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SUMMER 2023

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PROJECTS COMPLETED

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Thanks to you...

The EHS "Creating Our Future - Building on Tradition" Capital Campaign is complete!



Alumni Hall



Library

Updated spaces enhancing the EHS learning environment include:

- Administrative Suite
- Athletics Offices; Dance Studio
- Alumni Hall
- Boys restroom added
- Campus School space
- Classrooms
- Elevators
- Esports Studio
- Hallways
- Kitchen
- Lance Johnson Strength and Conditioning Center
- Library
- LRC
- McKinley Performing Arts Center
- Room 8
- Student Lounges
- Student Services
- Teachers Lounge
- Tech Lab



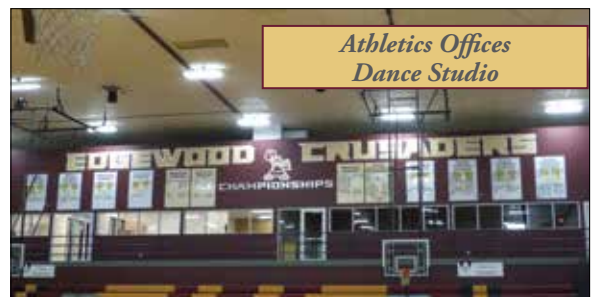
Main Reception



Student Lounges



McKinley PAC



Athletics Offices
Dance Studio



New Dominican sponsorship model: Dominican Veritas Ministries (DVM)

The Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa are celebrating 175 years. At their peak in the 1960s, the Sinsinawa Dominicans had almost 2,000 Sisters in their congregation. Many of these intelligent and faith-filled women served as the faculty and staff in the early years of Edgewood High School. The Sisters established Edgewood's strong reputation of providing a high quality, faith-based, college-preparatory education, and it is our top priority to carry on that tradition of excellence.



Today, there are fewer than 300 Sinsinawa Sisters with a median age of 82 years old. During the past 12 years, the Sisters have been listening to the call of the Holy Spirit for guidance and direction on how to ensure their mission would continue, as the size of their congregation declines.

Thankfully, the Sisters' forward-thinking and strategic planning skills have helped create a path that allows Edgewood High School and their other sponsored schools to remain Dominican sponsored institutions well into the future. Five Dominican Congregations from Sinsinawa, Wisconsin; Adrian, Michigan; Houston, Texas; Springfield, Illinois; and Peace, Ohio, have collaborated to create a new Dominican sponsorship model.

Dominican Veritas Ministries (DVM) has been established by these founding congregations and was recently approved by Vatican leadership as a new entity of the Catholic Church. Edgewood High School and eight other high schools will become part of this new sponsorship model starting on September 1.

We remain grateful to our founding congregation, The Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa, for their incredible dedication and commitment to all of their sponsored schools. We will proudly carry on their mission and core values of truth, compassion, justice, community and partnership, and we will remain steadfast in our efforts to continue providing strong academic excellence and faith formation. Edgewood High School has been known for since our founding.



Thanks to outgoing Board members Marykay Zimbrick and Jay Sekelsky

Marykay Zimbrick is completing her term on the EHS Board of Directors having served since 2017. She served as board chair since 2020, during some of the most challenging times for EHS, including helping us navigate the COVID-19 pandemic. She is a past parent and served on the Building Committee for the McKinley PAC and the renovations of the Student Services area, the administrative offices, and the kitchen and serving area.

Jay is completing two terms on the EHS Board having joined in 2018, during which he served on the Executive Committee as well as the Endowment Investment Committee. He and his wife are parents of three EHS alums and have been long-time, generous EHS supporters.

EHS Class of 2023 by the Numbers

- 112 Graduates
- 20,200 - Number of service hours performed with nearly a quarter doubling the required 100 hours.
- 3.82 average GPA; 71% had a 3.75 or higher
- 99% going on to post secondary education
- 47 attending top national universities
- \$16.5 million in scholarship money offered; \$3.5 million accepted.

Goodbye and appreciation for two long-time EHS staff



Associate Principal Shannon McDonough, who began at Edgewood in 1999, has taken a principal position in the Deerfield School District. Among her many responsibilities as EHS Associate Principal, she worked with Link Crew, Executive Council, Instruction Leadership Team, New Student Induction, Graduation, Title II funding, building safety and security, campus parking and restorative

justice practices, to name just a few.

Principal Jerry Zander said, "I am so happy for Shannon! The Deerfield School District is blessed to have her as their principal. Shannon has done so much for the Edgewood community. In her time here she lived and breathed maroon and gold. She will be missed."

LRC Director Brenda Foti was hired at EHS in 1994 right after graduating from North Dakota State University, so we are honored to say her entire 29-year career was spent at EHS.



During her time here, she was a Learning Resource Center (LRC) teacher, a volleyball coach, the LRC Director and an active community parent. Brenda's three daughters are all Edgewood alumnae. In addition to her role as a supportive parent, Brenda mentored and sponsored EHS students to support their participation in the LRC and in athletics.

Principal Jerry Zander said, "Brenda will be greatly missed at Edgewood, however the lives she has changed - both students and colleagues - will continue through the LRC. Her passion for wanting all students to have access to an Edgewood education has made our community stronger."



MUSINGS *from* DENNIS MCKINLEY '63



The more things change, the more they stay the same

As a member of the Edgewood High School of the Sacred Heart Community, your view of the physical plant of the high school depends on what years your relationship with the high school began and ended. The view of the first graduating class from the 1927 structure compared to the 2023 graduates would be remarkably different.



1939 Aerial view

When I attended EHS as a student, there was just the original (1927) and first addition (1937) sections of the building. Even as I returned to teach (1967), the only noticeable changes were the expanded library in what is now 205 and the Campus Ministry rooms, plus the remodeling of what was Room 109 into the General Office and Principal's Office. But, boy, were things about to change!

The groundbreaking for the 1967 addition was held in August, and the additions included the Earl J. Wilke Gymnasium, locker rooms, band and choir rooms, a much larger general office, assistant principal's office, counselor offices, three floors of classrooms, the commons, and rough-in for a future pool. The old gym space added a second floor to accommodate two lecture rooms and a new Art Room. The former band room became part of the Art Room. The first floor of the old gym became a state-of-the-art library, and the old library returned to classroom space. The auditorium was made into a flex space that could be used as two lecture rooms.

Students, faculty, and staff gradually moved into these new spaces during the 1968-69 school year.

During the '70s and '80s, minor adjustments were made to meet the needs of the school, most notably (and not so minor) was a reconstruction of the library to make space for a computerized writing lab, and the 218-219 lecture rooms were redone into computer labs. And then came the '90s!

From the early '90s to today, Edgewood kept changing as the educational scene and campus needs required. A major restructuring of the campus grounds occurred in the mid-1990s to allow for future expansion and added Edgewood College Drive to help meet the needs of the neighborhood. It was also during this time that a plan was put into place to remodel every classroom and the Chapel in the following 10 years in the oldest part of the building. The most visible changes during this era were the addition of the Krantz Center, which included another gymnasium, bathrooms, storage areas and a coach's office. The locker rooms were also remodeled and an athletic trainer's facilitate was added. Along with this, the Sonderegger Science Center was built with the mutual cooperation of all three schools on the 55-acre campus, and was dedicated in April of 1999.

With the new millennium, EHS would enter into an era of major building projects that will serve the school well for decades. The Music Department received what we knew would be a temporary updating to make it safer and healthier for the students until new facilities were built. New furniture, cabinets, practice rooms, etc. were

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McKinley Performing Arts Center

purchased that would be able to be moved into the new facilities when they were built.

When "serious construction" began, the Upper Campus School moved into a totally remodeled basement area, an elevator shaft was built for the first-ever elevator in the building, the McKinley Performing Arts Center was added on the front of the east end of the building and the front plaza was restructured, the old general office/counselor area was remodeled into the Student Services Area, the library received yet another renovation to meet current needs, and the room that was the original cafeteria was transformed into the



New Library 2019

Administrative Suite and front entrance. The most effort was the dismantling of the Commons and the building of the new Alumni Hall and a second elevator, which will be formally dedicated next school year.

With all these changes, what has remained constant? As Bishop Hying pointed out during his homily at the 2023 Graduation Mass in May:

The Sinsinawa Dominican values have sustained the school and produced alumni to "go out and spread the Good News."



EHS Welcomes Alumni to the staff in new roles

Joe LaMontagne '09 named New Associate Principal for Academics



We are excited to welcome EHS alumnus and current teacher Joe LaMontagne '09 in the new role of Associate Principal for Academics. After graduation from EHS, Joe went on to earn a dual B.A. in Political Science and Spanish at Gonzaga University and is working toward his masters degree in Educational Leadership from Edgewood College. Joe joined the EHS faculty in 2014 and has taught U.S. History and AP European History. He has served in our FIT team and as Social Studies

Department Chair, as well as Head Boys Cross Country Coach and Assistant Boys Track and Field Coach.

"I am incredibly grateful and excited to continue my journey at Edgewood in a new role as Associate Principal for Academics," says Joe. "Edgewood has shaped who I am in many ways over the years with its outstanding teachers, coaches, students, staff, administrators and community members. As we continue to grow, I look forward to bringing the experience I possess as a former student and current teacher at Edgewood to this position, and using it to help our school develop an identity that prioritizes our values and reflects all aspects of our community. Learning with and from those around me will be my focus in building upon our school culture and something I look forward to most with this opportunity."

Patricia Rivera Torres '19 returns to EHS as the new Campus Minister



EHS welcomes Patricia Rivera Torres '19 as the new Campus Minister. Patricia graduated in May from Viterbo University Conservatory for the Performing Arts in La Crosse with a bachelor of arts in theatre and a minor in religious studies/theology; she will be joining us for the start of the 2023-24 school year.

Patricia took several trips with Viterbo University, including to McAllen, Texas, and Mexico. Patricia has done missionary

work for migrants crossing through the Mexico border and took a Franciscan Pilgrimage to Italy; in May she traveled with Viterbo's Campus Ministry to Lurin, Peru, and volunteered at Casa Hogar, a La Crosse Diocese Mission orphanage. Patricia has also worked on various theatrical productions, with her main focus on scenography and props/costumes. In Summer 2022, she did an internship at the Minnesota Children's Museum as their Props, Costumes and Exhibit Fabricator. In Spring 2023 she was assistant designer for the scenography of the Conservatory's production of "Significant Other."

Patricia said she is "beyond excited and honored to be coming back to Edgewood as the Campus Minister. It has been so wonderful to be reunited with the Edgewood community. My time at Edgewood is filled with great memories of growth, deep learning, and faith building, all of which I cannot wait to see the current EHS students experience. It is a true blessing to be a part of the EHS faculty. *Pace y Bene* and Go Crusaders!"

As Campus Minister, Patricia will promote the spiritual and personal formation of students, faculty and staff through rich Catholic, Sinsinawa Dominican programming; working in collaboration with the Religious Studies Department, the Sacristan and Student Services; and the Principal in developing and promoting liturgical, pastoral, and religious activities.



Senior Will Rosemurgy (center) accepts the 2023 Samuel Mazzuchelli Award from EHS President Kevin Rea (left) and Principal Jerry Zander (right), with Religious Studies Teacher Jim Baltus at the podium. Will was nominated for the award by his classmates as the senior who most exemplifies the Dominican values of Truth, Compassion, Justice, Community and Partnership. Will was recognized for his kindness and compassion in all he does at EHS in theater, cross country practices and meets, in classes, in the community, and through peer ministry and the Dominican Preaching Team.



2023 Dominican Preaching Team: (L-R) Religious Studies Teacher Jim Baltus, Cece Hackworthy, Neva Wilkie, Ty Hampton, Joe Powless and Campus Minister Patricia Rivera Torres



Back Row: Dennis McKinley, former EHS President Mike Elliott, Wade DallaGrana, Mark Thering, Pamela Hanson-Stewart ("PH")
Front Row: Kathy Rothering, Lori Ziemann, Diane Mertens, Steve Rothering, Karen Houlihan, Cathi Shaughnessy

EHS happily welcomes former teachers and staff "Back to School!"

In March, several retired EHS faculty members came "Back to School" for an evening together and to see the EHS Spring musical *Les Misérables*.

The group met at school to see posters of pictures from the past, then were treated to a guided tour of all the new and renovated spaces in the school by former president Mike Elliott '77 and EHS Ambassador Dennis McKinley '63 (see Dennis' column on page 3 about the many changes this historic building has seen over the years!).



EHS Science Teacher Eric Pantano selected to present two sessions at ChemEd conference in Canada

Congratulations to EHS science teacher Eric Pantano, who had both of his session proposals accepted for the 2023 ChemEd conference in July at University of Guelph in Ontario, Canada! Eric's presentations are on "Flipped and Active Chemistry," which

is how he structures his classes, as well as "Standards-Based Grading in a Points and Percentages World," which is the method of grading that former EHS teacher Jess Culberson and he have developed over the past 10 years. "It's an honor to have ONE session at this

EHS Debate Team earns prestigious Charter status

The EHS Debate Team has earned Charter status in the National Speech & Debate Association (NSDA), the highest school membership honor offered by the NSDA. To become a charter member, teams must demonstrate excellence in attaining new members and degrees in the Honor Society over three years.

Only 23 high schools in Wisconsin have presently earned this distinction.



Students earn points in the NSDA Honors Society based on their frequency of competing in tournaments and their performance. As these points add up, they reach various levels in the Honor Society. Upon earning a certain level of points the school is recognized with Chapter status, based on the school's performance over a three-year period.

While many schools combine the performance of their debate and speech programs, Edgewood reached this level by solely participating in debate. In addition, this is only the third year of the Edgewood program and the team reached this distinction during the pandemic.

In 2022-23, the students competed in 16 debate tournaments including Grand Catholic Nationals in Louisville over Memorial Day weekend. The students have put in a lot of work over three years and EHS is honored to be recognized by the NSDA.

conference, but having two is rare! I'm pretty excited about the opportunity!"

The biennial ChemEd conference is the largest in North America for educators involved in teaching high school and introductory chemistry. It is an opportunity for educators to gather for five days to learn and exchange their teaching ideas in a friendly and motivating environment. The conference takes place on the University of Guelph campus allowing for hands-on labs, workshops and demonstrations, along with a variety of events focused on teaching chemistry. Conference attendance has ranged from 400 to 800 educators.



CRUSADER ATHLETICS - WINTER & SPRING 2023

EHS All-State Athletes

Winter

Dance - Maddie Reuhl (12) - first team

Boys Hockey

Rowan White (11) - first team

Matt Richter (10) - honorable mention

Boys Basketball - Al Deang (12) - honorable mention

Girls Gymnastics (Verona/Edgewood coop team)

Laura Drake (11) - second team, vault

Anna Messner (11) - first team, uneven bars

Denise Ta (11) - second team, beam

Spring

Boys Golf

Alex Weiss (12) - first team

Drew Bindl (9) - honorable mention

Zeke Boos (12) - honorable mention

Al Deang (12) - honorable mention

Finn Jaeger (12) - honorable mention

Girls Soccer

Madison Foley (12) - second team

Sonoma Bever (12) - honorable mention

State Runner-Up - Girls Soccer

Madeline Arce (12) and Madison Foley (12) selected to participate in Wisconsin Soccer Coaches Association All-Star Game; named All-North Region (Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin)

Badger Conference Pitcher of the Year

Baseball - Steffen Mello (11)

Conference Champions

Winter

Boys Dive - Bobby Arneson - Division 2

Girls Gymnastics

Boys Hockey

Girls Hockey

Spring

Boys Golf

Boys Tennis



Crusader Athletics Academic Award Recognition listed on Page 14

Scan this code to see all Winter/Spring awards and recognitions



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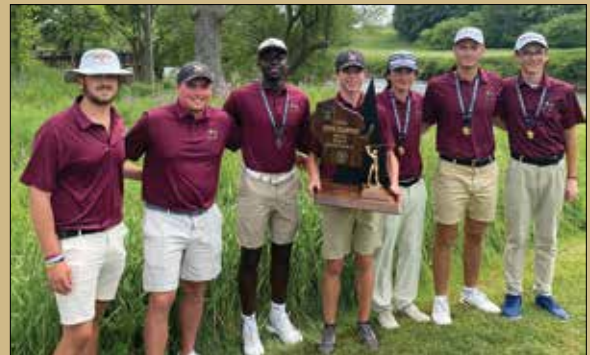
State Champions



Girls Gymnastics (Verona/Edgewood coop team)

Denise Ta (pictured, left) tied as the D1 Individual Balance Beam State Champion

Boys Golf - Sixth straight title



Finn Caulum, Head Coach Jordan Brown, Al Deang, Alex Weiss, Finn Jaeger, Zeke Boos, Drew Bindl.

Wisconsin State Journal All-Area Recognition

Winter

Girls Gymnastics

Anna Messner (11) - first team

Denise Ta (11) - honorable mention

Rachel Hauser - Coach-of-the-Year

Girls Hockey - Kathryn Anderson - Coach-of-the-Year

Boys Basketball - Al Deang (12) - second team

Boys Dive - Bobby Arneson (12) - first team

Boys Hockey - Rowan White (11) - second team

Spring

Girls Soccer

Madison Foley (12) - co-player of the year, first team

Sonoma Bever (10) - first team

Maddie Arce (12) - honorable mention

Chris Martinelli - Co-Coach of the Year

Boys Golf

Alex Weiss Player of the Year

Honorable mentions:

Drew Bindl (9) Al Deang (12)

Zeke Boos (12) Finn Jaeger (12)

Jordan Brown - Coach of the Year



CRUSADER ATHLETICS

Crusader Boys Track and Field team has a record-breaking season



Senior Nick Gehring (above) broke his own 2022 record in the 400m with 48.92. He also broke the 53-year-old school record (1970) in the 200 meter dash with a time of 22.06.

4x100 Relay Team (right) of Will Hartman (12), Ryan Drumm (12), Tanner Krantz (11) and Nick Gehring (12) set a school record with 43.94.



4x200m Relay Team of Ryan Drumm (12), Tanner Krantz (11), Owen Orville (10) and Nick Gehring (12) broke the 1981 school record with a time of 1:30.78.

4x400m Relay Team of Tanner Krantz (11), Will Rosemurgy (12), Owen Orville (10) and Nick Gehring (12) ran 3:23.86 breaking the school record of 3:29.06.

Crusader Awards

This award goes to a student-athlete who embodies the athletic program motto of “Working on a Championship, While Building Character,” is a good leader, embraces the concept of “Us-We Together,” represents their program on and off the field and in the classroom, and is well respected by teammates, coaches, and Edgewood faculty and staff.

Winter

- Boys Basketball - Al Deang (12)
- Boys Hockey - Michael Baer (12)
- Boys Swim - Jack Prahl (9)
- Boys Dive - Bobby Arneson (12)
- Boys Ski & Snowboard - Alex Weiss (12)
- Girls Ski & Snowboard - Caroline Potter (12)
- Girls Basketball - Madison Foley (12)
- Girls Gymnastics - Anna Messner (11)
- Girls Hockey - Kate Sweeney (11)
- Dance - Ellierose Smith (12)

Spring

- Baseball - Jacob Sheahan (12)
- Boys Golf - Finn Jaeger (12)
- Boys Tennis - Mason Robinson (11)
- Boys Lacrosse - Abe Thompson (12)
- Boys Track & Field - Will Rosemurgy (12)
- Girls Lacrosse - Katie Read (10)
- Girls Track & Field - Laura Anna Koskinen (12)
- Girls Soccer - Madison Foley (12)
- Softball - Jennifer Maly (11)

Congratulations to EHS student athletes who signed to continue their athletic careers at the next level!

- Hunter Dobrinsky, Basketball - Newman University - Wichita, Kansas
- Mark Haering, Football - Illinois State University
- Ben Hanson, Football - Morehead State University
- Sam Klestinski, Football - University of North Dakota
- Laura Anna Koskinen, Track & Field - St. Norbert College
- Donovan Nedelcoff, Football - UW Platteville
- Sophie Reed, Swimming - Boston College
- Abe Thompson, Lacrosse - University of Minnesota

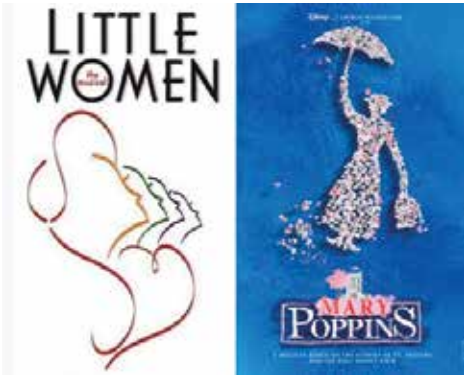


Congratulations to Tess Hackworthy '15, who became the first five-time Wisconsin PGA State Women's Open champion!



EHS PERFORMING *and* VISUAL ARTS

Watch for details
of our 2023-24 shows!



The EHS
Spring
production of
Les Misérables
sold out every
performance!
Many thanks
for the hard
work of
all student
performers
and crew as
well as faculty,
staff and
volunteers!



EHS ARTWORK
Lydia Shannon, grade10, Painting



EHS Coffee House

The Wayfarer Literary Magazine and the EHS Performing Arts and Art Departments collaborated to hold a Coffeehouse night showcasing student art, writing, performances and music during the Senior Art Showcase in the PAC Atrium in May. It was an intimate, relaxed and fun evening celebrating student creativity alongside an assortment of cookies, coffee, tea and hot chocolate!



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EDGEWOOD SERVICE

Edgewood is very proud of alumni continuing to live the Dominican value of Service after EHS.

How do you live the Dominican value of Service by supporting your community?

EHS 2022-23 Service 23,828 total service hours

- 18,072 hours in the community;
- 5,756 EHS service hours



Students and faculty volunteer monthly for Habitat for Humanity during the school year.



Edgewood in the Community day in the fall provides 3,000 hours of community service!



EHS continues regular volunteering at local nonprofits like Habitat for Humanity and the Catholic Multicultural Center (left)

Consider organizing local EHS alumni to volunteer in your area!

EHS first responders

Andrew D. Siitari '10 joined the Dyersville Police Department in January 2021. Andrew served with the West Liberty Police Department from February 2020 to January 2021. He gained his National Registry EMT certification in 2017 and became a certified Police Officer in the State of Iowa in 2018. Andrew completed his D.A.R.E Officer Training Program in October 2020. He earned his B.A. in Politics and Criminal Justice from Loras College in Dubuque.



Charles (Charley) S. Shimanski '75 is a seasoned mountain rescue and disaster response executive with more than 25 years experience leading national and international organizations through periods of growth, transformation and transition. He is a recognized leader and expert in helicopter search and rescue, and an author and educator on the subject of helicopter rescue. Charley led the American Red Cross national disaster response program in Washington, D.C., as Senior Vice President of Disaster Services. In this role, he led the national Red Cross response to Hurricane Sandy and other major disasters, working with federal government leaders and elected officials. He has managed budgets in the hundreds of millions of dollars and has served as a key spokesperson to the President of the United States, U.S. Congress, White House National Security Staff, Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). As a member of the FEMA National Advisory Council, Shimanski advised FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate on issues relating to serving under-served communities during times of need. Mr. Shimanski is a veteran of the Alpine Rescue Team, a Colorado-based mountain rescue unit and Past President of the Mountain Rescue Association. A recognized expert in helicopter rescue operations and risk management, he has participated in hundreds of mountain rescue operations, and serves as the Mountain Rescue Program Coordinator for Flight For Life Colorado and as President of the Air Rescue Commission of the International Commission for Alpine Rescue. He is the author of several helicopter rescue training programs, available at www.training.mra.org



We are thankful and proud to learn of the many alumni who serve as first responders. If you or another EHS alum you know works or has worked as a first responder, please send the information to ehslumni@edgewoodhs.org so we can honor this valuable service!



EDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS NOTES (look for EHS MEMORIES)

Submit your updates on our website or email:
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1955

Martin T. (Tom) Meaney earned a B.S. in mechanical engineering. He is currently retired and living in Dubuque, Iowa.

1958

Deanna J. Huston Finley is a retired R.N. since 2005 and worked at American Girl as an Order Processor until 2021. Deanna has four children, four grandchildren and two great grandchildren. She is on her class reunion committee.

Barbara A. Hauptmann Shackelton was awarded the prestigious Gold Key Award for 50 years of service from Soroptimist International of Riverside, a non-profit volunteer organization that provides women and girls with access to



the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment. She has volunteered in support of children in two hospitals, women athletes at UC Riverside, the Junior League of Riverside, Young Life, National Charity League and the Riverside Public Library Foundation. At graduation from Edgewood College in 1962, she was recruited to teach in Riverside, California, and has lived there since. *EHS MEMORY: "I first experienced community service as a student at EHS, learning then how personally satisfying serving is and what great friendships can be formed when working together for a cause."*

1959

Jeffrey J. Hill Sr. is retired after a 33-year career as a TWA pilot. He and wife Sharon have three sons and six granddaughters and live in Woodstock, Illinois.

Mark D. Schmitz attended General Motors Institute and worked as Director of Dealership Parts and Service Operations for GM. David is a widower and lives in Modesto, California.

1961

Thomas E. Richtsmeier, M.D., retired as a cardiologist at Wenatchee Valley Clinic. He and Jean, his wife of 45 years, live in East Wenatchee, Washington. With the kids grown, current interests are hiking, gardening, and genealogy. Tom says he was in Madison, Jefferson St., and Edgewood

HS last fall: "all looked pretty good."

1962

Sr. Joan E. Duerst, O.P., volunteers for Madison Organizing in Strength, Equality and Solidarity, an interfaith, non-partisan organization that unites congregations, non-profit organizations and individuals to build a better community.

1963

Stephen R. Moore earned a B.S. in economics and an MBA in finance. He has worked as a financial planner at Partners Capital Management, Inc. Stephen and his wife Ellen have two daughters and live in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

1966

Jane E. Gallagher Grace is a retired nurse with Madison General Hospital School of Nursing (Meriter). Her volunteer work includes Salvation Army Womens Auxilliary, Hadassah of Greater Houston and St. Cecilia Catholic Church. She and her husband live in Houston, Texas, and they have a daughter Alessandra and granddaughter Evelyn. *EHS MEMORIES: "I loved daily life at EHS; rushing from one class to another, greeting friends on the steps as we navigated our way. Cheerleading was such fun. Supporting sports teams. Making life-long friendships."*

1967

Anne Marie Wildeman Harmel is retired and volunteers with Habitat for Humanity.

1968

Jane (Janie) A. M. Sweeney Lynaugh is a self employed RE broker and appraiser. She has three kids and seven grandkids and lives in the Madison area.

1971

Shelley A. Carey is president of Windswept Travel in Plantation, Florida.

Suzanne M. Reuschlein Gruen earned a bachelor's degree with high honors in interior design, and an MSSW in 2003, both from UW-Madison. She is a licensed clinical social worker at the Samaritan Counseling Center in Monona, Wisconsin, specializing in faith-based counseling, trauma recovery and relationships. Her volunteer work includes deaconess at High Point Church, speaking on mental health

topics and she has assisted church staff with developing faith-based counseling programs that are also psychologically informed. *EHS MEMORIES: "My favorite memories include Mixed Chorus and being a dancer in three musicals. I especially enjoyed my role as Miss New York in 'High Button Shoes.' When I was a freshman at UW-Madison, one of my professors told me that all of his best students came from Edgewood."*

1973

Joan C. (Jo) Balch Freitag earned a B.S. in journalism from UW-Madison and an M.A. in communications from Univ. of Illinois. She currently lives in Springfield, Illinois. *EHS MEMORIES: "Working on the creative writing publications in 1972 and 1973."*

1974

Rose M. Faber Collins earned a B.A. and MLS from UW-Madison. Now retired, she lived in Lake Barrington, Illinois, with her husband Larry.

David J. Ferwerda owns a home remodeling company in the Madison area and is a long-time hockey referee.

1978

Debra A. Hansen, works seasonally at the Minnetonka Resort & Thunderbird Gift Shop in Copper Harbor, Michigan.

1979

Michelle A. Behnke, past president of State Bar of Wisconsin, is a candidate for American Bar Association president-elect for the 2024-2025 term. Michelle served as ABA treasurer from 2017-2020 and is currently chair of the ABA Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession. She is an Ex-Officio Member of the American Bar Foundation Board and a Wisconsin Life Fellow.



1981

Thomas M. Hazen recently retired from General Mills in the Twin Cities after a long career as an IT analyst. He travels to racetracks around the country, driving and instructing in exotic supercars such





as the Lamborghini Huracan, Ferrari 488 GTB, and Porsche GT3 RS, as a senior lead instructor with Xtreme Xperience, a fast-growing company he has worked for part-time since 2014.

1985

Chandler R. Zillman celebrated his 28th year as a pilot for American Airlines in May. He is currently flying the Boeing 787 series aircraft out of Chicago O'Hare airport to international destinations. Chandler publishes and produces the world's largest training database (online) for pilots training to become qualified on the Boeing 787 aircraft (787studyresources.com) and he continues to actively produce training materials for pilots of American Airlines and airlines of the world operating the 787. Chandler was recently recognized by the U.S. Army's Flight Standards Detachment for Outstanding Service and Commitment to the CH-47 Chinook Helicopter training community. He retired in 2016 after nearly 27 years in the Army National Guard.

1986

Greta G. Austin is chair and professor in the Religion Department at University of Puget Sound.

Kimberly (Kim) M. Wilke-Lin and husband Rudy have two daughters who graduated from UW Vet School and University of Miami Law School (on the same day!), as well as a son in real estate.

1987

Richard (Rick) D. McKinley was ranked third highest "Most Loans Closed" in Wisconsin for the 2022 calendar year by The 2023 Scotman's Guide. Rick is a Mortgage Loan Officer for the UW Credit Union.

1988

Jeremiah P. Cook works for DHS at the Job Center to help people get access to health care and food. He and his wife and daughter live in Stoughton.

1989

Susan M. Becker is a special education teacher at Vel Phillips Memorial High School in Madison and part-time realtor.

2000

Corin C. Rowley Sullivan shares that after 15 years spent raising her children and working in the business sector, she

felt called to the nursing profession. She spent a year working through pre-requisite courses before being accepted into UW-Milwaukee's Direct Entry Master of Nursing program in 2021. In January 2023, she completed the pre-licensure requirements through this accelerated and rigorous program and passed the Wisconsin state board exam (NCLEX). Corin began her first job as a Registered Nurse at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin in March. She expects to graduate with her Master of Nursing in May 2024. She and husband Robert have two children and live in Whitefish Bay.

2001

Anthony L. Brown II is co-founder of the Montana Area Music Association and host of two YouTube series, "SciShow Kid" and "SciShow Psych." He recently released his seventh studio album, "Jump Start the Soul: Revived." He and his wife Bonnie recently moved back to Wisconsin.

Patrick J. Michaels graduated from UW-Madison in 2005 and earned a Ph.D. in clinical psychology in 2015 from the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago. He has worked as a clinical psychologist in Tennessee and is currently the clinical director at Rogers Behavioral Health in Nashville, a Wisconsin-based specialty mental health care nonprofit specializing in treating OCD, eating disorders, trauma, depression, addiction and more. Patrick and his wife Jackie have two children.

2002

Jeffrey A. Beckmann is President and Owner of J&K Security Solutions in Madison, founded by his parents in 1985. Jeffrey entered the Marine Corps directly after graduating from EHS and proudly served from 2002-2006 including two tours during Operation Iraqi Freedom in which he took part in 60+ combat missions in the Iraqi Theater. He graduated from UW-Milwaukee in 2010 with degrees in Finance and Accounting. He founded the "Raise For DAIS" Charity Golf Outing benefiting Domestic Abuse Intervention Services, which has raised more than \$1M.



2004

Kelly A. O'Keefe Nelson owns a writing and editing business and lives in Verona with her husband and twin sons.

2005

David J. Porto is partner and general manager at Blue Plate Catering in Madison.

2006

Kevin L. Hampton has been curator at the Wisconsin Veterans Museum for 10 years, working on audience engagement including designing exhibits and developing public programs.

2010

Noah T. Kachelski married Katherine Karkow of Manchester, Iowa, on November 12, 2022, in Galena, Illinois. **Adam J. Kachelski '07** was his best man. The newlyweds live in Bettendorf, Iowa.

2013

Marina K. Kinney Alexander is a program operations manager at Adam's Camp Colorado.

Amanda K. Kelm graduated from Augusta University (Medical College of Georgia) with a master's degree of physician assistant. Amanda plans to work as a physician assistant in the field of orthopedics and sports medicine in the Atlanta area.

Natalie A. Meicher is a CPA at CFGI in Minneapolis. CFGI is a unique and highly specialized financial consulting firm that is strategically positioned to help companies through a range of routine and complex business scenarios.



Alex Witz '11 was married in Dallas, Texas, in January. Alex and his wife Christine live in Madison where Alex is attending UW Law School. Brothers Lee '16 and Ryan '20 were groomsmen



In June, 15 students and 14 staff members participated in Edgewood's Environmental Field Course at St. Croix State Park in Minnesota. The course had not run for three summers due to COVID, so it was great to be back! The students did a fantastic job of immersing themselves into learning from the staff about all of the nature. They also learned how to live as a small community in the woods (without electronics) and some have said they look forward to coming back and taking the advanced course next summer!

Scan code to see full EHS Reunion Calendar



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If your class year ends in a "4" or "9," your reunion year is coming up! Time to start your planning!



Class of 1993 Reunion



Class of 1960 Reunion



EHS COMMUNITY COMING TOGETHER to MAKE a DIFFERENCE

by Monica M. Johnson, Development Director

Have you heard the song, “Go Make a Difference”? It’s one of my favorite church hymns. I love how everyone claps along to the uplifting beat but mostly I love the message: “Go make a difference, we can make a difference, go make a difference in the world.”

This epitomizes our 2022-23 fiscal year. The Edgewood community came together to help us surpass our \$1.3 million fundraising goal and make an immediate difference in our Edgewood High School world. Gifts to Edgewood not only advance our mission but they also enhance the Edgewood experience, provide tuition assistance to our students, and attract and retain exemplary faculty and staff. Thank you for partnering with us to provide the most meaningful, values-based high school experience!

Spring Fling, held on April 15 in Alumni Hall, was hugely successful. With the help of an extremely generous anonymous match, we raised over \$330,000 for the Mazzuchelli Fund (financial aid) and over \$382,000 overall! Thanks to many amazing volunteers, Alumni Hall was transformed into a gold and white candle-lit spring garden with gorgeous blooms by Opal Market Flowers and coordinated programs and banner by Gordon Flesch Company.



Guests bid on numerous silent and live action items while enjoying delectable bites by Blue Plate, beverages from Wisconsin Distributors and Furthermore Wines, and bite sized confections by Craig’s Cake Shop. After an inspiring program featuring EHS students led by Mike “Jocko” Jacques, guests enjoyed music performed by our very own alumni music ensemble, The Steve and Mark Band! Thanks to our generous sponsors, donors and volunteers who truly opened the doors to the Edgewood opportunity. You are the key to our success!

Watch for our updated Support Brochure

Learn why we fundraise and how you can make a difference! The brochure will be available at Orientation day on August 14 and at www.edgewoodhs.org/support

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Looking ahead

- September 20 Edgewood in the Community
- September 30 - Crusader Kickoff
- November 8, 2023 - 3rd Annual Giving Day
- April 13, 2024 - Spring Fling



Crusader Athletics Academic Award Recognition

NOTE: not all sports have an academic award given by their association.

Wisconsin Hockey Coaches Association (WHCA) Academic State Champion

Boys Hockey Team GPA 3.788

Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) Boys Basketball Academic All-State Team

Jasper Allaman, Henry Apter, Oliver Boehme, Al Deang, Hunter Dobrinsky, Mark Haering, Ben Hanson, Mateo Jimenez, Paul Kraske, Rex Lamb, Mark Miller, Donovan Nedelcoff, Jason Thompson

Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) Girls Basketball Academic All-State Team

Madison Foley, Zhana Gnewuch, Lexi Koch, Lilly Moschkau, Grace Nwankwo, Erin Schauer, Maren Schmotzer, Addie Schmotzer, Mya Tomlinson, McKenna Vandivier

Golf Coaches Association of Wisconsin (GCAW) - Academic All-State

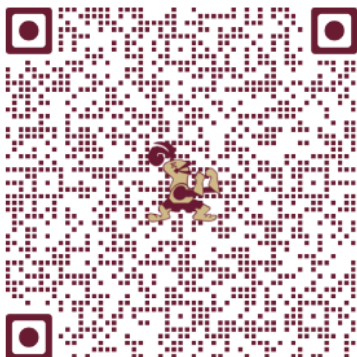
Zeke Boos, Al Deang, Finn Jaeger, Alex Weiss

Wisconsin Soccer Coaches Association - First Team All-State Academic Team

Madison Foley

2023 United States Marine Corps/American Volleyball Coaches Association Team Academic Award

Girl's Volleyball



Scan this code to see all awards and recognitions for 2022-23 Winter and Spring Crusader Athletics seasons

In remembrance of former EHS teachers and staff who have died



Fr. Thomas Doheny, former EHS instructor, passed away March 1. Fr. Doheny taught Religion and did religious counseling at EHS in 1960-61.

Sister Mary Catherine (Mary Cronan) Perkins, O.P., died April 16, in the 69th year of her profession. Sr. Mary

Catherine taught French and Spanish at EHS from 1964 to 1983.



Lenny Hoffman, former custodian and athletics concession volunteer, passed away March 6. Lenny worked part-time on the custodial staff from July 2004 to April 2011. He had also been the main volunteer for athletics concessions. Lenny's five children all attended EHS from 2001 to 2010.

Joan M. Farrell Statz '51 died March 9. She taught typing and business at EHS in 1960s. Joan was one of just a few who attended Edgewood Campus School K-8, EHS and Edgewood College.



Sr. Rosa Raytheon, O.P., died April 21.

Sr. Rosa taught math and music at EHS in 1970-87. Pictured at left, Sr. Rosa sat down to play a piano at the PAC opening in 2019.



Mary Day, Learning Resources Teacher in 2019-20, passed away on May 7. Mary was part of our EHS community for a short time, but her passion for teaching our students, her love of math, and her ability to spread joy and laughter will not be forgotten by those whose lives she touched.

Caryl Bremer, EHS volunteer database coordinator for nearly 60 years and honorary EHS alumna, passed away on June 13. See the Winter 2023 issue of *Crusader Connection* for an appreciation article about Caryl by EHS Ambassador Dennis McKinley '63.



CRUSADER CONNECTION



in MEMORIAM

Names of deceased alumni below represent deaths we were informed of by our publication date.

Class	Name	Date of Death	Class	Name	Date of Death
1944	William R. Fahey	2/2/2023	1957	David W. Wirka	4/16/2023
1946	Janet R. Froh Borman	2/14/2023	1959	Margaret B. Stricker Hottman	1/31/2023
1948	Patricia A. Grady Held	12/7/2022	1960	Robert J. Faber	5/6/2023
1949	Norbert L. Haas	4/10/2023	1960	Mary Anne Waddell Murray	1/11/2023
1949	Jacquelyn M. Domini Manteufel	6/23/2023	1960	Thomas (Thos) E. Schreiber	3/7/2023
1950	Jean A. Stein Berendsen	10/17/2022	1961	Susan L. Brown Berger	12/7/2022
1950	Marjorie M. Schmitz Mussman	2/7/2023	1961	Mary C. Coyle Carlson	4/9/2023
1951	Dorothy (Tootie) Brockman Hellenbrand	7/7/2023	1964	Neil P. Hoernke	4/17/2023
1951	Joan M. Farrell Statz	3/9/2023	1965	Mary Beth Clapp Jensen	May 2016
1952	Robert J. Greiber	4/15/2023	1966	Patricia M. McGrath Pidlypchak	12/29/2022
1952	Jean M. Doyle Mielke	3/7/2023	1966	Timothy J. Reardon	6/7/2023
1952	Sr. Virginia (Ginny) C. Ripp, O.P.	4/18/2023	1966	John V. Sullivan, Jr.	5/1/2023
1953	Marilyn A. Schwarz Cefalu	2/1/2023	1967	Patricia A. Eagan Hoffmann	5/20/2023
1953	Gerald S. Donovan, D.D.S.	8/11/2020	1968	Marcene (Marcy) P. Alt Dennis	6/18/2023
1953	Shirley M. Jennings Fontana	2/19/2023	1968	Thomas L. Kunz	6/1/2023
1953	Donald E. Germain, Sr.	3/2/2023	1970	Rev. Michael (Mike) R. Kolb, S.J.	3/8/2023
1953	Martha J. Ryan Husom	7/16/2023	1971	Janet A. Armstrong	11/2/2021
1953	Beverly A. McGraw	4/19/2023	1971	Stephen T. Rodgers	6/17/2023
1953	Irene M. Gruendler Winkler	6/2/2023	1977	Kathryn (Kiki) M. Armstrong	11/2/2021
1955	John (Jack) R. Dunn	2/4/2023	1979	Robin L. Riley Snowden	2/7/2023
1955	Joan E. Brockman Martinelli	2/28/2023	1982	Thomas (Tommi) M. Powell	5/23/2023
1955	DeAnn McCormick Moore	5/8/2023	1986	Mary Anne Cranley Higgins	6/10/2023
1955	Margaret R. Corcoran Stefan	1/24/2023	1986	Christopher T. Smith, M.D.	8/12/2022
1956	Craig L. Gundermann	3/5/2023	1996	Frederick (Fritz) S. Schick	4/23/2023
1957	Gervase (Gerry) H. Kruschek	2/25/2023	1997	Elizabeth A. Rettig	5/2/2023
1957	Mary A. Duerst Kruschek	4/5/2023	2003	Erik V. Warshauer	6/30/2023
			2004	David R. Archie	4/29/2023

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- Full name of deceased (including maiden name if applicable)
- Graduation year
- Date of death
- Copy or link to obituary



EHS ARTWORK

Addie Schmotzer
12 Drawing Joey
Kirschbaum
Grade 11
Clay

Sylvia Thompson
Grade 10
Sculpture



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