

# KNIGHT LETTER

*Kuemper Catholic School System's mission is to provide excellent Catholic education of mind, body, and soul to empower all students to achieve to the best of their abilities in fulfillment of God's call.*

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## A Note from the President's Desk



### A LIVING KUEMPER MT. RUSHMORE AND A WORLD CHAMPION'S VOCATION

Back on June 17 of this year, I had the honor of hosting five Kuemper giants at our new Fieldhouse. These five giants grace our KnightLetter cover; they are all true professionals. Facebook comments on this photo called them "The brain trust" and "The Real Fab 5" of Kuemper and, "They helped make Kuemper what it is today." One post asked "When is Mr. Windschitl going to get older?" At the end of that day, my friend Msgr. Donahoe stated, "It made me happy to see so many Kuemper graduates doing so much positive work for their school." I know thousands of fellow alumni join me in thanking these men for their dedication and service to Kuemper for so many years.

This past June we had a blast sharing our Kuemper state basketball champ, and now world champ head coach, Nick Nurse '85, with the entire country of Canada and the rest of the basketball world. My mom and dad even stayed

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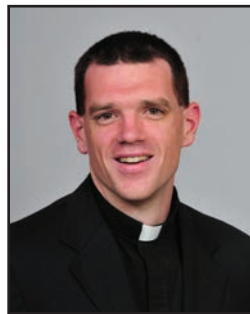
- Nick Nurse '85

up late watching those west coast games. They witnessed Nick's Toronto Raptors beat the Golden State Warriors in the NBA professional basketball world finals. Nick's humble beginnings started in the driveway of his Elm Street home in Carroll, then onto the Holy Spirit grade school gym and of course the Kuemper gym. Nick's coaching journey spanned the globe with thirteen different teams along the way.

Matching Kuemper's very own mission statement, Nick commented on his vocation and stated, "all those jobs meant the world to me at the time. I didn't really care at the level I was coaching at -- you can't do very good work if you don't love what you're doing while using your abilities to the best way God intended." Thanks for being a true Kuemper Knight Nick, and congratulations on your world championship!

**John Steffes '82** | Kuemper President

## Introducing Fr. Patrick Behm Kuemper's new Priest Chaplain



Greetings! My name is Fr. Patrick Behm, and I am the new chaplain at Kuemper Catholic Schools. I'd like to first thank my predecessor and friend, Fr. Brian Feller for all that he's done here at Kuemper. I look forward to continuing his good work. I was born in Fort Dodge, but I consider Storm Lake home. I graduated from Storm Lake, St. Mary's in the year 2000, and from the University of St. Thomas in 2006.

I did my seminary studies at St. John Vianney in St. Paul, MN, and at St. John Vianney in Denver, CO. I was ordained a priest in 2012, and I have previously served at the Cathedral of the Epiphany and Bishop Heelan High School in Sioux City, All Saints Parish in LeMars, St. Patrick's in Akron, and Gehlen High School in LeMars, and Holy Trinity Parish in Webster County and St. Edmond's High School in Fort Dodge. Some of my interests are alpine skiing, golf, and Pittsburgh Pirates baseball. I look forward to sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with you!

**Fr. Patrick Behm** | Kuemper Priest Chaplain

**COVER:** Gracing the cover of this fall's KnightLetter are Msgr. Thomas Donahoe, Mr. Jim Strautman, Mr. Cleve Windschitl, Mr. Don Templemeyer and Mr. Dan Balk. Msgr. Donahoe served from 1954-1975, Mr. Strautman from 1956-1987, Mr. Windschitl from 1962-1999, Mr. Templemeyer from 1970-1989 and Mr. Balk from 1960-2002. These men dedicated a total of 150 years to Kuemper! What a testament to their dedication to Kuemper's mission.

## Longtime Faculty Retire

### High School



**Mr. Denis Bormann**  
Social Studies  
40 years



**Mr. John Kitch**  
Math  
40 years



**Nancy Peterman**  
Technology Support  
& High School  
Business Teacher  
20 years

### Elementary School



**Mary Ann Brincks**  
Grade 5  
36 years



**Mary Jane Eischeid**  
Grade 4  
44 years



**Julie Willenborg**  
Grade 4  
41 years

# “Escape the Knight” Raises \$554,667

The Friends of Kuemper Ball celebrated 35 years of support from students, parents, alumni, friends, faculty, staff and area businesses. The ball grossed over \$550,000 which will be used to continue and improve the tradition of high-quality Catholic education in the Carroll area.

One of the highlights of the evening was the live auction. In addition to parking spots and stadium seats, two new items were auctioned off. Sam Brincks ('14) donated a football signed by Sam and several of his Iowa Hawkeye teammates who have gone onto play in the NFL.

Nick Nurse ('85), NBA head coach of the World Champion Toronto Raptors donated a Raptors package for the auction. The package included travel, lodging, premium seats at a Raptors game as well as personalized jerseys. Fans of both teams enjoyed lively auction banter for these two items. Kuemper alum, Brad Stork ('94), purchased the football and 1980 grad Rick Kanne purchased the Toronto Raptors package. Thank you to Sam, Nick, Brad and Rick, and all who participated in the Live Auction.

## Friends of Kuemper Ball Founders



Betty (Schreck '59) and Mark Schwery  
Bev (Pietig '59) and Roger “Chico” Kanne ('59)



Thank you to all who helped make this year's Ball another great success! We want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who worked behind the scenes to contact alumni and friends, attend and contribute to various fundraisers, those who helped with set-up, decorating and tear down and everyone who supports the Kuemper family. You are all truly appreciated!

*Rich & Tonya Ortner and Josh & Valerie Riesberg*

## Friends of Kuemper Ball 2020

### SAVE THE DATE:

### Saturday, May 2, 2020



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# Alumni News & Quotes



Nick Nurse with the NBA Championship trophy. At right, Nick presents a 1985 Kuemper coach's blazer to his former high school basketball coach, Wayne Chandlee.



Classmates take a moment to get a picture with Nick at a celebration hosted by Gary and Sue ('85) Kirke at Wild Rose Casino in Jefferson, Iowa.

## 1950's

**Art Juergens '59**, Fairmont, MN. My wife Linda and I have lived in Fairmont, MN for over 50 years. We are going to celebrate our 58th Anniversary on June 3rd, 2019. For the past 16 years we have wintered in Fort Walton Beach, Florida. We have four grandsons (all meaner than you know what), three great-grandsons and a fourth little great-granddaughter who died on March 3rd. We are a very close-knit family and spend lots of time together as a family. We are traveling to Manning, Iowa the end of the month to celebrate my wife's mother's 100th birthday. I have a lot of fond memories of Kuemper and some of the things that we did and got away with. Don't want to get anyone in trouble but a few of my cronies...Bob Mosman, Kitt, Bliss, Chico and more. Good times by all. Even after 60 years I can still remember Bob Mosman and I went into the Navy together under the Buddy Program and got separated in boot camp after Bob's mother passed away. That was the year 1959. Sorry, won't make the 60th. Weddings and more...

## 1960's

**Pat (Siepker) Hill, '67**, Carroll, IA. Retired and staying busy volunteering. I am a part of the hospital auxiliary serving as co-chair with Mary Macke. I also work as a buyer in the gift

department, work a shift in the coffee shop and volunteer at Kuemper in the Optional Kindergarten program. All are very rewarding. If you're not volunteering, think about it. You get back much more than you give.

## 1980's

**Michelle (Schroeder) Schuette '85**, Arcadia, IA. I have been married for 19 years to my husband Ross. We have three daughters; Kendra 7th grade and twins Cara and Anna 4th grade. All attend Kuemper. Ross farms and does electrical and plumbing on the side. I do in-home daycare.

**Tammy (Schroeder) Blum '85**, Arcadia, IA. I have four great kids. My oldest daughter, Ashley, is married to Michael Wilson and has two little girls. My second daughter, Kelsey, lives in Ottawa and is a special ed teacher. Kelsey was married in June 2019. MiKayla, my third daughter is studying to be a nurse in Ft. Dodge at Iowa Central Community College. Jacob is in 11th grade at Kuemper.

**JoDee "Joette" Heisterkamp, '88**, Nashville, TN. I hope all are doing well at Kuemper, I do follow you on Facebook. I am in the Nashville area and I can certainly be a tour guide if you come down south!

# Alumni News & Quotes

## 1990's



**Keith Wendl ('90)** returned to Carroll in April 2019 to be part of the audience for Kuemper's production of *The King and I*. In 1990 Wendl starred in the very same production as The King. Wendl shared his

experiences with the cast and crew, especially how much his mom, Marie Wendl, played a part in his theatrical success at Kuemper. Marie made Keith's costumes and helped him practice his lines. Pictured at right is Wendl with the 2019 cast and a framed costume his mother made for the 1990 production.

**Rachel Stoolman Ali '97**, Carroll, IA. "Living my best life!"

## 2000's

**Anna (Klocke) Skibba, '07**, Sioux Falls, SD. My husband Nick and I are expecting baby #3 in June 2019. I'm also starting a new position as a physician assistant in infectious disease at the Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, SD.



**Chelsey Sapp Goetzinger '09** has been named Director of the *KuemperCares* program. After graduating from Kuemper, Chelsey attended Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids, IA. where

she earned her AA degree in Early Childhood Education. Chelsey is happy to be back at Kuemper where she can work alongside her mother, **Mrs. Connie Wieland Sapp ('80)** a longtime second grade teacher. Chelsey is married to Nick Goetzinger and they have a two-and-a-half-year-old son, Skyler. *KuemperCares* offers three programs in one: After school, the Wraparound Program for half-day preschoolers and the Summer program. Welcome home Chelsey!



Above: St. Angela's Academy students/graduates participated in the May Crowning of Mary. May Crowning is a tradition that started with the young women of St. Angela's Academy which was an all girls' school from 2009-1954. In 1954 it was converted to Kuemper, a co-ed High School. Kuemper Catholic Schools now encompass pre-kindergarten thru grade twelve.

## 2010's

**Megan Tiefenthaler, '12**, Scottsdale, AZ. I just finished my second year as a teacher in Phoenix, AZ and I am looking forward to another school year!

**Michael Lawler, '13**, Ames, IA. I currently work at Dublin Bay Irish Pub in Ames as a head line cook and cater manager. I graduated from the Iowa Culinary Institute with a dual degree in Culinary Arts and Hotel & Restaurant Management. I plan to move to St. Paul, MN in the summer of 2019 to work as a Chef in a high-end restaurant. In May 2018 I was awarded the Marge Anderson Scholarship for aspiring chefs. As a part of the scholarship I received a month long, all expenses paid trip to France. The trip included a two-week food and wine tour in southern France and a two-week internship with a Master French Chef in his home restaurant. I enjoyed it immensely.

**Nic Steffes, '14**, New York, NY. I graduated from the University of Iowa in 2018 and moved to New York City where I work as a stage manager and production assistant for theatre. Recently, I worked on the Tony-nominated Broadway play, "NETWORK", starring Bryan Cranston.

**Kendra Peter, '16**, Carroll, IA. Because of Kuemper's great high school and dual credit system with DMACC, Briar Cliff and St. Louis University, I graduated with my associate degree in nursing in May 2019 at the age of 20! Kendra Peter, RN here I come!

**Grant Halbur, '18**, Waterloo, IA. I acquired an officer position for the Department of Public Safety at Hawkeye Community College during the fall 2018 semester. After I complete my BS through UNI, I will apply at the Carroll Police Department or the Carroll County Sheriff's Office. I would love to come back home and serve my community.

## St. Angela's Academy

### REUNION NEWS:

The SAA '49ers will celebrate their 70th class reunion on Friday, September 6, 2019 at 11:30 am at Pizza Ranch in Carroll. If you are unable to join us, a message to share with the group would be appreciated. Anita Tegels 712-792-4809 or Velma Tigges 712-792-3989.

# High School Activity Highlights



**The Kuemper Marching Band** led by Mrs. Kate Tomaszewicz, participated in the Annual Carroll Memorial Day Parade, as well as several area Memorial Day services.



**Senior Art Project:** Senior girls Olivia Klein, Nicole Bauer, Andrea Gehling, Lauren Macke, Kiersten Seufert and Rachel Steinkamp work on a mural in the north east stairwell. Mrs. Jodi Steinbach is the high school Art Teacher.



**The World Food Prize:** Five high school students attended the World Food Prize Iowa Youth Institute at ISU in Ames. Students had the opportunity to do hands on learning in STEM fields: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Those participating were: Mr. Jeff Hughes, Mrs. Marth Stout, Alexa Brincks, **Angela Schulte ('19)**, Kira Parkis, **Anna Langel ('19)**, **Brooke Janssen ('19)**, Lakshmi Bharathi (Carroll High School exchange student from India) and her exchange student coordinator.



**The King and I:** Students transported back to 1860's Siam are Angela Schulte as Tuptim, Max Meyers as King Monkut, Caden Pedelty as The Kralahome and Peyton Schenkelberg as Anna. The musical was directed by Mr. Tim Tracy.



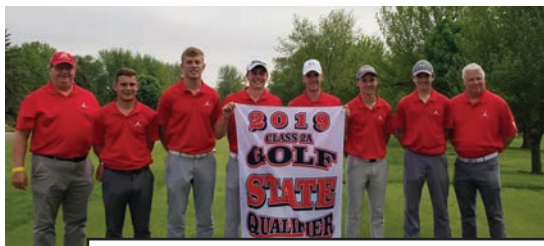
**Individual Speech:** Coached by **Mrs. Deb (Burg '76) Gute**, students **Sami Hays ('19)**, Max Meyers and Britnee Irlbeck were chosen to perform at All State Festival. Sami performed for the second year in a row in Original Oratory, Max performed in Musical Theater and Britnee performed in Acting.



**Robotics:** High school and middle school students came together for a fun filled day of building robots and coding using Lego Mindstorm. Students were given time to build, tweak and code their robots to compete in various competitions. Above: Two Sumo Bots are competing to see who can push the other one out of the circle. Pictured above: Lynette Schweers, middle school math and STEM/Tech Teacher; Logan Klein, Michael Schreck (back), Conor Greteman, Kendra Schuette, Ashlyn Lally and Nancy Peterman, Tech Support and high school Business teacher.

# High School Activities

## State Qualifiers



### Boys Golf places third at State!

Asst. Coach Leon Muhlbauer, Ethan Pietig, Cole Collison, **Corbin Borelli ('19)**, **Dawson McDermott ('19)**, Jack Tiefenthaler and Will Schenkelberg and Head Coach **Brian Billmeier ('84)**. The Knights concluded their season at the state tournament with a score of 309; just 5 shots out of first and 1 shot out of second.



### State Tennis Qualifiers

Samantha Schwarte, Coach Jason Schwarte, **Isabel Schwabe ('19)** and **Abby Boes ('19)**.



### Four qualify for State Track Meet

Kyle Berg qualified in the long jump, Michael Pottebaum in the 1600m, **Hannah Irlbeck ('19)** in the 100 hurdles, and Mallory Badding in the long jump & 200m.

### Katie Schweers placed 20th at Girls State Golf



### Soccer Record Falls!

**Blake Baumhover ('19)** broke the school record in career goals, a record held since 1999 by **Joe Feldmann ('99)**. Baumhover scored his 31st career goal at a game in May.

## Seniors Sign Letters of Intent



**Sami Hays ('19)** will be one of two drum majors leading the Buena Vista (BV) University Marching Band. Sami is the daughter of Jared and **Donna (Vonnahme '95) Hays**.



**Nicole Bauer ('19)** will be a member of the Iowa State University's Co-ed Cheer Squad. Nicole is the daughter of **Dave ('83)** and **Lori (Riesberg '82) Bauer**.



**Aimee Adams ('19)** will play volleyball at the University of South Dakota. Aimee's parents are Cheri and Bob Adams.



**Isabel Schwabe ('19)** signed to play tennis at Loras College in Dubuque. Isabel's parents are Pam and **Bill Schwabe ('92)**.

**Alex Heiman ('19)** has signed to play football at Truman State University in Kirksville, MO. Alex is the son of **Alan ('77)** and **Jill (Tausch '81) Heiman**.



# McCartys lead trip to Honduras

## Mission Honduras: *Send Me Out*

In April 2019, Mr. Mike McCarty, middle school Theology teacher and K-8 Campus Minister, and his wife Deb McCarty, K-5 Character Education teacher, led a group of Kuemper students and chaperones on a Mission Trip to Honduras. “Organizing a mission trip is a mission in itself, but it is also rewarding,” stated the McCarty’s. “It takes a lot of planning, coordinating and patience when dealing with high school students with busy schedules, adult chaperones with work and family commitments and our contacts in Honduras.”

Along with the McCarty’s the group of missionaries included Co-coordinators, Dave and Janet Klein; Spiritual Director, Fr. Brian Feller; Mission nurse, Sara Albrecht; 25 Kuemper juniors and seniors and 8 adult chaperones. All missionaries sold raffle tickets to raise money to pay for the land, cement pads and supplies to build two houses in Honduras. Each missionary also raised money on their own time to pay for their own travel expenses.

Preparations for the trip began a year in advance. Before arriving in Honduras plots were purchased for the building of two homes. The plots were leveled, and the cement was poured ahead of time so that when the group arrived, they could begin building the homes right away. Not only did the group build two homes, but they provided groceries, hygiene products, hammock chairs and camping chairs for both homes; paid to have both homes wired and hooked up to electricity; paid for one year’s worth of electricity for both homes; built a ramp for one home and bought a new wheelchair for one of the boys who now lives in one of the new homes; built 25 sets of bunk beds, built five picnic tables for the school, provided supplies for and taught a sewing class how to make t-shirt bags and so much more. For a full list of what the missionaries completed on this trip please go to: <https://sites.google.com/kuemper.org/missionhonduras/home> and click on *Send Me Out 2019*.

“The hard work that goes into the trip pays off when we see it unfold. We watch as nervousness turns into excitement. We witness and feel a range of emotion from joy to sadness. As chaperones we get to witness first-hand the transformation of our students. Seeing them interact with the people of Honduras was inspiring. We see them serving as Christ would serve. They love and give without any expectation of getting anything in return. It is truly beautiful to witness.”

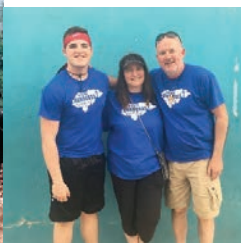
Every night the students and chaperones would meet and discuss their day. “Some things we heard several kids say is that they need to carry their love and acceptance for all God’s children home with them. They were quick to accept and love all Honduran people yet recognized that they do not always do the same at home. Some recognized that they could be more productive in their free time—could be helping and volunteering more. Lastly, they learned that there is joy in simplicity. True happiness does not come from possessions, it comes from giving and loving everyone you meet.”

The McCartys added, “This trip runs so smoothly because of the many people we rely on for help: Dave and Janet Klein, Frank Sievert and Julio, Carols and Marta Sosa.”

**Among the group were two mother/daughter duos, two father/son duos, one brother/sister duo plus the family threesome of Mike and Deb McCarty and their son Jon.**



Deb and Mike “Mr. Mac” McCarty



Wayne ('83) and Josh Tigges ('20), Maddie ('20) and Mindie ('90) Feld Simons, Jon ('20), Deb and Mike McCarty, Colin ('10) and Ambrea Schreck ('19), Joe ('91) and Kyle ('19) Danner and Brooklyn ('19) and Michon Bakke.



# Young Knights in Action!



Fifth Graders Reis Garringer, Aliya Stork, Kaden Weitl and Dylan Bryant participated in Junior Achievement's "BizTown" simulator in Des Moines. This program combines several weeks of in-class learning with a day-long visit to the mini pretend town with real world lessons.



Siblings Malea & Carter Brincks enjoy time with their grandparents, Larry ('62) and Judy (Mayer '66) Feld and JoAnn Brincks.



Above left: Jim ('66) and Julie Rohe enjoy lunch with granddaughters Ella and Taylor Heithoff. Right: Harper Hempstead enjoys time with her grandparents, Darrell ('79) and Kerry (Ulveling '80) Henkenius.



## PEN PALS MEET

Throughout the year Third Graders exchanged several letters with members of the Carroll Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). Students and seniors met during a special activity at Holy Spirit Center. Top left: Lauren Gehling, Cooper Greteman, Carter Boell and Timothy Meyers with Arlene Meier, Iola Muhlbauer, Phil Renze & Bob Dirx. Center: Anne Seidl & Eileen Paulsen. Right: Collin Sporrer & Paul Venner.



Middle Schoolers Lily Ortner, Akeer Mathaj, Lily Diehl, Keziah Janssen and Vivian Meyers perform in the play, "Camp Scream" written and directed by Elissa Sexé, Preschool-8th grade school counselor.



Sister Mary Michael, a member of the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia in Nashville, spent time with some of the younger students. Sr. Mary Michael visited Kuemper to work with teachers on how to implement the Virtues in Practice program for the 2019-2020 school year.



Preschoolers enjoyed play time with a high school PE class on a rainy day. Preschoolers and high schoolers alike enjoyed their time together.



# CLASS OF 2019

## Where are they going?



### COLLEGE/SCHOOL

- 1 Augustana College, Rock Island, IL
- 1 Benedictine College, Atchison, KS
- 1 Buena Vista University, Sorm Lake, IA
- 3 Creighton University, Omaha, NE
- 10 Des Moines Area Community College (various locations)
- 1 Drake University, Des Moines, IA
- 5 Iowa Lakes Community College, Emmetsburg, IA
- 19 Iowa State University, Ames, IA
- 1 Iowa Western Community College, Council Bluffs, IA
- 4 Kirkwood Community College, Cedar Rapids, IA
- 1 Loras College, Dubuque, IA
- 1 Mercy College of Health Sciences, Des Moines, IA
- 1 Military
- 1 Morningside College, Sioux City, IA
- 1 Mount Mercy University, Cedar Rapids, IA
- 3 Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville, MO
- 1 PCI Academy, Ames, IA
- 1 Regis University, Denver, CO
- 1 Simpson College, Indianola, IA
- 1 Truman State University, Kirksville, MO
- 5 University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
- 1 University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS
- 2 University of Mary, Bismark, ND
- 1 University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE
- 7 University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA
- 1 University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD
- 1 Workforce

Over  
**\$45K**  
in local  
scholarships  
awarded

**\$395K**  
awarded  
by post-  
secondary  
institutions

**53**  
students  
will attend  
a 4 year  
institution

**20**  
students  
will attend  
a 2 year  
institution

**1**  
student  
will enter  
the  
workforce

**1**  
student  
will enter a  
branch of  
the military

At graduation time each year we reflect on the thousands of Alumni from St. Angela Academy and Kuemper who have proudly walked the halls and earned diplomas. We feature below the newest Alumni, the Class of 2019, noting those who have followed in their parents' footsteps, instilled with values and knowledge from Kuemper's Catholic Education.

Aimee Adams, daughter of Bob & Cheryl Adams  
 Ateng Aluak, daughter of Anguet Aluak-Pool  
 Brooklyn Bakke, daughter of Shawn & Michon Bakke  
 Nicole Bauer, daughter of **Dave ('83) & Lori (Riesberg '84) Bauer**  
 Blake Baumhover, son of **Brent ('88) & Diane Baumhover**  
 Abby Boes, daughter to **Angie (Hudson '91) Boes** and Bruce Boes  
 Corbin Borelli, son of Robert & Julie Borelli  
 Ben Brincks, son of **Tom Brincks ('82)** and Beth Brincks  
 Britney Bruch, daughter of **Dan ('89) & Sheryl (Halbur '88) Bruch**  
 Victor Ceballos, son of Jorge & Yaselys Ceballos  
 Paul Ching, son of Dr. Louie & Luisa Ching  
 Cassidy Christensen, daughter of Jason & Jennifer Christensen  
 Zach Daniel, son of **Clint ('87) & Melinda Daniel**  
 Kyle Danner, son of **Joe ('91) & Kelly (Hudson '93) Danner**  
 Thomas Evans, son of Drs. John & Beth Evans  
 Travis Feilmeier, son of **Jeff ('89) and Micki Feilmeier**  
 Andrea Gehling, daughter of **Patrick ('86) & Sue Gehling**  
 Regan Gerken, daughter of **Doug ('92) & Kim (Snyder '92) Gerken**  
 Taylor Harrington, son of Patrick & Robin Harrington  
 Samantha Hays, daughter of Jared & **Donna (Vonnahme '95) Hays**  
 Sarah Healy, daughter of John & Monica Healy  
 Alex Heiman, son of **Alan ('77) & Jill (Trosch '81) Heiman**  
 Haley Heithoff, daughter of **Randy ('87) & Jill (Bauer '92) Heithoff**  
 Caleb Hensel, son of **Karen (Mueggenberg '86) Hensel** and John Hensel  
 Jackson Hinners, son of Daryl & **Joyce (Klocke '78) Hinners**  
 Mollie Hurd, daughter of **Brent & Karen (Goetzinger '86) Hurd**  
 Bailee Irlbeck, daughter of **Jesse ('98) & Jodi (Vonnahme '98) Irlbeck**  
 Hannah Irlbeck, daughter of **Glen ('91) & Anne (Pudenz '94) Irlbeck**  
 Katelynn Irlbeck, daughter of Kourtney Irlbeck  
 Elise Janson, daughter of Cameron & **Jill (Schrad '91) Janson**  
 Brook Janssen, daughter of Michael & Aimee Janssen  
 Eve Kenkel, daughter of Chad Kenkel and Kelly Heffin Kenkel  
 Noah King, son of Dale and **Toni (Havermann '88) King**  
 Olivia Klein, daughter of Chad & **Kim (Rupiper '93) Klein**  
 Evan Koster, son of **Jeff ('87) & Dawn (Rolfes '87) Koster**  
 Grant Kraus, son of **Steve ('82) & Jill (Schreck '87) Kraus**  
 Anna Langel, daughter of **Glenn ('85) & Kay Langel**  
 Megan Langel, daughter of **Curt ('90) & Tammy (Bretney '90) Langel**

Mary Lawler, daughter of **Kevin ('80) & Cindy Lawler**  
 Riley Long, daughter of Julie Long and **Mike ('92) & Ingrid Long**  
 Lauren Macke, daughter of **Patrick ('92) & Jennifer (Brincks '92) Macke**  
 Dawson McDermott, son of **Chad ('90) & Kathie McDermott**  
 Chance McLaughlin, son of **Brian & Willow McLaughlin** and Margie Gruhn  
 Allison Mertz, daughter of Craig & Sheri Mertz  
 Amber Miller, daughter of Dave & Kim Miller  
 Amber Mohr, daughter of Larry & Laurie Mohr  
 Grace Molak, daughter of **Robert ('84) & Sue (Snyder '84) Molak**  
 Maci Overmohle, daughter of **Daren ('90) & Amy (Heisterkamp '91) Overmohle**  
 Caden Pedelty, son of **David ('97) Pedelty** and Niesha Pedelty  
 Matilda Pugh, daughter of Kent & Ann Pugh  
 Kate Ramaekers, daughter of **Andy ('87) & Amy Ramaekers**  
 Nicole Reiser, daughter of Dennis & Dawn Reiser  
 Lucas Riesenber, son of **Steve ('85) & Sara Riesenber**  
 Jose Robaina, son of Jose Robaina & Niurka Perez  
 Miranda Rohe, daughter of **Tim ('92) & Tracey Rohe**  
 Megan Rotert, daughter of **Jack ('86) & Vicki (Sporrer '91) Rotert**  
 Justin Schaefer, son of **Jeremy ('87) & Beth (Irlbeck '88) Schaefer**  
 Courtney Schenkelberg, daughter of Bill & Laurie Schenkelberg  
 Payton Schenkelberg, daughter of Justin & Jean Schenkelberg  
 Aaron Schreck, son of **Kevin ('86) & Amy (Nieland '87) Schreck**  
 Ambrea Schreck, daughter of **Mark ('75) & Mary (Pletchette '78) Schreck**  
 Angela Schulte, daughter of **Gary ('75) & MaryAnn Schulte**  
 Isabel Schwabe, daughter of **Bill ('92) & Pam Schwabe**  
 Kiersten Seufert, daughter of Joe & Jodi Seufert  
 Grant Sibenaller, son of **Wendy (Venteicher '90)** and the late **Leo ('80) Sibenaller**  
 Mara Slattery, daughter of Dr. Mike & Dona Slattery  
 Stone Smith, son of Dr. Josh Smith and Wendy Smith  
 Grant Snyder, son of Curt & Tracy Snyder  
 Kyle Snyder, son of **Mike ('87) & Janel (Kokenge '89) Snyder**  
 Rachel Steinkamp, daughter of **Robert ('89) & Julie (Gehling '82) Steinkamp**  
 Elizabeth Trent, daughter of David & **Mary (Masching '90) Trent**  
 Cole Uhlenkamp, son of Mike & Ginny Uhlenkamp  
 Kayla Venner, daughter of **Kevin ('92) & Jill (Ferneding '94) Venner**  
 Anna Wanninger, daughter of Doug & Sheri (Eich '87) Wanninger  
 Nathan Wendl, son of **Matt ('92) & Kelly Wendl**  
 Danielle Wiederin, daughter of Curt Wiederin and Cara Wiederin

### Highest Academic Honors



**Students graduating with a grade point average of 4.2 or above:**

Front: Anna Wanninger, Valedictorian Cassidy Christensen, Mary Lawler, Megan Rotert, Paul Ching and Salutatorian Brooklyn Bakke.

Back: Aimee Adams, Courtney Schenkelberg, Samantha Hays, Kayla Venner, Maci Overmohle and Nate Wendl.

# Alumni Spotlight



2016 Kuemper graduate **Dani Schultes**, received the 2019 Miracle Network Dance Marathon Distinguished Leadership Award for making an exceptional impact within their Dance Marathon program, on their individual campus and for their local Children's Miracle Network Hospital. From the thousands of graduating seniors who have participated in Miracle Network Dance Marathon at approximately 300 colleges and universities across the U.S. and Canada, only 20 students were selected to receive the award. Dani graduated from the University of Northern Iowa on May 11, 2019 with a Bachelor of Health Sciences degree with a minor in Global Health & Humanitarian Assistance. Dani is the daughter of **Bill ('80)** and **Melissa (Busche '85) Schultes**.

Photo courtesy of Miracle Network Dance Marathon

**Jon Ramaekers ('15)**, is the new owner of Farmer's Best Popcorn in Worthington, IA. Even though Jon didn't grow up on a farm he's always had an interest in farming. Ramaekers said the whole venture would not be possible without the support of his uncle, Glen Steger, who runs the family farm. "He took me under his wing and kind of showed me the ropes of farming, and he's been super helpful. Without him, it probably wouldn't have happened." Farmer's Best is sold in 80% of Fareway stores in Iowa. Jon is the son of **Matt ('85)** and Gina Ramaekers.



Photo by Craig Purcell (Dyersville Commercial Newspaper)



Photo courtesy of Jared Strong, Carroll Times Herald

**Gina Stence Badding ('97)**, was appointed as a district court judge for the Second Judicial District on April 1, 2019. Gina stated that her love for the law started when she was a sophomore at Kuemper and she decided to become involved in a new extracurricular program called Mock Trial. Participating in this program helped her decide that being an attorney was the right career path for her. Gina attended the University of Iowa where she majored in English and Religion. After graduating from Iowa, she continued her education at the University of Iowa College of Law. She obtained her juris doctorate in 2004, graduating with distinction. Gina's first job out of law school was as a district court clerk for the Sixth Judicial District. She also did a short interim clerkship at the Iowa Court of Appeals before entering private practice with a small law firm in Des Moines. Gina returned to the Iowa Court of Appeals in 2007 as a staff attorney. In 2013 when she decided to return to private practice with what was then known as Neu, Minnich, Comito & Neu (NMCN) in Carroll, Iowa. Gina became a partner at NMCN in 2016. As a district court judge, Gina presides over a variety of civil and criminal cases. She prepares orders on routine motions on a daily basis and conducts trials in contested cases. Gina stated, "A great deal of my job involves research and writing, which I love." Gina added, "I am keenly aware that I would not be where I am today without the education I received at Kuemper. I am extremely grateful to my Kuemper family and proud to call myself an alumnus of this amazing school!"

**Alex Irlbeck ('14)** participated in ISU's Innovation Pitch Competition. Alex and his partner had to explain their startup in 90 seconds. Alex and fellow Carroll Grad Taylor Tuel won \$500 in the pitch-off for students in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Alex made the pitch for "CattleTech", a system for automatically tracking the weight and body types of cattle herds. Alex will fulfill requirements for his master's degree in Dec. 2019. Alex is the son of **Glenn ('91)** and **Anne ('94) Pudenz Irlbeck**.



Photo by Christopher Gannon (Iowa State University)

 For more Alumni Spotlights, join us on the Kuemper Catholic School Facebook page.

# Area Reunions

## DES MOINES AREA REUNION (May 2019)



Trudy Herbers Esser (SA '43) and Vern Henkenius ('61)



Rose (Weber '75) and Steve ('75)Vonnahme and John ('77) and Jean (Schon '76) Pletchette



Beth Happe ('78), Dick Hannasch ('80), John Steffes ('82) and Steve Hulsing ('82)



Jeff Ludwig ('01) and Rob Berg ('84)



## OMAHA AREA REUNION (May 2019)



Trevin Quandt ('09) and Ryan Ricke ('09)



Tyler Neary ('10), Jill Tiefenthaler Tegels ('86), Rhonda Rupiper Gottschalk ('86) and Rick Kennebeck ('86)



Mike Whaley ('83), John Steffes ('82), Ed Noethe ('73) and Jim Comstock ('76)

You don't have to live in Carroll to meet up with your St. Angela and Kuemper classmates and friends. Would you like help organizing a reunion near you? Call or e-mail Cindy Lawler, Annual Giving and Alumni Director at: 712-792-2212 or [cllawler@kuemper.org](mailto:cllawler@kuemper.org).



# Upcoming Reunions and Homecoming Information

## GOLDEN GRADS

### Celebrating 60, 55 and 50 Years!

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**The Class of 1959** will celebrate over Homecoming weekend, Sep. 27-28, 2019. The class will participate in the Homecoming festivities on Friday afternoon, attend the football game and then attend a reception for all alumni at Baratta's Steakhouse. A get together at the Carrollton has also been planned for Saturday night (28th) for the Class of 1959.

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**The Class of 1964** plans to have a float in the Homecoming parade on Sep. 27th. All are welcome to attend all Homecoming activities that day. ALSO, a reunion for the Class of 1964 has been planned for Sat., Aug. 24, 2019. Mass will be at 5:00pm at St. John's in Arcadia followed by dinner at the American Legion Hall in Arcadia.

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**The Class of 1969** is planning to participate in Homecoming festivities on Sep. 27th. They have also planned activities for Saturday, Sep. 28th. A mailing was sent out in mid-July. Ron Juergens and friends are coordinators of the events.

### Homecoming 2019 Schedule

#### Friday, Sept 27, 2019

11:00am: Mass with Fr. Merlin Schrad ('69)

12:00pm: Luncheon in Greteman Center

1:00pm: Coronation and Pep Assembly

2:15pm: Parade

3:00pm: Tours of Kuemper and Fieldhouse

7:00pm: Football game against Atlantic Trojans

9:00pm: Alumni & friends social at Baratta's Steakhouse immediately following the game

**HONORED CLASSES: 1959, 1969 AND 1979**



#### 45th REUNION

**The Class of 1974** will participate in Homecoming festivities on Sept. 27th AND will gather at Whiskey Run in Maple River on Sept. 28th. Cards have been sent out to all classmates. Contact Sharon Olerich at Kuemper if you need information.

#### 40th REUNION

**The Class of 1979** plans to celebrate their 40th Class Reunion over Homecoming weekend. Follow the Class of '79 on Facebook for more information: *Kuemper class of 79-40*

#### 35th REUNION

**The Class of 1984** will celebrate over Homecoming weekend. They plan to have a float in the Homecoming parade on Friday, Sept. 27th. Laurie Langel Mikkelson is coordinating. Follow the class of '84 on Facebook: *Class of 1984 Kuemper Reunion, Carroll, IA*

#### 30th REUNION

**The Class of 1989** plans to celebrate over Homecoming weekend. Tracy Eich Riesenber, Heather Way Nahas and Chris Heim are in charge of planning.

#### 25th REUNION

**The Class of 1994** will celebrate over Homecoming weekend. Tony Killeen is coordinating.

#### 20th REUNION

**The Class of 1999** is celebrating over Homecoming weekend. A gathering has been planned for Saturday, Sept. 28th at Kerp's. Gina Schultes Steinkamp, Cynthia Holst Koster and Bridget Brenny Hansen are coordinating.

#### 15th REUNION

**The Class of 2004** reunion will be held on Sept. 28th. Patrick Barrett is coordinating.

#### 10th REUNION

**The Class of 2009** will meet on Sept. 27th for the coronation and parade. A reception at Carroll Brewing will be held later that evening. Please contact Laura Greteman at lauragreteman@gmail.com or Alicia Snyder Henderson at aasnysds@gmail.com for more information.

#### 5th REUNION

**The Class of 2014** is planning a reunion. Hannah Kraus Healy, Mattie Potthoff, Mandy Hinnens and Tessa Sporrer are making plans. See the class Facebook page for details.

**2020 REUNIONS:** The Class of 1965 is planning their 55th Reunion for Homecoming weekend in 2020. Dates to be announced in March 2020. Darlene Schon Eich is coordinating the reunion.

# 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 e-mail: [cllawler@kuemper.org](mailto:cllawler@kuemper.org) when a loved one passes away.

**Janice (Davis '65) Wilkins**, Ottawa, KS. December 16, 2017. Preceded in death by husbands Roger Crews and Arnold Wilkins. Sons Roger Crews and Matthew Wilkins.

**Gerald "Jerry" W. Mueller '64**, Sioux City, IA. November 5, 2018. Wife, Cathy. Father of Rex Mueller and step-children, Tim Artz and Amy Artz.

**Carol Ann (Mulert '58) Westendorf**, Wichita, KS. November 22, 2018. Husband, William. Mother of Kimberly McNickle, Kara Westendorf and Laurence Westendorf.

**Ladeane (Osler) Casey**, Scottsdale, AZ. December 1, 2018. Husband, Dr. Don Casey. Mother of Kent '66, Robert '68, Janice Larsen '72 (deceased), Diane Maloney, Donna Tait '77 and Mark.

**Marcella "Sally" (Kraus) Vonnahme**, Carroll, IA. February 4, 2019. Mother of Jerry '65, Dennis '67, Jo Grundmeier '77, Duane '79, Carol Gortmaker '83 and Karen Derner.

**Lawrence Thelen**, Vail, IA. February 9, 2019. Wife, Cecelia. Father of John '79, Carolyn Sporrer '80, Sharon Thelen '81, Karen Vollstedt '82, Nancy Padget '84, Phillip '86 (deceased), Janelle Houston '88, Mary Ann Waterbury '89, Sheila Kanne '93 and Paul '97.

**Marian Ida (Kastengren) Tate**, Bayard, IA. February 12, 2019. Husband, James Bradley Tate. Mother of Ann Walker, Kathleen Myers, Patricia Tate '85, Julie Tate-Judge '86, James, Michael, Brian, Thomas, Gregory, MaDonna Tate and Tate Jawdat.

**James "Jim" Shymanski**, Carroll, IA. February 14, 2019. Wife, Joan. Father of Kathy Shymanski '82, John '86 and Amy Denny '87.

**Mark Heinrichs '79**, Reno, NV. February 17, 2019. Son of James Heinrichs (deceased) and Joleen (Hinners '57) Heinrichs. Siblings, Lori Burns ('83), Doug Heinrichs ('86), Kris Heinrichs ('89), Kurt Heinrichs ('95), Beth Johns ('98) and Rachel Heinrichs ('99).

**Rick Hoffman '74**, Carroll, IA. February 19, 2019. Wife, Marilyn (Kerkhoff '76) Father of Nick '02 and Stephen '07.

**Ruth (Boyer '52) Hulsing**, Carroll, IA. February 21, 2019. Mother of Jane Renze '78, Barbara Janning '79, Steve '82 and Carol Hulsing '83.

**Richard John Bellinghausen '72**, Georgetown, TX. February 21, 2019. Wife, Susan. Father of two stepsons, Jerry Todd and Terry Todd.

**Clarence Berning**, Carroll, IA. February 24, 2019. Wife Marcella "Sally" (Schmitz '57) Berning (deceased). Father of Michael '78, Kevin '80, Richard '81, Karen Smith '81, Sharon Stickrod '83 and Scott '96.

**Walter Wiederer**, Carroll, IA. February 28, 2019. Wife, Dorothy. Father of Dean '76, Scott '77, Jill Ruttenberg '81, Holly Boattenhamer '85 and Julie Beougher '86.

**Lori Christofferson**, Carroll, IA. March 1, 2019. Mother of Jacob and Rachel Dopheide (Cory '06).

**James L. Fay**, Carroll, IA. March 1, 2019. Wife, Diane (Rettenmaier '54). Father of Mike '75, Pat Peterson '76, Jim '78, Beth Streit '80, Marty '84 and Lori Kasperbauer '88.

**Donald Pietig '62**, Lake Havasu City, AZ. March 2, 2019. Wife, Alice. Father of John, Carrie Garcia and Angela Black.

**Virginia Perschau**, Carroll, IA. March 5, 2019. Mother of David '62 (deceased), Donald '66, Robert '68 and Samuel '69.

**Ardella Irlbeck**, Templeton, IA. March 6, 2019. Mother of Dale '67 (deceased), Joan Seddon '69, Don '70, Jan Wafful '72, Mike '75 (deceased), Gary '77, Kevin '79. Joleen Janssen '82.

**Timothy "Tim" Toohey**, Carroll, IA. March 6, 2019. Wife, Barb (Burg '69). Father of Shannon Toohey '95 and Ryan.

**Dolores (Hiebeler '43) Beyerink**, Carroll, IA. March 7, 2019.

**Merle Potthoff**, Halbur, IA. March 7, 2019. Wife, Lila. Father of Sharon Ryan '70, Nancy Monjarez '72, Michael '73, Joan Drees '74, John '76, Brenda Falke '80 and Mark '85.

**RoseMary "Rosie" (Collison '53) Stangl**, Carroll, IA. March 8, 2019. Mother of Lisa Wolterman '81.

**Lillian Eischeid**, Carroll, IA. March 10, 2019. Mother of Joan Sporrer '67, Lynn Schmitt '70, and Wanda O'Neil '80.

**Richard Wiskus '65**, Coon Rapids, IA. March 14, 2019. Wife, Joan. Father of Kathy Long '90, Richard Jr., Amy Campbell, Mary Wiskus and Jon.

**Betty Halbur**, Halbur, IA. March 15, 2019. Husband, Jim. Mother of Lisa Eischeid '79, Keith '81, John '82, Lori Handlos '83 (deceased), Julie Leonard '87, DeAnn Wittrock '88 and Dale (D.J.) '91.

**Gary Venticher '59**, Carroll, IA. March 23, 2019. Wife, Betty (Mayer '64). Father of Jill Bruch '86, Janell Vollstedt '87, Wendy Sibenaller '90, Chris '91, Todd '92, Patrick '93 and Jamie '95.

**Melvin Ludwig**, Auburn, IA. March 25, 2019. Wife, Doreen (Eischeid '68 deceased). Father of Tim, Bret, Laurie Hofbauer and Julie Fiala.

**Dian (Klocke '64) Sonderman**, Defiance, IA. March 25, 2019. Mother of Tammy (Scott '87) Tunning, Troy Sonderman, Heidi Sporrer and Holly Hillgartner.

**Kayleen Perschau**, Trenton, MO. March 31, 2019. Husband, Rob '68. Mother of Justin, Mark and Nathan (infant).

**Shirley Gallagher**, Vail, IA. April 4, 2019. Mother of David '79, Kevin '81, Jeff, Colleen Ludwig '82, Donna Pietig '84 and Sandy Williams '86.

**Dustin James Hoffman '04** Breda, IA. April 4, 2019. Son of Kevin and Lisa Hoffman. Siblings, Travis, Abby and Ashley.

**Dale Forke**, Carroll, IA. April 6, 2019. Wife, Peg (Riddle '74). Father of Nora Nissen '94 and Cassie Burke '97.

**John Dostal**, Carroll, IA. April 12, 2019. Wife, Lucille. Father of Karen Thode, Jeff '82, Julie Wepler, Jennifer Lonemen and Kristi Dostal and stepsons Kevin Anderson and Kiron Anderson.

**Cletus Brincks '59**, Carroll, IA. April 15, 2019. Father of Annette Brincks.

**Curt Clancy**, Halbur, IA. April 21, 2019. Wife, Julie (Buel '79). Father of Alicia Heun '02, Andrea Sullivan '04 and Alayna Hansen '06.

**Mildred Dion**, Carroll, IA. April 27, 2019. Mother of Darlene Hofbauer '59, Jerry '60 (deceased) and Roger '62.

**Louise (Gross '58) Mikkelsen**, Carroll, IA. April 30, 2019. Husband, Donald '57. Mother of Steve '82, Mark '83, Jane DeMey '86, Kay Lynn Haubrich '89 and Scott '96.

**Rozanne (Galloway '64) Phillipp**, Punta Gorda, Florida. April 30, 2019. Husband, John. Mother of John, Michael and Steven.

**Mary Ellen Kloser**, Carroll, IA. May 2, 2019. Husband, Bob. Mother of Kathleen Stein '70, Mary Dietz '71, Phillip '76, Mark '77, Richard '80, Joseph '83 and Rae Ann Frank '87.

**William "Bill" Badding '64**, Carroll, IA. May 3, 2019. Wife, Mary Ann "Mardy". Father of Dr. Jen Badding-Benton '88, Bill '90, Mike '94, Ann Albers '99, Ben and Jake Schlater.

**Lorraine Irlbeck**, Templeton, IA. May 5, 2019. Mother of Karen Blaha, Keith '63, Daryl '65 (deceased), Dick '72 and Steve '77

**Ronald J. Cleveland '63**, Wall Lake, IA May 13, 2019. Wife, Candy. Father of Ronald, Wendy Meischeid, Tony Stonerock, Chris and Jamie.

**Florence (Masching) Bruening**, Carroll, IA. May 20, 2019. Mother of Wayne '73 and Neal.

**John "Jack" Boje**, Albuquerque, NM. May 21, 2019. Wife, Mary (Daniel '57). Father of Constance Montoya, Eileen Broich and John.

**Dale Langenfeld Sr. '72**, Exira, IA. May 24, 2019. Father of Jason (deceased), Dale Jr. and Josh, and stepsons, Jeremy Phelps and Chris Phelps.

**Karen A. Willenborg '72**, Ankeny, IA. May 24, 2019. Sister, Jan Weitl '74.

**Russell Axman**, Dedham, IA. May 26, 2019. Wife, Freda. Father of Pam Schmitz '68, Bill '70 and Terry '78.

**Vera Siemann**, Carroll, IA. May 28, 2019. Mother of Greg '64, William '65, Joan Frasor '67, Paul, Chris '71, (deceased), Laura '73 (deceased), Mary "Diane" Chojnowski '74, Jim '76, Mark, Joseph, Jonathon, and Fadjar and Kanti Budhijanto.

**Jean Gehling '79, Carroll**, IA. May 30, 2019. Siblings, Jan Gehling '74 and Matt Gehling '82

**Donald "Don" Odendahl '64**, Perham, MN. May 31, 2019. Father of Juli Sump, Stephen and Scott.

**Rev. Dale Koster**, Carroll, IA. May 31, 2019. Fr. Koster was a teacher at Kuemper for three years.

**Shirley Ann (Hoffman '46) Nelson**, Edina, MN. June 2, 2019. Sister of Ruth (Hoffman) Naberhaus '51.

**Marge Wolterman '67**, Glidden, IA. June 7, 2019. Siblings, Larry Wolterman '63, Dale Wolterman '71, Gary Wolterman '72, Debra Loeschen '73, Linda Culligan '79, Cindy Cregeen, Pat Madden, John Wolterman '81, Mike Wolterman '84.

**Norma Jean (Koster) Ludwig**, Vail, IA. June 8, 2019. Mother of Cathy Gayle '75, Bob '77, Terry Popp '80, Tom '83 and John '88 (deceased). Sister of Rev. Dale Koster.

**Loren V. Renze '57**, Estherville, IA. June 14, 2019. Wife, Lucy Haan Renze. Father of Mark Renze, Lisa Renze, Teresa Renze, Curt Renze, Susan Hanson, Beth Culotta, Phil Haan, Jean Hinton and Nancy Holloway.

**Mary (O'Rourke) Baumhover**, St. Paul, MN. June 18, 2019. Husband, Roger '62. Mother of Christine Monserud, Jenny Merthan, Brian Baumhover and Katie Charlet.

**Nicholas "Nick" Beiter, Sr. '74**, Johnston, IA. June 20, 2019. Father of Michael Beiter and Nicholas Beiter, Jr. Siblings, Kathy Comito '73, Kelly Leiting '75, Mark '78 (deceased) Gretchen Parks '80, Mary Fran Harger '83, Jamie Stoltz '84 and Johnny Beiter.

Please accept our sincerest apologies to the family of Leo Lambertz for errors made in listing his death in the Deaths in Christ section of the Spring 2019 edition of the Knightletter. Leo Lambertz was the father of Tom '71, Jean, Mary Lou Rogers, Barb Smith '75, Jim '76 and Bob '81.



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God bless our newest *Eternal Knights* – Martin & Dee Halbur, Kevin & Cindy Lawler, and an anonymous donor. ***Remember Kuemper and your parish in your Will.***

### Join the list of *Eternal Knights*

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

### Take Advantage of the Charitable Ira Tax Break



Are you 70 ½, or know someone who is? You must withdraw a portion of your IRA each year after 70 ½. You pay income tax on your IRA withdrawal. We have a solution for you.

The IRA Charitable provision is extremely popular. Individuals 70 ½ years old are allowed to take up to \$100,000 in qualified charitable distributions from their Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) without including the distribution in their federal income each year. Transfers to the **Kuemper Catholic School Foundation** will continue to be deemed as part of the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) calculation. Your gifts make a difference and your generosity will enable us to continue our important work of educating the mind, body and soul of our students.

Contact your tax advisor and/or financial planner to determine how this law could affect your current individual income tax and/or your long-term estate planning situation.

### Teacher Salary Enhancement Fund



Jean Guy – 46 Years at Kuemper



Bill Kane – 43 Years at Kuemper



Winnie Geelan-Potthoff – 43 Years at Kuemper

The **Teacher Salary Enhancement Fund (TSEF)** was established through the Kuemper Foundation in 2001 to help close the salary gap between Kuemper and public schools. The investments from this fund are used to help enhance the salaries of Kuemper's dedicated teachers. With your contribution, you can help say **thank you** to Kuemper's teachers and also help with **recruitment and retention of quality faculty**. Kuemper has 24 teachers that have each dedicated 20 years or more to Kuemper.

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)

### Kuemper Pastor, Rev. Robert Gralapp, remembers Teacher Fund



**Tomorrow, his carefully planned legacy gifts will keep advancing the mission of Catholic education.**

Fr. Gralapp is fondly remembered as a great pastor in many parishes. Father was a generous benefactor during his lifetime in remembering Kuemper in his estate plans. His top priority was education and our dedicated teachers. He designated his estate gift to the **Teacher Salary Enhancement Fund** in the Kuemper Foundation. Include the Kuemper Foundation in your will or estate plan. Contact your attorney, financial advisor or the Kuemper Foundation to learn how.

### Devoted family man, Jim Pudenz, died in 2019



**Tomorrow, his legacy gift will continue to help Kuemper students afford a Catholic education through his planned scholarship fund.**

Jim was devoted to his faith, family and community. Jim graduated from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and all eight of his children graduated Kuemper. Family was most important to Jim – supporting his children's and grandchildren's activities.



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## PHONES WILL BE RINGING IN OCTOBER FOR THE 2019 PHON-A-THON!!

We are quickly approaching the \$4,000,000 mark for total funds raised through the Annual Alumni Phon-A-Thon!



Please consider helping us reach this milestone. Show your appreciation for what your Kuemper education 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!**

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