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New National Honor Society members for 2014

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## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

On Monday evening, 62 juniors were inducted into the National Honor Society. The purpose of the NHS is to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership, and to develop character in the students of secondary schools. At Providence, NHS members provide tutoring services during BLUE Day sessions. Some members also are peer leaders. At graduation, NHS members wear white collars with the NHS insignia in recognition of their membership.

For list of NHS inductees, [click here](#).

## STUDENTS IN ACTION

### SOPHOMORE WINS VOCATION ESSAY CONTEST

Sophomore **Ben Popson** has won the Serra Club of Indianapolis 2014 John D. Kelley Vocations Essay Contest for his grade level. He and his parents attended a luncheon today at Fatima Retreat House in Indianapolis, where he received a plaque and a cash prize. His essay will be reprinted in *The Criterion*, the archdiocesan weekly newspaper. Ben submitted his essay as part of an optional assignment in his theology class and said he was surprised to hear he won, especially out of all sophomores in the archdiocese. His topic focused on the sacrifice made by those living a religious vocation and how that benefits the community. He said he had several good examples in his parish priests at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, including former pastors the **Most. Rev. Paul Etienne**, bishop of the Diocese of Cheyenne, Wyo., **Fr. Eric Augenstein**, director of vocations for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, and **Fr. Eric Johnson**,

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current pastor at OLPH.

## SENIOR RECOGNIZED FOR COMMITMENT TO SERVICE

By junior **Ashlyn Edwards**

The Gold Acorn is awarded by the Community Foundation of Southern Indiana to high school students who have achieved excellence in philanthropy. This year one recipient comes from Providence, senior **Ashton Cash**. Ashton was nominated for this award by Assistant Director of Campus Ministry **Ms. Leslie Mills** for her outstanding dedication to the betterment of not only her school community, but also her local community.

Ashton has been a hardworking and committed community activist racking up nearly 400 service hours in her years here. This time was spent volunteering in the giraffe exhibit at the Louisville Zoo and the phase two recovery unit at Baptist East Hospital, taking trips with People to People Student Ambassadors to promote peace through understanding in foreign countries, and participating in a mission trip last summer to Nicaragua with Amigos for Christ, among various other activities. She took part in the People to People trips in the summers after her eighth grade and freshman years, traveling to France, Italy, and Greece in 2010 and to Costa Rica in 2011. Over spring break, she was one of a group of French students who took part in an exchange trip to France.

Ashton said she was, "completely honored at having the opportunity to be nominated for this wonderful award and thankful to Mrs. Mills for believing in [her] enough to nominate [her] for it." The Providence community is honored to see Ashton receiving the recognition she deserves for her commitment to serve others.

## JUNIOR WINS LOCAL ART CONTEST

**Junior Wynne Gettelfinger** is a winner in Ivy Tech's School of Fine Art + Design high school art competition. She will be recognized for her winning design tomorrow at a celebration of all the winners in the Pat Harrison Fine Arts + Design Gallery in Ogle Hall at Ivy Tech.

In other art news, PHS art students will have their work on display this evening in the Robinson Performing Arts Center with a reception from 6:30-7:30. Tomorrow, the Deanery Art Fair, with displays of fine and performing arts, will be held in the auditorium from 5:30-8:00 p.m.

## FRENCH STUDENTS ENJOY EXCHANGE PROGRAM

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Florida is a common destination for students traveling on spring break, but this year, seven students spent the week in France as participants in the Clarksville Sister Cities Exchange Trip. The students stayed with host families in the sister city of LaGarenne-Colombes, a suburb of Paris. [Click to read more.](#)



## 100+ STUDENTS TRAINED IN GREEN DOT PROGRAM

Last month, 17 students attended Green Dot training to learn how to proactively stop violence, whether word choice, bullying or dating violence. To date, more than 100 students have taken part in the program's training.



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

## STUDENT-ATHLETES RECOGNIZED, COMMIT TO COLLEGE TEAMS

Several student-athletes from winter sports teams recently were named to News & Tribune All-Area Teams, while others made written or verbal commitments to various colleges. Student-athletes recognized by the *News & Tribune* include:

- Boys Basketball - seniors **Grant Goad**, third team; **Nick Hayes**, honorable mention; and **Ben Shahroudi**, honorable mention.
- Girls Basketball - freshman **Claire Rauck**, second team
- Wrestling - junior **Matt Hayes**, first team; and senior **Blake**





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### Logsdon, honorable mention

Grant Goad also was invited to play in the Indiana vs. Ohio Post Your T All-Class All-Star Game this past weekend in Knightstown, Ind. Grant led the Indiana All-Stars to an 85-79 victory over the Ohio All-Stars with 16 points, seven rebounds, two assists and a pair of blocked shots.

Several student-athletes recently committed to play sports in college, including senior **Owen Mattingly**, who signed a letter of intent to play football at Indiana University-Bloomington, an NCAA Division I school, as a preferred walk on.



Owen was a three-year starter on offense and defense for the Pioneer Football Team. He was selected to the Indiana 2A All-Star First Team following his junior and senior seasons. His senior year, he was also selected as a member of the Indiana Region 10 All-District Team. Owen also runs track and is the president of the Providence chapter of the National Honor Society. He has been accepted into the Kelley School of Business at IU, where he plans to major in accounting and finance.

Three juniors from the Providence Volleyball team have made verbal commitments to play women's volleyball at separate D-I colleges, including

- **Taylor Wilson**, Stony Brook University in Long Island, New York (American East Conference)
- **Patricia Mattingly**, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md. (Patriot League)
- **Haley Libs**, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, Ky.

(Atlantic Sun Conference)

## TOP SELLERS IN PIONEER RAFFLE RECEIVE PRIZES

Thank you to all students who participated in the Pioneer Raffle and who helped exceed the goal of \$25,000 by raising \$30,300! Several students received prizes for being the top sellers: senior **Carolyn Swartz** (top seller, \$125 prize), senior **Kelsey Rodgers** and seventh grader **Elizabeth Mayberry** (tied second place sellers, \$75 prize each), and senior **Nick Reas** and seventh grader **Dylan Seals** (tied third place sellers, \$25 prize each). Congratulations!

## FORTY-NINE YEARS SEPARATE "SOUND OF MUSIC" PERFORMERS

Thirteen members of the 1965 production of "The Sound of Music" returned to see the 2014 production. On Alumni Night the 1965 cast enjoyed a block of seats reserved for them. They gathered on stage after the show to meet this year's student performers.



*Front Row, L-R: Linda Schmelz '65, Edie Burke '65, Carol Page '68,  
Dianne Herman '67.*

*Back Row, L-R: Dan Atkins '66, director Ray Day '57, Karen Day '65,  
Terry Cody '67, Diane Owens '66, Howard Hughes '65, Ellen Burke '66,  
Mike Read '67, Bill Corcoran '68 and Paul Sacrey '66.*

## PARENT CONNECTION

### CORRECTION: SENIOR 'END-OF-YEAR' BULLETIN

Parents, there is a correction to be made on your copy of the Senior END-

OF-YEAR Activities Bulletin. The date for Seniors' Graduation Practice and Farewell Ceremony should read May 30 (not May 29). Click here for [corrected bulletin](#).

## **SENIORS AND MOTHERS READY FOR SPECIAL LUNCH**

More than 80 seniors and their mothers will attend a special luncheon on Sunday in the Activity Center. Activities include a photo with senior and mom (taken 12:30-1:00) and lunch catered by Orange Clover (1:00-3:00). This is a time for seniors to thank their mothers for their commitment to providing a Catholic education and enjoy a meal together. The lunch is organized by the freshman mothers.

## **REMINDER OF RULES FOR FREE DAYS, SPIRIT WEAR**

Students who sold at least three tickets (\$60) by the deadline are allowed to wear spirit wear this week (see the Student Handbook for guidelines), April 7-11.

Students that sold at least five tickets (\$100) by the deadline, are eligible to take a free day through April 16. Juniors registered for retreat may not take their free day on April 10 or April 11. Seventh graders may not take a free day on April 15 due to the JA Financial Park field trip. Parents must call the attendance hotline ([812.206.0375](tel:812.206.0375)) by 8:15 a.m. the day the free day is taken.

## **ECA, ONLINE ISTEP TESTING TO BEGIN**

English 10, Algebra I, Honors Algebra, Biology and Honors Biology students will be completing state-required ECA testing beginning April 22 and junior high students will complete the online portion of the ISTEP beginning April 28. Students should be sure to get a good night's sleep and eat a healthy breakfast in preparation for the testing sessions, as listed below:

- April 22-23 - English 10 and Honors English 10
- April 24 - Biology and Honors Biology
- April 28-May 1 - Junior High Online ISTEP
- May 5-6 - Algebra I and Honors Algebra

## **CLASS RING ORDER OPPORTUNITY FOR FRESHMEN**

On April 23, freshman students and their parents will have an opportunity to view and purchase class rings through Herff Jones in preparation for the Sophomore Ring Ceremony. Representatives of the company will be in the

Activity Center that day from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

## SUPPORT PHS THEATRE BY ATTENDING DERBY DINNER PRODUCTION

The BACKSTAGE Crew, the theatre booster group, is sponsoring a [fundraising evening](#) at Derby Dinner Playhouse at the April 23 production of Singin' in the Rain. The cost of the show is \$40 and includes dinner, show and tax, and the Providence theatre program will receive a portion of the proceeds. The buffet opens at 6:00 p.m., and the show curtain is at 7:45. Call Group Sales by Friday, April 11, at [\(812\) 288-2632 ext. 113](#) or 116 Monday-Friday 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and say, "[Tickets are for the Providence fundraiser.](#)"

## ALUMNI IN ACTION

### EASTER EGG HUNT COMING SOON

The Alumni Association and Girls Soccer team will hold an [Easter Egg Hunt](#) on Saturday, April 19, for alumni and Deanery families with children ages 3-9. Activities include photos with the Easter Bunny starting at 9:30 a.m. in the Activity Center and an Easter egg hunt on the front lawn at 10:30 a.m. In case of rain, activities will be held in the Koetter Gym.

### REUNION UPDATE

Planning is underway 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).

- **1960** (54 years) June 14 summer fun day. Information will be mailed and posted on the class website ([www.olp1960.com](http://www.olp1960.com)) in early May.
- **1964** (50 years) May 16-17 - Reunion. Invitations have been sent. If you did not receive one, email [kathyhaller946@gmail.com](mailto:kathyhaller946@gmail.com).
- **1969** (45 years) Sept. 20. Save the date information has been sent. If you did not receive it, email [providenceclassof1969@gmail.com](mailto:providenceclassof1969@gmail.com). To join the private Facebook group, friend Kathy Shaughnessy.
- **1984** (30 years) Aug. 23. Activities include a Mystery Bus Tour and gathering at Sheraton Riverside, Jeffersonville. Invitations will be sent this month. For further information, email [choyland@providencehigh.net](mailto:choyland@providencehigh.net).
- **2004** (10 years) June 14 at Wick's, 2927 Goose Creek Road, Louisville. Save the date information has been sent.
- **2009** (5 years) Nov. 29 at Wick's, New Albany. Save the date information has been sent.

Reunion planning is underway for the classes of 1974 and 1994, and information should be available soon. The classes of 1959, 1989 and 1999 will not be having a reunion until the next five-year cycle, and no information has been received from the class of 1979.

## BLUE PRIDE ON DISPLAY

### '10 GRAD GAINS EXPERIENCE AS STATEHOUSE INTERN

*Once a month, we feature a young alum who is finding success in his/her career. If you would like to nominate someone to feature, please email [alumni@providencehigh.net](mailto:alumni@providencehigh.net).*

**Matt Duncan '10** has yet to earn a paycheck, but he received a jumpstart on his political science career earlier this year. After only 3 1/2 years, he graduated summa cum laude in December 2013 from Marian University with a bachelor's degree in political science and a minor in pastoral leadership. He then spent January to mid-March serving as a legislative intern for the Indiana State Senate in Indianapolis. [Click to read more.](#)



Matt Duncan, left, with state senator Ron Grooms from Indiana's 46th District.

## BLUE NEWS - OF OLD

*By Ray Day '57*

Chances are if you took art at Providence in any given decade, the location of your classroom varied until 2003, when the art wing was completed. [Click here](#) to read more about the history of the program, from how it came to be as well as how it is thriving now.





*Room 304 was the first art studio at PHS. Students Denny Day, Paul Cloyd and Dan Bulleit listen to Mr. Day's verbal enlightenment, circa 1972.*

## COMING EVENTS

- April 9 - Art/Reception Showcase 6:30-7:30 p.m. - Robinson Theatre Lobby
- April 10 - Deanery Fine Arts Fair 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
- April 10 - Junior Class Retreat at Wooded Glen
- April 11 - Hearing test for all 7th & 8th grade students
- April 13 - Palm Sunday
- April 13 - Senior/Moms Farewell Lunch in the Activity Center
- April 14 - Vision test for some 8th grade students
- April 15 - Station of the Cross Assembly - Robinson Theatre
- April 15 - 7th Graders - JA Financial Park Field Trip
- April 17 - Triduum - Holy Thursday - Liturgy Schedule - Tenebrae Service
- April 18 - Triduum - Good Friday - 1:30 p.m. Dismissal
- April 19 - Triduum - Holy Saturday
- April 19 - Easter Egg Hunt - 9:30 a.m. - Activity Center and Front Lawn
- April 20 - Easter Sunday
- April 21-25 - 8th Grade Washington, D.C. Trip
- April 22-23 - ECA Testing - English 10 and Honors English 10
- April 24 - ECA Testing - Biology and Honors Biology
- April 23 - Ring Orders Due - 3 - 7 p.m. - Activity Center
- April 23 - BACKSTAGE Crew Fundraiser - Derby Dinner Playhouse
- April 23-25 - 7th Grade Chicago Trip
- April 28-May 1 - Junior High Online ISTEP
- May 5 - Noon - Choice Scholarship and SGO (Scholarship Granting Organization) meeting at St. Mary of the Knobs
- May 5-6 - ECA Testing - Algebra I and Honors Algebra

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*And lastly...*

Although we are currently in the fourth quarter of the 2013-2014 school year, it is time to begin planning for next year.

An overview schedule of the 2014-2015 school year is now available. Click [Providence 2014-2015 Schedule Outline](#).

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