

**YC** YORK CATHOLIC  
**GREENSLEEVES**



SUMMER 2025



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**CLASS OF 2025!**





# 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!

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**YC YORK CATHOLIC**  
MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

## 2025-2026 Student Visitation Events

### SHADOW FOR A DAY

Available September 2025 through May 2026

*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

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October 19: 12-2 pm

February 5: 6-7:30 pm

May 5: 6-7:30 pm

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

### IMPORTANT DATES

**November 21**

Admissions Applications Due

**February 26**

Early Enrollment Deadline

**March 1**

Family Customized Tuition Deadline

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Dear YC Family,

The month of June is filled with mixed emotions as it is a time of farewell and reflection simultaneous with a time of restoration and renewal. Over the last two months, we have mourned the loss of our beloved Holy Father, Pope Francis, bid farewell to the Class of 2025 as they move forward well prepared for the next chapter lives, and successfully closed another school year. We now use the next couple of months for restoration, as we prepare for the renewal of the next school year.

In May 2014 when addressing an Italian school community, Pope Francis stated, "The mission of schools is to develop a sense of truth, of what is good and beautiful. And this occurs through a rich path made up of many ingredients." The lessons learned in all of our academic classrooms really lead to the simple truth that all of God's creation is "good and beautiful" and we are confident the Class of 2025 will take those lessons with them as they go on to serve the global community.

When reflecting on the previous academic year, I am most proud of the continued real-world experiences lived by our students on campus and beyond. In February, one of our students gave witness to the power of evangelization in our community as he received his First Holy Communion and Confirmation in front of the entire school. Beyond our walls, for the first time in 24 years, we were permitted to take 26 students abroad. Led by Frau Laura Richards, these students were able to see first-hand the faith, history, culture, and art they have been learning about in our classrooms. From Palm Sunday Mass in Berlin to the hallowed grounds of Dachau, Germany, our students proved their commitment to lifelong learning during their 9-day adventure across Germany and the Czech Republic. Megan Wertz, our Social Studies Department Chair and Germany trip chaperone said:

"...my favorite part was watching our students make connections to so many things that we already talked about in class. I was beaming with pride while I listened to them answer questions asked by the tour guides. They would get excited to see the places and artifacts that I showed them pictures of in class, and then look back at me and smile. This really was a life changing experience. Certainly, the highlight of my teaching career!"

From service retreats in Lancaster, to field trips to Gettysburg and the National Shrine, to state-wide competitions in Hershey and Pittsburgh, the list of opportunities for a YC student to realize what they are learning and apply it to a real-world experience goes on and on. I could not be more grateful to the dedicated administration, faculty, and staff who make all of this possible every day for our young people.

And so now, we reflect and prepare for a renewed school year in a couple of short months where we will add new "ingredients" to the list of opportunities for a YC student.

I cannot thank all of you enough for your support of yet another successful school year. Enjoy reading all about it in the pages ahead and have a peaceful and restful summer.

With blessings,

Katie Doyle '96  
President

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## KATIE DOYLE PRESIDENT

### 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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(Gymnasium & Stadium events)**  
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# Kathy Hand Appointed Principal

The Most Reverend Timothy C. Senior, Bishop of Harrisburg, and the Board of Directors for York Catholic Middle & High School announced in April that Kathy Hand has been appointed to the position of school Principal. She had served as Interim Principal for the 2024-2025 school year with the promotion of Katie Doyle to school President.

"I have been inspired by Kathy's unwavering commitment to York Catholic's mission. Her experience, success and dedication to fostering an environment of faith, growth and excellence as an educator has prepared her well for this role. I have no doubt that Kathy will continue to inspire both students and staff as Principal," said Bishop Senior.

Kathy expressed her appreciation for the appointment, saying,

**“** *I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the York Catholic community in this role. I have tremendous respect and appreciation for the tradition of excellence that YC offers to families in regard to academics, athletics, and faith formation, and look forward to continued growth and development as we move YC forward.* **”**

Secretary for Education Daniel Breen lauded Hand for "her steady and faithful guidance at York Catholic, and her wonderful care for students and staff."

Kathy earned a B.A. degree in Secondary Education from the University of Vermont and an M.A. in School Administration from Rivier University in New Hampshire. Prior to being named the Interim Principal of York Catholic, she served for 11 years as the Director of Studies. She has also worked as a middle and high school teacher, and taught English as a second language to students in Brazil. In her role as Principal of York Catholic, she will continue to manage the day to day running of the school, oversee the academic program, and work closely with faculty, staff, and students.



Principal Kathy Hand

York Catholic President Katie Doyle added, "I am excited to continue to partner with Kathy Hand as she formally adopts the title of Principal, a position she has been doing for the better part of this year. Her dedication to preparing York Catholic students for their future success beyond the walls of YC is unwavering. She will no doubt continue to ensure the student experience at YC is second to none."

## Laura Burkey Named Director of Advancement

We are excited to welcome Laura Burkey as York Catholic's new Advancement Director. In this role, she will oversee all Development and Admissions activities, working with the Admissions Director and Dave Salter, who will be the lead for Annual Giving and Alumni Relations.

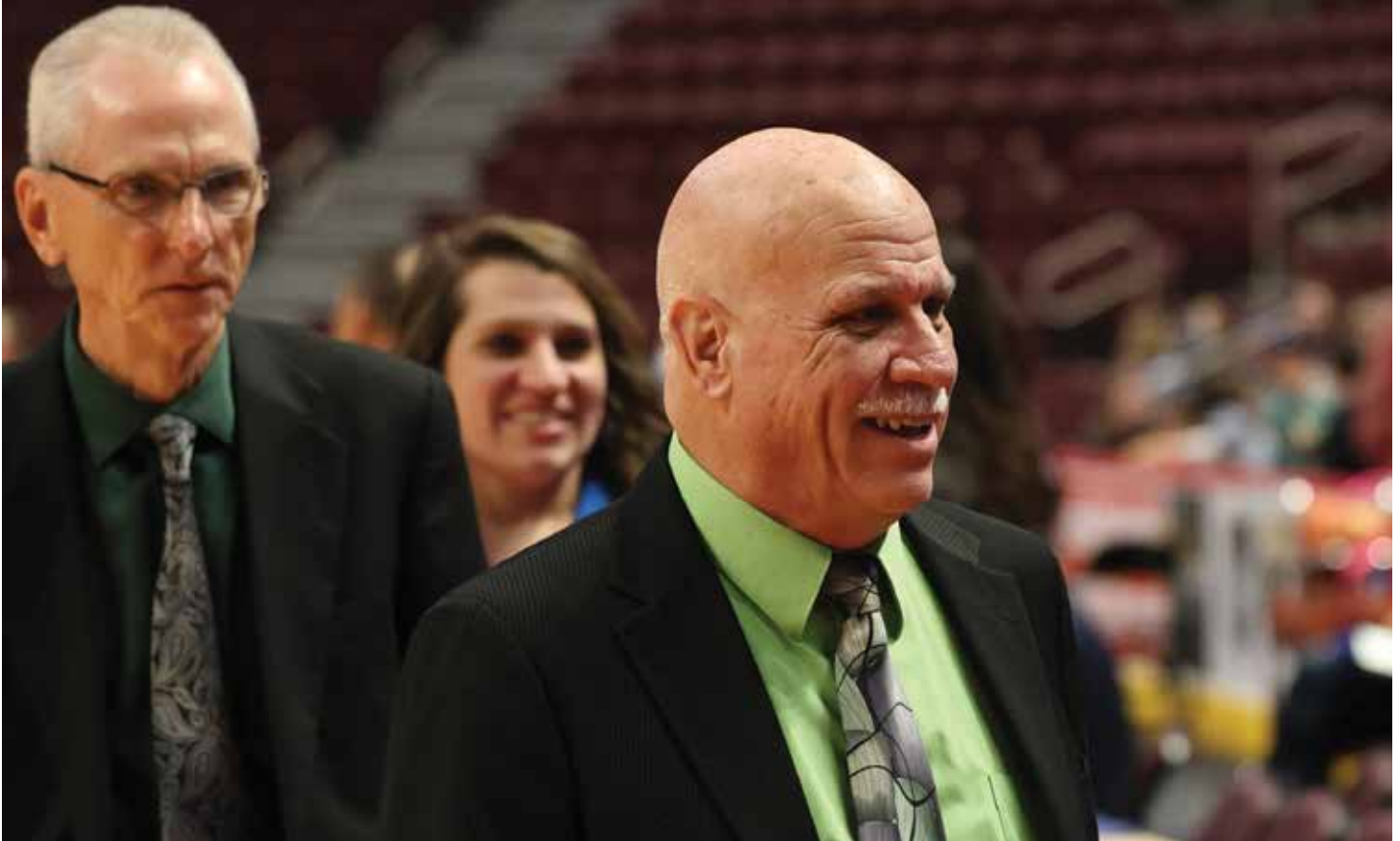


Laura Burkey

Laura is no stranger to York Catholic as she has been leading our girls' lacrosse team as the head coach for the past two years. Professionally, Laura most recently served as the Director of Development at York Country Day School and Director of Stewardship at York College. Laura was raised in Baltimore by YC graduates, Jim Randisi '70 and Mary (McGowan) Randisi '71. She attended Notre Dame Preparatory School for Girls in Baltimore and earned a degree in Journalism from American University. *Welcome Laura!*



# Bankos Ends Storied Coaching Career



After 19 highly successful years as the Head Coach of the Girls' Basketball program at York Catholic, Kevin Bankos '82 is retiring from coaching.

Bankos started his coaching career in the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) as an assistant at St. Joseph York in 1982. He joined the York Catholic team as a JV coach in 2004 and was named Varsity head coach in 2006. During his tenure, Bankos amassed a record of 434-120 for a 78.3 winning percentage. He guided his teams to six state championship appearances, winning two titles. His teams won eleven District championships with 9 of them being in consecutive years, and 5 District silver medals. Bankos was named Pennsylvania Coach of the Year three times and YAIAA County Coach of the Year seven times during his career and is well respected within the coaching and basketball community. He was named to the York Catholic Hall of Fame in 2012.

Bankos will continue his position as Director of Operations at York Catholic, and will continue to oversee the athletic program headed by athletic director, Brad Hayek.

Ashton (Bankos) Hirsch '08, an assistant to Bankos and his daughter, will assume the helm as Head Coach. Hirsch was a member of York Catholic's 2006, 2007, and 2008 State Championship teams and is a member of York Catholic's Hall of Fame. She played basketball at Juniata College where she was named conference Player of the Year, Division III All American, and is a member of the Juniata College Hall of Fame. She also served as an assistant coach under Sherri Gorman at Elizabethtown College before moving to York Catholic as an assistant to Bankos.

# College Instructors Teaching at YC

*Kathy Hand, Principal*

York Catholic students are not only gaining a leg up by receiving an education that is top notch in York County, but they are also being taught by the best of the best. Three York Catholic faculty members even have experience teaching on the college level, bringing fresh perspectives into our middle and high school classrooms.

## MRS. RACHEL SHANKO

taught for eight years at St. Patrick's School before joining the York Catholic faculty. She is currently in her ninth year at YC, teaching 7th grade English Language Arts. This year, Mrs. Shanko took on a new position with York College as an adjunct professor, teaching a Foundations Communications course for freshmen two nights a week. She enjoys the opportunity to work with college freshmen, remembering back to some of the phone calls home from her oldest son as he acclimated to campus life; she appreciates talking with college freshmen as they work through time management issues, homesickness, or roommate struggles. She finds joy in that. Rachel's greatest challenge in this new role is the evaluation of writing for an 18-year-old when she is so accustomed to instructing students who are just twelve. She continues to adjust to the age differential and is embracing this new professional opportunity. We appreciate her initiative, drive, and new perspective as she works with students on the college level.



*Mrs. Rachel Shanko*

member, teaching Networking Database, Ecommerce, and Management Information Systems. We are most grateful for Dr. Hostler's investment in our YC students and the technological expertise he shares. YC seniors share that Dr. Hostler's class is a favorite, and the highlight of their day. Students like the content taught, the hands-on learning, and they enjoy Dr. Hostler's teaching style.

## MR. CURTIS NELSON

was born and raised in North Dakota, but has lived and taught in Canada, Oregon, Arizona, and California. Curtis has a Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance, and a Master's Degree in Church Music with a major in choral and instrumental conducting. He taught on college campuses for a total of 33 years, retiring from teaching in 2019. Curtis and his wife Patrice moved to York to be closer to the youngest of their ten grandchildren, and Curtis joined York Catholic as a teacher and musical director in 2024. He has, since the age of seventeen, been involved in and directed countless productions; his most recent project was York Catholic's spring performance of *James and the Giant Peach*. Curtis appreciates the fresh exuberance of York Catholic's high school students as they discover new concepts involving acting, theater, and music. On stage experiences help students to present themselves with confidence in any situation, and Curtis enjoys the opportunity to encourage and nurture these skills in theater class and within the YC drama department.



*Mr. Curtis Nelson*

## DR. ERIC HOSTLER

earned both his BA and MBA at York College, and was awarded his Doctorate of Informational Systems through the University of Maryland Baltimore County. Dr. Hostler currently teaches two courses every morning at York Catholic, Intro to Computer Science and Advanced Placement Computer Science Principles. Next year, he adds a Cyber Security course to the mix. Dr. Hostler spends the rest of his day at York College as a full-time faculty



*Dr. Eric Hostler*

*Our students are not only challenged by the academic rigor of a YC education, they are fortunate to have the opportunity to be taught by excellent teachers who are also preparing them through collegiate-style instruction.*



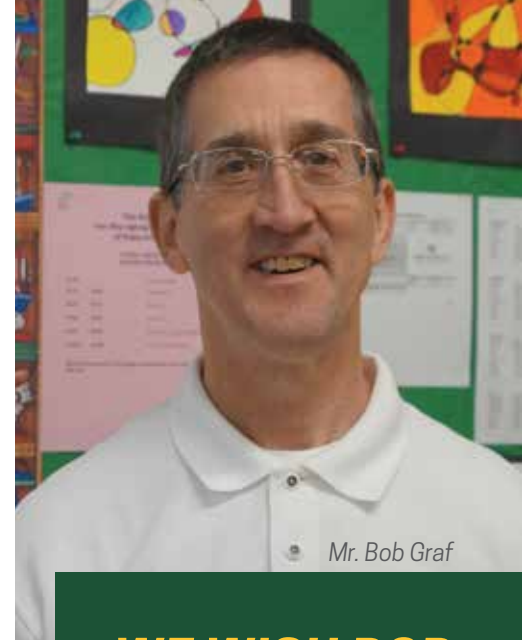
# It's Always a Good Day with Mr. Graf

Kathy Hand, Principal

Math teacher Bob Graf retires this year after a career devoted to education. Bob grew up in New York, graduating from Manhattan College in the Bronx, later earning his master's degree from Temple University in Philadelphia. Bob has dedicated 32 years to teaching mathematics; he has been a positive presence at York Catholic since 2017. He began his teaching career at William Penn High School in York, in 1992. He spent time teaching at Dallastown Area High School, and at St. Theresa School in New Cumberland. He served as Principal of Good Shepherd School for three years before returning to the classroom in 2014. Bob has taught middle and high school math, teaching everything from Pre-Algebra to Trigonometry. Bob is dedicated, genuine, and his positive outlook has tremendous impact on all those fortunate enough to know him.

Bob is a creature of habit, and we know his routine. He is typically the first to arrive daily, and by early, we mean 6:15 am. As he walks to his room, he opens classroom doors for colleagues, ensuring that they begin the day without a coffee splatter and the daily fumble for keys. Bob is in the halls as students enter the building, talking and laughing and reminding all that "It's a good day." That is his motto, his daily creed, and it keeps everyone in his radius smiling. If Bob Graf has had a bad day, we would never know. Upperclassmen know and will always remember his "ONE MINUTE!" warning that resonates down the one hundred level hallway at 8:14 every morning. It is a beloved ritual that let's the juniors and seniors know homeroom is about to start and they need to be in their seats.

Mr. Graf makes everyone, students and teachers alike, feel like they really matter. He goes above and beyond daily, and to walk past room 110 before or after school you will often see him working one-on-one with a student, coaching them on the principles of Geometry. He goes one classroom to the next before and after school, checking in on colleagues. Bob doesn't have favorites; he wanders in and chats up whomever he finds. This same level of attention is extended to the whole student body as well. Mr. Graf always asks students how their games went, or offers congratulations on recent achievements. He is often in attendance at many of the less frequented sporting events. It's normal to see faculty at high profile varsity football and basketball games. Mr. Graf, however, might be found walking around the two-mile mark of a high school cross country course, or sitting in a near-empty section of bleachers during a ninth grade basketball game. Bob is a genuinely good teacher, colleague, and friend, and we consider ourselves blessed to know and work with him.



Mr. Bob Graf

**WE WISH BOB  
THE BEST AS  
HE RETIRES!**



## Sam Kemp Lifesaver

The York Catholic Boys Lacrosse team was led to the stadium by bagpiper Matt Kearns for Senior Night. Matt was there to honor YC senior Sam Kemp (#28). Two years ago, Sam administered CPR to Matt and helped to save his life.

*We wish Bob the best as he retires, and know he will enjoy time with family. If things get too quiet, Bob, you know it will always be a good day to visit 601 East Springettsbury Ave. Blessings as you go and visit often.*

# Living a Deliberate & Adventurous Life

Barbara (Ember) Full '78



Adam Bittner '17



Adam Bittner '17 with friends and former co-workers in Paris, France



Katherine Bittner '12, Bob Bury, Liz Bittner Bury, Taylor Bury, Megan Bittner '14, and Adam Bittner '17

When Adam Bittner '17 was a student at York Catholic, he was familiar with York Catholic's mission that states in part that the school prepares students to serve the global community. He took it to heart and travels the world learning, exploring, and making a difference wherever he goes.

The son of Brent Bittner and Liz Bittner Bury, and the brother to Megan '14 and Katherine '12. When Adam was a freshman at college, his father Brent passed away. Rather than let this moment define him, he decided to be deliberate in shaping an adventurous and fulfilling life. Adam said, "early on I realized that the most important times are now, and that my life was one worth celebrating. I think that knowing and understanding [myself] is the greatest gift that I can give. I'm always changing and adapting, [and] I hope that by living in this way, I can positively impact others."

Working summers and weekends as a farmhand in Dallastown, he became enthralled with studying different types of agricultural systems and eventually arrived at Iowa State University. However, the drudgery of high-level calculus, economics and the pandemic did not provide the nourishing learning opportunity he was hoping to experience. For that reason, he took a gap semester working on a ranch in Neuquen, Argentina and pursued a language degree in Spanish and a minor in US Latino Studies with a focus on regenerative agricultural systems. Adam spent the last semester of his senior year outside of the United States studying literature, art, and working at a Slow Food farm at The University of Extremadura in Cáceres, Spain. Long story short, he loved it. Through moving, the expansiveness of his world continued to grow, and he chose not to return for his graduation ceremony. He believes this is an example of his orientation and perspective—always forward.

During and after college, Adam coordinated scholarships and exchange opportunities between youth in agriculture and the

United Nations, the Food and Agriculture Organization, and related NGOs with the International Association of Students of Agriculture and Science. Adam got to work on projects which included biodegradable plastics made out of milk in Ecuador, organic indigenous coffee cooperatives in Guatemala, and farming initiatives in Nepal, where the lack of flat arable land presents unique challenges. Work took on a new meaning, and it fueled and inspired him.

Later, Adam worked remotely from Big Sky, Montana; Berkeley, California; and Berlin, Germany. He focused on moving to Japan, and he enrolled in classes at his local community college. Finally, in August of 2024, he moved to the other side of the globe with the Japan Exchange and Teaching Program (JET). This program allows unique cultural exchange opportunities for Americans to work in schools and government offices in Japan.

Again, through combining his diverse interests and experiences, Adam moved to Tokyo and took a job on the Product Team with Eighty Days Japan, a sustainable tourism company specializing in bolstering rural economies and rejuvenating local communities that are facing challenges due to Japan's declining population.

Tokyo provides a dynamic, fast paced, and perfect environment for a person to challenge and reinvent themselves as Adam has done so many times in his young life. His visits to more than 20 countries make him prepared for this moment and for whatever comes next.

In the future, he plans to create his own company representing agricultural products abroad. With his vast and varied knowledge, his exciting sense of adventure, and his knack for thriving in a worldwide landscape, Adam will be a success wherever he plants his roots.



# IT'S NOT TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE

The Pennsylvania Special Purpose Entity (SPE) program allows individuals with a PA state income tax liability in excess of \$1,000 to donate to York Catholic Middle & High School and receive a PA state tax credit for 90% of their donation. The remaining 10% of their donation is a deductible charitable contribution for federal tax purposes. These tax credit contributions allow York Catholic Middle & High School to provide scholarships for those students and families most in need.

Visit our website at [www.yorkcatholic.org/give](http://www.yorkcatholic.org/give) to download more information or a Joinder Agreement. For more details, please contact Dave Salter, Director of Development, at 717-846-8871 x1325 or [dsalter@yorkcatholic.org](mailto:dsalter@yorkcatholic.org).

## WE'RE NOT DONE, YET

It's difficult to believe that the school year has come to a close. But not our fiscal year! The annual York Catholic Fund closes on June 30, so if you haven't already made your gift to YC, now is the time to make sure we finish the year off in grand fashion. Date your check or e-gift by June 30. Every dollar from the YC Fund is crucial for us to be able to provide a quality Catholic education to our students in all that we do: faith, academics, athletics, music and the arts, and extracurricular activities.

To make a gift to the York Catholic Fund, you can go online at [www.yorkcatholic.org/give/york-catholic-fund/](http://www.yorkcatholic.org/give/york-catholic-fund/) or contact Director of Development, Dave Salter, at 717-846-8871 x1325.

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# YC Students Explore Germany

Grace Oakhem '26

To preface this trip, let me begin by thanking our school for such a wonderful opportunity and my parents for supporting my travels. This fantastic experience wouldn't have been possible without them. Our York Catholic trip to Europe was my first time across the sea, made even more magical by Frau Richards's expert planning, in partnership with our travel company, ACIS. We were blessed with a fantastic tour guide, James, who took us all around Germany and Prague, specifically tailoring our journey to our preferences. We were able to visit St. Hedwig's Cathedral in Berlin on Palm Sunday and celebrate Mass there, as well as viewing many churches such as the St. Vitus Cathedral in Prague, or the Frauenkirche Church in Dresden.

In between these beautifully constructed churches, we spent time in Berlin, Dresden, Prague, Nuremberg, Munich, and Oberammergau. Some highlights from a few of these cities include working together in small teams to make our own street art in Berlin, visiting the reconstructed Semperoper opera house in Dresden, watching the Prague Astronomical Clock's famous performance, and taking a moment at the old Nazi Party Rally Grounds in Nuremberg. Of course, I would be remiss to not mention the Dachau concentration camp and the hike to Neuschwanstein Castle.

All throughout each day, we learned all about German and Czech history, but it came to a head at Dachau. Being able to walk on the same ground as the victims from nearly a century ago was both humbling and bone-chilling. It was an opportunity to pray for peace and for the repose of the souls long lost. There was even a small chapel on the grounds for prayer and offering candles. I am very grateful that we were able to visit and learn hands-on about the Holocaust because it brought me a new, even more reverent perspective on history.



*St. Trinitatis Cathedral, Dresden, Germany*

Our spirits were lifted the next (and final) day by taking a ride out to the stunning Neuschwanstein Castle. While there were easier paths to get to the mountaintop castle, we were given the option to take a harder hike, with the benefit of being able to visit the Marienbrücke (Mary's Bridge) on the way for the best photos. I took the challenge, and was well rewarded with fantastic photos! The castle itself was also lovely, as we were given an in-depth tour of the meticulously crafted architecture inside. It was the perfect way to end our visit to Europe.

All in all, I would highly recommend working with York Catholic to send your child on another one of these educational trips, if it were to happen again. It was a well-organized and enjoyable trip that I would do a thousand times over if I could. Thank you again to all involved for this incredible experience!





*Nymphenburg Palace, Munich, Germany*



*View from Marienbrücke taken  
by Grace Oakhem*



*Old Town, Prague, Czechia*



*Street Painting in Berlin, Germany*

# Class of 2025

*Christopher Sterling '25, York Catholic Student Council President*

The York Catholic High School Class of 2025 is truly a group unlike any other. When I look back at the time I spent with this genuine and good-hearted class of students, I am filled with pride, happiness, and a touch of bittersweet sadness.

Our time together at York Catholic was a formative experience that I would not trade for anything in the world. Whether we met as 4-year-olds in preschool, wide-eyed seventh graders in junior high, or nervous freshman in high school, I feel as if I have formed a special connection with each and every one of my classmates.

The class of 2025 bonded in the classroom, the athletic field, the musical stage, and in the music pit. This bond only strengthened through the highs and lows of high school, but no matter what, the class of 2025 always had each other's backs.

I am certain that every single member of the class of 2025 will be able to look back and fondly reminisce on positive memories during their time at YC. Whether their memories come from laughs in the classroom, victories in athletic events, or fun at school events like Mini-THON, I know that every single person has had great experiences during their time at YC.

For the past six years, York Catholic has been an amazing environment to foster the growth and development of our class. I am extremely grateful for York Catholic, but more importantly, for the people who made the experience what it was.



*Christopher Sterling '25*

**“** ... through the highs and lows of high school ... the class of 2025 always had each other's backs.” **”**

## *Congratulations* **CLASS OF 2025!**

**85**

Graduates

**\$16.5**

million earned  
in scholarships

**89%**

earned  
scholarships

**9,884**

service hours to  
the community

**95%**

continuing education  
at college/university

**4%**

entering the  
work force

**1%**

entering  
the military



# Valedictorian & Salutatorian

Bianca Po was named Valedictorian and Madeline Murphy was named Salutatorian for York Catholic's Class of 2025. Using grades through the third quarter of senior year, they have a cumulative grade point average that ranks them first and second among their classmates.

While at York Catholic, Bianca Po was the Technology Student Association Chapter Founder and President, National Honor Society Secretary, Diversity Club Creative Designer, and a member of the Student Ambassadors Executive Board. She was also involved in Art Club, Yearbook Club, Spanish Club, Extraordinary Ministers, and Science Fair. Away from school she was an altar server, a member of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Youth Group, a Congress of Future Medical Leaders Delegate, and a WellSpan York Hospital Patient Aide Volunteer. When asked about her favorite class, she said, "I enjoyed my time the most in art class because it was such a welcoming and fun environment to be freely creative. Art Class was one of the few moments in my chaotic schedule where I could relax and dedicate time to do what I love most: creating art." She said the best school event was Mini-THON and her favorite YC tradition was "the dress down weeks with different themes for each day—I dressed up as Mario once!" She said one thing she would do differently would be to "make even more memories." Her life advice to younger students was, "Quit worrying, it'll work out in the end, have some faith." Her biggest accomplishment at YC was "becoming Valedictorian." She plans to attend Case Western Reserve University to study Biology. She is the daughter of Clarissa & Ricardo Po and is a member of St. Joseph Church in Dallastown.

Madeline Murphy was a National Merit Scholar, President of National Honor Society, Captain of the Cross Country team, and was a member of Student Council, Student Ambassadors, Ping Pong Club, Science Fair, Softball, and



*Valedictorian & Salutatorian*

Track and Field. When asked about her favorite class, she said, "I enjoyed Mrs. Euclide's English classes because we were encouraged to be creative whether it be for a project or our ideas about a book we had read." Her favorite school event was Mini-THON "because we supported the kids while playing games and spending time together." And her favorite YC tradition was "Homecoming spirit week because I enjoyed dressing up for each theme with my friends." She said she would not do anything differently in high school "because I was happy with my high school experience." The life advice she wishes she received earlier is "If there is something you are very passionate about, you will always find time in your schedule for it even if it seems impossible, so just go for it." When asked about her biggest accomplishment at YC, she said, "I am most proud that I was able to balance a heavy course load while also participating in many school activities, volunteering, and winning 3 state medals and 2 district championships in cross country." She plans to study Biological and Chemical Engineering at the University of Alabama. Madeline is the daughter of Rebecca Dulaney & Thomas Murphy and is a parishioner of St. John the Baptist Church in New Freedom.

***Congratulations Bianca and Madeline!***

# President's Award of Irish Excellence

The President'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 scholarship to be used toward their future educational endeavors. Congratulations to the 2025 President's Award of Irish Excellence recipients, Rosie Mulligan and Kyle Scott.

While at York Catholic, Rosalyn Mulligan was President of Student Ambassadors, Vice President of Student Council, Senior Editor of Yearbook Staff, and a member of National Honor Society, Film Club, Diversity Club, Service Club, Stewards of the Earth, Musical Cast, and Soccer. She also held a part-time job. She had this to say about her favorite classes while at YC, "My two favorite classes were 8th grade History with Mr. Hunt and Advanced Placement US History with Mrs. Wertz. Eighth grade



*President's Award Recipients: Kyle Scott & Rosie Mulligan*

History sparked my love of the subject, and APUSH made me want to pursue it. Both had great teachers and fun environments, especially APUSH which felt like a little family." When asked about the best school events, she said, "All of the Mini-THON's I have attended have been great, but I also enjoyed the Field Day last year and the new Game Show this year on St. Patrick's Day. I also think the Coffee Houses are very underrated and a hidden gem event." She's happy to continue the family tradition of attending YC saying, "Just the overall historic feel is my favorite part. My grandparents and my parents attended York Catholic, so it makes me feel connected to them." The life advice she wishes she received earlier that she would like to share with younger students is, "Although there are things out of your control, you can also choose how to react. Take time to feel your emotions, but then turn them into something positive and keep going. I would also say that taking time to live in the moment is important as well. Make sure to stop and look around once in a while." When asked about her biggest accomplishment at YC, she said, "I am extremely proud of all my accomplishments here, but the thing that stands out most to me is knowing that I made a difference, even if it was a small one. Getting to plan and lead events throughout this school year has been stressful, but also very rewarding. I enjoyed making the days more fun for students and working with the other Executive Board members and teachers to make these things happen." Rosie plans to attend the University of Pittsburgh to study History.

Kyle Scott was the Student Council Treasurer, Commended National Merit Scholar, Rotary Student of the Month, Rotary Youth Leadership Award Winner, and is an Eagle Scout. He was involved in National Honor Society, Spanish Club, York County Science and Engineering Fair, Prom Committee, Ping Pong Club, Lacrosse, and Soccer. His favorite class was "AP Computer Science Principles with Dr. Hostler. The small class size allowed for a fun environment while we worked productively on our creative independent projects." His other favorites were Senior Homecoming, Battle of the Buildings, and the Homecoming Soccer Game freshman year. His advice to younger students is to "Get involved. Go out, try everything, and see what is waiting for you." He lists his biggest accomplishment as "planning, recording, and editing the videos for our first-ever Irish Day of Giving, and raising over \$40,000 for the school." Kyle will enter the United States Naval Academy to study Computer Engineering.

***Congratulations to Rosie and Kyle!***

# Just Do It

*Dave Salter, Director of Development*

The old Nike slogan certainly remains relevant. At least for three York Catholic seniors. With a desire to be teachers, and with a servant mentality, Annabella Breschi, Sarah Giesselbach, and Marley Costlow (shown left to right) are learning while giving back at the same time.

The three seniors were searching for an opportunity to explore the teaching profession. After a proposed local program didn't materialize, the students took matters into their own hands. With the help of their guidance counselor Sarah McShane and new principal Kathy Hand, the girls were able to secure a self-directed internship with Holy Trinity Catholic School, an elementary partner school of York Catholic.

One day a month, the three ladies spend the afternoon at Holy Trinity, working alongside professional teachers in various classrooms performing a variety of duties. "I wanted to get the experience, and I wanted to get to work with kids," Giesselbach said. "This experience has been really helpful because it helps me understand what my future could be like. It also helps me in my college selection."

This experience also highlights the opportunities for internships, an aspect of senior year that can help with college selection and also help students untangle



*Student Teachers*

career paths. "There are two important elements to this opportunity," McShane said. "The students are getting experience in the classroom and we are giving back to one of our partner schools. The girls are really enjoying their time with the teachers in the classroom and with the students. This is giving them that motivation toward an end goal."

Annabella will attend Furman University to study Education. Sarah will attend American University to study Elementary Education. Marley will attend Millersville University to study Early Childhood Education. The future of education is in good hands.



## Military Commitments

Tyler Alexander '25 will enlist in the U.S. Air Force, Michael Bona '25 will participate in Air Force ROTC while at Penn State Altoona, Kyle Scott '25 will attend the U.S. Naval Academy, and Sofia Tudor '25 will attend The Citadel Military College of South Carolina. We thank them for their service.



# Experience of a Lifetime

*Jill (Eppley) Euclide '94*



*Gianna (far right) and friends at Cologne Cathedral in Cologne, Germany*

The senior class of 2025 has been situated inside the halls of YC for most of its time together, but two of the class members took a road less traveled...and flew east. Sara Czyzykowski spent the 2023-24 school year abroad in Paris, France, and Gianna Bird spent the first semester of her senior year in Neuss, Germany.

As a student with dual citizenship in both Poland and the USA, Sara is not unfamiliar with overseas travel. She returns to Poland each year to visit her family. As a sophomore, she started researching foreign exchange programs, wanting a new experience and to expose herself to a different culture.

Gianna's travel was her first overseas, but she is not unfamiliar with German culture. Her great-grandmother was an immigrant and her mother grew up immersed in the culture. Gianna taught herself German, and while she struggled to speak fluently initially, her ear for the language made her adjustment much easier.



*Sara at the Eiffel Tower in Paris, France*

Schooling was a huge part of the day for both girls. While Sara's days were much longer, as they started at 8 am and ended at 6 pm, Gianna's days were much like our traditional schooling here. For both, school was structured like college in that classes were lecture-style and student success was the responsibility of the student, something Sara and Gianna preferred. Their schedules varied, depending on their professors. High school in France and Germany prepares students for more specific career choices versus the general education it provides here in the States, and an academically focused education is not required after 8th grade.

While there, Sara played tennis and Gianna swam. Unlike here where sports teams are affiliated with school attendance, both girls joined clubs to participate in sports, something most students in their schools did. Sara also traveled extensively by train. She visited Geneva, the French Alps, and the Mediterranean Coast. Her favorite place to frequent was the Café de Flore in the Quartier Latin.



*Gianna overlooking Oberwesel, Germany*



*Sara at Saint-Eustache Church in Paris, France*

Gianna also traveled with other exchange students who were also part of her program. Her favorite place was Oberwel, a small town in the Rhinelands where the beautiful countryside was replete with mountains, castles, and vineyards.

The thing that Sara valued most about her year in France was her independence. She was able to figure out what matters most to her, to see that there are options in life aside of the straight and narrow path she had already mapped for herself. Perhaps the thing she most valued was that her decisions there were not based on societal expectations, but what was right for her in the space and time.

Gianna also learned the value of independence, and found the cultural diversity a welcome change from her life here in York. Neuss is a hub for immigrants, and she enjoyed meeting people from all over the world, including Syria and Egypt.

While both girls were more than happy to come home to friends and family at the end of their travels, they agree that it was the experience of a lifetime.



*Experiencing worldwide culture*



# CONGRATS CLASS OF 2025









# Inspired by Faith

This year as we began the Lenten Season with our school-wide Ash Wednesday Mass, we were blessed to bear witness to one of our students converting to Catholicism. Senior Christian Ludwig received the sacrament of Holy Communion and Confirmation on the York Catholic stage with his peers from grades 7-12 looking on. Christian studied with YC Chaplain, Father Peter Rettig, to prepare, and Christian's family joined him for his special day.



*Father Peter Rettig; Sue Weber, Christian's grandmother and sponsor; Adam Ogle, Christian's stepfather; Christian Ludwig '25; Connie Ogle, Christian's mother; Richard Weber, Christian's grandfather.*



*Student Artists: Leilani Garber '25, Lily Adams '27, Olivia Watson '27, Kyleigh Woods '25, Nathan Cameron '27, Joelle Sprunger '27, Luke Ruiz '27*

I enlisted my Art 2 artists to first act as researchers and art historians by observing and analyzing the current crucifix. Then, they compared it to a variety of crucifixes made throughout history and took sketch notes on how to restore plaster sculptures. Next, they dove into the process by gluing, sculpting, sanding, color matching, and painting.

The art students did a fantastic job working as a team to emphasize the school's mission of "educating students in an atmosphere of faith, family, and mutual respect." The crucifix now hangs in the gymnasium and the students have their pride in their work and their faith on display for everyone to see.

## Crucifix Restoration

*Michelle Dress, Art Teacher*

Here at York Catholic, we encourage collaboration among our faculty, staff, and students. A prime example came this school year when everyone worked together to restore a crucifix.

It all started with Mark Skehan, YC Maintenance Supervisor, who approached me about a large damaged crucifix he had found in storage. He had hoped it could be restored back to its glory, and hung in the gymnasium.



*Before*



*After*

# Student Civil War Reenactor

*Nola Webb '29 spends her summer break from school in a unique way. She goes back in time! She's a Civil War Reenactor who has combined her interest in history and her zeal for fashion into a way to enjoy her favorites all summer long. Middle School English Teacher Rachel Shanks interviewed Nola to find out more about her experiences.*

## **What inspired you to get involved in Civil War reenactments?**

I really like the Civil War in general and I also love the fashion of the time period. I think it is some of the best of the entire century. I wanted some of those dresses and know how to sew and while I started out making dresses for dolls, I eventually went on to make some for myself.

## **How did you first hear about reenacting, and what drew you to this particular event?**

When you look up how to sew stuff it just shows up. I started doing it with Hanover Junction at first because I thought it would be something fun to do.

## **Can you describe the preparation process for the reenactment? What kind of research did you do?**

There really isn't a process because I am not doing battlefield reenactments yet. The things I do are in a museum and I act as a docent who tells people about the Civil War. While I am there, I am wearing a ladies' work dress that is roughly from 1863.

## **What are some of your favorite historical facts about the Civil War?**

The first one is probably that the Battle of Gettysburg was fought because of Ulysses S. Grant. Grant was threatening Vicksburg Mississippi, a key Confederate stronghold on the Mississippi River. In the confederate capital of Richmond, a war council met and James Longstreet (Grant's close personal friend) favored directly attacking Grant at Vicksburg to stop the Union army from capturing the Mississippi River. However, Robert E. Lee decided to invade Pennsylvania in order to capture Harrisburg and draw Grant away from Vicksburg, but it didn't work. I also liked learning that George Washington was claimed by both sides to be the founder of their country.

## **If you could time travel to any point during the Civil War, when would it be and why?**

I would probably want to see the Battle of Antietam because it's kind of forgotten, but arguably the most impactful battle of the war and is the bloodiest day in American history. There were 22,000 casualties.

## **Why do you think it's important to reenact historical events like the Civil War?**

I believe it is important to reenact events like the Civil War so people can have a better understanding of the sheer magnitude of the size of the event. However, it is impossible to replicate the numbers in any of the battles. Even so, the numbers participating in the reenactments can still feel overwhelming. These conflicts were so large and cost so many lives, it is important they are not forgotten or misinterpreted.

## **Do you have a desire to participate in battlefield reenactments?**

Yes! However, I would not be a soldier on the battlefield. I would rather be a nurse on the sidelines, and that takes some serious research and a different kind of dress than the one I am currently making.

## **What kind of dress are you currently making?**

I am currently working on a Civil War era ballgown. It will be from the 1863-1865 which is when the bodice pattern is from. They are very, very big and they take a lot of fabric. It will be about 6-7 yards for just the skirt.

## **What is your favorite piece of Civil War-era clothing or gear, and why do you like it?**

I honestly just love the hoop skirts because they are so fun to wear. They make every outfit amazing.

## **Do you see yourself continuing to participate in reenactments in the future?**

Yes, I do because I enjoy it and I love sharing history with people.

## **What advice would you give to other students who might be interested in getting involved in historical reenactments?**

Be ready to commit a lot of time and money to it because everything is fairly expensive.



*Nola Webb '29,  
Civil War Reenactor*



# ACADEMIC STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



*International Winner*

## International Essay Winner

Junior John Kellett was named the international winner of the Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest for the 11th-grade division, with the topic, "What are the two most important virtues that an elected leader should possess, and why? How can you determine if the leader has these virtues?"



*Making a Connection*

## Published Author

Congratulations to freshman Miles Murdocca who has contributed to the book, "The Art of Connection: 365 Days of Abundance Quotes by Entrepreneurs, Business Owners, and Influencers." He is shown in the photo in front of the jumbotron in Times Square from his book signing event in March. It was announced the book is an international bestseller.



*Award Winning Writers*

## Writing Competition

Students Lily Gorrell '28 and John Kellett '26, as well as English Teacher Jill Euclide '94, placed in Creative York's 2025 Writer's Eye Writing Contest. They were prompted to write stories or poems after being inspired by visual art. John's was inspired by the Visitation of Saint Francis to Picasso, Lily's was inspired by Crow and Nasturiummine, and Mrs. Euclide's was influenced by the Understory.



*VFW Voice of Democracy Winner*

## VFW Voice of Democracy

Ben Witmer '26 received an award for his VFW Voice of Democracy Speech.



*Award of Excellence Winner*

## Congress of Future Medical Leaders

Senior Bianca Po attended the Congress of Future Medical Leaders in Boston, MA, this past summer and was recognized with the Congress of Future Medical Leaders Award of Excellence for continued outstanding academic performance, leadership potential, and dedication to serving humanity through the profession of medicine.

## Rotary Honors Students

The Rotary Club of York honored Ruby Hartman '26 and Arianna Smock '26 as 2024-25 Students of the Month. They will attend RYLA, a Youth Leadership Conference held at Messiah University this month, compliments of Rotary of York. Rotary-East York honored the following as Students of the Month during the 2024-25 school year: Ryan Brown '25, Jonathan Dingus '26, Georgia Gregory '25, Reagan Miller '26, Madeline Murphy '25, and Grace Oakhem '26. Junior Reagan Miller was selected to attend RYLA. All are exemplary students, athletes, and most importantly, leaders.



*Rotary Students of the Month*



*Future Business Leaders of America*

## Future Business Leaders of America

Congratulations to five seniors who participated in a testing competition for Future Leaders of America, and were awarded medals at a regional conference at York College. Their medals qualified them to move forward and compete on the state level in Hershey. Congratulations to the seniors shown left to right: Christian Ludwig - 1st Place in Advertising; Nathan Pollard - 1st Place in Personal Finance; Brenna McKnelly - 1st Place in Sports and Entertainment; Everett King - 5th Place in Business Law, and Kanaye Murray - 4th Place in Cyber Security.

## County Science Fair

The York Adams Science and Engineering Fair is a unique opportunity for students to perform their own research in a science field of their choice. After months of hard work including choosing a project, performing background research, conducting experiments, and analyzing and explaining data, Patrick Koury '27 (right) and Ashley Sudderth '29 (left) defended their work to industry experts in each of their fields. Patrick was awarded 2nd place in the Microbiology category in the senior division, and Ashley was awarded 1st place in the Earth and Environmental Sciences category in the junior division.



*York Adams Science & Engineering Fair*



# ACADEMIC STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



*Technology Student Association Award Winners*

## Technology Awards

Members of YC's Technology Student Association received awards at the PA Region 3 Conference in April. Congratulations to (left to right) Ruth Motter '27, 6th Place in Digital Photography; Bianca Po '25 and Yomire Marcelin '25, 1st Place in Digital Video Production; and William Ackley '25, Paolo Gurany '25, and Caroline Eyler '25, 6th place in Music Production. Bianca and Yomire later placed in the Top 10 at the state competition.



*Summer Engineer*

## Erin Noel

Congratulations to junior Erin Noel who was selected to participate in Bucknell University's Summer Engineering Camp. She'll participate in a week of lectures, demonstrations, and hand-on labs hosted by Bucknell engineering professors.



*Tech Championships*

## Robotics Winner

Congratulations to sophomore Leo Bradley who participated with his team Tech Spark in the First Tech Challenge Pennsylvania State Championship Tournament where they came in 6th place out of 40 and were named a Finalist Alliance Captain. They spent over nine months conducting research, designing their robot, and building and showcasing their designs.



*Jimmy Carlson '30*

## Geography Bee

Seventh grader Jimmy Carlson won the York Catholic Middle School Geography Bee and advanced to the Diocese of Harrisburg Geography Bee.



*Prom 2025*

## Prom King & Queen

Bailey Green and Siede Washington were crowned Prom Queen and King from the class of 2025.



Scout Honors

## Scouting Award

Two students completed the rigorous steps to become an Eagle Scout. Congratulations to Vincent Buscemi '26 and Kyle Scott '25.



Mini-THON

## Mini-THON

Congratulations to our students who raised \$25,899.24 at their Mini-THON to support the Four Diamonds in the fight to conquer childhood cancer.

# ARTISTIC STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



YCASE Awards

## York Community Art Scholars Exhibition

Nine YC art students were finalists for the York Community Art Scholars Exhibition (YCASE). Congratulations to Bianca Po '25, Yomire Marcelin '25, Rosie Mulligan '25, Kalli Kunkle '26, Mason Miller '26, Kyle Salko '26, Lotta Spillner '26, Luke Ruiz '27, Olivia Watson '27. Junior Kyle Salko won 2nd place in the painting category.



Design Award

## Design Contest

Congratulations to freshman Adella Camier who was the 2nd Place Winner of YWCA York's T-Shirt Design Contest.

## National Photography Award

Congratulations to senior Lily Sturm who was selected as a runner-up in the People's Choice Awards in the National Wildlife Federation photography contest from over 29,000 images submitted. Lily took this shot in Sandy Hook, NJ. The fox crossed the road, she jumped out of the car, took one picture, and this was it!



Lily Sturm '25

Billboard Award Winners



## Billboard Award

Congratulations to senior Art 4 students Rosie Mulligan (left) and Madie Scott (right) whose digital art won this year's billboard design contest sponsored by York County's Center for Traffic Safety. Rosie and Madie will each receive \$100 and York Catholic will receive a \$2000 mini-grant. Keep an eye out for their billboard on I-83 near the Mt. Rose Ave. exit!



# MUSICAL STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



*Encore Scholarship Winners*

## Encore High School Musical Awards

Congratulations to our cast from “James and the Giant Peach” who performed at the Encore High School Performing Arts Awards. Grace Oakhem ‘26 (Ladybug) and Ellis Alas ‘27 (James) were awarded scholarships! They are shown here left to right with Mr. Curtis Nelson, YC musical director, and their castmates Ben Witmer (Ladahlord) ‘26, Michael Le (Centipede) ‘27, Anthony Doyle (Earthworm) ‘28, and Bruna Multari de Lanna (Spider) ‘28.



*York County High School Honors Band*

## York County Honors Band - High School

Congratulations to the following students for auditioning and being selected for the York County High School Honors Band. Shown left to right: Luke Andrews ‘28 (trumpet), Amelia Dobson ‘28 (alto sax), Andrew Giesselbach ‘25 (alto sax), Georgia Gregory ‘25 (trombone), and Parker Kovach ‘28 (trumpet). Georgia won the York County Band Directors Association scholarship.



*York County Middle School Honors Band*

## York County Honors Band - Middle School

Congratulations to the following students for auditioning and being selected for the York County Middle School Honors Band. Shown left to right: Lucas Rodriguez ‘29 (clarinet), Dylan Forry ‘29 (trumpet), and Molly Haines ‘29 (flute) not pictured.



*Parker Kovach ‘28*

## District Band

Congratulations to freshman Parker Kovach (trumpet) for auditioning and being selected for the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association District 7 District Band.



*Amelia Dobson ‘28*

## District Chorus

Congratulations to freshman Amelia Dobson (Alto I) for auditioning and being selected for the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association District 7 Chorus.



*York County Honors Choirs*

## York County Honors Choirs

Congratulations to Isabella Evans '30 (left) who auditioned and was selected for the York County Junior High Honors Choir. Congratulations to Kara Dobe '26 (center) and Ellis Alas '27 (right) who auditioned and were selected for the York County Senior High Honors Choir.

## YC Students Performing in Symphonies

Congratulations to 8th grader Zoe Santillo (left) who was selected to play violin in the York Junior Symphony Orchestra, and to 9th graders Parker Kovach (trumpet-center) and Amelia Dobson (bass clarinet & clarinet-right) who auditioned and were selected for the York Youth Symphony Orchestra.



*Symphony Students*



*District Modern Band*

## District Modern Band

Congratulations to Mert Can Bozdogan '25 (left) and Amelia Dobson '28 (right) for auditioning and being selected for the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association District 7 Modern Band.



# ATHLETIC STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



District III-AA Champions  
Boys Basketball



District III-AA Champions  
Girls Basketball



Olivia Kury District Champion  
Golf

## Athletic All-Stars

Congratulations to the following fall and winter athletes who received accolades for their performances. Spring athletes will be recognized in the next issue of *Greensleeves*.



Sarah Giesselbach  
District Champion -  
Swimming



All-State Selections  
Jake Dallas (basketball) & Christian Ludwig (soccer)

## BOWLING

**Katie Bullen '25**

YAIAA Coaches All-Star First Team

## BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

YAIAA Division III Sportsmanship Award

**Leo Bradley '27**

YAIAA Division III All-Star Team

District III A Boys 11th Place

PIAA A State Boys Qualifier

## GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

YAIAA Division III Champions

**Sheila Driscoll '26**

YAIAA Division III All-Star Team

**Gwen Kerr '27**

YAIAA Division III All-Star Team

District III A Girls 6th Place

**Madeline Murphy '25**

YAIAA Division III Runner of the Year

District III A Girls Silver Medalist

PIAA A State Girls 19th Place

## FIELD HOCKEY

**Joelle Sprunger '27**

YAIAA All-Star First Team

## FOOTBALL

District III-A Silver Medalists

**Bennett Bradley '25**

YAIAA Division III All-Star Second Team

**Evan Kipple '25**

YAIAA Division III All-Star Second Team

GameTimePA All-Star Honorable Mention

**Jack Lawrence '25**

YAIAA Division III All-Star Honorable Mention

**Michael Staub '28**

YAIAA Division III All-Star Honorable Mention

**Chris Sterling '25**

YAIAA Division III All-Star Honorable Mention

**Trey Wisniewski '25**

YAIAA Division III All-Star Second Team

Class 1A All-EasternPAFootball.com

Honorable Mention

## GOLF

YAIAA Division III Champions

**Olivia Kury '25**

District III-AA Girls Champion

PIAA-AA Girls 4th Place

YAIAA-AA Girls 2nd Place

YAIAA Division III All-Star First Team

**Sam McKim '26**

District III-AA Boys 5th Place

PIAA-AA Boys 26th Place

YAIAA Division III All-Star First Team

## GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

**Alexa Firestone '25**

YAIAA Division III All-Star First Team

**Bailey Green '25**

YAIAA Division III All-Star Second Team

**Isabella Zimlikli '27**

YAIAA Division III All-Star Second Team

## BOYS SOCCER

YAIAA Division III Champions  
Division III Robert Bingaman  
Sportsmanship Award

### Ryan Brown '25

YAIAA Division III All-Star Second Team

### Vince Buscemi '26

YAIAA Division III All-Star Second Team

### Elisa Daijubu '26

YAIAA Division III All-Star Second Team

### Mike Glezer '26

YAIAA Division III All-Star First Team

### Jacob Kelchaw '25

YAIAA Division III All-Star Second Team

### Joey Kelchaw '27

YAIAA Division III All-Star First Team

### Christian Ludwig '25

YAIAA Division III Player of the Year  
YAIAA Division III All-Star First Team  
Pennsylvania Soccer Coaches  
Association All-State Team

### Rees Ludwig '28

YAIAA Division III All-Star Second Team

### Jesus Martinez-Ruiz '27

YAIAA Division III All-Star Second Team

### Derek Noel '28

YAIAA Division III All-Star Second Team

### Kobin Proudfoot '27

YAIAA Division III All-Star First Team

## GIRLS SOCCER

YAIAA Division III Champion  
Division III Herb Schmidt  
Sportsmanship Award

### Bella Breschi '25

YAIAA Division III Player of the Year

### Katie Bullen '25

YAIAA Division III All-Star First Team

### Zoey Carothers '28

YAIAA Division III All-Star Second Team

### Ava Firth '26

YAIAA Division III All-Star Second Team

### Rosie Mulligan '25

YAIAA Division III All-Star First Team

### Allie Scott '28

YAIAA Division III All-Star Second Team

## GIRLS TENNIS

### Kylie Althoff '27

YAIAA-AA 3rd Place

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

District III-AA Champions  
Team - Gretchen Wolf Swartz  
Sportsmanship Award

### Kevin Bankos '82

YAIAA Coaches' Division III  
Coach of the Year  
Sports Shooting Stars YAIAA  
Division III Coach of the Year

### Katelyn Bullen '25

YAIAA Coaches' Division III First Team

### Jaydyn Brown '27

YAIAA Coaches' Division III Second Team

### Mariah Shue '25

YAIAA Coaches' Division III  
Player of the Year  
GameTimePA All-Star First Team  
Sports Shooting Stars YAIAA  
Division III Player of the Year

## BOYS BASKETBALL

District III-AA Champions  
YAIAA Coaches Division III  
Sportsmanship Award

### Evan Bischoff '26

YAIAA Coaches' Division III  
All-Star Second Team

### Dustin Boeckel

Sports Shooting Stars YAIAA  
Division III Coach of the Year

### Jake Dallas '25

Pennsylvania Sports Writers All-State  
Second Team  
YAIAA Coaches' Division III  
All-Star First Team

GameTimePA All-Star Second Team  
Sports Shooting Stars YAIAA  
Division III Player of the Year

### Tate Keffer '28

Sports Shooting Stars YAIAA  
Division III Freshman of the Year

### Sam McKim '26

YAIAA Coaches' Division III All-Star  
Honorable Mention

## GIRLS SWIMMING

### Sarah Giesselbach '25

District III-AA Champion in 200 IM  
District III-AA Silver Medalist in  
500 freestyle

### Delaney King '26

District III-AA 5th Place in 200 IM  
District III-AA 6th Place in 100 butterfly

### Lauren Ulmer '28

District III-AA 3rd Place in  
100 backstroke  
District III-AA 7th Place in  
100 butterfly

## POWERLIFTING

Parker Maizels '26 won the USAPL Maryland State Powerlifting Championships. She was the youngest and lightest female athlete, but moved considerably more weight than most. Congratulations Parker!



State Champion



1000 lb. Club

## WEIGHTLIFTING

Congratulations to junior Carson Stahl (right) and sophomore Camden Fitze (left) who entered York Catholic's 1000 Pound Club. Carson had lifts of 235 in bench, 395 in squat, and 405 in his dead lift, for a total of 1,035 pounds. Camden had lifts of 250 in bench, 345 in squat, and 413 in his dead lift, for a total of 1,008 pounds.



# A Look Back

## Green & Gold Gala

The Green & Gold Gala continues to be the premier fundraising event at York Catholic, this year raising over \$95,000 in one night! With dinner and dancing at the Country Club of York, alumni and friends enthusiastically participated in the silent and live auctions that culminated in sponsoring a Student Experience for a month, a semester, or a year. The generosity of our YC family never ceases to amaze us! Special thanks to our Presenting Sponsor, Stewart and Tate, as well as our Major Sponsors, the Knights of Columbus and Maple Donuts.



## Rhythm & Revelry

It was a fun night of supporting the talent in our York Catholic community at Rhythm & Revelry! This over-21 Coffee House featured singers, musicians, and entertainers who represented alumni from the 60s, 70s, 90s, and 20s. Thank you to everyone who performed and to those who came out to support! Performers shown left to right, back row, Dan Shiflet, Victor Gurany '21, Dom Blanchard '21, Moses Krueger '20, Mason Kovach '21, Brian Gilbert; front row, Barry Jewels, Van Hoffman '72, Bev Spangler. Not pictured, John Scarpato '71, Jeanine Scarpato '79, Marie Stoltz '68, Dennis Jones '79, Erica Dearborn '99, and Andrew Nevin '00.



*Rhythm & Revelry Performers*

## Hall of Fame

York Catholic High School's Athletic Booster Club inducted four new members into its Sports Hall of Fame which honors former coaches and student athletes, administrators, and volunteers. Those inducted are shown left to right: Matthew Lehr '13 (football), Morgan Klunk Lehr '13 (basketball), Rob Linthicum (lacrosse coach), Kevin Ochs '80 (wrestling).



*Athletic Hall of Fame*

# Alumni Association

It was the YC version of March Madness when more than two dozen alumni celebrated their affinity and affection for their alma mater in March at the White Rose Bar and Grill. It was the second annual spring Alumni Social, and we are grateful that our events continue to grow. Memorable stories were shared, some tall tales were told, and the YC community had a fun evening together. See below for details for our next Alumni Social on Homecoming weekend in the fall.

## Homecoming Happenings

Please stop by and say “Hi” at the Homecoming Football game on Friday evening, September 26. We will have an Alumni Table situated near the entrance to the stadium. We can’t wait to talk with you to keep you up to date on what’s happening on campus.

After the Fighting Irish tangle with the Spartans from York Tech, all Alumni are invited to meet up at Vito’s Pizza & Beer on South Queen Street for an Afterparty. This is an opportunity to connect with classmates and share some old stories and memories.

*For more information, please contact Director of Development, Dave Salter, at 717-846-8871 x1325.*



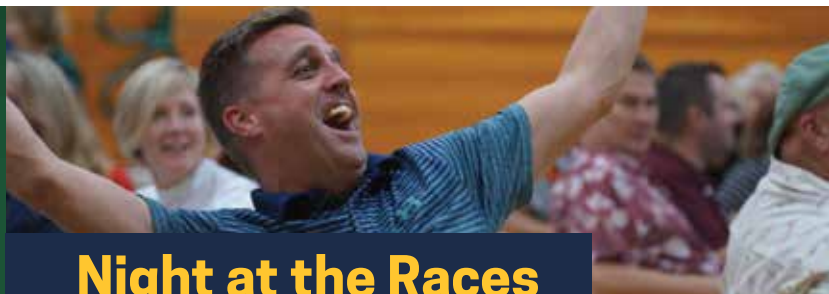
## Golf Tournament

The 35th Annual York Catholic Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, September 22, at Regents’ Glen Country Club. We’re not certain if we can repeat last year’s Sports Center highlight when Steve Chronister ‘71 sank a hole-in-one on hole #12, but we know everyone will have a good time regardless of their score. A great day awaits on the links with classmates and friends. Sponsors and players should contact Director of Development, Dave Salter, at 717-846-8871 x1325.

*Complete details will be available on the York Catholic website in July.*



*Steve Chronister ‘71  
with a Hole-in -One*



## Night at the Races

Mark your calendars for another exciting Night at the Races in the James Forjan Gymnasium at York Catholic on Saturday October 26. The York Catholic Athletic Booster Club will once again host a night of fun for all with food, drink, games of chance, a silent auction, and of course, simulated video horse races.

**This event is for guests 21 and older.** All proceeds from the event help fund our York Catholic Athletic Programs. Keep an eye on the York Catholic website and on social media for ticket and sponsorship information in September.

Donations for the silent auction and bottle spin can be made any time. Contact Laurie Moir at [Imoir@yorkcatholic.org](mailto:Imoir@yorkcatholic.org) for more information.



# 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. Please contact Dave Salter at 717-846-8871 x1325 or [dsalter@yorkcatholic.org](mailto:dsalter@yorkcatholic.org) to let us know about your upcoming reunion.

## Class of 1955

Anyone interested in gathering with classmates for lunch on the first Thursday of each month should contact Louie Gangloff at 302-530-4291 or Joan (Orendorff) Witmer at 717-845-8128.

## 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 1965

Planning is underway for the 60th reunion for the Class of 1965! Please mark your calendars for Saturday, October 25, 2025. If you haven't already responded to an email of interest sent 3/3/25, and to be sure the committee has your most recent contact information, or if you have any questions, please contact Linda (Sibol) Hamm at [linjim2250@aol.com](mailto:linjim2250@aol.com).

## Class of 1967

Class members meet the last Saturday of each month at 11:30 AM at the Victory Athletic Association, 471 S. Ogontz St., York. For more information, contact Kay (Daniels) Kuhn at [rkuhn7@comcast.net](mailto:rkuhn7@comcast.net).

## Class of 1969

The Class of 1969 meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 12 noon at Hoss's on White Street in West York. Class members can e-mail Marty Tassia at [martytassia@comcast.net](mailto:martytassia@comcast.net) 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 1973

Class members gather the 3rd Wednesday of the month at various locations published at YCHS Class of '70 Reunion site on Facebook. For more information, contact Jeff Witman at 717-615-9002 or [jmwitman63@gmail.com](mailto:jmwitman63@gmail.com). Save the Date: The class of 1970 will hold their 55th reunion at The Viking Club in York on November 15, 2025 from 6-10 PM. A formal invitation will follow in August of 2025. For questions contact Joan Bainbridge at [bnbrge@comcast.net](mailto:bnbrge@comcast.net). Spread the word!

## Class of 1975

The 50th Year Reunion will be held October 18, 2025 at Great American Saloon in Red Lion. Invitations will be sent out closer to the time of the reunion.

*The Class of 1974 celebrated their 50th Reunion!*



# Class Notes



Bill Griffith '70

**Bill Griffith '70** has written a suspense novel, *Countdown to Deception*, that is now available through most online book outlets. Bill summarized the book saying, "An unexpected long-range North Korean missile launch—achieved through a clandestine sharing of technology from a cabal of power brokers seeking to restore a perceived weakness with the U.S. military

budget—takes the reader on a fast-paced journey where lies are compromised, secrets are divulged, and fateful decisions are made."

**Camille (Remmert) Di Maio '94** released her 8th novel, *Come Fly with Me*. It's set in the jet set era and came after spending years researching with former Pan Am stewardesses. Camille says, "York Catholic gave me a great foundation in English, writing, and literature, and I am eager to share it with the YC Family!" More info can be found at [camilledimaioauthor.com](http://camilledimaioauthor.com).



Joseph Stein '25 and Joe Stein '99 (back left)

**Joe Stein '99** and his son **Joseph '25** joined with members of the Rotary Club of York to plant 16 trees throughout York City. Joe is the chair of the Rotary Club's Preserve Planet Earth Committee and coordinates two tree plantings in the City each year.



The Bohns & Barkley

**Christian Bohn '11** and **Kara Duchek '17** got married in April. Christian is the son of Robert and Mary (Shuman) Bohn '76. Christa Bohn '06, Clint Bohn '14, Carson Bohn '29, Jenna Duchek '13, Marissa Duchek '16, and other YC alumni were a part of the special day.



Gina Bolli '21

**Gina Bolli '21** was featured in York College News as she explores a career in international relations. She attributes her writing skills and overall academic drive to her excellent high school experience at York Catholic, and she expresses gratitude for how well York Catholic prepared her for her college years. Read about Gina at <https://www.ycp.edu/news/student-spotlight-gina-bolli-embraces-passion-international-relations>



Luis Nguyen '23

**Luis Nguyen '23** came back to YC to talk to our students about his post-secondary experiences at Yale University.



# Memorials

**Paul A. Borsa, Sr. '58** was employed at York Catholic for 37 years as a football coach, teacher of Physical Education and Mechanical Drawing, Department Chair, and Athletic Director. He led the football team to an undefeated season in 1974 and a District Championship in 1982. Even in retirement, his heart was never far from YC as he enjoyed visiting numerous times a week to work out in the weight room that he helped to create. Paul is the husband of Sheila (Kraft) Borsa '59 and the father of Paul Borsa '82, Michael Borsa '83, Christopher Borsa '84, Kathleen (Borsa) Malone '86.



*Paul A. Borsa, Sr.*

**Pandora (Brezler) Brickner '62**, wife of George Brickner '61; mother of Elizabeth (Brickner) Martofel, Joseph Brickner '86, Mark Brickner '89, Karen (Brickner) Snyder '90; sister of Gilbert Brezler '55, Bonnie (Brezler) Fetrow '58 (deceased), Julia (Brezler) Steward '59, Samuel Brezler '64 (deceased), Theresa (Brezler) Fenstermacher '65, Michael Brezler '67, James Brezler '71, Marian Sue (Brezler) Darr '71.

**Reverend Sylvan P. Capitani** was a former YC Board member, having served as the pastor at St. John the Baptist in New Freedom for almost 35 years. He directed the reconstruction of the parish campus including the creation of St. John the Baptist Catholic School.



*Reverend Sylvan  
P. Capitani*

**Sister Dominica LoBianco, OSF '62** ministered in education for 26 years in the Harrisburg Diocese. She taught at St. Mary's School in York, St. Joseph School in Dallastown, and York Catholic High School, where she taught for 13 years and was credited with creating the school's *Greensleeves* magazine. Sister Dominica is the sister of Ignatius (Rick/Iggy) LoBianco '67.



*Sister Dominica  
LoBianco, OSF*

**Teresa "Terry" Mahoney** was the first Development Director for York Catholic, and later was the Vice President of Marketing & Development for St. Anne's Retirement Community, in Columbia, PA. Her many service contributions included Catholic Charities, St. Patrick's Parish & School, and Catholic Women's Club of York. Terry is the mother of Patrick Mahoney '80 (deceased), Michael Mahoney '81, Mary (Mahoney) Thomas '82, Teresa (Mahoney) Garvey '83, James Mahoney '87.



*Teresa "Terry" Mahoney*

**Reverend Monsignor Daniel C. Mitzel '72** was a member the YC School Board while serving as pastor of St. Rose of Lima in York. On February 28, 2025, the Most Reverend Timothy C. Senior, Bishop of Harrisburg, announced that Father Mitzel had been named a Chaplain to His Holiness with the title of Monsignor. The honor is bestowed by the Holy Father for priests who have served in an exemplary way. Msgr. Mitzel is the brother of Jane (Mitzel) Leiphart '67, Rita D'Ottavio '68 (deceased), Deanna (Mitzel) Sweitzer '74.



*Reverend Monsignor  
Daniel C. Mitzel*

**Michael Rose '69**, father of Meghan (Rose) Sullivan; son of Teresa (Kotzman) Rose '35 (deceased) and Lewis Rose (deceased); brother of Francis Rose '60, Mary Ann (Rose) Dopirak '61, Teresa (Rose) Donohoe '63, George Rose '65 (deceased), J. Anthony Rose '70, Barbara Rose '72; grandfather of Greer Sullivan, Tate Sullivan; father-in-law of Kyle Sullivan; nephew and cousin to numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

**Chris Short '81**, son John (deceased) and Anne Short (deceased); brother of the late Mary Ann (Short) Eason '77 (deceased).

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## ***COMING THIS FALL!***

### **Golf Tournament**

*at Regents' Glen Country Club*  
**Monday, September 22**  
**8:30am Check-in & 9:00am Start**

*All proceeds support the York Catholic Fund*



### **Night at the Races**

*at York Catholic*  
**Saturday, October 25, at 6:00pm**

*All proceeds support the York Catholic athletic programs*



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