

# PROVIDENCE



These 10 students represent more than 145 students who received Academic Final Four T-shirts in recognition of their outstanding achievement in the 2013-2014 school year.

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## STUDENTS' ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE RECOGNIZED

On Sunday, Aug. 24, Providence honored a large number of students for their academic achievements for the prior school year at the Academic Recognition Ceremony and Dinner.



Three students received the Father Mike Leadership Award for exhibiting qualities such as exemplary Christian character: sophomore **Abby Posey**, junior **Abbi Hamm** and senior **Ryan Mueller**. Senior **Elizabeth Aubrey** received the \$1,000 Irvin and Gerry Gettelfinger Scholarship to help with the expenses of senior year. Senior **Sammy Vogt** received the Libby Unruh Memorial Scholarship and junior **Megan Smith** received the inaugural Brandon Tevis Memorial Award.

Five seniors received book awards from various organizations for exhibiting qualities such as leadership and academic excellence: **Erin Embrey**, Phi Beta Kappa Association of Kentuckiana Book Award; **Patricia Mattingly**, University of Louisville Yarmuth Book Award; **Jacob Quinkert**, Spalding University Book Award; and **Camille Reyes** and **Carter Reynolds**, St. Michael's College Book Award for Academic Achievement with a Social Conscience.

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More than 90 students received Academic Final Four T-shirts for their academic achievement in specific departments. More than 145 students were recognized for being on the Honor Roll all four quarters last school year. For a full listing of students receiving recognition, [click here](#).

## STUDENTS IN ACTION

### PROVIDENCE STANDS ABOVE ALL LOCAL SCHOOLS

The *News & Tribune* recently published its annual "Snapshot: Southern Indiana By the Numbers" magazine, which included a breakdown of statistics, enrollment, standardized test results and other facts of local schools.

Providence rose above all area public and private schools in three categories in the reported school year of 2012-2013: the percentage of students earning the Indiana Academic Honors Diploma, passing End of Course Assessment exams and pursuing college after high school. (Data for the 2013-2014 school year has not been released yet by the Indiana Department for Education.)

- In 2012-2013, 62.9 percent of students graduating from Providence earned the Indiana Academic Honors Diploma. Although the 2013-2014 data has not been published, 68 percent of last year's graduates earned the Honors Diploma. That number is nearly 25 percentage points higher than any local school. Henryville High School had 38.2 percent of its students earn the diploma, while Floyd Central had 37.5 percent.
- In 2012-2013, 92.3 percent of Providence students passed ECA exams in English 10 and Algebra I. Of the area schools, three high schools had more than 80 percent of their students pass the exam. Floyd Central had 84.7 percent pass, New Washington had 81.8 percent and Silver Creek had 81.5 percent.
- While this percentage was not published in the Snapshot article, in 2012-2013 and 2013-2014, 98 percent of seniors went on to pursue college. Of the area public schools, the schools that come closest to that percentage are Henryville with 90.3 percent, Clarksville with 89.7 percent and Silver Creek with 84.4 percent.

Although not included in the article, Providence has earned an A grade from the Indiana Department of Education for the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 school years and has been named an Indiana Four-Star School both years.

We congratulate our students and teachers for their hard work on achieving this level of excellence.

## FALL SPORTS OFF TO GOOD START

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Our fall sports teams have started the season with a number of impressive wins, often beating much larger schools.

- In the first few weeks of the season, Boys Tennis is undefeated in dual matches and ranked No. 5 in its district with wins against rival Silver Creek and a repeat win of the New Albany Invitational.
- Volleyball has won all but one contest, losing close sets to nationally ranked Mercy Academy of Louisville. The No. 1 ranked 2A team has beaten No. 1 ranked 4A Avon as well as local rival 4A New Albany.
- Football beat local rival 6A New Albany 15-14 in the season opener and then lost by one point to 5A Floyd Central in overtime after a two-point conversion attempt failed.
- The Girls Golf team has beaten New Albany.
- The Cross Country teams performed well at local hokum karem events.
- In soccer, the boys (1A) have beaten or tied three 2A teams, including last night's 2-1 win over Jennings County. They have lost to two strong teams in 1A Christian Academy of Indiana and 2A Floyd Central. The girls beat 2013 1A sectional champs Forest Park as well as Boone Co. (Ky.) and Christian Academy of Louisville. They have lost to Kentucky powerhouse North Oldham and to Scott Co. (Ky.)

## HOUSE OF HUMILITY BENEFIT SOFTBALL GAME

The *House of Humility* is hosting a faculty vs. students softball game on Wednesday, Sept 10, at 6:00 p.m. on the softball field. The game is being held in honor of **Brandon Tevis**, who was a sophomore when he passed away last year. The cost to watch the game is a minimum \$1 donation. Proceeds will be donated to epilepsy research.

## FALL SHOW DEBUTS THIS MONTH

By senior **Ashley Bittenbender**

On Sept. 19, the Providence Players will premiere its fall show, *Midsummer/Jersey*. This modern take on Shakespeare's *Midsummer Night's Dream* set in New Jersey will have the whole family laughing. Seniors **Erin Embrey, Ashlyn Edwards, Emily Coe, Wynne Gettelfinger, Kendall Powell** and **Josh Frost**, and juniors **Nick Long** and **Eric Asare** lead the show set on the Jersey Shore.

The show dates are Friday, Sept. 19, and Saturday, Sept. 20, at 7:00 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 21, at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 27, at 7:00 p.m., and Sunday, Sept. 28, at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased by downloading

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the attached [form](#) and returning the form and payment to the main office. Tickets also can be purchased by leaving a message at [812\) 945-2538 x 314](tel:812-945-2538). Seating is limited, so advance ticket purchase is recommended.

## ALS "ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE" CLARIFICATION

With the popularity of the ALS "Ice Bucket" Challenge, we want to remind our students to be cautious before supporting a cause they might not have researched. Some parts of ALS research funding goes to support embryonic stem cell research, a method our Catholic Church does not support. The archdiocese has stated that Catholic institutions in this archdiocese are allowed to support the ALS "Ice Bucket" Challenge if any funds collected go to support the [John Paul II Medical Institute](#) or if there are simply no funds collected and it is just an effort to bring awareness to the disease and to pray for those afflicted with the disease.

## HOMECOMING CELEBRATIONS NEXT WEEK

Providence will celebrate Homecoming with several events next week. On Wednesday, Sept. 10, we will celebrate liturgy as a school in the auditorium. On Friday, Sept. 12, events include an assembly honoring the Homecoming Court and the football game at 7:00 p.m. vs. Trinity Lutheran. The Homecoming Queen will be crowned at halftime of the football game. The 2014 Fall Homecoming Court members are as follows:

- Freshmen: **Isabel Coe, Marissa Hornung, Nick Boesing and Brogan Welch**
- Sophomores: **Morgan Day, Natalie Jacobi, Cameron Hazen and Jacob Lewis**
- Juniors: **Nicole Kruer, Dori Welch, Blake Huber and Ryan Fansler**
- Seniors: **Vanessa Covarrubias, Alyssa Koopman, Allie Lowery, Patricia Mattingly, Kyle Didat, Thomas Gettlefinger, Carter Reynolds and Keaton Spitler**

## PARENT CONNECTION

## PIONEER GEAR CAMPUS STORE

With the relocation of the campus store, it was time for an official name for the store that sells spirit wear, school supplies, books and more. The name **Pioneer Gear Campus Store** was selected and is now the official name of the store.

## PICTURE RETAKES SEPT. 5

Picture retakes are Friday, Sept. 5, for students who did not have their photo taken during registration or who are unhappy with their school photos. Photos will be taken in the Activity Center during lunches. Order forms are available

in the main office. Students unhappy with their original photograph must bring the entire original packet of photos. Students having retakes may dress up and must follow the guidelines in the handbook. No jeans allowed.

## ALUMNI IN ACTION

### BEACH FAMILY HONORED FOR LARKIN CENTER DONATION

Last night, Providence honored **Bill (Hon. '14)** and **Juanita Beach** for their donation, which provided for the renovation of the gym in the Larkin Center, including new bleachers and the repainted floor, as well as new bleachers in the Koetter Gym. The Beaches are past parents and long-time supporters of Providence.



Their daughters, **Cheryl (Beach) Korb '79** and **Vickie (Beach) Batliner '81**, and grandchildren, **Megan (Batliner) Cahill '03**, **Jessica Batliner '05**, **Nathaniel Korb '04** and **Dustin Korb '11**, are PHS graduates. Bill Beach was named an honorary alumnus in January 2014.

### PROVIDENCE FOOTBALL GAMES NOW ON PODCAST

Alumni who live out of town now have an opportunity to listen to Providence Football games. Providence Football games (except for the game vs. Indianapolis Emmerich Manual on Sept. 19) are broadcast locally on 1570 AM. That broadcast also is available as a live podcast, with a link on the PHS [website](#).

### SAVE THE DATE: ASAP KICK OFF DINNER



Please mark your calendar to join us for the ASAP (Annual Student Assistance Program) Kick-off dinner at Huber's Orchard & Winery on Tuesday, October 14 at 6:30 p.m. Featured speaker is **Sr. Ann Margaret O'Hara '55**, former general superior of The Sisters of Providence. For more information, please contact **Debbie (Sparks '84) Marshall** at [812-945-3350 x224](tel:812-945-3350) or [dmarshall@providencehigh.net](mailto:dmarshall@providencehigh.net).

### ONE TEAM SPOT REMAINS

## IN ALUMNI GLOW GOLF CHALLENGE

The Alumni Association is hosting the inaugural Glow Golf Challenge on Sept. 6 at Covered Bridge Golf Club, and only one open spot for a four-person team remains. Teams of four will compete in this unique format starting at sunset. Glow balls and special glow lighting will be provided. Registration and happy hour with free appetizers is from 6:45-8:15 p.m., with the golf scramble shotgun start at 8:15 p.m. Cost is \$50 per person/\$200 per team.

To register, download this [form](#) or email [alumni@providencehigh.net](mailto:alumni@providencehigh.net). Proceeds benefit the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund.

## ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION

Congratulations to three freshmen who were recipients of the Alumni Association Scholarship for the 2014-2015 school year. Each received an iPad (or tuition equivalent) for his or her use as Providence students. These freshmen were honored at the football game Friday as part of the Alumni Night celebration.

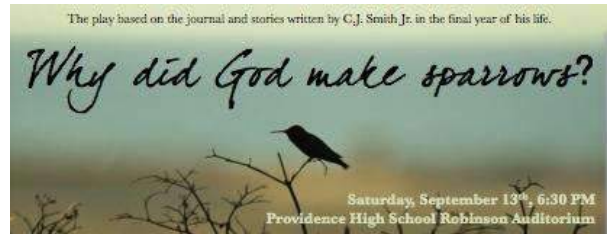


The recipients are **Adam Garcia**, son of Jeff and Angela Garcia and a graduate of Holy Family School; **Hannah Hanlon**, daughter of **Amy (Poole '92) Hanlon** and Joshua Hanlon and a graduate of St. Anthony School; and **Bailey Barron**, daughter of Mark and Schana Barron and a graduate of St. Anthony School. We also thank all the alumni who attended the cookout and participated in the Alumni Night recognition at halftime. Eleven teams were honored as they celebrated anniversaries of their post-season accomplishments.

## WHY DID GOD MAKE SPARROWS PLAY MEMORIALIZES C.J. SMITH '74

The Class of 1974 is sponsoring the production of the play "Why Did God Make Sparrows," based on a story in the journal of their late classmate, **C.J. Smith '74**. Smith passed away not long after his high school graduation, but his memory still lives on. The former senior class president was known for helping others, and the New Albany Deanery Catholic Youth Ministry C.J. Smith Memorial Endowment Fund is named in his memory to promote his commitment to service.

The one-night production is Saturday, Sept. 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the Robinson Auditorium. Admission to the play is free, but tickets are required to ensure



seating. Please click here to request [tickets](#). Tickets also are available at the New Albany Deanery Catholic Youth Ministries office at Mt. St. Francis.

Attendees will have an opportunity to contribute to the C.J. Smith Endowment. All donations will be matched by the Harrison Community Foundation, which houses the endowment.

The play was written by Kelsey Pfeifer, daughter of Drew Pfeifer, one of Smith's best friends, when she was a student at Whitefish Bay High School in Milwaukee, Wis. She wrote the play after hearing her father's stories of Smith and requested to read his journal. Her play was produced at her high school in June 2011, with Smith's mother and several sisters in attendance. **Robbie Steiner '07**, theatre teacher at Floyd Central High School, is directing the play.

## PROVIDENCE FALL FOOD FEST

The annual all-alumni gathering formerly known as JulyFest is now the [Providence Fall Food Fest](#) and will be held in October, when the weather should be more favorable for an outdoor gathering. Scheduled for Oct. 4, the event will feature various vendors for food and beverages plus a gaming tent (license #134838) and live entertainment provided by "**Smokin' Joe**" **Dotson '90**. Mark your calendars now!

## REUNION UPDATES

- **1974 - (40 years) Sept. 12-13. -**

*Friday* - Homecoming Game & Hospitality Room & School Tour,,  
Casual get-together at Sam's at Montrose outdoor patio

*Saturday* - Perkfection Cafe, Walk across the Big Four Pedestrian Bridge, Picnic, "Why Did God Make Sparrows" play in memory of

C. J. Smith (6 p.m. PHS Auditorium) & School Tour, Reunion Gathering at Woods at Lafayette Clubhouse, 3500 Chateau Way, Floyds Knobs.

*Sunday* - Mass in honor of deceased grads: St. John Starlight & C.J. Smith annual fundraising breakfast.

[Reunion Facebook page.](#)

- **1979 - (35 years) Sept. 13.**  
Jeffersonville Elks Club 6:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. Invitations have been sent. For more information contact **Tom Mooney**([tsmoon@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tsmoon@sbcglobal.net)) or **Amy Makowsky Vissing**([avissing@att.net](mailto:avissing@att.net)).
- **1994 - (20 years) Sept. 20.**  
Wick's New Albany 7 p.m. - midnight. Invitations have been sent and registration is due Sept. 8.
- **2009 - (5 years) Nov. 29** Wick's, New Albany. Save the date information has been sent.

It's not too early to start planning next year's reunion for classes with years ending in 5 or 0. If you are interested in helping plan your class reunion, email [alumni@providencehigh.net](mailto:alumni@providencehigh.net).

## PIONEER CUP GOLF SCRAMBLE RESULTS

Thank you to all the alumni, parents and friends who took part in the annual Pioneer Cup Golf Scramble at Champions Pointe last week.



Of the 22 teams that played, the winners were the first place team of **Bryan Fifer ex-'06, Marlin Andres '76, Brian Kruer '94 and Joe Kruer** with a score of 53; second place team of **Jerry Koetter '84, Brian Koetter '87, Todd Stocksdale '87 and Jason Applegate ex-'95** with a score of 58; and third place team of **John Young, Richard Young '69, Dan Lenfert '67 and Rick Wilson ex-'74** with a score of 59. Closest to the pin winners were Bryan Fifer and **Pat McCrite '73**.

We also thank our sponsors and all those who helped plan the event.



## ALUMNI NIGHT COOKOUT A SUCCESS

Thank you to the alumni who attended the Alumni Night cookout, especially the members of the 11 alumni teams that were recognized at halftime.



Watch for Alumni Night during basketball season when we will recognize winter sports celebrating anniversaries of their post season wins.

## BLUE PRIDE ON DISPLAY

### TEACHER'S SUMMER WORKSHOP RESULTS IN MANY TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES

Science teacher **Mrs. Laura Swessel** received invaluable information over the summer as a participant in the Duke Energy Academy, a week-long program at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind. During the program, she wrote and shared lesson plans with fellow science teachers and attended sessions that gave her ideas for labs and lessons for her students. She also received temporary use of a vertical windmill. [Click to read more.](#)



## MEET THE NEW TEACHERS: ART AND MUSIC



We welcome new teachers **Ms. Stephanie LeBrun** (left) in art and **Mrs. Debbie Hill** in music. Both are in their first year of teaching high school. Ms. LeBrun previously served as an art instructor at an outdoor education camp in Colorado through AmeriCorps, and Mrs. Hill has taught at the elementary

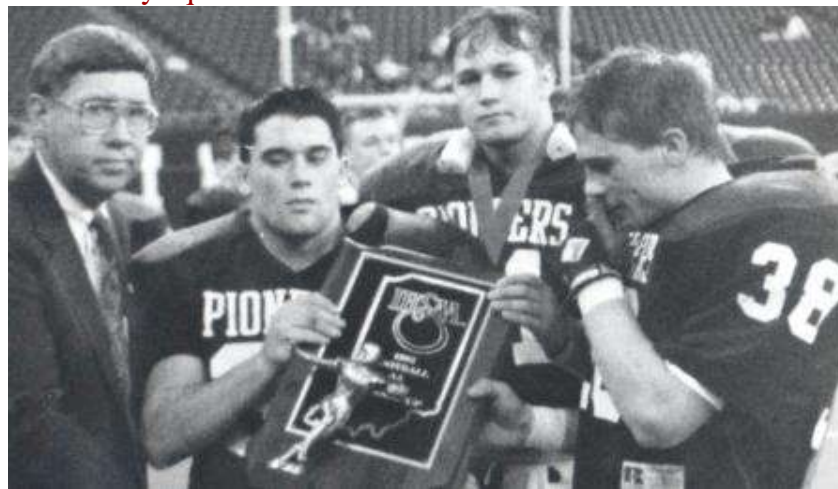


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## BLUE NEWS OF OLD: David vs. Goliath, Providence Style

By *Ray Day '57*, school archivist

Blue Pride is at the heart of the hard-fought, well-earned successes enjoyed by our student athletes as the 2014-15 fall season begins. (*See story above.*) A one-point win over New Albany and a one-point loss to Floyd Central in football reflects how Providence has long been the modern day equivalent of David vs. Goliath.



This phenomenon was the theme of then-senior **Mike Kapfhammer's** Oct. 30, 1993, feature in the student newspaper, *BluePrints*. And still today, the "Pioneers find rivals in the biggest foes," as the story's headline says. [Click here for the complete story.](#)

## COMING EVENTS

- Sept. 5** - Picture Retakes in Activity Center
- Sept. 6** - Alumni Glow Golf Challenge - Covered Bridge Golf Club - 6:45 - 8:15 Registration and Happy Hour; 8:15 Shotgun Start
- Sept. 10** - Homecoming - All School Liturgy
- Sept. 10** - House of Humility Benefit Softball Game - Faculty vs. Students - 6:00 p.m. - PHS Softball Field
- Sept. 11** - 7th Grade Day of Reflection
- Sept. 12** - Homecoming Assembly and Football Game
- Sept. 13** - Why Did God Make Sparrows - 6:30 p.m. Robinson Auditorium
- Sept. 15 - 17** - Sophomore Retreat
- Sept. 19** - Fall Show Premiere, Midsummer/Jersey at 7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 20** - Fall Show at 7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 21** - Fall Show at 2:00 p.m.
- Sept. 27** - Fall Show at 7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 28** - Fall Show at 2:00 p.m.

**Oct. 4** - Fall Food Fest, 5:30 p.m.-midnight

**Oct. 14** - ASAP Kick-off Dinner at Huber's Orchard & Winery - 6:30 p.m.

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## **And lastly...**

Now that the fall sports season is in full swing, we remind you that all team schedules can be found on the school website.

Click on the ATHLETICS link and select TEAMS-SCHEDULES or go to <https://providencehigh.net/index.php/athletics/team-schedules>.

There you can view each team's schedule individually or "All Fall Sports Combined - Day by Day."

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