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WHEELING CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

WHERE CHAMPIONSHIP LIVES BEGIN!

WJU retires jersey of Jackie Ernest Reinbeau

Wheeling Jesuit University retired the jersey of former Lady Cardinal hoop star Jackie (Ernest) Reinbeau on Feb. 21. Reinbeau, a 1985 graduate of CCHS, had a stellar college athletic career. She was a first team Jesuit All-American and team MVP for WJU in 1989, scored 1,681 during her college career and, when she graduated, held the record for most points in a single game (39) and still holds team records for most field goals in a game at 15, most points in a season (589), highest season average (22.2), most free throw attempts (278) and most free throws made (205).



Jackie Ernest Reinbeau
CCHS Class of 1985

Reinbeau was inducted into the WJU Athletic Hall of Fame in 1995.

In high school, her basketball success was just as impressive, playing under former CCHS Girls Basketball Coach Stan Kaniecki.

Reinbeau currently works at St. Michael Parish School in Wheeling as a pre-school teacher's aide. She and her husband Rick reside in Triadelphia, WV with their two children Ryan (12) and Kaylee (7).

Bishop Bransfield blesses school chapel, hosts dedication dinner for 125 guests

Bishop Bransfield's beautiful dedication ceremony for the newly renovated chapel set the stage for what was a wonderful evening for the religious community, staff, alumni, and friends of Central Catholic.



D.F. Kratzer Photo/Courtesy of The Catholic Spirit
Bishop Michael J. Bransfield blesses the newly renovated CCHS chapel. With him, from left, are Father Dennis R. Shuelkens Jr., chaplain of the school, and Very Rev. Eugene S. Ostrowski, V.F., designated pastor of the school.

More than 125 guests gathered for the Jan. 25 evening ceremony and fundraiser dinner held in the new CCHS Great

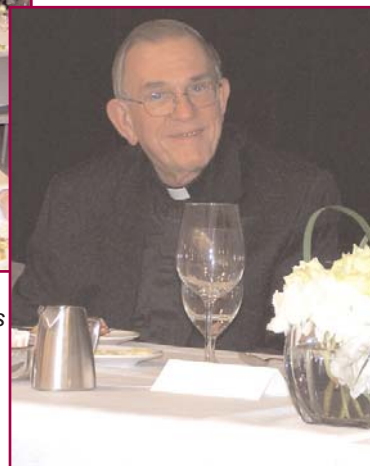
Hall. We express our appreciation to all those who sponsored the event, including Wheeling Hospital, Panhandle Cleaning and Restoration, WesBanco, JD&E, Strada Architects LLC, Johnson Boiler Works, Robinson Enterprises, Mansuetto Roofing, American Plate Glass, Altmeyer Funeral Homes, and Riesbeck's Food Markets.

The dinner raised over \$6,500 for the school's Tuition Assistance fund that

benefits families suffering from financial hardship. We are truly blessed by the continued support of the Central Community and others in the Wheeling area.



Above, CCHS Chaplain Fr. Dennis Schuelkens, Jr., visits with alumni Jack (Class of '46) and Katie (Flading) Fahey (SJA Class of '46) at the Bishop's Dedication Dinner. At right, Very Rev. Eugene Ostrowski, CCHS designated pastor, enjoys the catered dinner provided by Wheeling Hospital.

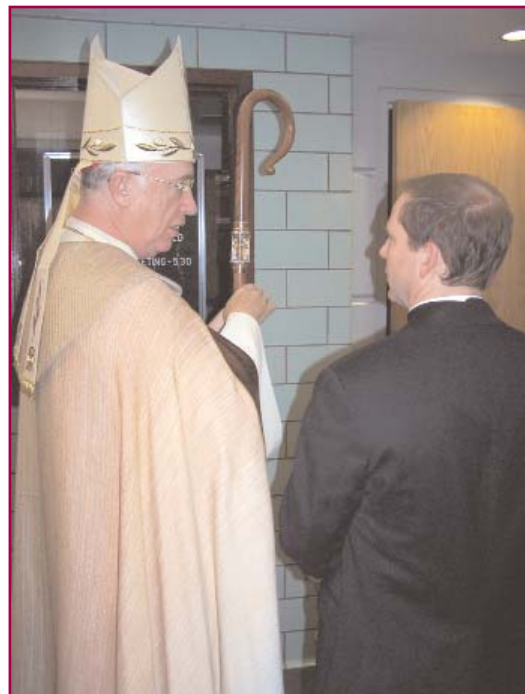


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Chapel Dedication Dinner Photos *(cont'd from p. 1)*



◀ CCHS Class of 1990 Alumna Billie Jo Johnston (center) and her sisters Kitty (far left) and Theresa are joined by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morgan (Class of 1947) at the Chapel Dedication Dinner.



▲ Bishop Michael J. Bransfield and CCHS Chaplain Fr. Dennis Schuelkens, Jr., wait for guests to gather in the school lobby before starting the Prayer of Dedication service for the newly renovated school chapel.



◀ CCHS Annual Fund Chairman Ed Schmitt (Class of 1966) and his wife Terrie (Class of 1966) enjoy the evening's festivities.



◀ Students attending the Dedication Fund-raiser Dinner included (from left) Olivia Mason, Grace Drnach, Matt Przybysz, Emily Bartsch and Jay Yelenic.



▲ Dinner guests enjoyed the beautiful keyboard music of Debbie Main throughout the evening.



◀ Shane Livingston was among 15 student KEY Club members who volunteered to work as servers for the dinner.

Smay awarded prestigious Bishop's Cross

Campus Minister and Religion Department Chairman Jeffrey A. Smay will be awarded a 2009 Bishop's Cross award in recognition of his "dedicated service and commitment to Catholic Schools." Smay will be among five recipients of this year's award, and one of two from the city of Wheeling.

"I am honored and humbled to be one of the recipients of the Bishop's Cross award," said Smay. "I like to think it's not only a reflection of my work but that of my colleagues, who have each made a lot of sacrifices for Catholic education. The teachers at Central are good, hard-working, holy people...and that's what makes this truly rewarding."

Smay is a graduate of WVU with a Bachelor's degree in secondary education and a summa cum laude graduate of Fordham University with a Master's degree in Religion and Religious Education. He began his teaching career at Weirton's Madonna High School in 1976. Throughout his career, he also taught at Notre Dame High School (Clarksburg, WV), St. Catherine's Academy (Bronx, NY), St. Ann's Grade School (Bronx, NY), and St. Vincent - St. Mary High School (Akron, OH).

In 1986, Smay joined the CCHS faculty as a religion teacher and chairman of the Religion Department. The role of campus minister was added to his responsibilities in 1999. Smay works closely with Central students providing support and guidance as well as overseeing many of the school's religious activities, including Peer Ministry and Leadership Training, the annual trip for the March for Life Rally in Washington, D.C., the annual Life Chain project, the sophomore Canned Food Drive, Teens for Life, and the Pontifical Crew. Additionally, he coordinates all liturgies and penance services for CCHS, TEC, class retreats, and the Station's of the Cross during Lent.

Smay and his wife Carole have six children and two grandchildren.



Campus Minister Jeff Smay

CCHS Alumnus Robert Contraguero, Sr. ('77) will also receive a Bishop's Cross award at this year's Bishop's Dinner for Catholic Schools. Contraguero, president of Panhandle Cleaning and Restoration in Wheeling, is a member of St. Vincent's Parish and is also a member of Central's School Board.

CCHS Senior Jay Yelenic, son of John and Kathleen Yelenic of Wheeling, was voted by Central's faculty to receive the St. Thomas Aquinas Medal from Bishop Bransfield for "personifying the finest attributes of a Catholic education." He, too, will be recognized at the Bishop's Dinner for Catholic Schools held in Morgantown.

Senior Sara Fowler receives \$100K scholarship to WJU

Senior Sara Fowler, daughter of Keith and Heidi Fowler of Belmont, OH, was surprised during her Physics class recently when Wheeling Jesuit University's Dean of Enrollment Management Denny Bardos entered the classroom to present her with an oversized check in the amount of \$100,000 representing the prestigious Stephen J. Laut, S.J. Memorial Scholarship award.

WJU Admissions Counselor Nikki Donahue-Dunkin, CCHS Principal Dr. Joseph Viglietta, CCHS College Placement Office Counselor Donna Niggemyer, and Sara's mother were all on hand for the check presentation, as a cameraman from a local television station captured the moment.

Sara was among 600 students from all over the U.S. who were accepted in the original pool of applicants for the Laut award. WJU's Admissions Department then narrowed the list down to 20 seniors, choosing just two final recipients: Sara and Rebecca Olsavasky of The Linsly School.

The Stephen J. Laut, S.J. Memorial Scholarships are awarded annually to two winners of the competition among entering freshmen who plan to enter WJU's Laut Honors Program. Competition is open to high school seniors with these qualifications: 3.4 cumulative high school average and a combined score of 1100 on the SAT or a composite score of 24 on the ACT.



Senior Sara Fowler (right) is awarded Wheeling Jesuit University's prestigious Stephen J. Laut, S.J. Memorial Scholarship. Presenting her a check in the amount of \$100,000 is WJU Admissions Counselor Nikki Donahue-Dunkin (left) and Dean of Enrollment Management Denny Bardos. Also pictured is Sara's mother Heidi Fowler.

CCHS ALUMNI NEWS

- 1956 -- Robert F. Oberle, Chantilly, VA:** I retired eight years ago but am still active. I've gotten involved with Civil War reenactors -- What fun! I do miss the Chicago area though...looking forward to the 55th Reunion in two years, if there is one.
- 1957 -- Sister Judith Ann Teufel, CSJ, Charleston, WV:** I retired as principal of St. Agnes School, Charleston, after 37 years.
- 1960 -- George (Russ) Ackermann, Stuart, FL:** Russ completed his third chemotherapy treatment on Feb 4, 2009; about 9-10 more to go. He makes it through his chemo sessions (four days a week every other week - even having to sleep with a pump inserting these chemicals into his body for three nights during his "on" weeks) quite well, but finds himself unable to gather the strength and/or energy to do much else than get up in the morning and go to bed at night after his "chemo week." However, he amazingly still manages to teach his students at the local Community State College once a week (down from two classes to one); he truly derives pleasure in what he calls "giving back." His return to playing the trumpet for the Stuart Community Band has been put on hold indefinitely; however we will be travelling to Louisville, KY for a week workshop where he's planned to take courses on the bass guitar in July 2009. I thank each of you for your prayers, support and encouragement. It has meant a lot to both of us. I've loved him from the day I met him and we've had 40 years of life together. We look forward to seeing most of you on our trips this summer. -- *Arlene Brown Ackermann*
- 1961 -- Bill O'Leary, Wheeling, WV:** I contributed an article in a new book by Sean Duffy (Class of '84) called "The Wheeling Family." In the article, I relate how my grandparents came from Ireland to America and settled in Warwood then known as "Cork Town." Later they moved to North Wheeling where I was born and raised. The good old days.
- 1965 -- Henry T. Bober, Fairport, NY:** Retired from Xerox Corporation after 40 years as a mechanical engineer.
- 1968 -- JoAnn (Cozad) Williams, Wheeling, WV:** This January (2009), I celebrated my 25th anniversary of working in fitness. I am currently employed with Ohio Valley Medical Center at Centretown Fitness in Wheeling. I am looking forward to our 41st year reunion in July.
- 1972 -- Janet (Young) Gordon, Wheeling, WV:** In May 2009, Gordon and I will be celebrating all four of our children's graduations: Jonathan - George Washington Law School; Daniel - Wheeling Central; and twins Benjamin and Emily - St. Michael's Parish School. It will be a busy month.
- 1978 -- Philip Schneid, Canal Winchester, OH:** On Dec. 27, 2008, Phil was married to Jennifer Kiser in Canal Winchester. Jenn and Phil have four children: Tiffany a sophomore at Ohio Dominican University; Ian a senior at St. Francis DeSals; Trey a sophomore at Canal Winchester HS; and Zach an eighth grader at Canal Middle School.
- 1982 -- Gwen (Busick) Ewing, Martins Ferry, OH:** I have been working at Wheeling Hospital in the Radiology Department for 25 years, recently as chief technologist. My daughter Jessica graduates from Martins Ferry High School this year and will be attending WVU majoring in secondary education. A big hello to all of the Class of 1982!
- 1986 -- Jacqueline "Jacqui" (Platt) Klimas, Wheeling, WV:** After living in Chicago for the last 15 years, my son Zachary (9 years old) and I have moved back to Wheeling. I loved Chicago but my heart was always here. It's good to be home.
- 1993 -- Richard "Ricky" C. Johnson, Morgantown, WV:** My wife Tara and I just welcomed twin girls on Jan. 25, 2009 at Ruby Memorial Hospital. They have been named Lucy and Rain. The twins were delivered by Dr. Jay J. Bringman of Morgantown (Class of 1990).
- 1993 -- Patrick T. McCulloch, Pittsburgh, PA:** My wife and I live in Mount Lebanon but most of my work is in Washington: www.advancedorthopaedics.net.
- 1995 -- Colleen Carrigan, San Francisco, CA:** On April 25, 2008, I married Dimitri Stamatis in San Francisco.
- 1996 -- Jill (Roeder) Murray, Wheeling, WV:** I have been married to my husband Ken "Bull" Murray Jr. for 11 years. We have three children: Shayla (10), Kyle (5), and Chaz (3). I work for one of the largest food service companies in the country -- Sodexo Marriott. I have recently returned to college to work toward my Marketing degree. Our family recently suffered the tragedy of a house fire. Everything was lost, but thanks to the great people of this valley, we are back on our feet and doing well. We are settling in to our new home and all is well.
- 2006 -- Mallory R. Litwin, Dillonvale, OH:** Hello Class of 2006! I reside in Dillonvale with my husband Rich and our one-year-old daughter Athena Rhiannin. Rich works for UPS and I'm a stay-at-home Mom. We recently purchased our first home.

Attention: All Alumni Living in NYC

CCHS Alumnus Alex Sacco (Class of 2003) would like to establish a Maroon Knights Alumni Group for graduates currently residing in New York City. If you're a CCHS/SJA graduate living in New York and are interested in connecting with other alumni, please consider joining. For more information, you may contact Alex at (304) 312-0945. Also, Alex would also be happy to host any CCHS senior who is planning a trip to NYC to visit colleges/universities in the city.



Reunion News...

Class of 1959 (50th Reunion): The reunion is scheduled for September 11-13, 2009.

More information to come. Contact: Dee (Ruggaber) DeMatte at (304) 242-0249.

Class of 1964 (45th Reunion): The reunion is planned for August 1, 2009 at

Generations Restaurant. Contact: Jacqueline Kaniecki at (304) 242-9289.

Class of 1968 (41st Reunion): Plans for the 40th reunion didn't materialize in 2008; therefore a 41st reunion will be held on July 4th weekend 2009. For information, contact Kim (Schenerlein) Wilds at ding8888@aol.com.

Class of 1984 (25th Reunion): Currently working on reunion plans. Contacts: Craig O'Leary (304) 242-6196 and Tom Fahey (304) 243-0614.

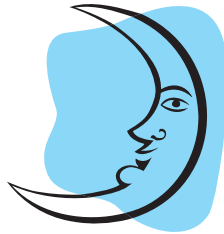
Class of 1989 (20th Reunion): Save the Date! The 20th Reunion will be held on August 21-22, 2009. August 21 will be a mixer/informal social night at Generations; on August 22 a family picnic will be held at Sonneborn Shelter at 4 pm. A tour of the newly renovated school will also be available earlier that day. Cost: \$25 per adult and \$10 per child over 5 years old. RSVP by June 15 to Jeff Cabotaje at jcabotaje@yahoo.com. Please make checks payable to Rod Haley at 12 Balsam Drive, Triadelphia, WV 26059. Donations also accepted. Sign on to facebook.com to join our class group page "Wheeling CCHS Class of '89".

Class of 1999 (10th Reunion): Reunion planning underway. For more information, please contact Stephanie Schuetz at (304) 281-4922.

To submit your class's reunion information, please contact Advancement Director Alyson Hurley at ahurley2@comcast.net.

Day or Night...

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Today, more than ever, we rely on the support of you, our alumni and friends. We appreciate donations of any size to continue our Catholic mission. For your convenience, we now offer online gift-giving through our Web site at www.cchsknights.org. Just click on the Alumni tab and you will find the new secure, user-friendly online payment form.

We also accept gifts in the form of checks (made payable to CCHS), credit cards (Visa and Mastercard accepted), stock transfers, employer matching gifts, and memorial and honorary gifts.

Over the years, we have also been blessed with planned gifts and bequests from alumni who wish to leave a lasting legacy that reflects how much their Catholic education from Central Catholic or St. Joseph Academy has meant in their lives.

There are many ways to give back. For more information on areas of financial need, please contact CCHS at (304) 233-1660.

Looking for a job in the Ohio Valley?

The Regional Economic Development Partnership (RED) in conjunction with Direct Online Marketing has launched a career opportunity Web site for the metro Wheeling area.

We can assist in matching your skills with companies looking to move or expand in our area.

For your next career opportunity, register at takemehomeohiovalley.com



In Memoriam

JAMIE HANNIG
(CCHS Class of 2004)

The family of Jamie Hannig would like to thank the Wheeling Central community for all of its support through such a difficult time. Your thoughts, prayers, and generosity have been greatly appreciated.



Eternal rest grant to her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.



Correction:

The following donors should have been listed among Central's 2007-08 Annual Fund Donors that appeared in the Fall '08 issue of the *Knight Times*:

**Mr. L. Thomas Marchlen, CPA
Dr. Bernard Grubler**

We apologize for this error.

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Thank You!

The Boosters Association's 30th Annual **Reverse Raffle** held on Feb. 28 was a great success again this year, thanks to the participation of the loyal Central family and friends who regularly attend our fund-raisers. It was a fun evening for all and many people walked away with wonderful prizes.

The last five ticket holders of the evening decided to split the \$5,000 grand prize. We congratulate the following winners of \$1,000: Greg Sacco, Lori Abraham, Kevin McCormick, Mary Schoene, and Shirts 'N More.

In conjunction with the Reverse Raffle, we also held a student contest to award a \$300 cash prize to the student who sold the most raffle tickets. There was a tie this year between senior Jessica Corder and junior Zachary Hood. Both received \$150 for their efforts.

Congratulations on a job well done!

The Boosters thank everyone who helped to make this a successful event. We hope to see you again next year!

CCHS Alumni: Where Are You?

Your Classmates Want to Know!

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***Please send completed form to Alyson Hurley, CCHS advancement director, at 75-14th Street, Wheeling, WV 26003*