

Thank you, Winnie Geelan-Potthoff and Bill Kane, for



all your service to Kuemper and our alumni throughout the years. You will be truly missed.

Bill shares, “I have been very fortunate over the last 47 years to work with a lot of amazing people as teachers, staff and students. What Kuemper students have done, are doing, and will do is unbelievable. I have thoroughly enjoyed coming to work each and every day. I never imagined my career would end with something like this pandemic we are going through.

“One of the things I missed out on this year was getting to play the song “School’s Out” by Alice Cooper. I always played that for the seniors on their last day. I said I was going to play it over the intercom when I left. I can still listen to it at home.

“Kuemper has been an amazing place for me to work. My wife, Vickie, and I raised our three daughters here – Nikki, Traci and Tara. When Nikki passed away two years ago, the entire Kuemper Family was great to us. Vickie and I can’t wait to hug our grandkids and great-grandkids again and probably will travel when this pandemic is over.”

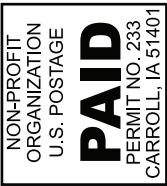


Winnie shares, “I am privileged to have been surrounded by a supportive and caring “family” of faculty, staff and students for the past 44 ½ years. It has been a very rewarding career with many great memories that I will always cherish. When I look back over the years – from the first day of classes in August until the last day in May – the time just seems to have flown by!

“I regret not seeing students the last nine weeks of school. It was sad not to personally say “adiós – buenas vacaciones” to my “estudiantes de español” but especially to the seniors! Baccalaureate and commencement are always bittersweet occasions, but the pandemic denied us the opportunity to celebrate them together.

“Although I will miss the amazing students and their families, Kuemper has been a great place to teach and will forever hold a special place in my heart. In the future my husband, Keith, and I will spend time with our family (Sarah, Jill, Kevin, Kerri) and enjoy watching our little granddaughter. Also, when it’s safe to travel again, we plan on taking some trips.

Want to make a difference for Catholic education?
Complete and return the enclosed envelope.
It's easy!



116 S. East Street
Carroll, IA 51401
Address service requested

<<Knight Light Label>> (<<ID>>)
<<Add 1>>
<<Add 2>>
<<City>>, <<State>> <<Zip>>

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.



KUEMPER CATHOLIC SCHOOL FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER
ISSUE 28 - SUMMER 2020
“Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” - Matthew 11:28

Staying Connected Through Uncertain Times

First and foremost, I pray that you and your family are staying healthy and safe. I understand that these are extremely unusual times and that you may be going through hardships. It feels like we are living in very uncertain times. There are so many things that make us feel uneasy and create doubt, and yet we hear so many positive stories of people rising to this challenge with concern, kindness, support, and care for one another.



I want to thank you for your loyalty and patience as we all confront and adjust to today’s challenges together. Thank you for your continued support of prayers, donations, and time. Please be assured that we are here for you through it all, and we’re continuing to lead Kuemper in new and changing ways, while remaining focused on our mission for our students.



Many things changed at Kuemper as we wrapped up the 2019-20 school year and because of you we remained connected. Our students were E-learning at home and Kuemper held their first ever “Virtual Ball.” Teachers and administrators continually shared their social media messages with students and parents, keeping the family and school connected. Your generous gifts throughout the year have provided our teachers and students with the technology needed to educate our students. **THANK YOU!**

Through this, and for many of us, we are beginning to think about brighter days ahead. Personally, I’m looking forward to planning family get-togethers, backyard barbeques, watching our students play sports and sharing a coffee with friends - connections that we’ll never take for granted.

Thank you for continuing your support of the Kuemper Family as we stay united and pray for each other together.

God Bless,

Sharon Olerich
Kuemper Catholic School Foundation





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 (Riesselman) Behrens, Irma (Sondgeroth) Reicks, and Michael B. & Alice M. Schenkelberg.

Remember Kuemper and your parish in your Will.

Why I Became An Eternal Knight.....



*"We are both graduates of Kuemper High School, as are our four sons. We also currently have two of our grandchildren attending Kuemper. A Christ-centered education has always been very important to us and we are happy to become **Eternal Knights** to help continue this tradition."*

Ken & Vicki (Riesselman) Behrens

Ken is Kuemper Class of 1969 and Vicki is 1970

*"Our family has been a part of the Kuemper Family for three generations. Plus, Kevin's parents both graduated from St. Ann's in Vail back in the late 30's and early 40's. Catholic education provides a strong foundation for our youth, and it gives them the opportunity to practice their faith all day, every day. We chose to become **Eternal Knights** to help keep Kuemper strong for our grandchildren and future generations to come. Planned giving is so important for the growth and stability of our school and it's so easy to do!"*

Kevin & Cindy Lawler

Kevin is Kuemper Class of 1980



New Digital Trophy Case Highlights History of Achievements

Kuemper is proud to share its newest addition - a Digital Trophy Case. The 55" digital touchscreen TV has been added to the first floor of Kuemper, next to the St. Angela and Kuemper Museum. It provides alumni, students, parents and the community a digital experience to recognize many student achievements from St. Angela 1910 to the present.

Viewers will be able to celebrate Kuemper's rich history and accomplishments over the years by reliving memories digitally. Search for your name on the touchscreen board and watch all the "hits" for your Kuemper family, friends and relatives.

You will be able to find many photos from yearbooks, newsletters, and historical events. Whether you were the valedictorian in 1955 or in the musical in 1968, chorus in 1979, football in 1990, or Student Council in 2004 – you will be able to relive these treasured memories. The database has a very strong start, but is not yet complete.

The extensive database and the entering of more information are ongoing and volunteers are requested. If you are interested in helping with data entry for this fun project, (which can be done remotely) contact Alumni Director, Cindy Lawler, at (712) 792-2212. In the near future, Kuemper family and friends will be able to connect to this wonderful new digital experience from your own home via Kuemper's website. More details will be coming.

Classic original doors from the 1908 St. Angela Academy were recently salvaged, refinished, and installed as a new entryway to the school's museum. Thanks to volunteers, Marty Steffes '76 and Neil Glass '75 for their wonderful craftsmanship in restoring these beautiful doors. The Trophy Case was partially funded by the Kuemper Booster Club and Kuemper Foundation donors.



Marilyn (Schirck '61) Setzler looks up a band photo from 1961 on the new Kuemper Digital Trophy Case.

The Marvin Halbur Memorial



The Kuemper Foundation is pleased to announce the *Marvin Halbur Memorial* established by his loving family. This Memorial honors Marvin in the **Teacher Salary Enhancement Fund**. In honor of his love of carpentry, his gift is designated to the Industrial Arts Department. This generous memorial gift will last forever, honoring him perpetually at Kuemper.

Marvin graduated from Kuemper in 1966. He married Patricia (Patsy) Muhlbauer who graduated from Kuemper in 1967. Together they had four children – Kent, Bret, Rick and Joanne. Marvin passed away in December 2016. Marvin's family was the most important aspect of his life.

His family shares, "Throughout his life, he thoroughly enjoyed working with his children and grandchildren on their 4-H livestock projects. Marvin was a self-taught carpenter, building many barns, machine sheds, and homes throughout this life. He was an optimistic problem-solver, providing a unique skill in both his farming business and carpentry work."

The Marvin Halbur Memorial may be added to by anyone, and is part of the promising growth of the Kuemper Teacher Salary Enhancement Fund, which provides quality teachers for our school's future generations.

Thank you, Patsy, for being a part of the cherished tradition and exciting future of the Kuemper Family. May God continue to bless you and your family.

For more information on establishing a memorial in honor of a loved one please contact the Kuemper Development Office at (712) 794-1877.

Iowa's New Supreme Court Justice

My thanks to Kuemper...



Matt McDermott graduated from Kuemper in 1996. In April, Matt was appointed by Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds as the next justice on the Iowa Supreme Court.



Matt shares...

"I am one of seven children of the Del and Barb McDermott family who all graduated from Kuemper between 1980-2005.

"I am incredibly honored by the Iowa Supreme Court appointment and grateful for the opportunity to serve. This appointment never would have been possible without the extraordinary foundation and spring board that Kuemper provided to me. Thank you sincerely for continuing to support Kuemper and especially supporting our extraordinary teachers who have prepared me, and prepared all of us, both academically and spiritually, for all that has come in our lives since. These teachers view their roles not just as jobs, but as vocations.

"I am enormously proud to call myself a **Kuemper Knight**."

Matt McDermott
Kuemper Class of 1996