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It gives me great pleasure to deliver this 2018 graduation and annual report edition of Cardinal MATTERS to you. It brings so many wonderful stories of the past, the present, and the future—stories that will definitely make you proud of our terrific school and give you great hope for our school’s future contribution to the world.

The PAST—What an honor it was to welcome back members of the Cardinal Newman Class of 1968! I joined them for brunch on the morning of graduation and heard them speak fondly of the time they spent at their alma mater. As they walked across the stage that afternoon to receive golden diplomas from Bishop Guglielmone, they were certainly an inspiration to our Class of 2018 and their families and friends! In addition, it’s a privilege to hear from Paul Miranda, Class of 2006, who has an impressive career with Amazon.

The PRESENT—As you enjoy this issue of Cardinal MATTERS, you will see the theme of accomplishment emerging in so many ways—from the end of the year school activities, to our Cardinal Newman 2017-2018 scholarship winners, to our students’ Spring Art Show, to our State Championship Baseball Team. All of our students have given us much joy, and I hope their accomplishments do the same for you!

The FUTURE—The 2018 Senior Standouts will give you a brief sampling of the able hands that will be shaping the next generation. These students and their classmates are the living example of what Catherine of Siena meant when she wrote, “If you are what you should be, you will set the world ablaze!”

All of us who call the Cardinal Newman workplace our second home realize that none of these accomplishments would be possible if not for the strong and loyal support that you—the parents, alumni and friends of Cardinal Newman School—provide. Therefore, know how very grateful we are and that we remember all of you in prayer each day. May you always hold the spirit of God close to your heart, and may you be blessed with promises fulfilled and with hopes realized in return for the gift of yourself you so generously give.

Thank you for helping Cardinal Newman School continue to be the best that it can be. We are truly blessed!

I am sincerely yours in Him,

[Signature]
Principal
These students began their Catholic education in K4 at St. Joseph Catholic School.

GRADUATION

Above: One last selfie!
Left: Honor cording at Baccalaureate Mass
These students began their Catholic education in K4 at St. Peter’s Catholic School.
CLASS OF 2018

Senior Standouts

These students were selected by Principal Kasprowski and members of the Administrative Team for excelling in their areas of recognition. Activities listed are abbreviated from the students’ résumés.

Leadership

Hannah Brubaker
High Point University

“Hannah has shown remarkable leadership in her time at Cardinal Newman. She is organized, focused and reliable and has shown a dedication to her classmates and community. In her role as Student Body President, she sought to build a connection among her peers, both within classes and as a student body. She presented new and attractive ideas and worked to build a good rapport throughout the school.”—Dean of Student Activities Bobbie Anne Abson

Hannah was on student council throughout high school and was President of the Student Body her senior year. She also was a member of the National Honor Society, Youth in Government and a WINGS peer-to-peer mentor.

Regan Fosmire
University of South Carolina

“Regan epitomized leadership her entire career at Cardinal Newman. Whether in the classroom, on the field, off-campus, or in the community, she represented our school, its staff, and all students in a way that would be hard to match. Her personality, work ethic, and actions were easy for others to follow. Our school community will miss all she did every single day leading by example, as she simply lived her life the way a Christian should.”—Head Women’s Varsity Soccer Coach Will Plexico

Regan was co-chair of the 2018 Cardinal Newman Dance Marathon, vice president of her class throughout high school, a member of the National Honor Society, Youth in Government and a WINGS peer-to-peer mentor.

Ryanne Fetzer
Clemson University

“Ryanne Fetzer is a very gifted young woman. She has a natural command of mathematics and quickly masters new concepts. Her attention to detail allows her to completely solve the most intricate mathematical problems. She also has the ability to communicate these concepts to her peers in such a way so that they can understand them. I will always remember Ryanne as a bright and driven student who is willing to work beyond what is asked of her.”—AP Calculus Instructor Cindy Cummings

In addition to being Salutatorian for the Class of 2018, Ryanne played varsity tennis, was president of the anime club and was a member of the art club and engineering club.

Kirk Nguyen
University of Washington

“As a student, Kirk has consistently gone beyond a superficial or surface-level understanding of the issues that we have discussed. He really wrestles with ideas, trying to pick them apart to consider each aspect of the problem as a separate piece before settling on a response. As a teacher, it’s encouraging to see students with an aptitude for analysis like that flourish.”—AP US Government & Politics instructor John Bull

Kirk attended Palmetto Boys State, was a member of the varsity tennis team, quiz bowl team, computer aided design club and key club, and was an altar server for St. Peter’s Catholic Church.

Simon Penso
Clemson University

“Simon is an outstanding young man, second to none. He is 100% a young man of integrity and character and has started and played in every game this year at second base for the Cardinal baseball team. Simon’s leadership as a player and as a vocal leader has held the team in check throughout the course of the 30 plus game season, and he was an integral part of them winning a AAA State Championship! I am a huge Simon Penso fan!”—Assistant Athletic Director and Head Varsity Baseball Coach Charles Assey

Simon was a youth baseball coach, peer tutor, member of the chess club and National Honor Society.

Athletics

Riley Meyers
University of South Carolina

“Riley was a dedicated athlete and hard worker for Cardinal Newman volleyball. I have had the pleasure of coaching Riley for the past two years. She always had a great work ethic and was always a team player. Riley’s character both on the court and in the classroom has been a wonderful example for all.”—Varsity Volleyball Coach Cynthia Dimipan

Riley was a WINGS peer-to-peer mentor, student ambassador, civility trainer, member of the yearbook staff, Cardinal Newman Dance Marathon team member and a member of the National Honor Society.
The Arts

Jamie Selllers
University of South Carolina

“Jamie’s honesty and enthusiasm were what made many plays and classes far richer for his presence. He is a passionate problem-solver, and I don’t ever expect to meet another student more enthusiastic about making each project more glorious than the last.”—Performing Arts Department Chairperson Patrick Boos

Jamie played numerous roles in drama productions, starred in his own shows “Jamie: Live,” and “Jamie II: Back 2 the Jamie: Jamie’s Inferno” and was on the cross-country team (top 15 in the State). Jamie is also a Palmetto Fellow.

Brennan Schmidt
Clemson University

“Brennan is one of the most talented, wise, and graceful students to ever attend Cardinal Newman. She was a foundation for many of our projects, and throughout every theatrical endeavor over the last six years, she has played the role of performer, role-model, and confidant to all of her peers onstage, making each project better and more meaningful. She has been an enormous inspiration to me and to every member of our arts community.”—Performing Arts Department Chairperson Patrick Boos

Brennan served in numerous roles in drama productions, was a member of the swim team, Youth in Government, youth group at St. John Neumann Catholic Church and participated in the Diocesan Evangelization Team.

Commitment to Service

Theresa Pickler
University of South Carolina, Capstone Scholars Program

“Serving as an athletic training student aide is one of the most time consuming volunteer activities on campus in which one can participate. Theresa served in this capacity for two years. She worked extremely hard and always had a smile on her face.”—Head Athletic Trainer Rebekah Gaston

Theresa also was a member of the retreat team, French club and National Honor Society. In addition, she served as a master alter server, catechist for children’s liturgy and a reading and math tutor at St. John Neumann.

Madeline Turnipseed
Furman University

“Madeline served the school and the community greatly while at Cardinal Newman in many capacities: academically through peer tutoring and being a crew leader for Vacation Bible School; athletically through the leadership council and capturing numerous teams both in and out of school; faithfully through her work with KAIROS and other retreats; and compassionately through CNDM and Wings. By giving so much of herself and her time, Madeline has become the epitome of a servant of Christ and a role model for the younger students at Cardinal Newman.”—Yearbook Advisor George Kaupp

Madeline was yearbook editor, a member of the National Honor Society, retreat team, KAIROS team, varsity bowling and volleyball teams, and the athletic leadership council.

Faith Formation

Anna Potash
Furman University

“Anna has a true desire to grasp the truths of her faith. From participating in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass as an extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, to working on retreats and asking searching questions which seek to help her enter more deeply into the mysteries of Christ, Anna serves as a witness to her peers of what it means to strive to be a faithful Christian in today’s world.”—Campus Ministry Outreach Team Member Ben Jett

Anna was a Eucharistic minister, a member of the National Honor Society, softball team and a peer tutor. She also was an altar server and youth group leader with St. Peter’s Catholic Church and attended a mission trip to Jamaica.

Joe Wilbur
College of the Holy Cross

“Joe’s dedication to developing his faith is admirable. Whether it was at school as a leader in the classroom and his willingness to help in the liturgy whenever asked, or in the parish as a master server, Joe exemplified the faith-filled student we hope to graduate from Cardinal Newman.”—Campus Ministry Outreach Team Member Tony Haughey

Joe was a member of the varsity football, baseball and basketball teams and was involved with Youth in Government and the Cardinal Newman Dance Marathon. He also was a master server at St. Joseph Catholic Church and volunteered for four summers for Home Works.
CLASS OF 2018
College Selections & Academic Honors

Academic Honor Cords

*High Honors/Red Cord = Cumulative GPA = 3.50 to 3.99
**Highest Honors/Red & Gold Cord = Cumulative GPA = 4.0 or above

Sophia Raquel Aguilar
Kings College, UK

**Loise Marie Aleria
Furman University

* Leigh Michael Anderson
Wingate University

**Cameron Kealy Argo
Clemson University

Grayson Banks Barber
Clemson University

Tyra Janay Beadle
Newberry College

* Matthew Davis Benson
United States Air Force Academy

**Aydén Orian Boatwright
North Greenville University

* Carson Alexander Bohannon
Clemson University

**Loren Elise Brown
Iowa State University

**Hannah Michelle Arlena Brubaker
High Point University

**William Brice Chontos
University of South Carolina

* Victoria Brantley Collins
University of South Carolina

**Patricia Grace Costaglioni
University of South Carolina, Capstone Scholars Program

Aaron Miles Crowder
University of South Carolina

* Isaiah Benjamin Davis
The Citadel

* Alexandra Frances Dodson
Midlands Technical College

* Ryan Christian Druffner
University of South Carolina

Daniel Quanyae Dunlap
Midlands Technical College

Bennett Augustine Egan
University of South Carolina

Abigail Mary Grace Estes
College of Charleston

**Ryanne Elizabeth Fetzer
Clemson University

**Cameron Joshua Fish
College of Charleston

**Regan Ferguson Fosmire
University of South Carolina

Harrison Randall Fowler
Midlands Technical College

* Lauren Maria Frierson
Belmont Abbey College

**Isabella Nicole Gentile
United States Air Force Academy

* Alyssa Nicole Gorin
Winthrop University

Alexander Andrew Halloran
High Point University

**Savannah Rose Harrington
University of South Carolina

* Audrey Catherine Hayes
College of Charleston

**Katherine Alexandra Heck
University of South Carolina, Capstone Scholars program

Melinda Elina Ingwersen
Lander University

Gage Brolin Jeffcoat
Undecided

* Brittany Ann Johnston
Winthrop University

* Jesse James Johnston
College of Charleston

**Celestina Esi Fafa Klaye
Virginia Commonwealth University

Jensen Corley Krebs
University of South Carolina

**Ashlee Marie Lasecki
University of South Carolina

* Thomas Bentley Liebenow
Presbyterian College

**Aby Kyla Lloyd
University of South Carolina

**Ashley Montgomery Maddock
Furman University

**Kaya Bharat Magan
University of South Carolina

* Liam Campbell Mason
Clemson University

* Averil Dukes McCoy
Clemson University

**Jaye Riley Meyers
University of South Carolina

**Paige Noelle Miller
College of Charleston, Honors College

Alexis Kaiilani Mulero
Midlands Technical College

**Zenas Hirofumi Hashimoto Murphy
University of South Carolina

* Kirk Nguyen
University of Washington

**Sydney Elizabeth Nottingham
University of Alabama at Birmingham, Honors College

**Shane Patrick O’Connor
High Point University Honors College

Jason Alexander Olds
South Carolina State University

* Remington Marie-Lamb Palevich
Winthrop University

**Isabelle Janine Parks
The University of North Carolina–Charlotte

Mya Kyana Parter
University of South Carolina–Upstate

* Charles Chandler Peel
College of Charleston

**Simon Pedro Penso
Clemson University

**Luke Benjamin Petit
Clemson University

**Theresa Anne Pickler
University of South Carolina, Capstone Scholars Program

* Brandon Henry Pirie
Francis Marion University

**Anna Marguerite Potash
Furman University

**Patrick Edward Reedy
University of South Carolina

**Andrea Talens Robichaud
Columbia College

**Kathleen Alice Ross
College of Charleston

**Brennan Nicole Schmidt
Clemson University

**Brandon James Sellers
University of South Carolina

Thomas Sheida
Undecided

Bradley Banks Shuford
College of Charleston

**Megan Margaret Syrbe
St. John’s University

* William Moutrie Thigpen
Appalachian State University

* Camryn MyKaela Tucker
Agnes Scott College

**Madeline Louise Turnipseed
Furman University

Warren Joseph Whittington
University of South Carolina

**Joseph Franklin Wilbur
College of the Holy Cross

* Helen McVier Williamson
Clemson University

John Daniel Winterstein
The Citadel

**Christopher Ryan Wracker
Undecided
In order to earn a Cardinal Newman School diploma, all students must successfully complete a capstone project during their senior year. The project is the Senior Social Justice Project, and it is designed to give the student an opportunity to demonstrate mastery of research skills, composition skills, organizational skills, oral communication skills and technology proficiency.

The project begins in the late spring of the junior year, and it concludes in the late spring of the senior year. In order to demonstrate the emphasis Cardinal Newman places on Catholic Social Justice teaching, each student must choose a contemporary social issue as her/his focus and discuss it within the context of Catholic Social Justice Teaching.

The project has four major components:

1. **The Research Component**: the student conducts in-depth research in order to prepare to write a research paper.
2. **The Writing Component**: the student uses her/his research to write a research paper.
3. **The Portfolio Component**: the student compiles a portfolio of her/his work to submit for evaluation.
4. **The Presentation Component**: the student must give an oral presentation of her/his findings before a panel of three evaluators.

### Outstanding Senior Project

**Katherine Heck**

“The Call to Escapism: The Impact of Smartphone Technology on Humanity”

### Outstanding Senior Project Research Paper

**Brennan Schmidt**


### Outstanding Senior Project Presentation

**Luke Petit**

“Environmental Concerns and Conservation”

### Outstanding Senior Project Portfolio

**Gracie Costagliola**

“Walking Objects: The Effects of Social Media on Eating Disorders”
2018 Newman Awards
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Regan Ferguson Fosmire
Joseph Franklin Wilbur

Manus Christi Award
(Hands of Christ)
The Manus Christi Award is presented annually at Cardinal Newman School to the student who, over the last four years has been the Hands of Christ in our community through reaching out to others in many ways, including work with Campus Ministry. This year’s recipient has served as a KAIROS Team Leader, on the Campus Ministry Retreat Team, and as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist for our Cardinal Newman weekly all-school Masses.
Celestina Esi Fafa Klaye

Class of 2018 Awards
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Class of 2018
BY THE NUMBERS
11 members qualified for SC Palmetto Fellows Scholarship
35 members qualified for SC LIFE Scholarship
27 qualified for the SC HOPE Scholarship
73 students received state academic scholarships
$1,096,800 total value of state academic scholarships
$7,025,074 total value of the academic scholarships and grants
$8,121,874 total award value for the Class of 2018
30 received Presidential Volunteer Service Awards
7,853 total service hours for the Class of 2018

Athletes of the Year
The Athlete of the Year is presented to one female and one male that best exemplify, through their work ethics, their attitudes, their love of their sports, and their positive leadership, what coaches would like all athletes to strive for. The award is decided by a ballot of the entire coaching staff of Cardinal Newman School.
Ashley Montgomery Maddock
Shane Patrick O’Connor

Scholar Athlete Award
Highest Cumulative GPA and at least two varsity letters in each of at least two varsity sports.
Patricia Grace Costagliola
Shane Patrick O’Connor
SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

Each year generous patrons make it possible for Cardinal Newman to offer several scholarships to deserving students. Congratulations to our Cardinal Newman School Scholarship Recipients!

Spirit of Cardinal Newman Awards

Sponsored by the PTO

The PTO funds the Spirit of Cardinal Newman Award, and all current Cardinal Newman Students are encouraged to apply. Each applicant was given a grade-level quotation from Blessed John Henry Newman and was asked to reflect on how the quotation pertained to him/her personally and how it related to our school motto and virtues.

The five (5) recipients of this award were selected blindly; each receives a $1,200 scholarship.

Herbkersman Family Memorial Scholarship

Provided by The Herbkersman Family

The Herbkersman Family Memorial Scholarship is a $2,000 scholarship awarded in memory of Bernard Neil Herbkersman ('83), Tom Herbkersman ('79) and their father, Don Herbkersman.

Bern was one of seven sons of Don and Katie Herbkersman, and he was killed in a tragic automobile accident on December 30, 1988 while he was on his way to a skiing holiday with some of his brothers. At the time of his death, his class decided to start a scholarship in his memory. His parents and brothers were so impressed by this gesture, that they made every effort to build this fund to the point where a scholarship would be given to a student the following year. When Don Herbkersman and Tom Herbkersman passed away, the family changed the name of the scholarship to the Herbkersman Family Memorial Scholarship. To this day, the family continues to keep the scholarship healthy.

This year will mark the 29th awarding of the Herbkersman Scholarship. The Herbkersman’s love of Cardinal Newman School and their dedication to Catholic education is perpetuated with the yearly awarding of this scholarship.

The criteria set up in applying for this scholarship includes; active participation in Cardinal Newman School, involvement in the student’s church, and writing an essay or submitting a video entitled, “Joy in Life, Where and How to Find It.” Bern was known for his sense of humor and finding joy in everything he did. The students are asked to convey what joy means to them, whether it be with family, friends, or just people on the street.

(L-R) Award winner Molly Mazoue, Patrick Greenwood, Katie Herbkersman

(L-R) Xander Widener, Andrew Abramson, Cooper McBurney, Lisa Dayhuff (PTO Chair), Lauren Crider, Katie Egan
The Cardinal Club offers this scholarship for rising sophomores, juniors and seniors, who excel in both academics and athletics. Applicants must:

• have a GPA of 3.5 or higher
• have played in at least two sports during the current school year
• have excelled in one sport in particular
• exhibit a positive attitude
• be a team player

In addition, each applicant wrote an essay entitled “What wearing the Cardinal Newman uniform means to me.” In the essay, student athletes were asked to explain how CN athletics has been a positive influence both on and off the field of competition. Each winner received a $1,000 scholarship.

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The Scholar Athlete Awards

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Warren McCord Snoddy, Jr., Memorial Scholarship For Personal Enrichment

Provided by Mr. Lawrence M. Bundschu

The Scholar Athlete Awards

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2017–2018
CAROLYN McCLENDON EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

Rachel Ferrario

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As members of the Class of 2018 walked across the stage at the Township Auditorium on May 19 to receive their diplomas from Bishop Guglielmone and have their tassels moved to the left side of their mortar boards by Principal Kasprowski, families stood proudly (and silently) as their graduate’s name was called. For many parents, memories from kindergarten through the twelfth grade flashed through their minds, and, with lumps in their throats and tears in their eyes, they wondered where the time had gone. For one grandmother in particular, Cardinal Newman Development Director Terry Hodaly, there were these thoughts as well as a particularly emotional feeling when the name Alyssa Nicole Gorrin was announced. Alyssa was a fifth generation from her family to graduate from the school’s lineage.

“Catholic education has been paramount in my family since my grandmother graduated from a Catholic school in Tennessee,” said Terry. “My mom, who graduated from Ursuline High, was a single mother and made sure my sister and I were able to attend St. Joseph Catholic School and Cardinal Newman. To be able to pass the gift of such an incredible education rooted in faith to my children and grandchildren, and hopefully, my great grandchildren, gives me incredible joy and is very special.”

In an article Terry’s mother wrote in the 1988 alumni newsletter, the Cardinal Call, Anne Bultman Castrichini stated, “It’s refreshing to know that the legacy (of teaching Catholic values) started at Ursuline High has been carried out, first through Catholic High and now through Cardinal Newman. We all share a special bond filled with the academic tradition of excellence.”

While the school’s physical location, faculty, and staff have changed since the days when Mrs. Castrichini wandered the halls of Ursuline High, she would be happy to know Cardinal Newman’s focus on developing the whole person—in mind, body, and spirit—so each student will be prepared for life in a rapidly changing, diverse, and complex society—has never waivered. And it never will.

Great grandmother Mary Comerford Bultman, educated by the Ursulines
Grandmother Julie Abbott Bultman, educated in a Catholic school in Tennessee and would have graduated approximately 1916
Anne Bultman Castrichini, Ursuline High School, 1945
Terry Castrichini Hodaly, Cardinal Newman High, 1975
Sophie Hodaly Gorrin, Cardinal Newman School, 2003
Richard Hodaly, Cardinal Newman School, 2010
Michael Hodaly, Cardinal Newman School, 2011
Alyssa Gorrin, Cardinal Newman School, 2018
Dyllan Gorrin, Cardinal Newman School, 2019
Amy Gorrin, Cardinal Newman School, Class of 2030
Christopher Gorrin, Cardinal Newman School, Class of 2035

Other legacies from the Class of 2018:
Simon Pedro Penso, son of Jennifer Nottoli Penso (’89)
Bradley Banks Shuford, son of John Shuford (’80)
Warren Joseph Whittington, son of Toni Fish Whittington, (’89)
Alexandra Frances Dodson, daughter of Tara Michele Lempesis Dodson, (’88) and granddaughter of Joan Sullivan Lempesis Connor, (’65)
Brandon James Sellers, son of Donald E. (Gene) Sellers, Jr. (’86)
Helen McIver Williamson, great-granddaughter of Simsie Sellers Pauling Tompkins (Ursuline High School Class of 1925)
BIENVENIDO A ESPAÑA—the bustling city of Madrid, filled with locals commuting to work and enjoying the wonderful spring weather outside. Madrid is also home to the famous soccer teams Real Madrid and Atlético Madrid. Desayuno, or breakfast, is complete with a variety of meats and cheeses, tortilla española, or Spanish omelette, fresh fruit and plenty of decadent pastries to fill us up for our busy day in the city. One day we took the public metro to commute to our many attractions. During the rest of our trip, we hopped on a private bus, which carried us to see the various attractions Spain had to offer. We visited El Museo del Prado, an art museum filled with centuries of original prints of beautiful art, and El Plaza de Torros, a famous bullfighting ring in the heart of Madrid. We also drove by the Real Madrid stadium, and we stopped to grab a quick picture. Our late afternoon was spent walking around Plaza Mayor, stopping in little shops and grabbing some churros con chocolate, or churros with chocolate, to give us an extra sugar rush from the long plane ride over.

Day two started off with a trip to the royal palace, which is now a museum open for tourists. We took a trip to Toledo, an entire city built inside stone walls. The quaint streets were cobblestone; most people travel by foot to get to their destinations. The city, just over an hour from Madrid, lies buried in the mountains, overlooking a beautiful river named the Tagus. From outside the walls, the houses and buildings appear to be stacked on top of each other, but once inside, it’s quite spacious.

Day three was spent in Aranjuez, visiting the royal family’s summer home and gardens. The rest of the afternoon we traveled to our next destination… which lead us to day four, Granada! In the morning we toured the Alhambra, an Arabic palace and fortress. We had free time for lunch, which was the biggest meal of the day in Spain. It is typically eaten around 1–2 PM and includes three courses, followed by a siesta, or mid-day nap. Most locally owned stores close between 3–5 PM so the workers can return home for rest and to enjoy lunch with their families. The evening was spent traveling to Sevilla.

Day five included touring the Real Alcazar de Sevilla and the Royal Alcazar Gardens. We also toured La Giralda, a huge cathedral with steps to the top, which offered an amazing view! We also spent some time in La Plaza de España, a plaza dedicated to all of the districts of Spain. Our last day was in Córdoba, a stunning city filled with art. The city is known for its flowerpots which line the walls. Our days in Spain were brimming with sights of beautiful architecture. Our bellies were stuffed from lunches and dinners of tapas, known as an open-faced sandwich served either hot or cold. Our noses were content with the sweet fragrance of spring’s blooming flowers and plants. Madrid, Toledo, Aranjuez, Granada, Sevilla, Córdoba—a trip of a lifetime across the great Atlantic. As I boarded the plane home, I reflected on all of the amazing things I saw, heard, and learned while I was in Spain. The cultural differences have truly changed my outlook on my own life and the lives of others. I will never forget the things I experienced in Spain 2018!
SITTING ON THE EIGHT-HOUR PLANE RIDE from Atlanta, Georgia, to Paris, France, I was equally excited and terrified. I didn’t know what to expect, only that I would see statues and avenues and structures that I had only seen in movies. A few hours later we were on the Champs-Elysées, walking through expensive stores and cafes. It was surreal to be in a different country, all the way across the Atlantic, yet to be surrounded by a Levi’s and McDonald’s. We walked by the Luxor Obelisk and Arc de Triomphe, took a few pictures, and witnessed the aggressive and haphazard driving of the Parisian locals. We spent a few hours at the Louvre, which is much bigger than you’d expect, as it used to be an actual palace. I saw Venus de Milo for about ninety seconds and Mona Lisa for about thirty, but just being in the vicinity made me feel cultured. The rest of our time in Paris was spent riding around on a guided bus tour with stops at various different attractions, such as Les Invalides, Notre Dame, the Eiffel Tower, and the Palace of Versailles, and we ended our last day in “the city of lights” on a cruise of the Seine river.

The next day we traveled by Train à grande vitesse, or TGV train to Bordeaux. There we saw the gathering of tall ships for the Bordeaux fête le vin. France was playing Australia in the World Cup while we were passing through the shopping area of Bordeaux, so you can imagine how loud the pubs we passed were. We hiked up the Dune du Pilat, the 360 feet tall sand dune on the edge of the French countryside and visited the beautiful beach of Biarritz. Just a few miles south was the Spanish border, so we spent the next half-day in San Sebastián eating tapas and hiking up Urgull to see their statue of Christ. The Atlantic Ocean is nothing new to me, so when we got the opportunity to swim while passing through St. Jean de Luz, I opted to shop for souvenirs and see the beautiful cathedral, a staple that is shared by most other towns in France. It was here that King Louis XIV, the Sun King, married Maria Theresa the Infanta of Spain.

The next few days were spent at different towns, each with a main cultural attraction of some sort, whether it be the medieval town of Carcassonne, the Nîmes Amphithéâtre, the Hôtel-Dieu-Saint-Espirit in Arles, which was the hospital that treated Vincent Van Gogh, the Palais des Papes in Avignon, or the Prince’s Palace in Monaco. We stopped at the Pont du Gard for a bit of swimming and Cassis for a cruise of the Calanques which are narrow, steep-walled inlets that are developed in limestone and are found along the Mediterranean Coast. We visited the Fragonard Perfume Factory in Èze and a local produce market in Aix-en-Provence, where I tasted the best apple ever.

The historical sites that we saw on this trip were truly magnificent, but it was the small things that were the most meaningful. Passing through the gate and drawbridge of Carcassonne, walking down a worn marble staircase in the Louvre with grooves from the fifteen thousand people that use them every day, the bells of the Notre Dame tolling at five o’clock at night. The small things were what made this trip feel so special. It felt as though we didn’t even plan it, we merely stopped by and saw France how it is every single day, how people go about their business in the beautiful cities and towns, near all the breathtaking monuments that are regular sights to them.
AFTER SPENDING TIME AT BOSTON COLLEGE IN 2016 and experiencing Agape Latte at the place it was created, I knew that Agape Latte was a program that could thrive and become an integral part of faith formation at Cardinal Newman School. Agape Latte is a monthly event for students that integrates faith through storytelling in an inviting social environment. Bringing Agape Latte to Cardinal Newman was the beginning of two years of a wonderful adventure, one that has challenged me to become a better leader and a better person and one that has brought amazing blessings to the Cardinal Newman Community.

Cardinal Newman strives to educate the whole person: mind, body, and spirit, so Agape Latte fits perfectly in our school’s mission. Our school crest in the rotunda reads: “Cor ad Cor Liquitor” which means “Heart Speaks to Heart.” Agape Latte is all about teachers, coaches, and staff sharing their stories and speaking to the hearts of the students who come to Agape Latte. Every month, the speaker at Agape Latte changes. By rotating speakers, students get a chance to hear from the teachers and coaches they see every day, but who may not get a chance to talk about their personal faith journeys in class or in practice. It is so important for students to hear from their teachers and coaches, because these are their mentors and role models. Agape Latte provides a platform for teachers and coaches to share parts of themselves with students and really shows students that everyone has faith struggles and life struggles.

Part of what makes Agape Latte a special part of faith formation at Cardinal Newman is that it brings students from all different faith backgrounds together in fellowship! We have students attend who are Protestant, Jewish and even Buddhist! Anyone who attends Agape Latte gets something out of it. The desserts and coffee are a big draw and get students excited about the monthly events, but even if a student only comes for the desserts and coffee the first time, he/she ends up falling in love with the stories and coming back month after month. We have some students who have attended every event since the first and some who just started coming last month.

We have now had an Agape Latte almost every month beginning in January of 2017 and it has been a huge success. The response the team and I have received is astounding. Students look forward to and even ask about when the next Agape Latte event will be or who the next speaker is! The reason it has been so successful is because we have such a close-knit community at CN. Our school community latched onto Agape Latte and has made it a part of our community!

At the first Agape Latte event last January, Coach Roth, a guidance counselor and soccer coach at Cardinal Newman spoke about his own life journey and how God “placed the right people” in his life. Students listened attentively to his heart-touching story about his daughter and her struggle with a rare condition. Even a year later, students are still buzzing about his Agape story. Sophomore Maddie Glidden was especially inspired by his strength through struggle, saying, “A normal person would never know that he had those struggles because he [Coach Roth] is such a happy guy. It’s so inspiring to hear him talk about how he overcame that situation with his daughter in such positive way. It’s important to hear that everyone is fighting his/her own battle.”

The true magic of Agape Latte is the “story power” it has. It challenges students to think about life’s big questions and reaches into their hearts. It speaks to their hearts. Here at Cardinal Newman School that same message is literally engraved into the crest in the center of our school, Cor ad Cor Loquitor—Heart speaks to Heart.
CELEBRATING THE Arts!

Highlights from CN’s Spring Art Show
SPORTS WRAP UP

Congratulations to all of our student athletes and coaches!

SCISA Individual State Champions
Lextyn Petz, Women’s Golf (co-champion)
Sarah Liebenow, Swimming—Women’s 200 Freestyle
Women’s 200 Freestyle Relay, Swimming
(Alyce Etter, Sarah Liebenow, Lizzie Duncan, Donna Etter)
Palmer Dayhuff, Men’s Cross Country
Ashlee Lasecki, Women’s Bowling
Declan Carroll, Wrestling (285 lbs.)
Dyllan Gorrin, Wrestling (113 lbs.)
Andrew Morrison, Wrestling (195 lbs.)
Luke Petit, Wrestling (132 lbs.)
Women’s Basketball—DeonTay Smith, Women’s 4x100 Meter Relay
(Payton Cooper, John Javis, DeonTay Smith, Jalen Crumpton)
Simone Joseph, Track—Women’s 400 Meters Track, Women’s 4x400 Meter Relay
(Amy Allert, Simone Joseph, Emely Adame-Ramirez, Courtney Crowder)
Patrick Reedy, Men’s Cross Country Volleyball
Women’s Golf—Molly Rainwater (co-Coach of the Year), Women’s Tennis
Cecil Glownski, Softball
Ashlee Lasecki, Women’s Soccer
Chico Carter, Jr., Men’s Basketball
Kate Flowers, Women’s Cross Country
Elizabeth Dunc, Men’s Basketball
Women’s Golf—200 Yard Stroke
(Payton Cooper, Amy Allert, Simone Joseph, Emely Adame-Ramirez)
Men’s Cross Country Track and Field
(Carson Bohannon, Matthew Binette, Grayson Barber)
SCISA AAA State Player of the Year
Ashlee Lasecki, Women’s Bowling
SCISA Region I-AAA Players of the Year
Tyra Beadie (co-POY), Women’s Basketball
Chico Carter, Jr., Men’s Basketball
Maddie Dinkins, Softball
Grayson Barber, Men’s Soccer
Caitlin Murphy, Women’s Soccer
AJ DePalma (co-POY), Baseball
Dyllan Gorrin, Men’s Cross Country
Women’s Basketball—DeonTay Smith, Men’s Tennis
Alana Peterson, Softball
Ashlee Lasecki, Women’s Soccer
Men’s Soccer—DeonTay Smith
Palmer Dayhuff, Cross Country
Payton Cooper, Men’s 4x400 Meter Relay
John Javis, Track—Men’s Triple Jump
Simone Joseph, Women’s Cross Country Volleyball
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(Payton Cooper, Amy Allert, Simone Joseph, Emely Adame-Ramirez)
Men’s Cross Country Track and Field
(Carson Bohannon, Matthew Binette, Grayson Barber)
SCISA All-State
Women’s Golf—Erin Bower, Lextyn Petz
Cross Country—Palmer Dayhuff, Bennett Egan
Football—Patrick Reedy (1st team)
Shaney Monsanto (2nd team)
Shane O’Connor (2nd team)
Declan Carroll (Hon. Ment.)
Jade Cowan (Hon. Ment.)
Isaiah Davis (Hon. Ment.)
Garrett Hines (Hon. Ment.)
Payton Cooper
Andrew Morrison (Hon. Ment.)
Liam O’Malley (Hon. Ment.)
Joseph Wilbur (Hon. Ment.)
Volleyball—Kate Flowers
SCISA Region I-AAA Championships
Palmer Dayhuff, Men’s Cross Country
Payton Cooper, Track—Men’s 400 Meters
Silas Christie, Track—Men’s 110 Meter Hurdles
Palmer Dayhuff, Track—Men’s 3200 Meters
John Javis, Track—Men’s Triple Jump
Men’s Cross Country Relay (Payton Cooper, John Javis, DeonTay Smith, Jalen Crumpton)
Simone Joseph, Track—Women’s 400 Meters Track, Women’s 4x100 Meter Relay
(Payton Cooper, John Javis, DeonTay Smith, Jalen Crumpton)
Track—Men’s 200 Meter Relay
(Carson Bohannon, Matthew Binette, Grayson Barber)
Men’s Tennis—DeonTay Smith
Women’s Cross Country Volleyball
Women’s Golf
Women’s Basketball
Men’s Basketball
Men’s Tennis
Softball
Women’s Soccer
Men’s Soccer
Grayson Barber
Matthew Binette
Carson Bohannon
Garen Presnal
Women’s Soccer
Aydin Boatwright
Regan Fosmire
Caitin Murphy
SCISA I-AAA All-Region Cross Country
Palmer Dayhuff
Benett Egan
Sarah Dayhuff
Mariah Hoover
Caroline Winslow
Women’s Tennis
Mary Kathryn Gillespie
Reagan Hamm
Softball
Dwayne Jones (coach)
Hannah Bostic
Maddie Dinkins
Mary Kathryn Gillespie
Karson Hocutt
Jasmine Hogan
Baseball
AJ DePalma
Tanner Garrison
Tillman Geddings
Myles Hedgecock
Gage Jeffcoat
Softball
Grayson Barber
Matthew Binette
Carson Bohannon
Will Chontos
Garen Presnal
Men’s Soccer
Grayson Barber
Mattson Fosmire
Caitlin Murphy
SCISA – South Carolina Independent School Association
HSSR – High School Sports Report

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Summer/Fall Cardinal Club Events
Save these dates!
Back To School BBQ
Date: Sunday, August 26, 4–8 PM
Location: The Farm at Ridgeway
Tennis Tournament
Date: Friday, September 21, Time TBD
Location: Rockbridge Club
Cardinal Letterman Classic
Date: Friday, October 12, 10 AM Shotgun Start
Location: Woodcreek Farms Country Club
You may register and pay for all events electronically at www.cnhs.org or download a form and pay by check.
#backthebird

Join the Letterman Club today!
If you lettered in a sport while you were at Cardinal Newman, we want to hear from you!
Join the Letterman Club and we'll keep you updated with an athletics newsletter and more! Contact Kevin O'Hara at kpo725@yahoo.com to join or for more info.

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Football
Patrick Reedy (1st Team) Liam O'Malley (Hon. Ment.)
Men's Basketball
Chico Carter, Jr. (1st Team) Brandon Pirie (Hon. Ment.)
Women's Basketball
Ashlyn Watkins (2nd Team) Tyra Beadle (Hon. Ment.) Mya Parter (Hon. Ment.)
Baseball
AJ DePalma (1st Team) Gage Jeffcoat (1st Team) Tanner Garrison (Hon. Ment.) Myles Hedgecock (Hon. Ment.)
Softball
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Women's Soccer
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SCISA AAA State Baseball Champs!

American Family Insurance
ALL-USA Boys Soccer Team
Grayson Barber, Men's Soccer

GEORGE KAUPP
Sports Information Director

Having worked with the baseball program in several capacities over the previous 10 years, I have seen many different coaches and coaching styles. Some were successful on the field, such as in 2016 when we won the region title and in 2017 when we made the state finals. All of them, regardless of on-field success, made certain that the young men in the program were successful by preparing them for life after baseball. This season, everything came together in a perfect blend of on- and off-field success: the team won the state title for the first time in 20 years. Coach Charles Assey and his staff brought a no-nonsense approach to coaching both baseball and life lessons, and the young men on this year’s team bought in completely. The team took a while to get into gear; winning the first two games of the year at home was followed by going 1-3 in the Peach Ridge Invitational; after winning the next two games at home, the team lost its region opener on the road at Hammond to sit at 5-4.

From that point, though, the young men seemed determined to find what was missing, what spark they needed, what inner belief in themselves and in their teammates was necessary for winning. The team won 19 of its last 22 games, ending the season with 11 straight wins. We had a perfect 14-0 home record, including a huge 8-7 victory over Hammond in 12 innings after falling behind 6-0 in the first. That game showed their resiliency, their fortitude, their ability, and after that contest, the team never got frustrated, having the faith that they would always be able to handle any situation with aplomb. This is a credit to the team, to the parents who believed in them, and to the coaching staff that instilled all of this in them. And when the final out was recorded in the final game—fittingly, a ground ball fielded in the final game—fittingly, a ground ball fielded by Simon Penso and thrown to Gage Jeffcoat, the two seniors on the field—the elation and joy that emanated from the team was unrivaled in any celebration of which I’ve been a part.

Congratulations to the team and the staff. Let’s do it again next year!
Spring 2018 Memories

Cardinal Chorale at Carnegie Hall

Open Studios

May Day

Prom

USS Yorktown aircraft carrier

I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

USS Yorktown aircraft carrier
Congratulations to Meighan Parsh ('17), who helped the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, raise over $434,139.63 for the UNC Children’s Hospital. UNCDM had its 20th anniversary this year!

IN MEMORIAM
Please keep these families in your prayers.
Patricia Anne Murphy Gentry ('55) passed away January 30, 2018.
Patti Green Dykes ('54) passed away on January 31, 2018.
Sydney Alston ('97) passed away on June 28th, 2018.
Patricia Roberson Lewis ('76) passed away on July 6, 2018.
May our good and loving God grant them eternal rest and peace.

Johnie Hodge ('09) knows he wants a career focused on medical research. He also knows the importance of having access to patients. The solution—dual degrees from the University of South Carolina School of Medicine. Johnie finished the first two years of medical school before moving over to the doctoral program in biomedical sciences. He now is in the third and final year of the Ph.D. program, and plans to start his final two years of medical school this summer.

“I really want to do medical research, but I want it to be clinically oriented, basic science research,” Hodge says. “I feel like to really know how to do basic science research, a Ph.D. is a good way to be trained to do that. And you need the M.D. to deal with people and to help get that clinically focused aspect.”

Johnie earned his undergraduate and master’s degree in bioengineering with an electrical concentration from Clemson in 2013 before coming home to the University of South Carolina.

Congratulations to Johnie!

The Class of 1968 held a 50-year reunion the weekend of Cardinal Newman School’s graduation. On Saturday, May 19, 2018, some of the class members celebrated with a brunch at Cardinal Newman School and then attended graduation that afternoon where they received a Golden Diploma from Bishop Guglielmone. Below is a picture from the brunch:

BUNDLES of JOY
Congratulations to Collins Harper ('07) and Samantha Harper, on the birth of their second child, Alexandria Estelle Harper, who was born on December 16, 2017.

Congratulations to Jason Carrero ('97) and Ginny Lyn Carrero on the birth of their daughter, Catherine Carolina Carrero, who was born on March 13, 2018.

WEDDING BELLS
Congratulations to Kirby Schmidt Six ('13) and Alex Six ('14) who were married June 9, 2018. Kirby graduated from Clemson University ('17) with a degree in Early Childhood Education and works as a first grade teacher at St. John Neumann Catholic School. Alex graduated from Clemson University ('18) with a degree in Computer Science and works as a full stack web developer at Fivable.

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SUMMER 2018
CREATING TO CURRENT, FORMER, AND POSSIBLY FUTURE CARDINALS AND THEIR FAMILIES! I can’t believe it’s already been twelve years since the last time I walked Cardinal Newman’s illustrious halls as a student. It’s a strange feeling to think that in a way, those halls are no longer “Cardinal Newman.” The school has since moved to a different campus. It has become a different thing, completely new yet familiar in many ways. But in the same way, I am no longer the same person I was then. I have changed as well. If you’ll humor me, I’ll tell you a little bit about what I’ve been up to since then.

After graduating from CN, I considered options near and far to pursue higher education, from New York to California. I recall my mother (Pamela Miranda, also an alumna of Cardinal Newman) putting her foot down on that one. “California is way too far away!” she said at the time. Lucky for her, I chose to attend the University of South Carolina as a part of their Computer Engineering program. A mere hop, skip, and a jump from home. Perhaps on some level I also felt reluctant to leave home so soon, but I’ll never admit to that!

Four years went by in a flash. I made a lot of great friends. My coursework was rigorous and extensive. But I left feeling unfulfilled. I had accomplished much and earned my degree, but I did not know what I wanted out of a career. Feeling a bit aimless, I decided to give grad school a try, to delay my choices a bit longer. I found my way to Virginia Tech. From Cardinals to Gamecocks to Hokies. And so, another two memorable years passed quickly.

Nearing the end of my master’s degree, I felt a bit different than upon leaving undergrad. Having spent nearly two years as a research assistant, I had become an Android programmer at a time when the platform was a burgeoning juggernaut in the commercial scene. For those who might not know, Android is the operating system produced by Google which powers the vast majority of smart phones and other devices. I opened myself to that new passion and decided to see what opportunities were available.

Of all the jobs and positions I looked through, one stood out the most: Software Development Engineer with Amazon Music. Music has always been a key part of my life. My father, John Miranda, another alumnus, always impressed me with his command of not one but several instruments. I picked up the saxophone at a young age because of him. I didn’t have his level of talent, but the experience of learning an instrument impressed upon me the power of music to move the soul, to draw out emotions from the depth of ones being.

So here was a job that combined my love of music (albeit tangentially) with my talent and passion as a programmer. I was so enamored with the idea of this opportunity I forget to be nervous when applying! A few rounds of phone interviews and a jaunt out to their office later, I officially had an offer on the table. I waited no time in accepting. Only problem, the job was all the way across the country, in San Francisco! Confirming my mother’s fears, I set out into the great unknown, moving away from home, far from friends and family alike (thankfully only temporarily, as I have met so many wonderful people since moving here!).

I officially started at Amazon almost six years ago. The first project I worked on was the unreleased second generation of Amazon’s Kindle Fire tablets. Day one, my boss took a couple of hours to talk me through a ton of codewords, unfamiliar terminology, and super-secret plans. It was all very exciting and terrifying at the same time. “You’ll be fine,” he said. I didn’t believe him. I felt like the opposite of fine, like I had made the biggest mistake of my life! Everything was new and strange and crazy! But time would prove him right. I quickly settled in and began contributing as a part of the team. Everything fell into place and I felt the fear and trepidation fall away. The knowledge that my work was, in its own way, enabling multitudes of people to experience the joy of music that I cherished, provided me with a sense of great fulfillment. The job ended up being everything I wanted and more.

In the ensuing years I’ve changed things up a bit. I mostly stayed in the Android space, but my projects and focus varied. Sometimes working on Kindle Fire Tablets, sometimes FireTV, sometimes our Android app on the Google Play Store, depending on the project. I had the incredible opportunity to act as tech lead for all of our Android and FireOS (Amazon’s modified version of the Android OS) devices during the development of Prime Music, our first offering in the streaming subscription space and the biggest project I had yet been a part of since joining. Let me tell you, that was quite the experience! Months and months of intense coding. I had to rebuild our entire playback engine from the ground up. As you can imagine, for an app where the primary purpose is playing music, that’s a stressful bit of work. We saw it through though, and Prime Music was a resounding success!

More projects came and went. Rewriting our metrics recording stack, refactoring our account management, expanding out to international marketplaces, the launch of Amazon Music Unlimited (our new full-catalog streaming offering), and so much more. After many successes (and to be truthful, a few not-so successes), I climbed my way up the ranks, being promoted up to SDE III, a senior-level position. I had helped to formulate a new team and push adoption of a design philosophy now broadly employed by the Android teams at Music, which we called Componentization -- the idea of reusing pieces of code across multiple platforms instead of reinventing the wheel every time.
Our team went through a number of changes, gaining and losing members and managers alike. In those gaps, I tended to be held responsible for my team due to my seniority and experience. As a result, I was offered to step in as a permanent manager for the team, and to receive the title of Software Development Manager. Once again, I felt that electric uncertainty of a new path opening up before me. A whole new set of skills to master, new responsibilities to shoulder, new decisions to make. I gladly accepted. That was a bit over a year ago now. My team, Legato (named after the musical term, not “El gato” misspelled... though we do love cats) is formed of some of the best and brightest I’ve had the pleasure to work with, and it is my great honor to lead them each day. Even as I work to teach and guide them, they do the same for me. It’s quite the humbling experience. Every day is a new adventure, and new opportunities to grow, for which I am incredibly thankful.

That about brings us to the present. Thank you for listening to my story! Looking back, I feel that my time at Cardinal Newman helped me to find this path, even though I did not know it at the time. Studying geometry and calculus under Mrs. Henry helped set the wheels in motion to lead me to engineering. Debating philosophy in Mr. Reibold’s class gave me a great sense of perspective and how to manage disagreements with others. Joining the theater group opened my eyes to the idea that something incredible might be just out of sight if you’re willing to look for it. I still smile when recalling Ms. Eib exclaiming, “where have you been?!” when I auditioned for the first time. I feel a bit sheepish recalling that my response was to point at the football field and proclaim “Down there, mostly”. Of course, thanks to Coach Lewis and Coach Jolly I got a good lesson in discipline, persistence, and leadership, so time on the field was well spent. And truly it is thanks to all my teachers, too many to name here but all cherished, that I feel even remotely equipped to manage the team whose growth and success now rests on my shoulders. I hope to follow in their example.

Now I never considered myself to be some great font of wisdom, but if I had a message for our young Cardinals, I would say that in my experience it is okay to feel like you don’t know what the “right” path forward is in life. For some it might be crystal clear, but for others, it may take some time. I was certainly in the latter camp. That uncertainty, that unknowing is perfectly normal. The best thing you can do is be open to the possibilities and opportunities that life will bring you. Don’t be afraid to change. Try something new. Who knows, you might find a new passion you hadn’t considered and move to a far-off land to pursue it. It certainly worked out for me! Best of luck to you all, and Go Cards!

Cardinal Newman Homecoming Weekend
October 12-14, 2018

Cardinal Letterman Classic
Friday, October 12 at Woodcreek Farms
10:00 AM shotgun start
To register: contact Clay Pope at dcpope18@yahoo.com

First Annual Alumni Homecoming Tailgate
Friday, October 12, 5:30 PM at St. Sebastian Field
Free but you must register with Geralyn Swygert at gswygert@cnhs.org

Homecoming Football Game
Friday, October 12, 7:30 PM at St. Sebastian Field

2018 Athletic Hall of Fame Mass and Induction Breakfast
Sunday, October 14, 2018, 10:00 AM in the Alumni Hall - $15 per person
Contact Geralyn Swygert at gswygert@cnhs.org for information
2017–2018 ANNUAL REPORT

A REMINDER
Every year the Annual Report lists gifts to the school from July first through June thirtieth. The Development Office has made every effort to ensure the accuracy of this report. If we have omitted or misspelled a name, or attributed a gift incorrectly, please let us know so that we may correct the error.

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of our students in the 2017-2018 School Year!
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YOUR GENEROSITY BY THE NUMBERS:

$541,179 TOTAL GIVING FOR THE YEAR

907 TOTAL DONORS

547 STUDENTS SUPPORTED BY YOUR DONATION

76 EXTRA-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS FUNDED

32% OF STUDENTS GIVEN FINANCIAL AID

108% ANNUAL FUND GOAL EXCEEDED!

Average donation: $606 Smallest donation: $9 (every donation is appreciated and counts)

Alumni class with most participation? IT’S A TIE! 1975 and 1981

School Revenue

$6,461,339.58

86.54% Tuition & Fees

4.73% Athletic Revenue

3.12% Fund Raising/ Development

1.15% Subsidies

0.30% Student Activities

School Expenditures

$6,441,339.64

49.99% Instruction

21.15% Administrative

18.71% General & Student

10.15% Athletic

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