

2020 REGINA RECORD

A Newsletter for Alumni, Family & Friends



Iowa City firefighter, John Crane '98, was a volunteer presenter at the Regina Alumni & Parents Career Day in January. See feature story on page 15.

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REGINA COMMUNITY GROWS TIGHTER

I am grateful for how well we have ALL come together in these uncertain times.

As a first-year president of the Regina Foundation, I am very impressed to see the invaluable time, talent, and treasure donated by the Regina family.

COVID-19 has impacted all of our lives differently. Regina administrators and teachers stepped up to provide our students with the curriculum they needed. I am hearing that the students excelled and the teachers exceeded expectations.

Community members have dedicated countless hours each year to volunteering at our school. They have also contributed to the *EXCELLENCE FUND*, capital campaign, and scholarships for students. The Foundation continues to work toward its mission of strengthening the school's long-term finances. The \$450,000 *EXCELLENCE FUND* goal, which has an end date of June 30, 2020, will help grow endowments for teachers' salaries, provide tuition assistance to the students, and cover operational expenses.

The entire Foundation staff, led by our executive director Kecia Boysen, continues to amaze me. Kecia works daily with her outstanding colleagues, Shelley Rublaitus and Katherine Weiner, keeping the operations going throughout these times. I would like to thank Eric Aitchison for his exemplary leadership over the past eight years in his different roles of committee chair, board member, and president. The Foundation, capital campaign, and Regina as a whole are in a better place because of him. As we say goodbye to Eric, I am pleased to introduce Chris Klitgaard, our new board member who will add significant value to Regina. I am proud of our entire board, and we will continue to make Regina a better place.

Times like these remind me to reflect on our achievements and blessings. I am thankful that my fifth- and eighth-grade daughters are receiving a faith-based education in a safe environment. I appreciate our parishes for their generous support of Regina. It is nice to work with positive people who share the mindset of helping Regina grow. Our teachers, administrators, staff, volunteers, board members, and donors share the vision of helping Regina strive for excellence. I am excited to see our community continue to work together to help Regina thrive. I hope that everyone stays healthy and safe during these uncertain times.

Sincerely,



Greg McLaughlin
President, Regina Foundation Board



"CHANGE BRINGS OPPORTUNITY"

I have been thinking about this quote and what it means as we reflect upon the past school year. As you are all aware, this past year has been anything but ordinary. In recent months there has been outright tragedy, anguish, anger and despair on a world, national, and community level. We watched it unfold with the COVID-19 crisis and continue to live it from the viewpoint of racial inequality. We pray and offer support to all who are affected during this time period.

Change has occurred on many different levels this past year at Regina. It has come in the form of a new classroom/science lab addition for the high school due to the ongoing and generous support of our donors to the *Pride in Our Past, Building Our Future* capital campaign. This component of the capital campaign started in the summer of 2019 and we are looking forward to this new space as it remains on track to welcome students back in the fall of 2020!

Change occurred in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Our day to day schedules and routines were completely upended. No one was immune, and the consequences were far reaching. That included a change in the delivery of education as we knew it. I am proud to say that Regina Catholic Education Center embraced the challenge and quickly adapted to the needs of our students to deliver continuous learning experiences. Our administrators, faculty, and staff are commended for their diligent and fast steady work to make the necessary transitions which ensured our students remained on track in their academic success. All of you had a role in this as well! As a reminder, your contributions to the *EXCELLENCE FUND* have allowed Regina to plan and prepare for future needs of our school community. Now, more than ever, those funds are needed to allow Regina the flexibility to adapt and respond to the needs of our students, families, and community in the most appropriate manner.

As I mentioned above, "change brings opportunity." Reconnecting as a family, embracing our faith, appreciating life. At the end of the day, these are the opportunities that we all have and should never be taken for granted.

The following pages highlight the 2019-2020 school year and the alumni, faculty, family and friends who make an impact on Regina. Please take time to reflect and reminisce upon the many great opportunities and experiences afforded to our Regina community, all because of you! We thank you for unwavering belief and support of Regina Catholic Education Center.

Be well and stay safe!



Melinda Shetler
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03 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



COMPLETED CAMPUS PROJECTS 2017-2020:

- Education Wing
- Donor Wall
- Regina Athletic Training Facility
- Gymnasium roof
- First Avenue entrance/exit drive
- Front parking lot and circle drive
- Boys and girls locker rooms
- Bell and intercom systems
- Storm water retention (required by city)
- New playground*
- Renovated bathrooms*
- Engraved brick walkway (funded by Regina Gala donations)*

*not funded with capital campaign dollars



STILL TO COME:

- Improve parking, lighting, landscaping and roadways around new Education Wing
- Renovate and expand Early Childhood Center



BUILDING OUR FUTURE 04

(2016-2019)
INITIAL CAMPAIGN TOTAL RAISED
\$4,850,000

(2019-2020)
CAMPAIGN CONTINUATION RAISED
\$2,875,411

\$7,800,000

WE ARE ALMOST THERE!

\$7,725,411 has been raised toward our overall \$7,800,000 capital campaign goal. Send your contribution today to help us close the \$74,589 gap to fully fund the remaining projects.



Regina students, parents, alumni, faculty, staff and friends made their mark on the new construction by signing a beam on January 19, 2020. Mike Villhauer '08, Build to Suit project manager, gave an update on construction of the new education wing.

2019-2020 EXCELLENCE FUND

WITH YOUR HELP WE ARE BUILDING REGINA'S FUTURE ON A FOUNDATION OF EXCELLENCE!

Regina is special because YOU understand and support an educational environment where students are able to grow both spiritually and academically. Each year, your generous gifts to the **EXCELLENCE FUND** create a lasting impact on the lives of our students.

Donations to the **EXCELLENCE FUND** enhance the Regina learning environment by:

- providing resources to upgrade student technology, software and textbooks
- supporting professional development to enhance instruction, curriculum and student achievement
- growing endowments for tuition assistance, scholarships and teacher salaries
- providing funding for academics, arts, athletics, and extracurricular activities that are outside of the parameters of the traditional operating budget
- supplementing school operational and maintenance needs
- increasing access to off-campus learning opportunities

Please consider a gift to the 2019-2020 Regina **EXCELLENCE FUND**. Don't delay! The deadline to receive donations is June 30, 2020.



2019-2020 GOAL: \$450,000

COVID-19 TIMELINE

MARCH 2

Regina Italy trip canceled.

MARCH 13

Regina Booster Club cancels the 2020 Regina Fish Fry events.

MARCH 16-20

Regina Spring Break

MARCH 17

Governor Reynolds issues a State of Public Health Disaster Emergency proclamation closing restaurants, bars and other non-essential services. Limits public gatherings to no more than 10 people.

MARCH 26

Regina Elementary teachers gather (with proper social distancing) in the front loop bright and early for a prayer circle as they prepare to distribute learning materials for family pick-up.

APRIL 2

Governor Reynolds orders schools to remain closed through April 30 and extends closure of non-essential businesses.

APRIL 17

Governor Reynolds announces Iowa schools will stay closed for the rest of the school year. Grandparents' Day, prom, scholarship awards and luncheon, graduation and all spring sports and extracurricular activities are postponed or canceled.

MARCH 3

Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds announces first three COVID-19 cases in Iowa are in Johnson County.

MARCH 15

Governor Reynolds recommends closing schools for four weeks until April 13.

MARCH 17

The Davenport Diocese announces the following:

- All public celebrations of the Mass (and all other public liturgies or devotions) are to be canceled.
- All Catholics in the Diocese of Davenport are dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass.
- All Catholic schools will be closed, at least until April 13. All extracurricular events are to be canceled.

MARCH 24

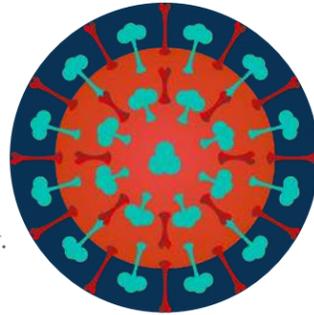
7th-12th grade students pick up learning materials to begin their online, distance learning.

MARCH 27

Regina Jr./Sr. High students and teachers start online/virtual learning classes.

WEEK OF APRIL 6

Regina students and families celebrate Holy Week Masses virtually with our four school parishes.

**APRIL 20-24**

Regina Elementary hosts a virtual Spirit Week for students to spread some positivity and joy!

MAY 9

Elementary PE teacher, Ms. Kris Rutt, puts together activities for families to do at home for the 2020 Regina Elementary Track & Field Day - Home Edition.

MAY 13

Governor Reynolds begins lifting restrictions on some businesses statewide.

MAY 22

Seniors come to school one by one to do a final drop off of textbooks, computers and materials as well as clean out their lockers. They are able to take a photo with Crownie and their diploma. A virtual Senior Awards Ceremony is held in the evening.

MAY 28

Official last day of school

JUNE 1

Restrictions lifted on summer sports.

MAY 1

Regina Jr./Sr. High School teachers, staff, and Crownie form the "Crownie Cookie Caravan" in their individual vehicles and parade by the homes of our Class of 2020 Seniors. They honk, wave, and cheer as they drop off a special seniors yard sign, a box of Regina cookies donated by Stacey Pohren of Bake My Day, and a handcrafted blue & gold rosary donated by Barry Johnson of Wellman.

**MAY 11**

25 new National Honor Society members join 33 current members during an online induction ceremony.

MAY 21

Sixth graders share memories during an online graduation prayer service. They receive Bibles from Fr. Gary Beckman and St. Wenceslaus Parish on May 26 when they come to school to pick up the contents of their lockers and gifts from their teachers in the front circle.

**MAY 22**

Preschool students graduating from the Buddy and Bear Rooms drive up to school to pick up their preschool memory books and have their photo taken under the Class of 2020 banner.

**JUNE 14**

Commencement ceremony held at the Regina Football & Soccer Field (not open to the general public).

COVID-19 TIMELINE

VALEDICTORIAN

**ABIGAIL BURGER**

Abigail will attend Saint Ambrose University where she will study biomedical laboratory science and play soccer. She is the recipient of the Iowa Governor's Scholarship Award and was named an AP Scholar with Distinction and she earned Academic All State recognition.

SALUTATORIAN

**MARK SCHOMER**

Mark will attend Saint Ambrose University where he will study mechanical and industrial engineering and play golf. He received several academic and athletic scholarships and recognitions, including being named a St. Ambrose Trustees Scholar and one of KWWL's Best of the Class.

48
graduating seniors

11 will attend 2-year college

37 will attend 4-year college/university

offered
\$1,085,050earned and accepted
\$748,750

Seniors pose in front of their mural painting after the Ash Wednesday prayer service



HANNAH APPLIN received the Robert H. & Marian Gaffey Scholarship. She will attend Kirkwood Community College to study dentistry.



WILL COLONY received the Iowa State Bar Association's American Citizenship Award, the Tony Bock Art Achievement Award and was honorable

mention for the Better Business Bureau Student Integrity Award. He will attend the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and will study architecture.



CLAIRE CONLON received the Grandma Jean McCoy Scholarship. She will attend The University of Iowa and major in elementary education.



MICHAEL DUNN signed with Wartburg College to play soccer. He will major in business.



MARIAH GRASSI received the Robert P. Stack Memorial Scholarship. She will attend The University of Iowa to study psychology.



SAMANTHA GREIVING received the President's Volunteer Service Award and the P.E.O. Star Scholarship. She will attend Simpson College where she will play basketball and study accounting and business management.



NICHOLAS HEIN received the Bob Brown Memorial Scholarship. He will attend Iowa State University to major in finance.



KARLA HERNANDEZ received the Robert L. Sheker Memorial Scholarship. She will attend Kirkwood Community College to study nursing.



RUSSELL HINGST received the Robert P. Stack Memorial Scholarship. He will attend The University of Iowa and will major in mechanical engineering.



MAREN HUSS received the Dr. Rita Krause Memorial Scholarship. She will attend The University of Iowa and major in radiation sciences.



KIRA LOUVAR received the Robert P. Stack Memorial Scholarship, the Bob Brown Memorial Scholarship, the PISA Rising Star Award and the Kathryn Keeley Star Performer Award. She will attend The University of Iowa to study social work and business.



JACOB MARZEN received the Maxine Denson Scholarship. He will attend Kirkwood Community College to study English.



ALEX MEISTER signed with Mount Mercy University to play baseball. He plans to study sports management.



MASEN MILLER signed with Truman State University to play basketball. He will major in business.



NOLA MURHAMMER received the David Braverman Scholarship and is an AP Scholar with Honors. She will attend The Univ. of Iowa to study mechanical engineering.



VERONICA PATTERSON was named a National Merit Commended Student. The top 95.75%-98.75% of test takers across the nation receive this honor. She will attend

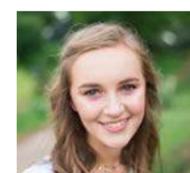
The University of Iowa and major in dance and math.



KENNEDY SCOTT received the E. Wayne Cooley Scholarship. She will attend The University of Iowa and major in accounting.



STEPHANIE STENGER received the Priscilla C. & Bruce W. Hubbard Scholarship. She will attend Iowa State University and major in kinesiology.



CLAIRE SULLIVAN received The University of Iowa Volunteer Services Scholarship, the Iowa High School Musical Theatre Award, the PISA Rising Star Award and

the Kathryn Keeley Star Performer Award. She will attend The University of Iowa to major in psychology and criminology.



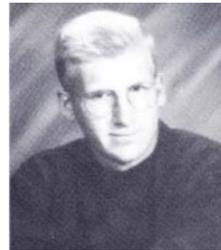
ROWAN UDELL received the Bernie Saggau Award. He will attend Iowa State University and will major in history.



EMMA WELTER received The University of Iowa Volunteer Services Scholarship and the Kathleen Dore Scholarship for Women Leaders. She will attend

The University of Iowa and study business.

Many Regina seniors received recognition for their accomplishments. These are some of the awards shared during the virtual Senior Awards Ceremony.



Matt Boileau
Class of 1992



Ethan Boileau
Class of 2020



John Brandt
Class of 1980



Shawn Brandt
Class of 2020



Shelly (Keating) Conlon
Class of 1989



Claire Conlon
Class of 2020



Patty (Letts) Gahan
Class of 1964



Terry Dickens
Class of 1973



Jo (Brandt) Dickens
Class of 1974



Andy Gahan
Class of 1992



Emily (Dickens) Gahan
Class of 1996



Elizabeth Gahan
Class of 2020



David Hein
Class of 1983



Terri (Harney) Hein
Class of 1986



Nicholas Hein
Class of 2020



Ron Miller
Class of 1965



Rob Miller
Class of 1986



Masen Miller
Class of 2020



Nicki Raitt
Class of 1988



Kira Louvar
Class of 2020



FAMILY LEGACIES

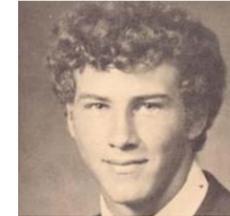


Sharon Keating
Class of 1982



Ryan Romans
Class of 2020

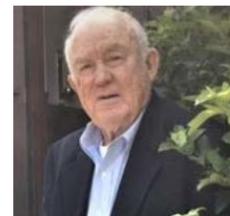
ALUMNI & HONORARY AWARDS



DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS

Terry Dickens
Class of 1973

Terry was a member of the first Regina football team to make it to State (1972) and the first Regina basketball team to go to State (1973). He held the Regina 400 record in track for many years. Terry has been with the family jewelry business, Herteen and Stocker, for over 40 years. He has served in a variety of leadership positions within his industry, frequently breaking records for being the youngest to serve. He is a longtime community and Regina volunteer, serving on the Regina Board of Education and Regina Foundation Board, and he was a founding member of the Fall Fun Festival Softball Tournament. Even before he had children at Regina, he worked hard on various fundraising campaigns, including the initial fund drive to build the new elementary school in the 1980s. Terry's wife, Jo (Brandt) Dickens '74, was named Regina Distinguished Alumna in 2003. That makes Jo and Terry the first "Regina Distinguished Alumni Couple!"



OUTSTANDING SERVICE HONORARY ALUMNUS

Jim Jensen

Jim is a 1956 graduate of St. Mary's High School, where he met his high school sweetheart, Mary Ellen Boyd. They were married 61 years when Mary Ellen passed away in November 2018. Their involvement with Regina goes all the way back to before the school was built. Regina has always been a passion of Jim's. In earlier years, Jim was involved as a volunteer in building the first football bleachers and press box and again when they re-built the new and improved press box. He also helped build the softball press box and baseball batting cage years ago. He served as a Booster Club member and spent many Friday nights helping at the Fish Frys. Most recently, his volunteer duties have been taking tickets at football, basketball and baseball games, as well as in the beverage tent for the Family Fun Festival.

OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNA

Missie (Feuerbach) Helm
Class of 2009



Missie was a five-time letter-winner at Regina. She and her sister, Katie, helped the Regals to a 24-12 softball record and a third-place finish at the Class 2-A State Tournament in 2009, Regina's first state tournament berth since 1983. Missie graduated Magna Cum Laude from Concordia University, St. Paul. She is in her seventh year of teaching at Hoover High School in Des Moines. She will begin her seventh year as head softball coach this year. She was awarded Coach of the Year in softball for winning the 4A State Championship in 2018. She was a finalist for All-Iowa Coach of the Year this past year. She began the girls golf program at Hoover two years ago and will begin her third year as head coach. Last year, Missie was assistant Academic Decathlon coach, and this year she is stepping into the head coach position. Finally, she began her seventh year as Student Council advisor this year—all at Hoover High School.

DISTINGUISHED HONORARY ALUMNI

Brandon & Amy Mills



Brandon and Amy's first involvement in volunteering at Regina was with the new football bleacher installation. Brandon was on the Regina Technology Committee to help Regina move forward in the IT area. He has been a junior high volleyball coach for two years and JV/varsity coach for four years. Since 2011, Amy has managed the Boosters concession stands for football, soccer, track, volleyball, wrestling, basketball, and various other school events. The whole Mills family helped with Kinnick seatbacks for eight years. They have chaired the Family Fun Festival Food and Beverage tent for seven years. Amy coordinates the volunteers, manages set up, and makes sure things run smoothly. Brandon donates the software platform and time necessary to set up and run the electronic ticketing system. For the past seven years, the whole family has been volunteering at the Lenten Fish Frys.

SUBMIT YOUR REGINA ALUMNI AWARDS NOMINATION: Online at regina.org/foundation or mail to Regina Foundation, 2140 Rochester Ave, Iowa City, IA 52245. Please submit nomination by September 1, 2020. The 2020 awards will be presented during Homecoming on Friday, October 2.

TAVERN TRIBUTE

Ken Donnelly '59 recently finished a tribute to his father, Harold Donnelly, and his iconic Iowa City bar, Donnelly's (119 S. Dubuque Street). Fond memories are gathered in a book, *Tales of the Tavern from Those Who Went There 1934-1974*. Eighteen Regals are featured in the book along with quite a few celebrities.

- **Kevin Link '71** requested a bottle of Blue Ribbon at age 18. Harold said, "I'll see you in three years."
- **Bill Flannery '68** wrote a strong letter to the editor of the *Daily Iowan* entitled "Urban Renewal Striketh or the End of an Institution."
- **Gary Fitzpatrick '71** once stated, "I was fascinated with the place as a kid." A few years later when he opened his own place, Fitzpatrick's, the first brew pub in Iowa, he named a beer after Harold.
- **Bill Sheridan '62** remembered the tavern as a "cool, darkish interior to welcome a weary traveler on a hot summer day, lovely white marble top in the booths, a pinball machine towards the back."
- **Ted Pacha '66** remembered the tavern was one of his stops as he celebrated his 21st birthday.
- **Dan Glasgow '66** told Ken. "I wanted to be there with older friends."
- **Frank Burns '59** came into the tavern every Monday night from nearby Saint-Clair Johnson Clothing Store with his boss, Don Hebert.
- **Bob Hradek '71** was a customer on closing night, December 9, 1974; "It was a mad house!"
- Long before **Ellen (Kinney) Roan '64** was born, her dad was a bartender in the late 1930s at the tavern. "When in college, we would come in and play pinball between beers."
- **Jackie (Barnes) Donovan '59** and **Hannah Dreckman '59** sometimes relaxed at the tavern after work as beauticians.
- **Rod Lehnertz '83** was carried into the bar by his parents who wanted to introduce their newborn son to Harold!



- **Ann (Noone) Donahue '69** wrote, "My dad would take me and my sister, **Mary Jo '68**, to the bar on Saturday afternoons. We were in heaven; all the popcorn you could eat and the soda flowing. My friend **Kathy (Dunton) Lynch '69** and I visited with our new legal status. If a guy came up to talk to us, Harold would come over with that bar rag on his shoulder and shoo him away."
- **Mike Reid '59**, **Jim McGuire '61** and **Mike Nugent '61** were members of Donnelly's teams in the City Men's Basketball League.
- **Father Ed Dunn**, Regina vocal music teacher prior to his ordination, once wrote, "I remember Harold very well and the classy place he ran!"
- The **Class of 1959** ("Regina's first and finest class") held Regina's first ever five-year reunion at the tavern.

FEATURED ALUMNA

Mary Beth (Boyd) Koelbl '81 attended The University of Iowa College of Engineering and graduated with her BSE in 1985. Growing up in Iowa City, Mary Beth never dreamed of working for NASA. Today she's a 33-year agency veteran whose engineering expertise has been vital to multiple programs and projects at Marshall Space Flight Center, including the Space Launch System, the Commercial Crew Program and the Space Shuttle Program. She was appointed deputy director of Marshall's Engineering Directorate in July 2019. She helps oversee the center's largest organization, with more than 2,000 team members. The Engineering Directorate leads the design, testing, evaluation and operation of flight hardware and software associated with space transportation, spacecraft systems, science instruments and payloads in development at Marshall. She has been the recipient of many prestigious awards, including a NASA Exceptional Service Medal in 2018, a NASA Leadership Medal in 2007, a Space Flight Awareness Award in 2005 and a Silver Snoopy in 1996. She met her husband at the NASA facility in Alabama and they have three boys who are all in college or grad school now.



Mary Beth's advice to high school students interested in STEM fields:

1 Don't get discouraged. When you leave high school and go to college, you will find that your classes are harder, the competition greater, and not every professor is focused on ensuring you learn the subject like they were in high school. It is easy to get discouraged, to think that it is too hard, to give up. My first semester grades were not the greatest and it would have been easy to change majors. But don't let yourself. Get yourself a support system. Find some others in the class to study with, ask the professors questions, and above all learn to manage your time! Your job in college is to learn, so you need to treat it like work. Schedule time to study and don't let yourself get behind. Go to study sessions for classes. Use the professor's office hours to ask about things you don't understand. And no question is a dumb question in class. I found that professors were much more interested in helping you if you showed interest in what they were teaching.

2 Take some chances, some will work out, others won't but you will be better for taking the risk. I took a chance on engineering. I wasn't sure it was for me, but it turned out to be a wonderful field, a perfect fit for me. I took a chance on electrical engineering, but after my first circuits class (in which I managed to eek out a C-), I decided that was not for me. I took a chance on NASA, moving to Huntsville, Alabama and ended up in a job and a career that I love. Moving to Huntsville was scary, I had only done phone interviews. I had not met anyone that I would work with, I had never seen NASA's facilities and had no idea what work there would be like. I didn't know anyone in Alabama and had never been to the state. But it was probably the best decision I ever made. NASA is a great agency; I work with wonderful people, and what could be more fun than working on rockets?

3 Your path is your own, there is no right answer, but choose one that gets you to a destination that makes you happy. I did not know my whole life what I wanted to do. There are some people that I work with that knew from the time they were little that they wanted to work for NASA. They pull out pictures of themselves dressed as an astronaut for Halloween or a drawing they did in kindergarten of the planets. They knew their college major from elementary school. But today their career and mine are no different, we just got here on a different path. If you are like me and don't know what you want to be when you graduate from high school, that is fine. If you are like some of my coworkers and had your whole life planned by age eight, that is fine too. That is what makes you YOU. The most important path to choose is one that leads you to a destination that makes you happy. For me that was NASA MSFC and I couldn't be happier.

2019

BOOSTER CLUB HALL OF FAME

CHRIS WEIMER '04

- Received multiple honors in high school basketball, football and baseball.
- Continued his baseball career at Muscatine Community College and the University of Nebraska at Omaha.
- Signed a contract to play professional baseball with the Chicago Cubs in 2009.

BRIAN MILLER '88

- Received multiple honors in high school baseball, basketball, track and football.
- As a coach at the high school and college level, has led numerous area baseball and football teams to championships.

ROB MILLER '86

- Received multiple honors in high school basketball and baseball.
- Coached several Regal youth teams in basketball and baseball and has been active with the Regina Booster Club to secure funding for gymnasium and track enhancements.

Booster Club Hall of Fame honorees,
Chris Weimer '04, Brian Miller '88 and Rob Miller '86



13 ALUMNI UPDATES

1961 **VINCENT CANO '61** received a Certificate of Appreciation from the State Historical Society of Iowa for his cooperation and willingness to share his family story which inspired Nathaniel Otjen's award-winning article in *The Annals of Iowa*: "Creating a Barrio in Iowa City, 1916-1936: Mexican Section Laborers and the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad Company."



MARY ELLEN CHUDACEK '66 received the Iowa City Community Theatre (ICCT) Lifetime Achievement Award. She has been involved with ICCT for the majority of its 64 years. Her favorite role has been directing, but as she has entered retirement, she has sponsored a musical each year with funds left to her by the estate of her late brother, **Bill Chudacek '70**, as well as her own funds.

1967 **MIKE LEHMAN '67** was the recipient of the America Farmers Grow Communities Award. He selected the Regina Foundation to receive a \$2,500 donation which helped fund a scholarship that provides tuition assistance to Regina students.



1970 **TOM BOYD '70** is a physician in Burlington, IA. His son, Andy, is also a physician, working for the CDC with Navajo citizens in the Gallup, New Mexico, area.



MIKE O'BRIEN '71, University of Toledo Vice President and Director of Athletics, will serve on the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Committee through the 2022 NCAA Tournament after joining it in August 2018. The 10-member committee is responsible for selecting, seeding and bracketing the field for the NCAA Tournament. Mike is in his 19th year as the athletic director at the University of Toledo.

1993 **PETER KENNEDY '93** was ordained a deacon on May 4, 2019, at St. Cecilia Cathedral in Omaha, NE. He works as a philosophy instructor at Metropolitan Community College and is Director of Evangelization at St. James Parish in Omaha. He is a member of the board of directors for the Fr. Flanagan League, the cause for the canonization of Fr. Flanagan of Boy's Town.



1998 **JOHN CRANE '98** was promoted to lieutenant on the Iowa City Fire Department. He is excited to be moving to a new home close to Regina this summer as his three sons attend Regina Elementary.

1999 **RYAN DEVEREUX '99** has been named Belle Plaine Jr./Sr. High School principal. He previously was assistant principal and curriculum director at Beckman Catholic High School in Dyersville. Ryan completed his undergraduate degree at Cornell College and earned his graduate degree from Concordia University in Nebraska. He and wife Susan have four children: Patrick (8), Krista (6), John (2), and Margaret (1).



2000 **KAREN KARR '00** was included in the 2020 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. Lawyers on the list are reviewed by their peers on the basis of professional expertise and undergo an authentication process to make sure they are in current practice and in good standing. Karen is a real estate lawyer with BrownWinick Law in Des Moines.



2001 **KATIE (GRAF) WEISS '01** received her PhD in science education from The University of Iowa in May 2020. She has accepted a position at Des Moines University as an Instructional Design and Support Specialist. She and her husband, Brandon, also celebrated their daughter's one-year birthday this past December.



1961 **FR. WALLY HELMS '61** celebrated his 50th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood on June 29 at St. Thomas More Church. After graduating from Regina in 1961, Fr. Wally went on to earn a BA in philosophy from St. Ambrose University and then studied for the priesthood at Mt. St. Bernard Seminary & Aquinas School of Theology in Dubuque. In his 50 years as a priest, Fr. Wally has served at 12 parishes throughout the Diocese of Davenport. He was the pastor of St. Thomas More Church in Iowa City/Coralville from 2000 to 2013. He provided instrumental leadership for the planning of, and fundraising for, the relocation of St. Thomas More to its new site in Coralville. He retired in 2013. Fr. Wally's ultimate gift of service came in the spring of 2004 when he donated one of his kidneys to a parishioner in need. He was named a Regina Distinguished Alumnus in 2011.

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2008 **MIKE VILLHAUER '08** is leading the construction of Regina's new Education Wing. Mike is a project manager with Build to Suit.



2011 **ANDREW SCHNOEBELN '11**, Director of Football Operations at Missouri Southern State University in Joplin, MO, met up with Regina 1st grade teacher, Doug Vollstedt, wife Sandy, and son **Isaac Vollstedt '18** in Joplin in September 2019. Isaac, #44, was playing football for Northwest Missouri State University who faced Andrew's team. 100 points were scored that game and one of the highlights from the game made ESPN's top ten for the day.



2012 **ZACH RIES '12** is the Regina High School head wrestling coach.

2013 **ALLISON STEIN '13** graduated from the University of Northern Iowa in 2017 with a BA in biology. In 2019, she graduated from The University of Iowa with a master's degree in clinical anatomy and will begin medical school at The University of Iowa in the fall.

2015 **PHIL ARENDT '15** is Regina's strength and conditioning coach.

HANNAH STEIN '15 graduated from Allen School of Nursing in 2019 with a BSN and in February began working as a NICU nurse at The University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital.

2016 **JUSTIN HUNTER '16** graduated from Iowa State University with a degree in agronomy. He will attend graduate school for soil science at the University of Missouri.

2017 **ANDREA ADAM '17**, who was the top seed entering the NAIA Swimming and Diving Championships, posted a season-best 249.70 score in the finals to give the St. Ambrose University junior her fifth national diving championship.

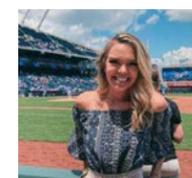


2018 **MARY CROMPTON '18** set the Illinois State single-season record for three-pointers made by a freshman during an overtime win against Northern Iowa. Mary is a redshirt freshman after overcoming a serious knee injury. She is just as impressive in the classroom. She earned a perfect GPA as a biology major and a chemistry minor.



JOE HEIN '18 graduated from Kirkwood Community College in May, earning an Associate of Applied Science degree in construction management, and plans to continue studies at the University of Northern Iowa. He was recognized as a Kirkwood Outstanding Student and was invited to speak to graduates during Kirkwood's online commencement ceremony.

2019 **BELLA NIBAUR '19** was invited to sing the National Anthem on July 14, 2019, at a Kansas City Royals baseball game. Bella's extended family in the KC area encouraged her to send in an audition tape. She attends The University of Iowa, majoring in nursing.



2020 Three generations of alumni celebrate Elly Gahan's graduation: Patty (Letts) Gahan '64, Terry Dickens '73, Jo (Brandt) Dickens '74, Andy Gahan '92, and Emily (Dickens) Gahan '96! Great-grandparents are Willa Dickens ('47 St. Mary's) and Pat Brandt ('52 St. Pat's).



1970 **JOHN OCKENFELS '70** and fellow International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians member, Peter Teahen, were planning to leave March 24 on a flight around the world to raise money to fight polio, but the spreading coronavirus postponed the trip. The two were honored on March 7 during a Rotary International Fly-in/Drive-in Breakfast fundraiser for the Flight to End Polio at The Eastern Iowa Airport. The 51-day flight around the world was planned to raise awareness for polio eradication. The two men will fly 20,000 miles in a single-engine plane to continue their mission to eradicate polio in Afghanistan and Pakistan, the last countries where the disease remains endemic. John has been piloting small aircraft for over 43 years. He maintains antique training airplanes from World War II and is the proud owner of two WWII war birds. John is now retired, having spent his career as CEO of City Carton Recycling, based in Iowa City.

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CAREER DAY

On January 31, during Catholic Schools Week, Regina Junior/Senior High School welcomed 27 alumni and parents who spoke to students about their chosen careers and the paths they took to get there. All students had the opportunity to choose four sessions representing 24 careers, including construction, electrochemistry, cyber security, politics, manufacturing, and social work, just to name a few. The Regina Alumni & Parents Career Day is held every four to five years at the school and is organized by the Regina Foundation and high school counseling office to expose Regina students to various occupations and career paths.

The program began with a presentation to students by **Fr. Michael Rossmann SJ '03**. Fr. Rossmann talked about vocations and the decision making process. It was a great kick-off to the day and gave students a lot to think about as they plan for future careers.

Shane Kron '87, Coralville Chief of Police, brought in a black lab K-9 named Roxi to demonstrate how the department uses her to search for items or evidence. Roxi was a big hit with the students as they learned about law enforcement careers and how K-9s are used.

John Crane '98, who talked to students about his career as a firefighter, remarked, "I enjoyed participating in Career Day because I was once in their shoes and I know every bit of guidance they can get is helpful."

Regina is fortunate to have so many alumni and parents willing to come to Regina to share vital career planning information with current students!

Kelsey (Homewood) Laverdiere '04 at her job as University of Iowa Assistant Athletics Director, Marketing & Fan Engagement - photo courtesy of HawkeyeSports.com



2020 PRESENTERS:

Vocations
Fr. Michael Rossmann SJ '03

Accounting
Jason Wagner

Attorney
Travis Cavanaugh '02

Commercial Real Estate
Mark Lynch '95

Construction
Mike Villhauer '08

Education
Andy Gahan '92

Electrochemistry
Johna Leddy

Engineering
Doug Bottorff

Financial Planning
PJ Conlon

Firefighter
John Crane '98

Government/Politics
Ed Wallace '95, Rob Sueppel '87,
Jeani Murray '87

Higher Education/College in Prison
Heather (Claussen) Erwin '88

Hospital Leadership
Jonathan Bothell '06

Interior Design
Izzy Brandt '14

Insurance
Brett Hoffman '94

Law Enforcement
Shane Kron '87

Manufacturing
Mason Simpson '17

Marketing
Kelsey (Homewood) Laverdiere '04

Medical Education
Ellen Franklin

Nursing
Martha Blondin

Optometry
Jayme Wilhelm

Psychology
Megan Foley Nicpon '91

Small Business Owner
Alissa (Brandt) Jarrett '02

Social Work
Kathy Shey

Technology/Cyber Security
Andy Cutter

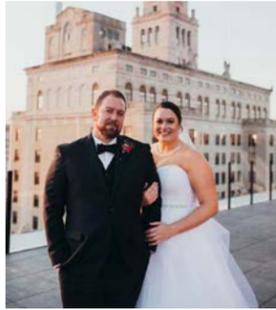


17 WEDDING BELLS



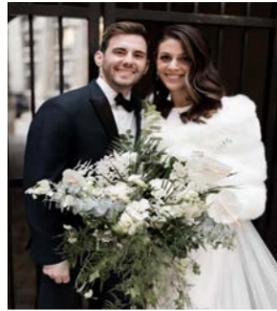
Steve Windisch '00 and Brooke (Lemke) '99 were married in September 2018. The couple lives in Davenport, IA, where Steve is an engineer and Brooke is a hypnotherapist.

Jesicah Ambrisco '06 & Richie Siebert were married on February 22, 2020. Jesicah is a family medicine physician and Richie is an IT security manager for the Department of Defense. The couple lives in Eldridge, IA.



Jessie Feuerbach '07 & Carter Montgomery were married September 20, 2019. Jessie works in horticultural sales and Carter is a golf course superintendent. The couple lives in Falls City, NE.

JD Hunter '09 & Whitney Bohnsack were married on July 5, 2019, in Cedar Rapids. JD was recently named associate principal at Ankeny Centennial High School and Whitney is a nurse. They live in Ankeny, IA.



Kayla Balke '11 & Michael Meersman were married December 28, 2018, in Chicago, IL. Kayla is a commercial property manager in Chicago and Michael is a chiropractor for the Chicago Bears.

Emily Duncan '12 & Zach Nicely were married October 26, 2019 at St. Thomas More Church in Coralville. Emily is a musician and record label manager and Zach is a musician and works for the marketing team of the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra. Emily and Zach live in New York City.



Dan Pacha '12 & Hailey Vitacco were married in Rockford, IL, on September 1, 2019. Dan was promoted to Associate Supervisor, OnSite Services, with Stryker Endo Division. The couple recently relocated to the Houston, TX, area.

Kelly Rummelhart '12 & Houston Harreld were married September 21, 2019, at Little Lights on the Lane in West Branch. Kelly works at CIVCO Medical Solutions in Coralville and Houston works at Hills Bank in Iowa City. The couple lives in Iowa City.



Nathan Shank '13 & Anna Kron '13 were married September 21, 2019, at St. Wenceslaus Church in Iowa City. Nathan is a student in the Doctor of Physical Therapy program at The University of Iowa and Anna is a 5th grade teacher at Borlaug Elementary in Coralville. The couple lives in Iowa City.

ALUMNI, SEND US YOUR NEWS FOR THE NEXT REGINA RECORD!

Submit updates using the Stay in Touch form on our website, www.regina.org/foundation, or send an email to foundation@regina.org.

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Steve '70 and Carolyn Keifer welcomed their first granddaughter, **Elinor Rose Keifer**. Their son, Dave, and his spouse, Carissa, live in Niceville, FL.



Steve '00 and Brooke (Lemke) '99 Windisch welcomed **Charlotte Windisch** in December 2019.



Sarah (Riggert) '01 and Ron Wickham welcomed **Lucas Daniel Wickham** on June 18, 2019. Big sister Isabelle is very proud!



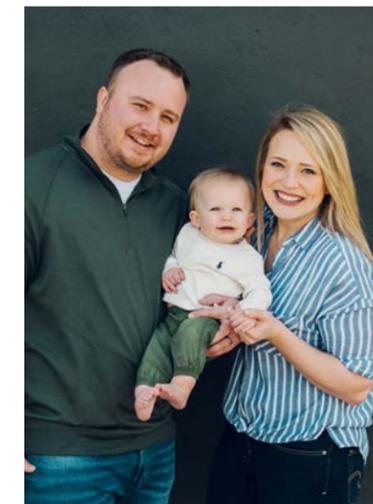
Josh '02 and Molly (Fitzgerald) '09 Gilroy welcomed **Elizabeth O'Neill Gilroy** on April 15, 2020. Regal grandparents are John and Mary (O'Neill) '75 Gilroy.



Bobbie (Jensen) '03 and Dan Wegman welcomed son **Joseph Michael Wegman** on January 2, 2020. Proud sisters are Regina 1st grader, Annie, and preschooler, Mollie.

Jamie (Jensen) '06 and Mike Venzon welcomed son **Mack James Venzon** on May 1, 2019. Proud brother is Regina 5th grader, Brady.

Regal grandparents of the whole crew are Fran (McGurk) '79 and Mike '77 Jensen.



Ryan '07 and Kaylee Murphy welcomed **Ethan Murphy** on June 11, 2019.



Ryan '14 and Emylee Harney welcomed **Haylee Michelle Quinn Harney** on April 15, 2020. Regal grandparents are Rick '81 and Michelle Harney.



Ron Burr '60 of Lone Tree died on December 31, 2019. In 1964, he married Janet (Lenz) who passed in 2004. In 2005, he married Jean Chapman. He retired from The University of Iowa in 2002, after 35 years. He was passionate about restoring classic cars. His family includes his wife, Jean; son, Mitchell; and daughter, Angela.



Michael McGuire '60 passed away on January 31, 2020. He was a proud veteran of the US Navy. He served as a hospital corpsman at the Marine Corps Base in Camp Lajeune, NC. He worked at the Veterans Administration Hospital as a respiratory therapist until his retirement in 1992 after 30 years of service. He is survived by daughters, Meredith and Rachel McGuire, and fiancée, Mary Ockenfels '60.



Ron Milder '60 died February 4, 2020. He married Patricia Heeney on June 6, 1969. Surviving Ron are his wife, Pat; children, Christopher Milder '88 (Marcy), Jon Milder '91 (Amy '90), Sarah Healy '95 (Bret) and adopted daughter Susan Moen '02; and 10 grandchildren. *See tribute on page 21.*



Mary Helen (Hart) Posey '60 died on September 1, 2019. She is survived by her children, Gillian Posey and Alaric Posey. She moved to Canada for graduate studies in psychology at the University of Calgary. Following a teaching career at the University of Calgary and Red Deer College, she became active with the Federation of Alberta Naturalists and the Advisory Committee to Environment Council of Alberta.



Fr. Philip Amidon, SJ '61 died May 13, 2020, at the Creighton University Jesuit community in Omaha, NE. He entered the Society of Jesus in 1961, was ordained in 1974, and took final vows in 1987. He earned a bachelor's degree, a master's degree and a licentiate degree in philosophy from St. Louis University, and a doctorate in philosophy from Oxford University in 1979. He taught English and theology at Sogang University in Seoul, South Korea. In 2017, he retired from Creighton University, where he was a campus minister, theology professor and law school and residence hall chaplain.



Linda (Billick) Griffin '61 died December 23, 2019. She had two children from her first marriage to Michael Beetner: Gretchen (Brian) and Eric (Marie), and two grandchildren. Linda and her second husband, John, were married for 41 years after meeting each other in college in California.



Marguerite Elyse (Cahill) Lewis '61 died November 24, 2019. Elyse married Erv Lewis on November 14, 1964. They had three children: Jill, Eric, and Jodi, and four grandchildren. She graduated from Mercy Hospital School of Nursing and spent her whole career as a nurse at Mercy Hospital in Iowa City.



Michael Nugent '61 died April 5, 2020. Mike earned his undergrad degree from The University of Iowa and law degree from the University of Houston Law Center. He was active duty in the Air Force for five years and spent one year in Thailand during the Vietnam War. He was an oil and gas attorney in Dallas, TX, for most of his career. He is survived by his wife, Barbara; sons, Michael and Patrick; six grandchildren; and siblings, Nancy Schulte '60, Tom Nugent '66 and Mary Nugent Woods '67.



Mary (Ipsen) McDonald '64 died December 12, 2019. She received her B.A. degree from Creighton University and her M.A. degree in early childhood education from The University of Iowa. She married Thomas McDonald '64 in 1969. They have three children, Michelle (Rick) Rooney, Matthew (Julie) McDonald and Megan (Chris) Agliano, and six grandchildren. She received several certifications in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Rome, Italy, and dedicated her life to early childhood education.



Gary Griffin '65 died November 13, 2019. He attended Kirkwood Community College and was a member of the Knights of Columbus. He was manager for Mays/Eagles for many years and was manager and part owner of Stockmans Truck Stop in South St. Paul, MN. He is survived by his wife, Ronda; daughters, Debra Schroeder, Laura Christner and Erica Griffin; and nine grandchildren.



Richard Thomason '66 died March 3, 2020. He married Connie Smith in Memphis, TN, in 1968. He was a partner in Town and Country Home Furnishings in Coralville, which he operated from 1966 to 2010. He later worked at Keller's Home Furnishings in Tipton. He loved to hunt and fish and was a talented taxidermist. Survivors include his wife and their two daughters, Christi Sasina and Cally (Doug) Broughton, and five grandchildren.



Lynn (Rockafellow) Apel '68 of Fort Myers, FL, passed unexpectedly on November 17, 2019. She attended The University of Iowa. Some of her most cherished times were the years spent working in The University of Iowa Sports Information Department. Lynn enjoyed entertaining, traveling and spending time with her family and beloved pets. She is survived by siblings, Pat '69, Mona Eckermann '70, Paulette Jones '71, Mike, Kathleen Link '73, Tim '74, Tom '76, Mary '78 and Jack. She was preceded in death by her parents, Irving and Rose, and siblings, Suzette Zoll '71, Bill '80 and Todd '82.



Mark Wagner '71 passed away on September 17, 2019, in Iowa City. He graduated from Kirkwood Community College and had a career that spanned more than 30 years at Wagner Pontiac-Jeep-Eagle where he held several positions within the company, including his final position as vice president and co-owner. He had a great love for the outdoors, music, and sports, especially the Iowa Hawkeyes. Mark is survived by his children, Brian Wagner '04 and Erin Wagner '07.



Dave Power '72 passed away May 1, 2020. He received his mechanics training from Kirkwood Community College and worked for JH Mechanics and Bontrager Auto in Iowa City until 1985. He owned and operated Advanced Auto Service in Iowa City for 32 years, retiring in 2017. Survivors include his wife, Melanie; children, Tim (Stephanie) Power, Tracey (Josh) Hartz and Tiffany Power; 8 grandchildren; siblings, Diane (Chuck) Kelhoffer '77, Mari (Mike '82) Foley '82 and Dan (Jodie) Power '88.



Susan Michael '75 passed away on May 29, 2019. She graduated from Kirkwood Community College and worked for Briarwood for 30 years as a cook. She loved her work and continually took care of both residents and coworkers. She is survived by her siblings, Barb (Bryan) Dietz '70, Pam (Rick) Tanaka '73, Patricia Michael, Bob (Cathy Zaharis) Michael '80 and Jana Michael '83.



Randy Keefer '81 died suddenly October 8, 2019. For over 28 years, he worked as a dispatcher for SEATS in Iowa City. He enjoyed working out, staying fit, all sorts of music, photography and animals, especially his cat Binx! His family includes his parents, Judy and Jim Keefer; brothers, Terry (Kim) and Jamie (Jody); niece, Hailey, and nephew Austin.

MEMORIALS

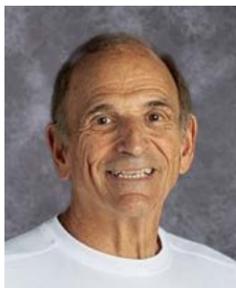
The 2020 All-School Memorial Mass, which was scheduled for April 29, was canceled. We recognize the following individuals whose families named Regina as a beneficiary of their respective memorials in the last year. We will honor them at the Memorial Mass on April 21, 2021, with a candlelight procession.

Leonard Brcka
Guido Bulgarelli
Gloria Butler
Mary Hoyer
Mildred Ramer Keller
MaryAnn Kelly
Vivian Kleinschmidt
Betty Letts
Susan Michael '75
Ron Milder '60
Kay Rosenberger
Angeline Russell
William F. "Bill" Sueppel
Francis "Bud" Sueppel



Ron Milder '60 received his Bachelor of Arts degree in education from St. Ambrose College. He also attended Loyola University in Chicago and Mount Saint Bernard Seminary in Dubuque and served over six years in the Army Reserves. Ron taught religious education curriculum, government and history at Regina High School for 36 years, retiring in 2007. He helped institute programs such as Christianity in the Community, Death and Dying and created the first AP American History program at Regina. He was named a Regina Distinguished Alumnus in 2007. When asked

what it was like teaching at his alma mater, Ron said, "It takes a number of years for a teacher to feel completely comfortable in their mastery of the subject matter and teaching techniques, so definitely in the beginning I was making my way as a teacher. But, the experience has been unique in that I've taught the kids of kids with whom I graduated and the next generation of kids of kids. My way of teaching is to share stories with the kids, make it personal to them, engage them on their level."



John DeMarco passed away on April 4, 2020, of COVID-19. He was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, where he graduated from The Brooklyn Academy. He earned his undergraduate degree from West Virginia University and a master's degree in physical education from The University of Iowa. He began teaching PE at Regina in 1981. He was head football coach 1985-1995 and head golf coach 1985-1993. Whether Regina won or lost, John loved his players and his players loved him. They may not have been the biggest on the field, but his Regal football

teams always had heart, spirit, and hustle, and they were exciting to watch! John loved the family that was Regina High School. He loved being able to make a difference in the lives of his students. All those who attended Regina High School since 1981 will never forget Coach D's rousing cheers at pep assemblies: "For the Blue, Fight Fight! For the Gold, Fight Fight!"



June Braverman died on October 17, 2019. She taught English and drama at Regina High School in the 1970s. Through her music, June had the uncanny ability to make even the grouchiest person smile, tap their feet

and sing along as loud as they could. And, June didn't care if they would sing off key, as long as they were having fun! It would be hard to find a person that has not been touched by June's music. One group of performers very much touched by June were the "Regina Alumni Nunnies," who performed in a number of community fundraisers, a Catholic Daughters Convention and the Alumni Awards Tribute Banquet years ago. Members of the Nunnies are Jane Brown Caton '71, Anne Brcka Crocker '70, Kathy Seemuth Mossman '73, Jo Brandt Dickens '74, Sheila McGurk Boyd '74, Janet Lenochoe '74, Teri Wombacher VanDyke '77, Fran McGurk Jensen '79, Ann Halsch Kessler, '79, Christine Scheetz '81. This group still gets together on a regular basis to talk, laugh and reminisce about June.



Guido E. Bulgarelli died at the age of 105 on January 26, 2020. In WWII, he was hit by enemy mortar fire, shattering his arm which the doctors were able to save. For this, he was awarded the Purple Heart. At St. Mary's Church

in Iowa City, Guido and his wife, Adelaide, founded St. Anthony's Bread, a charity for those in need. In 1956, the couple formed the Catholic Youth Dancing Club (CYDC) of Iowa City. Every two weeks for thirteen years, they gathered parents, teachers, priests and nuns to stage dances for local Catholic youths. With the motto of "Cooperation Means Success," they helped shape the lives of Regina students through ballroom etiquette, "Christian Attitude" expectations and other CYDC principles. They were named Regina Honorary Distinguished Alumni in 2012. Guido is survived by his four children, Dennis '59 (Judi '59), David '61, Cindy (Steve) Serkies '67 and Mindy (Don) Meeks '69.



The **Class of 1969** celebrated 50 years since graduation August 30-September 1, 2019. Classmates gathered Friday at Two Dogs Pub and at the 1st Avenue Club Sunday evening.



Members of the **Class of 1970** gathered in November 2019 at their third annual Friendsgiving celebration, hosted by Terry and Trudi Butler Snaveley.



The **Class of 1974** gathered for their 45-year reunion on July 6, 2019, at the "Dickens Neighborhood Pub" (aka Jo and Terry Dickens' house).



Class of 1970 members also enjoyed a cruise on the Norwegian Getaway. Seventeen classmates plus spouses celebrated 50 years since graduation while cruising around the Caribbean January 26-February 2, 2020.



Regina graduates gathered at the wedding reception of Nathan Shank '13 and Anna Kron '13 on September 21, 2019.



MANY CLASS REUNIONS SCHEDULED FOR 2020 HAVE BEEN POSTPONED.

Submit your updates or reunion information by email to foundation@regina.org or call 319.354.5866.

ACADEMICS



Regina second graders displayed their detailed and creative projects made for their Rainforest unit.



Preschool students enjoyed using magnifying glasses in the Outdoor Nature Explore Classroom.



Three Regina 10th graders completed a bakery job shadow experience at Grand Living senior living community. Ally Greving, Isabella Schuessler, and Tierney Sueppel were able to gain insight on the baking profession.



Sixth graders in Mrs. Erin Vorwerk's science class learned how to use microscopes as part of their diversity of life unit. Students hatched brine shrimp, fed them, and watched as food made its way through their digestive systems.



Sophomore Peter Burer earned the highest possible ACT composite score of 36. This is a significant achievement for the 15 year old. According to ACT, less than one-half of one percent of test takers earn this score.

FINE ARTS



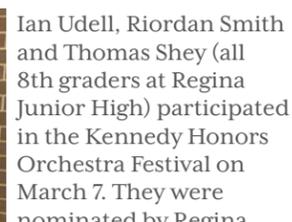
The Regina Elementary K-5 Christmas Concert and live Nativity scene were filled with holiday spirit and lively entertainment, directed by our new K-5 general music teacher, Mrs. Annie Chapman Brewer.



Over 150 students entertained a crowd with holiday themed music at the 4th, 5th and 6th grade holiday band, orchestra and choir concert on December 10, 2019.



Ian Udell, Riordan Smith and Thomas Shey (all 8th graders at Regina Junior High) participated in the Kennedy Honors Orchestra Festival on March 7. They were nominated by Regina orchestra director, Mrs. Diane Platte. They joined orchestra students from 40 other schools for a day of rehearsing and making music together, culminating in an evening performance at Kennedy High School in Cedar Rapids.



Regina earned three awards at the Des Moines Center for the Performing Arts and the Iowa High School Musical Theater Awards competition. A Production Award for Distinguished Scene went to "Over the Rainbow." Individual awards for Special Recognition for Performance in a Principal Role went to: Maddie Maley as "Dorothy Gale" and Claire Sullivan as "Wicked Witch of the West/Miss Gulch."



SERVICE



First grade classrooms led the elementary October service mission of collecting donations for the Crisis Center. They filled an entire large transport van to overflowing.



Jr./Sr. high students participated in the Regina Day of Service on October 25 by helping organizations, neighbors, and friends with yard work, cleaning, organizing and meal prep.



A Heart Wall was started by 6th graders with the goal of contributing 1,000 Acts of Kindness to our community. Each time a student in grades K-6 completed an act of kindness, they wrote about it on a heart and added it to the wall.



Regina Student Ambassadors volunteered during the month of December as Salvation Army holiday bell ringers. They encouraged Regina families and others to stop by and put a donation in their kettles to give back to the community.



During Catholic Schools Week, junior/senior high students participated in the 2020 SOUPer Bowl of Caring and collected 377 pounds of food and \$176 in donations for the Community Crisis Services and Food Bank of Johnson County.

ATHLETICS



The Regina football team made it to the State Semifinals to play at the UNI-Dome. Unfortunately, they did not advance further after a heartbreaking loss against Van Meter.



Five members of the Regina Dance Team competed in the Iowa State Dance Team Association Solo competition. All five girls (L-R: Maddie Maley, Olivia Clark, Hayden Dumont, Steph Stenger and Veronica Patterson) received Division 1 Superior ratings and Patterson placed first overall.



The Udell Brothers had strong showings at the State Wrestling Tournament. Senior Rowan finished in 5th place overall; sophomore Aiden ended just one match short of the podium.

The Regina Girls Cross Country team placed 5th at the State Meet led by junior Annalee Bartels who finished 12th overall.



FAITH



Regina juniors and seniors participated in a weekend Kairos retreat. It was a weekend full of inspiration, laughter, companionship and friendship as students were given the chance to contemplate God's role in their lives.



A group of nine Regina students and three chaperones spent a week in July 2019 at the Mission of Our Lady of the Angels in Chicago, IL. They assisted with the summer vacation bible school for area 5-13 year olds and helped in the food pantry.



The Jr./Sr. High art department led a prayer service and highlighted how uplifting the arts can be. It featured students creating artwork on a prayer board while a student violinist played music. All students were invited to write a prayer intention on a post-it note and place it on the board which was displayed in the main entry hall for the rest of the year.

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Fr. Steve Witt celebrated the first Mass of the 2019-2020 school year with Regina Elementary students. Each day starts with prayer at Regina. Jr./Sr. high students attend Mass weekly and elementary students have Mass monthly in addition to bi-weekly prayer services and all-school Masses.



FACULTY & STAFF



Mr. John Demory, Regina High School art teacher, received an Inclusive Teaching Award from the City of Iowa City's Office of Equity & Human Rights. His nomination included this praise from a student, "Mr. Demory makes everyone feel special, shows something new every day, listens to everyone and makes the environment somewhere where everyone wants to be."

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Regina 4-12th grade orchestra teacher, Mrs. Diane Platte, is the 2020 recipient of the Kingery Character Endowment Award. Thanks to the generosity of the Greg & Judy Kingery family, this award annually recognizes a teacher, staff member or coach who goes above and beyond his/her duties to demonstrate, model and uphold the ideals of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship to Regina students.



Mrs. Mary Pechous will retire in August after 31 years as director of the Regina Early Childhood Center. She says, "I will miss all my big and little friends here, as I loved every minute of this job. I have been blessed!"



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<p>AUGUST 24</p> <p>1st Day of School</p>	<p>SEPT 27-OCT 3</p> <p>Homecoming Week</p>		<p>OCTOBER 2</p> <p>Alumni Awards Luncheon & Recognition</p>	
<p>OCTOBER 18</p> <p>Run for the Schools</p>	<p>NOVEMBER 1</p> <p>Donor Appreciation Celebration</p>		<p>NOVEMBER 19</p> <p>Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner</p>	
<p>JAN 31-FEB 6</p> <p>Catholic Schools Week</p>	<p>FEBRUARY 6</p> <p>Regina Gala</p>		<p>FEBRUARY 17</p> <p>Senior Mural Painting & Ash Wednesday Prayer Service</p>	
<p>APRIL 2</p> <p>High School & Elementary Stations of the Cross Prayer Services</p>	<p>APRIL 21</p> <p>Memorial Mass</p>		<p>MAY 7</p> <p>Grandparents' Day</p>	
<p>MAY 19</p> <p>Scholarship Awards & Luncheon</p>		<p>MAY 23</p> <p>Class of 2021 Graduation</p>		<p>MAY 27</p> <p>Last Day of School</p>



High school teacher, Shelly (Keating) Conlon '89, and Crownie get ready to head out with the "Crownie Cookie Caravan" to deliver cookies, signs and rosaries to Regina seniors on May 1.