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Rivet Class of 2025

THE LEGACY

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A Note From the CEF President

Family is the foundation of who we are. It's where we learn love, faith, and the traditions that shape our lives. Whether it's gathering around the dinner table, celebrating holidays, or simply showing up for one another, these moments become cherished memories that connect generations. Family teaches us the values of compassion, resilience, and belonging—lessons that stay with us for a lifetime.

At the Vincennes Catholic Schools, we are blessed to be part of an extended family rooted in faith and tradition. Our school community offers more than just education—it provides a nurturing environment where students grow academically, spiritually, and emotionally. We are grateful for the opportunity to offer a faith-filled, family-centered atmosphere where every child is known, loved, and supported. Together, we continue to build a legacy of learning, love, and lifelong connection.

The Christian Educational Foundation is deeply thankful for the generous contributions of its supporters. Your support—whether through financial gifts or volunteering your time—is truly appreciated and vital to our mission. Take a look in this issue of The Legacy for upcoming fundraisers and opportunities to get involved. All are welcome as we continue to strengthen and support Vincennes Catholic Schools for generations to come.

Tammy Catt
CEF President

COVER PHOTOS

2025 Rivet High School Graduates:
Drake Bellessa, Andrew Bilskie, Zachary Bottoms, Gabriel Dodd, Natalie Earley, Elexus Frey, Emma Gafner, Zachary Guerrero, Alyssa Hedge, Mary Herman, Walker Lane, Fisher Lemon, Gage Letts, Helena Miller, Harnoor Multani, Laney Oakes, Cassidy Risley, Emma Sharp, Jacqueline Steininger, Malachi Valledor, Blaize Wagner, Lissa Willis

Rivet Prom King Gage Letts and Queen Alyssa Hedge.
Letts is the son of Nathan & Amanda Letts.
Hedge is the daughter of Mark & Susan Hedge.

Rendezvous Food Booth 2025

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Office Hours:
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday (Closed Tues)
8:00am - 3:00pm (*closed for lunch 11:00-11:30am)*

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CEF Meetings: 1st Monday of the month - 6:00pm

CEF holds monthly board meetings the first Monday of each month at 6:00pm. All are welcome to attend. The office is located inside the "Old Catholic School" across the parking lot from Rivet. Come and join us in our support of our Vincennes Catholic Schools!

Rivet Welcomes New Principal

Joe Maione

For 29 years, Joe has poured his passion into shaping young lives, holding diverse roles from teacher and coach to athletic director, transportation direction, and dean of students. His commitment has taken him across the Southeast, impacting students and communities in Kentucky, North Carolina and Virginia. Most recently, he has returned to Indiana to be closer to family and served White River Valley as Dean of Students and Athletic Director. Joe's multifaceted experience provides him with a unique understanding of the educational landscape and a deep appreciation for the importance of fostering a positive and supportive learning environment.

Joe and his wife, Kelly, reside in Vincennes and have 2 children—a son, Nicholas (23) who lives in Vincennes and a daughter, Taylor (21) who lives in North Carolina. Joe says, "I am thrilled to serve the Vincennes Catholic Schools as the next principal of Rivet. I look forward to supporting the faith-based educational program and working closely with the students, facility, and staff to continue to embrace the tradition and work with the entire school community to strive for excellence daily."

CEF UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mega Event – November 2, 2025
—2026—
Casino Event – January 31
Mega Event – March 1
Golf Scramble – May 8
Rendezvous Food Booth – May 23-24
Fair Food Booth – July 27 – August 1
Germanfest – August 7-8

Congratulations to Miss Beverly Adams for 30 years of service at Rivet High School.

She was recognized after the Diocesan Mass celebrating the start of the school year.

The Vincennes Catholic Schools became a member of the Knox County Chamber of Commerce in May!

CEF *Scholarships* AWARDED

Hugh Wickens Scholarship

Hugh Wickens came to Vincennes in the mid 1890's on his way home from law school in St. Louis. He was principal and taught at Cathedral, now Rivet, for two years. According to the Sun-Commercial, he probably lived upstairs in the Annex, as was a common practice then. After two years, his engagement was announced and he returned to his hometown of Greensburg, IN and was married. He became a lawyer and later, a circuit court judge. His great grandson (Brett Wickens) and great granddaughter (Abby Wickens Bean) were Rivet graduates, as well as their mother, Cindy Marchino Wickens. The 2025 Hugh Wickens Scholarship was awarded to **AJ Holtsclaw**, son of Jeremy Holtsclaw & Sally Bodensteiner.

Mr. Ralph Holscher Up & Beyond Scholarships

The 2024 Mr. Ralph Holscher "Up & Beyond" Freshman Award is given to a Rivet 8th grade student continuing their education into their freshman year at Rivet. The student is considered to not only try very hard in the classroom, but also in everything they participate in, along with school activities. The student goes "up & beyond" what is needed to get the job done. The student receiving this scholarship is a continuous example of the work ethics of Mr. Ralph Holscher. The "Up & Beyond" Student Award was presented to **Avery Garretson**, son of Drew & Tiffany Garretson.

The 2024 Mr. Ralph Holscher "Up & Beyond" Teacher Award is given to a teacher that has shown many years of dedication to our Vincennes Catholic Schools system in teaching our children and going "up & beyond" their call of duties. The recipient has been a continuous example of the work ethics of Mr. Ralph Holscher. Not only has the recipient taught in the school systems for several years, but they also take on extra duties that occur on a daily basis. The recipient is involved in at least one extracurricular activity with our students. The "Up & Beyond" Teacher Award was presented to **Mr. Trey DesJardin.**

2025 Scholarships Given Through CEF:

Noland & Elizabeth McClure Foundation Scholarship – Jared & Haley Hoke
Leona Conn Scholarship – David & Brandi Wright
Catherine Ruppel Scholarship – Ian & Cara Gilmore

RIVET *Scholarships* AWARDED

Judy Halter Memorial Scholarship

Judy Halter (1939-2017) (St. Rose Academy, Class of 1957), lifelong resident of Vincennes, and member of the Catholic community, lived her faith through trying hardships, including a chronic illness that confined her for much of her adult life. This scholarship offering is a result of one of the many times that Judy's living out the Catholic faith and her undying spirit of enthusiasm touched someone along the way.

In the 1970's, Judy worked at St John's Parish. She became aware of an international student at Vincennes University, who shared her strong Catholic faith, and was in need of assistance in order to remain in the United States, have a place to stay, and to continue to work towards her education goals. Judy invited this girl into her home. That girl, went on to graduate, obtain a PHD, become successful, and raise a family of her own. Upon Judy's death, that girl wished to honor Judy and her enduring kindness and generosity with a scholarship to something that Judy dearly loved, the Catholic school system, and the wonderful students of Rivet, pursuing exciting dreams, cloaked with the armor of their faith.

This year's recipients of the Judy A. Halter scholarship are **Laney Oakes, Alyssa Hedge, Jacqueline Steininger and Natalie Earley.**

Gartner Continuing Education Grant

The Larry and Emma Gartner Continuing Education Grant (Rivet Class of 1963) has, since 2010, provided Rivet students with the opportunity to receive funds to expand their knowledge, develop a healthy lifestyle, and take time to pause and refresh with soul. 2025 recipients are **Alyssa Hedge and Walker Lane.**

Sister Helene Wernsing College Scholarship

The Sister Helene Wernsing College Scholarship fund honors Sister Helene, who was a Principal of St. John High School in Loogootee from 1966-1969. She was a member of the Sisters of Providence from St. Mary of the Woods. As an experienced and dedicated administrator, Sister was liked and respected by students and faculty alike. She was never too busy to offer a helping hand. This scholarship is to honor her for her unwavering support and confidence; **Alyssa Hedge** was chosen to receive this honorable award for the Class of 2025.

Serra Club of Evansville

The Serra Club of Evansville Award is a service award that recognizes students for outstanding commitment to their Parish and faith. The award was presented to **Addison Beaman**, daughter of Rachel Beaman, and **Avery Garretson**, son of Drew & Tiffany Garretson.

Adley Scholarship

The Angela Adley Rivet Alumni Class of 2001 Scholarship was created by Angela Adley to assist a graduating senior from Rivet High School pursing a field in speech language pathology, or closely related/allied health field. The 2025 recipient was **Natalie Earley**, daughter of Grant Earley & Maria Earley.

TEAMS Go To Nationals!

Rivet High School's academic team called TEAMS (Tests of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics, and Science) competed in the TEAMS National Competition on June 28-July 1, 2025 at the Gaylord Hotel in Nashville Tennessee. The sophomore group of Allen Dong, Max Weiss, Madison Will, and freshman Bridget Stine finished ***FIRST*** in the Nation in Mathematical Modeling.

The National Competition consisted of four components: Multiple Choice Exam, Design/Build Challenge, Mathematical Modeling, and Presentation (slide presentation with voice-over narration). Of the top ten Finalists in all four categories, the smallest enrollment excluding Rivet was around 630 students. In fact, the third-place school in the Mathematical Modeling competition has over 4000 students. Rivet has an enrollment of 91. There were 131 teams from the United States and Turkey in the high school National competition.

In February, the students competed at the State Level, which consisted of 3 parts: Essay, Design/Build, and Multiple-Choice questions. Rivet had four teams compete at the State Level: Seniors: Drake Bellessa, Zachary Bottoms, Emma Gafner, and Alyssa Hedge; Juniors: Jaclyn Campbell, Claudia Herman, Anna Stevenson, and Emma Stine; Sophomores: Allen Dong, Bella Pacheco, Max Weiss, and Madison Will; and Freshman: Bracey Morron, Geo Ralston, Carter Stevenson, and Bridget Stine. Beverly Adams coached these teams. The teams whose combined overall state level score was among the top nationally were eligible to compete at the National TEAMS Competition. In both 2016 and 2019, one Rivet Team qualified. Rivet had 3 teams qualifying for the National Competition this year---the Seniors, Juniors, and Sophomores. Since two of the students could not attend, alternates of Bracey Morron and Bridget Stine competed.

When they returned from the National Competition, they were welcomed with a fire truck escort and family and friends met them at school to celebrate the school's first ever **First Place Finish in the National Competition**. Congratulations to Allen Dong, Max Weiss, Madison Will, Bridget Stine, and Coach Beverly Adams and the remaining TEAMS members on an outstanding accomplishment!

HIGH SCHOOL TEAM

ENGLISH

SOCIAL STUDIES

SCIENCE

High School Academic Teams

Blue Chip Meet—
English 2nd, Social Studies 3rd

State Qualifying Meet—
Math 1st, English 2nd, Science 3rd, Social Studies 3rd

MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAM

Students Shine
in The Amazing Shake Competition at Flaget

Remi Schultz, Quinn Sievers, and Cy Richter

Poise, confidence, and professionalism were on full display April 25th at Flaget as students participated in this year's Amazing Shake competition—a dynamic event designed to help young leaders develop real-world skills in communication, etiquette, and persuasive speaking.
The Amazing Shake, inspired by a national model, puts students in fast-paced, real-life scenarios that challenge their ability to think quickly, speak clearly, and present themselves with confidence. From firm handshakes and eye contact to public speaking and persuasive argumentation, the competition helps students grow in ways that will benefit them for a lifetime.
Throughout the event, students rotated through a series of stations that tested a range of soft skills. These included:

- ***The Professional Handshake*** – Greeting adults with confidence and making a strong first impression.
- ***The Etiquette Round*** – Demonstrating polite table manners, respectful conversation, and social grace.
- ***Persuasion Challenge*** – Convincing a panel of judges on a chosen topic using structured reasoning and clarity.
- ***Interview Scenarios*** – Practicing mock interviews and fielding impromptu questions with poise.
- ***Customer Service Role-Plays*** – Resolving fictional conflicts in a calm and professional manner.

Staff members, community volunteers, and local business leaders served as judges, giving students authentic feedback and encouragement throughout the competition.
After several rounds of high-pressure challenges and real-world simulations, **Cy Richter**, a 5th grader, emerged as the winner of this year's **Amazing Shake** competition at Flaget impressing judges, staff, and peers with his exceptional confidence, communication, and character. Coming in 2nd place was **Quinn Sievers,** a 4th grader, followed closely by our 3rd place winner, 4th grade **Remi Schultz.**

Middle School Academic Teams

Science: 6th place
Social Studies: 2nd place
Interdisciplinary: 3rd place
Math: 6th place
English: 4th place

MS SOCIAL STUDIES

Alumni News

In the Spring 2025 Legacy, we asked for the Class of 1975 to respond with information about themselves. We are happy to share the information and we hope you enjoy getting to know the alumni and their ***words of wisdom.***

For the past 5 years, RHS classes have celebrated their 50th class reunion and they have been able to raise money for CEF. We are happy to announce the amounts donated by each class: Class of 1971 donated $10,170; Class of 1972 donated $13,295; Class of 1973 donated $14,756; Class of 1974 donated $15,100. ***This is amazing and we are so appreciative of the donations!!***

CLASS OF 1975

MATTHEW B. HILL
Spouse: Susan K Hill, 8 years
Current City, State: Vincennes, Indiana
# of Children: 3 children. 3 step children. 7 grandchildren.
Occupation/ Retired: Retired school teacher. North Knox 42 years
Education: Masters of Education Indiana State University
Hobbies: Sports, music

MIKE COULUP
Spouse: Kathy (Kittmann) Coulup, married 42 years
# of Children: (2) Sara Coulup (Ycas), Andy Coulup
Occupation/ Retired: Retired from Taytheon (they bought Hughes Aircraft) to live in Washington, Utah (~120 miles from Vegas). Previously lived in CA (Orange County), NV (Vegas), AL (Huntsville) and CO (Colorado Springs), and woked TDY to about 50 military bases/locations in US and 10 foreign countries, mostly on weapons systems.
Education: BS in Electrical Engineering from Rose Hulman in Terre Haute
Hobbies: Napping, motorcycle touring, shooting sports/handloading, travel – we've hit all 50 states and 46 of 63 National Parks since retiring!
Words of Wisdom: ***Always have goals and a plan to get there!***

In Memory

OF OUR RECENTLY DECEASED ALUMNI

Donna McCarty – 1951
Frances (Boyer) Althoff - 1953
Barbara (Shepard) Early – 1954
James "Ted" Jackson - 1956
Hilda (Cardinal) Hutton – 1958
George Kaiser - 1958
Janet (Vieke) Yarber – 1959
Marilyn (Yochum) Cunningham - 1961
Phyllis (Halter) Correa - 1964
Virginia (Brown) Day – 1964
Patricia (Lynch) Donnoe - 1965
Margaret (Nowaskie) VanLue - 1965
Kathy (Evans) Lemberger – 1966
Kathy (Larson) McCormick – 1966
John Michael Phillips - 1966
Michael L. Marchino – 1967
Linda (Eck) Shanklin – 1968
Paul Moeller - 1969
Phyllis (Kaiser) Lemmon – 1971
Denise (Watson) Dickerson - 1972
Mitch Eaton – 1972
Angela (Kern) Hatton - 1983
Brother Terence McLaughlin - Faculty

Your Help Is Greatly Appreciated

The envelope attached in the middle of the booklet is for your use! Please consider donating to the Christian Educational Foundation. We can also accept donations through PayPal on our website, www.vincennescef.org. Your donations will help us meet our monthly obligations to the Vincennes Catholic Schools. We truly appreciate your support.

Many thanks to individuals who donated through the Legacy envelope:
March — August 2025

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Kenneth Wickham
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Ed Baldridge
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Rose Miller
Ralph Holscher Scholarship
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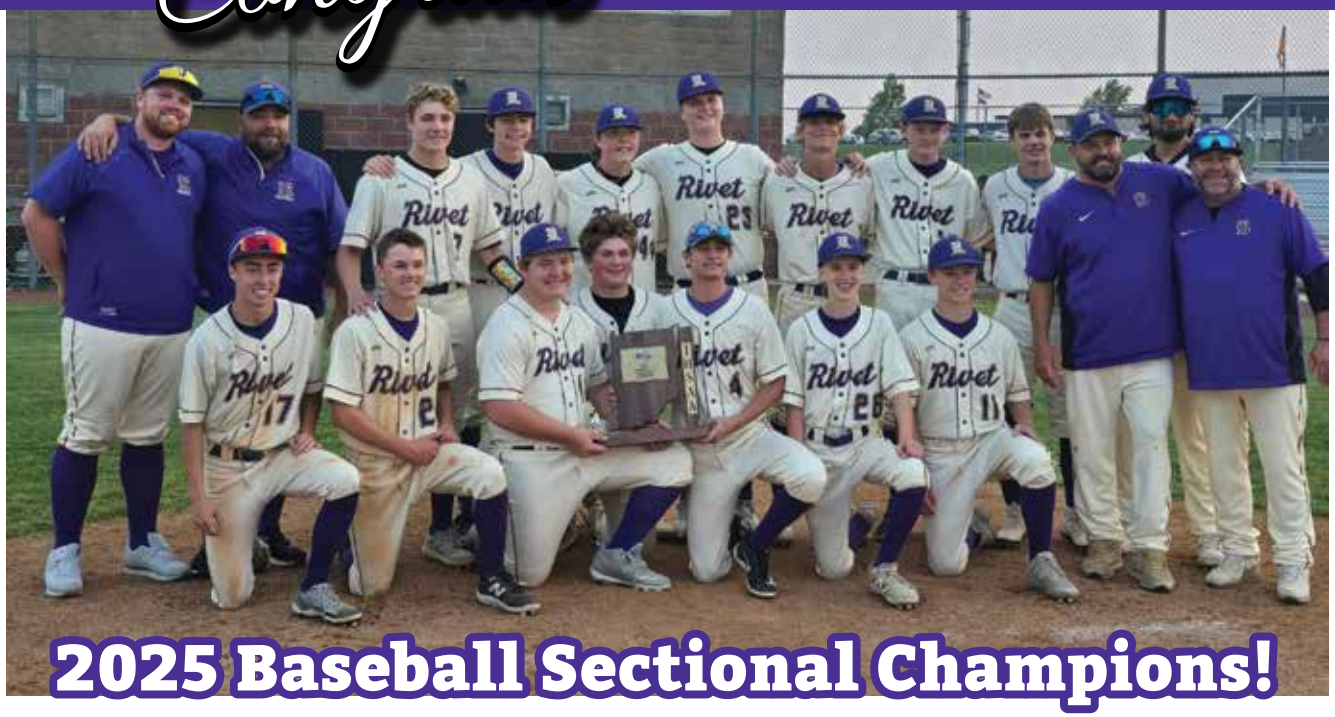
Congrats



2025 Baseball Sectional Champions!

Congratulations Gabe Dodd!
Gabe signed to run track at Vincennes University!

Congratulations to Lexi Frey
who signed to play volleyball, basketball and softball at Blackburn College!

Congratulations Rachael Jacqmain

on her accomplishments!

- Conference Individual Champion
- Sectional Champion in 200M, 400M, Long Jump
- Regional Champion in 400M & qualified her for State

Congrats Lissa Willis
as she signed to run track at the University of Evansville!

2025 KNOX COUNTY FAIR

Vincennes Catholic Schools Food Booth

Congrats to our very own
Miss Knox County Fair Queen
Emma Stine.
Stine is the daughter of Scott & Lynn Stine.

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