



# THE BOSCO BUGLE

June 2023



## 3 Generations of DB Graduates



**At our May 21 Commencement we recognized third generation graduates and their families.**

**Back row:** Ranelle (Mangrich) Bailiff '77, **Caelor Yoder '23**, Candi (Bailiff) Yoder '98, Phyllis Walton '73, Devan (Walton) Youngblut '97, **Dawson Youngblut '23**, Clay Youngblut '97, Betty Youngblut '73, **Alex Jaquith '23**, Mandy (Youngblut) Jaquith '94, Mark Jaquith '92

**4th row:** Steve Weber '67, Rosie (Girsch) Weber '67, Mark McMahon '86, **Myles McMahon '23**, Stacy (Weber) McMahon '92

**3rd row:** Chad Purdy '97, Billi (Mangrich) Purdy '95, **Ty Purdy '23**, Donna (Demuth) Mangrich '67, Bill Mangrich '66

**2nd row:** Richard Kettman '71, Mary Kettman '71, **Josie Hogan '23**, Dan Hogan '82, Erin (Kettman) Hogan '95, Robert Thoma '70, **Ryan Hayes '23**, Charles Thoma '97

**Front row:** Steve Delagardelle '71, Adam Delagardelle '96, **Paige Delagardelle '23**, **Joel Knepper '23**, Keith Rottinghaus '76, Nichole (Rottinghaus) Knepper '98



# Congratulations to the CLASS OF 2023



Koen Bovy  
Elliot Brincks  
Paige Delagardelle  
Madilyn Duhrkopf  
Emerson Hahn  
Josie Hogan

Ryan Hayes  
Alex Jaquith  
Kaylee Kerr  
Joel Knepper  
Abby Koppmann  
Camden Kuecker

Myles McMahon  
Lakota Moses  
Kendra Nissen  
Mack Ortner  
Ty Purdy  
Taylor Sparrgrove  
Nelson

Jacob Thiry  
Jared Thiry  
Rachelle Whitesell  
Caelor Yoder  
Dawson Youngblut  
Nikayla Youngblut



I am incredibly grateful for the years I have spent at Don Bosco where I have been given so many opportunities to grow in faith, academically, and personally. The amazing community and faculty have helped me to develop strong roots in my faith and given me the freedom to develop my own relationship with God, while also providing a firm foundation for success academically and in extracurriculars. I am forever grateful to Bosco for giving me the opportunity to participate in any class or extracurricular I set my mind on. My time in this school, the lessons I've learned, and the relationships I've developed have given me the tools and the confidence to face any challenge with faith and courage.

Abby Koppmann, Valedictorian

***Our students are grateful. Your support makes  
a Bosco education possible.***

# Welcome to Our New Development Director

My name is Laura Dobson, and I am thrilled to be the new Development Director for the Bosco Catholic School System.

I am a graduate of Tulane University and The University of Texas at Austin, but I am proud to call Iowa my home. My husband, Andy, is from Cedar Falls, which is where we have raised our four children.

The younger two attended St. Patrick Catholic School with the last one going on to Columbus High School. Both of our girls are graduates of Creighton University. We love Catholic education! We treasure the way it nurtures and shapes young minds, and we believe in the benefits of smaller schools, where students receive personalized attention and families enjoy a strong sense of community.

I spent eleven years as the Advancement Director for St. Patrick School and Parish, and I am excited to bring my experience to BCSS. I look forward to meeting more people and working together to ensure families have access to a top-notch Catholic education that prepares their children for success in life.

One of my first priorities is to help finish up this year's Salesian call. If you've already helped, I thank you for supporting our students and sustaining our bright future. If you haven't given yet, every gift counts and giving online is quick and easy to do right from this newsletter!



Laura Dobson

**HAVE YOU ANSWERED THE CALL?**

**Bosco**  
Catholic School System

Our fiscal year ends on June 30.

You still have time to give an **ANNUAL GIFT** to support educating children in God's love.

**DONATE NOW**

**Salesian Call**  
Sustained Gift Giving

**Make it monthly!**  
[www.boscocatholic.org](http://www.boscocatholic.org)

**If you haven't given this year, there's still time! Our fiscal year ends on June 30. Give a gift online today.**



**Click or scan to help!**

**Give securely online**  
(credit card or bank account)

**A gift in July gives us a jumpstart on next year!**

**Class Challenge** Our alumni have been generous with donations not only marked for the challenge we announced last year but also to our Salesian Call, Dedicated Gifts, Memorial Gifts, and Endowment Fund. Marked donations marked with class year have gone as stated to technology (even class years) and transportation (odd class years). The top two classes are 1971 and 1972. **Thank you to all who helped us with a gift of any kind this year and to all who plan to do so before June 30.**



# Summer Calendar

## June

30 End of fiscal year—last date to give 2022–2023 annual gifts

## July

13 Band Fundraiser

28/29 Class of 1988 Reunion

## August

5 Class of 1973 Reunion

19 Annual Booster Club Golf Outing

22 Freshman Orientation/Backpack Night

23 First Day of School

The **DB Alumni Dance** is coming back! Mark your calendars for Friday, **November 24, 2023**. We can't wait to see YOU there!



Register a team, be a sponsor,  
or donate a prize



for the August 19  
Booster Club  
Golf Outing

## Is your info up to date?

Keep in touch with your fellow alumni, know about reunions, and see what's happening at Bosco. Think we might not have your current email or street address? Just [enter your info here](#) or email it to [Alumni@BoscoCatholic.org](mailto:Alumni@BoscoCatholic.org).

We'd love to start sharing weddings, birth announcements, new jobs, favorite memories, and other news too. Let us know what you're up to or give us your thoughts on the benefits of your Don Bosco education. We'd love to share them with prospective families.

## Join the Alumni Committee

The DB Alumni Committee is looking to expand. We need new members to help reach out to alumni through our Facebook page and the Bosco Bugle, plan and put on events such as the Alumni Dance in November and alumni recognition events, and generate new ideas for keeping in contact with alumni. We meet about once a month during the school year. It's a great way to help our school! Let us know if you are interested or want more info by emailing [Alumni@BoscoCatholic.org](mailto:Alumni@BoscoCatholic.org).

Bosco Bugle

**BAND FUNDRAISER**  
THURSDAY, JULY 13  
7 AM-5 PM  
At school on the plaza

BAKE SALE  
PLANT SALE  
CAR WASH

Proceeds support the Marching Band Show

## Follow us online or on Facebook

[www.BoscoCatholic.org](http://www.BoscoCatholic.org)



**Bosco Catholic School System**  
**Don Bosco Catholic High School Alumni**  
**Bosco Catholic Booster Club**

**Legacy Gifts** Please keep Don Bosco High School and the Bosco Catholic School System in mind when updating your wills, trusts, and estate plans. Your support helps ensure the vitality of the Bosco Catholic School System into the future. Visit with your tax advisor and attorney for the best advice that fits your needs and wishes.



# 2023 Fine Arts Hall of Fame Inductions

AWARDED AT OUR SPRING CONCERT



**Kathy Millett**  
**Immaculate Conception Teacher**

Kathy taught K-Grade 8 art and middle school reading and language arts at Immaculate Conception. A University of Northern Iowa graduate, she began her teaching career in Waterloo before moving to Immaculate Conception where she taught for 37 years. Kathy was full of practical art information and shared it with her students daily. Christmas was a special time with her students making ornaments for their homes, never repeating a design over the many years. She loved when Don Bosco students shared what they were working on in art and when graduates shared how art was part of their lives after Bosco. Kathy never missed a concert at school and often videotaped them for the teachers. She was always willing to help out wherever there was a need. Kathy passed away on November 29, 2018, so we presented her award posthumously to her family.



**Chris Hadley**  
**2001 Don Bosco Graduate**

Chris earned a BA in Applied Music at Wartburg college in 2005. There he played or sang in the Wind Ensemble, Concert Band, Ritterchor, and Knightlighters Jazz Band. He performed at Carnegie Hall and on tours to Europe, Australia, and Fiji. He went on to earn his Music Education license at the University of Northern Iowa. Chris has touched the lives of many young musicians and drama students throughout his teaching career, including those at UNI's Price Laboratory School, Central Elkader, Maquoketa Valley, and St. Mary's International School in Tokyo.

In 2018 Chris moved to Decorah where he has been the area Educational Music Rep for West Music. He is involved with the Nordic Dancer Orchestra (director), the Luren Singing Society (pianist), and Decorah High School drama department (a director). He makes guest appearances with musical groups in the area and continues work with students through festivals, contests, and musical productions. Chris holds a Private Pilot's License and has been a certified EMT. He loves boating, playing bar trivia, and traveling. In December he and two longtime friends from his Don Bosco graduating class will attempt to summit Mount Kilimanjaro in East Africa. You can catch Chris locally in the disco cover band Boogie RX with Bosco grads Matt and Mike Kettman.



## **Volunteer Hall of Fame Inductions**

AWARDED DURING  
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

**Don & Rose Weber**  
**Chanteil & Steve Becker**

## **HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Recognition Event</b>
Athletics	Sept. 15	Athletics Hall of Fame (Thanksgiving Fri.)
Fine Arts	Nov. 15	Spring Concert or Musical
Volunteer	Dec. 23	Catholic Schools Week Mass
Alumni	March 31	Commencement

Scan the code or click to  
[check our out Halls of Fame](#)  
or [submit a nomination.](#)



## WHAT'S GOING ON AT BOSCO SCHOOLS?

Our Leader in Me leadership program continues to help students develop leadership and life skills, laying the foundation for sustained academic achievement and success in life. Kindergarten through grade 8 students put their leadership skills to work selecting, planning, and completing service learning projects this year. Our enrollment is set to continue moving upward for the 2023-2024 school year. Tuition assistance, donor support, and Iowa's new Education Savings Accounts help make Catholic education possible for our families.



## Class Reunion Updates

### ARE YOU HAVING A REUNION OR WANT TO PLAN ONE? IF SO, WE CAN HELP YOU!

Email the alumni committee at [alumni@boscocatholic.org](mailto:alumni@boscocatholic.org) or call or contact our Development Director Laura Dobson at 319-296-1692 or [Ldobson@boscocatholic.org](mailto:Ldobson@boscocatholic.org). We can help you reach out to classmates, set up a tour of the school, or give ideas for a venue for your reunion. If your graduation year ends in a 3 or an 8, it's your turn this year. 2024 is those ending in a 4 or a 9.

### REUNIONS WE KNOW OF

- **The Class of 1963** will mark 60 years with 4 PM Mass at Immaculate Conception Church and an evening with social hour followed by a 6:30 PM dinner at the Gilbertville American Legion on September 16th.
- **The Class of 1968** will celebrate 55 years on September 9 at the Gilbertville American Legion following 4 PM Mass at Immaculate Conception Church. Social hour is at 5 PM. Dinner is at 6:30 PM
- **The Class of 1973** will hold their 50th reunion on Saturday, August 5 at Denali's on the River.
- **The Class of 1988** will celebrate on July 28-29. The 28th will be '80s night at the Dew Drop Inn. The 29th will feature golf or Lost Island with an evening gathering at the Isle of Capri.



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New Link  
for the  
DB Sports  
Schedule



[Use this new GoBound link](#)

or scan the QR code to check out our schedule.  
The new link is also on our homepage.