



MATER DEI

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STATE CHAMPS!

The Mater Dei golf team held off the competition in the last round of the state tournament to capture the state championship! The 2019 MD varsity golf team includes (left to right) Coach Dennis Trame, junior Blake Kloeckner, seniors Tanner Gerdes, Nathan Rivera, and Grant Goebel, junior Ian Berndsen, and sophomore Carter Goebel.

The Mater Dei Golf team ended the tournament with a score of 643, winning the championship by one stroke.

The Knights had a public reception in the main gym the Sunday after the state tournament. On Monday morning after the winning round, the Mater Dei student body surprised the team with an impromptu pep rally.



Have a happy and blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas Season

GIVING TUESDAY – DECEMBER 3, 2019

A DAY TO REMEMBER MATER DEI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Giving Tuesday is celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving (in the U.S.) and the widely recognized shopping events of Black Friday and Cyber Monday. It kicks off the charitable season, when many focus on their holiday and end-of-year giving. Since its beginning in 2012, Giving Tuesday has become a movement that celebrates and supports giving and philanthropy, a day dedicated to service and giving back. The day is meant to harness the potential of social media and enlist the generosity of individuals who wish to make a financial contribution to a charity that they hold close to their hearts.

Last year Mater Dei Catholic High School participated for the third time through our online giving portal. In our third attempt we raised \$1,180.00 from 13 donors. Our efforts this year will be to get the word out sooner and wider. You will have the opportunity to donate on that day particularly (or any day) at either of our websites: www.materdeiknights.org or www.materdeialumni.org and click the “Donate” button. You will also have the opportunity to choose which of the four funds (or a combination of them) you would like to direct your contribution.

Remember, your gift to Mater Dei Catholic High School goes a long way to help in our mission to provide an excellent Catholic secondary education that is affordable, available, and accessible to every student who desires to attend Mater Dei. The cost to educate a student at Mater Dei this year is \$8,852.00, of which the tuition covers only \$5,686.00. Our fundraising efforts per student is \$1,662.00. We rely upon the generous support and contributions from individuals like you, who recognize the priceless treasure Mater Dei has become.

As we look forward to December 3, keep in mind the beautiful motto: “A generous person is enriched through the act of giving.”

God bless you for your generosity and may the approaching Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons bring you and your family peace and joy.

ILLINOIS TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship Program was designed for you to both support Catholic Education and at the same time reduce your Illinois tax liability. For example, if you have an estimated 2019 Illinois tax due of \$750.00 and you make a \$1,000.00 donation to Mater Dei Catholic High School, through the Illinois Tax credit scholarship program, called Empower Illinois, you will receive a \$750.00 Illinois tax credit for 2019, literally making your out of pocket donation only \$250.00 (since the \$750.00 you already owed the State of Illinois will now be used to benefit Mater Dei Catholic High School). In other words, up to 75% of what you donate will be an Illinois tax credit to you.

A full explanation of how to enroll and make your donation was included in the 2018-2019 Annual Report that you recently received and a digital copy of the report can be found on the Mater Dei website (materdeiknights.org). On the website, go to the Advancement tab, then click on the dropdown titled Annual Fund Drive, then, under the Annual Report paragraph, click on *2018-2019 Mater Dei Catholic High School Annual Report*.

THE FOUNDATION WANTS TO HELP YOU LEAVE YOUR FOOTPRINTS ON THE FUTURE OF MATER DEI.

Below are a few examples of how to donate to the Mater Dei Foundation and the listed benefits. Have questions about some of these? I do too! Email your questions to me at awobbe@materdeiknights.org so we can put FAQ's together. If you are a Knight Club member, join us at our Knight Club Recognition event, November 24, as we welcome representatives of the Knights of Columbus to provide an overview to help us answer these questions.

HOW IT BENEFITS YOU.	WHAT IS THE TERM?	WHAT IS IT?
Pass more of your estate to your heirs, while decreasing income tax on your retirement.	GIFTS OF RETIREMENT ASSETS	The trust makes payments benefiting Mater Dei, and in the end assets go to you.
A gift that is later returned to you and delivers immediate tax relief.	CHARITABLE LEAD TRUST	Includes a gift of cash, property, stock, or a share of your estate in a will or trust.
This does not affect your cash flow. Eliminates income tax and capital gains taxes.	BEQUEST (A GIFT THROUGH A WILL OR TRUST)	Name Mater Dei as the beneficiary of your retirement plan, and pass other less-taxed assets to your heirs.
Income tax deduction equal to the value of your policy.	LIFE INSURANCE	Transfer ownership of a paid-up life insurance policy.

THE FOUNDATION WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THE FAMILIES OF LOVED ONES WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY AND NAMED MATER DEI AS A MEMORIAL RECIPIENT.

When the family designates Mater Dei as a memorial recipient, it is our privilege to celebrate your loved one's living memory with you. For the families who named Mater Dei as a memorial recipient between July-September 2019, the Foundation thanks you and wishes your family and friends peace.

In honor, we remember those that have passed to whom memorials were directed in their name to Mater Dei Catholic High School and the Mater Dei Foundation.

Jane A. Gonzalez, '63
Jerome G. Rehkemper
David J. Beckemeyer, '56

Mikel J. Huelsmann, '76
Esther E. Koch
Jerome G. Rehkemper

Mildred A. Boeckmann
Maurice H. Dierkes
Anna C. Litteken

"God has presented me with a precious gift." ~ Genesis 30:20

FRESHMAN LEGACY – CLASS OF 2023

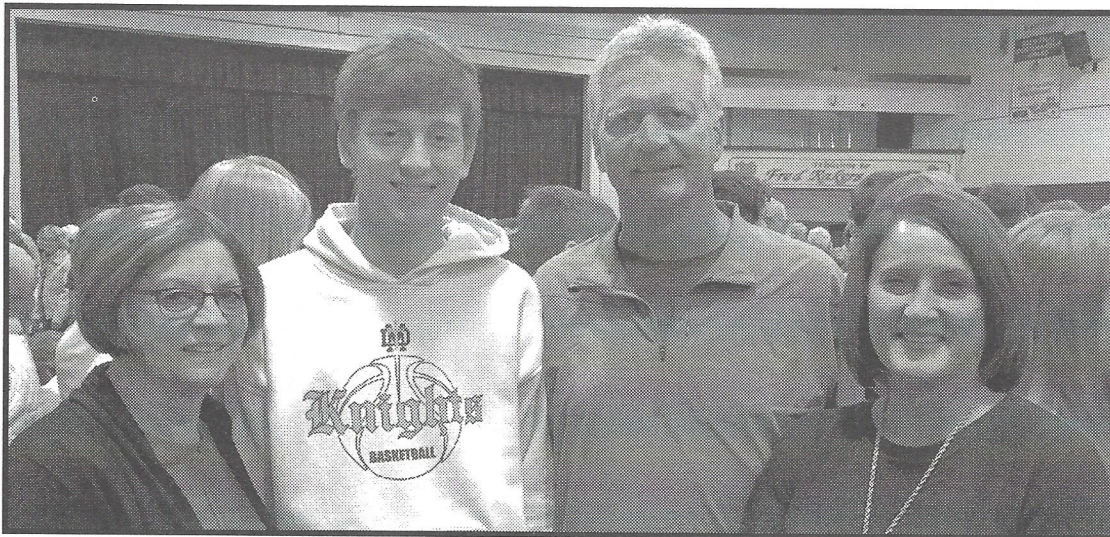
Mater Dei Catholic High School recognizes members of the Class of 2023 who make up our “legacy” as sons and daughters of MD alumni!

Olivia Book.....Brian Book, ‘91
 Brayden Buehne.....Kristina Hilmes-Buehne, ‘91
 Carley Emig.....Becky (Husmann) Emig, ‘94
 Madison Eversgerd.....Brad Eversgerd, ‘97
 Carmen Foppe.....Ron, ‘92, and Kerry (Schuetz), ‘91, Foppe
 Dylan Gebke.....Jeff Gebke, ‘82
 Cecilia Havrilka.....Paul Havrilka, ‘96
 Jack Heimann.....Mark, ‘86, and Rhuann (Beckmann), ‘88, Heimann
 Jonathan Holthaus.....Christopher Holthaus, ‘89
 Owen Huelsmann.....Michael, ‘88, and Karla (Peppenhorst), ‘87, Huelsmann
 Jacob Hustedde.....Neil, ‘88, and Carol (Feldmann), ‘88, Hustedde
 Addison Kampwerth.....Scott, ‘93, and Paula (Beckmann), ‘94, Kampwerth
 Julia Korte.....Keith, ‘88, and Erin (Haukap), ‘95, Korte
 Alivia Lampe.....Ryan Lampe, ‘90
 Josie Lampe.....Troy, ‘87, and Wendy (Toennies), ‘89, Lampe
 Carissa Litteken.....Mark Litteken, ‘90
 Connor Loepker.....Troy Loepker, ‘90
 Jacob Loepker.....Mark Loepker, ‘89
 Mitchell Mannhard.....Matthew Mannhard, ‘89
 Cora Meyer.....Mark, ‘93, and Stacey (Rehkemper), ‘95, Meyer
 Mason Millard.....Tracy (Poettker) Millard, ‘94
 Benjamin Miller.....Jason, ‘97, and Kim (Wiegman), ‘94 Miller
 Alyse Monken.....Keri (Huelsmann) Monken, ‘93
 Cole Peppenhorst.....Michael Peppenhorst, ‘91
 Luke Pingsterhaus.....Phil Pingsterhaus, ‘83
 Jacob Pollmann.....Jim Pollmann, ‘89

Avery Rahden.....Amye (Beckmann) Rahden, ‘93
 Drake Rensing.....Sara Albers, ‘96
 Jake Richter.....Brad, ‘94, and Jami (Schrage), ‘95, Richter
 Kendal Richter.....Craig Richter, ‘94
 Maci Richter.....Craig Richter, ‘94
 Carson Rickhoff.....Kurt, ‘89 and Mindi (Strieker), ‘94, Rickhoff
 Nolan Ritzheimer.....Kyle Ritzheimer, ‘89
 Zachary Rivera.....Michael, ‘90, and Jenny (Feldman), ‘90
 Luke Robben.....Richard Robben, ‘84
 Wade Sabo.....Angie (Maue) Sabo, ‘90
 Andrew Schleper.....Tim, ‘91, and Lorien (Cohoon), ‘89, Schleper
 Bennett Schleper.....Tim, ‘91, and Lorien (Cohoon), ‘89, Schleper
 Jack Sheldon.....Cassy (Timmermann) Shelton, ‘87
 Brendan Strieker.....Roger, ‘85, and Lisa (Von Hatten), ‘92, Strieker
 Claire Tasker.....Jill (Winkeler) Tasker, ‘96
 Ethan Toennies.....Roger Toennies, ‘87
 Aidan Varel.....David, ‘92, and Rachel (Langenhorst), ‘94, Varel
 Carter Von Bokel.....Kristen (Timmermann) Von Bokel, ‘93
 Ryan Voss.....Scott Voss, ‘95
 Alexander Wellen.....Joe, ‘91, and Monica (Hempfen), ‘92
 Cohen Wiegman.....Dinah Sudholt, ‘93
 Brett Winkeler.....Ryan, ‘93, and Carol (Toennies), ‘86, Winkeler
 Seth Winkeler.....Kevin Winkeler, ‘91
 Stormy Zimmer.....Heath Zimmer, ‘89
 Kayla Zurliene.....Russ Zurliene, ‘88

LEGACY

A Mater Dei legacy can also present itself through grandparents, as evidenced at the Grandparents Day Mass on November 1, 2019.



Pictured with MD junior Alden Moss, '21, are his paternal grandmother Karen (Fiedler) Moss, '67, and his maternal grandparents Steve, '70, and Bertha (Timmermann), '71, Horstmann. In attendance but not pictured were Alden's paternal grandfather Dave, '68, Moss and his wife Maura (Garcia), '69. Alden Moss is the son of Phillip and Kelly (Horstmann) Moss, both from the MD Class of 1995.



WE ARE MD!

The Mater Dei Junior Knights have many legacies! One example is the Kevin, '01, and Meghan (Frey), '01, Eversgerd family and their Junior Knights Aubrey (left) and Alexis, members of the Mater Dei Classes of 2030 and 2028, respectively.

MARCHING KNIGHTS WIN BIG AT ILLINI BAND COMPETITION

On October 26, 2019, the Marching Knights travelled to Champaign, Illinois, to compete in the annual University of Illinois Marching Band Championships and returned home with a sweep of Class 1A. Led by band director Blake Korte (left), senior drum majors Morgan Huelsmann and Gabrielle Millikin (middle), and Color Guard director Julianna Swanson (right), the Marching Knights earned 1st Place Class 1A, Best Music Class 1A, Best General Effect Class 1A, and Best Visual Class 1A.

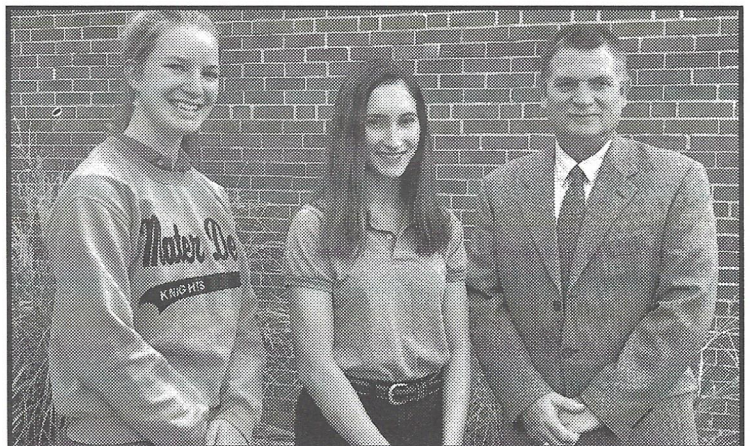
Congratulations to the band program for a superb marching season!



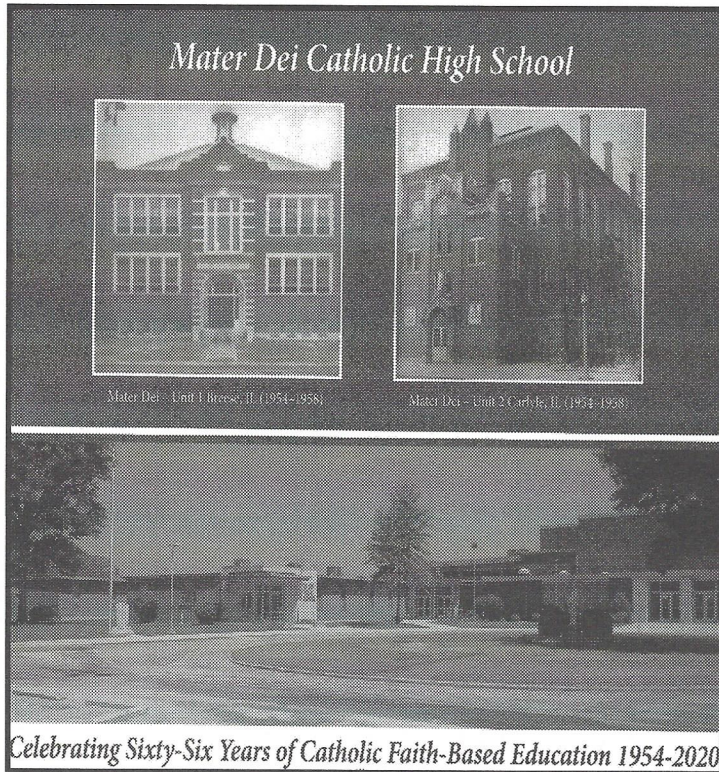
TWO MD SENIORS EARN NATIONAL MERIT RECOGNITION

Mr. Litteken (right) announced that Mater Dei seniors Taylor Goring (left) and Wren Heiligenstein (middle) have been named as prestigious National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists, with the opportunity to qualify for Finalist status and then scholarship winners.

Taylor Goring is the daughter of Kevin and Jacqueline Goring and Wren Heiligenstein is the daughter of Joe and Ann Heiligenstein.



2020 MATER DEI CALENDAR DRIVE



MATER DEI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL 2020 CALENDAR

(please print)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

(Must Have Mailing Address)

Sold By _____

Grade _____

REGISTRATION CARD

For the past 34 years, Mater Dei has run a very successful fundraiser: the Calendar Drive. Last year, 4,551 calendars were sold that netted a profit that allowed the 2019-2020 tuition to be \$200 per student less than it would have been without this fundraiser. All profits from the calendar drive go back to the students to reduce the tuition increase for the next school year. Therefore, each student is asked to sell at least eight calendars and, if he/she attains this quota, will receive April 17, 2020, off from school. Students are also allowed to wear jeans or sweatpants on Fridays throughout the calendar drive (through January 31, 2020) upon selling their eight calendars. Students who sell ten or more calendars are also eligible to receive cash prizes based on the number of calendars they sell in multiples of 5, plus they are given special costume days to dress up with a particular theme throughout the drive and into 2020. Top sellers in each of the freshman, sophomore, and junior classes are awarded tuition grants of \$500 (for highest sales in their class) and \$200 (for second highest sales in their class). Top senior sellers are competing for prizes of \$500 (top seller), \$250 (second place seller), and \$150 (third place seller).

Each day there is a \$30.00 winner drawn plus on the last day of the month there are two additional drawings for \$100 and \$500. And, on the last day of the year, there are two further additional grand prize drawings for \$1,000 and \$2,000. After each drawing, your name is put back into the pot for a chance to win again.

Calendars can be obtained from any Mater Dei student for \$25.00 each. You can also use the form at the top of this page or go online to the Mater Dei website (materdeiknights.org) and purchase your 2020 Mater Dei Calendar there. You can designate a student to receive credit for the sale. We appreciate all who have contributed to the success of this fundraiser throughout the years!

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Breese, IL 62230

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

December 8, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

December 26-30, 2019

WINTER CONCERT

March 8, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

SPRING MUSICAL

Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella

April 3, 4, 5, 2020

FATHERS AND FRIENDS BREAKFAST

April 5, 2020, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

MOTHERS AND FRIENDS DINNER AUCTION

April 18, 2020

HALL OF HONOR INDUCTION CEREMONY

May 1, 2020

SPRING CONCERT

May 3, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

GRADUATION

May 22, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

MATER DEI GOLF TOURNAMENT

May 30, 2020

Please view the website dedicated to
Mater Dei alumni at
<http://www.materdeialumni.org> as we strive to
be more active and timely
when posting information.