

**YC** YORK CATHOLIC

# **GREENSLEEVES**



SPRING 2023

*Congratulations Class of 2023!*



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# Experience the YC Difference

When you walk through the door, **you can feel it** - the indescribable energy that comes from a place where every student is known, cared for and inspired to learn. Join us to experience that energy firsthand and hear from students, teachers and parents what it means to be a part of the York Catholic Middle School and High School (we call it YC) family.

## We Hope to See You!

Get in touch to learn more or to register for one or more events. We look forward to meeting you!

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## 2023-2024 Student Visitation Events

### SHADOW FOR A DAY

Available Sept 2023 through May 2024

*Prospective students are invited to spend the day at YC. Check out classes, meet teachers, make some new friends and discover all the great ways to get involved.*

### OPEN HOUSE DATES

July 18: 6-7:30pm

October 15: 12-2pm

February 8: 6-7:30pm

April 23: 6-7:30pm

*Enjoy a campus tour and connect with students, parents, teachers, and administrators to see what sets the York Catholic experience apart. Reservations required.*

### IMPORTANT DATES

**November 17**

Admissions Applications Due

**February 15**

Early Enrollment Deadline

**April 1**

Family Customized Tuition Deadline

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# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear YC Family,

Happy Summer! I do hope this issue of *Greensleeves* is read while dipping your toes in the water or enjoying a fresh cup of coffee in the wilderness. Regardless of where you are while perusing these pages, there is much to enjoy and celebrate.

Notably, our Class of 2023 has made us proud. This is the class that has experienced the most change during their time with us. They began their time at YC in the un-air-conditioned classrooms of 1958 and are graduating from a \$12.5 million renovated facility, having benefited from a new spiritual life center and chapel, 43 renovated classrooms with air-conditioning, a new stadium with a turf field, and a new student center to include a state-of-the-art college and career readiness center with programs to match. In addition, they are the class that, due to the pandemic starting in March their freshman year, has experienced the most adversity in the world of education. In fact, this past senior year has been their only "normal" year since middle school and yet they have not missed a single lesson in their four years. We are proud of their accomplishments and what they will be doing for our community in their future endeavors.

In addition to celebrating the Class of 2023, I hope you enjoy updates about how our students are prepared for both their college and career goals as YC Moves Them Forward in all ways imaginable.

Finally, I am especially grateful to the York Excavating Company for their assistance in York Catholic's ability to preserve a staple figure from our greater York community. In April, a large crane arrived at our front entrance followed by a structure encased in wood. This structure can be recognized by all York Catholic family and friends as it is something we have all driven by on our way to campus. As a result of the sale of the Glen-Gery Brick property behind campus, all structures have been demolished, but there is one structure that deserved a relocation so it could be preserved for all time. I am pleased to share the Glen-Gery Good Shepherd brick and mason mural is now proudly displayed near the main entrance to the York Catholic Middle and High School. It only seemed fitting that those of us who have had the pleasure of enjoying that image as part of our daily commute be able to continue to whisper the prayer that comes with it. As John wrote in Chapter 10, verse 11, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."



*Good Shepherd Mural*

May we always remember the Good Shepherd who has sacrificed so much to ensure we continue to have this thriving and vibrant community.

God Bless,

Katie Seufert '96  
Principal

*On the Cover: Capturing the Memories*  
Clockwise from top - Luke Maly, Rachel Beck,  
Avery Heist, Alicia Lozada, Kayla Alexander



## KATIE SEUFERT PRINCIPAL

### MISSION STATEMENT

*Guided by a Christian moral compass, we educate our students in an atmosphere of faith, family, and mutual respect, preparing them to serve the global community.*

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### York Catholic Home Page

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### York Catholic Gymnasium

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYv-h3EFOOCwCJWfOSwWAYQ>

### York Catholic Stadium

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4EXPG-mAYUN4xmUgpgUrQ>

# Middle States Visit

*Kathy Hand, Director of Studies and Middle States Coordinator*



As part of York Catholic's reaccreditation cycle, a visiting team from the Middle States Association Commission on Elementary and Secondary Schools spent three days at York Catholic in March. A Middle States visit is much like an audit, and the team spent time reviewing data and evidence collected in regard to building finance, facilities, health and safety, personnel, educational programming, student services, and student life.

The visiting team was led by Father Michael Tidd, OSB, a Benedictine monk and priest of St. Mary's Abbey in Morristown, New Jersey. He is also Headmaster of Delbarton School, a college preparatory school for boys. Father Tidd was joined by Mrs. Leslie Fundakowski, from Wilmington, Delaware. Mrs. Fundakowski spent the better part of her career as an educator and administrator at Padua Academy, a Catholic girls' school in Wilmington. The third visiting team member was Dr. Stefani Sobol-Pastor, Religion Department Chair at Seton-Lasalle Catholic High School in Pittsburgh.

When the team wasn't reviewing data, they were in our hallways and classrooms, talking with school faculty and staff, students, and parents as they assessed day-to-day management, long-term planning, and school culture.

In addition to reviewing what we have accomplished, the team also evaluates objectives we are working towards. Our Middle States protocol is called Excellence by Design, and it requires that we establish three measurable objectives to track and document over the next seven-year cycle, with positive results. Our objectives are as follows:

- The first objective focuses on Career Exploration and the development of a curriculum designed to better prepare our graduates for life after high school in regard to career choice, job satisfaction, and ultimately, success in the workplace.
- The second objective focuses on Business and Technology, and our need to update course offerings in order for our students to be competitive in those constantly changing career fields.
- The third objective is not academically driven, rather it targets our ongoing efforts to raise funds necessary for continued Building Renovations.

As a result of the March visit by the Middle States team, York Catholic has enthusiastically been recommended for reaccreditation through the year 2029.

## Enthronement of the Sacred Heart

York Catholic Chaplain, Father John Kuchinski, consecrated our school to Jesus through the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart. The Enthronement was divinely revealed to St. Margaret Mary along with 12 promises from Jesus to those who would respond to the pleadings of His Heart and make an effort to return His love. The Spiritual Life department and the student Peer Ministry Team participated in the para-liturgy where Jesus was made King of our school and our hearts. Two beautiful images of the Sacred Heart were hung in the main lobbies of the high school and middle school as a physical representation of the consecration.





# Family Customized Tuition

At York Catholic, we are committed to making an excellent private Catholic education experience available to all families who believe their child will thrive at a place where they can prepare not just for college and career, but also ready their hearts and minds for the challenges and opportunities of today and the future. To that end, York Catholic introduced Family Customized Tuition (FCT) this spring that will help us take the next vital step in that commitment for our families and our community.

Much like our YC education experience is personalized to each student's individual needs, Family Customized Tuition replaces the one-size-fits-all model to match each family's contribution to their unique financial circumstances. Families complete a brief financial questionnaire online in the Simple Tuition Solutions platform that factors in individual financial circumstances and applies them to create a customized tuition based on factors such as annual income, debts, and assets, etc.

Family Customized Tuition makes the York Catholic education experience we all know can be transformative, accessible to more families in our region. We are excited about the opportunities this milestone change represents for our school and for our ability to serve our families and communities.

*If you have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to David Butler, Director of Admissions & Enrollment, at [dbutler@yorkcatholic.org](mailto:dbutler@yorkcatholic.org) or 717-846-8871 x1354. He will be happy to provide answers and any additional information that would be helpful.*



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## Outdoor Classroom

The marine science classes visited Chincoteague Bay Field Station at Wallops Island, VA where they learned about the intertidal zone, night adaptations, and visited a restricted NASA base to study dunes and dune ecology.





# Golden Apple Award Winner

Congratulations to Jill (Eppley) Euclide '94, York Catholic High School English teacher and Department Chair, who was named a Golden Apple Award recipient by the Diocese of Harrisburg! The Golden Apple is the highest recognition given by the Diocese to a teacher or administrator commending professional excellence, leadership, commitment to Catholic values, and devotion to teaching in a Catholic school.

Mrs. Euclide is a member of the YC community as a teacher, parent, and alumna. She is an exemplary English educator, mentor, and inspiration for her students and fellow department members. She is selfless, genuine, and dedicated to her students, going above and beyond the call of duty every day. She encourages excellent writing and works tirelessly on behalf of her students. During her tenure as Department Chair, York Catholic has been pleased to increase its Advanced Placement and College in the Classroom course offerings in the English Department.

"Jill is a master in the art of reaching struggling students with professionalism and profound empathy," said Carolyn Obermeier, director of York Catholic's Academic Assistance Center. She continued, "Jill has spent countless hours adapting her lessons to best meet student needs. She has been going above and beyond what is expected of her to see that every student succeeds and walks across the stage at graduation."

Junior Erin Weller said, "Mrs. Euclide makes sure the atmosphere of the room is comfortable and everyone feels included. She is creative when picking activities that the students can fully dive into and be involved." While freshman Callahan McKeon said, "She has helped me to become a better writer and speaker. She not only is an incredible English teacher, but a genuinely good person."

In addition to her rigorous academic schedule, Mrs. Euclide is also a mother and a woman of faith. She is in her second teaching position at York Catholic, having taken several years off to raise four of her five children, all of whom have now graduated or are enrolled as students at York Catholic.



Jill Euclide

During her time at home raising her children, she managed the family's financial budget, which was based solely on her husband's income as a teacher at York Catholic. While finances were tight, they knew they were doing the Lord's work by following their vocational callings as Catholic school teachers and providing a Catholic education to their children. During this time, Mrs. Euclide also served as a catechist at her parish, Holy Infant, assisting with first communion preparation for several years.

Today, Mrs. Euclide continues to balance parenting and teaching with her children, ages 4, 14, 17, 19, and 21 at home. Mrs. Euclide's students give witness to her love of family, as she naturally extends her motherly approach to all of them, often serving as the "second mom" for many.

Obermeier emphasized, "Jill has a positive impact on all of the people she comes in contact with on a daily basis, from students to fellow colleagues." The York Catholic mission statement incorporates faith, family, and mutual respect for all. Mrs. Euclide brings all three components to our hallways and her classroom every day. She is a master educator and most deserving of the Golden Apple Award.



# Erin Langione - NATIONAL CURRICULUM WRITER

*Kathy Hand, Director of Studies*

Erin (Palmer) Langione '04 has taught at York Catholic for fifteen years, and currently teaches Health, Middle School Gym, and Child Development. Erin is also a moderator and instructor for the national educational platform, The Virtual High School (VHS). Many York Catholic students are enrolled in VHS online classes which provide the ability to study a plethora of courses that are content-specific, including American Sign Language, Nuclear Science, Business Law, Modern Middle East, Video Game Design, and Peacemaking.

Not only does Erin teach Health for The Virtual High School, she rewrote their national Health curriculum last summer. She applied for the position and was hired to develop a 15-week instructional plan for teachers using guidelines from the National and Connecticut Health Standards.

The course she wrote examines the emotional, social, and physical aspects of health and wellness. Emphasis is placed on healthy decision-making, understanding teen risk behaviors, and looking into the future to estimate one's quality of life. Students analyze healthy behaviors and develop a plan for the prevention of future health problems.

We greatly appreciate Erin's time and talent with VHS as her efforts there earn discounted seats for our students. Erin most appreciates that York Catholic students are able to discern a future career path through online study. Some find confirmation of an interest while taking an online course, and some discover that an area of interest might not be right after all. Thank you, Erin, for your efforts with this program and all that you do on behalf of your York Catholic students.



## Welcome Back Gerry!

We had a surprise visit from former teacher and coach, Gerry Dougherty! Mr. Dougherty was with us from 1968 through 2009. He was excited to see the newly renovated classrooms and chapel, and he even snuck in a little workout in the weight room!

# Faculty Achievements



Dr. Erin Frick

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There's a new doctor in the house! Congratulations to English teacher Erin Frick who successfully defended her dissertation on "Recommendations for Solving the Problem of Plagiarism" and earned her doctorate degree.



Dynellia Washington

## Dynellia Washington

Congratulations to YC's Business and Technology Department Chair and Teacher, Dynellia Washington, who was selected to give the commencement speech for her graduating class at Cambridge College this month when she received her Masters of Business Administration degree. Dynellia went through an audition process and was unanimously selected for this honor.



Mrs. Jill Euclide and Mrs. Michelle Wittle

## Award-winning Writers in the YC English Department

High School English teacher, Jill (Eppley) Euclide '94, participated in The Writer's Eye Literary Competition, an annual writing competition hosted by Creative York. Participants are asked to view a specific art exhibit and write a poem or short story in response. Jill won 3rd Place for her reflective writing titled, "Healing."

Middle School English teacher, Michelle Wittle, had her literary composition titled, "Thirty-seven Words" accepted for the 2023 print issue and online edition of the *Progenitor Art & Literary Journal*. The *Progenitor* showcases student, regional, and national work and is based at Arapahoe Community College in Littleton, CO.



# Introducing YC's New Director of Development



*Dave Salter – Director of Development*

York Catholic didn't have to go far to find their new Director of Development. He was literally working a few steps away from the office he now uses as his home base. Dave Salter has been coaching the YC Middle School girls' basketball team for 10 years. In January, he was hired to also lead the fundraising efforts for YC.

Dave previously worked at Delone Catholic High School as the Senior Director of Institutional Advancement where he was responsible for advancement, enrollment and outreach, and strategic communications. He brings expertise in fundraising, major gifts, and annual giving. Dave has also worked in public relations, marketing, and communications at Ramapo College of New Jersey, York College, and the College of Notre Dame of Maryland.

Dave's primary responsibilities at York Catholic will be to raise funds to meet the needs of the school and grow the proceeds from tax credit programs that will provide tuition assistance funds for students who couldn't otherwise afford a Catholic education. Dave is a published author and father of three York Catholic graduates, Katie '09, Emily '11, and Megan '15.



We can't thank everyone enough who contributed to the 2022-2023 annual York Catholic Fund. Tuition does not cover all of the expenses in the operating budget, which means every dollar from the YC Fund is crucial in order for us to be able to continue to provide a quality and a meaningful experience to our students in all that we do: academics, athletics, music and the arts, and extracurricular activities. The actual cost to educate one Fighting Irish student is approximately \$12,000, but no YC student pays that amount. The YC Fund helps fill in the gaps to allow all of our students to benefit from small class sizes, dedicated faculty, a diverse student population, and student enrichment programs.

**To make a gift to the YC Fund, please contact Director of Development, Dave Salter, at 717-846-8871 x1325, or donate online at [yorkcatholic.org/give/york-catholic-fund/](https://yorkcatholic.org/give/york-catholic-fund/).**



# GREEN & GOLD *Gala*



## THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for YC's Green & Gold Gala at the new Yorktowne Hotel! The event raised over \$120,000 to support York Catholic! Special thanks to our major sponsors Maple Donuts and Stewart & Tate, Inc., and to our student and family speakers, Luis Nguyen '23, Sean Warren '23, and Marie and Tom Kellett who talked about how "YC Moves Me Forward."



# Capital Campaign Transformative for YC

The Oxford Dictionary describes “Transformation” as “A thorough or dramatic change in form or appearance.” Some might challenge whether or not “Transformation” is a strong enough description for what’s taken place here at York Catholic over the past five years. Through the unyielding generosity of many benefactors, York Catholic Middle and High School has successfully navigated through two phases of a capital campaign, and the results are astounding.

The list of successful projects resulting from Phase One are too many to catalog, but some of the highlights include: Science Lab upgrades, renovated classrooms, renovation and relocation of the Chapel, facility-wide safety enhancements, Student Center and Lobby upgrades, a new Student and Media Center, a new College and Career Center, and an artificial turf field at the stadium.

Phase Two resulted in a complete renovation of the former Brady Science Hall from roof to restrooms, including 19 air-conditioned classrooms. New bleachers to seat 1,000 fans and a new press box were added to the stadium complex. The first step of our Grotto and Rosary Walk relocation and construction began this spring when the Good Shepherd brick and mason mural that used to be featured at the entrance of Glen-Gery Brick on Boundary Avenue found a new home at York Catholic as a welcoming feature to the new Grotto area. The remainder of the Grotto project will take place next summer.

All in all, we have happy students and happy teachers who are utilizing the many new advantages presented to them in this transformation.

None of these enhancements would’ve been possible without the York Catholic family, its friends, and businesses sharing their blessings with us and we are forever grateful.



The York Catholic Grotto and Rosary Walk is designed as an outdoor sanctuary to provide a prayerful oasis for our students, alumni, and community as well as a preservation of green space to promote spiritual, physical, and mental health.

York Catholic invites you to support our campaign in any amount to help fund this effort. Donors contributing \$5,000+ will be recognized on our Rosary Walk through a dedicated Prayer Bead stone. Inscribed bricks to line our Grotto path are also available for purchase to honor or memorialize classmates, family members, and friends.

For information about this final project of Phase II of our Capital Campaign, visit [yorkcatholic.org/give/capital-campaign/](http://yorkcatholic.org/give/capital-campaign/) or reach out to Dave Salter, Director of Development, at [dsalter@yorkcatholic.org](mailto:dsalter@yorkcatholic.org) or 717-846-8871 x1325.





# It's Not Too Good to Be True!

Parents and business owners, would you like to save on your State Income Tax return? Additionally, what if we told you those savings can have a direct impact on York Catholic students? Sounds too good to be true, doesn't it? It's not, and it's been making a dramatic impact on the bottom line at York Catholic.

Businesses can file for either the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) or the Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC). Both of these programs can be applied for through the State Department of Community and Economic Development. Eligible companies receive a 90% dollar-for-dollar reduction in state tax liability, and those tax credits can be dedicated to York Catholic Middle and High School.

These funds are deposited into the Neumann Scholarship Fund at the Diocese of Harrisburg and are awarded in tuition assistance to Pennsylvania students who demonstrate need through filling out the financial aid form through Simple Tuition Solutions.

Individuals can enjoy similar tax savings through the Special Purpose Entity (SPE) program. SPE allows Pennsylvania individuals to redirect 90% of their personal state income taxes to York Catholic. SPE is based on tax liability, not income, therefore each taxpayer's situation will differ. Participants must be PA residents where at least one spouse is employed or has an ownership interest in a PA for-profit business. An individual or couple filing jointly must have a state tax liability of \$3,500 or more to participate. To see if you may qualify, you can find your PA tax liability on Form PA-40 Line 12 of your most recent tax return. 100% of participant contributions are distributed to the school. The money you redirect to York Catholic is for educational purposes, specifically tuition assistance.

If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, please follow these steps:

- Review information on the SPE program to determine if you qualify.  
<https://pennsylvaniaeitc.org/frequently-asked-questions>
- Confirm your personal state income tax liability with your accountant.
- Complete and submit the Joinder Agreement.  
<https://yorkcatholic.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/spe-joinder-agreement.pdf>

If you have any questions about these mutually beneficial programs, please contact Director of Development Dave Salter at 717-846-8871 x1325 or [dsalter@yorkcatholic.org](mailto:dsalter@yorkcatholic.org)



# Student Ambassador Program

*David Butler, Director of Admissions & Enrollment*



*Students Are Our Best Ambassadors*

The York Catholic Student Ambassador program is a student organization affiliated with York Catholic Middle and High School. The mission of the York Catholic Student Ambassador program is to assist the Director of Admissions and the York Catholic Administration with the overall organization and execution of all admissions-related events and the overall promotion of the institution. In alignment with the mission of York Catholic Middle and High School, these selected students are committed individuals who serve as professional resources for prospective students and families who are considering York Catholic as their secondary education of choice.

The Student Ambassador program is designed to also give York Catholic students opportunities to gain valuable leadership experience by serving on an executive board, as well as chair positions and committees. These positions, as well as the Student Ambassador general body, are selected by the Director of Admissions and current executive board. Newly accepted students are trained on how to give tours and learn what information should be presented to prospective students and families on their visits.

Students who are accepted into the program are expected to participate in various admissions events through the academic year including, but not limited to open houses, futures nights, and shadow days.

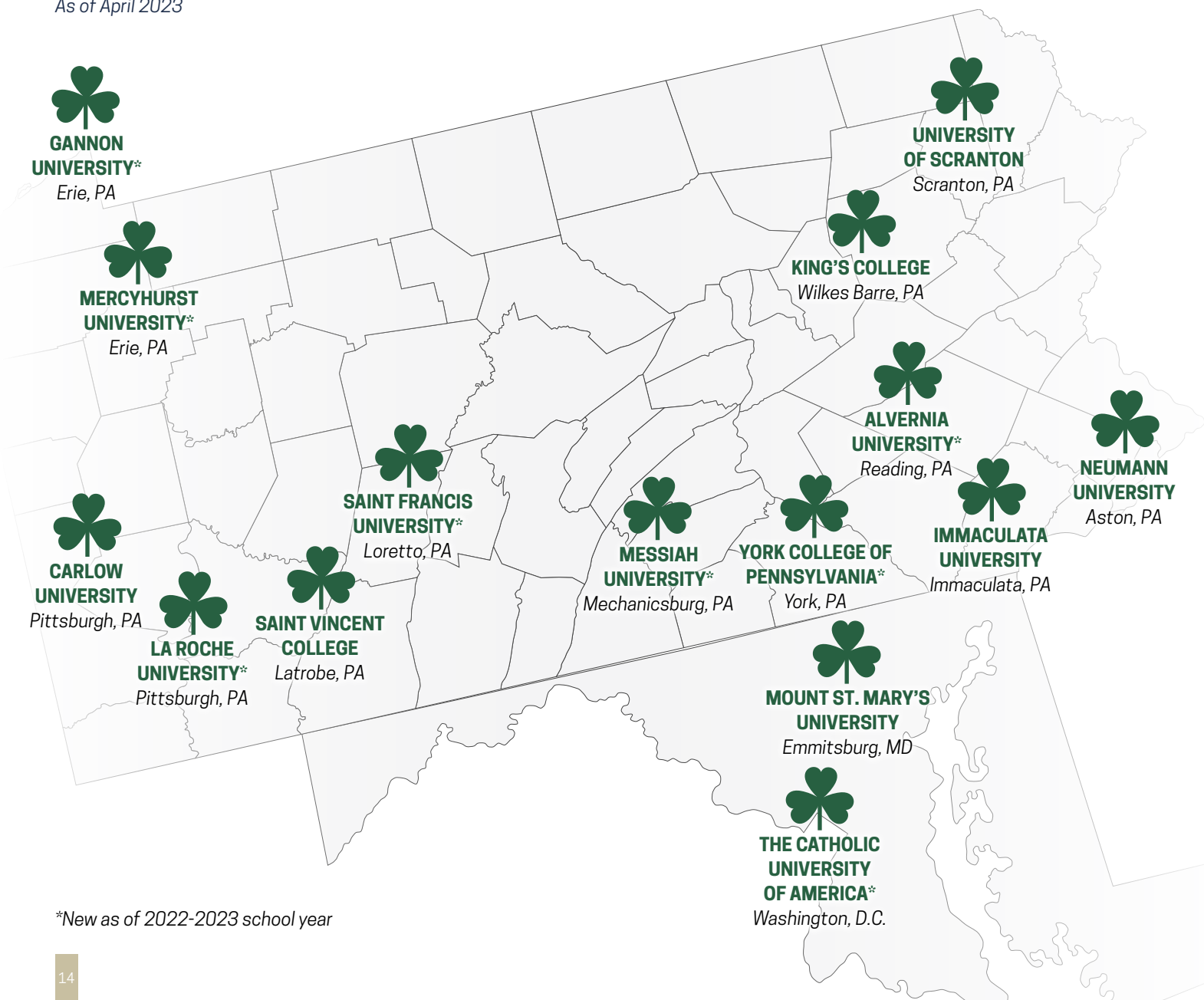
The York Catholic Student Ambassadors look to serve as leaders and front facing students for York Catholic and the greater YC community. By assisting the Director of Admissions & Enrollment and the York Catholic Administration with all recruiting efforts, our Ambassadors hope to help increase enrollment, as well as retain our fellow York Catholic students through graduation. The Student Ambassadors strive to cultivate an atmosphere that is conducive to learning and establish a culture that is accepting of all people from all diverse backgrounds. As an organization, the Student Ambassadors are devoted to York Catholic's culture built on faith, family, and mutual respect in hopes to uphold the institution's long-lasting tradition of excellence established by all the York Catholic alumni who came before them and for all future York Catholic students.

# College Partnerships

During the 2022-2023 school year, the York Catholic Guidance department has looked to expand the number of partnerships with colleges and universities across the greater Mid-Atlantic region. Since August, York Catholic has doubled the number of partnerships and looks to continue to build relationships with universities nationwide. The purpose of our college partnerships is to provide York Catholic students with an opportunity to earn guaranteed admission into an institution given that they meet certain academic requirements. In addition to gaining guaranteed admission, students will typically receive some type of scholarship which varies by each institution. Our college partnership program also guarantees a return on the investment of a YC education.

## College Partners Offering Guaranteed Admissions

*As of April 2023*



*\*New as of 2022-2023 school year*



# Forge-ing a Collaboration

Michelle Wittle, YC Middle School English Teacher

It started with one question. I asked Ms. Valerie Long from the York County History Center what materials she had available to help my students understand the historical context of the book, *Forge*. Ms. Long told me about her American Revolution “artifacts” trunk and we worked together comparing the items mentioned in the book to the items she had on hand.

After her visit at York Catholic, I asked if she wanted to help me with an idea to build a museum-style exhibition. I was allowing the students to either take the historical information from Valley Forge or allowing the students to use the book, *Forge*, as a jumping point to build a project that would showcase their talents and interests. I wanted to show the students their projects could have real world applications and they should think of what they create as part of the bigger discussion of history and literature.

Ms. Long said she would be happy to help us and if we wanted, she would showcase the projects at the York County History Center just in time for their winter membership event and the anniversary of Valley Forge.

It was an offer I jumped on. Soon the clay and creativity were flying and the students were taking ownership of their projects knowing they would be on display at the York County History Center. Some students even took on the role as project managers to ensure the projects would be completed on time for the event.

It was a week in which we learned the process of working together, building historical artifacts, dioramas, and learning the power of asking just one question.



# “All the World’s a Stage.”

## – HAMLET

Candise Henson, York Catholic English Teacher

Teaching Shakespeare generally involves a dull plodding of students towards the finish line of the play, with a teacher desperately trying to inspire them to make it through.

This was not the case with the Class of 2023. When I taught 30 of them in their sophomore year, they devoted themselves to *Macbeth* with uncommon vigor. While generally I vary the roles every day to give all students equal opportunities to practice their Shakespearean declamation, this group made it difficult. Justin Melhorn as *Macbeth* was unparalleled, so I kept him locked in the lead as often as possible. Whereas the average group of students is lucky to boast a single girl who can handle *Lady Macbeth*’s haunting guilt, in this group there were so many talented actresses that I wanted to see them all wring their hands.

So when I heard four YC seniors—Justin Melhorn, Sophie Fraser, Maggie Motter, and Luis Nguyen—were cast in a production of *Hamlet* in the fall of 2022, I was thrilled.

For Sophie, who has been involved with community theater since kindergarten, being cast as *Ophelia* checked off a role on her acting bucket list. She loved the role not only because *Ophelia* is a quintessential character, but also because “it’s fun to play crazy.” In her portrayal of *Ophelia*, though, Sophie hoped to show how “she’s a girl who gets absolutely crushed by the men in her life,” and she has profound “humanity, even when she’s going insane.”

Sophie orchestrated the YC takeover of the Orange Mite production; she needed “three unsuspecting, friendly, loyal people to be coerced into auditioning” so she’d have people her age in the show. This was central to the director’s vision of the play: Sophie recalls that he wanted it to be “a passionately teenage experience because *Hamlet* is a student who comes home from school and finds himself facing more pressure than he’d ever imagined, and it shows the human experience of trauma from a young perspective.”

Justin brought that youthful expression out of the character, but he also balanced *Hamlet*’s pendulum of vengeful pensiveness and pretend insanity. And while he felt immense “pressure to do the role justice,” that didn’t stop him from

Sophie Fraser ‘23,  
Maggie Motter  
‘23, and Luis  
Nguyen ‘23 take on  
*Shakespeare*.



having a great time, particularly when learning stage combat and sword fighting. The experience also expanded his acting abilities, as he was pushed to improv and to find a character within himself, rather than using an accent.

But one of the biggest takeaways is how much better they understand Shakespeare’s language now. As Sophie put it, “You reach a point where your brain starts to think in iambic pentameter.”

Maggie and Luis, who were cast as *Hamlet*’s duplicitous schoolmates, *Rosencrantz* and *Guildenstern*, were nervous to audition but felt “proud and honored” to be cast in larger roles—they’d gone in expecting to have one or two lines each and instead found themselves at many more rehearsals.

For Luis, joining community theater was never about the acting; rather, he was in it for the memories he could make with his friends. Yet he experienced a novel phenomenon during the process, noting, “It was the first time adults were peers for me.” Seeing people twice his age receive the same direction and feedback was “strange, but encouraging,” especially as “we’re about to graduate and go be adults.” “It was good practice,” he added. Maggie agreed, as “getting to joke around with the grown-ups” was enlightening.

Despite the long hours, the arduous practices, and the frustration of Early Modern English, all four agreed they don’t regret their experiences.

More than twenty years ago, I read *Hamlet* for the first time; it has been my favorite Shakespearean work ever since, and I had never seen it performed to my liking until our YC students brought it to life. To Justin, Sophie, Maggie, and Luis—thank you for your work to translate the linguistic beauty of the 1600s to the modern context. Your talents are unparalleled, and you represent the best of York Catholic, both on and off the stage.



# Continuing a Cultural Tradition

Every school year there's a gem of a story that lands in our lap when we least expect it. In previous issues, we shared Meredith Doores '27 story about performing with gymnast Simone Biles and Cydney Roberts '26 competing in an international tennis tournament in Barbados. Ever humble, both of these students' accomplishments were discovered only when they requested to be excused from school to participate. This year was no exception. Will Hinkson '23 missed a half day of school to perform in a drumming exhibition. But wait, Will plays on the football team; he's not in the band...or so we thought. We were stunned to hear Will's explanation and asked him to share his story:

*I am William Montgomery Hinkson IV. I am a fourth generation with no biological ancestry. I take pride in the confusion on a person's face when I show up as an Asian guy with an American name. I was adopted from China at two years of age and my given name by the orphanage is Dang Xiao Zheng.*

*Since seven-years-old, I have been a student at the Chinese Cultural and Arts Institute in Harrisburg. I train and perform Traditional Chinese Drumming, and this is a way to keep me connected with my heritage. Chinese War Drums were used on the battlefield to direct and encourage the soldiers. Different beats guided the soldiers into different formations, with one rhythm for "attack" and another for "retreat." Although drumming is no longer a tool for war, we continue with the rhythm and dynamics during performances.*

*We are often invited to perform throughout the year at community cultural festivals, educational events, and non-profit charity fundraising events throughout Pennsylvania, Maryland, New York, New Jersey, and Washington DC. In addition, I am invited to contribute volunteer service hours for the Formosa Association of Student Cultural Ambassadors (FASCA) sponsored by the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in New York and participate as a youth mentor for international students in New York, New Jersey, and Washington, DC.*

Congratulations to Will for this outstanding achievement that not only preserves an element of his culture, but entertains audiences while sharing traditions.





# Kevin Lichty '07 has the “coolest job” *EVER!*

Barb (Ember) Full '78

When I talked with this alumnus, he was taking in the sites of one of the most breathtaking places in Canada – Banff National Park. Kevin travels the world as the “front of the house” Production Designer and Lighting Director for the country music band, Old Dominion. Old Dominion has won Academy of Country Music’s Group of the Year award for the last 5 years! The band’s touring requires about 150 days a year of travel and when Kevin is at home in Nashville he is designing and working on other shows as a freelancer.

Kevin is the son of former social studies teacher Pat Lichty, and younger brother to sisters Kerry '02 and Claire '05. It was in 8th grade when Kevin first started working backstage for York Catholic musicals and senior plays. He worked side-by-side with his dad, Tom, a devoted volunteer who spent countless hours at YC designing and building stage sets. He was also inspired by YC stage crew director Barb Nealon, who retired this year. Junior year of high school he realized this creative passion could be parlayed into a career so he decided to pursue a degree in production design in college. It wasn’t until he went to college at Clarion that he found out college production sets were produced by professionals. It was such a contrast from his experience

in high school with Mrs. Nealon. “She let us students do it all,” he remembers. His first job during college was at SeaWorld in Florida, then he went on to opportunities at a Shakespeare theater in Washington DC, Premier Productions in Harrisburg, and eventually landed a job for 6 years at Morris Light & Sound in Nashville. Kevin was touring with Kenny Chesney and Old Dominion was the opening act. The next year OD reached out to him to join them thinking he would be a good fit with their band.

I asked Kevin to share a memorable experience about his time on the road. His answer gave me much insight into his character. “It’s never about the famous people; it’s always about the amazing places I’ve gotten to experience. I’ve been to most of the US national parks, Europe, Australia, and even Fiji!” He continues to give back to his alma mater, adding his expertise to YC musicals and plays; most recently helping out for 3 days on the set of this year’s production of *Matilda: The Musical*. He feels lucky to be part of this “company,” the 5 “CEO” band members are great people and he’s going to enjoy this experience as long as he can!



# Now Hear This!

Nick Gingerich '18 is living his dream as a sound engineer in the entertainment industry. He is currently employed by Maryland Sound International and travels the East Coast setting up microphones, speakers, amplifiers, and sound boards for concerts and shows for entertainers such as Cyndi Lauper, Annie Lennox, James Taylor, Graham Nash, and Joni Mitchell. He also was involved in setting up the sound for all of the visitors to be able to hear the energetic New Year's Eve celebration at Times Square in New York City.

Nick credits Mrs. Barbara Nealon and his involvement with York Catholic stage crew during his time at YC that sparked his interest in sound engineering. His participation in all of the music programs at YC and the encouragement of Ms. Cecelia Mezza helped him to have a leg up to understand the musical language to support his technical knowledge.

He was the sound engineer and designer for the marching band of his alma mater, Towson University, and was responsible for trouble-shooting on the spot to ensure the flutes could be heard as easily as the trumpets. His technical expertise was honed with the band while his customer service side was groomed during his work with the university's Event & Conference Services department.

When he graduated from Towson and his full time job took him away from his work with the university band, it was Nick who suggested to the dean to use students as sound engineers as part of the Towson internship program. This would allow the college students to gain valuable experience ahead of their competition for employment.

Nick works predominantly in Washington DC, Maryland, and New York, but also travels to other areas for additional opportunities. When not on site, he's back at headquarters preparing for the next show, designing layouts, or repairing and maintaining equipment.

On a day away from the job, Nick stopped by York Catholic to talk to current students about a career in the audio industry and to lend a hand to a class project focusing on music recording. The students had a chance to set-up equipment and see how different mic placement could enhance their sound.



*Helping Students with Career Exploration*

York Catholic thanks Nick for giving back to his high school alma mater and for demonstrating that YC Moves Me Forward is not just a slogan, but a way of life.

# CONGRATS CLASS OF 2023

York Catholic celebrated the accomplishments of the class of 2023 with Baccalaureate and Graduation ceremonies last month. Diplomas were conferred to 108 graduates who collectively earned over \$12 million in college scholarships and provided over 17,000 hours of service to the community during their time as a YC students.

Bishop Ronald Gainer celebrated the Baccalaureate Mass along with York Catholic Chaplin, Reverend John Kuchinski, and other clergy from the York Deanery. Daniel Breen, Superintendent of Education for the Diocese of Harrisburg, conferred diplomas at Graduation the following evening. Katie Seufert, Principal of York Catholic, and Kathy Hand, Director of Studies, announced major academic award recipients.

***We are very proud of the graduates of the class of 2023 and wish them well in their future endeavors.***





# Valedictorian & Salutatorian

***Congrats Jillian and John!***

Congratulations to Jillian Bick who was named Valedictorian and John Weisser who was named Salutatorian for York Catholic's Class of 2023. Using grades through the third quarter of senior year, they had a cumulative grade point average that ranked them first and second among their classmates. Jillian is the daughter of Resee and Michael Bick and is a parishioner of St. Joseph Church in Dallastown. She will attend Gettysburg College to study Biochemistry/Molecular Biology. John is the son of Katie and Paul Weisser and is a parishioner of St. Joseph Church in York and plans to attend Penn State University to major in Liberal Arts. Congratulations Jillian and John!



*Valedictorian & Salutatorian  
Jillian Bick & John Weisser*

## Reflections as We Move Forward

*Jillian Bick, Valedictorian, Class of 2023*

A month ago, it was difficult to believe that our class would never again walk through York Catholic's halls together. No more school uniforms, no more Friday night football games, and no more school lunches. These habits and rituals of York Catholic were everyday commonplace for us, yet all it took was walking across a stage for them to disappear. While these experiences at YC were temporary, there are many things that we will never forget even as we all go our separate ways.

We have created long-lasting friendships, met teachers who have become our greatest mentors, and have experienced opportunities which have become the groundwork of our futures. There is no question that York Catholic has not only made us successful scholars, musicians, artists, athletes, and actors, but lifelong learners, leaders, and innovative thinkers as well. It is with immeasurable pride that I can look back and see not only what we have done but what we are capable of in the future.

From the fondest memories to the days with small lockers and boiling classrooms, we have built a legacy that pictures in our yearbook cannot capture. Despite this, our teachers

and peers will certainly remember who we are. We have been blessed with an incredible YC community which has unfailingly supported us since the day we first walked in and will continue to support us as we all take the next step in our lives.

We all may have passed the finish line at York Catholic, but our journey is far from over. We have so much to offer to the world and now we all have the chance to show it. From here on, we are York Catholic alumni and a part of our school's great legacy. We take with us the values taught by our school: faith, mind, heart, and family. No matter where we go, it will never change who we are or where we came from. I am proud to have graduated in the class of 2023 and I look forward to seeing the extraordinary achievements of our class in the future. Go Irish!



*Jillian and her twin sister Madison  
always entertained us with their  
costumes during Homecoming  
Spirit Week.*

# Principal's Award of Irish Excellence

The Principal's Award of Irish Excellence goes to one male and one female in the graduating class who have each demonstrated their understanding of the mission of York Catholic High School through their curricular and co-curricular involvement and their overall example as a Fighting Irish citizen. It is also accompanied by a \$1,000.00 scholarship to be used toward their future educational endeavors. Congratulations to the 2023 Principal's Award of Irish Excellence recipients, Abigail Pautz and Luis Nguyen.



*Principal's Award Recipients  
Abigail Pautz & Luis Nguyen*

Abi has been active in Marching Band, Soccer, Softball, Competitive Cheer, Winter Cheer, Basketball, Graduation Band, Concert Band, Concert Choir, Brass Choir, Jazz Band, Musical Pit, Musical Cast, Stage Crew, Stewards of the Earth, Mission Representative, Culture Club, German Club, Prom Committee, Yearbook Committee, and Extraordinary Minister. Abi will be attending Shippensburg University to major in Forensic Chemistry and minor in Criminal Justice. She aspires to work in a police department or the FBI and work with crime scene analysis.

Luis was Student Council President and was also involved in boys' volleyball, musical, and stage crew. He was recognized as the class leader and worked countless hours planning activities for the student body throughout the school year. Luis will attend Yale University to study ecology and evolutionary biology. His ultimate career goal is to work at the Smithsonian Natural Museum of History.

Congratulations to Abi and Luis!

## Congratulations Class of 2023

**\$12,211,384**  
in college scholarships

**17,645**  
hours of service to  
the community

**86%**  
attending college  
or university

**5%**  
attending technical  
or trade school

**1%**  
joining the  
military

**4%**  
entering the  
work force

**4%**  
undecided



## Military Commitments

York Catholic's Class of 2023 has a group of students who have bravely committed to serving in the armed forces after leaving YC. Shown left to right: Quinn Brennan is entering the Air National Guard program at West Chester University, Olivia Ebel is entering the U.S. Army Reserves while attending Robert Morris University, Danny Giesselbach is entering the U.S. Navy ROTC program at Drexel University, and Sean Warren is entering the U.S. Naval Academy. **Thank you for your service!**



# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

## ACADEMIC AWARDS



Shown left to right: Maggie Motter '23, Ashlyn Mulligan '23, Mary Zelis '23, Connor Dietz '23, Martin Pokrivka '23, John Weisser '23

### Scout Awards

Congratulations to Maggie Motter, Ashlyn Mulligan, and Mary Zelis for earning their Girl Scout Gold Award and to Connor Dietz, Martin Pokrivka, and John Weisser for earning his Eagle Scout Award. Maggie's project focused on creating a more organized, functional, and safe costume room for York Catholic's theatre program. She installed new shelves, repainted the room, and improved the room's organization system. Ashlyn's project was to create a pollinator garden in Maryland to help urban environments become ecologically friendly. Mary's project focused on addressing the spread of invasive plants at John Rudy Park and replacing them with native species. Connor created a prayer garden at St. Patrick's. Martin made repairs at American Legion Post 403 in Glen Rock. John created a walkway for the outdoor stations of the cross and statue at St. Joseph Church in York.



Natalie Doran '24

### Knights of Columbus Writing Contest

Junior Natalie Doran won the local Knights of Columbus writing contest with her essay about "Evangelizing the Faith to Other Teens." Her essay was then sent to the PA contest where she won first place among the high school juniors. It is now being considered for an award at the national level. Natalie's accomplishment was recognized on the national SportsLeader organization's online platforms.



Ashley Patterson '24

### Pennsylvania Free Enterprise Week Student Ambassador

Congratulations to junior Ashley Patterson who participated in the Pennsylvania Free Enterprise Week (PFEW) Student Ambassador Program this school year. This is a leadership opportunity for recent PFEW Alumni to grow as young professionals and gain valuable career readiness skills for their future. It's also an opportunity to share the power and value of the PFEW program with prospective students and to be the authentic voice of PFEW and inspire others to take the PFEW journey.

# ACADEMIC AWARDS CONT.



Parker Kovach '28

## Geography Bee

Congratulations to 7th grader, Parker Kovach, for winning York Catholic Middle School's Geography Bee and advancing to the Diocese Bee where he placed 2nd.



Lillian Amspacher '28

## Civics Bee Essay Winner

Congratulations to 7th grade student, Lillian Amspacher, who was chosen as a local finalist for the National Civics Bee Essay Competition. The topic for the students to write about was "How to Make Your Community Better." Lillian chose to write about bullying prevention. She advanced to compete in a live quiz competition in Harrisburg.



Rotary Students of the Month

## Rotary Students of the Month

Juniors Bobby Gilbert and Ashley Patterson were honored as Rotary's Students of the Month. They will also attend RYLA, a Youth Leadership Conference held at Messiah University this month, compliments of the Rotary Club of York. Both are exemplary students, athletes, and most importantly, leaders.



York County Science & Engineering Fair

## County Science Fair

Ashton Bruno '25, Bianca Po '25, Madeline Murphy '25, and Kyle Scott '25 (shown left to right) competed in the York County Science & Engineering Fair in March. They worked on their projects for months and it culminated with their presentations to the judges where each were awarded 2nd place in their division. Kyle also earned a United States Air Force award for his project on the aerodynamics of balsa wood planes.



MathCounts Team

## MathCounts

Congratulations to our Middle School students who competed in the Regional MathCounts Competition: 8th grade: Patrick Koury, Michael Le. 7th grade: Wyatt Brodbeck, Amelia Dobson, Thomas Freeman, Dylan Gonzalez, Peter Kellett, Parker Kovach. All eight mathletes competed individually, and Patrick, Wyatt, Amelia, and Parker also competed as a team. The team finished in 3rd place out of 20 York County and Lancaster County schools!





Mrs. Dynellia Washington and Kayla Alexander '23

## Patients R Waiting

Congratulations to York Catholic senior Kayla Alexander (right) who placed 2nd in a Student Research & Presentation Competition hosted by Patients R Waiting, an organization dedicated to eliminating health disparities by increasing diversity in medicine. YC Business & Technology teacher, Dynellia Washington (left), also participated as a panelist.



Speech Festival

## Speech Festival Winners

Congratulations to YC's 2023 Speech Festival winners (shown left to right):  
2nd Place - Kayleigh Veach '24, 1st Place - Ashley Patterson '24, 3rd Place - Ethan Andrews '24

## Prom King & Queen

Congratulations to Perpetua Anurugwo and Ray Corcoran and who were crowned Prom Queen and King from the class of 2023.



Prom Royalty



Law Day Awards

## Law Day Awards

The York County Bar Foundation selected the winners of the annual Law Day Essay Contest. Congratulations to senior John Weisser who placed 2nd with his essay titled, "Why Incivility is Dangerous to the Functioning of a Free Republic," and congratulations to junior Allison Patera who placed 3rd with her essay titled, "Civics, Civility, and Collaboration are the Cornerstones of Democracy."

## CRN North American Irish Dance Championships

8th grader Eliza Oathout competed in the CRN North American Irish Dance Championships against numerous competitors from 17 Irish dance programs throughout the United States and Canada. Eliza won nine medals, including first place in her Light Jig, and earned a spot on the podium for her overall performance on her level.



Eliza Oathout '28

# ART AWARDS



*Recycled Art Contest*

## Recycled Art Contest

Congratulations to art students, Kayleigh Veach '24 (left) and Bianca Po '25 (right), who participated in the York County Solid Waste Authority's Recycled Art Contest celebrating Earth Day at the York County Agriculture and Industrial Museum.



*Bianca Po '25*

## Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Art Contest

Congratulations to sophomore Bianca Po who won 2nd Place in the Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Art Contest. Her work was themed "Live in the Love of Christ" and was displayed at the HDCCW Convention at the Diocesan Center.

## York Community Art Scholars Exhibition

Congratulations to our talented artists who placed in the recent York Community Art Scholars Exhibition (YCASE)!



*1st Place Painting  
Alicia Lozada '23  
"Burning Out"*



*2nd Place Printmaking or Mixed Media  
Kara Harris '24  
"Bright Girl in a Contrast World"*



*Honorable Mention Juror's Choice  
Ana Cartwright '23  
"Bagel"*



# MUSIC AWARDS



*"Matilda the Musical" Cast*

## Encore High School Musical Awards

Congratulations to our cast from "Matilda the Musical" who performed at the Encore High School Performing Arts Awards. Justin Melhorn '23 and Emily Schlosser '23 were awarded scholarships!



*Kevin Hand '23*

### District & Regional Chorus

Congratulations to senior Kevin Hand for auditioning and being selected for the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association District 7 Chorus. He was then selected to participate in Regional Chorus as a result of his performance at District Chorus.



*Ashton Bruno '25*

### District & Regional Band

Congratulations to sophomore euphoniumist Ashton Bruno for auditioning and being selected for the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association District 7 District Band. While at District Band, he auditioned and was selected to advance to Regional Band.



## York County Honors Choirs

Congratulations to Ellis Alas and Kara Dobe who auditioned and were selected for the York County Junior High Honors Choir. Congratulations to Sophie Fraser who auditioned and was selected for the York County Senior High Honors Choir.

*Shown left to right:  
Ellis Alas '27, Kara Dobe '26, and Sophie Fraser '23*

# MUSIC AWARDS *CONT.*

## York County Honors Bands

Congratulations to the following students for auditioning and being selected for the York County High School Honors Band. Front row: Taylor Thomas '24 (clarinet), Abi Pautz '23 (trumpet), Georgia Gregory '25 (trombone), Caitlyn Noll '23 (clarinet). Back row: Max Humphris '23 (trombone), Kevin Hand '23 (euphonium), Ashton Bruno '25 (euphonium), and Ethan Andrews '24 (trumpet).

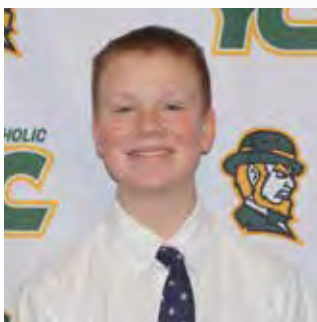
Congratulations to the following students for auditioning and being selected for the York County Middle School Honors Band: Evan Kalbarczyk '27 (alto sax), Hailey Hunter '27 (alto sax), Sean Melhorn '27 (percussion), Xavier Springer '28 (percussion).



*York County High School Honors Band*



*York County Middle School Honors Band*



*Parker Kovach '28*

## YC Students Performing in Symphony

Congratulations to 7th grader Parker Kovach who auditioned and was selected to play trumpet in the York Youth Symphony Orchestra.



*Hannah Stover '24*

## Macy's Great American Marching Band

Junior Hannah Stover auditioned and will be participating in the colorguard of Macy's Great American Marching Band for the 97th annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in November. The band is comprised of selected students from across the United States. This is Hannah's 2nd year achieving this honor.



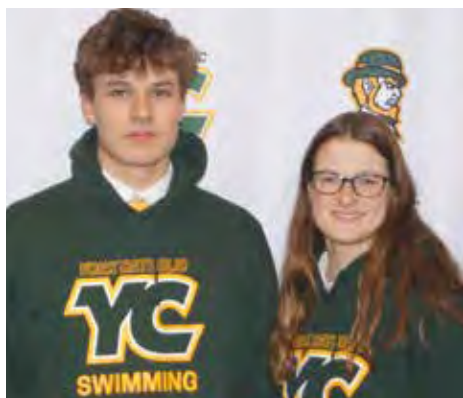
*Shown left to right: Fahra Gwynn '24 and Ashton Bruno '25*

## Drum Majors

Congratulations to Ashton Bruno the newly elected Junior Drum Major who joins Senior Drum Major Fahra Gwynn to lead the 2023-24 YC Marching Band!



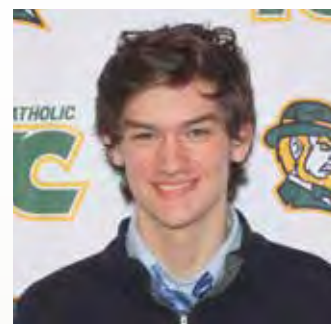
# SPORTS AWARDS



Shown left to right: Danny Giesselbach '23 and Sarah Giesselbach '25

## Boys' & Girls' Swimming

Congratulations to Sarah Geisselbach and Danny Giesselbach who competed in the District III Swimming Championships. Sarah placed 3rd in the 200 Free and 4th in the 100 Free. Danny Giesselbach placed 2nd in the 100 Breaststroke and 3rd in the 200 IM. Both swimmers advanced to the PIAA State Championships.



Cameron Taylor '25

## Bowling Perfect Game

Congratulations to sophomore Cameron Taylor for bowling a perfect game in YC's match versus new Oxford.



Caeden Kemp '23



Bennett Bradley '25

## Weightlifting

Senior Caeden Kemp joined the 1000 lb. Club with a bench press of 215 lbs., a squat lift of 385 lbs., and a dead lift of 400 lbs.

Sophomore Bennett Bradley broke the school deadlift record with a lift of 503 lbs., and became the all-time best lifter with a school record total of 1,223 lbs., with his bench press, squat lift, and dead lift.

Congratulations to Tanner Blum who qualified and competed in the U.S. Powerlifting High School Nationals in Myrtle Beach, SC.



Tanner Blum '23



Girls Cross Country District Champions



Madeline Murphy District Champion

**Read about all of YC's Athletic All-Stars on pages 30-31 →**

# SPORTS AWARDS *CONT.*

## Athletic All-Stars

Congratulations to the following fall and winter athletes who have been named to various All-Star Teams. Spring athletes will be recognized in the next issue of *Greensleeves*.

### Girls Tennis

#### Carina Roberts '24

YAIAA Singles Champion  
AIAA Division AA Player of the Year  
YAIAA Division AA First Team Singles

#### Cydney Roberts '26

YAIAA Division AA First Team Singles

#### Nichole Schellenberg '24

YAIAA Division AA Second Team Singles

#### Carina Roberts '24 /

#### Cydney Roberts '26

YAIAA Division AA First Team Doubles  
YAIAA Doubles Runner Up  
District III-AA Doubles Runner-Up

#### Ashlyn Mulligan '23 /

#### Kat Kierkegaard '23

YAIAA Division AA First Team Doubles

#### Ana Cartwright '23 /

#### Makenzi Michael '23

YAIAA Division AA Second Team Doubles

### Boys Cross Country

YAIAA Division Champions

#### Mitchell Bradley '24

YAIAA Division III All-Star Team

#### Luke Campbell '24

YAIAA Division III All-Star Team

#### Jack Driscoll '24

YAIAA Division III All-Star Team

#### Jeff Alloway

YAIAA Division III Boys  
Coach of the Year

### Girls Cross Country

PIAA - 3rd Place

District III Champions

YAIAA Division Champions

#### Madeline Murphy '25

District III Champion  
All-Central PA 2nd Team  
YAIAA Division III Girls  
Runner of the Year

#### Briana Bradley '24

YAIAA Division III All-Star Team

#### Reagan Cheramie '23

YAIAA Division III All-Star Team

#### Sheila Driscoll '26

YAIAA Division III All-Star Team

#### Madelyn McKee '23

YAIAA Division III All-Star Team

#### Jeff Alloway

YAIAA Division III Girls  
Coach of the Year

### Golf

#### Olivia Kury '25

YAIAA Champion  
YAIAA Division III All-Star

#### Brady Walker '23

YAIAA Division III All-Star

### Boys Soccer

YAIAA Division III Coaches  
Sportsmanship Award

YAIAA Division III Officials'  
Sportsmanship Award

#### Josiah Olson '23

YAIAA Division III All-Star First Team

#### Asher Clarke '23

YAIAA Division III All-Star First Team

#### Ryan Oathout '24

YAIAA Division III All-Star First Team

#### John Weisser '23

YAIAA Division III All-Star Second Team

#### Ryland Staub '24

YAIAA Division III All-Star Second Team

#### Andrew Schuler '24

YAIAA Division III All-Star Second Team

### Girls Soccer

YAIAA Division III Officials'  
Sportsmanship Award

#### Leah Gaito '24

YAIAA Division III All-Star First Team

#### Mary Zelis '23

YAIAA Division III All-Star Second Team

#### Katie Bullen '25

YAIAA Division III Honorable Mention

#### Caroline Rapp '24

YAIAA Division III Honorable Mention

### Girls Volleyball

PIAA Silver Medalists

District III-AA Champions

YAIAA Division III Co-champions

#### Avery Heist '23

YAIAA Division III All-Star First Team

#### Adeline Phillips '23

YAIAA Division III All-Star First Team

#### Carly Everett '23

YAIAA Division III Coaches  
All-Star Second Team

#### Ashley Patterson '24

YAIAA Division III Coaches  
All-Star Second Team

#### Reese Beck '23

YAIAA Division III Coaches  
All-Star Second Team

#### Beitris Boyreau-Millar '24

YAIAA Division III Coaches  
All-Star Honorable Mention

### District III-AA All-Star Team

#### Carly Everett '23

District III-AA All-Star First Team





Girls Volleyball District Champions & State Silver Medalists



Girls Tennis Doubles District Silver Medalists

**Ashley Patterson '24**

District III-AA All-Star First Team

**Adeline Phillips '23**

District III-AA All-Star First Team

**Avery Heist '23**

District III-AA All-Star First Team

**Reese Beck '23**

District III-AA All-Star Second Team

**Beitris Boyreau-Millar '24**

District III-AA All-Star Second Team

### **Pennsylvania Volleyball Coaches Association Class AA All-State Team**

**Carly Everett '23**

PVCA Class AA All-State Team

**Ashley Patterson '24**

PVCA Class AA All-State Team

**Adeline Phillips '23**

PVCA Class AA All-State Team

**Avery Heist '23**

PVCA Class AA All-State Team

## **Football**

*as selected by the YAIAA Division III Coaches (Division III only)*

### **Offense**

**Quinn Brennan '23**

YAIAA Division III Coaches All-Star First Team - Wide Receiver

**Colin Faust '23**

YAIAA Division III Coaches All-Star First Team - Offensive Tackle

**LeVan McFadden '23**

YAIAA Division III Coaches All-Star First Team - Athlete

**Jacob McKnight '24**

YAIAA Division III Coaches All-Star Second Team - Guard

**Ryan Tully '23**

YAIAA Division III Coaches All-Star Second Team - Center

**Manny Lucena '23**

YAIAA Division III Coaches All-Star Honorable Mention - Running Back

### **Defense**

**Nick Creisher '23**

YAIAA Division III Coaches All-Star First Team - Middle Linebacker

**Colin Faust '23**

YAIAA Division III Coaches All-Star First Team - Middle Linebacker

**Quinn Brennan '23**

YAIAA Division III Coaches All-Star First Team - Safety

**Evan Kipple '25**

YAIAA Division III Coaches All-Star Second Team - Safety

### **Special Teams**

**J.P. Watson '24**

YAIAA Division III Coaches All-Star First Team - Kicker and Punter

### **All-YAIAA as selected by GameTimePA media**

**Quinn Brennan '23**

Honorable Mention

**Nick Creisher '23**

Honorable Mention

**Colin Faust '23**

Honorable Mention

**LeVan McFadden**

Honorable Mention

## **Girls Basketball**

YAIAA Division III Coaches Sportsmanship Award

**Mariah Shue '25**

YAIAA Coaches' Division III All-Star First Team

**Paige O'Brien '24**

YAIAA Coaches' Division III All-Star Second Team

**Katelyn Bullen '25**

YAIAA Coaches' Division III All-Star Honorable Mention

**Meredith Smith '24**

YAIAA Coaches' Division III All-Star Honorable Mention

**Kevin Bankos**

YAIAA Division III Coach of the Year

## **Boys Basketball**

**Jake Dallas '25**

YAIAA Coaches' Division III All-Star First Team

**Luke Forjan '23**

YAIAA Coaches' Division III All-Star Second Team

**Brady Walker '23**

YAIAA Coaches' Division III All-Star Second Team

**LeVan McFadden '23**

YAIAA Coaches' Division III All-Star Honorable Mention

# Businesses Give Back to York Catholic



St. Rose of Lima Columbiettes

## St. Rose of Lima Columbiettes

The St. Rose of Lima Columbiettes #10870 donated first aid and health supplies of band-aids, bandages, and facial tissues to YC for the school year. Shown left to right: Sandy Brown, Columbiettes; Tiffany Brocius, YC nurse; Olivia Watson; Sean Melhorn; Mary Galiardi, Columbiettes.



Knights of Columbus Scholarship

## Knights of Columbus Scholarship

St. Joseph Knights of Columbus #6353 established a scholarship program for 6th graders of St. Joseph Catholic School when entering 7th grade at York Catholic Middle School. The scholarship continues in 8th grade provided the students maintain or exceed their grade point average. Recipients this year are 7th graders Mathew Reynoso and Xavier Springer, and 8th graders Kobin Proudfoot, Joseph Kury, and Stephen Kury. Shown left to right: Kelly Brown, Knights of Columbus Grand Knight; Kathy Hand, York Catholic Director of Studies; Mathew Reynoso; Joseph Kury; Xavier Springer; Stephen Kury; Kobin Proudfoot; William Fullerton, Knights of Columbus Trustee.



Knights of Columbus Capital Campaign Support

## Knights of Columbus Capital Campaign Support

The Knights of Columbus Council #6353 provided generous support to Phase II of York Catholic's Capital Campaign. Shown left to right: Katie Seufert, York Catholic Principal; Kelly Brown, Knights of Columbus Grand Knight; William Fullerton, Knights of Columbus Trustee; Dave Salter, YC Director of Development.





Traditions Bank

## Traditions Bank

Traditions Bank supports York Catholic students through the PA Educational Incentive Tax Credit (EITC) program that is offered to businesses. Their gift is directly applied to providing tuition assistance and financial aid to YC students and their families, helping to make a YC education accessible to more of our communities' youth and young adults. Shown left to right: Katie Seufert, York Catholic Principal; Jim Coombes, Traditions Bank Senior Branch Manager; Dave Salter, YC Director of Development.



PeoplesBank

## PeoplesBank

PeoplesBank utilizes the Pennsylvania Educational Incentive Tax Credit (EITC) program that is offered to businesses to support students who wish to receive a York Catholic education. Shown left to right: Katie Seufert, York Catholic Principal; Diane Baker, PeoplesBank; Dave Salter, YC Director of Development.



Bridge Educational Foundation with M&T Bank and Waste Management

## Bridge

The Bridge Educational Foundation, through the support of M&T Bank and Waste Management, made a donation of \$26,500 of scholarship money to families in York County, including some who attend York Catholic. Scholarship funds are made possible through Pennsylvania's Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) and Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC) Programs. Pictured in center are YC Principal Katie Seufert and students Luke Ruis and Ava Williams along with M&T Bank and Waste Management executives, representatives of local school recipients, and government officials.



York Water Company

## York Water Company

The York Water Company uses Pennsylvania's Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program to support YC families who otherwise would not be able to attend. Pictured left to right are Dave Salter, YC Director of Development; Jacob DiLuca '29, Tony DiLuca, York Water Company Construction Superintendent; Nick DiLuca '25, Kathy Hand, YC Director of Studies.



## Athletic Hall of Fame Inductions

York Catholic High School's Athletic Booster Club inducted seven new members into its Sports Hall of Fame in January. The Sports Hall of Fame honors former coaches and student athletes, administrators, and volunteers. Congratulations to (front row): Teresa Strausbaugh DeGuzman '81 (basketball) accepted by her sisters Mary Fisher and Pam Heiser, Mike Hoffman '59 (service), Kady Schrann '11 (basketball/cross country). (Back row) Nicholas Krall '95 (administration), Rachel Forjan Eckert '12 (basketball), John Daniels '81 (coach), Charlene "Missy" Dearborn Macko '79 (basketball) accepted by her brother Matt Dearborn.

## The History of YC Boys' Basketball

When COVID-19 shut down the world in 2020, it provided Frank Zarnowski '61 with the time he needed to research and write a book about the history of York Catholic Boys' Basketball. While Frank's summers were usually filled with countless hours travelling and working as the official announcer of U.S. Track and Field meets throughout the country, his new venue became rooms at YC where his microphone was replaced with a pen and paper.

He traveled from his home in Emmitsburg, MD to visit YC to enthusiastically delve through yearbooks, score books, directories, and historical items as well as to spend time interviewing past coaches, assistant coaches, players, managers, and athletic administrators. Less than three years later, Frank's dedication to his project came to fruition with the bound copy of all of his research. The book includes history, box scores, records, and memories.

Frank's next project is to continue researching the basketball traditions of York Catholic with the focus on the girls' basketball program.

Frank's book is available for purchase at York Catholic during regular business hours for \$30. Orders can also be placed by phone or email to Deb Kemp at [dkemp@yorkcatholic.org](mailto:dkemp@yorkcatholic.org) or 717-846-8871. Additional shipping fees will apply.



## Student Entrepreneurs

The entrepreneurial spirit has encouraged some of our students to get a jump start on their career or create money-making ventures. Shown left to right: Joseph Stein '25 recently started a t-shirt design and production business called, The Pollen Clothing. He donates portions of his sales toward charitable causes. Tyger Smock '23 continues to operate Smock's Pressure Wash, and Smock's Custom Christmas

Lighting businesses. Michael Langeheine '23 has tapped into the e-commerce business by reselling items online and investing the profits into the stock market which in turn is helping to pay for his college education. Briana Bradley '24 has turned her art designs into a popular sticker business that is taking off. These entrepreneurial endeavors which started as hobbies are now showing potential as successful business ventures.





## 2023 Golf Tournament

The annual York Catholic Golf Outing will take place Monday, September 18, at the Out Door Country Club in York. Be sure to register early as this event fills up quickly. For more information or to learn more about sponsorship opportunities, visit [yorkcatholic.org/golf-tournament](http://yorkcatholic.org/golf-tournament) or contact Laurie Moir at [Imoir@yorkcatholic.org](mailto:Imoir@yorkcatholic.org).



## Night at the Races

The York Catholic Athletic Booster Club hosted another Night at the Races at YC this past February. The gym was filled with excitement and laughter as we came together for a night of good food, great company, and the best cause! The night brought in just over \$14,000.00 to support York Catholic Athletics. Thank you to our sponsors, donors, guests, volunteers, and YC staff members who helped make the night a success. Mark your calendar now for our next Night at the Races scheduled for October 28! Details will be on the YC website in September.



## Homecoming

Join us for the Homecoming Football Game Friday, September 22, at 7:00 PM versus York Tech. Pre-game festivities begin at 6:15 PM including the Marching Band performance and Homecoming Court introductions. Go Irish!



# Class Reunions

Our alumni have a special connection to York Catholic. Whether it's volunteering for school committees or hiring a YC grad, the Irish spirit runs deep. Class Reunions are typically held every 5 years for graduating classes, but many meet monthly. If you're planning a class get-together, let us know so we can help you spread the word.

We can place your notice in upcoming *Greensleeves* issues, post information on our website, and help you with a mailing list. And don't forget... York Catholic is a great place to have your reunion. We can help you with that, too. Please contact the Advancement Office at [development@yorkcatholic.org](mailto:development@yorkcatholic.org) or 717-846-8871 x1322 to let us know about your upcoming reunion.

## Class of 1955

Come and enjoy seeing and meeting old friends and classmates, every first Thursday of the month for lunch at 1 PM. Call Joan (Orendorff) Witmer at 717-845-8128 for the restaurant choice of the month.

## Class of 1958

Classmates meet the 2nd Monday of each month at 9 AM at the Stony Brook Family Restaurant, 3560 East Market Street in York. Please contact Charles Small at 717-578-6730 or Charlie Staub at 352-408-9604 at least 5 days in advance so a group reservation can be made at the restaurant.

## Class of 1960

Members of the class meet for lunch at Boardwalks Restaurant on East Market Street in York at 12:30 PM on the 2nd Tuesday of every other even month. Please contact Mary "Fran" (Frey) Hughes at 717-755-9480 or Joann (Gaubeart) Hano at 717-755-2262 if you will be joining the group.

## Class of 1962

Classmates gather monthly for breakfast on the 4th Thursday at the Lyndon Diner. Contact Liz (Wotherspoon) Kohler at 717-259-9082 or [eak913@verizon.net](mailto:eak913@verizon.net), if you wish to be notified each month.

## Class of 1966

The Class of 1966 is turning 75 so they're having a Birthday Party October 14, 2023, from 1-5 PM at Equine

Meadows Social Hall, 500 Equine Cove, Red Lion, PA 17356. The cost is \$10 per person. More details coming soon. Class members should update their contact information with Carol (Reisinger) Hess at 717-891-6178 or [cahess1@icloud.com](mailto:cahess1@icloud.com).

## Class of 1967

Class members get together monthly at various locations. For more information, contact Kay (Daniels) Kuhn at [rkuhn7@comcast.net](mailto:rkuhn7@comcast.net).

## Class of 1969

The Class of 1969 meets monthly at 11:30 AM at Hoss's on White Street in West York. Class members can e-mail Marty Tassia at [martytassia@comcast.net](mailto:martytassia@comcast.net), Paul Faulise at [paulfaulise@gmail.com](mailto:paulfaulise@gmail.com), or Lynn (Gallagher) Maher at [lynn.g.maher@gmail.com](mailto:lynn.g.maher@gmail.com) with questions or to update their information.

## Class of 1970

Class members gather the 3rd Wednesday of the month at various locations published at YCHS Class of 70 Reunion site of Facebook. For more information, contact Jeff Witman at 717-615-9002 or [jmwitman63@gmail.com](mailto:jmwitman63@gmail.com).

## Class of 1973

The 50th reunion will be a two-day event September 9, 2023, at Rockfish Public House and a casual gathering September 10, 2023, at Dave Hoffman's farmhouse. Please contact Vickie (Munchel) Clinton at [vmclinton@comcast.net](mailto:vmclinton@comcast.net) or 717-887-9745 with your current contact information.

## Class of 1978

The 45th Reunion of the class of 1978 is scheduled for Saturday, September 30, 2023, from 6-10 PM at the First Post (upstairs), 3691 E. Market St. in York. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided. Cash bar. The cost is \$25 per person. Please RSVP to Nick Krupa at [nekrupa@gmail.com](mailto:nekrupa@gmail.com). Payment can be sent to John Vottero by Venmo @John-Vottero or a check payable to John Vottero can be mailed to: Mike Allen, Allen Oil Sales, 1100 W. Locust St., York, PA 17404. Please forward any email addresses or phone numbers of classmates you are in contact with to Nick at the email address above.

## Class of 2001

The Class of 2001 held their 20th(+1) Reunion at the Revival Social Club in November.



Class of 2001 Reunion



# Class Notes

**Steve Ember '67** combined his love for animals and photography to create a dog calendar to benefit the Pet Pantry of Lancaster County. Steve took pictures of over 180 dogs while walking on the Warwick-Ephrata Rail Trail. He was featured on FOX43's "On the Bright Side." Visit <https://fb.watch/io2dIWugh4/?mibextid=cr9u03> to take a look.

**David Hayes '79** and his wife Kellie moved to Annapolis, MD in early 2023. David was recently promoted to a solutions consultant for maintenance sales and building automation projects at Harris Mid Atlantic, a large mechanical contractor.



**Patrick Copenheaver '81** who writes under the pen name of James Patrick Carl recently had his first children's book published that will be the first in a series. The book is entitled "Little Kay's Happy Day" and teaches children

about autism at a level of understanding for age levels under ten years old.



Enjoy the beach year-round with photography by Barbara (Pioli) Bucher '82

**Barbara (Pioli) Bucher '82** combined her talent for photography with her love of the beach, the ocean, the landscape that surrounds it, and the creatures that rely on it, to create luvtheseaphotography.

Barb's work has been featured in numerous publications across the

country and can be found at regional maker markets and on Facebook, Instagram, and Etsy.



Major Patrick Skehan '05

**Major Patrick Skehan '05** received the top four communications awards given within the United States Marine Corps including the USMC Communications Unit of the Year Award and the Marine Corps Communications Officer of the Year Award. Major Skehan has served

our country for 12 years and is currently stationed at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar in San Diego, CA. The award ceremony was held last month at the Pentagon in Washington, DC and his parents, Mark and Linda Skehan, were able to attend.



The Harang Boys already call YC "home"

**Lacey (Hess) Harang '06** and her husband Daryl welcomed their third son, Creed Mays Harang, in March of 2022. Big brothers Coleson (age 8) and Crew (age 6) are already showing Creed the ropes at YC where Lacey has been the cheerleading coach for 11

years. Creed's godparents are Heather Hoffman '91 and her husband Chris Woltcheck.

# Class Notes *CONT.*



John Full '08 with daughter Vivian

**John Full '08** and his wife Paige welcomed daughter Vivian last August. The family resides in Wilmington, NC.



Dr. Carrie (Fix) Mitcheltree '14

**Dr. Carrie (Fix) Mitcheltree '14** received her Doctor of Physical Therapy from Messiah University in May 2022. She is currently working at Phoenix Physical Therapy in Harrisburg, PA.



Abby Wurzbach '19 speaks at the York County Alliance for Learning Symposium

**Abby Wurzbach '19** spoke as part of the York County Alliance for Learning Symposium. YCAL Executive Director Kevin Appnel said, "Abby did an amazing job and brought a lot of energy to the Student/Graduate panel sharing her experiences with career exploration and spoke very well about stepping out of your comfort zone and saying yes to things that ended up giving her new experiences that fed into her career. She was a great representation of York Catholic, and of York College!"



Evan Costlow '22

**Evan Costlow '22** was selected to play an oboe concerto with the York Youth Symphony Orchestra last month.

**Carly Poff '22** just completed her freshman year at Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia, majoring in Pharmaceutical and Healthcare Marketing. During her first year, she joined Alpha Phi Theta Chapter, Co-Op Program Participant, Women's Club Soccer, Pharmaceutical Industry Leaders of Tomorrow, Garden Club, Red Dress Gala Committee, and Art Club. She writes, "The Cooperative Education Program (Co-Op) that Saint Joseph's University offers gives students two full-time, paid work opportunities within a four-year course. Being a member of the program has allowed me to accept a Co-Op position for my upcoming sophomore fall semester with AmerisourceBergen at its headquarters in Conshohocken, PA. AmerisourceBergen is ranked #8 on the Fortune 500 list, where it is a pharmaceutical sourcing and distribution company. With that being said, I am taking my sophomore fall semester classes now and will work full-time in the fall. I will be working in the finance sourcing and supply chain position. Joining the AB team will provide me with leadership exposure, professional development, and discovering new skills I can build upon. I am grateful for this next step!"



Bethany Weaver '22

**Bethany Weaver '22** has taken her passion for art that we saw during her time at York Catholic and turned it into a profitable business venture and career. Bethany has opened *BettysArtandDesign* on Etsy.com that features her art designs she created while at YC and more recent designs.



# Memorials

Memorials are only printed when submitted in writing by the family

**Samuel Brezler '64**, husband of Lucy Brezler; father of Steven Brezler, Paula Brezler, Donald Brezler, Thomas Brezler; grandfather of Alyssa, Gabrielle, Frederick, Elizabeth and Elliott; brother of Gilbert Brezler '55, Bonnie (Brezler) Fetrow '58, Julia (Brezler) Steward '59, Pandora (Brezler) Brickner '62, Theresa (Brezler) Fenstermacher '65, Mike Brezler '67, James Brezler '71, Marian Sue (Brezler) Darr '71.

**Michael Corcoran '67**, husband of Jeane Corcoran; son of Dr. & Mrs. Andrew Corcoran (deceased); father of M. Bradley Corcoran, Casey (Corcoran) Shelton; brother of Patrick Corcoran (deceased), Andrew Corcoran '66, Kathleen (Corcoran) O'Leary '69, Patricia (Corcoran) English '71, Sean Corcoran '74, Noreen (Corcoran) Wenner '76, Joseph Corcoran '78, Margaret (Corcoran) Kacer '81.

**Bryan Crumbling '69**, husband of Barbara (Kaufhold) Crumbling '71; son of Joseph Crumbling '50 and Helen (Pfeiffer) Crumbling '49 (deceased); father of Lynn Crumbling, Krista (Crumbling) Clark '04, Steven Crumbling (deceased); brother of Lynn (Crumbling) Lauer '73, Mitch Crumbling '78; uncle of Alicia Thompson '05; grandfather of Kyleigh, Imogen, Griffin, and Kerry.

**Daniel Foster '70**, brother of Thomas Foster '57, Susan (Foster) Watson '64, Marjorie (Foster) Strong '65, Kenneth Foster '66, Patricia (Foster) Taylor '69.



Reverend Paul Shuda

**Reverend Paul Shuda**, brother of Sister Mary Michelle Shuda (deceased), Reverend Robert Shuda (deceased). Father was a teacher at York Catholic from 1962-63.



Rose (Orlando) Stein '70

**Rose (Orlando) Stein '70**, wife of Gerald Stein, Sr. (deceased); mother of Gerald Stein, Jr. (deceased), Joe Stein '99, Mary Stein '03; grandmother of Joseph Stein '25, Michael Stein '28; sister of Joseph Orlando '57 (deceased), Vincent Orlando '61, Susan (Orlando) Creep '64 (deceased), Providence Orlando (deceased), Lawrence Orlando (deceased); aunt of Providence (Creep) Spotts Swartz '88, Susan Creep '87 (deceased). Rose was a 1970 graduate of York Catholic and began volunteering at YC in 1993. Her

volunteerism transitioned to employment in 1999. She worked in our guidance office, main office, and ran our Magazine Drive and Irish Sweepstakes fundraisers for years. She also was the Middle School Student Council moderator, Spiritual Life Director, ran the YC Home and School Organization, and served as a substitute teacher. In addition to her service to York Catholic, our students also witnessed Rose's faith through her service at St. Patrick's as a lector, choir member, PTO President, and many other roles.

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