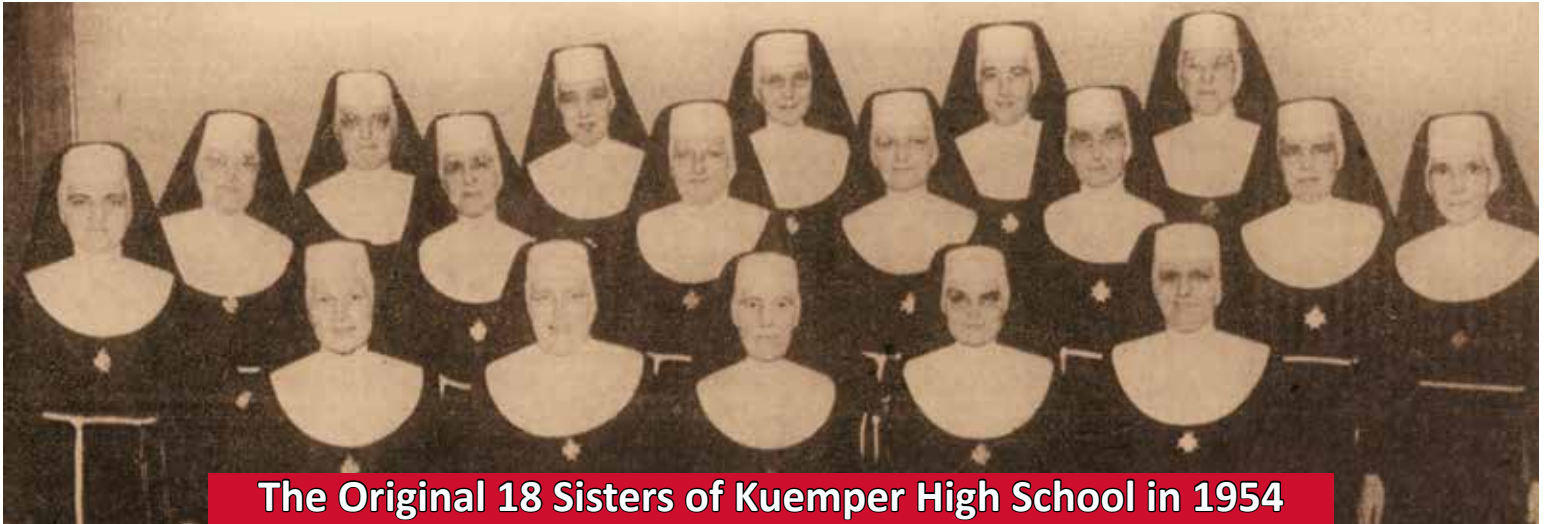


KNIGHT LETTER

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THE WOMEN OF KUEMPER



The Original 18 Sisters of Kuemper High School in 1954



Sr. Francis Xavier Seidl served Kuemper from 1964-1989 as a Chemistry teacher. *The best thing about Chemistry is the students situated in a well-equipped lab. The Chemistry labs at Kuemper were dedicated in her memory.*



Sr. Mildred Tigges served Kuemper from 1972-1998 as a History and Religion teacher. *By 1992, I had five classes of Sophomores for Scripture study. Pure delight!! We journeyed into the Bible to enrich our Faith. The Bible came ALIVE.*



Sr. Barbara Ann Hausman (SA '43) served Kuemper from 1969-1991 as a Math teacher. Sr. Barbara Ann is pictured here with Kevin Behrens and Rosalyn Juergens both from the class of 1992.



Sr. Margaret Mary Conway served Kuemper from 1958-1964 as a Speech teacher. She is pictured here with Rich Harlow, class of 1962. Rich credits Sr. Margaret Mary and Msgr. Donohoe with helping him turn his life around.

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A Note from the President's Desk



I'll never forget making the announcement via mass text to all our Kuemper families on Sunday evening, March 15, 2020 at 8:45pm, after getting word that the Governor of Iowa had just recommended all Iowa schools close for four weeks from this new acronym called COVID-19. The academic fourth quarter was just beginning and all Kuemper buildings were closing down - and not for just a two-hour late start. We eventually closed for the rest of the school year. It was like a high-drama movie or bad dream.

But the Kuemper Family persevered and our teachers became troopers in this new world of delivering 100% virtual learning overnight. Our students and parents gutted it out and became resilient homeschoolers all while this strange virus kept throwing new challenges at society.

The annual Kuemper Ball was in the middle of its fundraising calls so COVID-19 would likely dismantle that event. But the Kuemper Family proved that wrong as a 'Virtual Ball' was quickly organized and loyal Kuemper Knights from near and far proved their support in good times and in bad with roaring success.

2020 has been an amazing journey. Our graduating class will be forever remembered in a special way. Congrats to our enduring Kuemper seniors of 2020 as they will surely make their mark on the world. These graduates will have some of the best stories ever for their grandchildren.

These tough times also brought opportunities. We had time to slow down, refocus and spend quality time with family. I think we'll come out stronger after 2020. Almost exactly 100 years ago, Fr. Kuemper overcame the Spanish flu pandemic of 1918 where Sr. Bernice Levi, one of the Franciscan sisters on staff, and three St. Angela students in quarantine died in the rooms of St. Angela. In the face of that awful despair, Fr. Kuemper surely had many doubts about the future, but we know the Catholic ministries of the Carroll area rebounded and eventually thrived. I know we will rebound with that same spirit.

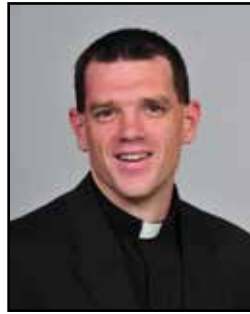
We Are Kuemper!

John Steffes '82 | Kuemper President



Sr. Bernice Levi, FSPA

Fr. Patrick Behm



Dear Kuemper family,

What a crazy year it's been! I certainly didn't envision my first year at Kuemper being interrupted by a global pandemic, and I doubt that you did either. It's my sincere hope and prayer that each of you have found this time of separation to be a welcome relief from the daily grind, in addition to being a heavy cross to carry.

I know for myself, this time of social distancing has helped me realize how many false gods I have in my life. I hold things like sports, security, personal property, and a full calendar up as things on which to center my life, and as things for which I order my life. But, just like that, in the blink of an eye, those things were gone. From high school sports to the pros, everything was cancelled. Our calendars were suddenly freed up, and the bottom lines in our bank accounts took a back seat to ensuring that our loved ones stayed healthy and safe.

In time, this too shall pass. Following the carrying of every cross in life comes a resurrection. Our Lord Jesus showed us this in His own death and Resurrection, and it remains true to this day. It's my sincere hope and prayer that when we return from this societal shutdown, we will remember those things that truly matter. We'll remember the peacefulness of not having something to do every night except share a meal with our families. We'll remember that money and possessions come and go, but our relationship with Christ, or lack thereof, endures forever.

I also hope that in this unprecedented time, without access to Mass and the sacraments, that we realize just how great a gift the Eucharist truly is. I know for me, even as a priest, there were times when I took the opportunity to offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for granted. I took my beloved people for granted. No more. May we never take our Lord's True Presence for granted again!

I can't wait for all of this to pass (perhaps, God willing, by the time you're reading this, it already has). But when it does, let's remember what really matters, and go forward as one family, united under the banner of the Cross of Christ. Let us be "witnesses of hope" of the Resurrection of our Savior!

Fr. Patrick Behm | Kuemper Priest Chaplain

Six Longtime Employees Retire from Kuemper



Mrs. Winnie Gehlan-Potthoff
High School Spanish
44 years



Mrs. Theresa Boeckman
Elementary Teacher
29 years



Mrs. Joyce Meiners
Custodian
23 years



Mr. Bill Kane
High School Mathematics
44 years



Christy Neumayer
Lunch Program
28 years



Mrs. Sue Murphy
Lunch Program
19 years



Disappointment, Challenge and SUCCESS!

When we were asked what made us decide to be Kuemper Ball Co-Chairs, we stated that the time was right for us to give back to Kuemper. Little did we know the many changes that the world would soon encounter. With the hard work of many people we were able to host a successful, fun-filled, Dueling Pianos event on February 29. Shortly

after that, the COVID-19 pandemic would begin to sweep across the United States. This new Coronavirus was declared in March. Surely it would be over by May 2, the date scheduled for the Friends of Kuemper Ball?

It was not meant to be. Live meetings were changed to "Zoom Meetings," and plans were set in motion to prepare for the first ever "Virtual" Friends of Kuemper Ball. There was a lot of uncertainty, and maybe some fear as to what this was going to look like. It was all uncharted territory and we had no idea what to expect. But in true Kuemper fashion, we were completely overwhelmed by the continued support of the Kuemper family, even in these uncertain times. It became very clear to us that we truly are Kuemper Strong! We thank each and every one of you who contributed your time, talent and donations to make this year's Ball a success.

God Bless You All!

Tom ('82) and Paula Kasperbauer on behalf of all of the 2020 Friends of Kuemper Ball Co-Chairs
Jeremy and Dr. Tina Schechinger, Bill and Laurie Schenkelberg and Drs. Kyle ('97) and Onica Ulveling ('96).

SAVE THE DATE:
Friends of Kuemper Ball 2021
SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2021

\$541,511

Grand Total after Auction and Blitz ended



The Ball Blitz raised \$23,347!!
Thank you to the Heider Family Foundation for their \$10,000 match!



BEHIND THE SCENES
Steven Berger, Technology Director, John Steffes ('82), President and Susie (Riesselman '05) Hulst, Marketing Director do a practice run through for the Virtual Ball.



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The Women of Kuemper *by Marilyn Schirck Setzler '61*

The history of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration (FSPA) in Carroll County and at Kuemper is long and deep. In 1880, Fr. John Urbany, pastor of St. Joseph Church in Carroll, brought the FSPA to Carroll County to teach at Mount Carmel and St. Joseph schools. Since then, the order has had a profound presence in almost every parish school, St. Angela Academy, St. Anthony Hospital, and Kuemper Catholic High School.

The sisters endured privations and hardships along-side the pioneers who settled the county. Living quarters were in the schools or the churches before convents were built. From 1880 to 1917, fourteen parishes were established with the schools being an integral part of the parish campus, many with boarding facilities where students stayed during the week.

When Fr. Kuemper saw the need for a Catholic girls' school, he negotiated with the FSPA to finance the project. Thus the "Domestic Science School" was established in 1908. In 1932, it evolved into St. Angela Academy which would later become Kuemper Catholic High School.

Before this, Fr. Kuemper already had a working relationship with the FSPA when he began St. Anthony Hospital in 1905. At that time, he asked the sisters to administer and staff the new hospital. The Franciscan Sisters are still actively involved with St. Anthony Regional Hospital. FSPA members sit on both the hospital and foundation board of directors. They are also members of St. Anthony Ministries. Their influence is quite valuable and will continue as long as possible into the future.

As Catholic education evolved in Carroll County, dramatic changes came with the creation of the coed Catholic high school in 1954, named for Fr. Kuemper. Once again, the Franciscan Sisters were instrumental in setting the standard. There were eighteen sisters on the teaching staff at KHS at that time. **This original group of eighteen is pictured on the cover of this edition of the KnightLetter.**

Personally, I was taught by many sisters of the FSPA from kindergarten through high school. One sister I remember from grade school was Sr. Janet. I believe she was my teacher when I was in the sixth grade. I think we may have been her first teaching assignment. Every day, after noon recess, she would read to us. Two books I especially remember are *The Good Master* by Kate Seredy and *The Boxcar Children* by Gertrude Chandler Warner. It was a nice way to start our afternoon lessons.

In high school, I was in orchestra, so I had Sr. Cecillienne for a number of years. She was small and soft spoken, but always got her point across. I value the education I received from these women.

The FSPA is the first religious group of women in the United States to have introduced into their community uninterrupted adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Since August 1, 1878, the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration has continued this solemn day and night adoration at the altar in the Adoration Chapel at the Mother House at St. Rose Convent in La Crosse, WI.

The order of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration has had a strong influence in the lives of women from the Carroll area. Six sisters from the Mathias and Mary Schumacher family of Willey joined the FSPA in La Crosse, WI.

Sister Electa finished high school at St. Rose Convent in La Crosse and entered the convent when she was 17. She professed her vows in 1916.

When Sister Electa returned for a home visit the next summer, her 14-year-old sister went back to La Crosse with her to become Sister Leona.

Sister Damase, who was between the other two in age, thought someone had to stay home to help mother, so she delayed her own entry until she was 21.

Seven years later, the next daughter Sister Catherine, began her novitiate and the fifth daughter, Sister Marita, entered to begin her postulancy.

Four years later, Sister Carolyn became the sixth Schumacher daughter to enter the FSPA community.

Twin brothers, Carl and Leo also became priests.

Of the 13 children in the Schumacher family, eight were called to religious vocations.



Alumni Spotlights



Dr. Jill Tiefenthaler '83 was recently named as Chief Executive Officer of The National Geographic Society, the Society's first female CEO. When Jill accepted the position with National Geographic she was completing her ninth year as president of Colorado College. Prior to Colorado College, Jill was the provost of Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, NC. Jill is a noted leader and innovator in the world of education. During her tenure at Colorado College she developed a Campus Master Plan, executed an alliance to make the world-class Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center part of the college and led a search for Colorado College's first provost. At Wake Forest University she redesigned the admission process, integrated the university's undergraduate and graduate schools, established the Institute for Public Engagement and the Humanities Institute and implemented "Living Our Values," a plan to strengthen residential life and campus vibrancy. After graduating from Kuemper, Jill attended St. Mary's-Notre Dame where she earned a bachelor's degree in economics. She went on to earn a M.A. and Ph.D. in economics from Duke University. Jill is married to Kevin Rask, a research professor in economics at Colorado College. They have two children, Olivia and Owen.

Dr. Sue Malloy '67 has been a Professor at San Jose State University, in San Jose, CA, since 1981. Over the years she has directly taught over 9000 nursing students. Sue explained that, in 1967 women had three career choices; secretary, nurse or teacher or they could get married. Upon graduation, she and nine or ten of her Kuemper classmates went to St. Joe's in Omaha to become nurses. After completing nursing school Sue joined the Navy as an ICU Navy nurse; this was during the Viet Nam war. Sue served seven years of full-time active duty in Oakland, CA, Guam, Seattle, WA and San Diego, CA. Sue was in the Navy for a total of 24 years, rising to the rank of Captain (an O6). Sue stated, "I always felt a calling to make a difference in others' lives and as a result, chose a meaningful path for my life. I feel that Covid-19 has opened me up to online teaching, but more importantly, to an opportunity for a nationwide appreciation for what nurses sacrifice in order to help others." Sue credits Kuemper with preparing her for her future by providing excellent academics, including Latin, sound personal values and a true appreciation for what a difference a sound education makes in defining a worthwhile career. Sue's favorite memories of Kuemper were playing in the marching band and getting to go to town from her rural Westside residence to go to football games and participate in band day!



The Kuemper Alumni Office and Kuemper Catholic High School would like to extend our appreciation to 1947 St. Angela alumna, Irma (Sondgeroth) Reicks. Irma has volunteered at Kuemper for over 40 years. Her most recent position was that of compiling the Deaths in Christ page for the KnightLetter, not an easy task with alumni all over the world. In 1985 Irma received the Adult Service Award for her service to Kuemper. She and her late husband, Art, have four children who graduated from Kuemper; Tim '73, Mary Sue Martin '77, Rob '83 and Jennie '89. We are sad to say that Irma has decided that it is time for her to step down and give someone else a chance to volunteer at Kuemper. Thank you for your many years of service to Kuemper, Irma!

Know a Kuemper grad we should highlight?

Make nominations by sending an email to cllawler@kuemper.org.

Be sure and checkout Kuemper's facebook page for video Alumni Spotlights: *Kuemper Catholic School*.

Alumni News & Quotes

1950's

Mariella (Loew '57) Derner, Sac City, IA. I am enjoying retirement, getting good at it. Living in Sac City again after living in Sioux City for 30 years. My husband, Jim, passed to his heavenly home in March of 2020. We were blessed with 60 plus years of marriage. Eternal rest grant unto him.

1960's

David Hannasch ('65), Atlantic, IA. We are now spending winters in Florida.

Rob Perschau ('68), Kansas City, MO. 2019 was a year of transition after the loss of my mother, Ginny, and a few weeks later my wife of 46 years, Kay. We are so grateful to have had both of them in our lives for so long.

Doug Bohnenkamp ('68), Bloomfield, CT. Retired in 2013. Moved to CT to be nearer to my daughter and her family. My son and his family live in Seattle, WA. I live in a Continuing Care Retirement Community near Hartford. I am in good health and cannot believe how long ago I moved from Arcadia and Kuemper.

Jean (Miller '68) Shields, Darwin, MN. I retired in May 2015. Enjoyed the downtime, but when I was called from my previous employer and asked to return part-time I jumped on it. I figured if it didn't work out I did not have to continue. In September 2019 our family welcomed our seventh grandchild. That gives us four girls and three boys. I've been very fortunate to be able to fulfill a passion and desire for travel that I've had for many years. In 2018 I went with a group to Australia for 12 days. Later that same year I went to Africa for another 12 days with a different group. Both of these locations offered an excitement for me that I will never forget. Feeding the kangaroos and holding a koala bear in Australia and mingling with gorillas in the wild of Africa—I could say so much about these experiences but not enough space to write it. I think for me the biggest part of the travel to these locations was the nearness to, and the contact with, the gorillas. In August 2019, I was lucky to travel to Ireland with two classmates and a graduate from Ar-We-Va high school (from the same year). My brother and I were planning to go to Italy in April of this year, but due to the Corona Virus that trip has been postponed until late September. My brother is Joel Miller, class of 1964.

Wayne Bueltel ('69), Lacona, IA. I have farmed in Warren county for 43 years, raising lots of hogs and cattle. I was a welder for some years in factories. Sharon is my wife of 46 years. We have two sons and three grandchildren. It was a nice 50th class reunion last September. It was great to see everyone. The class of 1969 is a true blessing. I pray that God and Jesus Christ will watch over you all.

Janet (Menke '69) Darveaux, Scottsdale, AZ. Formerly the Director of Acquisitions at Dial Corporation and Senior Manager and Director of Consulting at KPMG Peat Marwick.

1970's

Julie (Wiedemeier '76) Heiderscheit, Ankeny, IA. One husband, two children, five grandchildren, saved by faith in Jesus.

1980's

Lisa (Weitl '81) Cue, Gainesville, FL. I volunteer weekly to play music with four other people. Our band plays bluegrass, country and rock n roll allowing us to have a wide variety for the variety of people we play for. We play in nursing homes, memory care units (Alzheimer's patients), independent living facilities and presently we are trying to get on the volunteer circuit at the VA.

1990's

Jean (Stitz '95) Birks, Adel, IA. I am teaching Middle School in Van Meter. Taylor is a senior and Molly is a sophomore. Jay is an assistant manager for Fareway in Johnston.

2000's

Crystal Weitl ('03), Lidderdale, IA. I have two kids in Kuemper. **Rob Lawler ('09)**, Breda, IA. I married Laura Lappe (CHS '09) in 2016. We have a two-year-old son, Daniel and a one-year old daughter, Maire. We are expecting our third child in August 2020. I farm north of Westside, IA.

2010's

Nick Brincks ('10), Ames, IA. I married Paige Potter on June 29, 2019. Our son, Keelan, was born on March 17, 2020. I work at Iowa Public Radio in Ames and do sports play-by-play for Carroll Broadcasting. Paige works at REG in Ames.

Mariah (Railsback '10) Praus, Bloomington, MN. I am an Administrative Assistant at Cunningham Architectural Group in Minneapolis, MN. I married Nick Praus on September 13, 2019.

Krista Knobbe ('10), Breda, IA. Hard to believe it's been 10 years since high school! Due to COVID19, we weren't able to have our reunion. I'm glad things are opening back up so hopefully we can get something scheduled soon.

Cassidy Eckerman ('14), Breda, IA. I'm getting married in 2021.

Kylie King ('15), Lytton, IA. Single mom to a 2-year-old boy. Work full time at Pocahontas community hospital in the emergency room as an RN. Finished my BSN June 24th, 2020.

Ty Harris ('15), Shenandoah, IA. I have been married for two years and have lived in Shenandoah since I graduated.

Clare Kiboko ('15), Carroll, IA. I graduated from Iowa State University in 2020 with a Bachelor's degree in Landscape Architecture.

Katelyn (Brincks '15) Wuebker, Carroll, IA. I got married in 2018 and welcomed our first daughter, Adeline, in August 2019.

Teryn Hilgenberg ('16), Winterset, IA. I recently bought a house in Winterset!



Bailey Nichols ('16), Sioux City, IA. I graduated from Briar Cliff University with a degree in Business Administration. I have an internship with the Explorers Minor League baseball team here in Sioux City, IA.

McKenna Quandt ('16), Carroll, IA. I recently graduated from Grand View University with a degree in Graphic Design and Studio Arts. I will be continuing my education at Cranbrook Academy of Art in the fall of 2020 to pursue my masters in fine art with focus in sculpture.

Margaret Kenkel ('17), Carroll, IA. Still attending Creighton University.

Emma Schmitz ('17), Carroll, IA. I will be graduating from Morningside in the spring of 2021 after four years of studying on an academic and athletic scholarship for cheerleading. I will earn a degree in Art Education and endorsements in ESL (English Second Language) and Coaching! Roll Stangs and Go Knights!

Hannah Sibbel ('17), Manning, IA. I will be graduating next year from Morningside College with a double major in Special Education and Elementary Education. I am excited for what the future holds!

Erin Wallace ('17), Omaha, NE. I recently finished my bachelor's degree and am now working at Nebraska Medicine as a CT Technologist.

Ashley Wenck ('17), Templeton, IA. I'm attending school for Emergency Management and Homeland Security.

Austin Lampe ('18), Omaha, NE. Although I was brought back from England due to medical conditions, I have stayed strong in my faith and future and have started at University of Nebraska at Omaha with a double major and three concentrations.

Grace Meyers ('18), Storm Lake, IA. I am working as a Resident Assistant and Research Assistant while majoring in Social Work at Buena Vista University. This summer I am interning with Behavioral Health Services in the South Dakota Department of Social Services.

Taylor Promes ('18), Carroll, IA. Going to college at UNI to get my CPA!

Makenna Simons ('18), Carroll, IA. Loving My job at St. Anthony's Hospital.

Nicole Bauer ('19), Carroll, IA. I am now in my second year as an Iowa State Cheerleader and I love it! I'm so excited to be back in Jack Trice and Hilton! I'm also so excited to go into my sophomore year and continue my major in El Ed!

Travis Feilmeier ('19), Westside, IA. Attending the University of Nebraska at Omaha in their Construction Management program.

Jadie Knobbe ('19), Carroll, IA. I was in Dublin, Ireland for spring 2019 semester.

Amber Miller ('19), Carroll, IA. I really loved my first year at UNI, even with having to move back to Carroll because of Covid-19. I am doing a little more than originally planned and I am now double majoring in Elementary Education and Middle Level Education with a minor in Mathematics. I worked as a hostess for the Panther Scholarship Club, an organization that raises money for athletic scholarships for the students. I was very proud to discover some UNI and Kuemper alums were part of the Panther Scholarship Club. I was able to join many interesting groups on campus such as Paul Bender Program Board, Residence Hall Association, Dance Marathon, and was accepted into the National Residence Hall Honorary board. I was also very excited to accept a position for the 2020-2021 year as an RA for Campbell Hall.

Maci Overmohle ('19), Carroll, IA. I'm a student at Iowa State planning to get my masters in accounting.

Nicole Reiser ('19), Carroll, IA. I am currently attending Iowa State University with my major as Criminal Justice.

Kuemper Alumni Affected by Covid-19

Dr. Marty Kanne '71: *I was co-leading a 14-youth mission trip from our church in March when we were advised by the U.S. Embassy in Guatemala to get to the airport as soon as possible one Monday morning. Unfortunately, the Guatemala government closed the airport and we had to stay in a hotel until finally being allowed to leave on a chartered flight early the next Sunday morning. During the week we were in daily Zoom conferences with both Missouri U.S. senators' offices, our U.S. representative, and the U.S. STEAM Department trying to secure safe passage for us out of the country. How we actually got on the chartered plane out of Vancouver, Canada still remains a mystery. But that's another story.*



Jeff '92 and Lori (Danner '92) Greteman: Jeff and Lori own and operate Windstar Lines in Carroll.

On May 10, 2020 one of their motor coaches headed to Washington DC for the Rolling for Awareness Rally to raise awareness for the devastating losses the industry has faced from Covid-19. Hundreds of motor coaches descended on DC to ask for funding during Covid-19. Unlike the airline industry, the motor coach industry had been forgotten during the crisis.

Many Kuemper families have been hit hard by Covid-19. Many families depend on tuition assistance to help them afford a Catholic Education at Kuemper.

WANT TO HELP?

Donate online at: kuemper.org/covidassistance

Kuemper Catholic High School Seniors - Class of 2020

Where are they going?



Over \$55K in local scholarships awarded	\$245K awarded by post- secondary institutions	48 students will attend a 4 year institution	27 students will attend a 2 year institution	2 students will enter the workforce	1 student has entered a branch of the military	7 students are undecided
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COLLEGE/SCHOOL

- 1 Briar Cliff University, Sioux City, IA
- 1 British Columbia Institute of Technology, Burnaby, BC
- 3 Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, IA
- 1 Concordia University, Seward, NE
- 2 Creighton University, Omaha, NE
- 23 Des Moines Area Community College, Various Locations
- 1 Drake University, Des Moines, IA
- 1 Iowa Central Community College, Ft. Dodge, IA
- 23 Iowa State University, Ames, IA
- 1 Iowa Western Community College, Council Bluffs, IA
- 3 Morningside College, Sioux City, IA
- 2 Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville, MO
- 1 South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD
- 1 Tarrant County College, Ft. Worth, TX
- 2 University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
- 2 University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE
- 5 University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA
- 1 University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD
- 1 Trade School (Undecided)

Chloe Allman, daughter of Chris & Sherri (Tiefenthaler '93) Allman
 Achai Arop, daughter of Alor Arop & Aleg Dengwol
 Mallory Badding, daughter of Ron ('90) & Tasha (Stark '91) Badding
 Olivia Badding, daughter of Brian ('96) & Megan Badding
 Zachary Badding, son of Bill ('90) & Heather Badding
 Megan Bauer, daughter of Mark ('88) & Melanie Bauer
 Michael Behrens-Horbach, son of John ('94) & Stephanie Horbach
 Kyle Berg, son of Rod ('98) & Angie Berg
 Nicholas Billmeier, son of Brian ('84) & Niki Billmeier
 Mitchell Boles, Alan & Susie (Nieland '88) Boles
 Theresa Borkowski, daughter of Ryan Borkowski ('95) and Amanda Lanner
 Alexa Brincks, daughter of Carl ('84) & Kyla Brincks
 Evan Brincks, son of Gary ('74) & Jean (Riesberg '78) Brincks
 Cole Collison, son of Curt ('85) & Kris (Pudenz '87) Collison
 James DeBolt, son of John DeBolt and Joyce (Behrens '86) Dickinson
 Anh "Felix" Duong, host parents Colin and Jessie Johnson
 Payton Ellis, daughter of Travis Ellis and Danette Ellis
 Kyle Feauto, son of Jim & Janet Feauto
 Vanessa Foley, daughter of Kelly ('85) & Brenda (Mescher '94) Foley
 Stone Gehling, son of Mark ('78) & Stacy (Coppock '87) Gehling
 Sydnee Gifford, daughter of Doug ('89) & Tena Gifford
 Alexander Grote, son of Louis ('76) & Cindy Grote
 Blaise Gunnerson, son of Jarod & Cindy (Badding '84) Menke and Steve Gunnerson
 Alexis Hahn, daughter of Michael Muhlbauer '99 and Julie (Hahn '00) Hulsing
 Tempi Hathcock, daughter of Brian & Jen (Irlbeck '91) Hathcock
 Truman Haukap, son of Carter & Lara (Clark '91) Haukap
 Jacob Heitshusen, son of Susan Uhl
 Noah Heuton, son of Paul & Bonnie (Mueggenberg '85) Heuton
 Paige Higby, daughter of Glenn Higby and Jennifer (Rupiper '97) Higby

Peyton Higby, daughter of Glenn Higby and Jennifer (Rupiper '97) Higby
 Jace Hoffman, son of Randall ('83) & Amy Hoffman
 Austin Hulsing, son of Brian ('86) & Tammy (Eischeid '90) Hulsing
 Ethan Irlbeck, son of Glen ('91) & Anne (Pudenz '94) Irlbeck
 Jake Kemper, son of Nicky (Simons '94) & Gary Ludwig ('81) and William Kemper
 Logan Klein, son of Chad & Kim (Rupiper '93) Klein
 Ross Knobbe, son of Russ ('83) & Kim Knobbe
 Tre Knobbe, son of Travis ('00) & Sara (Eischeid '02) Knobbe
 Tailya Kock, daughter of Jeff & Jayme Kock
 Athieng Kong, daughter of Bang & Auwt Kong
 Nathan Kroeger, son of Kevin & Michelle (Gach '95) Kroeger
 Megan Lally, daughter of Robert ('97) & Monica Lally
 Vi Le, host parents Vo and Nhi Nahn
 Madison Leonard, daughter of Jon & Julie (Halbur '87) Leonard
 Carson Ludwig, son of Chris & Christy Ludwig
 Arop Malek, son of Alor Malek & Akoul Ajack
 Lacey Martin, daughter of Chad & Nicole (Chartier '96) Martin
 Gu "Sam" Mausheng, host parents Sean Lin and Dalia Torres
 Jonathon McCarty, son of Mike & Deb McCarty
 Hannah McClue, daughter of Tom & Heather (Heinrichs '93) McClue
 Isaac Meyers, son of Troy Meyers and Carrie (Reicks '89) Meyers
 Mariah Naberhaus, daughter of Dan ('89) & Meggan (Malloy '91) Naberhaus
 Anna Niehaus, daughter of Daniel ('83) & Gail (Badding '83) Niehaus
 Kira Parkis, daughter of Brian ('91) & Crystal Parkis
 Kara Peter, daughter of John Peter ('88) and Stacey Peter
 Samuel Poland, son of Steve Poland and Lori Poland
 Tyler Putney, son of Darin & Brenda Putney
 Chalisa Puwaphat, host parents Mike ('98) and Angie Tomka
 Kurtis Ramsey, son of Rick & Jerilyn (Davis '88) Ramsey

Connor Reicks, son of Paul ('87) & Jennifer Reicks
 Amber Rial, daughter of Timothy & Lisa Rial
 Bethany Schleisman, daughter of Craig ('83) & Kathy (Nelson '83) Schleisman
 Benjamin Schmitz, son of Gary ('89) & Ann (Schettler '93) Schmitz
 Kamryn Schreck, daughter of Ryan ('97) & Michele (Muhlbauer '98) Schreck
 Michael Schreck, son of Keith ('86) & Lori Schreck
 Mitchel Schulte, son of Michael ('92) & Joan (Gehling '94) Schulte
 Samantha Schwarte, daughter of Jason Schwarte and Dawn Baumeister
 Katie Schweers, daughter of Curt ('81) & Lynette Schweers
 Chloe Scott, daughter of Dawn Scott
 Ethan Scott, son of Curtis & Susan (Danner '84) Scott
 Nicole Seidl, daughter of Timothy ('78) & Brenda (Gute '83) Seidl
 Halle Simons, daughter of Tyler ('93) & Sarah (Hudson '95) Simons
 Maddie Simons, daughter of Tom ('90) & Mindie (Feld '90) Simons
 Connor Stoelk, son of Troy ('94) & Stephanie Stoelk
 Meghan Sturm, daughter of Michael ('89) & Jodie (Snyder '89) Sturm
 Abby Swanger, daughter of Quentin and Colleen Swanger
 Joshua Tigges, son of Wayne ('83) & Angie (Venner '84) Tigges
 Camille Uhlenkamp, daughter of Mike & Ginny Uhlenkamp
 Megan Volquartsen, daughter of Scott ('93) & Amy (Cook '94) Volquartsen
 Trinity Vonnahme, daughter of Neil Vonnahme ('99) and Wendy Vonnahme
 Abby Wanninger, daughter of Doug & Sheri (Eich '87) Wanninger
 Brett Wanninger, son of Todd & Jalynn (Schelle '82) Wanninger
 Collin Wiederin, son of Craig ('92) & Lisa (Wendl '95) Wiederin
 Grant Wiederin, son of Scott ('77) & Donna Wiederin
 Maci Wittrock, daughter of Jason ('94) & Mindy (Meiners '94) Wittrock
 Benjamin Zeimen, son of Brian & Kristine Zeimen



The Class of 2020



*Chase your dreams,
but always know
the road that leads
you home again.*

Tim McGraw



Valedictorian Kamryn Schreck, daughter of Ryan ('97) and Michelle (Muhlbauer '98) Schreck

Salutatorian: Kira Parkis, daughter of Brian ('91) and Crystal Parkis

Highest Academic Honors and Awards

Students who achieved a 4.2 grade point average or higher

Alexa Brincks
Peyton Higby
Kira Parkis

Amber Rial
Kamryn Schreck
Halle Simons

Maci Wittrock

Recipients of the Bishop Nickless Award were **Alexa Brincks** and **Joshua Tigges**.

The American Citizenship Award of the Iowa Bar Association was awarded to **Michael Schreck**.



God blessed us with a beautiful day for an outdoor graduation ceremony.

2020 Seniors are Moving Forward



Chloe Scott joined the Iowa Army National Guard in August 2019, and graduated from basic training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma on April 24, 2020. Chloe trained at Fort Sam Houston in Texas for her MOS which is 68W, a combat medic. Due to Covid-19, Chloe wasn't sure how long she would be in Texas, but she plans on attending Iowa State University in the spring of 2021.

I decided to join because of all the family I have had in the service that inspired me! Also because I love my country, of course!

Kuemper affected my life choices in such a huge way. I noticed that I learned selflessness through all of the volunteer projects we did. I was also able to grow in my faith at Kuemper and become stronger in my relationship with

God. That got me through all the self-doubt and hard times that basic training brought upon me. All the teachers at Kuemper helped form me into who I am today.

What I want to say to those females who want to join the armed forces is just to do it. Do it regardless of what others think, say or do. The only person who knows your limitations is yourself. And don't undermine yourself either. If I got through it then anyone can. Work hard and don't ever give up on yourself. Also, don't ever let someone make you think you can't do something just because you're a female. Combat boots come in every size.

Seniors Sign Letters of Intent



Chloe Allman
Cheerleading at Briar Cliff



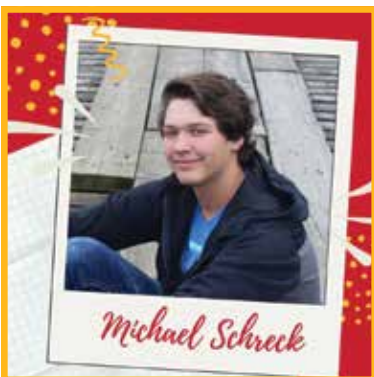
Jacob Heitshusen
Football at Morningside



Anna Niehaus
Volleyball at DMACC



Ben Schmitz
Wrestling at Morningside



Michael Schreck
Tennis at Buena Vista



Katie Schweers
Golf at Western Iowa Community College

High School Updates

Updates in the Main Hallway of KHS



Recently the door to the Kuemper Museum was replaced with this beautiful set of doors that use to grace the main entrance to St. Angela's Academy. A wall wrap, featuring a collage of pictures from KHS, was also added to this corner near the cafeteria. The TV screen to the right of the doors is a touch screen Virtual Yearbook! A lot of information and tons of pictures have already been entered into the Virtual Yearbook program, but it will take a while to enter all of the information and pictures from the past 60 plus years. Volunteers are needed to work on this project. We need people to scan yearbooks, enter information and proof information—not all jobs are on the computer. Volunteers may work remotely on computer related tasks. If interested, call Cindy Lawler at 712-792-2212 or email Cindy at cllawler@kuemper.org.



With the update of the museum corner, the 100 year old statue of St. Michael has been moved to the area just inside the front entrance of the high school. He now sits proudly on a beautiful rock pedestal.



Kuemper Family Mourns

The Kuemper Family expresses its sympathies to the **Mary Ann Kuemper Hisel** family in South Dakota. Mary Ann was one of the oldest living relatives of our schools' namesake, Fr Joseph Kuemper.

She is shown at right with a couple of her family members. Mary Ann helped organize a large family reunion in Carroll a number of years ago, reuniting and bringing together the Kuemper family from as far away as Canada.



Sister Genny Morrissey FSPA, '61, La Crosse, WI. Aug. 2, 2019. Sr. Genny was born in Carroll and became a Franciscan Sister of Perpetual Adoration in 1964. Sr. Genny ministered as an RN at New Hope Village, in Carroll, from 1975 until 1986, being appointed Director of Nursing in 1978. During her time at New Hope Village, Sister Genny was awarded Employee of the Year.



Louis "Lou" Galetich, Madrid, IA. March 9, 2020. Mr. Galetich taught and coached at Kuemper for 24 years from 1956 to 1980. Lou is survived by his daughter Beth Bernardo '77 and her family.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.



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Young Knights in Action!



Pre Covid-19
Learning at school



During Covid-19 the learning
continued at home



Upcoming Reunions and Homecoming Information

PLEASE NOTE: At this time, some Homecoming festivities are still being planned for October 2, 2020.

HOWEVER, Kuemper will continue to follow all CDC, Carroll County Public Health and Diocesan guidelines regarding Covid-19. Therefore, changes could be made at any time to protect everyone's safety.

We have made every effort to gather the most up-to-date information regarding class reunions, but plans are constantly changing because of Covid-19. Please contact your reunion organizer for the most current information about your class reunion. The Kuemper website is only updated when information is received from the organizers so it is not always the most current. Thank you for your understanding.

Class of 1955 – 65 years -- Due to the pandemic, no definite plans have been made at this time.

Class of 1960 – 60 years -- Cancelled for 2020

Class of 1965 – 55 years -- Cancelled for 2020

Class of 1970 – 50 years -- Cancelled for 2020

Class of 1975 – 45 years

The 45th Class reunion is still being planned for the weekend of September 25th and 26th. Reunion organizers are Peggy (Meyer) Weitzl and Julie (Jennings) Greving.

Class of 1980 – 40 years -- Cancelled for 2020

Class of 1985 – 35 years

The 35th Class reunion has been changed to Homecoming weekend. The class plans to have a float in the Friday Homecoming day parade and a reunion on Saturday. More details will be posted on Facebook on the Kuemper Class of 1985-35th Reunion page. Amy (Seidl) Vollstedt, Jeff Lawler, Kim (Collison) Hackett and Mike Masching are the organizers.

Class of 1990 – 30 years

The 30th Class reunion was scheduled for June 5th, 2020.

Class of 1995 – 25 years -- Cancelled for 2020

Class of 2000 – 20 years -- Cancelled for 2020

Class of 2005 – 15 years -- Cancelled for 2020

Class of 2010 – 10 years -- Cancelled for 2020

Class of 2015 – 5 years -- No known plans

Homecoming 2020 Schedule Friday, October 2, 2020

- 11:00 am: Mass at Holy Spirit Church
- 1:00 pm: Coronation and Pep Assembly
- 2:15 pm: Parade
- 3:00 pm: Tours of Kuemper and Fieldhouse
- 7:00 pm: Football game

Due to Covid-19 the luncheon and after game social will not be held this year.



Please take a moment to pray with, and for us during these difficult times.

For all who have contracted coronavirus, we pray for care and healing.

For those who are particularly vulnerable, we pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety, we pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For our brothers and sisters around the world, we pray for shared solidarity.

For Government, Diocese and School officials and decisionmakers, we pray for wisdom and guidance.

Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all.

Grant peace. Grant comfort. Grant healing. Be with us, Lord. Amen.

Deaths In Christ

The Kuemper Family offers prayers and sympathy to these, and all of your families, who have lost loved ones. We would be honored to remember your loved ones in our prayers and Masses. Please feel welcome to notify the Alumni Office at (712) 792-2212 or email Cindy Lawler at clawler@kuemper.org when a loved one passes away.

Janet (Carver SA '48) Knobbe, Waukegan, IL. October 5, 2017. Mother of Jay, Jan, Joe and Jim.

Karen (Hallinan '71) Schilling, Lee's Summit, MO. February 27, 2018. Wife of Richard. Mother of Matthew Parsons, Joseph Parsons, Angela McGowen, James Schilling and Sean Schilling.

Gary Rutten, Statesville, NC. January 12, 2020. Wife, Mary Lou (Siepker '60). Father of Todd, Troy, Brandy Lackey and Tim (dec).

Maxine (Schenkelberg SA '44) Busche, Carroll, IA. January 19, 2020. Mother of Martha Swigart '68, Gary '69, Becky Neubauer '70, Jeff '72, Bob '73, Ben '81, Melissa Schultes '83 and Tami Fairchild '86.

Paul "Frosty" Walkup, Glidden, IA. January 21, 2020. Wife, Jenny (Feldmann '72). Father of Andrea Jo Holding and Jeff.

Louis Greteman, Carroll, IA. January 29, 2020. Wife, Julie. Father of Mike '66, Mary Swanson '68, Jean Farner '69, Jim '72, Margie Wegner '73, Susan Leonard '75, Ann Ledet '77, Patty '80, Nick '88 and Mark (dec).

Jim Boes '70, Adel, IA. January 31, 2020. Wife, Judith "Lynn." Father of Katherine "Annie" Chojnacki, Ross and Nathan.

Bonnie (Reisberg SA '52) Thein, Carroll, IA. February 2, 2020. Mother of Scott '74, Lori Brody '76 and Jill Thein-Nissenbaum '85.

Vernon Weber '64, Carroll, IA. February 4, 2020. Wife, Jean (Ratigan '66). Father of Shelley Haberl '87, Christy Montgomery '89, Ryan '94 and Alison.

Rosie (Hoffman '67) Sturm, Carroll, IA. February 6, 2020. Mother of Jodi Wittry, Carrie Sturm, Heather Bauer, David Stuhr and Scott Stuhr.

Lucia Collison '80, West Des Moines, IA. February 8, 2020. Daughter of David Collison '57 and Diane Wittrock '57.

Lois Grote, Breda, IA. February 12, 2020. Husband, Elmer. Mother of Deb Kult, Dave, Russell, Janet Grote-Knight '84, John (dec.) and Jeff (dec).

Hilaria "Lari" O'Herron, Mesa, AZ. February 13, 2020. Mother of Jane Bierl '71, Terry Settje, Scott, Tom and Kelly Normoyle.

Kay Wernimont, Breda, IA. February 13, 2020. Husband, George. Mother of Rudy '01, Jana '02, Patricia, Georgialena, Bentley, Jaret, Anton, Kate, Brent and Evan.

Jane (Wells '66) Nepple, Carroll, IA. February 18, 2020. Husband, Marvin. Mother of Curt and Julie.

Leonard "Boomer" Kitt, Dedham, IA. February 21, 2020. Wife, Theresa (Liewer '60). Father of Brian '85, Mark '86, David '88, Dan '92, Chris '93, Scott '95 and Tom '96.

Jane (Berger '71) Bruening, Mt. Carmel, IA. February 20, 2020. Husband, Wayne '73. Mother of Ross '01, Ryan and Chelsea '06.

Jack Longnecker, Carroll, IA. February 21, 2020. Father of Dan '70 (dec), Janine Weeks '72, Carol Rupiper '75, Mary Cawley '80 and Ted '87.

Jeannine A. (Jennings '63) Nepple, Muscatine, IA. February 22, 2020. Husband, James '63. Mother of Jeffrey, Scott, Carrie Strause and Andrew.

Mike Willenborg '68, Carroll, IA. February 24, 2020. Wife, Shelley. Father of Chad '95 and Jami Lehman.

Helen (Rothmeyer '58) Reis, Coon Rapids, IA. February 25, 2020. Mother of Kevin, Kraig, Kim, Kelley, Kris, Kalynn Heue and Kari Vondrak.

James "Jim" Derner, Sac City, IA. March 2, 2020. Wife, Mariella (Loew '57). Father of Geri, Greg, Scott, Gina Hulst, Chris and Jill.

James E. Neil '57, Glidden, IA. March 3, 2020. Wife, Judy (Gray '57) dec. Father of Annette Storesund, Janet Steigerwalt, Karen Standly and James Jr. '94.

Cathi Havermann, Cedar Rapids, IA. March 5, 2020. Husband, Craig '92. Mother of Megan and Luke.

Roxanne Green '74, Tucson, AZ. March 7, 2020. Sister of Kelly (Green '79) Glass.

Michael Leiting, Carroll, IA. March 7, 2020. Brother of Marty '69, Marcia '69, Monte '71, Matt '75, Marshal, Maury and Mitch '81.

Raymond Beckman, Carroll, IA. March 8, 2020. Wife, Irene. Father of Mark '73, Lori Elder '76 and Scott '80.

Dr. Richard W. "Dick" Collison, Carroll, IA. March 9, 2020. Wife, Mary Jane. Father of Barb Mosman '68, Cheryl Middendorf '69, Dr. Mark '72, Deb '73, Joan '76, Richard '77, Nancy Cattaneo '82, Alan '84 and Tracy '85. Step-children: Bill Neppi '69, Pat Shields '71, Gayle Smith '75 and Brian Neppi '80.

Karen Behrens, Lytton, IA. March 13, 2020. Husband, Marty Behrens '83. Mother of Nicole and Christine.

Kay (Holder '55) Ramaekers, Jefferson, IA. March 17, 2020. Husband, Walter. Mother of Laura Knosp, Joseph and Rob.

Neal Bruening, Carroll, IA. March 20, 2020. Brother of Wayne Bruening '73.

Robert Broich, Carroll, IA. March 24, 2020. Father of Marcia Hanson, Mary Lou Collins, Mark Broich, Marlys Yawarsky, Marty Broich, Marita Grebl and Mike Broich.

Dorothy (Heithoff) Lechtenberg, Carroll, IA. March 24, 2020. Dorothy attended St. Angela Academy.

Joyce (Drees '76) Mohr, Lake View, IA. March 25, 2020. Husband, Robert. Mother of Nathan and Beth.

Doris Jean (Weitl '64) Hirman, Casa Grande, AZ and Elk River, MN. March 20, 2020. Husband, Bernie. Mother of Peder Opsahl, Chris Opsahl, Scott Opsahl, Eric Opsahl, and Jeremy Opsahl.

Delores Wiehn, Carroll, IA. March 30, 2020. Husband, Daniel. Mother of Doris Knute '71, Dale and Donna Kelley '79.

Irene Beckman, Carroll, IA. April 3, 2020. Mother of Mark '73, Lori Elder '76 and Scott '80.

Richard B. Wright, Carroll, IA. April 5, 2020. Wife, Joyce (Potthoff '57). Father of Scott '81, Julie Helgerson '82, and Rhonda Worley '87.

Ronald Pietig '60, Carroll, IA. April 11, 2020. Father of Tim '88, Jeff '89 and Scott '92.

Larry Schenkelberg, Carroll, IA. April 10, 2020. Larry was a faithful Kuemper supporter.

Edward "Ed" Lawler '64, Carroll, IA. April 13, 2020. Wife, Kathleen (Malloy '67). Father of Tim '89, Mark '95, Jackie Stoffel '98 and Ann Eifler '04. Brother of Jim '63, Mary Jones '67, Tom '71, Dorothy Olerich '74, Kevin '80, Kristy Poland '81 and Jeff '85.

Paul Pawletzki '59, Carroll, IA. April 17, 2020. Wife, Jean. Father of Bill '85, Sheila Higgins '88, Steve '91 and Bev Wolterman '94.

Debbie Greteman, Carroll, IA. April 18, 2020. Husband, David '76. Mother of Kasey '00, Jonathan '03 and Joel '08.

Loren Roiger, West Des Moines, IA. April 25, 2020. Wife, JoAnn. Father of Beth Galvez '77, Becky Anderson '79. Rachel Monfardini '80, Jane McFalls '81 and Neysa Schettler '83.

Rose Ocken, Carroll, IA. April 27, 2020. Mother of Diane Vonnahme '72, Marilyn Schaefer '74 and Jolene Riesselman '81.

Deacon William Schroeder, Johnston, IA. April 27, 2020. Wife, Janis (Hannasch '57). Father of Dawn Denn, Nici Davis, Tony, Lucia Riesberg, Bill and Lori Fericks.

Marjorie "Marge" (Hinners '43) Hacker, Halbur, IA. April 30, 2020. Husband, Raymond. Mother of Patrick '67, Ronald '68, Donna Noring '70, Sheri Leiting '72 and Peggy Rodenborn '77.

Randy Eischeid '73, Carroll, IA. May 1, 2020. Father of Danielle Moore, Adam and Alex.

Mary Lou (Madigan SA '54) Julich, Carroll, IA. May 3, 2020. Husband, Maurice. Mother of Diane Bealka '75, Mark '75, Lori Lawler '78, Kris Leiting, Kevin and Richard (dec).

Donna McGrane, Carroll, IA. May 8, 2020. Mother of Steve '68, Julie Williams '72, Lori Seidl '72 and Cindy '73.

Paul Mescher '57, Carroll, IA. May 16, 2020. Wife, Ruth (Schettler '59). Father of Michele Worden '83, Lisa Schlueter

'86, David '87, Amy Price '89, Pat '90, Jody Geest '92, Brenda Foley '94, Kelly Collins '96 and Nick '97.

Janet Dethlefsen, Breda, IA. May 22, 2020. Mother of Debbie Renze, Diane Vonnahme, Mark and Jackie '81.

Tallon Beiter '18, Carroll, IA. May 23, 2020. Parents, Johnny and Sara (Reisberg '95) Beiter, and siblings Tregan and Addy who are students at Kuemper.

Therese "Tess" O'Leary, Carroll, IA. May 23, 2020. Mother of Ann Grossman '72, Nora '74, Mark '75, Matthew (Dec), Jean '76, Mary Lawler '79, Patrick and Frances '86.

Cecilia (Langel SA '42) Boes, Carroll, IA. May 24, 2020. Mother of Robert '69, Margaret Melia '74 and Mary Dunbar '79.

Susan "Sue" (Murphy '62) Feilmeier, Carroll, Iowa. May 24, 2020. Mother of Mark '85, Joel "J.D." '88 and Erin '06.

Ralph A. Kanne, Boone, IA. June 5, 2020. Wife, Janice (Wittry '55). Father of Roxanne Kanne-Roush, Jayne Welch and Michael.

James Baumhover, Mt. Carmel, IA. June 8, 2020. Wife, Marie. Father of Mary Jo Bayless '76, Patrick '77, Dale '80, Dave '82, Eileen Philbin '85, Kevin '86 and Allen '78 (dec).

Elmer Grote, Breda, IA. June 8, 2020. Father of Deb Kult, Dave, Russell, Janet Grote-Knight '84 and John (dec.) and Jeff '89 (dec).

Lucinda (Reinart SA '35) Ocken, Tamarac, FL. June 8, 2020. Mother of Jerry, Diane Wilberding, Elaine Haubrich, Sandy Goodwin and Kate (dec).

Maxine Haubrich, Carroll, IA. June 11, 2020. Mother of Greg '76, Anne Galbraith '85 and Amy '89.

Clare Greteman, Carroll, IA. June 20, 2020. Mother of Jan '73, Joe '75, David '76, Katie Hogan '77, Matt '79, Amy Fitzgerald '80, Dan '82, Tim '84, Chuck '87 Aaron '94 and Victor (dec).

Eugene Kitt, Dedham, IA. June 21, 2020. Wife, Carol (Bedford '64). Father of Jean Hidlebaugh '90, Jerry '93, Julie Jubell and Jon.

Bernice Irlmeier, Templeton, IA. June 28, 2020. Mother of Gary (dec.), Randy '68, Beverly Sporrer '73, Gloria Anthony '76 and Rhonda Schwaller '79.

Bernice Bluml, Carroll, IA. June 29, 2020. Mother of Mark '73, Mary Lampe '76, Jeff '78, and Joel '88.

Debbie (Dailey '71) Jekel, Carroll, IA. July 5, 2020. Mother of Jaime Thomas Schulte.

Pat (Houlihan '58) Drees, Carroll, IA. July 7, 2020. Husband, Howard. Mother of Michelle Satterlee '78, Judy Schreck '79, Connie Hoffman '80, Karen Kasperbauer '82, Howie '83, Holley '83 and Jerry (dec.).

Robert "Bob" Schettler, formerly of Breda, IA. July 14, 2020. Father of Megan Schug '03, Lydia '07, Julia and Evan '17.

Joleen (Hinners '57) Heinrichs, Carroll, IA. July 16, 2020. Mother of Lori Burns '83, Doug '86, Kris '89, Kurt '95, Beth Johns '98 and Rachel Heinrichs '99.

Carol (Heithoff) Meiners, Dedham, IA. July 16, 2020. Husband Harold. Mother of Lisa '83, Gary '85, Brenda Golwitzer '86, Kim Campbell '88, Deb Russell '91, Mike '94, Tim '96, Tami Larson '96 and Chris '02

Pamela (Gross '86) Anthofer, Glidden, IA. July 17, 2020. Husband, Chris. Mother of Brianna.

Bernita Broich, Carroll, IA. July 22, 2020. Husband, Clayton. Mother of Stan '74, Sheryl Nass '76, Jean '78, Lori Alley '81, Allen '83 and Tom '86.

Leo "Pete" Berning, Carroll, IA. July 26, 2020. Wife, Mary Jo. Father of Beth Forkenbrock '77, John '81 (dec.), Jim '84, Sara Heinrichs '90 and Jeff '95.

Elizabeth "Betty" (Willeke) Schmitz (SA '51), Carroll, IA. July 26, 2020. Mother of Patricia ('75 Dec.) Jean Haviland '77, Cathy Olson '78, Maureen '79, Mary Kay Minner '80, Tom '82 and Connie.

Ruth (Stork '68) Lappe, Auburn, IA. July 31, 2020. Wife of Fred Lappe. Mother of Jeff, Brian and Cory.

Travis Ellis, Carroll, IA. July 29, 2020. Father of Levi, Aspen, Payton '20 and Tori, 9th grade.

Teacher Salary Enhancement Fund

The **Teacher Salary Enhancement Fund (TSEF)** was established through the Kuemper Foundation in 2001 to help narrow the salary gap between Kuemper and public schools. These funds are used to help enhance the salaries of Kuemper's dedicated teachers, such as Bill Kane and Winnie Geelan-Potthoff, with over 44 years of experience each at Kuemper. Both Winnie and Bill retired at the end of the 2019-20 school year. With your contribution, you can help say **Thank You** to Kuemper's teachers and also help with **recruitment and retention of quality faculty**.

The TSEF has surpassed the \$1,000,000 milestone. Since 2010, over \$417,800 has been distributed in support of our dedicated teachers.



Winnie Geelan-Potthoff (*top*) and Bill Kane (*bottom*) share a laugh with John Strautman following the dedication of the James J. Strautman Center for Academic Advancement. John Strautman honored his Dad, who was also a dedicated teacher at Kuemper for over 33 years.

You can help grow the Teacher Salary Enhancement Fund by designating your gift to the annual Phon-a-thon for the TSEF on the enclosed envelope.

Please designate my gift for:

Father Kuemper Society
(Student Tuition Fund)

Teacher Salary Fund

Your most critical needs

Other (write in below)



Eternal Knights are those visionary friends who have made the ultimate expression of their faith in Catholic Education by

remembering Kuemper in their estate plans.

You can become an **Eternal Knight** by making a gift to Kuemper that costs nothing during your lifetime. Plan and invest in the future today.

We thank everyone who has notified us of gifts they are making through their wills or other estate plans to continue Kuemper's mission, traditions and core values for the future. If you have included a gift for Kuemper in your plans but are not a member of this growing group of **Eternal Knights**, we invite you to let us know by calling Sharon Olerich at (712) 794-1877 or emailing srolerich@kuemper.org

God bless our newest **Eternal Knights** – Ken & Vicki Behrens and Irma Reicks.

Join the list of **Eternal Knights**

Contact Sharon Olerich at (712) 794-1877 or email: srolerich@kuemper.org for information.

Msgr. Lafferty Tuition TAX CREDIT



Would you like to receive a 65% State Tax Credit, while also helping a child receive a quality Kuemper Catholic education?

Donors receive a 65% tax credit.

It's a win-win for you and our Kuemper students.

Contact your tax advisor or Sharon Olerich at (712) 794-1877 or srolerich@kuemper.org

First Come – First Serve * Tax Credits Are Limited

Charitable Giving - 2020 CARES Act



I pray that you and your family are staying healthy and safe. These are extremely unusual times and you may be going through hardships. It often feels like we are living in a time of contrasts - there are so many things that make us uneasy and create doubt, and yet we hear so many positive stories of people rising to this challenge with kindness, support, and care for one another.

Thank you for continuing your support of the Kuemper Family as we stay united and pray for each other together. The new CARES Act has many great advantages for donors in supporting their charitable giving to Kuemper and their parishes.

- The new law **allows all taxpayers to take a charitable deduction of up to \$300, even if you do not itemize.** You might think that this is a small amount and would not make a difference. But what if all of our donors gave "just" \$300? Such support would have a huge impact on those we serve.
- The new law **temporarily suspends the requirements for required minimum distributions (RMD)** for the 2020 tax year. This probably comes as a relief to many people who would have had to withdraw a greater percentage of their retirement accounts. Many donors use their RMD to make a gift from their IRA. If a donor is 70½ or older, they can still make a gift from their IRA to Kuemper or your parish.
- For those who do itemize their deductions, the new law **allows for cash contributions to qualified charities to be deducted up to 100%** of a person's adjusted gross income for the 2020 calendar year.

Please talk to your tax advisor first for professional advice.

Sharon Olerich

Kuemper Foundation Director



If you have received multiple issues of this KnightLetter please contact the Alumni Office to update addresses.

PHONES WILL BE RINGING IN OCTOBER FOR THE 2020 PHON-A-THON!!

HELP US HIT THAT \$200,000 MARK AGAIN THIS YEAR!

Show your appreciation for what Kuemper has done for you over the years and for what Kuemper can do for future generations of Kuemper Knights.



When you donate to the Annual Alumni Phon-a-Thon, you join thousands of alumni and friends throughout the world in helping today's students receive a quality, Christ-centered education all while continuing a tradition of excellence at Kuemper. **YOU** can make a difference! Any size gift is always greatly appreciated by the entire Kuemper Family.



TO DONATE:

An envelope is provided for you inside this KnightLetter or you may donate online at <https://kuemper.org/phonathon> or via Venmo @Kuemper 