

# PROVIDENCE



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## PHS BREAKS GROUND FOR NEW CHAPEL

Providence is fulfilling a nearly 25-year old dream this summer with the construction of a permanent chapel for its students. Since the early 1990s, Providence administrators have wanted to build a chapel, and now, thanks to the generosity of several Providence donors -- including cash and in-kind contributions -- that dream is becoming a reality.

**President Mrs. Joan Hurley, Principal Dr. Mindy (Lankert) Ernstberger '74, Campus Minister Mrs. Leah (Cissell) Kelly '05, Robbie Gaines '15 and Dean of the New Albany Deanery Rev. Wilfred "Sonny" Day** joined members of the Providence Board of Trustees, including **Mr. Jack Koetter '72**, chairperson of the Providence Master Plan Committee and CEO of The Koetter Group, **Mr. Page Walker (Hon. '93)**, and **Mrs. Carolyn (Galligan) Kirchdorfer '60** for a groundbreaking ceremony on Monday morning.



The new chapel is being built along the front of the school, just past the student entrance. It will seat 120-130 students and include an office for the

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school chaplain. The student entrance will remain in the same location with access to the chapel.

Construction of the chapel is being coordinated by Koetter Construction and is funded in part through the generous donation of Mrs. Kirchdorfer and her family in memory of her husband, the late **Jim Kirchdorfer**. Mrs. Kirchdorfer said her husband loved Providence and contributing to the building of a new chapel is a wonderful way to honor his memory and his love for the school where one of the children attended (**Teresa (Kirchdorfer) Gardone '85**).

Mrs. Kirchdorfer's sons have given a \$75,000 matching grant to fund the remaining costs of the nearly \$325,000 project. They have matched \$55,000 so far, and only \$20,000 more remains. Her sons will match any remaining gifts up to that amount to ensure the project is fully funded by charitable gifts.



*Mrs. Carolyn (Galligan) Kirchdorfer '60 (second from left) talks with former PHS teacher and coach Dottie (Galligan) Zipp '69, administrative assistant Debbie Fackler, and principal Dr. Mindy (Lankert) Ernstberger '74 at the groundbreaking reception on Monday morning.*

Construction will take about five months, and parking and students' entry into the building may be affected for the first few months of the school year. More information will be given as the beginning of next school year nears.

Other projects ongoing this summer include the completion of a restroom/concession stand on the front field to be shared by the softball and tennis programs as well as new tennis courts, which should be ready for the fall Boys Tennis season. Those projects also were funded by generous donors and in-kind work from parents, alumni and friends.

## STUDENTS IN ACTION

**113 JOIN RANKS OF PROVIDENCE ALUMNI**

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Congratulations to the Class of 2015. On May 31, 113 seniors graduated, and they have big plans for the future. Ninety-nine percent of them so far plan to attend college in the fall. They also accomplished a lot while they were here - they earned nearly 10,000 service hours and more than \$7.2 million in college scholarships. Seventy-five percent of the graduates earned an Indiana Honors Diploma.

The commencement included speeches from the top three students in the class: valedictorian **Ryan Mueller**, son of Patrick and Mary Mueller of St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Clarksville, and salutatorians **Erin Embrey**, daughter of William "Chip" and Allison Embrey of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in New Albany, and **Nathan Shumate**, son of Charles and Marilyn Shumate of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in New Albany. Ryan plans to attend Indiana University-Bloomington and major in biology with minors in Spanish and business, Erin plans to attend the University of Notre Dame and major in pre-medicine and Spanish, and Nathan plans to attend IU-Bloomington, where he received a direct admittance to the Kelley School of Business and will major in finance and minor in entrepreneurship.

We wish these alumni well in all their endeavors! Continue to make us proud!

### Junior High graduation

On May 28, 52 eighth graders graduated from Providence. Their successes were noted in the previous issue of the e-VISION. Congratulations and we look forward to seeing you as part of the Class of 2019 on July 29!



**FOUR '15 GRADUATES STUDYING**



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## THE ARTS IN COLLEGE

The most recent graduating class had a number of talented students in a variety of areas, including the arts. Four of those students plan to further their education in the arts in different areas: dance, music theatre, fine art, and theatrical makeup. [Click here to read their stories.](#)



## STUDENTS STILL LEARNING THIS SUMMER

School may be out, but that didn't stop a group of students from participating in the first ever PHS Physics Phun Day At Kentucky Kingdom last week. The students conducted about 20 experiments and/or data collection activities while riding the rides.



## FIVE ATTEND HOOSIER GIRLS STATE

Five rising seniors will attend Hoosier Girls State, a leadership program that teaches about and encourages participation in state government and the election process. Those participating include **Abbi Hamm**, **Jenna Gilley**, **Colleen Geldermann**, **Alyssa Hyndman** and **Dori Welch**.

## STUDENTS RETURN TO NICARAGUA

## FOR MISSION TRIP

Providence alumni and past parent **Mr. Eric Happel '80** was so deeply impacted by his first mission trip to Nicaragua serving with the non-profit organization Amigos for Christ that he has organized three more summer trips, including this summer. He will lead a group of 25 students, alumni and parents who will assist Amigos for Christ, a Christian-based organization that brings clean water and sanitary bathrooms to remote villages of Nicaragua. "Our mission while in Nicaragua will be to provide a labor force to dig trenches, lay water lines and assist in building sanitary bathrooms," Mr. Happel said. "We will work alongside and get to know the people in these remote villages and help change their lives forever. There will be plenty of opportunities for fun and fellowship including the climbing of an active volcano."

Those participating in the trip include Mr. Happel's sons, **Elliott '12, Austin '14**, and **Carson Happel**, a rising eighth grader at OLPH (and the youngest to attend), **Mrs. Ann (Kaiser) Day '80, Erich Day '14**, rising junior **Morgan Day, Mitchell Allender '15, Melinda Cochran '14**, rising junior **Kevin Chrisco**, rising junior **Barrett Johnson, Carlie Combs '15**, rising junior **Adam Ernstberger**, rising sophomore **Shawn Fitzpatrick**, rising senior **MaryAnn Fitzpatrick, Zack Flanagan '12, Mr. Jeff Conder, Mrs. Lisa Conder, Evan Conder '14**, rising freshman **Hanna Conder**, rising senior **Jessie Gilley**, rising junior **Skyler Koetter**, rising senior **Makenzie Koerner**, rising junior **Taylor Raymond**, and **Mr. Bryan Raymond '90**. Makenzie will be in Nicaragua an additional two weeks, having earned a spot as a short-term servant leader, as profiled in the April 8, 2015, [e-VISION](#).

Mr. Happel said that each summer the group has found that despite the heat and hard work, each person gains more than he or she gives. "We go to Nicaragua to change other people's lives," he said. "What we realize when we return, the biggest change lies within ourselves. Never again will we look at the basic necessities quite the same way."

## MATH TEAM HAS TWO PLACE IN TOUGH DISTRICT COMPETITION

Congratulations to Math Team members rising junior **Nicholas Tomlin** and rising sophomore **Kaleb Dunn**. Nicholas placed ninth among 10th graders in District 2, and Kaleb placed fourth among freshmen in District 2 in the Greater Louisville Math League. District 2 includes teams from Eastern, Oldham, Male, New Albany and Atherton high schools.



## **THEATRE STUDENTS INDUCTED IN ST. GENESIUS SOCIETY**

At the end of May, 29 students were inducted into membership in the St. Genesius Society, the honor society of the Providence Performing Arts Department. New inductees include rising sophomores **Andrew Bittenbender, Austin Bowles, Annie Davis, Ethan Furnish, Emily Geldermann, Katerina Jones, Eli Lucas, Olivia Storz, Cassidy Powell** and **Zach Willis**; rising juniors **Chloe Bandy, Brooklyn Belviy, Courtney Brown, Kevin Chrisco, Michael Craig, Erica Denison, Tori Denison, Joe Garcia, Ethan Palazzo, Riley Quinn, Amber Schlosser** and **Drew Wiseman**; and rising seniors **Eric Asare, Nick Long, Nathan Marriott, Emma Negrus, Allison Orberson, Ben Popson** and **Anna Wade**.

Current members received recognition for their involvement in theatre. Those receiving a varsity letter in theatre include **Ashley Bittenbender '15, Josh Frost '15, Camille Reyes '15, Hallie Striby '15** and **Jarod Thompson '15** and rising seniors **Kate Cummins, Jenna Gilley, Abbi Hamm, Alyssa Hyndman, Maresa Kelly, Mikaela Strahm** and **Sarah Zelli**. Those receiving a drama mask pin to add to their varsity letter include **Erin Embrey '15** and rising seniors **Alex Duffy-Dries, Megan Evans, Nicole Kruer** and **Sophia Purcell**. Those receiving a gold star to add to their varsity letter (the highest level of achievement) include **Emily Coe '15, Sommer Dean '15, Ashlyn Edwards '15, Amelia Ernstberger '15, Wynne Gettelfinger '15, Taylor Huber '15, Paige Lorey '15, Kendall Powell '15, Jordan Reger '15, Madeline Storz '15** and **Sammy Vogt '15**.

Congratulations to all!

## **SPRING SPORTS WRAP UP THEIR SEASON**

The Pioneers saw success in all spring sports this season, with two teams winning sectional titles and other teams sending individuals on to the state tournament. Additionally, three members of the Boys Track team were named to the News & Tribune All-Area Team, and two of them were named to Academic All-State. [Click here to read more.](#)

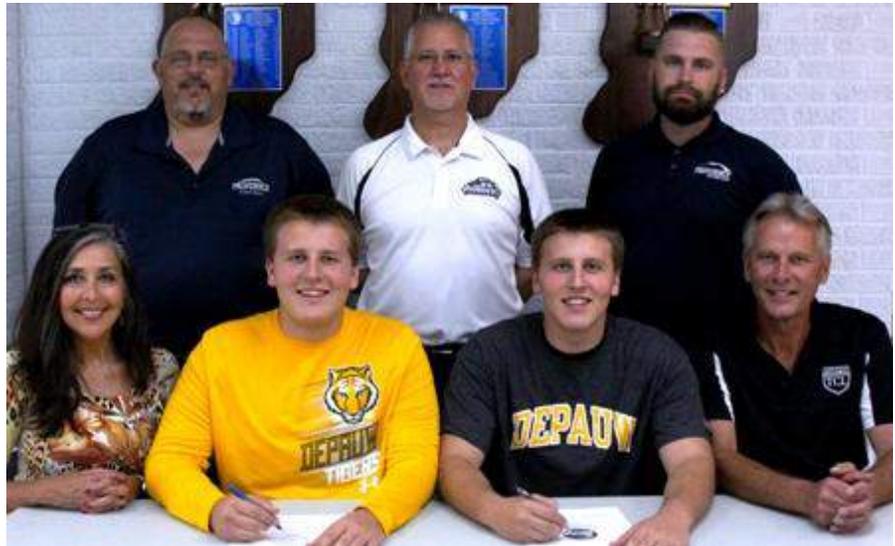


### THREE SIGN TO PLAY COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Three recent graduates have signed to play football at NCAA Division III schools in the fall.



**Justin Wheatley '15** will play at Franklin (Ind.) College, which competes in the Heartland Collegiate Conference. He was a two-year varsity starter for the Pioneer Football team and was named to the All-Area Team and was the Most Valuable Offensive Lineman for Providence his junior year. His senior season was cut short by a leg injury. He also was on the Wrestling Team at Providence. The Franklin Grizzlies are led by Head Coach Mike Leonard and former PHS gridiron star **Matt Theobald '92**, who is the team's offensive coordinator/strength & conditioning coordinator.



**Donald Gettelfinger III '15** and his twin brother, **Thomas '15**, will play at DePauw University in Greencastle, Ind. DePauw competes in the North Coast Athletic Conference. Thomas was a three-year varsity starter at Providence and was elected to the First Team All-Area Team, the IFCA 2A All-State Team and the Academic All-State Team. He also was an honorable mention in the AP 2A All-State Team and was named Most Valuable Offensive Lineman for Providence.

Donald was a four-year varsity player and three-year starter for the Pioneers. He played both offensive and defensive positions. After being on the offensive line his junior year, Donald moved to tight end his senior season. He caught six touchdowns and recorded more than 200 yards in receiving, leading the Pioneers to a 7-4 record. At defensive end, he recorded more than 60 tackles and five sacks, earning him a spot on the honorable mention All-State Team and a first team spot on the All-Area Team his senior year.

Franklin and DePauw compete in a pre-season scrimmage each year but do not meet in the regular season.

## PARENT CONNECTION

### SUMMER INFORMATION

Parents should have received students' final report cards, which were mailed late last week. The following is important information for the summer:

- Summer office hours, including the Main Office, Athletic Office, Guidance Office, Business Office, President's Office and Advancement Office are Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and Fridays 8:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. (Note the new times.) These hours continue through July 17.

- Many of the offices will be closed for two weeks beginning June 22 and reopening July 6.
- The Pioneer Gear Campus Store summer hours will be June 23 3:00-7:00 p.m. and July 8, 15 and 22 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
- Course change forms may be sent in throughout the summer, and Mrs. Jaimie McRae (seventh-10th) and Mrs. Melissa Jackson (juniors and seniors) will be available for conferences on June 15 and July 9.
- Summer reading assignments can be found [here](#):
- Parent information regarding the 2015-2016 school year will be mailed in mid-July.
- Next e-VISION publication: July 22
- Freshman Orientation will be Sunday, July 26; grades 10-12 will register the morning of July 27, and junior high students will register the morning of July 28. Classes will begin July 29.

Have a safe, fun, relaxing summer!

## ALUMNI IN ACTION

### REUNION UPDATE

Providence has been notified of the following reunions:

- 1955 - (60 years) July 23 4-6 p.m. at Buckhead's Mountain Grill. Invitations have been mailed.
- 1960 - (55 years) Sept. 19. More information to follow. Also, check out the class [website](#)
- 1965 - (50 years) July 11 6-11 p.m. at Huber's Plantation Hall. Invitations have been mailed.
- 1970 - (45 years) Sept. 5 at Dave Young's party barn. For more information, email [kathy.kull70@gmail.com](mailto:kathy.kull70@gmail.com) or call (812) 948-9356 or (502) 558-0173.
- 1975 - (40 years) Aug. 21-23. Grad night at Cluckers in Jeffersonville and reunion at Buckhead in Jeffersonville - and much more.
- 1980 - (35 years) Aug. 29. Grad night at Covered Bridge Recreation Center. Save the date information has been sent.
- 1985 - (30 years) Aug. 15 at Covered Bridge Clubhouse. (Save the date info has been emailed.)
- 1995 - (20 years) Aug. 22 at Horseshoe Casino.
- 2000 - (15 years) Nov. 7. Location TBD. Save the date has been sent.
- 2005 - (10 years) Aug. 8 at O'Shea's downtown Louisville. Invitations will be sent by the end of June.
- 2010 - (5 years) Sept. 19 at Big Four Burgers in Jeffersonville. Save

the date has been sent.

Planning is underway for the Class of 1990. More information will be available soon.

### SAVE THE DATE: GOLF SCRAMBLE

Please save the date for this year's Pioneer Golf Scramble, which will be held on Thursday, Aug. 27, at Covered Bridge Golf Club with a 1:00 p.m., shotgun start. For more information, please contact **Debbie (Sparks) Marshall '84** at [dmarshall@providencehigh.net](mailto:dmarshall@providencehigh.net) or 812-945-3350 x 224.

### SAVE THE DATE: ALUMNI GLOW GOLF

Mark your calendars for another golf opportunity, the second annual Alumni Glow Golf Competition to be held on Saturday, Sept. 19, at Covered Bridge. The Alumni Association is accepting [sponsors](#) at this time. More information about the event will be published in the coming months.

### BLUE PRIDE ON DISPLAY

### ALUMNI CELEBRATE WITH GRADUATING CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN

At each commencement ceremony, those in the audience who are Providence graduates are asked to stand and be recognized. At this year's ceremony, four special alumnae were standing. These women were in the first graduating class in 1955, and 60 years later, they were there to watch their grandchildren receive their diplomas. This unique group included **Jean (Gaeke) McGloshen '55** and her granddaughter **Kinsey Loi '15**, **Patricia (Motschmann) Datillo '55** and her granddaughter **Natalie Harper '15**, **Betty (Davis) Libs '55** and her grandchildren **Michaela Hoke '15**, **Justin Wheatley '15** and **Haley Libs '15**, and **Mary (Marking) Didat** and her grandsons **Kyle '15** and **Ryan '15 Didat**.



The members of the Class of 1955 are looking forward to their 60th reunion, and they are proud to see their grandchildren following in their footsteps. Mrs. Libs (whose husband, **Richard Libs**, is from the Class of 1960), said she is glad to have her grandchildren graduate from such a special school, where the students all know one another, just as it was when she attended

here. "I love it!" she said.



Another group of alumni realized they had 11 members of the Class of 1981 with students graduating this year. This group includes **Mark '81** and **Spencer '15 Pearson**, **Kathy (Wilson '81)** and **Fred '81 Ernstberger** and their daughter **Amelia '15**, **Lorie (Zoeller '81)** and **Ashlyn '15 Edwards**, **Kathy (Veleta '81)** and **Tammy '15 Coffee**, **Marie (Happel '81)** and **Erin '15 Butler**, **Tammy (Tucker '81)** and **Tyler '15 Simms**, **Eddie '81** and **Carlie '15 Combs**, **Alan '81** and **Jacob '15 Quinkert**, **James Sr. '81** and **James Jr. '15 Garner**, and (not pictured) **Tom '81** and **Hallie '15 Striby**.

## LONG-TIME STAFF MEMBERS SAY GOODBYE



Several Providence staff members with varying years of service retired or left Providence for other ventures at the end of the school year. They include **Mr. Dale Durham**, **Mrs. Vicky Edelen**, **Mrs. Stephanie (Anderson) LaMaster '91**, **Mr. Scott Lutgring** and **Mrs. Sarah Workman**.

[Click here to read more.](#)

## BLUE NEWS OF OLD: GRADUATIONS, GRADS AND ALUMNI TEACHERS

*By **Ray Day '57**, school archivist*

For most people graduation is a time not only of recognizing accomplishments but also looking forward to what's next. Some are sad to leave friends and the security of high school. Some have eyes solidly set on the next challenge, the next plateau, the next adventure. [Click here](#) for a look back at the history of graduations at Providence.



## COMING EVENTS

**July 22** - Next e-VISION

**July 26** - Freshman Orientation

**July 27** - Registration for grades 10-12

**July 28** - Registration for junior high

**July 29** - Classes will begin

**Aug 27** - Pioneer Golf Scramble at 1:00 at Covered Bridge Golf Club

**Sept 19** - Alumni Glow Golf at Covered Bridge

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## And lastly...

### 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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