser in her hometown.

The event will include the screening of the documentary *STUCK*, which features the LeRoys as one of three couples who demonstrate "the travails and eventual extreme joy of adopting internationally," LeRoy said. "At its core, *STUCK* is a love story and has received accolades across the country for bringing the subject of international adoption to the forefront."

The fundraiser and screening is Saturday, July 27, at 6:30 p.m. at St. Anthony Parish Social Hall, 316 N. Sherwood Ave, Clarksville. Tickets are \$10 each and are available at the door or at [www.bambooshootsforvietnam.blogspot.com](http://www.bambooshootsforvietnam.blogspot.com) or by contacting [frontpageink@gmail.com](mailto:frontpageink@gmail.com). All proceeds will be donated to the Ca Mau School project.

## ALUMNI RETURN TO TEACH, SUB

*Providence has hired eight new full-time and two part-time teachers to fill positions vacated by three teachers who did not return this year and positions that opened due to a large incoming freshman class and the need for an additional junior high language arts teacher as well as a new permanent substitute. Several of these new teachers and staff happen to be alumni, including the two new hires featured below. The eVISION will profile all the new teachers in subsequent issues.*

### ***Fulfilling a dream***

When **Mrs. Krissy (Beyl) Van Laan '05** was pursuing her bachelor's degree in English and secondary certification at Ball State University, it was always her dream to teach at her alma mater. "When I pictured myself teaching, I always saw myself here," she said. "I'm just so excited."

Her grandfather **Mr. Stan Denny** taught and coached here from 1957 to 1962, and her brother, **Mr. Steve Beyl '99**, and sister-in-law, **Mrs. Corinne (Alles) Beyl '99**, teach here, so she was eager to



continue the family tradition, she said. She said she also has fond memories of her time as a student here and was especially touched by the support of the Providence community when her brother was ill several years ago.

Mrs. Van Laan, who has a master's degree in teaching from Bellarmine University, will teach English 10, Honors English 11, and English 12. She was most recently the senior course designer and team leader at The Learning House, which helps colleges and universities develop online degree programs and courses. She began developing curriculum for the company after her husband, Tim, suggested she join him in working there. She said she enjoyed the work "but I missed the classroom so much," having previously taught English at Rock Creek Academy.

Mrs. Van Laan said she would love to be able to assist with school theatre productions having been a student in **Mrs. Ellen Holifield's** first theatre class here and in the cast of several fall shows and spring musicals. Mrs. Van Laan and her husband recently celebrated their first year anniversary, and she has been busy decorating their new home and spending time with her grandparents.

### ***Happy to be in the classroom***

Students are used to seeing **Mrs. Terri (Blunk) Purichia '90** coaching the Volleyball team. Now, she is eager to get to know them as the new permanent substitute teacher. Mrs. Purichia said she has watched for openings every year, but with degrees in elementary education and secondary special education, finding a teaching position here wasn't easy. She has always loved coaching here and is now thrilled to work full time at her alma mater.



"I love the community and the camaraderie," she said. "I love the students at Providence. Being here every day is going to add so much to my experience of being a coach here."

Mrs. Purichia previously taught third grade at Sacred Heart School in Jeffersonville and special education at Noblesville High School. She began coaching volleyball at Providence in 1999 and eventually left teaching full time to stay home with her children, Maggie, 12, Anna, 11, and Grace, 8. She also was a club director for the Union Volleyball Club and a substitute teacher at *St. Mary's Academy* in New Albany, which closed at the end of the 2012-2013 school year.

## BLUE NEWS - OF OLD

By *Ray Day '57*

*In this issue we complete the listing of annual senior awards named for former faculty members.*

The late **Mrs. Karen Benham** came to Providence in 1972 as a teacher of English and the social sciences. She served for 27 years, leaving in 1999 due to illness. The ***Karen Benham Memorial English Award*** was established in her memory in 2008 and is awarded annually to a graduating senior whose love for literature and language is evident in both written and verbal work.



Mrs. Benham was greatly respected by her colleagues and students alike for her dedication and love of literature. She passed on her love of literature and the English language to her many students until her untimely death of cancer in 2001. Her friendly, cordial nature made her extremely approachable by everyone she met.

*Karen Benham Memorial English Award Recipients:*

2008 - Katherine Amanda Orberson

2009 - Collin Matthew Jones

2010 - Matthew Kyle Duncan

2011 - Kelsi Lynette Davis

2012 - Casey Lee Marlin

2013 - Eric Ryan Matthews

**Ms. Kathleen Polansky** came to Providence in August 1981 and served in the Theology Department until her retirement in the spring of 2011. ***The Kathleen Polansky Theology Award***, presented annually to a graduating senior, was created in 2012 to honor her 30-year career at Providence.



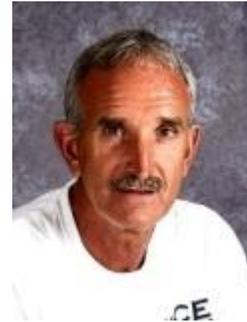
Ms. Polansky was a central figure in the Theology Department as she served as department chair for 27 years. She wrote her own course and taught thousands of students to read the Bible contextually and was known for the phrase "history, culture, writing style, and text."

*Kathleen Polansky Theology Award Recipients:*

2012 - April Rebecca Stiller

2013 - Erin Brooke Duncan

**Mr. Don Zipp** began his teaching career in 1975. Thirty-seven years later, after teaching government, economics, Current Problems and International Relations, he retired in 2012. For 10 years (1994 through 2004) he also served Providence in the role of athletic director.



In honor of his contribution to Providence, Mr. Zipp was bestowed the Honorary Alumni Award in January 2012. On the occasion of his retirement, the school's Blue Pride Award (originated in 2009) was renamed the ***Don Zipp Blue Pride Award*** in his honor. For almost four decades, Mr. Zipp (Hon. '12) was the epitome of "Blue Pride." His dynamic personality went into overdrive whenever called upon to rev up student enthusiasm for everything from athletic events, pep sessions, and even fundraisers and dedication ceremonies. He had a powerful influence on thousands of students and no one ever considered Mr. Zipp a stranger.

*Don Zipp Blue Pride Award* Recipients:

2013 - Maryashly Gabrielle Betz

George Aaron Knott

Past Recipients of the Blue Pride Award:

2009 - Hunter Douglas Harritt

Whitney Noell Popp

2010 - Travis Kent Cunningham

Lauren Ruth Jerdonek

2011 - Clair Elizabeth Joksimovic

2012 - Tyler Charles Ferree

Megan Gohmann Jakoby

Zachary Michael Johnson

The ***Judith Manning Social Studies Award*** is named for **Ms. Jude Manning**, a long time social studies teacher at Providence - from 1983 to the present. Ms. Manning's love of "all things History" and her enthusiasm for teaching have inspired students for 30 years. The award was established in 2013 as Ms. Manning transitions from her full-time teaching position to part-time in the Social Studies Department. It is given to a student who has shown



excellence in the study of social studies and who hopes to pursue

such studies in college.

*Judith Manning Social Studies Award Recipients:*  
2013 - Emily A. Welch

## COMING EVENTS

July 28 - "Blue Pride: Ignite the Spirit" - 4:00-8:30 p.m. Grade 9 students and parents

July 28 - *Freshman Moms Welcome Event* - 5:00-6:00 p.m., auditorium

July 29 - Grades 10, 11, 12 Registration/Faculty and Staff In-Service

July 30 - Grades 7 and 8 Registration and Orientation/Faculty and Staff In-Service.

July 31 - First full day of classes (8:00 a.m. Opening) - All "A" and "B" Classes.

August 2 - ID Cards Make-ups during lunches.

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## *And lastly...*

*As youth from around the world gather in Rio, we offer the following:*

### **World Youth Day 2013 Official Prayer**

*O Father, You sent Your Eternal Son  
to save the world and chose men and women,  
through Him, with Him and in Him,  
to proclaim the Good News to all nations.*

*Grant us the graces necessary  
so that joy may shine in the faces  
of all young people, the joy of being,  
by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
the evangelists the Church needs  
in the Third Millennium.*

*O Christ, Redeemer of humanity, the image  
of Your open arms on the top of Corcovado  
welcomes all people. In Your paschal offering,*

*You brought us by the Holy Spirit  
to an encounter of sonship with the Father.*

*Young people, who are fed by Eucharist,  
hear You in Your Word and meet You  
as their brother, need your infinite mercy  
to run the paths of the world as missionary  
disciples of the New Evangelization.*

*O Holy Spirit, Love of the Father and the Son,  
with the splendor of Your Truth and the fire  
of Your Love, send Your Light*

*to all young people so that, driven by  
their experience of World Youth Day,  
they may bring to the four corners  
of the world faith, hope and charity,  
becoming great builders of a culture of life  
and peace and catalysts of a new world.  
Amen.*

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