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THE LEGACY

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A Note From the CEF President

Generosity—a powerful word and an even more powerful act. There are countless ways each of us can show generosity, and I am continually amazed by the acts of kindness displayed by everyone involved with the Christian Educational Foundation (CEF). From the volunteers who show up for every event, to those who respond to last-minute calls for help, to families and friends who attend CEF fundraisers, share ideas at meetings, and contribute in so many meaningful ways, the generosity is overwhelming.

COVER PHOTOS

2024 Rivet High School Graduates: Sarah Bennington, Ella Benson, Cody Creech, Kyle Daugherty, Mitchell Earley, John Gafner, Dora Halter, Allison Hensley, Anna Herman, Isaac Kotter, Gracie Lamb, Kya Lemons, Reese McBee, Kaydee Mischler, Jillian Moquia, Markayla Phipps, Jayson Slaughter, Parker Steininger, Mason Trent, Lilliane Uy, John Will

Rivet Prom King Parker Steininger and Queen Kaydee Mischler. Steininger is the son of Chris & Mendy Steininger. Mischler is the daughter of Troy & Brenda Mischler.

At the start of the year, CEF, along with Vincennes Catholic Schools, reached out for help to replace the urgently needed HVAC system at Flaget. Thanks to your generosity, I'm thrilled to report that we met our $360,000 goal, and the new HVAC system is now in place. This achievement was made possible because of YOU.

But your generosity didn't stop there. During this year's Germanfest, the Class of 1974 celebrated their 50th reunion and donated over $15,000 to support scholarships and ongoing projects. Due to your support, projects to replace some of the classroom floors and windows at Rivet are now complete. These improvements are yet another testament to the incredible generosity and support of YOU and the Class of 1974.

Your participation in our fundraisers helps CEF continue its mission of supporting students in the Vincennes Catholic Schools. Whether it's the golf scramble, food booths at the Rendezvous and Knox County Fair, Germanfest, Fall Gathering, bingos, the Gift Card/Scrip program, scholarships, or legacy gifts, you show your generosity in countless ways. THANK YOU!

Each year, CEF is able to provide over $400,000 directly to Vincennes Catholic Schools because of your contributions—whether monetary donations, volunteering your time and talents, or offering your prayers. This level of support is possible because of YOUR generosity.

When I reflect on the meaning of generosity, I think of each of you and the impact you have on the Christian Educational Foundation and Vincennes Catholic Schools. If you'd like to learn more about CEF or have questions, we invite you to join our monthly meetings on the first Monday of each month at 6 p.m. in the CEF office, or you can reach out to Kari Land at 812-882-5889. Kari's daily dedication and generosity in coordinating our operations and events are invaluable—thank you, Kari!

Thank you all for your continued support and unwavering generosity!

Tammy Cabt

CEF President

CEF UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mega Event — November 3, 2024
Mega Event — March 2, 2025
Golf Scramble — May 9, 2025
Rendezvous Food Booth — May 24 & 25, 2025
Fair Food Booth — July 2025
Germanfest —August 8 & 9, 2025

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

Like us on Facebook to keep up to date on our events & so much more!

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!

CEF GOLF OUTING ~ MAY 10, 2024

Scholarships AWARDED

Judy Halter Memorial Scholarship

Living the Catholic Faith

Judy Halter (1939-2017), a graduate of 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 and greatly limited her opportunities. 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, where she already had three busy teenagers of her own.

That girl, went on to graduate, obtain a PHD, become successful, and raise a family of her own. Upon Judy's death, that girl, now a grown woman, wished to honor Judy and her enduring kindness and generosity, with a scholarship. 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.

It is in that image of God's enthusiasm that shined in Judy, that this scholarship is presented.

2024 recipients of the Judy A. Halter Scholarship are Markayla Phipps, Dora Halter, and Jillian Moquia, pictured above with Leon Halter and Jamie Kroeger.

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 health lifestyle, and take time to pause and refresh with soul. **2024 recipients are Mason Trent and Kyle Daugherty.**

Sister Helene Wernsing College Scholarship

The Sister Helene Wernsing College Scholarship fund was set up to honor Sister Helene, who was a Principal of St. John High School in Loogootee from 1966-1969. She was a member of the Sister 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, **Jillian Moquia** was chosen to receive this honorable award for the Class of 2024.

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 2024 Hugh Wickens Scholarship was awarded to **Fiona Gilmore**, daughter of Kyle & Monica Gilmore.

2024 Mr. Ralph Holscher Up & Beyond Scholarships

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 Flaget & Rivet Art Teacher, **Mrs. Amanda Oakes.**

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 **Nichole Kocher**, daughter of Keith & Melanie Kocher.

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 **Tenley Pargin**, daughter of Matt & TJ Pargin, and **Geovanni Ralson**, son of Danny & Anastasia Ralston.

The Angela Adley Rivet Alumni Class of 2001 Scholarship

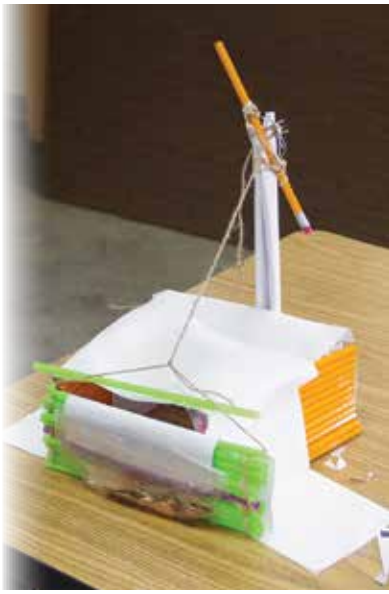
was created by Angela Adley, alumni of RHS Class of 2001) to assist a graduating senior from Rivet High School pursing a field in speech language pathology, or closely related/allied health field. The 2024 recipient was **Jillian Moquia**, daughter of Ian & Jinky Moquia.

2024-2025 Scholarships Given Through CEF:

Noland & Elizabeth McClure Foundation Scholarship – Sean & Sarah Nettleton Family
Leona Conn Scholarship – Rodger & Liz Jacqmain Family
Catherine Ruppel Scholarship – David & Brandi Wright Family

2024 ACADEMIC TEAMS

The TEAMS Competition for 2024 focused on engineering another world on a different planet or satellite. The students worked together to write an essay about the issues that must be considered before populating a new world. Forty multiple choice questions were answered based on five scenarios: Powering systems to make vacations on the moon a reality, Moving in Space, Resource Management in a New World, Renewable Energy to Power a New World, and Our situation on the New World. The design/build part of the competition was to build a prototype, from given materials, of a transportation storage facility with an opening and closing door. Materials used were paper, twine, pencils, paper clips, rubber bands, straws, sewing bobbins, craft sticks, tape. The door had to be sturdy enough to lift fifty pennies.



Seniors were Ella Benson, Mason Trent, Jillian Moquia and Allison Hensley.
Juniors were Drake Bellessa, Zach Bottoms, Emma Gafner and Alyssa Hedge.
Sophomores were Emma Stine, Jaclyn Campbell, Anna Stevenson and Jillian Hostetler.
Freshmen were Isabella Pacheco, Madison Will, Max Weiss and Allen Dong.

Out of 18 teams:
Seniors placed—16th overall; 12th Multiple Choice; 15th Essay; 9th Design Build.
Juniors placed—12th overall; 10th Multiple Choice; 11th Essay; 5th Design Build.
Sophomores placed—9th overall; 10th Multiple Choice; 5th Essay; 8th Design Build.
Freshmen placed—13th overall; 11th Multiple Choice; 12th Essay; 6th Design Build.

Freshmen

Sophomores

Juniors

Seniors

ENGLISH

SOCIAL STUDIES

ART

MATH

SCIENCE

High School Academic Competitions

Blue Chip Meet—
Art: 1st Place; English: 2nd & 3rd Place

State Qualifying Meet—
Science: 1st Place
Social Studies: 2nd & 3rd Place
English: 1st & 2nd Place
Fine Arts: 3rd Place
Math: 3rd Place

Members include Drake Bellessa, Ava Benson, Daisy Cardinal, Miley Catt, Allen Dong, Bryn Duckworth, Mitchell Earley, Chloe Frye, Alyssa Hedge, Jillian Moquia, Harnoor Multani, Laney Oakes, Isabella Pacheco, Xavier Poyser, Anna Stevenson, Elle Stoelb, Mason Trent and Madison Will.

Middle School Academic Competition was held at Sarah Scott Middle School on April 27th.

State Results:
Math — 1st at the competition—1st at State.
Interdisciplinary — 1st at the competition—2nd at State.
Science — 1st at the competition—Placed in the top ten in the State.
Social Studies — 1st at the competition—5th in the State.

Alumni News

In the Spring 2024 Legacy, we asked for the Class of 1974 to respond with some 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* (in italic). We would like to thank everyone for taking time to get back to CEF.

For the past 4 years, as a class celebrates their 50th class reunion, they like 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 1974

MARY ZOE CANNON
Married to Dick Cannon-49 years
Lives in Morgantown, IN
Children: 4
Enjoys homeschooling her grandchildren, volunteering in ministries within the Church and prison ministry, writing a column in the Catholic Message in the Diocese of Evansville, hosting seminarians, priests, and lay people serving in the Church with their 'retreat house'

MARIE DELISLE
Married to Joe DeLisle-46 years
Lives in Vincennes, IN
Children: 2
Bookkeeper for DeLisle Farms LLC
Enjoys watching our hummingbirds (George & Frieda), relaxing on our swing

SANDRA (BOYER) DELISLE
Married to Wally DeLisle-45 years
Lives in Vincennes, IN
Children: 2 and 8 grandchildren
Works as part-time assistant of manager
Attended Lockyear Business College in Evansville
Enjoys reading, watching grands sports

RICK FRISZ
Married to Anne Frisz-35 years
Lives in Littleton, CO
Children: 2
Works as a mechanical engineer
Attended Rose Hulman
Enjoys playing tennis
Be nice!

KAREN (HILL) LIVERS
Married to John Livers-43 years
Lives in Vincennes, IN
Children: 2 daughters
Retired elementary teacher after 33 years
Attended VU & Indiana State University
Enjoys playing pickleball

MIKE PEA
Married to Sherri Pea-32 years
Lives in Plainfield, IN
Children: 2
Retired in airport firefighter of Indy (18yrs), Air National Guard (23yrs)

STU SIEVERS
Married to Barb Sievers-32 years
Lives in Douglassville, PA
Children: 4
Worked for CFO Venezia Transportation
Attended Indiana University in Accounting

BOB SWAYZE
Married to Diana Hunckler Swayze ('74 Rivet)-43 years
Lives in Bargersville, IN
Children: 2
Retired
Attended Indiana University
Enjoys traveling.

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 2024

Mike & Julia Beaman
Joseph & Mary Rae Bodart
John & Cindy Bratton
Larry & Barb Carie
William & Caren Frigge
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Mike Herr
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Mike & Judy Jaussaud
Michael Kirkwood
Harry & Nancy McAdams
Paul & Amelia Mouzin
Patrick & Theresa Ramsey
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Joe & Ann Wehrheim
Patricia Wirth

Thank You RHS CLASS OF '74

CEF would like to give a huge THANK YOU to the 4th graduating class of Rivet High School, the Class of 1974, as they celebrated their 50th class reunion in August at the Germanfest. As a class, they donated $15,100 to CEF for helping continue the education for the Vincennes Catholic Schools. We are appreciative of your support!

A note from Rick Heinz.....The first four-year class at Rivet (the Class of 1974) held its 50th class reunion at the Germanfest and Old Chicago on August 9-11. Everyone enjoyed drinks, food and unbelievable weather at the Germanfest, some top notch pickleball at Gregg Park and golf at Cypress Hills Golf Course. Sandi DeLisle continued her magic and created a great party at what was the projector room for the New Moon Theater. Class members came to Vincennes from across the country and there was lots of nostalgia and comradery. A few of us were fortunate to tour Rivet. It's still a beautiful, yet small school; it was great to be back to see the building improvements. Our class was challenged to raise donations, and hopefully exceed previous classes: challenge accepted! The Class of 1974 donated $15,100 to CEF for scholarships and repairs to the school buildings. We now pass the challenge off to the Class of 1975. Many of us toured Vincennes, family homes, Vincennes University, churches, and other places we remember so fondly. For our friends who missed the reunion, we missed you. We remembered 11 of our classmates (out of 54) that have since passed. Memories were remembered. We talked about kids, families, travel, retirements, Knox County watermelons and life. It was a great weekend. For many of us, who don't get to see Vincennes regularly.....yes, Toto, there is no place like home.

In Memory of our Recently Deceased Alumni

Mary Jo (Joary) Stanhope - 1950
Dr. William S. Mullican – 1951
Carolyn "Sue" (Hunter) Jones – 1953
Phyllis (Larson) Boehm - 1955
Jess Hendershot - 1955
Jerry McGaughey – 1955
Paul Brown - 1956
Darleen (Kotter) Fraker - 1956
Nancy (Bumgarner) Knoblett - 1957
Judie (Pruitt) Long – 1957
Jerry Doyle - 1958
Ron Thomas - 1958
Ray Tromley – 1958
Clement J. Sauer – 1959
Gayle (Martin) Bledsoe - 1959
Delores (Frey) Branham – 1960
Walter Kixmiller – 1960
Rose Marie (Reed) Miller – 1961
Bunny (Wissing) Ostendorf - 1963
Stephen R. Bezy – 1964
Gloria (Shappard) Kiefner - 1966
Susan Simon – 1967
Barbara (Brouillette) Graves - 1970
Jill Theriac – 1971
Mike Schmidt - 1972
Jean Schulze – 1973
Kent Goettl - 1974
Darren Lane – 1984
Stacy (Almy) Williams – 1993
Danny Willis – 1994
Ashley S. (Long) Ashley – 2003

March through August 2024

Donations to CEF In Memory of

Mary Becher
Doris Biggs
Hunter Bobe
Kenneth Bottoms
Paul Brown
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VINCENNES CATHOLIC ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

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