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SUMMER 2021

GRACE and SHARED COMMITMENT in 2020-21

Truth • Compassion • Justice
Community • Partnership

by EHS President Mike Elliott

WOW, what a year! Never in my wildest dreams did I anticipate being involved with a school during a pandemic, but as we always do at Edgewood, our community came together in partnership to do what needed to be done.

I want to first say thank you to the students for all their hard work, flexibility and creativity as they found and adapted to new ways of learning.

Parents, I understand it was a frustrating time as we dealt with the shutdown and the ever-changing public health orders and guidelines. You stayed as patient as I could have hoped and worked in partnership to execute the plan to educate our students.

Thank you to our amazing Faculty and Staff. The extra hours, effort and energy you put into every day this past year was outstanding and it's what makes Edgewood different from other high schools. Together we achieved our goal of not losing a year of education.

Thank you to our COVID-19 Advisory Team of Dr. David Andes, Dr. William Hartman, Dr. Jantina Vonk, Nurse Sue Richards, Marykay Zimbrick, Jane Clark, Beth Steffen and me, for the many hours we put in and the tough decisions we made. Our decisions were not always popular, but they were consistent because they were all made with the safety of our community as our first priority.

Our maintenance crew of Bill Bollig, Mike Day, Brien Carney and Mike Glick deserve our gratitude as well. They could not have been more understanding, patient and accommodating as things changed by the hour and they had to adapt to keep our environment safe.

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Mike Elliott addresses faculty and staff at year-end meeting.

by EHS Principal Beth Steffen

On May 14, 2021, Edgewood High School of the Sacred Heart graduated its 140th senior class, the first-ever class



to graduate in a tent! The accommodations and adjustments that this year compelled underscored Edgewood's value of community. Students, parents, and faculty and staff were flexible and resilient all year. From beginning in August in an all-virtual format, to opening in January for hybrid instruction for those who selected it (two days in person and two days at home), to offering five full in-person days to those who chose it in April, we adjusted over and over again this pandemic education year.

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EHS welcomes new principal



Jerry Zander

We are pleased and excited to announce Jerry Zander as the next Principal of Edgewood High School of the Sacred Heart.

Jerry is a practicing Catholic with most of his experience in Catholic education. He has been a teacher, a coach, an athletic director, an assistant principal and a principal, so he has experience in a variety of areas. He says he firmly believes that

communication is the key to success and is looking forward to getting to know the Edgewood community and learning about our culture.

Jerry comes to us from Brophy College Prep and before that, Notre Dame Prep, both in the Phoenix area. Jerry will be moving his wife and two sons, 11 and 9, to Madison and plans to be here to begin our school year. We are extremely excited to welcome Jerry and to begin working with him to enhance the Edgewood Experience. *Visit our website to learn more!*



THANK YOU PRINCIPAL BETH STEFFEN

Principal Beth Steffen retires from EHS



EHS Principal
Beth Steffen

After serving in the role of principal at Edgewood High School for three remarkable years, Beth Steffen made the decision to retire from EHS effective June 11.

Beth began her service to EHS in

July 2018. As we look back on her career, we are grateful for the many gifts that Beth brought to our school. The role of principal is a challenging one and Beth carried out her role with great love and support of our students and families, and with dedication to the mission of the school and the Sinsinawa Dominican values of Truth, Compassion, Justice, Community and Partnership.

Edgewood President Mike Elliott noted that Beth brought great energy to the job every day.

“She has inspired people with her enthusiasm and excitement for teaching and learning,” he said. “Beth always wanted her work to have a purpose and to be built on trusting relationships.”

The EHS Board of Trustees, led by Marykay Zimbrick, conducted the

principal search process. During that time, Sandra Docter, current Board member and parent of four EHS alumni, has assumed an interim leadership position. Sandy retired this summer from Madison College where she served in the role of Associate Dean in the School of Health Education.

On behalf of the entire Edgewood community, we thank Beth for her exemplary service to Edgewood High School. EHS Board Chair, Marykay Zimbrick said:

“We will miss Beth’s vision, leadership and academic expertise, and her passion for education, all of which provided a solid foundation for the Edgewood community. We wish Beth well!”



Ms. Steffen greeted students by name at the Commons doors to start the school day.

A Year of Grace: Beth Steffen (cont.)

Despite the obstacles, we were able to offer three full sports seasons, earned individual and team athletic championships, produced a radio play and an online musical, conducted a virtual Fine Arts Festival week, offered in-person and virtual retreats, had a junior-senior prom, and held an Honors Convocation and other year-end celebrations.

Our community standard articulating our schoolwide commitment to community, justice and equity was foundational this year, including through the contention of the election and its aftermath; George Floyd’s murder and the trial of his killer; and our divided perspectives about masks, social distancing requirements and the pace of reopening.

Grace and a shared commitment to learning better and doing better guided us on our way.

WOW What a Year: (cont.)

Thanks also to the main office Support Staff for keeping things running. Many of us never missed a day. In the Edgewood way, we worked our regular jobs and pitched in wherever and whenever needed.

Thanks to all of you who provided gifts of support during the year. It was a challenging fundraising year, but as a community we still found ways to hit our goals and our budget. Special thanks to those of you who made a major gift or matching gift.

This will be the first summer in four years without a major construction project happening. The pandemic delayed plans on the Commons project, but we will be performing some major and much needed deferred maintenance projects including: a six-figure new roof on the original building, additional tuck pointing in the back of the school, AC added to the language lab floor, a new canopy added to the athletic entrance, remodeling of the teachers’ lounges on the first and third floors, upgrading of faculty computers, and replastering and repainting of the stairway from Athletics to Student Services.

The highlight project of the summer will be the reconstruction of our historic Bishops doors. The original windows, detailed trim and hardware will be restored, rebuilt and refinished to the original stain color as will the second-floor balcony door above. The old doors showed the effects of braving the elements for many decades. When finished they will be restored to their original beauty.

Thanks to the generosity of our EHS community, we have made tremendous progress. Although facilities maintenance and improvement seem endless, we do it because we want you to be as proud of our building as you are of your diploma.

I never tire of saying it: Edgewood High School is a community, a community for life, where special people come together to do special things.

We are Edgewood!

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MUSINGS from DENNIS MCKINLEY '63

MAGIC MOMENTS

It started with a 1980 alumnus living in Colorado posting a pun on Facebook. Since one good pun deserves another, I responded with my own pun playing off his pun. Before we knew it, a 1979 alumnus from the Kenosha/Racine area answered with his pun and a 1980 alumna from Ohio countered with her pun. So what? In what I call a “magic moment,” I had a mini-reunion with three students I

taught more than 40 years ago. I was flooded with memories from that era of teaching those students and their classmates in band, including the Music Department’s first trip to Niagara Falls and Toronto. Out of the blue a “magic moment” happened!

If we spend our lives waiting for the “big moments” to happen, we miss a lot of opportunities for these small moments that can bring us joy and remind us of so many good things God has placed in our journey.

In a sense, this is what St. Therese of Lisieux was trying to teach us with the “Little Way.” She surmised that to become saintly, one did not have to do great heroic deeds, but, rather, to do our everyday routine chores and obligations – the little things in life – in a heroic manner. We can all achieve a saintly lifestyle by offering to God all we do and by doing our best at whatever it is we are doing. Although many Christians are being

martyred around the world, most likely those reading this article will never be challenged at that level. However, perhaps we are called to “martyrdom” by following daily the “Little Way” in a consistent and saintly manner. By doing our best to follow this way, we all will experience many “magic moments” in our lives because we will have opened ourselves to God’s grace and mercy.

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So what are some of the “magic moments” you have experienced in the past 18 months? While our world shut down in one manner, it opened up in ways we never expected. For example, in the Peer Ministry classes I team teach, I discovered a different aspect of the students’ personalities while we were virtual than I would have had we been in the classroom. These insights brought me a different understanding of each of them that I wouldn’t have encountered had we been in the normal classroom setting. These moments happened almost on a daily basis – what a blessing. Rather than concentrating on what you didn’t have or weren’t able to do, think about the ways you experienced life that brought you “magic moments” and helped you to live the “Little Way.”

You can spend the rest of your life anticipating the big moments, or you can open yourself to experiencing “magic moments” every day of your life. The choice is yours to make.

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Visit our website to learn more and start your application process:

www.edgewoodhs.org/admissions

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EHS Athletics Alt-Fall/Winter/ Spring Team Titles

- Boys Basketball** - Regional, Sectional Semifinalists
- Boys Golf** - Conference, Regional, Sectional, State
- Girls Golf** - Regional, Sectional; 3rd at State
- Girls Soccer** - Regional; Sectional semi-finalists
- Girls Swim and Dive** - State
- Girls Track** - Conference, Regional, Sectional; 4th at State

Individual Achievements and Honors

Girls Basketball

Baluck Deang was named to the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association D3 South All-Star team.

All-State: Honorable Mention: **Sarah Lazar**

Dance

All-State: 1st Team: **Ava Steiner**; 2nd Team: **Mikala Feller**

Football

All-State: Honorable Mention: Jackson Trudgeon

Boys Hockey

All-State: 1st Team: **Zach Walker**; 2nd Team: **Cody Menzel**, **J.J. Wiebusch**, **Parker Murn**; Honorable Mention: **Aidan Lenz**

Zach Walker 1 of 5 finalists for State Goalie of the Year

Softball

Nicole Schmitt - WFSCA Senior All-Star Team Selection

Girls Tennis

Baluck Deang received the the national USA TODAY High School Sports Award in Wisconsin for Girls Tennis.

Boys Track State:

All-State: Caden Thomas - High Jump

Caden Thomas: High Jump, 1st Place; **Leo Richardson:** 1600m, 3rd, 3200m, 2nd; **Cam Fane:** Long Jump, 3rd

Girls Track State:

All-State: **Amber Grosse** 300m Hurdles; **4x200m Relay Team** (**Brookelle Ternus**, **Joelle Browne**, **Amber Grosse**, **Nikita Lebbie**)



Girls Volleyball

All-State: 1st team (unanimous): **Ella Foti**; 2nd Team: **Ally Barth**; Honorable Mention:

Lauren Hazelett

Ella Foti (left) - AVCA Honorable Mention All-American

**Honors as of publication date; some spring awards not yet announced. Includes some fall honors not in our Winter newsletter.*

Congratulations to EHS student athletes pursuing their sport at the next level!

- **Maya Alberts** - St. John's University, Women's Soccer
- **Charlie Clark** - Vanderbilt University, Football
- **Ally Cruz** - University of Wisconsin-Madison, Women's Soccer
- **Baluck Deang** - Delaware State, Women's Tennis
- **Ella Foti** - Marquette University, Women's Volleyball
- **Wil Hastrieter** - Edgewood College, Men's Volleyball
- **Brett Krenke** - Indiana University, Rugby
- **Sarah Lazar** - St. Louis University, Women's Basketball
- **Andre Myklebust**, Monmouth College, Men's Soccer
- **Leo Richardson** - University of Wisconsin-Madison, Men's Cross Country and Track & Field
- **Hailey Rothwell** - Creighton, Women's Soccer
- **Nicole Schmitt** - University of Minnesota-Duluth, Softball
- **Ben Stitgen**, UW-Milwaukee, Men's Diving
- **Ray Timothy** - Clarke University, Men's Volleyball



Owen Friedow wins Hobey Baker High School Character Award

The award honors high school hockey players who exemplify the Hobey Baker ideal that "Character Builds Excellence." Candidates for the High School Hobey Baker Award are selected by their

coaches, based on the following criteria: coachability, strength of character, integrity, commitment, teamwork, community leadership and outstanding sportsmanship.

Esports Update

- The Overwatch team went undefeated this season, taking the Division 2 State Championship!
- Our Rocket League team was undefeated during the season, but was knocked out in the tournament.
- Varsity Captain Jonathan Trameri was named to the NAECAD All-American team.

Thanks to Terry Grosenheider for many of our sports photos!

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EHS STUDENT Athletes



Senior Lillian Goss-Peirce was named to the first team WSCA Stefans Academic All-State team by the Wisconsin Soccer Coaches Association. Lillian is also the Academic Player of the Year.

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Girls Volleyball was the Wisconsin Volleyball Coaches Association Academic All-State Team with a 4.022 GPA; 13 varsity athletes were named to the WVCA Academic All-State Team.



Boys Basketball earned the #1 spot on the D3 Academic All-State Team with an overall team GPA of 4.1

Academic All-State Athletes

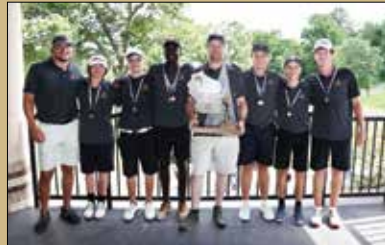
Baseball - Ben Newton, Jackson Trudgeon

Boys Golf - Ethan Arndt, Al Deang, Alex Weiss

Girls Golf (fall)- Caitlyn Hegenbarth and Sarah Nakada (high honors); Grace Jaeger, Allyssa Thao

Softball WFSCA - Leah Jacusz, Olivia Moore, Michelle Schmitt, Nicole Schmitt

State Champs!



Boys Golf Team won a fourth consecutive state title.



Girls Swim and Dive Team won its 6th state title.



Senior Ethan Arndt (left) is individual state golf champ.



Senior Ben Stitgen (left) won his 4th state diving title.



Girls Track 4x200m Relay Team: Amber Grosse, Joelle Browne, Brookelle Ternus, Nikita Lebbie (above) placed first at state.



Junior Colin Senke (above) won two individual state titles in 100-yard butterfly and 100 backstroke.



Junior Caden Thomas (above) won the high jump title.



Senior Alex Sviatoslavsky (above left) won the individual state tennis title.



COMMUNITY SERVICE CONTINUES *during a PANDEMIC*

Edgewood volunteers continue EHS commitment to Habitat for Humanity



Every month, volunteers from EHS volunteer to work on the Renaissance on the Park Habitat for Humanity project in Fitchburg and that work continued (safely), even during the pandemic.

Sophomores Sydney Pankratz and Claire Rothering (right) put ribbons and finishing touches on 12 housewarming gift baskets, which were delivered to Habitat for Humanity new homeowners! Welcome signs were made by EHS art students!



Right, Seniors Caitlyn Hegenbarth and Andrew Trampf with the overflowing barrels of food EHS collected to support the "Share Your Holidays" effort. Two Men and a Truck picked up all the barrels and overflowing bags for distribution to members of our community in need.



A group of Crusaders student athletes helped at Catholic Multicultural Center unloading pallets of food in March. This work helped provide about 125,000 meals to our neighbors in need!

EHS students honored for work in the fight against blood cancer

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society - Wisconsin Chapter Madison Students of the Year campaign had an incredibly strong finish in the fight against blood cancer. The students had a great impact in just seven weeks! Congratulations to EHS **Senior Danny Blachowicz** and **Junior Kiki Vandenbrook** for their remarkable efforts and participation in the program!

"We were thrilled to celebrate 32 motivated students and their teams representing the Madison community. Collectively,



these students were able to raise over \$539,000 for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society! It's pretty remarkable what student leaders can do together to better the community!" (Kortney Hamm, Campaign Development Director)

The Students of the Year campaign is a philanthropic leadership development program through which highly motivated, high-school leaders embark on a journey of professional growth, ensuring that they stand out when preparing for college and beyond. During the program, students foster professional skills such as entrepreneurship, marketing, and project management in order to raise funds for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS). Student leaders fundraise for LLS in honor of children who are blood cancer survivors. The title Student(s) of the Year is awarded to the candidate or co-candidate team in each community that raises the most funds during the seven-week competition.

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EDGEWOOD IN THE COMMUNITY

With service as the cornerstone of an Edgewood High School education for 140 years, Edgewood in the Community (EIC) day of service is one of our most important days of the year. Due to the pandemic, rather than doing one day in the fall where the whole school would come together to do work throughout the Madison area, we held two mini-EIC days in the spring as students, faculty, staff, parents and volunteers gathered in small groups to serve EHS, our neighbors and our community; virtual students worked on projects at home.



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Projects included:

- Blankets made (bottom left) and delivered to Salvation Army; The Road Home; MMSD Transition Education Program, which supports homeless youth; and Blankets of Hope.
- Cards created and letters written to older adults to be delivered to All Saints, St. Mary's Care Center, Attic Angels, Capitol Lakes and Bridges.
- "Lunches of Love" lunch bags were decorated and donated to The Ronald McDonald House.
- Care bags and activity bags were assembled for The Ronald McDonald House and Catholic Charities Adult Day Center.
- Outdoor work and yardwork on the Edgewood Campus (middle left), for neighbors, Blessed Sacrament and St. James School, Catholic Multicultural Center, and Lacy Garden (top left).



CROSS Retreat

This year's Senior CROSS Retreat was a little different.

Different time of year. Different location. Some different activities.

But the community built among the participants of the class of 2021 was as strong as ever!

Be. Here. Now.

Love binds everything together in perfect harmony (Col 3:14)

The EHS Black Student Union created a T-shirt fundraiser with the support of the Inclusion Club and the Equity and Anti-Racism Committee. The artworks on the front and back of the shirt were created by EHS students as part of a design contest. All funds raised support the Black Student Union and Inclusion Club to secure a speaker and/or diversity training and materials for the school.



Artwork by Gloria Traktman (l) and Annabel Greiveldinger (r)



Leo Richardson earns UW-Madison music clinic tuition waiver

Senior Leo Richardson is the recipient of an alternate spot for the UW-Madison Summer Music Clinic Tuition Waiver! Leo auditioned virtually for this prestigious award last summer with 79 other top musicians from around the state. There are 20 spots offered for the tuition waiver, which provides four years of tuition at UW-Madison or UW-Milwaukee to musicians of all chosen majors for their musical and academic excellence. Recipients are required to play in a School of Music ensemble each semester to receive the waiver.



National Merit Scholarship Finalists

Congratulations to EHS senior National Merit Semifinalists, who were selected as Finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program. These students were among 15,000 nationwide seniors being honored:

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| Jacob Linderoth | Herui Song |
| Sergei Mundt | Ryan Thompson |

Of the 15,000 finalists, 7,500 are chosen for a National Merit Scholarship, one of the most distinguished and highly regarded academic achievements available for high school students.



The EHS Book Club, which includes students and faculty, meets monthly. Books are selected by the students and EHS Librarian Mrs. Hewitt. This year the club has been focusing on reading young adult literature by and about people of color.



Edgewood is proud to have four 2021 seniors honored at the Madison Metropolitan Chapter of Madison Links, Inc., African American Student Recognition/Scholarship Program. Eighteen scholarship recipients were honored including EHS's **Kira Ham** (top left) and **Ova Nwanko** (top right). **Joelle Browne** (bottom left) and **Olivia Moore** (bottom right) were honored in the "Student Recognition" portion. Madison Links has committed its membership and resources to educational, civic, and intercultural programs and projects designed to enhance the academic achievement of K-12 students of African descent in the Greater Madison and Beloit Metropolitan areas.



Many thanks go to our Edgewood Parent Community (EPC) for supporting our students, faculty and staff throughout this difficult year! Above, Michelle Hackworthy, Amy Hegenbarth, Anne Rodriguez and Stephanie Farrell-Jaeckle at the EPC Culvers Day at the end of the year!

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Class of 2021 by the numbers

- 21,698 hours of service in 4 years; 30% doubled the required 100 hours.
- Average ACT score: 25.
- Average GPA, 3.73, with 60% at 3.75 or higher.
- 71 students took 227 AP exams.
- The National Merit Scholars program commended 3 students, 4 were finalists.
- Seniors remained committed and active in the Fine Arts and Performing Arts during a very challenging time.
- Athletics: 8 WIAA state titles and 18 conference titles were earned in their 4 years.
- 98% of the class will go on to post-secondary education.
- 2% will enter the military, work, take a gap year or are still undecided.
- 42 will attend a UW system school with 21 attending UW-Madison.
- 46 will attend Top 100 national colleges and universities in America.
- The class of 2021 earned \$11.9 million in scholarship offers with \$3.1 million accepted.

ALUMNI NEWS

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Emily R. Neal '11 graduated from UW-Milwaukee in 2015 with a degree in Architecture and a minor in Business, and is now the Sustainability Director of Quorum Architects, Inc.'s green-building projects and architectural designer. Emily says her passion for sustainability aligned very well with the firm's mission and its slogan "We recycle buildings." The majority of her work is with local community projects helping new business owners start with vacant buildings and build up to their dream spaces, as well as multi-family residential projects.

Emily was recently voted the Vice-Chair for the Wisconsin Board of the United States Green Building Council

(USGBC). She sits on the executive board of the Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity Young Professionals and on their Global Partnership Committee, developing and maintaining strong relationships with their international partners Zambia and El Salvador. Emily says leading a group of strangers to El Salvador to build in the local community reminded her very much of her EHS CROSS Retreat!

"Edgewood definitely had a big part in my success. It was at Edgewood that I learned to be compassionate and listen to others, always expanding my knowledge beyond what was in my 'bubble' when I was younger. I loved learning about other cultures and of course the arts (choir included) had a big impact on my development to where I am now ... I [sang] in our University Choir all four years of college. I still remember talking to [Dennis McKinley] and Mrs. B about how if architecture didn't work out for me that I wanted to be a music teacher. You all had such a big impact on my life.

"Architecture is a great connection between working with people, different cultures and the arts. It's all related!"

Rachel L. Beatty Riedl '96 (top right in photo) is Director of the Einaudi Center and is John S. Knight Professor of International Studies, and a professor in the Department of Government at Cornell University. She is also co-host of the podcast "Ufahamu Africa." Her research interests include institutional development in new democracies, local governance and decentralization policy, authoritarian regime legacies, and religion and politics with a regional focus in Sub-Saharan Africa. She recently participated in a talk with former President Bill Clinton (middle left in photo) regarding the future of democracy. Rachel has given credit to teacher Wade DallaGrana's influence at EHS.





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1951

Leroy F. "Skip" Berigan and Jeanne M. Tierney Berigan, See 1988 Maureen Berigan entry.

1959

Jeffrey J. Hill, Sr., reports: "Hard to believe I've been retired for over 20 years! Sharon and I just celebrated our 54th wedding anniversary and our three sons (two airline captains and a fire chief) are grown men with a total of six granddaughters (just to 'square things')."

1960

Rosemary A. Brady Simpson is author (as Rosemary Simpson) of two standalone historical fiction works and the Gilded Age Mystery series published by Kensington Books. "Death, Diamonds, and Deception," the 5th book in the series, is currently available in bookstores, libraries and online in hardback, ebook and audiobook (Amazon, Barnes & Noble).



1963

Duane D. Koch and his wife Janet are enjoying the "good life" as retirees in Lake Jackson, Texas, after 40 years with The Dow Chemical Co.; Duane also contracted with Dow after his retirement. He says the passing of their parents has minimized their time in Wisconsin and Madison area, "though it will forever be in our hearts." He and Janet have three children and each has two of their grandchildren.

Dennis L. Schmidt retired as a transit operator for Madison Metro in 2016; he has been married for 45 years to his wife Cheri. The two have four adult children and three grandchildren. Dennis says he enjoys golf and travel when not in a pandemic and is big Badger, Packer and Brewer fan.

1967

Daniel J. Wallace is an emeritus scientist and educator at UW-Madison after 32 years of challenges and fun with Physics.

Dan continues his second passion of restoring native landscapes by planting prairies, leading controlled burns and educating future environmentalists.

1968

Michael R. Conners, D.D.S., retired from private practice August 2020. He previously retired in August 2010 from a 38+ year military career as a Colonel in both the U.S. Air Force and Army. He has completed 10 Dental Humanitarian missions in Central and South America.



Mark W. Wlodarczyk is spending his at-home time tinkering with an aquaponics system: fish make fertilized water that feeds plants that clean water for fish (a tech version of a pond). He says first spinach is coming in at about \$50 a leaf so far.

1973

Robert G. Ferwerda is a retired computer software specialist having worked for the U.S. Air Force, Sitel, Persoft and Esker.

1978

Herbert (Trey) P. Dittman III is President of Frontier Title & Closing Services and lives in Hartland, Wisconsin.

1980

Thomas J. Farley, Jr., is community relations coordinator at Rosecrance Health Network.

1982

Montgomery (formerly Beyer) Kronos TimeMaster Ambrose recently changed his name to reflect his love of watches. He has 550 watches and hopes to beat the Guinness Book record for the number of watches worn on a single arm at a time. Montgomery was awarded a National Honor Scholarship from Omega Nu Lambda.

1988

Maureen E. Berigan was featured in *Brava Magazine* to spotlight her role as "a self-described 'helper'" who lives with and

cares for her parents (**Leroy "Skip" Berigan and Jeanne M. Tierney Berigan**, both EHS '51).



Deborah L. Hill Medsker's satirical comedy *NORAH'S ARK* won Best Short Screenplay in the Fall 2020 Los Angeles International



Screenplay Awards. Judges' comments indicated "tremendous potential" for the script to be produced,

and potentially expanded to feature length. Deb has worked in the media industry for almost 30 years. She helps global business clients such as Coca-Cola, Disney and Samsung plan and execute their communication strategies. Her work has taken her to London, Frankfurt, Johannesburg and Mexico City, where she says she was happy to be able to put the Spanish skills she learned at EHS to good use by pitching (and winning) the Coca-Cola Mexico assignment in Spanish. Deb and her husband and two children (12 and 14) live in Dublin, Ohio.

1990

Kevin A. Pomarnke was recently named senior vice president-trust advisor for First Business Bank.

1993

Benjamin J. Boucher is Fire Station 4's newest Lieutenant, serving the UW-Madison campus and area neighborhoods.

Katherine (Kate) M. Downey Larson works as a speech therapist in Chicago Public Schools and lives with her husband Greg in Oak Park, Illinois.

1996

Matthew M. Golden recently joined the staff at DMB Community Bank in DeForest as senior vice president.

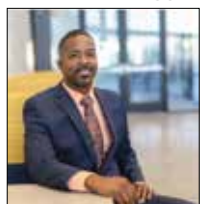
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Robert J. Greenhalgh is a Senior Specialist-Workforce Management at TDS Telecom in Boulder, Colorado.

Rainey L. Briggs was recently named as the Superintendent of Baraboo Schools in Wisconsin. Rainey earned a bachelor's degree at Minnesota State University in Mankato, a master's degree from Viterbo University in La Crosse and his doctorate in educational leadership from Edgewood College.



1998

David J. Braun is a senior vice president at TCF Bank and was recently named a "Top Performer" for 2020.

2002

Tamara A. Leonard Adducci, M.D., earned a B.S. from the University of Notre Dame in 2006 and an M.D. from Medical College of Wisconsin in 2010. She practices as an OB/GYN physician at St. Mary's Hospital in Milwaukee. She and husband Michael live in Shorewood.

2003

Raymond J. French was named Regional Economic Development Director at Wisconsin Development Corporation. The Deputy Director is Sam Rikkers whose sister, **Kaitlyn '03**, was Ray's classmate and his brother is **Ross '01**, who was in an EHS production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat"!

2006

Danielle M. Johnson was recently named to "40 Under 40" by *In Business Magazine*. She is a member of the Business Law Practice Group at Neider & Boucher in Madison.

Jordan T. Kosnick was recently named to "40 Under 40" by *In Business Magazine*. He is Financial Advisor and Managing Director of Northwestern Mutual Kosnick Financial Group in Middleton. Jordan is a member of the EHS steering committee for antiracism and equity.

Benjamin B. Schroeder, Ph.D., is a chemical engineer working at Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

2010

Samuel J. Daniels, COO of Daniels General Contractors, was recently featured in *InBusiness: Greater Madison*.

Elizabeth J. Johnson (Lizzy) graduated from UW-Oshkosh and is case manager at Eckerd Connects; she lives in Brandon, Florida. Lizzy recently completed two-year commitment at an outdoor therapeutic camp for girls

Zachary Z. Schroeder is in law school at University of Washington.

2012

Sheridan B. Hearn is recruitment coordinator for Exact Sciences.

Zachary H. Munns is senior innovative initiative consultant for CUNA Mutual Group.

Caroline J. Zellmer is a Ph.D. candidate at Cambridge University studying bacteria not treatable with antibiotics or resistant to available therapeutics. For the Cambridge Festival, Caroline (as "PhD Poo") took part in a video about the health of "poo": <https://tinyurl.com/8pwtc7jk>



2014

Mari L. Schroeder is studying food science at University of Florida.

Joel T. Zimbrick is working in Chicago at FTI Consulting, an independent global business advisory firm dedicated

to helping organizations manage change, mitigate risk and resolve disputes. Joel works in the company-side Turnaround & Restructuring practice.

2015

Maren E. Madsen is a Client Service Manager at Colorado Financial Management.

Stephanie F. Peterson graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 2019 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nutrition, Exercise and Health Sciences, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish. In June 2020, she began the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program at The College of St. Scholastica in Duluth, Minnesota.

2016

William S. Atkinson is a Risk Analyst at Mercuria Energy Trading S.A.

Cody P. Link is an Account Executive with the NBA's New Orleans Pelicans.

Aurora R. Resop is working as a nursing assistant at the VA in Madison and is applying to medical school.

Andrew J. Wenman works for Phillips and Temro Industries as a mechanical design engineer.

2017

Jack T. McNally is a 2021 graduate of Marquette University and will be working as an audit accountant with KPMG in Milwaukee starting in fall 2021.



Student Artwork

Kaylin Green-Betty
2D Art

Get Crusader gear:

EHS Sideline Store: <https://tinyurl.com/yxq2k3gy>



EHS PERFORMING and VISUAL ARTS

Fine Arts Festival

The EHS annual Fine Arts Festival was held virtually in February. Arts Department chair Carrie Backman '99 says she is "so grateful for collaborations with amazing local artists and teachers Sarah Marty, American Players Theatre, The Wisconsin Film Festival, Rob Franklin, Todd Hammes and Tony DiSanza, faculty from the UW-Madison School of Music, LunArt Festival, Joey B. Banks, Li Chiao-Ping Dance, and Stephanie Baertlein. Thank you for bringing your interactive art and teaching to our students to educate, expand minds and bring joy!"

EHS junior Phillip Fabian named Artist of the Week



Junior Phillip Fabian was selected as Artsonia.com's 10th-12th "ARTIST OF THE WEEK" for March 28-April 3 after receiving 1502 votes from website visitors! See Edgewood artists' work at <https://tinyurl.com/y9mmu6h7>

Blick Art Materials generously donated a \$100 gift certificate to EHS as the winning artist's school and a \$50 gift certificate to Phillip. He also received a commemorative plaque to commemorate this honor.

Artwork by three EHS artists was selected to be in the Badger Conference Art Exhibition:

- 2nd Place "Silenced" 3D Art Mixed Media (right) - Annabel Greiveldinger
- 3rd Place "Jess" Painting (above) - Phillip Fabian
- Honorable Mention "Untitled" Digital Art (right) - Kat Vereb



Spring 2021 Musical

Keeping with our "no heartbreak" rule we wanted to mount a production that would showcase the talent of our students and withstand any possible restrictions the pandemic might throw at us.

"A Killer Party" was created by a Tony award-winning all-star team to be performed in an online streaming format.



EHS students worked hard at learning the methods to present this movie-style production. In addition to being the singers, actors and dancers, students were their own videographers and cinematographers for this unique, madcap send-up of a murder mystery.



Student Artwork
James Bradley
3D Art

CRUSADER CONNECTION

ENHANCING *the* EDGEWOOD EXPERIENCE

by Chip MacKenzie '85
Director of Development

As the 2020-21 fiscal year ends, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to the members of our Edgewood Community who stepped up and supported Edgewood High School during this very challenging year. Your generous support helped us with unexpected pandemic-related expenses and provided our students with a rigorous educational product — virtually and in person — as well as other opportunities including two virtual play performances and in-person athletic competitions.



As we begin our 2021-22 fiscal year, I'm excited about what the year holds for all of us and for our fundraising efforts at EHS. The Development staff is putting together a plan that includes some new and exciting opportunities to show your support. Also, the pandemic year reinforced for us the value of personal one-to-one communication. We did a great deal of personal outreach in place of the events that had to be canceled and it was very successful. In my new role as Director of Development, I will be dedicating more of my time to personal outreach. I look forward to speaking with you in the year ahead!

The Development team has created a new eye-catching and informative brochure that explains fundraising at EHS. It will be distributed to all of our families during summer registration in July and will be available on our website. Please check it out as you consider how you can support Edgewood High School. Your gift of any size matters and is greatly appreciated.

HOMEcomings!
SEPTEMBER 18

Save the date for Homecoming! Join fellow alumni and current families to root on our 2021 varsity football team in the Homecoming game on our home field Saturday, September 18! We're also planning a few special activities many of our Edgewood Community members will remember from past years! Watch for details on our website and social media outlets. After so much time apart over the past year, it will be fantastic to have a tremendous turnout of students, parents, alumni and friends gathered to celebrate Edgewood's Homecoming! Go Crusaders!

Thank you for all you do for Edgewood! I look forward to connecting with as many of you as possible as we experience an exciting and successful year together.

WE ARE EDGEWOOD
A COMMUNITY FOR LIFE!

Please consider supporting our students by donating to the Crusader Fund with the enclosed envelope or online:
edgewoodhs.org/CrusaderConnection

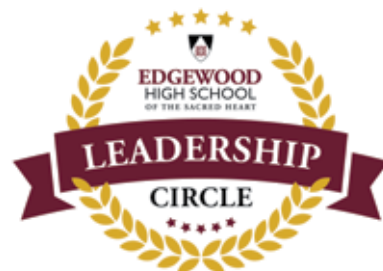
Remember Edgewood
in your estate planning

Join the Heritage Society and make a difference to future Crusaders by including EHS among your beneficiaries in your estate planning.

Update your contact info!

Go to the Alumni tab on the EHS website: edgewoodhs.org/alumni and click on Update Contact Info

For more information on how you can support Edgewood High School, please contact Chip MacKenzie '85
608.257.1023 ext. 133
chip.mackenzie@edgewoodhs.org



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\$50,000 or more
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- ◇ **Crusader Circle**
\$10,000 to \$19,999
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EDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

EHS ALUMNI - COMMUNITY *for* LIFE

Become a member of the EHS Alumni Association

For your one-time payment of \$250, Lifetime Member benefits include:

- Commemorative insulated beverage mug
- Children of lifetime members receive a \$250 one-time discount on freshman tuition
- Buy one/get one free general admission tickets to home athletic events



EHSAA WELCOMES NEW LIFETIME MEMBERS *(as of June 8)*

| | | |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1977 Steven Ellis | 2021 Grace Dahlen | 2021 Sylvia Patterson |
| 1983 Terrence Wall | 2021 Ella Foti | 2021 Michael Regnier |
| 1999 Stacey Simatic | 2021 Ereik Gilbertson | 2021 Michael Thao |
| 2002 Craig Schultz | 2021 Leah Jakusz | 2021 Andrew Trampf |
| 2016 Joshua Kohn | 2021 Joshua Jerisha | 2021 Nathan Walker |
| 2018 Ava Grosse | 2021 Isandro Jimenez | 2021 Zachary Walker |
| 2019 Tommy Beyer | 2021 Sarah Lazar | 2021 Ryan Yesbeck |
| 2021 Sean Beyer | 2021 Jacob Linderoth | |
| 2021 Charles Clark | 2021 Drew Munn | |

CURRENT ALUMNI AMBASSADORS

| | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1969 Mary Kay Wackwitz Johnson | 1993 Christian Herro |
| 1974 Carl Wackerle | 1993 Lauri (Schumacher) Rollings |
| 1976 Mary Kay (Crocker) Roseneck | 1994 Chris Conohan |
| 1978 Mary Beth (Sweeney) Arnold | 1995 Chris Tierney |
| 1979 Mary (Wolfgram) Walker, PhD | 1997 Kristin (Lindbloom) Warden |
| 1982 Jane Ellen Schrader-Griffin | 2003 Lindsay Koth |
| 1983 Pamela (Elliott) Marshall | 2007 Kate (Ballweg) Marquardt |
| 1987 Rob Webb | 2007 Nick Palm |
| 1990 Jennifer (Monge) Fink | 2008 Austin Oliphant |
| 1991 Helen Jordan-Turner | 2014 Anh Hoang |

EHSAA LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT FORM

First Name _____
 M.I. ____ Maiden (if applicable) _____
 Last Name _____ Class Year ____
 Address _____
 City _____ State ____ Zip _____
 Home Phone (____) _____
 Cell Phone (____) _____
 E-Mail _____
(to provide benefit updates and e-newsletter)
 Occupation _____
 Lifetime Membership: \$250
 Credit Card: MasterCard VISA
 Name on Card _____
 Card Number _____
 Expiration Date ____/____ Security code ____
 Signature _____

Check payable to "EHS Alumni Association" enclosed.

I am interested in volunteering as an Alumni Ambassador.

MAIL THIS FORM:
Alumni Membership
Edgewood High School
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www.edgewoodhs.org/alumni/lifetime_membership

We will mail you a Lifetime Membership Card upon receiving the completed form and payment.

Help us keep in touch with your class as an Alumni Ambassador!

With more than 10,000 alumni worldwide, Edgewood relies on our most passionate graduates to be engaged with their peers as Alumni Ambassadors. These alumni volunteer to serve as a liaison for their graduating class on behalf of the EHS Alumni Association (EHSAA).

If you would like more information on being your class ambassador, or if you are planning a reunion for your EHS class, please email us at:

ehsalumni@edgewoodhs.org

CLASS REUNIONS

As EHS alumni begin to reschedule postponed reunions from last year, we will keep track of them in the following document:

tinyurl.com/1x0os0g8

If you have questions or if you are working on a class gathering, please email us at:

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CRUSADER CONNECTION

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

Sr. Margaret Ann “Peggy” Brennan, OP, died April 5, 2021. Sr. Peggy taught Commercial Studies at EHS from 1965 to 1973. She also taught in Nebraska, Illinois, Connecticut and South Dakota. Sr. Peggy served as prioress to the Congregation of Sinsinawa Dominicans for 32 years.



Memorial Donations honor Crusaders

Honor Edgewood alumni, family members and supporters with a donation in their memory. Contact Chip MacKenzie ‘85: 608-257-1023 ext 133; chip.mackenzie@edgewoodhs.org



The Edgewood family was deeply saddened this spring when Freshman Mary Margaret (Mae Mae) Dunn died April 27 after a courageous battle with cancer. Many of our students, faculty and staff members were touched by the privilege of knowing Mae Mae, who is remembered as a “sweet, positive girl.”



Photography by freshman Charlotte Voge

in MEMORIAM

Names of deceased alumni published as we learn of their deaths and verify the information; this list as of July 21. (“x” indicates classmate but not EHS graduate.)

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|---|------------|--|-----------|
| 1943 Rachel Straight Fiore..... | 7/8/2021 | 1952 John M . Hegge | 2/26/2021 |
| 1943 Genevieve E. Kuehn Lewis..... | 5/29/2021 | 1952 William M. Schwoegler | 3/28/2021 |
| 1944 Donald E. Breitenbach | 3/13/2021 | 1954 M. Virginia Keyes | 6/26/2021 |
| 1944 Virginia R. Grimm Kraft | 2/10/2021 | 1955 James G. Zeier | 2/14/2021 |
| 1945 Dolores H. Nowak Houden..... | 8/30/2018 | 1956 James L. Bleifuhs | 2/3/2021 |
| 1945 Terese M. Breunig Neumann | 2/14/2021 | 1957 Thomas L. Dueppen | 2/24/2021 |
| 1946 M. Kathleen Roherty Carroll | 6/20/21 | 1959 Joan L. Grady Moore | 5/5/2021 |
| 1946 Wilfred F. Handel, Jr..... | 1/30/2021 | 1960 Margaret A. Mayer Coombs..... | 3/7/2021 |
| 1946 Phillip J. Lacy | 4/10/2021 | 1961 William B. Fitzgibbon | 3/18/2021 |
| 1946 Charles A. Novotny, M.D. | 1/15/2021 | 1961 Stephen J. Rowley | 4/25/2021 |
| 1947 Mary Alice Reynolds..... | 2/17/2021 | 1962 Robert F. Miller | 5/26/2021 |
| 1947 Col. John E. Rudolph | 6/10/2021 | 1962 Kathleen M. Mullooly | 4/24/2021 |
| 1947 Donald J. Ryan, Jr. | 11/16/2019 | 1963 Mary C. Berigan Rogers..... | 5/4/2021 |
| 1947 Betty J. Karls Shepherd | 4/24/2021 | 1964 John R. Caruso | 6/10/2021 |
| 1948 Beverly J. Grogan Bernardy..... | 3/5/2020 | 1964 Michael A. Zitnick..... | 4/21/201 |
| 1949 Mary-Elizabeth Riley Morrow..... | 6/17/2020 | 1965 Stephen G. Waddell | 3/2/2021 |
| x1950 Julie A. Butler Berthold..... | 9/1/2019 | 1967 William A. Durkin, Jr. | 4/18/2021 |
| 1950 John J. DiCristina | 2/11/2021 | 1968 Kathryn R. Genin Zweifel..... | 1/25/2021 |
| 1950 Don M. Enders..... | 2/17/2021 | 1969 Katherine D. Miller Kolliner..... | 3/13/2021 |
| 1950 M. Kathleen Aspel Smith Lindy..... | 4/23/2021 | 1969 Marcia A. Lins West..... | 5/24/2021 |
| 1950 George M. Rauch | 4/5/2021 | 1970 Kevin J. Fahey..... | 3/27/2021 |
| 1951 O. Edward “Bud” Arnold..... | 2/2/2021 | 1971 Jean A. O’Brien Elefson | 4/15/2021 |
| 1951 Gerald E. Buechner..... | 5/6/2021 | 1971 Louise M. Lacy Peterson | 5/3/2021 |
| 1951 Elizabeth J. “Betty” Bollig-Flynn..... | 5/31/2021 | 1975 Mark J. Panico | 5/2/2021 |
| 1951 Winifred, M. Lottes Lacy..... | 7/8/2021 | 1981 Timothy R. Fass..... | 6/16/21 |
| 1951 Carole M. Flad Link | 10/13/2020 | 1986 Lisa M. Braun | 2/2/2021 |
| 1951 Patricia R. Gasser Nelson | 8/25/2020 | 1995 Aaron J. Hutchins..... | 3/25/2021 |



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2021-2022 EDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

As the new fiscal year begins, we say good-bye and extend our heartfelt thanks to two of our Board members: Kristin Dewey '06 and Tom Klein, who have completed their terms. Please help us welcome five *new EHS Board members. As always, Board members are prayerfully and strategically selected with the intention of using their expertise to benefit EHS, both currently and in the future.

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