

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. With your contribution, you can help say **Thank You** to Kuemper’s teachers and also help with recruitment and retention of committed, long-term educators.

The TSEF has recently surpassed the \$1,000,000 milestone. Since 2010, over \$370,000 has been distributed in support of our dedicated teachers.

In the enclosed return envelope you may designate your future gifts to Kuemper in support of the Teacher Salary Enhancement Fund.

Mr. Bill Kane (right) has been a dedicated teacher at Kuemper for 44 years. Bill shares a laugh with John Strautman (right) following the dedication of the James J. Strautman Center for Academic Advancement.



Winnie Geelan-Potthoff (left) is one of our dedicated teachers who has been at Kuemper for 44 years.

Jeanne Spieler (right) retired after teaching and counseling at Kuemper for 43 years.



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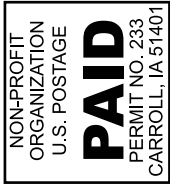
Are you 70½, or know someone who is? You must withdraw a portion of your IRA each year after 70½. You pay income tax on your IRA withdrawal. We have a solution for you.

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 benefit your current individual income tax and/or your long-term estate planning situation.

21 with 20 years Kuemper has 21 teachers who have each dedicated at least 20 years to Kuemper.



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Remember Kuemper in Your Will The Kuemper Foundation CHECKLIST FOR YOU You can return the enclosed envelope to make a gift or to receive more helpful information about the Kuemper Foundation. Visit your attorney and trusted advisor about including Kuemper in your estate plans. Visit www.kuemper.org & click the DONATE tab for sample bequest language & much more. Call our office for more information about including the Kuemper Foundation in your estate plan or with any questions about this newsletter. Sharon (Daniel '74) Olerich, Director of Development Kuemper Catholic School Foundation Tax ID #42-1257355 116 S. East St. • Carroll, IA 51401 (712) 794-1877 • srolerich@kuemper.org www.kuemper.org - DONATE This information is not legal advice. Consult & verify tax implications with your attorney and financial advisors.

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KUEMPER CATHOLIC SCHOOL FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER ISSUE 27 • FALL 2019 "Every charitable act is a stepping stone towards heaven" - Henry Ward Beecher

James J. Strautman Center for Academic Advancement Guidance & Discernment Office

The Kuemper Guidance Office was officially dedicated the “James J. Strautman Center for Academic Advancement – Guidance & Discernment Office” on August 30, 2019. John Strautman (Class of 1980) and his wife, Kate, donated \$500,000 to the Kuemper Foundation in honor of his father, James Strautman, who dedicated more than three decades of service as a guidance counselor and teacher at Kuemper Catholic High School.



Jim was dedicated to guiding students to succeed not only at Kuemper, but in their lives that followed graduation. He encouraged students to seek out their passion, take risks, and push themselves to achievements they thought were beyond reach.

John Strautman shared, “My dad was all about education, promoting education, pushing kids to maybe places they didn’t think they could go education-wise after Kuemper, because he knew from experience where education got him and he wanted to give that gift back to others. I’m excited about the fact that the James J. Center for Academic Advancement and the John & Kate Strautman Endowment is going to help carry on his legacy for years, because it’s a perpetual endowment. It will help pay for teachers’ salaries and the tools they need to carry on Dad’s legacy.”

For more information, contact Sharon Olerich about contributing to the John and Kate Strautman Endowment for the James J. Strautman Center for Academic Advancement.

Jim Strautman was a dedicated teacher and counselor at Kuemper for over 31 years. He retired in 1987 to pursue his passion of his Christmas tree farm business.



Family gathered at the James Strautman tribute program to honor longtime Kuemper teacher and guidance counselor (seated in center). John and Kate Strautman (front, right) presented \$500,000 to the Kuemper Foundation in his Dad’s honor to support the James J. Strautman Center for Academic Advancement – Guidance & Discernment Office.



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** – Mike & Denise (Walker) Riddle and Dan & Peg Weitzl.

Remember Kuemper and your parish in your Will.

Why I Became An Eternal Knight.....

*"I became an **Eternal Knight** because Kuemper has had a great impact on me and four generations of my family. My Mom graduated from St. Angela Academy. My parents sacrificed a lot to send my nine siblings and me to Kuemper; I'm a 1972 alum. Eleven nieces and nephews are Kuemper grads and seven great nieces and nephews currently attend KCSS. Two nieces and two cousins teach at Kuemper, my sister Sandy Knudsen, taught there for over 20 years before she died. I'm an **Eternal Knight** to say 'thank you' and give back to the school that provided my family and me with a Catholic, Christ-centered education and sparked my interest in science that led to an amazing career for me."*



Mary Schon

Kuemper Class of 1972

*"As graduates of Kuemper and Catholic education ourselves, we have always valued the benefits of the Catholic schools. We've seen the benefits of Kuemper in the lives of our children and see how Kuemper continues to offer opportunities for the next generation to be able to have access to the faith woven into their daily lives. We witness the mission of the school and its impact in the community and the lives of those around us, now seeing the benefit as our first grandchild is attending Kuemper. The faculty, staff and supporters of Kuemper have proven time and time again that their commitment is not just a job but a vocation and that has been clear to us. Kuemper isn't just a Catholic school, it's a Catholic community that has enriched our lives and the lives of our family-we hope to help continue that effort by being **Eternal Knights**."*



Dan and Peggy(Meyer) Weitzl
Dan is Kuemper Class of 1974 and Peggy is 1975

Wayne Chandlee Honored Guest for Homecoming



Wayne Chandlee was the honored guest for 2019 Homecoming. He is a former Kuemper coach and teacher from 1974-1987. He was joined by his family from Elmhurst, Illinois; Indianapolis, Indiana; Dubuque,

Iowa; and Phoenix, Arizona. A highlight of his career at Kuemper was capturing the Class 3A Boys' State Basketball Championship in 1985.

Many of his former student-athletes joined him for the weekend. Under the leadership of Russ Nieland from the Kuemper Class of 1983, the Wayne & Judy Chandlee Tribute was established at Kuemper. The total raised is close to \$10,000 and donations are still coming in. Contact Sharon Olerich for information.

My thanks to Kuemper... Thank you!

As a Kuemper graduate, I am thankful for the core values that my Catholic education provided. In an ever-changing world, the strong sense of honesty, kindness, charity and spirituality prove to be the most important things we can offer our children. I'm thankful I've had the opportunity for my children to gain the same core values. Kuemper is more than just a school; it is a community of clergy, teachers and staff who genuinely care about our kids inside as well as outside the classroom. I'm thankful for the integrity and insight my children experience at Kuemper. Thank you to all of those who have supported Kuemper in the past and in the present. It is because of this support that we can continue an excellent, strong, faith-based academic community.



Jon Tiefenthaler
Kuemper Class of 1992
Jon (Class of 1992) and Allisa Tiefenthaler with their sons, Raymond and Harrison.

Serra Club Sponsors Campus Ministry

Ron Morlok, Carroll Area Serra Club Treasurer, presented a \$5,000 donation from the Carroll Area Serra Club to Katherine Tillinghast, Kuemper Campus Minister. Assisting in the presentation are Fr. Patrick Behm, Kuemper Chaplain, and John Steffes, Kuemper President.



This donation was made possible by a generous bequest from faithful Serra Club member, Eva Wiedemeyer, who passed away in 2016. Her generosity from her planned gift continues to support Catholic education today. This gift represents the final payment of a three-year pledge by the Carroll Area Serra Club for the Kuemper Campus Ministry Program which promotes faith-filled activities for Kuemper students.

Faith-filled and Dedicated Mother, Eva Wiedemeyer, died in 2016.



Tomorrow, her carefully planned legacy gifts will keep advancing the mission of Catholic Education.

Eva Wiedemeyer was a quiet, private woman, with a strong faith. She was a very church-minded person. Eva never missed Mass on weekends and in fact attended Mass just a few days before passing away at the age of 101. She was generous with planned gifts to the Kuemper Foundation endowment, the Fr. Kuemper Society Student Tuition Assistance Program, the Carroll Area Serra Club and other charities. Include the Kuemper Foundation in your will or estate plan. Contact your attorney, financial advisor or the Kuemper Foundation to learn how.

Want to make a difference for Catholic education?

Complete and return the enclosed envelope.

It's easy!

