

WHERE TO NEXT?

Going Beyond 2020

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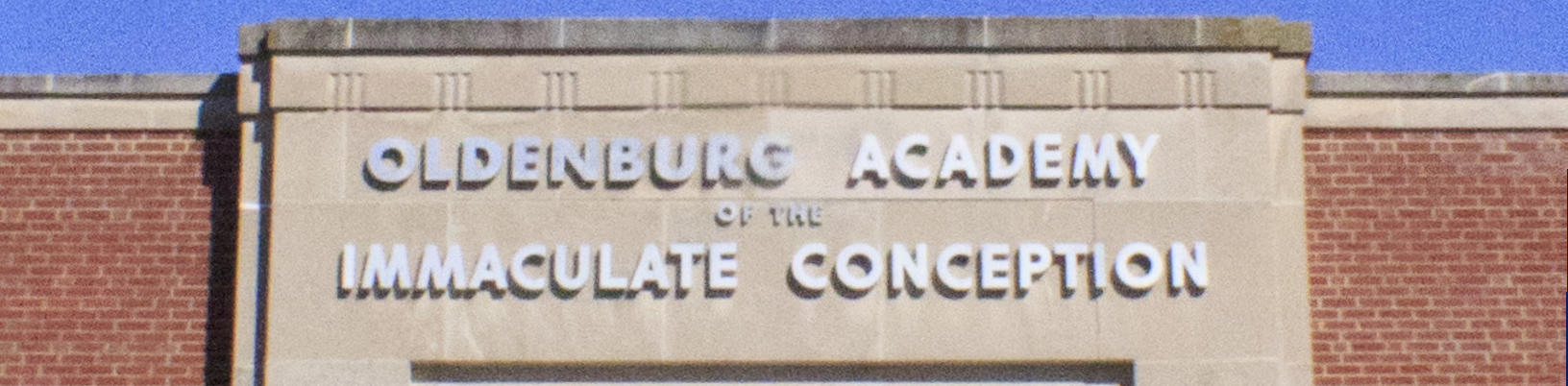
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FROM THE PRESIDENT



I'm writing this note on the third Sunday in Lent. By the time you read this, I trust you will be rejoicing in Easter blessings. When Lent began, like many of you, I asked myself what's left to give up? Hasn't this year asked enough of us already?

The Administrative Team gathered recently to prepare for a series of parent meetings and spent time reflecting upon the successes and the challenges of this past year. Despite the long and worrisome list of concerns including an increase in student anxiety, apathy and even depression; the inability to really be together as a school community for prayer, enrichment, performing arts and indoor games; and concerns about the growing financial needs of many of our families, to our surprise, there was an equally long and heartwarming list of reasons to feel blessed and hopeful.

We have been on campus, safely, every calendared school day all year. We have filled our amazing new Feldhaus not with cheering fans, but with lunch time camaradiere (cheers for Take Out Tuesdays and free lunch for all!), large group meetings and presentations, (welcome Archbishop Thompson and Ball State Community Development Program) and even welcomed students from our tributary elementary schools. Our students have continued to receive local, regional and even national recognition for their skilled performance and focused perseverance.

We found a way to gather virtually for our annual Dinner Auction and demonstrate so clearly, the support and partnership of our friends, family and the local business community. Generous funding from local foundations and organizations have enabled us to hire a part time nurse (William and Martha Hillenbrand Foundation), facilitate the holiday spirit with "Light Up Oldenburg" (Town of Oldenburg), open a student run sustainably designed coffee house (Vision Grant), and serve homemade ice cream on one of the first warm spring days (Batesville Area Arts Council). Turns out we have a great deal to be grateful for and celebrate.

Last summer we determined that our new tagline moving forward should be "Go Beyond". We had no idea the depths and potential that phrase would provide in the months that followed. This issue is dedicated to the spirit, vision, and power of how the Oldenburg Academy family has "gone beyond" despite the obstacles and challenges of a global pandemic. Thank you for helping us continue our sacred mission. Pray with and for us as we all move forward to reclaim a future where hugs and smiles will once again be visible and common, where we can join hands and hearts as we celebrate Eucharist altogether, and we are finally able to sing, dance, play and celebrate the transformative gift of the risen Jesus who lives and serves among us.

Wishing you peace and all good.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Diane Laake". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Diane H. Laake
President

*"Come back to me with all your heart,
Don't let fear keep us apart...
Long have I waited for your coming home to me
And living deeply our new life."*

From Hosea by John Michael Talbot

OLDENBURG ACADEMY WELCOMES THESE PARTNERS AS THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF OUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Logan Ricke '10 - "I've been blessed by my time at OA. I met my wife Rebecca during my sophomore year, made friends I still consider close and appreciate being able to share memories and nostalgia with cousins and siblings who've also attended OA.

As my wife and I start our family, we hope to send our kids to the same high school we attended to share in the nostalgia and memories but also know the education and experience they receive will be exceptional. OA is an organization I wish to someday be involved in because of the effect it's had on my life.

My educational and professional experience has mainly been around agriculture and/or banking. I see potential for partnerships in developing a program for students to explore agriculture as well as ensuring students are sound in personal finance before their graduation.

Graduating in 2010, I've noticed many of my classmates are now parents of their own. Exploring ways to engage with young alumni will be important in the coming years as alumni like myself choose where their kids attend school."



Sherri Kirschner - "Catholic school values have been instilled in me my entire educational life from first grade through graduate school. It has extended throughout my professional career as I have only taught in or been an administrator in Catholic schools.

My Twister pride is deeply rooted. My connection with Oldenburg started with my mother-in-law of 32 years, who graduated from ICA in 1956. Two of my three sons also graduated from Oldenburg Academy, Alex in 2012 and Max in 2020. While my children were at OA, I was on the OASIS Board most of those eight years, served on the OA Golf outing committee, worked and helped with various fundraisers, and was the boys' soccer team mom for seven of the eight years my boys played. Additionally, for a brief time, I worked in the Admission and marketing office under Sr. Therese Gillman when I also taught speech and drama at Oldenburg.

Oldenburg Academy is truly a hidden gem in Catholic schools. Its campus atmosphere is like no other. If anyone ever asks me, 'Is it worth it to pay tuition for a high school?' I immediately respond, 'It is 100% worth it. The value of what each child receives above and beyond what is learned in a classroom is priceless!'"



Jeremy Borgman is the President of BWF Envirotec, USA, located in Hebron, KY. He is the father of OA students Blake '21 and Ashley '23 and St. John's Harrison, students Cole and Jason.

"I believe that a faith based education is a great foundation to provide for my children. Being a member of the OA board, provides me the ability to help ensure that families in this region have the same opportunity to provide their children with this quality, faith based education experience."



For Catholic Schools Week we honored the members of OA who have been here for 5-25 years.

Debbie Lamping '73 (25)

Jonathon Maple '07 (10)

Charlene Weberding (25)

Helen Yane '95 (5)

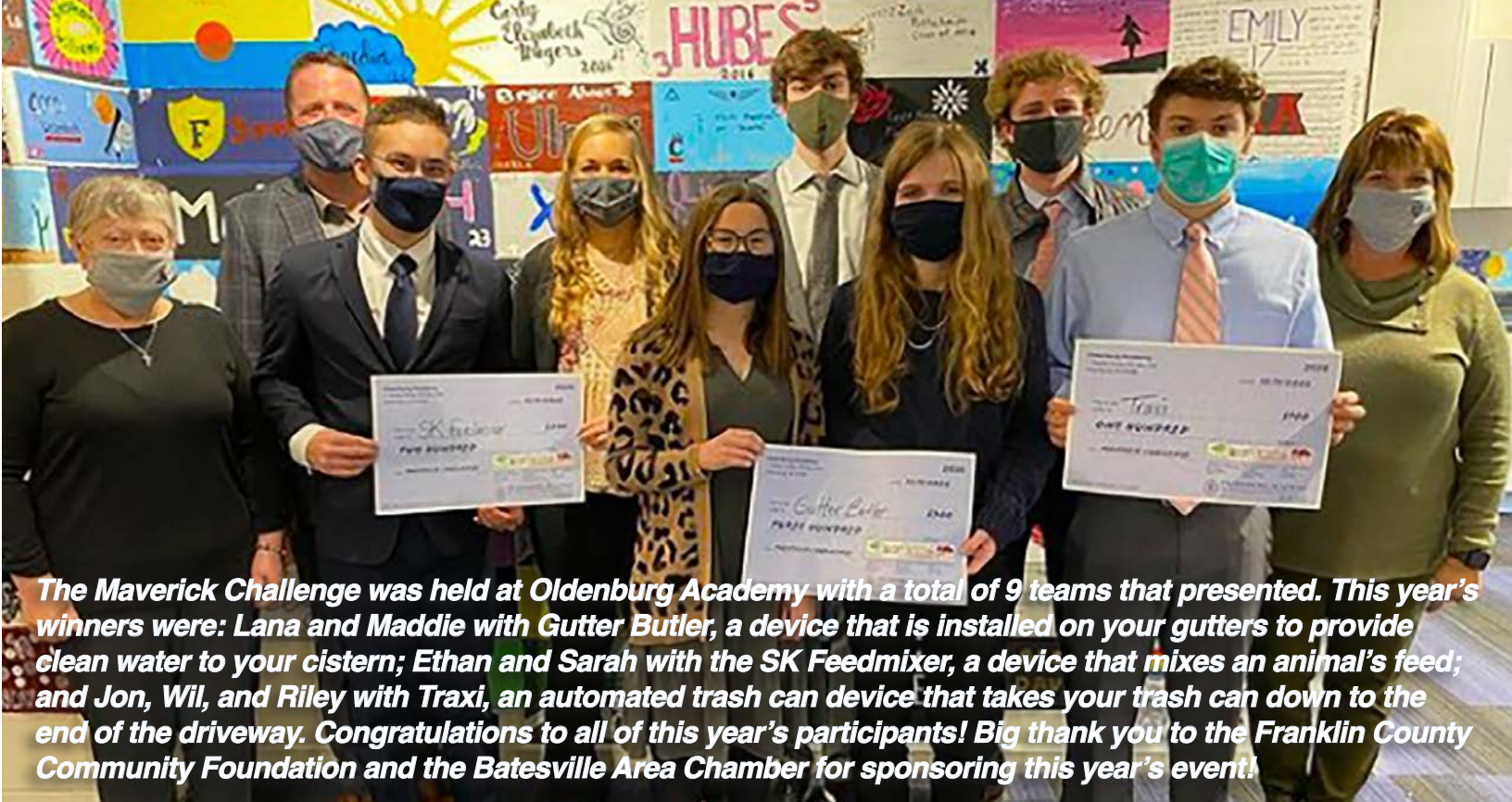
Kris Wampler (over 25 years in Catholic education)

Tori Holtel '11 (5)

Sr. Anji Fan (5)

Mary Gehring (5 - not pictured)

Theresa Murphy (over 25 years in Catholic education - not pictured)



The Maverick Challenge was held at Oldenburg Academy with a total of 9 teams that presented. This year's winners were: Lana and Maddie with Gutter Butler, a device that is installed on your gutters to provide clean water to your cistern; Ethan and Sarah with the SK Feedmixer, a device that mixes an animal's feed; and Jon, Wil, and Riley with Traxi, an automated trash can device that takes your trash can down to the end of the driveway. Congratulations to all of this year's participants! Big thank you to the Franklin County Community Foundation and the Batesville Area Chamber for sponsoring this year's event!



Lana Lischkge '21 & Maddie Hoog '21 went on to win the Judges Choice Award for Innovation at the Regional Maverick Challenge.

CONGRATULATIONS ACADEMIC ALL STATE

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| CHRIS HAUTMAN | SOCCER |
| JOSH NEWMAN | SOCCER |
| LOGAN SYDZYK | SOCCER |
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| OLIVIA GEERS | SOCCER |
| ABBY HAVERKOS | SOCCER/BASKETBALL |
| MADLINE HOOG | SOCCER |
| LANA LISCHKGE | SOCCER |
| PAM MENESES | SOCCER |
| LEILA SAVAGE | SOCCER |
| KATE WALKE | SOCCER |
| EMMA WEBERDING | SOCCER |
| RILEY SCHEBLER | TENNIS |
| PATRICK THOMPSON | TENNIS |
| JACOB SHEETS | TENNIS |
| ANNALIESE NOBBE | BASKETBALL/VOLLEYBALL |
| JESSE REES | VOLLEYBALL |

**ANDREW OESTERLING WAS NAMED
SEI LOCAL WINTER ATHLETE OF THE YEAR &
ORVC/INDEPENDENT SENIOR WINTER ATHLETE**



CAMPUS REFLECTIONS

COVID-19 ONE YEAR LATER

The OA community has spent some time reflecting on what has been missed, what has been learned, and what going back to "normal" looks like for each of us.

MARSHALL KELLENBURGER, TEACHER



I miss the events that brought us together like a school community. We've had Mass and sporting events which I'm thankful for but it was nice to have assemblies and pep rallies and all campus Mass in the chapel. We especially missed the student section and the cheerleaders and the team bus rides to away games. I've learned to appreciate the moments that do allow us to get to know the students outside of the classroom like chatting before and

after class and when I see students I've had in the past in the hallways. This will be something I will continue to do when things return to normal because it's made for great class and team dynamics.

we're still able to laugh together and have fun.

I started calling my friends a lot more once COVID started, and I think I'm going to try my hardest to keep it up even when life goes back to normal because some of us don't have a lot of chances to see each other anymore, and the calls we all have make up for it.

ERIN BACK '23



During COVID when we were all online (last year), the thing I missed the most was getting to wake up and see everybody's tired and "fresh out of bed" faces. It was funny when Mr. Feller would always say who he thought didn't sleep at all. I also really appreciated Mr. Feller's videos that he made to give us notes and the song he played before we started notes. The main thing I missed were my art classes. Art is my favorite and that is the field I plan to head into in

my future. Mrs. Murphy always encourages me to do my best and be creative. My skills have improved so much since I met her and I look forward to her class whenever I get the pleasure to go. I get excited when she really likes a piece that I am super proud of and when I get a good grade on a project that I spent hours on.

I have learned to appreciate myself more and having myself as my own company because I have learned that people can't always be there for you.

I have started to have more alone time. It is very calming and it helps me to relax. I have also started to read a lot more because you can only watch so much Netflix before you are bored of staring at a screen.

ERIN POTTSCHMIDT '23



The thing I miss most about going to school during COVID is just being able to be around my friends and not have to worry about something spreading, and I also miss the normalcy of going to classes and not needing to stop 2-3 minutes early every day to wipe our desks off.

...I've learned how to appreciate the good times I can still have with my friends even though we've all been going through stressful times and the circumstances are different because

CAMPUS REFLECTIONS

BRIAN A. MCFEE, OA PRINCIPAL



As I reflect on what is coming up on one year since the COVID pandemic really began affecting me, my family and surrounding community I do so with awe and wonder.

The pandemic has really allowed me to focus on what matters, my relationship with God, my family and how important it is to remain optimistic and joyful.

As a husband, father and principal I felt the weight of the world as I

worked with so many great people to navigate this constant and ever changing opponent of COVID. Relying on a great team of family, friends and co workers really gave me a sense of pride and satisfaction. But the greatest sense of calm and direction was when I would enter into prayer with God, rely on Him to nudge me and guide me and not on my emotions and stress. God's ever present hand on my shoulder provided me with the strength and focus to allow my best ability, availability, to constantly be at the ready.

Much like many of you I'm sure, my family began to take daily walks just to get out of the house, my son and I would go out to throw the baseball around (which I can't tell you the last time we did that) and rather than going out for dinner we each took a day to prepare a meal for the family, some of my boys still need some practice in this area - who has ever eaten a spaghetti burrito??? These times together and memories will be one that will last a lifetime for me and will always bring a smile to my face.

The last lesson I have taken and continue to take away from all of this is not what it "took" from me but what it "gave" me. I witnessed people coming together to support one another, find creative solutions to what at times seemed to be an insurmountable problem, socially distant bonfires, game nights, the utilization of technology to stay connected and allow the family to come back into focus.

COVID has no doubt proven to be a trying time but the takeaways of this pandemic, the resiliency and willingness of so many to preserve have proven once again that when we work together as a family, as a community and allow ourselves to be directed by God, we can and will overcome any challenge that is placed before us.

Pax.

S. DELOUISE MENGES, OSF '67



Covid has certainly brought some limitations that I wouldn't have chosen. I have greatly missed the opportunity to be with people in a closer, in-person way. So many direct contacts with family and friends have been sidelined to Zoom sessions, emails, and telephone conversations. Yet the deprivations have opened new, creative doors to staying in touch. I've found that meetings need not take up hours of travel time, since we can meet

on our computer screens and still have much-needed conversations. My family and friends have actually made more effort to stay in touch, just to be sure everyone is in good health and safe. I've appreciated even more the safety of being in nature, and I plan on spending more time enjoying the beauty of the natural world on a regular basis, especially as spring arrives.

EMMA BACK '22



What I miss most about going to school during COVID is having the social learning aspect in the classroom. Group projects aren't necessarily a thing anymore because we can't be right next to each other. I miss being able to collaborate with my classmates and get new ideas from one another. Not having this socialization in the classroom has been a new experience for me for always being in a smaller school.

I appreciate the chances I have to spend time with friends and family in a new way. For so long, we were all quarantined and didn't really have the chance to see anyone. Getting to see my friends everyday at school and getting to see my family occasionally on the weekend has been a special time to look forward to.

One thing I've stopped doing that I hope to continue is using my phone. I've stopped picking up my phone every five seconds that I have free time. This has allowed me to do more activities with my siblings and spend more free time outdoors.



OA Faculty and Staff gave it their best shot and volunteered at Margaret Mary Health Vaccination Clinic during Spring Break!



INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION IN THE SOPHOMORE CLASS

It started as one of "those ideas." In the Humanities Professional Learning Community, Jonathon Maple asked what topic the group could cover as a cross-curricular unit during the third quarter. Charlene Weberding, World History teacher, announced that she would be covering the Industrial Revolution, and the ideas came from there.

Students first learned about the Industrial Revolution as a historical era in **World History**. Students then created a commercial, an advertisement on an invention, or a resume of an inventor.

In **Advanced Fine Arts**, students learned what new instruments were invented during this time period. After spring break, students will make their own new instrument -- with a prize for the best instrument.

Spanish 2 students learned about Submarino Peral, the first electric submarine created and used by the Spanish Navy. After spring break, students will have a Zoom meeting with a historian from Spain while learning invention vocabulary and preterite.

In **Church History**, students did research on ethical and moral

dilemma from the time period including dignity of work, child labor, just wages, and working/living conditions.

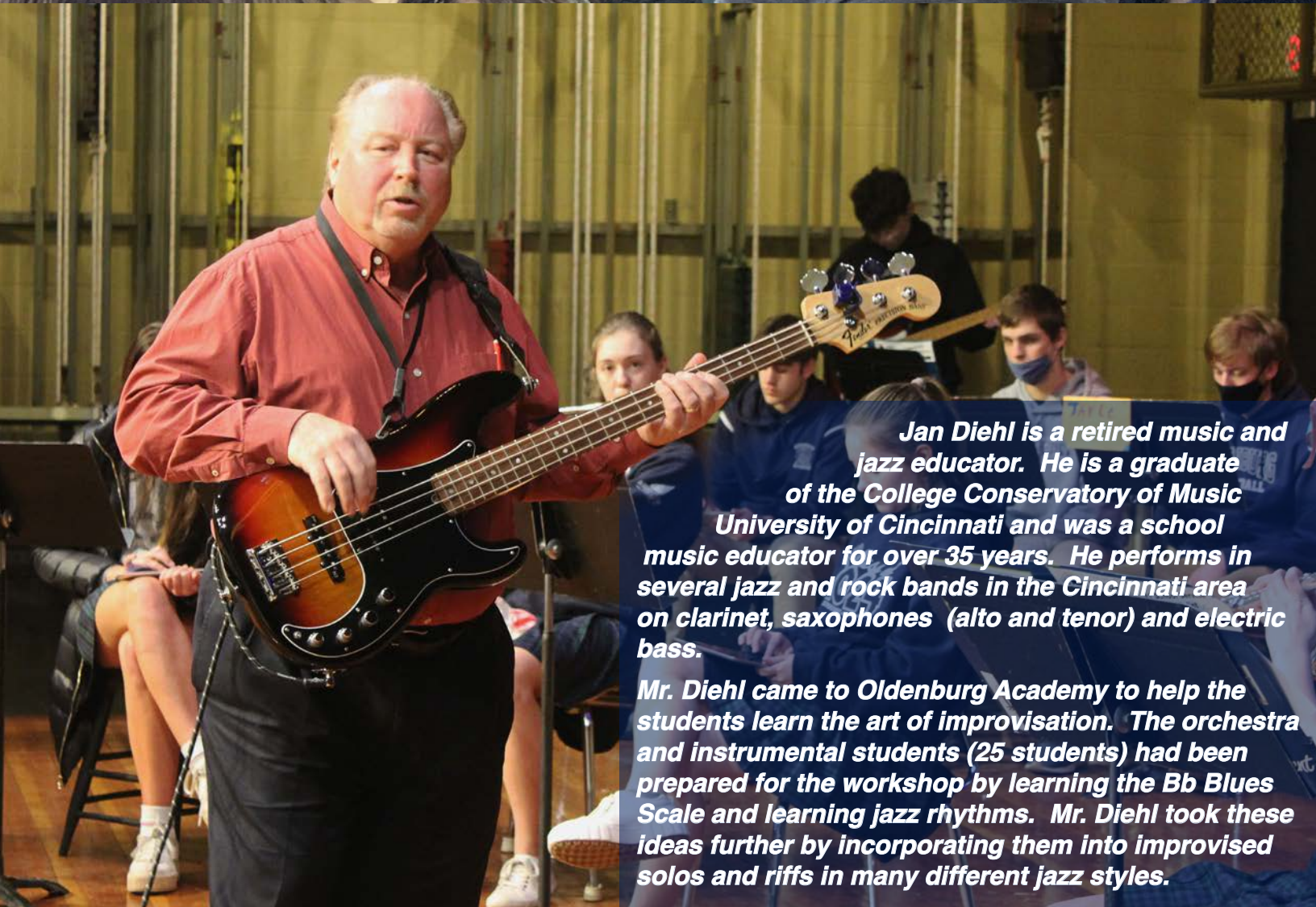
Students learned that artists had to respond to the new uniformity of creations that came about from the Industrial Revolution. **Artists** wanted work to have a more handcrafted look and so students in art class created impressed tile reliefs.

In **English** class, students thought about something that they were passionate about, and then researched how technology, invention, or innovation had changed the conversation about their topic. Students wrote on things such as women's rights, rollercoasters, family life, racism, and mental health. They also finished the quarter by writing an ode to their favorite invention, where they praised anything from toothpaste to hand sanitizer, to their beds and pillows.

Thanks to the Batesville Area Arts Council (BAAC), students were able to link chemistry, art, and the Industrial Revolution together with a presentation called "Ion Jones" from the Kentucky Science Center. Students also learned how a steam engine was converted to an ice cream maker by Shrank Farms, our neighbors up the road. Of course, students were also able to sample some ice cream on an early spring day.



OA biology students experienced a once in the lifetime webinar with Dr. Jane Goodall, the world's expert primatologist/leading scientist in the study of chimpanzees. She discussed her life and studies in Africa, as well as the impact we have on our environment.



Jan Diehl is a retired music and jazz educator. He is a graduate of the College Conservatory of Music University of Cincinnati and was a school music educator for over 35 years. He performs in several jazz and rock bands in the Cincinnati area on clarinet, saxophones (alto and tenor) and electric bass.

Mr. Diehl came to Oldenburg Academy to help the students learn the art of improvisation. The orchestra and instrumental students (25 students) had been prepared for the workshop by learning the Bb Blues Scale and learning jazz rhythms. Mr. Diehl took these ideas further by incorporating them into improvised solos and riffs in many different jazz styles.



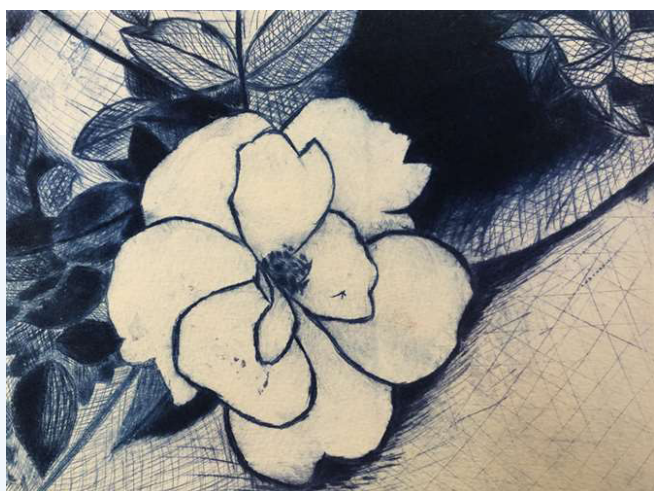
Every senior at OA participates in a semester-long internship / capstone project. This year, due to COVID-19, many students took part in a capstone project. This year, one of the capstone projects was for an outdoor classroom space - Christopher Hautman '21 and Jason Strohmeier '21 are both seniors studying engineering in college and designed the outdoor space for future learning. Ray Ronnebaum built the pergola using the engineered designs. Special thanks goes to Ripley County Community Foundation for the Large Grant to construct this new outdoor learning space.

OA ARTISTS CONTINUE TO GO BEYOND

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of OA Art teacher, Theresa Murphy, the OA Art Department has refined its course selection to return to a successful, fundamental art curriculum. There are 14 art classes offered with opportunities for 2 AP classes, covering the core subjects of Drawing and Painting with opportunities to expand those skills in Visual Communications, Photography, and (for seniors) the potential for an art focused Capstone Project. In recent years, she has worked with the Sisters' to bring back ceramics and expanded the program. Students have the chance to work with some of the same

resources, and walk the same long basement halls many of our ICA alumni and Sisters will remember. Thanks to a generous grant, the Printmaking class has really taken off and is quickly growing into a favorite among students. They are excited about leveling up their drawings, and a print swap at the end of the semester. Recently, art students have had the chance to work with a lot of local organizations including Batesville Beautification League, Amack's Well, and All Saints Parish. Since Mrs. Murphy's start the Art Department has been receiving many awards and accolades and are consistently GOING BEYOND.

Congrats on a great show at Amack's Well to the following students: Carson Wolber, Renee Bauer, Hannah Fulton, Madelyn Henry, Kenlee Martin, Taryn Rodgers, Ashley Borgman, Martha Hillenbrand, Anna Hudepohl, Ava Hornbach, Anna Wanstrath, and Lilly Blair.



Hannah Haverkos



Marissa Eckstein

OLDENBURG ACADEMY ART STUDENTS RECEIVE REGIONAL RECOGNITION IN SCHOLASTIC ART AND WRITING AWARDS.

The annual Scholastic Art & Writing Awards are the nation's most prestigious recognition initiative for creative students in grades 7-12 and the largest source of scholarships for young artists and writers in the nation.

The Art Academy of Cincinnati (AAC) is proud to administer the Regional Scholastic Art & Writing Awards of Southwest Ohio, Northern Kentucky, and Southeast Indiana on our urban campus in historic Over-the-Rhine.

Gold Key, Silver Key, and Honorable Mention recognition are juried regionally. Regional Gold Key recipients go on to compete for national medals in an Exhibit that culminates with the National Awards Ceremony at Carnegie Hall in New York, NY.

NINE STUDENTS RECEIVED 14 AWARDS

Kayla Cleary, Silver Key

Renee Bauer, Honorable Mention

Marissa Eckstein, Honorable Mention and Gold Key

Hannah Haverkos, Gold Key

Madelyn Henry, Honorable Mention

Ava Hornbach, 2 Honorable Mentions

Taryn Rodgers, 2 Honorable Mentions and Silver Key

Jalyn Stenger, 2 Silver Keys

Anna Wanstrath, Honorable Mention



JUNIOR ART STUDENT EARNS OVERTURE RECOGNITION



Congratulations to junior art student, Kayla Cleary '22, who was recently named as a Semi-Finalist in the Visual Art category of the 2021 Overture Awards Competition sponsored by the Cincinnati Art Association.

The Overture Awards is a program that recognizes and rewards excellence in the arts among Greater Cincinnati students in grades 9-12. Its mission is to encourage arts education as an integral part of a student's academic experience and to create an environment that encourages training in, and appreciation of, the arts. The Overture Awards Competition is the area's largest solo arts competition and offers awards in six artistic disciplines: creative writing, dance, instrumental music, theatre, visual art, and vocal music.





RENEE BAUER '22 OF SUNMAN, INDIANA, HAS JOINED THE INAUGURAL CLASS OF FEMALE EAGLE SCOUTS FOR SCOUTS, BSA. SHE IS THE FIRST FEMALE EAGLE IN THE COUNCIL, EARNING HER EAGLE WHEN SHE COMPLETED HER EAGLE BOARD OF REVIEW ON JANUARY 13, 2021.

Here is a portion of the Press Release they sent on her behalf:

While the announcement of her award is covered as usual in our Eagle View column, the uniqueness of Renee's journey and the lessons we can learn from it bear a more detailed review here. Renee was in the Girl Scouts in Sunman, and her younger brother Aaron was a Scout in a BSA troop there. In the spring of 2019, their mother drove Aaron to a Citizenship in the Nation Merit Badge Training activity being held in the Cincinnati Museum Center, and Renee joined him for the experience. There they encountered Ron Bacu, who is the Scoutmaster of Troop 1974, Ft. Hamilton's first female Scouts BSA Troop, and they began discussing the expansion of the BSA to include female Scouts. When she expressed interest but said there were no female Scouts BSA troops where she lived, Ron invited her to join Troop 1974. To be with her, Aaron transferred to the brother Troop 974.

For the next 20 months the two of them traveled 50 miles each way back and forth between Sunman and West Chester every Thursday evening for troop meetings and activities.

She said that she did not actually have any intention of becoming an Eagle Scout when she first joined because she did not think there was enough time to complete the needed tasks. However, as she started taking merit badge courses, she learned all the ways merit badge counselors offered courses and then realized that with an accelerated commitment in the summer of 2019, plus an extension of 3 months (offered to all youth who joined Scouts BSA in 2019 and had never before registered in any Scout program before then), that it was very possible that she could become an Eagle Scout.

She started attending as many Super Saturdays and Summer Camps as she could. She attended almost all the monthly camp outs with her troop, earning two camping nights almost every month. She earned many of her required merit badges within one year. She earned many non-Eagle required badges by taking online merit badge courses offered due to Covid-19. In all, she earned 51 merit badges. In the

summer of 2020, she went to Sea Base High Adventure in Florida, living for 7 days on a 40-foot sailboat, which she says was a ton of fun. Renee achieved her Eagle by starting as a Tenderfoot and progressing through all the ranks in less than two years, a feat not many males achieve.

When asked about her time in Scouts BSA in a new world of female Scouts BSA Members, Renee said:

“I am grateful BSA opened up Scouting to girls. I know some boys were not in agreement because they wanted the BSA to be their club, and I understand that, but I’m grateful to BSA for allowing me this opportunity. It is a wonderful program and full of educational value with a hands-on approach.”

Renee completed her Eagle Project at the St. Joseph American Legion, Post 464, in Brookville, Indiana. She identified a lack of on-road signage for this Post in her community, and she used this inspiration to form a proposal. Once approved by the American Legion Board, she then sourced materials, added lighting, and obtained an engraved rock honoring all those who have served. She also spruced up the Post’s front entrance by adding greenery and rocks to showcase the sign. The project was dedicated with members of the American Legion and Renee on September 11, 2020.

In addition to her earning her BSA Eagle, she had already earned the Girl Scouts Gold Award during her time with her Girl Scout Troop. The Gold Award is the highest award offered by the Girl Scouts just as the Eagle is the highest award in the BSA. The Girl Scouts say this about recipients of their Gold Award:

“Gold Award Girl Scouts are the dreamers and the doers who take ‘make the world a better place’ to the next level. The Girl Scout Gold Award is the mark of the truly remarkable—proof that not only can she make a difference, but that she already has.”

We feel that way about Renee, too.

Renee is now looking forward to college considering a major in Computer Science, but she plans also to assist as an adult leader to Troop 1974. We congratulate Renee on her outstanding achievements and the example she has set for others to follow and learn from.

*Chrissy Lear
Press Chair, Troops 974 & 1974*

CONGRATULATIONS RENEE FOR "GOING BEYOND" THE STATUS QUO!



CLASSES TEAM UP TO BRING A MORE SUSTAINABLE SOLUTION TO OA

Thanks to an investment from the Joan and John W. Hillenbrand VISION Fund for Innovation OA will benefit not just this year, but for years into the future.

The Class Plan:

To secure the future health of our planet and the survival of humanity, living more sustainably is a necessary goal—not just globally, but individually. The world we live in, however, allows for unfettered consumption with minimal reflection on where our trash ends up. Students need to be educated on the impacts of their consumption and to be encouraged to make purchasing choices that lessen the negative consequences on the environment. Falling in line with one of our core Franciscan values of Care of Creation.

To this end, our Ms. Helen Yane's '95 English students will design and teach a curriculum educating the school on the effect of their consumption. Once this curriculum is implemented, our school community will be encouraged to refrain from purchasing items that contribute to the degradation of our environment and, instead, direct their purchases to ones that are sustainable. Her Environmental Science students will research sustainable methods that we can use here on our campus—from ridding our school of single-use plastics to purchasing fair trade products, from increasing opportunities for reuse to designing and manufacturing our own low-impact products. It is our intention that this project be cross-curricular, expanding its reach in the future.

The project has launched this year with the design of the curriculum and the opening of a coffee shop, The Friendly Bean. As the project takes shape, sustainable

products will be added, and a store will be open next school year. Currently the coffee shop is selling mugs to encourage reuse instead of single use materials. There is a plan for profits to be reinvested in additional projects which will both reduce our waste and improve the sustainability of our cafeteria, our operations, and our school.

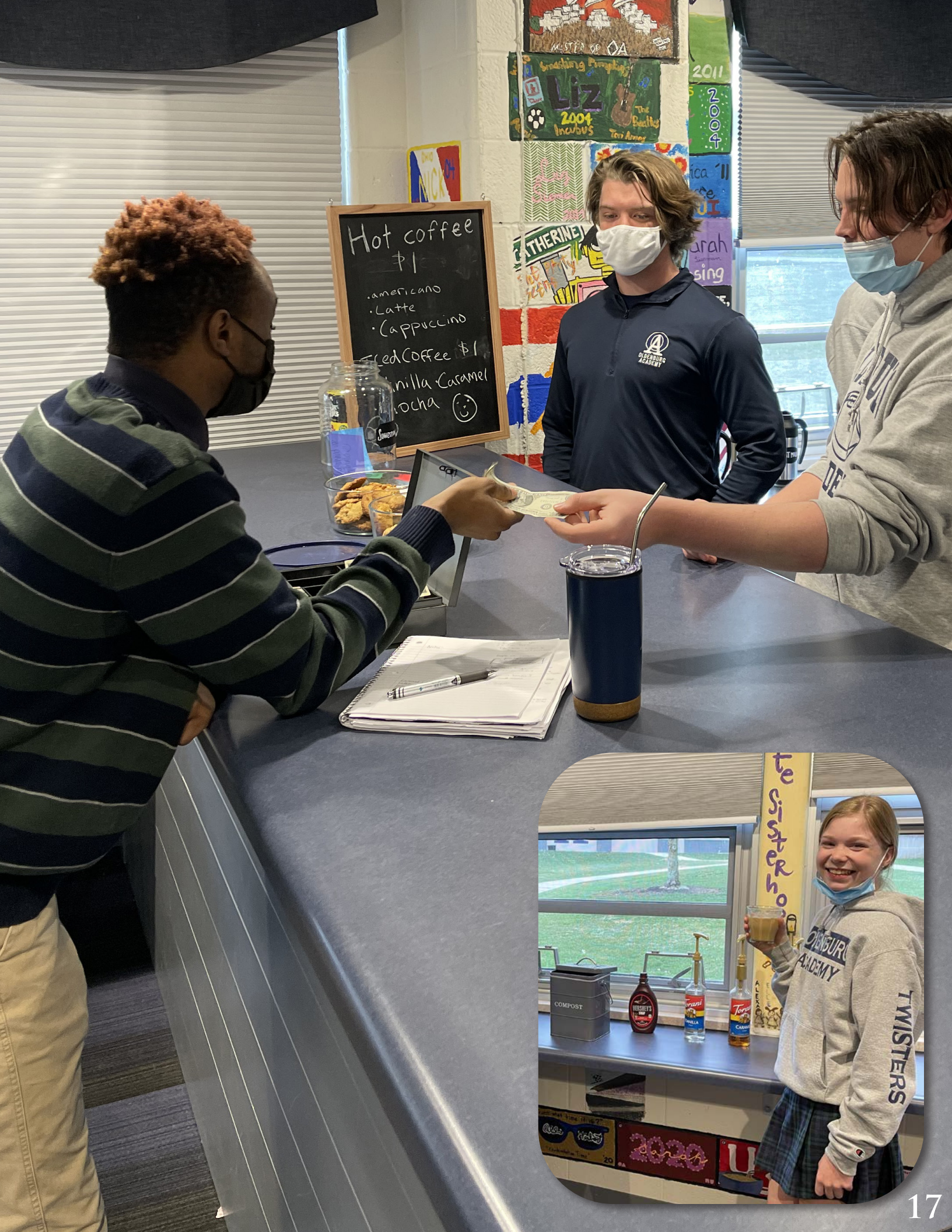


As the project takes shape, there will be many opportunities to increase student learning. English students have learned how to craft an engaging and persuasive presentation. They will also gain skills in elocution as they deliver the curriculum to small groups. AP Environmental Science students are gaining first-hand experience in implementing sustainable practices. Marketing students have developed a successful business plan and will work on a marketing plan to promote the coffee shop.

Art students will design a logo and advertising material. Engineering students, entrepreneurial-inclined individuals, and those with talents in design, crafts, and woodworking will all develop skills in creating sustainable products. Students are currently running the coffee shop, learning customer service and honing job skills.

It is well known around campus that Oldenburg Academy's Faculty and Staff are hugely supportive of this project and are excited to have some good coffee right on campus. The school will be able to continue funding the project in future years through profits from the coffee shop and store.

GOING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM FOR OUR PLANET.



Hot coffee \$1
• americano
• Latte
• Cappuccino
Iced Coffee \$1
Vanilla Caramel
Mocha 😊



CELEBRATE GOOD TIMES

Thank you to all who participated in our 32nd Annual Dinner Auction – our first Online Virtual Auction! It was a new experience for all, but we hope you were able to “Celebrate Good Times” with us from the comfort of your home.

We will net **over \$83,000** for the students of OA – a wonderful accomplishment during these crazy times. Thanks so much to our fantastic sponsors, our gift donors, raffle ticket buyers and all our bidders who made this online auction so successful.

THANKS AGAIN TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THIS EVENT!

Celebration and Gala level sponsors enjoy special virtual dinners catered by Izzys's (Batesville) & Pearl Street Catering (Oldenburg).



PREMIER RAFFLE WINNER

Stacey Miller (a regular at our event) who chose the Hilton Head Condo.

TOP "SELLING" PREMIER ITEM

Complete Indoor/Outdoor Theater Package purchased by OA parents **Trent and Carla Kemper Austin '93**

PREMIER ITEM WITH THE MOST BIDS

Coming in with 35 bids was the Buffalo Trace Private Tour, Tasting and Lunch finally won by Batesville Mayor and former OA parents **Mike Bettice** and wife **Lorie**

SILENT ITEM WITH THE MOST BIDS

the Pendleton Wool Indian Blanket that ended in a bidding war! Winning this item was alum **Helen Deppe**, class of 1968.

CASH RAFFLE WINNERS

- \$2,000 – **Ann Roth** from Batesville
- \$250 – **Batesville Food Pantry** (compliments of a buyer who put the Pantry name on the ticket)
- \$50 – **Annette Gillman '80** from Oldenburg



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Oldenburg Academy Alumni's Annual Easter Egg Hunt



OA art students painted Easter Egg designs
for Batesville Beautification League

Drive Thru and have the Easter Bunny
deliver goodies to your children

Saturday April 3, 2021
Starting at 10:00AM

200 bags available and we will go until they run out.
Drive Thru in OA's Twister Circle
Starting in front of Oldenburg Academy's Auditorium and going past the main school building.



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NEW LIFE FOR THE HEART CIRCLE

This past October, the Sisters, as part of their Prayers for the Feast of Saint Francis, gathered around the giant tree in the heart circle to say "farewell" and give thanks for the many blessings and joys that this faithful friend had brought over its 88 years. Sadly, the tree was dying and had to be removed. This tree was planted in 1932 in memory of Mother Theresa Hackelmeier and all the early Sisters who were originally buried in the area (hence, why it is called the "heart circle").

We shared some of this story as part of our prayer service together during that day and joined virtually in solidarity.

We are blessed with such a wonderful legacy!

Thanks to the generous Class of 2020 the ICA Heart Circle now has a tree again. We look forward to seeing the tree bloom for the first time this spring.



SONNET 1 by KATE WEBER '23

An enormous tree stood so proud and free.
Branches like arms reaching for the bright stars,
a magnificent sight for all to see.

Years of watching it grow so tall and far.

A sorrowful day to watch the limbs fall.

The loud chainsaw roared up a massive storm.

What once stood big and tall is now so small.

Where several birds and bees used to swarm,
the tree is the heart, now dead on the ground.

With no purpose or intention to grow,
the stubborn stump sits without its leaf crown.

The roots wait to decay way down below.

Perhaps in the future, a tree will sprout,
with leaves and branches growing its own route.

*Gift from
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CONTINUING A LEGACY

HOW TWO FAMILIES ARE HONORING LOVED ONES

When a beloved family member passes, there are many ways to grieve, remember, reflect and celebrate their extraordinary life. One of the many hardships of this past year has been the inability of friends and family to gather for most of these rituals and remembrances.



Despite these challenges, two Academy families identified powerful ways to recognize and memorialize the foundational beliefs of their parents by establishing Memorial Scholarships in their honor.

Both families are passionate about their support for Catholic education especially at Oldenburg Academy. They recognize the sacrifices that have been made over the many decades by countless families to offer their daughters and now sons this challenging and inspiring educational experience. They want to ensure that this opportunity remains accessible for years to come.

PAUL AND BARBARA ERNSTES FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

As long-time residents of Decatur County, it was a priority for Paul and Barbara to send their daughters (photos below in order) Paula '67, Marilyn '68, Nancy '69 and Kathleen '71 to the Academy. Their daughters wanted to enable other families, especially those who live in Decatur County, that same gift. The first multi-year scholarship for an incoming student will be awarded this spring.

MARGARET WEIGEL STRANGE '49 (photo left) SCHOLARSHIP FOR NURSING

While raising her 7 children including Academy graduates Mary '73, Kathy '74, Susan '80, Rita '83, and Julia '84, Marge was also a dedicated nurse. Her beloved husband John knew that her legacy lay in both and so established this scholarship to provide financial support for Academy graduates who will enter the health care profession.

These endowments will have an immediate and lasting impact on our students and we are very grateful.

For more information on how to establish your own family scholarship, please contact President Diane Laake.





2021 VIRTUAL 5K

to benefit the Holly Bruns Scholarship

Register by April 24, 2021

walk/run & submit your time
from 4/25/21 - 5/31/21



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June 25, 2021

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