



Guardian Angels Central Catholic School Newsletter

NEWS FROM THE NEST

Summer 2019 Edition

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Graduates of 2019

Guardian Angels Central Catholic gained 25 new alumni last month. Among them was Jack Baumert who was fired up after receiving his diplomas from principal Kate Hagemann.



Congrats

Class of 2019



All smiles as Will Kreikemeier proceeds in with his mom Leslie Kreikemeier.

Above: There were several moments of laughter for Gabi Goeden as the speakers took a stroll down memory lane during Guardian Angels Central Catholic's graduation ceremony held on Mother's Day. Also pictured is Bryson Grimm. A total of 25 seniors earned their diplomas.

Right: A mom and son moment is shared between Andrew Franzluebbbers and Carol Franzluebbbers. Watching is Andrew's Dad, Jim.



BIRTH

Bethany (Stratmann) '11 & Seth Bose: son Brock Joseph born on 5/9/19

News can be submitted

For anyone who is interested in submitting news to the Guardian Angels Central Catholic School newsletter, "News from the Nest," that can be done by emailing the St. Mary Parish office.

News or photos can be emailed to the following address: ranaeobrien1@gmail.com. Thank you for your interest and support of GACC.

News from the Nest publishes several e-editions throughout the school year, and a printed edition during the summer.

If you are interested in being on the newsletter's email list or mailing list (or both), once again please email: ranaeobrien1@gmail.com.



Top of their class at GACC

Jared Minnick and Angela Jansen were honored as top students for Guardian Angels Central Catholic High School's Class of 2019. Jansen was valedictorian and Minnick salutatorian.

JayFest 2019: While in Rome

By Fr. Steve Emanuel

Celebrating a decade of fellowship and fun, the theme for JayFest 2019 was "While in Rome" and incorporated an Olympic spirit that was evident in the attire of our guests and activities throughout the evening that ranged from an Opening Ceremony Parade to "competitive" games. (See photos on page 4)

While times and themes have changed over the past ten years, your amazingly generous support of JayFest and the mission of Guardian Angels Central Catholic

has remained world-class.

While we are truly indebted to your financial support we also believe that the gathering of the community is essential and foundational to the health and strength of our school. Your willingness to be "all in" is what makes this such a phenomenal environment where it is easy to say, "It's a great day to be a Bluejay!"

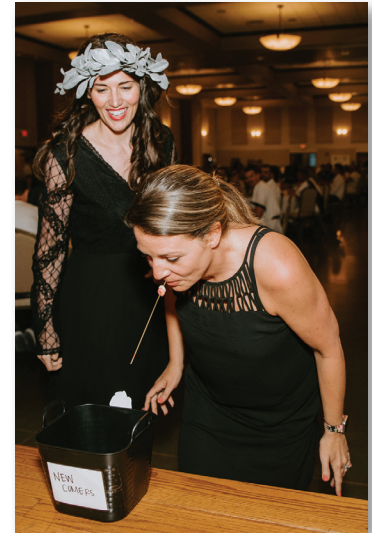
From its inception, JayFest has designated 10% of the event's proceeds to be given to a charitable community project or activity.

This year as JayFest reached the

milestone of ten years, it was decided that our gift of 10% would be given to the Franciscans Sisters of Christian Charity from Manitowac who are celebrating 150 years as a religious congregation and have been serving Catholic education in West Point from day one.

Once again, we thank you for your support of the mission of Guardian Angels Central Catholic as we strive to provide an environment where all of our students are invited to reach their fullest potential by learning and leading through Christ.

JayFest 2019: While in Rome



Above: Tricia Smith and Brooke Meister (back) play a JayFest game.

Left: Using Oreos for one of their Olympic events is, from left, Kurt Bracht, Olivia Walker and Melissa Bayer.



This year's JayFest celebrations featured several "Olympic Games." Competing in this particular event was Jennifer Kjolhede and Angie Bracht.

Photos by Kylie Kai of K & Camera

Kreikemeier: “Learned more than I gave”

By Delores Meister

A few years ago Breanne Kreikemeier was doing 40 school service hours over a whole school year around town.

Three years later, Kreikemeier was doing more than a 40 hour week of service work with Saint Mother Teresa’s Missionaries of Charity Sisters in Calcutta, India.

The Guardian Angels Central Catholic 2016 graduate is a nursing student at Benedictine College, Atchison, Kansas. She told about her one-week in March Mission Trip 16 air flight hours away.

The Missionaries of Charity Sisters were founded by Saint Mother Teresa in 1950. Today there are 4500 Sisters.

Breanne and her seven nursing-student friends went to Mass each day at the Motherhouse. Saint Mother Teresa’s tomb was indoors near the chapel. St. Mother Teresa’s goal was “to wholeheartedly

give free service to the poorest of the poor.”

“Mother Teresa’s presence was felt,” Breanne said.

People from all over the world were there to volunteer to help. They are given daily assignments working with the Sisters. Breanne’s morning assignments were to a dispensary to fill free doctors’ prescriptions.

At noon Sisters would serve soup in the streets and many people gathered. Afternoons Kreikemeier was helping at major care centers founded by Saint Mother Teresa.

Kalighat was a home for the dying and destitute.

“It was challenging at first to show them love and caring when you can’t speak their language but soon I found a way to communicate. People just wanted to feel loved. I became comfortable just being there with them,” she said.

At the nursing home for the

elderly Breanne said, “Holding their hands, sitting by their beds, rubbing their backs, and tucking them in for sleep, showing them that I care, made our day.”

Another center was for handicapped children and infants.

The Missionary Sisters had a home for lepers and their families. Here lepers are treated, cured and given jobs. The leper home was self-sustaining with their own garden.

They were employed weaving cloth and making soirees. “Leprosy is not transmitted to us,” Breanne said.

The Sisters went to villages to bring back those who needed their services. Thursdays were days of rest and silence for the Sisters.

Working with the Sisters caring for people Breanne said, “I learned more than I gave. People find joy in the simple things of life. They touched my life.”

More class opportunities for GACC

By Delores Meister

GACC students are included in the Pathways2Tomorrow (P2T) through West Point-Beemer Public High School.

The career education center is offering vocational skills classes with hands on experiences in health sciences, computer sciences, welding, manufacturing and construction. Classes may be taken for dual high school and college credit. College credit requires college tuition payment.

School Counselor Leslie Kreikemeier said more than 20 GACC students have already signed up for P2T classes beginning August, 2019.

Kreikemeier said students not planning for four years of college in their future may graduate from high school with skills to be imme-

diately employable, giving them a head start in the job market earning a professional wage. Or they could have a head start in their freshmen year at college.

Pathways2Tomorrow (P2T) is a joint venture between eight area public school systems, West Point-Beemer, Bancroft-Rosalie, Tekamah Herman, Howells Dodge, Wisner Pilger, Emerson Hubbard, Lyons-Decatur, Pender, Wayne State College, Northeast Community College, Educational Service Unit #2, foundations and generous community groups.

Pathways2Tomorrow is taught at a central location in West Point. For GACC students this is five blocks away.

Health science courses and computer tech is taught at Northeast Community College site in West

Point.

The classroom is a fully equipped modern hospital room with hospital equipment. A student may earn a Certified Nurses Aid certificate, a medical aid certificate, and other pre-nursing courses.

The newly built Donald E. Nielsen Career and Technical Education Center dedicated April 11 has state of the art classrooms for construction, welding and manufacturing instruction and hands on work.

Wayne State Director of Continuing Education and Outreach Judith Scherer Conneally spoke in appreciation of the cooperative spirit of three years of meetings and planning to have this project come about: “It inspires all of us to continue to work together for the betterment of those we serve.”

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