



The Class of 2016 celebrates the school's 62nd commencement.



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Mrs. Hurley retires; new president named

At the end of this month, we bid a fond farewell to **Mrs. Joan Hurley**, who has served as Providence president for 12 years. As she retires, she leaves a campus and community that has been greatly impacted by her vision, dedication and deep faith. A native of Scotland who spent most of her career in Indianapolis, she and her husband, Mike, will continue to live in Southern Indiana, having fallen in love with the people and the area. Mrs. Hurley hopes to enjoy time with her family and travel.



We also announce the appointment of our next president, **Stephen Williamson**, of Louisville. Mr. Williamson brings a combination of education and business experience to Providence. He has been a high school and middle school teacher in his home state of New Jersey as well as in



Kentucky teaching English, language arts and religion. His business background includes roles in sales and marketing and more than 10 years as chief commercial officer for the former Arco Aluminum, now known as Tri-Arrows Aluminum Inc. His experience in both fields, especially his business acumen, strategic planning skills and marketing expertise will aid him in leading Providence well into the future.

Mr. Williamson has a bachelor's degree from The College of New Jersey in English education and a master's of science degree from Rutgers University as well as master's coursework from Northwestern University in financial analysis and business-to-business marketing and a certificate as a catechist through the Archdiocese of Louisville. He is an active Catholic and member of St. Margaret Mary Church in Louisville. He is a Eucharistic minister, has participated in Bible study and is involved in planning liturgies. He and his wife, Beverly, have two adult children, and all four are proud products of Catholic education.

Mr. Williamson will begin his duties as president of Providence on July 1. Welcome, Mr. Williamson!

STUDENTS IN ACTION

Providence remains a Four Star School

We are proud to announce that Providence has been named a Four Star School by the Indiana Department of Education for the 2014-2015 school year. This is the fourth year in a row the school has achieved this status. Schools receiving this designation had students scoring in the 25th percentile of schools throughout the state in two ISTEP-based categories. Congratulations to our faculty, staff, students and families on this achievement.

Statewide, 287 schools were awarded the highest designation in the state's accountability system. Locally, five schools received this designation, including two other Deanery schools, Holy Family and St. Mary of the Knobs schools. **Dr. Mindy (Lankert) Ernstberger '74** said she is proud of the efforts of our students, faculty, staff and families for repeatedly rising to the challenge of excellence.

"It is a tremendous honor to be recognized as an Indiana Four Star School four years in a row," Dr. Ernstberger said. "I congratulate our students and faculty for their achievement and for their dedication to high academic standards. I also thank our parents and

the New Albany Deanery Catholic parishes and schools. They have supported these students and helped to bring quality Catholic education to Southern Indiana."

Class of 2016 earns multiple honors, scholarships



On May 29, the Class of 2016 celebrated the school's 62nd commencement. This class of 99, while small in number, celebrated a number of achievements, including accumulating more than 9,800 service hours over their four years here. We expect much in the future from these students, with 74 percent earning an Indiana Academic Honors Diplomas, 95 percent pursuing post-secondary education, and one entering the U.S. military. Forty-five percent are children of alumni, and 21 percent are third generation alumni. Collectively, these students were awarded more than \$7.8 million in [academic scholarships](#) from various colleges, not including those who received full athletic scholarships. [Click to read more.](#)

Junior high celebrates graduation, awards



On May 26, 36 eighth graders graduated from our junior high. We wish these eighth graders well and look forward to seeing many of them as freshmen as we begin the 2016-2017 school year on July 27.

Last month, the junior high held its award ceremony acknowledging various accomplishments of these students throughout the school year. [Click here](#) for a list of these awards.

Spring sports teams have successful seasons

Congratulations to our Boys Golf team, which won its first sectional since 1998 and will play in the Providence Regional tomorrow, and to the Baseball team, which will play in the 2A Plainfield Semi-State on

Saturday. Additionally, freshman Halli Trinkle will play in the Girls Tennis Individual State Quarterfinals on Friday at 2 p.m. in Indianapolis.

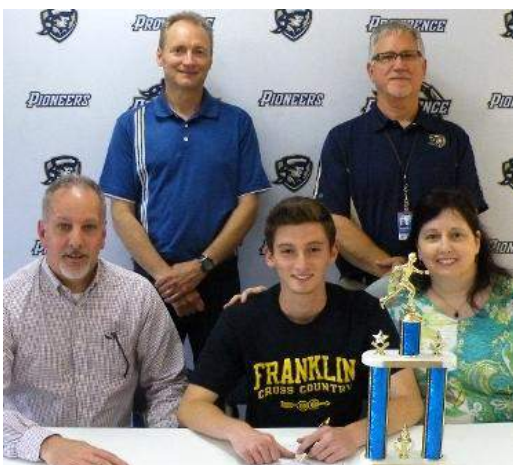


Our spring athletic teams helped Providence earn a record number of postseason titles in one school year. To date, Providence teams have won eight team sectional trophies and three individual trophies in Track & Field, with team wins in Volleyball, Girls Soccer, Boys Soccer, Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball, Girls Tennis, Baseball and Boys Golf; five team regional trophies and one individual trophy in Girls Track, with team wins in Volleyball, Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball, Girls Tennis (pictured above) and Baseball; and the third semi-state and state trophies in a row for Volleyball, this time at 3A. Three student athletes represented Providence in state competitions in Track & Field and Girls Tennis.

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Two sign to play college sports

Alex Creamer '16 and **Landon Carrico '16** have signed letters of intent to continue their athletics career in college. Alex will run men's cross country and track at Franklin (Ind.) College, an NCAA Division III school in the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference.



Alex has been running competitively for seven years. At Providence, he ran three years of varsity cross country and track and was team captain for his 2015-16 senior season. He was one of the most versatile distance runners on the team, competing in events ranging from the 1600 meter run to the mini-marathon. Alex runs every day, year round, with nearly 1,100

continuous days run. Next year at Franklin College, he will run the 8K in cross country, the 3,000 meter during indoor track, and the 10,000 meter during the outdoor track and field season.

Landon will play men's tennis at Hanover (Ind.) College, an NCAA D-III school that competes in the Heartland Collegiate Conference. Landon, a four-year varsity starter, played singles throughout his career, compiling a 65-13 record and clinching his first individual singles postseason berth in fall 2015. He is a finalist for both the *News & Tribune*



Player of the Year for tennis and the *Courier-Journal* Tennis Player of the Year. He has also received Senior Indiana All-Star, second team All-State, Honorable Mention Academic All-State, All-District first team, and *Courier-Journal* and *News & Tribune* Boys Tennis first team honors. He plans to study business and pre-law at Hanover as a part of the Business Scholars Program.

Other previously announced Pioneers who will compete in college include:

- Mikaila Heavrin '16, Hanover College, women's soccer, NCAA D-III
- Jacquie Hornung '16, IUPUI, volleyball, NCAA D-I
- Jay Lorenz '16, baseball, undecided
- Audrey Shannon '16, Marshall University, volleyball, NCAA D-I
- Tre' Watson '16, baseball, undecided

Book Clubs celebrate reading

The Senior High Book Club finished its year with a visit to Coffee Crossing in New Albany. Over the year, the members read *The Martian* by Andy Weir, *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr and *Everything, Everything* by Nicola Yoon. The group's favorite book was *The Martian*, said faculty sponsor Mrs. Connie Scharre. "It was a thrilling ride."



The Junior High Book Club had three members, seventh graders Elizabeth Wimsatt, Sean Wetzel and Camryn Sidebottom. They met three times a year in the library right after school and read *The Hobbit* by JRR Tolkien; *Awkward* by Svetlana Chmakova; and *Cinder* by Marissa Meyer. "They enjoyed all the books this year," Mrs.

PARENT CONNECTION

Several staff members, teachers say goodbye

As the 2015-2016 school year closes, two staff members are retiring, including President **Mrs. Joan Hurley**, and several staff members and teachers are leaving for other opportunities.

Mrs. Hurley is retiring after serving 12 years at Providence. Her faith, vision and dedication have seen to it that Providence is well prepared to head into its next 65 years. Under her leadership, the school received a new auditorium and chapel; relocated modern football locker room, little theater and cafeteria/kitchen; central air conditioning; one-to-one technology; and much more.

Mr. Ray Day '57 is retiring from Providence for the third time. From 1962-1996, he served as art teacher and spring musical director, having introduced the tradition in 1963 with *Showboat*. Following a stint pursuing his professional art career, he returned in 2002 as director of development, during which time he gave valuable input into the building of the Robinson Auditorium. In 2007, he retired from full-time work and has served as part-time website coordinator and school archivist.

Mrs. Melissa Jackson leaves after seven years in the Guidance Office, where she advised and counseled juniors and seniors and was department chairperson. She was co-faculty sponsor of SADD and sponsor of National Honor Society. She also introduced the Peer Mentor Program. **Mrs. Sarah (Buschemeyer) Koetter '87** leaves after seven years as social studies teacher. She has worked part time and full time in that department. Recently, she founded the Bowling Club.

Also leaving are **Mr. Walt Dries**, who worked at Providence for eight years, previously as a math teacher and most recently as part-time Learning Lab assistant for math; **Ms. Hanna Gish '10**, who taught social studies for two years and was assistant Girls Tennis coach; **Mr. Kelsey Hillary**, who taught religion for one year; **Mrs. Andy Kraft**, who was a permanent substitute teacher for two years, and **Mrs. Christy Russell-Read**, who was an English teacher for three years and founder of the Knitting Club and Pinterest Club and co-sponsor of the Book Club.

We thank all of them for their service to Providence and wish them well.

Guidance Spotlight: Making schedule changes

Schedule change requests for the 2016-2017 school year must be completed prior to the start of the 2016-2017 school year on July 27. **Mrs. Jaimie McRae** will be available to process schedule changes through tomorrow, June 9, and then on July 7 and daily beginning on July 18.

The Guidance Office will be open for information throughout the summer Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and Fridays 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. but will be closed June 20-July 4.

Mark your calendars: Registration for the 2016-2017 school year will be July 25 for grades 10-12 and July 26 for junior high. Freshmen will have a registration and orientation evening on July 24. More information will be sent home in mid-July.

Summer office hours

Please note the summer hours for the Main Office, Guidance Office, Business Office, Athletic Office, Advancement Office and President's Office: Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and Fridays 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Please note the dates the following offices will be **closed** over the summer break:

- Main Office: June 20-July 4
- Guidance Office: June 20-July 4
- Business Office: June 20-21
- Athletic Office: June 27-July 8
- Advancement Office: July 4

School uniform information

Uniform shirts and sweaters for the 2016-2017 school year will be purchased directly through Rivercity Workwear. Purchases can be made in store at 4020 Earnings Way in New Albany, online or at Providence during registration on July 25 (high school) and July 26 (junior high). The link for online purchases will be available sometime next week and will be posted on the school website. Uniform pants can be purchased from any store but must abide by the uniform code. Uniform shirts and sweaters from previous years with the exception of the grey quarter-zip sweatshirt and the navy blue crewneck sweatshirt may still be worn. For more information, please refer to the [uniform and dress code](#) requirements sheet that was sent home with final report cards.

Save the date: Pioneer Golf Scramble

Mark your calendars for the 18th annual Pioneer Golf Scramble:

Thursday, Aug. 25, at Champions Pointe Golf Course. If you are interested in being a sponsor for our event or would like to inquire about forming a team, please contact Ronda (Miller) Stumler '83 at rstumler@providencehigh.net.



ALUMNI NOTES

Reunion dates for 2016

Reunion planning for 2016 will include classes with years ending in one and six. If you'd like to be part of the planning committee, please contact Ronda (Miller) Stumler '83 at rstumler@providencehigh.net.

Reunions scheduled for this year so far:

- **1955** - Class members meet three times per year for lunch. Clarion Hotel, 505 Marriott Drive in Clarksville - 11:30 a.m. Plan now to attend one of these "get togethers / mini reunions." Remaining 2016 dates: July 8th and October 14th (previously scheduled for November). Spouse or significant other welcome!
- **1966** - July 23. Sam's at the Montrose, 7:00-11:00 p.m. [RSVP here](#).
- **1976** - Sept. 24. Sam's at the Montrose, 7:00-11:00 p.m. [RSVP here](#).
- **1981** - Sept. 17. Woods of Lafayette 7:00 p.m.-midnight
- **1986** - July 22 (Grad Night - TBD) and July 23. Horseshoe Casino, 7:00-midnight. [Buy tickets here](#).
- July 23, golf scramble at New Albany Springs, 12:15 p.m. registration, 1:00 p.m. start. RSVP to Dan Thomas kyfrydan@yahoo.com by July 20.
- **1991** - July 2. Valley View Golf Course; request to join [Facebook group](#). [RSVP here](#).
- **1996** - Nov. 12. Woods of Lafayette Clubhouse, 6:30-11:00 p.m. After party at Jack's, 11:00 p.m. - 3:00 a.m.
- **2001** - Aug. 20. St. Mary of the Knobs' Knobsfest 6 p.m.-midnight. Reserved table for classmates.

Planning has begun for the following years: 2006 and 2011

Boys Basketball history in the works

Charlie Jenkins '57, an Indiana Hall of Fame sports broadcaster, and **Ray Day '57**, school archivist, are researching the 65-year winning tradition of the Providence Boys Basketball program. If you or someone in your family was involved in the basketball program from its beginning in 1951, Jenkins wants to talk with you. Desired resources include scrapbooks, clippings, photos and human interest stories. Contact Jenkins at 812-945-8715 or Ray Day at rday@providencehigh.net. Profits from the project will be donated to the school.

Save the date: Alumni Glow Golf

Don't miss out on the fun! **Brad Denman '02** and the Alumni Association guarantee you will have a good time if you participate in the third annual Alumni Glow Golf Competition to be held on Saturday, Sept. 10, at Covered Bridge. The Glow Golf Competition is open to alumni, family and friends ages 21 and over. The cost is \$50 and includes nine holes of golf, a special glow-in-the-dark golf ball, appetizers and prizes. If you are interested in forming a team or sponsoring this event, please contact Brad Denman at bdenman@fsbbank.net.

Volunteers needed! Help support the Booster Club, Monday Night Crew

The Booster Club and Monday Night Crew are two groups of longstanding volunteers. As the members age, the number of volunteers is dwindling, and more alumni are sought to bring their energy, input and talents to these two important organizations.

The Booster Club meets monthly and conducts a raffle, the proceeds from which support athletics, primarily the cost of the athletic trainer. The Monday Night Crew volunteers perform maintenance around the campus, including mowing the extensive lawns on the property.

If you are interested in volunteering for either of these organizations, please contact **Ronda (Miller) Stumler '83**, director of alumni relations, at rstumler@providencehigh.net.



BLUE PRIDE ON DISPLAY

Crucifix added to new chapel

Thanks to the generosity of two men, the new chapel now has a crucifix with an image of the resurrected Lord. Providence Board of Trustees member and past parent **Mr. Jim Nett**, at left in photo, and his nephew, alumnus and past parent **Mr. Mark Lilly '81**, worked together to design the crucifix for the chapel. Mr. Nett and Mr. Lilly designed the cross, and Mr. Nett donated the wood and the corpus for the crucifix. Both men donated their labor, with Mr. Nett providing the woodworking tools and Mr. Lilly providing the tools and expertise to install the crucifix.



Mr. Nett and Mr. Lilly had previously built a cross for Holy Family Parish and were happy to create one for our new chapel. "I like doing things for the school, especially the chapel," Mr. Nett said. "It's an important part of our identity."

Soon the chapel will receive stained glass windows, and the chapel will be complete. It now features chairs with kneelers, statues of Our Lady and the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Stations of the Cross in addition to the new crucifix.

Kyle Rodden '07 to be ordained a priest

On June 25, Deacon **Kyle Rodden '07** will be ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis at Sts. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. He will celebrate his first Mass at his home parish of Sacred Heart in Jeffersonville later that day at 5:45 p.m. He also will celebrate the 8:30 a.m. Mass on June 26 at St. Augustine in Jeffersonville.

Please keep Deacon Kyle in your prayers as he prepares for this important sacrament. He is the first Providence graduate to be ordained a priest in many years. He will join Fr. Wilfred "Sonny" Day '58, Fr. Dan Atkins '66, Fr. Harry Tully '68 and Fr. (Alan) Christopher Kirchgessner '71 as alumni who are ordained priests.

[Click here](#) to read a story on Deacon Kyle in *The Criterion*.



BLUE NEWS OF OLD

BLUE NEWS OF OLD: "You're going to do what again?"

By Ray Day '57, school archivist



"Retire," I answered.

On May 31, faculty and staff gathered for end-of-year congratulations and goodbyes. Principal Dr. Mindy (Lankert) Ernstberger '74

graciously granted me a few minutes at the podium to share

some thoughts about my 48 years at Providence. [Click here](#) for the full story.

COMING EVENTS

June 9: Last day in June for schedule changes for 2016-2017

June 20-July 4: Main Office closed

July 9: Guidance Office open for schedule changes, transfers

July 13: Next e-VISION newsletter

July 18: Regular office hours resume for all offices
July 24: Freshman orientation and registration
July 25: Registration grades 10-12
July 26: Junior High registration and orientation
July 27: Classes begin

LET US PRAY

A Summer Blessing

May you walk with God
This summer
In whatever you do
Wherever you go

Walking with God means...
Walking with honesty
And with courage,
Walking with love
And respect
And concern for the feelings of others

May you talk to God
This summer
And every day and
In every situation

Talking with God means...
Praying words of praise
For the beauty of creation
Saying prayers of thanks
For friends and good times,
Asking God's help
In all your decisions
Expressing sorrow
When you have failed

May you talk with God
Every day. Amen.
- Author unknown

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