

# Cretin-Derham Hall TRADITIONS

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**Frank Miley —  
A Leader for the Times**

15 years of Impact and Investment



Cretin-Derham Hall celebrated Commencement at the Cathedral of St. Paul for 214 proud graduates and their families. We wish our newest alumni the best of luck and many blessings as they go forth to serve our world.





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## Dear Cretin-Derham Hall Community,

It is with a grateful heart that I share with you my retirement from Catholic education at the end of this past school year. Being the President of Cretin-Derham Hall has been the honor of a lifetime and I believe deeply in the vibrancy of our mission, and especially in the faculty/staff, students, parents, alumni, and benefactors who make it so. Thank you for the opportunity to lead this amazing community in our shared mission to transform lives as our founders intended more than 150 years ago.

I am so proud of Cretin-Derham Hall and the work that we have accomplished together. We have weathered some difficult times, and celebrated far too many successes to name. A few things do stand out to me because of the impact on our students and families:

- Our Catholic identity is strong as we are committed to prayer, Gospel values, social justice, service for the common good and love of God and the dear neighbor.
- Development of the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan
- Successful completion of the *Strong Foundation, Vibrant Future* Campaign (for campus improvements and financial aid)
- Building Additions: Lentch Family Forum, Ryan STEM Center
- Covid-19 Pandemic — we did our very best to offer in-person education as our students deserved.
- Commitment to the Dignity and Inclusion of all — we currently have the most diverse staff and Board membership in school history, all to support our students.
- Financially we are strong, and have resources to ensure a strong future.

After much prayerful consideration, I have joined the Otto Bremer Trust as Co-CEO and a Trustee. In this role, I join a team that leads one of the most impactful philanthropic organizations in our region. Quite frankly, this is a role I could not pass up, and I embrace it with humility and great enthusiasm.

I have tremendous faith in the Board of Directors as they search for the new President of CDH. Our long history as a school community that changes lives is a strong foundation for the next leader and I am excited to see what is in store for CDH.

I sincerely thank the Christian Brothers, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, and the CDH Board of Directors for their unwavering and faithful dedication to our school. You have inspired me every day for the past fifteen years.

CDH has been and will always be a very special place to me and my family. Catholic education has formed all of us, and CDH has been central to our shared experience. Thank you to this wonderful community, I promise to support you in any way that I can.

May God Bless the greatest school in all the land!

Live Jesus in our hearts, forever!

Frank Miley, Past President





#### COURTYARD

Frank Miley stands next to the bust of Blessed Brother James Miller in the newly named Blessed Brother James Miller courtyard, near the Commons. A former student and teacher at Cretin, Miller has been beatified on the path to sainthood and Miley ensured that his place in our school history is honored.

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## Frank Miley — A Leader for the Times

After 15 years, he leaves CDH strong, vibrant, and ready for the future.

“Frank’s generosity, leadership and legacy will live on for generations to come. Through his example, the CDH students, staff, and community will continue to live in the holy presence of God and love God and the dear neighbor without distinction.”

MONA PASSMAN  
PRINCIPAL

Frank Miley has stepped down as President of Cretin-Derham Hall after serving as President since 2015, and Vice President for Advancement under former President Dick Engler for eight years before that. His career in Catholic education may be coming to an end, but he is moving to a new role as a Co-CEO and Trustee of the Otto Bremer Trust, where he will continue to serve the greater community by leading one of the most impactful philanthropic organizations in the Midwest.

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As President, Miley's impact will be felt for generations to come. He leaves CDH strong, vibrant, and ready for the future.

Miley worked very closely with Principal Mona Passman who expressed her gratitude for her friend and close colleague, who navigated the nuances and challenges of running a large school with one simple goal. "Frank is driven by the conviction that decisions should be made with the students' best interests at heart."

### **Sense of Mission**

Passman also valued his deep sense of mission and his dedication to the legacy and leadership of the Christian Brothers and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. Under his leadership, the charisms of these two sponsoring organizations were embedded into the students' experience, from daily prayer to opportunities to learn about the rich history and values that established the school.

It was also during his time as President that Blessed Brother James Miller, a former student and teacher at Cretin, was beatified on his path to sainthood. Miley led a delegation from CDH to Huehuetenango, Guatemala for the holy celebration. He was inspired by the simple works and ultimate sacrifice by this Christian Brother, often called Brother Fix-it during his Cretin days, who was martyred while fixing a wall at a school in Guatemala. Miley loved to tell the story of this holy man who walked the same halls as our students and teachers walk today, made every effort to help the students know and respect this man and his sacrifice, and renamed the CDH chapel and a courtyard on campus for him.

### **Strategic Excellence, Even During Challenging Times**

"Frank set a high bar to ensure we provide an excellent education for each and every student," said Passman. "One of the first things he did as president was to expand our learning lab to embrace students with learning differences by increasing staffing and moving the space to a larger and more central location in the building."

Miley reinforced the school's commitment to every student's experience, paying special attention to diversity and inclusion by providing new student programming and support, implementing intentional hiring practices, and delivering professional development for the entire staff. CDH now has the most diverse staff and Board membership in history and a new Director of Dignity and Inclusion to support and advocate for continued school-wide progress in this critical area.

During COVID-19, schools, in particular, navigated uncharted territory with shutdowns, strong mitigation measures, distance learning, and uncertainty while balancing the academic and social needs of students. School leaders often found themselves at odds with parents and staff and students whose personal perspectives and values varied tremendously. CDH was no different, but when it was possible, Miley led the effort to be among the first schools in Minnesota to bring students back on campus for in-person learning.

Through it all, Miley valued the role that 'community' played in our school's success. To provide valuable strategic direction to CDH, Miley led a broad community effort to build the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan. He included more than 100 community members in the development of the plan that invited input from all constituents through surveys, listening sessions, and focus groups. This plan has directed the school's efforts in each of the seven values, making remarkable progress in key initiatives outlined in the plan.

### **Financial Stability Today, and in the Future**

Throughout his tenure, Miley often remarked that he believed that the CDH Values should also include an eighth one: generosity. He would point to the distinctive level of support from alumni, parents, faculty/staff who generously gave because of their unparalleled belief in our school and their desire to invest in excellence and our school's mission.

His enviable success in advancement meant that tuition was lowered significantly for every student, covering about 20% of the costs to educate. In addition, CDH is able to offer significant

## **EXPRESSIONS FROM FRIENDS, COWORKERS AND STUDENTS**

“As Frank Miley takes his leave, I will miss watching the strength of his faith shape most of what he did here each day. The CDH community has benefited greatly from his deep belief in the Gospel and the call he has had to share its message with others. His greatest legacy and deepest joy will be if those whom he met here would strive to have that same trustful confidence in the words of Jesus and pass them on to those whom they meet along their way in their lives as well.”

FATHER PATRICK KENNEDY '69  
CHAPLAIN

“Frank has performed his role with a focused passion to make CDH a school that strives for excellence. With a servant leader's heart, he has implemented our mission by truly applying the CDH values to his actions and his efforts during his time here. His vision and heartfelt belief in the impact of a CDH education on the lives of our students is heartfelt. He truly believes in the profound effect on young people that happens within these walls.”

TERI McCLOUGHAN  
FORMER PARENT, BOARD OF DIRECTORS CHAIR,  
AND INCOMING INTERIM PRESIDENT





### Tom and Debbie Lentsch Forum

This new 'living room' of the school opened in January, 2020 as a place for our Raider community to gather, both during the school day and after. This space was made possible by the successful *Strong Foundation, Vibrant Future* Campaign.

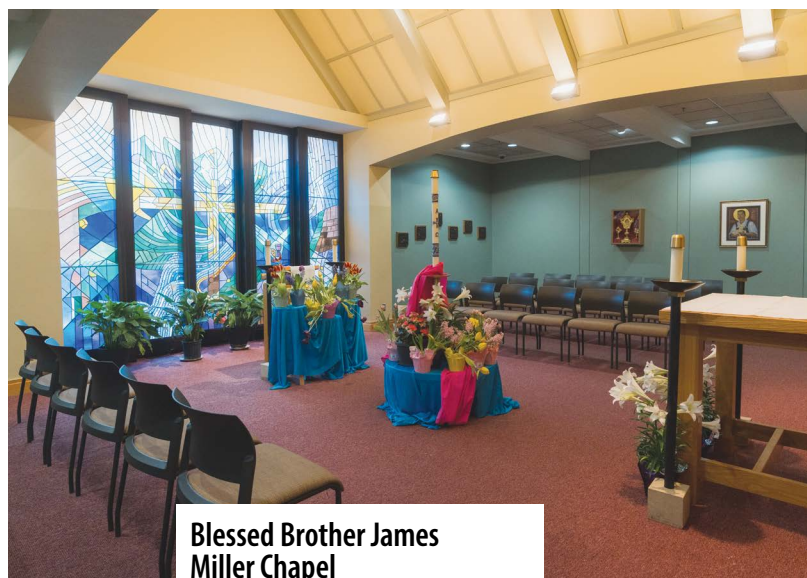
needs-based tuition assistance to students in order to keep a CDH education accessible to all who want it. Another program Miley started was a robust merit scholarship program that provided valuable scholarships to deserving students for academic, faith, character, and leadership potential. Former President, Dick Engler noted that Frank was aware of the financial needs of many young men and women of this school and he was dedicated to building the endowment, "so that every young man and young woman who wished to come to Cretin-Derham Hall would have that opportunity. What a gift that is..."

Miley leaves the school on a very sound financial footing by meeting those immediate financial needs of our students, keeping compensation of faculty and staff competitive, and maintaining excellence in programming, as well as strengthening the school's long-term financial health.

### Campus Enhancements Improve the Student Experience

Miley spearheaded several successful campaigns, the most recent being the *Strong Foundation, Vibrant Future* Campaign for tuition assistance and building improvement funds to address the significant infrastructure and expanding technology needs of the historic campus.

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### Blessed Brother James Miller Chapel

The Blessed Brother James Miller Chapel was renamed in honor of the beatification of this holy man who once walked our halls as a student and later, as a teacher.

“Mr. Miley cared about CDH — he took the time to care about the students. Even if they weren't in his CASA, he would say “hi” to students when he was passing in the hallways, knowing all of us by name. This little act of kindness each day by Mr. Miley gave the greatest impact on CDH, because it showed us students that we mattered.”

BRIDGET COMMERS '24

“He brought something new to this school — Frank has a vision for beauty. He had a vision to build areas where people would feel proud to be a part of...the new (Ryan) STEM Center, the Sunberg Leadership Center, even just walking the hallways. He also did a tremendous job with things that can't be seen, he developed the infrastructure so the future of CDH is very sound.”

DICK ENGLER  
FORMER PRESIDENT OF CDH

“For the past seven years, it has been a pleasure for me to work with Frank Miley and learn from him, to see how CDH and our students have benefited greatly from his leadership, vision and his talent in building personal relationships with students, alumni, friends and donors.”

ROB BOLLINGER  
CDH VICE PRESIDENT FOR  
ADVANCEMENT



In addition, the Tom and Debbie Lentsch Forum was built to provide a space for students to gather, relax, or work. Often called the living room of the school, this space is highly used at all hours of the day and beautifully met the needs originally identified by students who recognized the necessity for this type of space several years earlier.

The new Ryan STEM Center was also built, adding space for both a design lab and construction space. With the CDH commitment to academic excellence as a driver, this dedicated space offers tools, equipment, space, and mentoring for problem-solving, collaboration, and creativity as part of both curriculum and co-curricular activities such as the Robotics Team.

Even as he finished his term, Miley was instrumental in launching a planning study and campaign plan for athletic facility improvements which will impact nearly every student's experience and actively worked to establish a foundation for success of this campaign before he was done.

### Family

Miley is also the proud father of seven children, six of whom graduated from Cretin-Derham Hall. His belief in the transformational impact of this school on students came from a personal perspective of a parent who saw his children leave CDH ready to tackle the next phase of their lives, well-prepared in mind, body, and spirit.

Catholic education has always and will continue to be part of the fabric of their family's life. Born, raised, and educated in Catholic schools in the Archdiocese, Miley's early career included both teaching and administrative positions in other local Catholic high schools. In addition, his wife and three of his children have been or are currently teachers in Catholic schools.

While leaving CDH means formally retiring from Catholic education, he shares that his heart will always be with the unparalleled efforts of the dedicated and talented teachers, staff, families, and benefactors who work miracles with today's students and are changing lives and communities every day.

### Next Leader for CDH

Miley passes the reins to Teri McCloughan, who was appointed as Interim President by the Sisters of St. Joseph and the Christian Brothers with full support of the Board of Directors. She will serve the school as Interim President during the search for a permanent president.

As the school readies itself for the next phase of a long history of excellence, Maria Wagner Reamer '82, Chair of the Board of Directors, believes the school has been well-prepared for this transition due to the impact of Frank's leadership on our school and community, "Frank honored the rich traditions and excellence of our past while setting CDH on a course to ensure our strength today and success in the future, while always loving God and our dear neighbor without distinction."



### Ryan STEM Center

The addition of the new cross-curricular STEM space includes a design lab and a STEM lab (pictured here), located near the library and learning center.

## EXPRESSIONS FROM FRIENDS, COWORKERS AND STUDENTS

“Doing the right thing is not always easy. Regardless of the obstacles, Frank Miley always endeavored to do the right thing. He has led CDH with genuine courage and compassion — a legacy that has enriched and inspired us all.”

TONY TREUER  
CDH CULTURE AND DIVERSITY  
CONSULTANT, AUTHOR AND  
PROFESSOR AT BEMIDJI STATE  
UNIVERSITY

“Frank Miley loved representing CDH everyday. He is proud of this school community — the students, faculty and staff. His faith leads him and he stands on the foundation of the Christian Brothers and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.”

MARY KING  
FORMER EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT  
TO FRANK MILEY

“Mr. Miley was one of the first people I met at CDH. He was always willing to have a chat in the halls and always smiled. I don't think I ever saw Mr. Miley in a bad mood! He showed up to CASA with cookies and a good attitude. Good luck on your future endeavors Mr Miley, it won't be the same without you!”

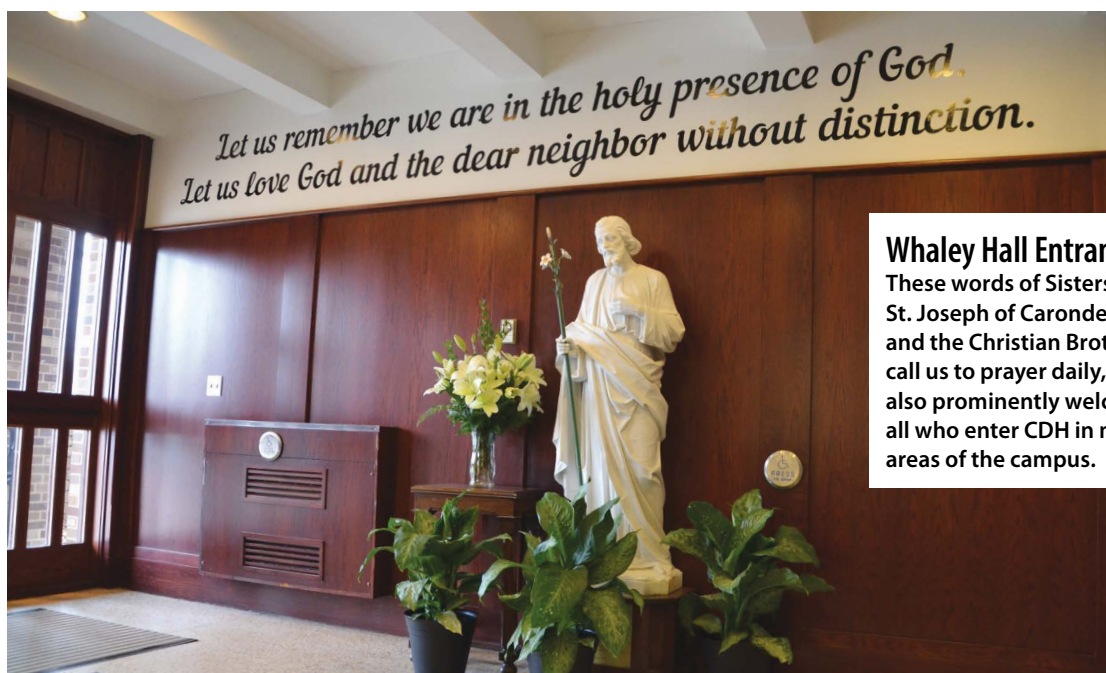
JAMES SUMMERS '25





## Athletic Hall of Fame

The CDH Athletic Hall of Fame was revised and updated in 2018 to include student-athletes and teams from Cretin, Derham Hall, and CDH. The hallway outside the Griep Family Gym now lists all honorees and interesting imagery of our Raider legends.



## Whaley Hall Entrance

These words of Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet and the Christian Brothers call us to prayer daily, and also prominently welcome all who enter CDH in many areas of the campus.

A scholarship named in honor of Frank Miley's leadership has been established at CDH. If you would like to donate to this special fund, please scan the QR code to give online, or call Peggy Gartland Schafer '79 at 651-696-3318.



“I admire Frank’s unwavering commitment to delivering an education based on the CDH mission and values. He regularly sought out community-wide engagement and carried out their collective vision. His leadership has assured that CDH is in a position to serve with the excellence the mission strives for, now and into the coming decades.”

KATIE WEINBERGER STEWART '87  
PARENT, PAST CHAIR BOARD OF DIRECTORS,  
CHAIR OF STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

“Frank is faith-filled, dedicated, and hard-working; When he sets his mind on something, he finds a way to accomplish it. I am so proud of all he has done in his career and at CDH.”

EDITOR’S NOTE: *When asked about Frank’s often-shared comment about his own high school experience which usually went like this: “I wasn’t loved enough to go to Cretin...,” she noted with a smile, “He was loved enough.”*

MARY JANE MILEY  
CDH SUPPORTER AND FRANK’S MOM



# CDH Names Teri McCloughan as Interim President

The Cretin-Derham Hall Board of Directors selected Teri McCloughan as Interim President of Cretin-Derham Hall.

McCloughan, an attorney and former CDH Board of Directors Chair, will lead the school over the next year as a national search is underway for a permanent president. She assumed the duties of the president upon the recent departure of Frank Miley who left the school to be a Co-CEO and Trustee of the Otto Bremer Trust. The Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet and the Christian Brothers approved the selection of McCloughan with high confidence that she will effectively lead the school forward during this transition.

"In addition to Teri's unparalleled executive skills and broad understanding of our school's operations, she brings a deep love of this school and our community," said Mike Dickson, Past Board Chair. "We are thrilled to have her leadership during this transition."

Over the past two decades, McCloughan has served the CDH community in many leadership roles, most notably, as Past Chair of the Board of Directors (2008-10) and Current Chair of the Advancement Committee. She was also the 2012 recipient of the Eugene and Mary Frey Community Award, for those individuals who reflect the mission and values of CDH.

She and her husband Kevin are proud parents of four CDH graduates, and together they chaired the *Strong Foundation, Vibrant Future* Campaign which was successfully concluded in 2022. Both have been active in the CAA (Catholic Athletic Association).

Her service to the broader community also includes serving as Board Chair for Risen Christ Catholic School, MINNDEPENDENT, and ProAct, Inc. She was a volunteer for the Ramsey County Guardian Ad Litem Program for 10 years and named 2019 Volunteer of the Year for her advocacy for the best interests of children in the court system.

"I am honored to have the opportunity to serve as the Interim President of Cretin-Derham Hall while the Board of Directors conducts its search for the next President. I look forward to working with the leadership team, faculty and Board during this time of transition and to maintaining the commitment to excellence for our students and their families," said McCloughan.

She continued, "With the charisms of our Sponsors as our guide, the commitment of our faculty and staff, and the strong financial foundation built through the tremendous generosity of our alumni and benefactors, the future of Cretin-Derham Hall is bright!



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— TERI MCCLOUGHAN

Under the CDH President/Principal model, McCloughan will work closely with Principal Mona Passman. She will also have support from Miley during the transition.

"Teri's careful and thoughtful leadership will enable our dedicated CDH faculty and staff to continue to provide an excellent education for our students and to ensure that our school is a place for each one to be challenged and supported in their academic, personal, and spiritual growth," noted Maria Reamer, current Board Chair.

The search for the permanent President continues, with the search firm Carney Sandoe & Associates leading the process, along with the Board of Directors. Current plans are underway for a school visit in early fall as well as opportunities for the community to provide input. For future updates on the search for the permanent President, please check the Presidential Search 2023 page ([c-dh.org/pres-search](https://c-dh.org/pres-search)).



# My Friends,

*"There was a young person who wanted to be remembered by others, so this is what the individual did. He wrote his name on the sand but the waves of the sea kept washing it away. So, he wrote his name on a tree but the sap of the tree erased it. He wrote his name on a stone but a stone cutter came and cut the stone into pieces. One day the Lord appeared to him and asked 'my child, why did you write your name in the sand or on a tree or carve it in a stone?' The young person, head bowed, responded 'I just wanted to be remembered.' The Lord looked directly in the individual's eyes and said 'write your name in the hearts of the people you meet along your way and you will be remembered forever.'" (Author unknown)*

The Easter Season in the Catholic Church concluded as we finished our school year. The season was filled with more drama and emotion than one can find binge watching their favorite programs. Jesus has been through the wringer. But not nearly as much as his disciples who had to deal with all the things that happened to him. They were beside themselves, numbed by the suffering and death which Jesus faced and their inability to stop it from happening. Moreover, they could not fathom how the great promises he made to them seem to unravel right before their very eyes. But then, three days later, Jesus appeared to them when he was raised from the dead and it renewed their hope, allowing them to pick up with him where they left off. But his earthly presence wasn't to be long lived. He told them he would be leaving again. When He ascended to his Father in heaven, they were once again overwhelmed with fear and sadness. What were they supposed to do now?

Knowing their distress, He told them it was time for them to go on their way and to keep moving forward.

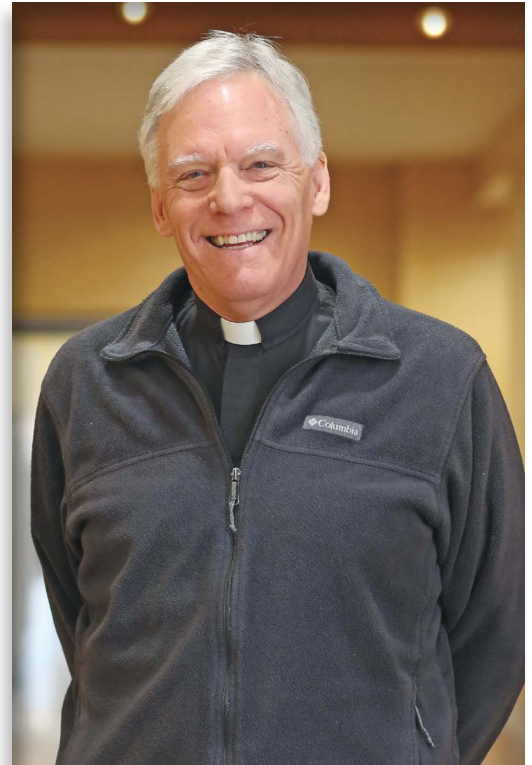
The disciples are like any of us who has experienced the comings and goings of someone we deeply loved. The disciples didn't want things to change. They wanted Jesus to remain as he was so he could continue guiding them. And why would they not want that...we all want our people to stay put and never leave.

Jesus knew what his disciples were thinking. That is why he told them he would always be with them. When they needed him, they would only need to look into their hearts. They would find him there.

The Class of 2023 is leaving, too. Each have invested in our school, offering their time and their talent. Our community is better because each of them were here. And even though we may not know where their journey will lead them next, it is an enduring testament to the history of this school, that when we remember they were here, we also remember their spirit, their gifts and their presence which remain in the hearts of those who knew them while they were here.

Each day at CDH, we acclaim "Live Jesus in our hearts!" The community response is "Forever!" It is a constant reminder, the imprint of His enduring love and presence remains in our hearts and continues to motivate us in all we do. In the same way, as our graduates go their separate ways now, each has left an imprint on our hearts. There is no doubt they will be remembered for a long time to come, maybe, even forever.

Father Patrick Kennedy '69



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# A Heart for Service

## *Bridgette Cook Startz '77 supports her community.*

From a cancer research center to historical reenactments, Bridgette Cook Startz '77 has always found ways to serve her community, and this commitment started in high school.

Reynolds J. Fischbach, DDS, PA, '48 had a policy of only hiring Cretin and Derham Hall students to work at his Highland Park dental office. He wanted to support their education and teach them about potential dental and hygiene careers. One of those students was Bridgette Cook Startz '77.

She was interested in a medical environment so she started out as a janitor, but the role quickly evolved into so much more than a high school job. Startz worked there for ten years — spanning her high school and college years at St. Mary's Junior College (Minneapolis) as well as working part-time even while she had her first full-time job at the VA Medical Center in Minneapolis.

Fischbach passed away this spring, and his funeral was in the midst of a busy week for Startz. But there was no question whether she'd attend; she drove eight hours round trip from her home in Fargo to be there.

Those are the kinds of relationships so many Cretin, Derham Hall, and Cretin-Derham Hall grads talk about, and it's why Startz has prioritized giving back to the school.

"I had a great four years," she said. "I met a lot of lifelong friends. I learned a lot of life lessons from the teachers, and I received an excellent, faith-based education. You need to give back to a place that has given you so much." Startz, and her husband Robert, have gifted CDH with two life insurance policies with their goal to support CDH long into the future.

In many ways, Startz has built her life around giving back. She never became a nurse and instead studied medical records. After a few years at the Minneapolis VA, she got an incredible opportunity at the University of Southern California, Norris Cancer Research Institute in Los Angeles, California. The Norris, as it was known, was opening its door as one of the 21 original Comprehensive Cancer Research Centers in the nation. They needed someone to manage the cancer registry, and Startz got the job.

"I collected mandated cancer data on cancer patients, and I did it all manually," Startz said. "We didn't have computers — we used little recipe cards and filed them in little boxes by anatomic cancer sites. While I was there, this facility was going to be computerized and I was able to develop and advise the programmers to write the program to include required American College of Surgeons data elements. Being in on the ground floor of an operation like that — it was incredible."

Startz spent nine years in California before returning to the Twin Cities to complete her Bachelor's degree in Health Data

Management at St. Scholastica. She continued working in cancer research while living with her parents. Her mother, heartbreakingly, was diagnosed with stage IV small cell lung cancer in 1992 and died a month later at the age of 57.

"Cancer was my world," Startz said. "I knew when I heard the diagnosis, that the prognosis was ominous. But I wasn't going to tell her that. I encouraged her to fight, of course, but it was too late."

Just three months earlier, Startz had married Robert F. Startz, MD, a pathologist she met during a research project at the Norris Cancer Center. The loss of her mother had shaken her faith, but he helped her find her way back.

"I was very angry with God," she remembers. "She never was blessed with time to develop a relationship with my husband, nor did she ever meet my sons. Sunday would come around and I didn't want to go to church, but my husband encouraged me. Having faith in something higher is so important and he helped me return to that."

After their wedding, the couple moved to Robert's hometown, Oxbow, ND.

A few years later, she had twin boys, now 27, and decided to stay home to raise them. When her boys reached middle school, she began volunteering with the lunch program. Volunteering turned into a job, and she has stayed long past their graduation. "I just love those kids. You get to know them and help them. It's just a great gig."

Over the years, Startz has found seemingly endless ways to serve her local community. She was deeply committed to supporting her sons' school activities and sports teams. She also returned to her healthcare roots, volunteering for 12 years as an EMT/FirstResponder in rural Oxbow/Hickson, ND.

More recently, she spent seven years as part of the Hospital Befriender program at Essentia Hospital in Fargo, providing communion to Catholic patients, including priests and nuns. "I saw maybe 20 patients on a visit. You'd take the time to get to know them, pray with them, distribute Eucharist and simply see if they needed anything else. For me, it was very rewarding and very emotionally gratifying."

These days, she volunteers at Bonanzaville, a recreated rural North Dakota town in the early twentieth century, dressing in period clothing and serving as a docent in the historic hotel/saloon and printing press.

"Giving back, I guess I'll credit my mother for that one. She was a life-long member of the Altar and Rosary Society, and was always volunteering at the church or at our schools. She taught me that you can't put that stuff off. It's like investing in the market. The best time to start is today."



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— BRIDGETTE COOK STARTZ '77

Currently, Bridgette volunteers in Bonanzaville serving as a docent in the historic hotel/saloon and printing press.







*“Go do as much as you can of the things you love, engage as heavily and as deeply as you can in those things. Follow your gut. And don’t be so concerned with what other people are thinking.”*

— RENÉ RODRIGUEZ '93





# René Rodriguez '93 Follows His Gut

*A success borne of hard work and passion.*

René Rodriguez '93 was never a standout on the basketball court. He fell in love with the sport at seven years old and played through high school but he spent more time on the bench than on the court. Still, he never gave up.

"I learned how to struggle through something for 13 years until I was good," he said. "Every time the season would end I'd run harder, practice more over the summer. There was never a day I didn't dribble a basketball or shoot. I was one of those guys that just kept showing up. It was almost a good thing that I wasn't good early on because it kept me working hard."

Hard work came much more naturally to him on the court but he struggled in the classroom. He had a hard time focusing on material that didn't feel relevant to his life. However, he could hyper-focus on the things he was excited about. His fondest memories were the business camps he had the opportunity to attend with Brother Martel. Martel was tough, but he made sure his students were engaged. He used creative methods to capture attention by making them use colors and take pride in their notebooks. "I still have my note books from his classes!" raved Rodriguez. His Psychology teacher once invited a magician to class, who demonstrated magic tricks and tied them to the concept of perception.

From that one demonstration, Rodriguez was hooked. He went on to study Behavioral Neuroscience at the University of St. Thomas. The subject matter fascinated him, and he had no trouble focusing and working hard. Those years on the court paid off, even if he did get cut from the St. Thomas team his sophomore year — paving the way for his first professional success.

Rodriguez got a job selling cookware door-to-door, and put what he was learning in the classroom into

practice. He used storytelling, and emotion, and built a narrative where the cookware he was offering could truly change his customers' lives.

"Of course, it only worked because I believed in it," he said. "I had to buy my own first set, so I could have integrity when I was selling it. On top of that, the ability to show emotion and to tell a story, connect through body language, all of that stuff came from psychology."

Rodriguez was one of the top five salespeople nationwide by the end of college, and was receiving high-paying job offers from major corporations — often waiving their own GPA requirements. However, he turned down all of those offers for one paying 1/3 as much that would give him the chance to have conversations on a daily basis that would continue his learning and growth.

His mother ran a successful change management consulting company, and by working with her Rodriguez knew he would have the chance to solve complicated problems, and to use neuroscience to understand behavior and add value to the business.

"I learned training at its highest level, training groups that were resistant," he said. "I learned how to engage and enroll an audience that hates you really quickly. Then, bringing my knowledge of sales, combined with the brain research and neuroscience, merging that with the science of behavior change — it was a very powerful and unique skill set."

He's been doing this work for over 25 years now, although his focus has shifted to leadership training courses and keynote speaking — he spoke 237 days in 2022. His work is his passion, and you can see it when he talks about the people he's helped.

"Part of our purpose in life is to utilize the gifts that God has given us," he said. "There's a question I try to ask at the end of each day: 'Did I do good

today?'" If the answer is no, the next day I do something to be better, be a better person, love my neighbor even more. But if I didn't ask that question, if I didn't reflect on my life, there would be no improvement."

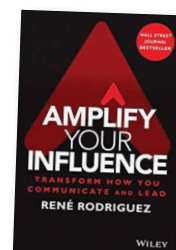
Following his passions has led to a life and career Rodriguez couldn't have dreamed of as a "mediocre" student, and he hopes today's high schoolers learn to appreciate the gifts of hard work, discipline, and perseverance. Rodriguez believes that the ability to endure during difficult times is one of the major keys to life long success.

"Take as much time as you can to engage in the things you love," he said. "if you have a passion for chess, go play chess and play the heck out of it. If you like band, be the best band member that you can be. Go do as much as you can of the things you love, engage as heavily and as deeply as you can in those things. Follow your gut. And don't be so concerned with what other people are thinking."

Rodriguez's book, *Amplify Your Influence: Transform How You Communicate and Lead* provides advice grounded in neuroscience to help leaders make an impact.

It earned a place on both the *Wall Street Journal* (#2) and *USA Today* bestseller lists and was named one of the best business books of 2022 by *Summaries.com*. He was also profiled in *Forbes Magazine* last summer.

Scan the QR code to read the *Forbes* article "Amplify Your Influence: Take Some Smart Tips From Neuroscience."



# Working for Justice

## *Judge Paulette Kane Flynn '67 believes in accountability*

As Judge Paulette Kane Flynn '67 retired from the bench in 2014, she was given a hammer in a beautiful frame. Not a gavel, as one might expect.

"Apparently I was known as 'the hammer' by the inmates in the jail," chuckled Judge Flynn who was known for her strict enforcement of the law when dealing with probation violations. In her Ramsey County courtroom, she always tried to be a neutral umpire and base her decisions on the facts and the evidence. She believed that both parties needed to feel that they were heard and that they had a fair shake. And, at the end of the day, a judge needs to be decisive and willing to make an unpopular decision.

After being a judge for 23 years, two things stand out to her today. First, she appreciates how fortunate she is to have been born into her family, where she was provided the benefit of a good education that opened doors to many opportunities. Secondly, Judge Flynn has come to respect the power of the moment. "I am frequently reminded of how a person's entire life can be changed in the blink of an eye by a bad decision or being in the wrong place at the wrong time. That is why I always tell my grandchildren to 'make good choices.'"

### Legal Career and Leadership

When she attended William Mitchell College of Law in the early 1970s, there were approximately ten women in her law school class of 125. Undaunted by this imbalance, and despite being accused by some of taking a seat that should have gone to a man who would be supporting a family, she believed the women were treated fairly in law school and often found being a woman in the legal profession was an advantage.

At the time, a woman attorney was certainly novel, especially at the beginning of her career. She recalled, "Once, the judge presiding over one of my trials called the media because this was the first time he had seen both a woman prosecutor and a woman defense attorney on the same case."

Her inspiration and commitment to the legal profession came from her aunt Margaret Kane, born in 1901 and one of only a handful of women attorneys in St. Paul who practiced law during the Depression era and after.

After law school, Flynn went to work for the St. Paul City Attorney's Office. As an assistant city attorney, she began her career as a prosecutor in the criminal division, only the third woman to be hired in this office. In this role she spent nearly 80% of her time in court and tried numerous jury and court trials. She was later appointed chief prosecutor, supervising all the attorneys in the criminal division, and was also head of the screening unit for serious offenders. She additionally served as an instructor in the police academy.

After many years of being a prosecutor, she was appointed

the head of the city's civil litigation division, handling a wide variety of cases ranging from accidents to police brutality and worker's compensation claims. In this position she represented the St. Paul Department of Human Rights regarding discrimination and civil rights cases.

In 1984, she joined the law firm of Stringer, Courtney & Rohleder practicing in the areas of insurance defense, family and employment law until 1986 when she joined the firm of Felhaber, Larson, Fenlon & Vogt and focused on labor/employment litigation. She became a partner in this firm in 1988. She was also elected as the first woman president of the Ramsey County Bar Association in 1989.

As her career progressed, her value to Minnesota's legal system also grew. Governor Arne Carlson appointed her a Ramsey County District Judge on September 11, 1991. She retired in 2014, but has served as a Senior Judge ever since, providing backup on the bench as needed.

"I did not set out to be a judge, but I think it was a natural progression of my career," said Judge Flynn. "My work as a prosecutor and my civil litigation practice frequently put me in the courtroom where I gained the necessary experience to do trial work. I merely switched roles from an advocate to a judge."

However, the mother of two explained that she had another important life experience that certainly helped her prepare for being a judge, "My experience as a mother prepared me for requiring accountability and consequences when it came to those on probation."

### Derham Hall (and CDH) Matter

As a Derham Hall graduate, she believes her education in high school definitely positively impacted her career as a lawyer and a judge. "At Derham, we learned how to think critically and how to express ourselves."

She also believed the all-girl education in the 1960s gave the students the confidence to assume roles that were traditionally dominated by males.

Judge Flynn is married to Dr. Edward Hanton. Her connection to the CDH family continues...she has two grown children, both of whom graduated from Cretin-Derham Hall, Patrick Flynn '95 and Katie Flynn '96. She has six grandchildren: Sofia Flynn '20, and two current CDH students, 11th grader Merritt Flynn and 9th grader Lola Noyes. She has three more grandchildren in grade school: Conor Flynn (8th grade), Patrick Flynn (7th grade) and Michael Noyes (5th grade).

Beyond the educational advantages of Derham Hall, Judge Flynn values the friendships she made. "I am so happy my grandchildren are part of CDH," said Judge Flynn. "I think CDH has something for everyone, and I am most impressed by its strong community. CDH connections last a lifetime."



"My work as a prosecutor and my civil litigation practice frequently put me in the courtroom where I gained the necessary experience to do trial work. I merely switched roles from an advocate to a judge."

— JUDGE PAULETTE KANE FLYNN '67







# Cretin-Derham Hall Congra





# Class of 2023 tulations!



# 2023 TOP 10 CDH STUDENTS



Cretin-Derham Hall honors excellence in academics at Commencement each year by congratulating the top students in each class.

In recognition of their stellar work at CDH over the past four years, each student was asked to reflect on their experience at CDH, especially as it related to their high level of success.



## VALEDICTORIAN

### Greta Cunningham

**Post Graduation Plans:**  
Northwestern University

**Intended Major:**  
English

*"To me, excellence really comes from that sweet spot where your purpose aligns with your community's needs. It's about impact, not perfection. CDH motivated me to achieve excellence by continually demonstrating the impact it could have on our community."*



## SALUTATORIAN

### Anna Stangler

**Post Graduation Plans:**  
University of San Diego

**Intended Major:**  
Behavioral Neuroscience  
(pre-med track)

*"One lesson I have learned from my time at CDH is the importance of community and being surrounded by people who will support you in the good times and the bad times. I think many times in life, we get distracted from what is really important...people, family and friends, are what matter. CDH has a community that cares for each other..."*



### Nick Collins

**Post Graduation Plans:**  
Boston College

**Intended Major:**  
Biology

*"Many of the teachers I had inspired me to not only study the material for a grade, but to explore it in ways that sparked curiosity. I remember talking with a science teacher and religion teacher about the nature of infinity from both a physics and philosophy perspective..teachers want students to gain a passion for what they teach, making it easy, if one has the desire, to dive deeper into various subject matter."*



### Robby Diamond

**Post Graduation Plans:**  
University of Notre Dame

**Intended Major:**  
Mechanical Engineering

*"At CDH, the teachers are the ones that motivated me to achieve excellence. They have always pushed me to do my best, and encouraged me to try to reach even higher. They were also there to support me when I failed, and always saw my full potential, even when I couldn't."*



**Natalie Seng**

**Post Graduation Plans:**  
University of St. Thomas

**Intended Major:**  
Math and Political Science

*"I am really grateful for the experiences I have had at CDH. It definitely was different than normal, with Covid being very present my 9th and 10th grade years. Even under those circumstances, I've loved participating in activities at CDH and getting to know my classmates and teachers."*

**Mary Soltis**

**Post Graduation Plans:**  
University of Notre Dame

**Intended Major:**  
Business

*"Excellence for me is always striving to be my best, while holding strong to my values. I learned at CDH that it's not always about you; the good of the community is a lot more important in the long run than a short-lived personal success."*

**Lauren Bullis**

**Post Graduation Plans:**  
University of Florida

**Intended Major:**  
Finance on pre-med track

*"Excellence is waking up each day with the mindset that you are going to give it your all. It is not being perfect in everything you do, but rather the resilience showing up each day and giving what you can."*

**Morgan Redden**

**Post Graduation Plans:**  
Johns Hopkins University

**Intended Major:**  
Applied Mathematics and Statistics

*"One lesson I learned at CDH is to work towards what you are passionate about. CDH is filled with mentors and teachers that push you to want to learn, and to get involved in anything and everything. This has impacted my life and helped me get out of my comfort zone to explore opportunities that I would never have imagined."*

**Collett Akins**

**Post Graduation Plans:**  
Lehigh University

**Intended Major:**  
Material Science & Engineering  
and Art History

*"It was the teachers at CDH who motivated me the most to achieve excellence. They were very in tune with what I was passionate about, and always willing to help me integrate that passion into what we were doing in the classroom, whether that be a paper, presentation, discussion, etc. I've been very privileged to have some amazing teachers who encouraged me to push the limits of conventional thinking on assignments, but were also willing to help me work through a problem when I got stuck."*

**Isabella Keating**

**Post Graduation Plans:**  
University of Notre Dame

**Intended Major:**  
Computer Science

*"My experiences at CDH have been largely defined by the pandemic and the aftermath of slowly returning to normal school again. After we returned to school full-time, the energy in the building was electric, with everyone very excited to see each other and participate in activities again. This energy and the strong sense of community has defined CDH for me and is what I'll take with me into the future."*

# 2023 AWARD WINNERS



Every year, Cretin-Derham Hall is proud to honor students for their achievements in academics, co-curricular leadership, and faith and character. This year's Honors Assembly was held on April 18 for award winners and their parents, with the rest of the community tuning in on YouTube.



## ExCel Awards

The ExCeL Award recognizes two junior students with superior involvement in the fine arts or athletics, leadership positions and volunteer work.

**Lauren Bengtson '24**  
**Miles Bollinger '24**



## Triple "A" Awards

The Triple "A" Award honors two senior students for their achievements in the classroom, the arts, and athletics.

**Tavary Un '23**  
**Josh Ojo '23**



## Excellence in Fine Arts Awards

Established in 2017, this award honors seniors who have done extensive and excellent work across several Fine Arts disciplines.

**Ream Hashel '23**  
**Justice Linton '23**



## Kopp Family Foundation Scholarships

The Kopp Family Foundation Scholarship recognizes two seniors graduating from Cretin-Derham Hall each year. This award honors students who have led by example and consistently work to their ability in the classroom, while involved in service activities and positive in their interactions with others.

**Nick Collins '23**  
**Greta Cunningham '23**



## Sister Mary Aloysius Sherin, CSJ Scholarship

The Sister Mary Aloysius Sherin, CSJ Scholarship Endowment was established by Gail Galvani Bell, Derham

Hall '70. Sister Mary Aloysius, a math teacher and former principal, instilled in Gail a lifelong love of math. This award honors a junior female who has demonstrated significant achievement in math.

**Bridget Commers '24**



## Hugh Derham Award

Presented in honor of Hugh Derham, the first benefactor of Derham Hall High School, it honors a female who demonstrates

excellence in all three areas of athletics, attitude, and academics.

**Anna Stangler '23**



## Len Horyza Memorial Scholarships

The Len Horyza Memorial Scholarship honors a teacher, coach and mentor at Cretin High School and Cretin-Derham Hall for 35 years. Two scholarships are awarded in recognition of his service. The first award goes to a member of the Boys Varsity Basketball Team who demonstrates a strong work ethic in and off the court.

**Miles Bollinger '24**

The second award goes to a student who has demonstrated the qualities he encouraged: leadership, perseverance, and commitment.

**Lillian Moore '24**



## Derham Hall Carondelet Leadership Awards

This award was created by alumnae in 1995 to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the founding of Derham Hall. This endowment recognizes and rewards two junior female students who have demonstrated exceptional leadership skills and academic excellence and who reflects the charisms of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.

**Calla Massari '24**  
**Allysa Edomaruseh '24**





### Raider Awards

Raider Award recipients exemplify the ideals of a positive spirit of sport and the core mission of athletics at CDH. This year, there are three winners.

**Charlie Cantwell '23**

**Ava Junker '23**

**Anna Stangler '23**



### Harvey Buron Spirit Award

The Harvey Buron Spirit award is presented in honor of Harvey Buron, a Cretin teacher from 1961-1981. This award recognizes

the male athlete that best exemplifies dedication, hard work and positive attitude.

**Adam Tauer '23**



### Padden Award

Presented in honor of James Padden '48 who died in the Korean War. The male recipient must have demonstrated excellence in athletics, attitude and academics.

**Jake Fisher '23**



### Appointment to U.S. Military Academy

**Simon Houge '23**



### Robert Stupka III Science Scholarships

The Robert Stupka III scholarship was established in memory of Robbie Stupka III, '02. Two scholarships are awarded to juniors who demonstrate a love for science and the scientific process.

**Kai Bodden '24**

**Ariana Awiszus '24**



### McDonough Spirit Award

Presented in honor of Mary Ann and Tom McDonough in generosity for their generosity and dedication to girls' athletics at Cretin-Derham Hall. The

McDonough Spirit Award recognizes the female athlete who best exemplifies hard work and a positive attitude.

**Morgan Redden '23**



### Greg Marzolf Jr. Scholarship Award

This scholarship is in honor of Greg Marzolf Jr. '98, who died from Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy while in college. Greg's gift to this community was

to recognize the importance of inclusion and respect for all abilities. His legacy is to honor students that have succeeded with dignity and determination while embracing their challenges.

**Nathan Leber '24**



### Lepsche Family Memorial Award and Scholarship

The Lepsche family established this award to honor the memory of their late son, Ray Lepsche, Jr. '66 who was killed in an auto accident. This

award honors a junior male student who has demonstrated significant achievement in religion.

**Isaac Garcia '24**

## National Merit Scholarship Program — Commended Scholars



**Nick Collins '23**



**Isabella Keating '23**



**Morgan Redden '23**



**Natalie Seng '23**



**Mary Soltis '23**

# 2023 AWARD WINNERS



There are two special awards that honor students who show exceptional character traits that are highly valued at CDH. On behalf of the CDH community, we congratulate these young men and women of the Class of 2023, as well as all the accomplished young men and women recognized for their achievements this year.

## MOTHER SERAPHINE IRELAND AWARD

Ellen Ireland and her brother, John, immigrated to the United States and settled in St. Paul in 1852. Ellen joined the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Carondelet, was named Sister Seraphine and by age 30 she was appointed Superior (“Mother”) serving the province for 39 years. Believing that education leads to social transformation, she established schools, hospitals, and learning institutions, including Saint Catherine’s University and Derham Hall.

Cretin-Derham Hall honors the contributions of the Sisters of Saint Joseph and Mother Seraphine Ireland by recognizing one senior female for her faith, leadership, integrity, commitment to service and social justice. She receives this distinction having been chosen by her peers.



**NATALIE SENG**  
2023 Recipient  
Mother Seraphine Ireland  
Award

Natalie has been chosen by her peers because she is genuine and sincere in every aspect of her life. She has high respect for everyone and supports others in being the best they can be. She approaches the people in her life with a fierce

tenderness and knows how to hold a safe space for others. She has a special gift and grace for the elders at her fieldwork site. She truly serves for the greater common good. For these reasons and so much more Natalie embodies the passion and leadership of Mother Seraphine.

Natalie plans to attend the University of St. Thomas.

## ARCHBISHOP JOHN IRELAND AWARD

With his sister, Ellen, John Ireland experienced the expansion of the Minnesota Territory during his childhood. Ordained a priest in 1861, he became the chaplain for the 5th Minnesota Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War. He returned to Saint Paul, became Rector of the Cathedral of Saint Paul and was appointed the first archbishop in 1888. Archbishop Ireland’s ideas for social reform and the relationship between church and society left profound outcomes. Specifically, he established Saint Thomas Academy, the Saint Paul Seminary, and the University of Saint Thomas.

Honoring the many contributions of Archbishop John Ireland, Cretin-Derham Hall recognizes one outstanding senior male for his faith, leadership, integrity and commitment to service and social justice. He receives this distinction having been chosen by his peers.



**WILLIAM EK**  
2023 Recipient  
Archbishop John Ireland  
Award

Will Ek was chosen by his peers because he is a leader in the CDH community. He leads with purpose and compassion. He cares about his classmates and the school as a whole. He truly wants to make CDH and his community a better

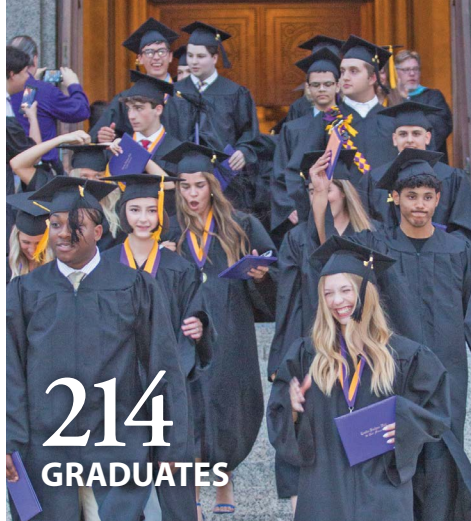
place. He gives of his time with little to no reservations. He is extremely strong in his faith and models what Christ does in so many situations. For his age and place in the world right now, he is truly a model of what a Christian should be.

Will plans to attend the University of Notre Dame.





**5** **61%** ATTENDING SCHOOLS IN  
STATE AREA (MN, ND, SD, IA, WI)



**214**  
GRADUATES



**80%**  
REPORTING AT  
LEAST ONE MERIT  
SCHOLARSHIP



**18** COLLEGES IN MINNESOTA  
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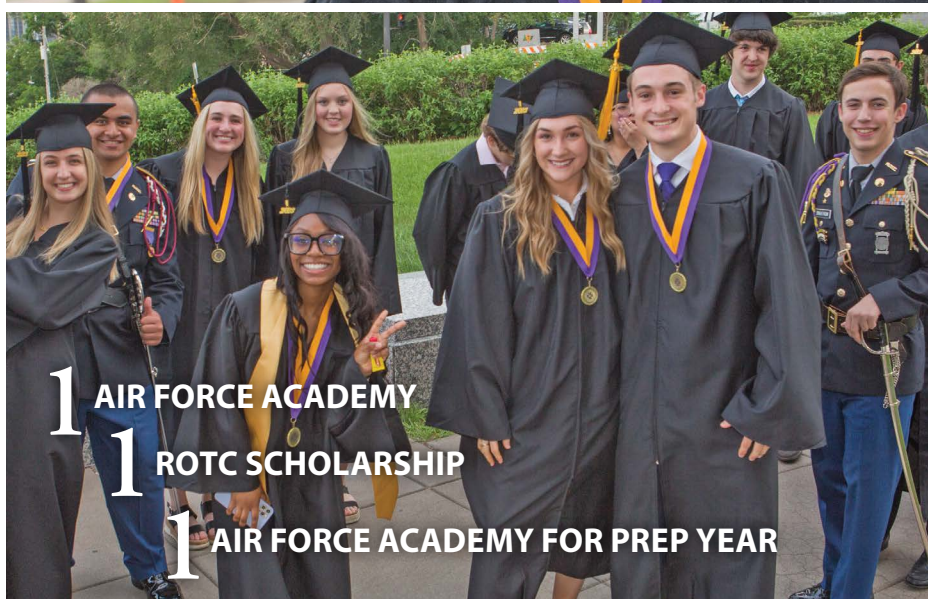


**35%**  
ATTENDING  
CATHOLIC  
COLLEGES AND  
UNIVERSITIES



**5** ATTENDING HISTORICALLY  
BLACK COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES

**25** **39%** ATTENDING SCHOOLS IN  
OTHER STATES AND BRAZIL



**1** AIR FORCE ACADEMY  
**1** ROTC SCHOLARSHIP  
**1** AIR FORCE ACADEMY FOR PREP YEAR



**26** STUDENTS ENROLLED IN  
HIGHLY SELECTIVE COLLEGES  
AND UNIVERSITIES



**88%** HEADED TO COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY  
THE OTHER **12%** INCLUDE 9 STUDENTS WHO  
REMAIN UNDECIDED, PLUS SEVERAL CHOOSING GAP  
YEARS, EMPLOYMENT, OR JUNIOR HOCKEY





## Building the Raider Classes of 2027 and 2028

The Class of 2027 is projected to be one of the largest incoming classes of 9th graders in years. “We have some exciting energy happening in Admissions,” said Sean Van Gemert ’96, Admissions Director.

Indications this past school year were all pointing to a strong class of incoming 9th graders, with Family Raider Experiences at an all time high, applications and registrations both higher than the past several years, and interest by potential students and their families continuing through this summer.

The incoming Class of 2027 is anticipated to be made up of students from over 80 middle schools. “CDH has long enjoyed a strong number of students from Catholic grade schools, and this continues,” explained Van Gemert. “But when you see students coming from all over, there is a sense that students can start strong here even without a core group of students they already know. Students are ready to build their own new community.”

One of the keys to a positive experience for prospective families is the connection formed with Student Ambassadors and Parent Ambassadors. Van Gemert gives all prospective students and parents a tour of the school during the school day with lots of information, followed by lunch and a Q & A opportunity.

On those Family Raider Experiences, current students, faculty, and even parents often join in. “So many questions go to the current students because they are in the middle of it all and can talk about their personal experience in a relatable way,” said Van Gemert. Prospective students also shadow these students after lunch to get a feel of the student experience.

The tours also allow the Admissions Department to get to know the prospective students and their interests. “If we find out one of the 8th graders is interested in soccer or the theater,”

Van Gemert explained, “We invite them to a soccer game or a production and give them the chance to interact with students and leaders in those areas to begin the development of the relationships that will help them achieve success at CDH.”

Making the investment in Catholic education is a strong consideration for all families. CDH awards more than \$3 million in tuition assistance to families with need. Another distinctive program at CDH is a large merit scholarship program that provides financial awards to students who apply for a variety of scholarships related to academic excellence, faith – service – leadership, and interest in the JROTC program.

“We work very hard to keep a CDH education accessible,” noted Van Gemert.

Summer is often a time the Admissions Office becomes busy with incoming 9th graders and students who may transfer in. Last year, more than 40 students entering grades 10-12 transferred in. CDH hosts all incoming new students, 9th graders and transfers, to a welcoming and informative orientation in August.

If you or someone you know is interested in joining the Class of 2027 as a 9th grader, or finding out more information about transferring to CDH, encourage them to call the Admissions Office at 651-696-3301 to get the process started.

Once school is back in session, the Family Raider Experiences will begin in September.

Scan the QR code to find out more  
about Admissions and to plan your  
Family Raider Experiences.





## CDH Grandparents Make a Difference

CDH Grandparents play a significant role in the lives of their grandchildren. From attending special Masses, volunteering at school events and cheering for them at various co-curricular activities, they bring a unique perspective and a wealth of experience that enriches the educational journey of their grandchildren.

### Grandparents' Mass — A Beloved Tradition

One of the cherished traditions at CDH is the annual Grandparents Mass, where grandparents are invited to join their grandchildren to celebrate the Eucharist and spend time visiting with them afterward. This special Mass recognizes and honors the vital role grandparents play in nurturing the faith of their grandchildren and fosters a sense of unity, love, and gratitude among generations. Refreshments are always served after Mass, supplied and served by our amazing Parents' Association.

Mary Johnson, grandmother to Ali Deldotto '25, attended her first Grandparents' Mass this year and had a very positive experience. "Now I see why

my granddaughter loves CDH," she said. "My favorite part was my granddaughter blessing me at the end. We grandparents crave opportunities to connect with our grandkids. Thank you for giving that to us."

"This was our first time attending Grandparents' Day and we were so thrilled to be there," said Candy Daly, grandmother to Olivia '23 and Bridget Kimlinger '25. "We were amazed at how well attended it was. Cretin-Derham Hall is doing a wonderful job educating fine young people and including the whole family in its traditions."

### Calling all Grandparents — Join the Grandparents' Association

The newly formed Grandparents' Association offers grandparents another active way to be involved by welcoming students on the first day of school with doughnuts and handing out treats during Homecoming Week and Valentines Day. Of course this is a huge hit with the students and adds an extra touch of excitement to these special days.

Nancy Scanlan, who started the

Grandparents' Association this year after seeing the need, understands that what truly makes CDH exceptional is its rich tradition. "The passionate involvement of grandparents is instrumental in keeping that tradition alive." Look for more information on joining the Grandparents' Association later this year.

The impact of grandparents at CDH is immeasurable. Their active involvement in religious, social, and educational activities enriches the lives of students and strengthens the bonds within the school community. Their presence not only provides encouragement and support to their grandchildren, but also adds to the sense of pride and accomplishment felt by all the students involved.

"What I love about having my grandma be so supportive and willing to come to my school is that she can see me thrive in the community," said Skylar McLeod '25. "Seeing her there as I'm partaking in school activities feels so heartwarming as a granddaughter, and it lets me know that she really cares for me and loves to be involved in my life in and outside of school."



The Grandparents' Mass was held on campus this past April and honors the vital role grandparents play in nurturing the faith of their grandchildren and fosters a sense of unity, love, and gratitude among generations.





A few members of the CDH Robotics Team pose with their latest robot in the Ryan STEM Center.



Dr. Taviare Hawkins, Professor of Physics at St. Catherine University, addressed our students in the Lillian Theater.



The Cretin-Derham Hall Board of Directors STEAM Scholarships were awarded to two students. (From L-R) Jeff Winsor '09, STEM Coordinator, Bob '73 and Diane Stupka, Award Winners, Ariana Awiszus '24 and Mickey Coenen '25, Michelle Stupka Madsen '04, and Frank Miley.

## STEAM WEEK 2023

# Making the World Better

'Making the World Better' was the theme for the 2nd Annual Rob Stupka STEAM Week, in honor of Rob Stupka '02, held in late April. The week is intended to introduce CDH students to Rob's story and to the countless different opportunities available to them in STEAM fields.

There were several events throughout the week and many distinguished presenters came in to talk to the students about their own experiences in STEM and to share their knowledge. Events included a presentation from Rob Stupka's parents, Bob '73 and Diane Stupka, about Rob's story and why supporting STEM means so much to them, a 9th grade science and engineering workshop, drone racing, virtual reality, a robotics open house, a prairie restoration workshop, a middle school STEAM workshop, and a STEM and Ethics presentation.

Rob's love of science started at an early age and was cultivated during his time at CDH. His parents hope that this week encourages more students to follow in his footsteps.

"We know it's not going to be for everyone, but we would hope all of them find their passion and we hope a lot of them find it in science," said Bob. "We just hope they find something that they love as much as Rob loved what he was doing and keep going forward and doing great things with the rest of their lives."

Two CDH students, Ariana Awiszus '24 and Mickey Coenen '25, were presented with Cretin-Derham Hall Board of Directors STEAM Scholarships which go to two students with an affinity, ability, and strong interest in STEAM.



## STEAM WEEK 2023 PRESENTERS

**Jazmine Darden**, Director of the Young Inventor Challenge with People of Play, worked with our 9th grade students during their Science & Engineering class. Darden is responsible for providing an opportunity for children to develop and pitch their original inventions to major toy and game companies and industry professionals. Darden was asked to participate in interviews for the History Channel's "The Toys that Built America." Recently, Darden was selected as one of the 2022 Women in Business Honorees by the *Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal*. Darden is a college professor at Dunwoody College in their Design for Manufacturing: 3D Printing department.



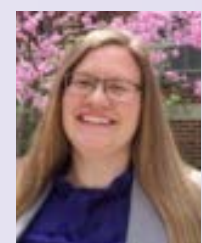
**Dr. Taviare Hawkins** addressed our 11th grade students. Dr. Hawkins is a Professor of Physics at St. Catherine University and an experienced Division Chair with a demonstrated history of working in the higher education industry. In addition to performing the Chair duties, she is skilled in teaching introductory and advanced courses in Physics and mentoring students in experimental biophysics research. Dr. Hawkins is a strong education professional with a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) focused in Physics from Syracuse University. During her interview with CBS News focusing on paving the way for black women in STEM, Dr. Hawkins says of her students, "They won't have to go through the many firsts that I have. So now they just get to write their story in history."



**Nick Montelibano '12** addressed our 10th grade students about his work as a software consultant. Nick specializes in solving problems with software. From developing firmware for implantable medical devices, to architecting state-of-the-art software solutions for a medical monitor, he has a wide variety of software expertise to push projects to completion. Montelibano graduated from Iowa State University with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering. After holding many jobs in his career, he is now an independent software engineer. He is one of our current Robotics coaches at CDH!



**Amy Hostetler** addressed our 10th grade students about her work at Medtronic as a Senior Systems Engineer. Hostetler graduated from Iowa State University with a Bachelor Degree in Computer Engineering, she later earned a Master of Science from Purdue University in Interdisciplinary Engineering.



Hostetler worked as a software engineer at Minnetronix Medical, a medical device company. Now she's a senior systems engineer at Medtronic.

**Kristy Mollner Simmons '93** was one of our STEM and Ethics presenters. She is the Vice President of Quality at Medtronic's Cardiac Ablation Solutions Business. Simons leads all Quality activities for the function with responsibilities spanning pre and post market reliability engineering, safety, compliance, quality systems, and service. She drives quality strategy, planning, budgeting, and oversight to a global team of employees. Simons is an adjunct faculty at the University of St. Thomas School of Engineering and has over 25 years of experience in the Medical Device Industry. Simons holds a Master of Science in Manufacturing Systems from the University of Saint Thomas and a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Saint Norbert College.



**Emily Mishek Brennan '96** was one of our STEM and Ethics presenters. She is the Director of Quality and Safety at Park Nicollet Health Services where she leads teams of doers, fixers, strategists & critical thinkers. She has expertise in the complexities of problem assessment, risk analysis, rapid design, data driven improvement, and focused strategy development. Mishek has a Bachelor of Arts from the University of St. Thomas and a Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) from the University of Minnesota. Along with her work to improve the quality and safety of our health care system, Mishek has been a volunteer at Dorothy Day Center for over 11 years.



**Brenna Loufek**, Regulatory Affairs — Digital Health | FemTech | AI/ML, Mayo Clinic, was one of our STEM and Ethics presenters. She is an experienced regulatory specialist with a history of providing pre-market strategies to innovators seeking guidance on US FDA regulations for AI/ML-enabled digital health technologies. Loufek is on the board of the HIMSS (Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society) which represents health care professionals in four professional areas: clinical systems, information systems, management engineering, and telecommunications. Loufek is seeking a Doctorate of Philosophy in Evidence-Based Healthcare from the University of Oxford. She holds a Master of Science in Patent Safety and Healthcare Quality from Johns Hopkins University and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Anthropology, and Spanish from the University of Minnesota.



# His Energy is Contagious

## *Jerry Kline, Jr. '93 lives out his passion.*

*Jerry Kline, Jr '93, the CDH Dean of Students for more than two decades, Head Boys Basketball Coach, and now a Physical Education teacher and Superfans Coordinator, has a long history of proudly wearing the purple and gold! He grew up in Circle Pines, Minnesota and graduated from CDH. He earned his degree from Armstrong Atlantic State University in Savannah, Georgia, but came back home for his career. He is married to his wife April and they have two daughters, Abby and Jaelyn, and their beloved goldendoodle, Ollie. As a family, they love heading to the cabin in Cambridge and having fun on the lake!*

### **Tell us about your decision to switch from working in administration as Dean of Students to teaching.**

I have always loved teaching high school students. I have had a passion for doing this since day one. In my early years, I found the Dean of Students role a great opportunity to work with all kinds of students and make a difference in their day-to-day high school experience. It was a great job, but when the PE teaching job came available, I jumped at the opportunity to teach again.

In my life, I don't know if education found me or I found education. I grew into it, like we all do, but I know that teaching high schoolers — this age — is my passion. I am lucky to have the chance to interact with so many different groups. I don't take it for granted.

Whether it is as simple as students saying 'hello' in the hall or talking with me about making their college decision, this is such an important time in their lives, and so it is important to me, too.

### **What is one of your favorite memories from your high school years?**

I will always remember my senior year in 1993, winning the basketball state title, and celebrating our accomplishments with my teammates and Coaches Len Horyza and Arvesta Kelly.

My basketball team gave me the chance to work with my teammates to accomplish an ultimate goal. A championship is great, but it's the journey that makes it special. We learned if you put in the hard work, success follows.

### **Do you have a teacher or a coach (from anytime in your life through today ) that has inspired you? What 'lesson' did they teach you?**

My father, Jerry Sr., coached me throughout my childhood and taught me so many lessons throughout life. Not only did he teach me the fundamentals of sports but how to treat people the right way. He taught me how to win with grace and lose with class.

He really supported CDH and the basketball program like nothing else. Maybe you could call him the 'original super fan.' He connected with our student athletes and had a big impact on the kids on our teams — fun fact, many of the kids called him 'Grampy.'

It was a difficult December because I lost my father to Alzheimer's Disease. He will be greatly missed by many people, especially the CDH Basketball family. RIP Dad.

### **You have been close to students at some of the most important times of their lives — either challenging or joyful — what impresses you about high school students today?**

What impresses me is how today's students have the perseverance to manage so much life including family, academics, friends, social media, etc.

I always talk to my students about this important idea about 'balance.' Balance means how do you manage the normal ups and downs so that you don't have these deep and scary dives. We all have to manage it all, and keep a good perspective about life.

Students ask me all the time, "How come you are so loud and so happy all the time?"

"It's simple," I tell them. "I want you to have a good experience for the hour you are with me!" I believe that energy is contagious.

### **What advice would you give our students as they leave high school?**

Find your passion and enjoy what you do!

You only get one shot at life. When you find something that you care about...do it. Happiness will follow. When you think about what matters, 'joy' is way more important than money will ever be!

### **Beyond the curriculum/sports skill work, what do you hope your students learn from you?**

To be kind, respect others, and be confident in yourself. One of the most rewarding things is when students come back and say thank you because they realize how much they grew because we listened to them and they learned from those life lessons we can sometimes take for granted.

### **Is basketball your passion...Why?**

Yes!! Coaching is all about taking a young group of boys in November and seeing their big improvement by March — it is the best journey every season.

We develop a sense of unselfishness and togetherness as a team. It is not just about wins and losses...it's the connections and the experience of being a 'team.' How you win and how you lose — this really matters. We can regroup either way. It's all about being competitive and seeing these individual athletes compete by giving their best to the team effort.

Being a coach means working with great assistant coaches to build camaraderie and a family environment, so we can get kids to buy into this culture that will be important in their life, not just on the court.



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matters, ‘joy’ is way more  
important than money will  
ever be!”*

— JERRY KLINE, JR. '93

**FAVORITE VACATION SPOT?**

Beaver Creek, CO

**DREAM MARCH MADNESS FINAL MATCH UP?**

St. Thomas University vs. North Carolina

**BEST PIZZA IN TOWN?**

Carbone's

**MOVIE ON YOUR COUCH OR IN A THEATER?**

Theater

**BEST CONCERT/PERFORMANCE SHOW YOU  
EVER ATTENDED?**

Tupak Shakur in the early 90s.



There are so many opportunities during the season to present life skills, life situations, and discover the ‘aha’ moments. And it’s not just coaches who are in charge of this. We build mutual respect. When my players say, “I got you coach” whether we are working on a play, after a loss or better yet, a win, it is such a victory.

**Do you have any sayings, mantras, unique expectations for your students or teams that you are known for?**

My basketball players hear this a lot: “FINISH, REBOUND PURPLE...”

It reflects our philosophy — simple words that express determination and dedication. We keep it relatable to the players.

As a coach, we always have a play called ‘the Raider.’ This reminds us all what it means to play for our school and gets to the core of who we are.

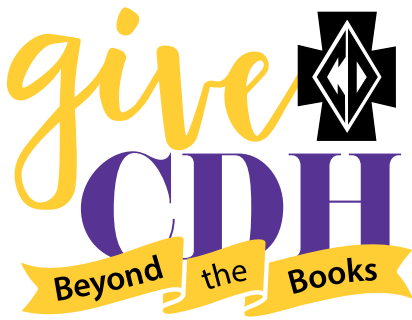
**In addition to teaching this year, you are also leading SUPER FANS...tell us more about this group and why you believe in growing the impact of this group.**

It’s a great way for our students to have a positive experience supporting other students in athletics, arts, and academics. Students love to see their peers cheering them on, whether at sports or a band concert, which makes for a wonderful experience.

This year we had 18 seniors as Superfans. Their energy for classmates was awesome. They were accountable and made it fun. They worked hard to build community. Next year, we plan to keep growing and including more support on the activities side.

I believe in helping our students make good choices on campus...not bad choices somewhere else. We all know the students have to go to class, but after school, they get to choose what they do. The Superfans made the ‘game day experience’ even better for students of all ages.





*Give Day: Beyond the Books* is held every spring to support enrichment programming or equipment for co-curriculars.

## Give CDH Day: Beyond the Books Donors' Generosity Enhances Co-curriculars

The **3rd Annual GiveCDH Day: Beyond the Books** raised nearly \$90,000 from 271 donors to provide an opportunity for teams and organizations to enhance their programs at CDH. This support is a hallmark of our community, pulling together to enrich our students' experience in co-curricular activities!

At a school where 95% of our students are involved in a co-curricular, *GiveDay: Beyond the Books* has an impact on almost every student in our community. Co-curriculars are an important part of our commitment to grow our young peoples' minds, bodies, and faith. A 2016 Gallup-Purdue Index study of college graduates shows former student-athletes — particularly women — fared significantly better after graduation than non-athletes in several measures of well-being, including sense of purpose, social relationships, relationship to their communities, and physical health.

Our community's support is vital to continue to give our students the experience they need to continue to grow. In your generosity, you are a part of our belief, "Culture Creates Champions."

Several of our co-curricular coaches already have plans for enriching their programs which will impact their students' experience. For instance, Lisa Thomas, Girls Swim & Dive Coach, was very intentional when asked how the swim program could use donated funds through *GiveCDH Day: Beyond the Books*. "We identified our need for a swim and dive record board and started generating and researching records. We started pricing them last year to prepare for our Give Day this year. We raised enough to purchase the board and are looking forward to seeing those records up in the fitness center where our kids work with Training Haus!"

JROTC is planning to use their donated funds to help offset the cost of sending cadets to Rifle, Drill, Archery, Orienteering, and Robotics competitions next year. COL Joseph E. Scrocca, Senior Army Instructor, is very excited about the impact of these funds on their program.

"We really want to take our program to the next level and competition with other JROTC programs at the regional, state and national level is one way to get there."

According to Head Coach Matt Funk, the Boys' Hockey Team will be using the money received from this recent GiveDay to help offset some general costs for the program and to help keep costs for families low in a sport where costs are rising.

Every little bit helps! Megan Fee Smith '00, Girls Golf Coach, is planning on using the funds raised on *GiveDay: Beyond the Books* for new umbrellas for the team which will be very helpful during the unpredictable weather every Spring season.

On behalf of our students, thank you. *Give Day: Beyond the Books* is held every spring to support enrichment programming or equipment for co-curriculars. This is an excellent opportunity to support the program your children or grandchildren participate in, as well as provide general support for our student programming.





## The Taste of CDH Brings Community Together

The 9th Annual Taste of CDH event was a successful evening for restaurants and bars with CDH connections to give our community a “taste” of the food and beverages they have to offer.

The Taste was attended by nearly 400 people, with many local businesses generously donating their time. It was a community event on every level — many students and adult volunteers from the CDH Alumni Board, the Parents Association, and the Raider Rack were all on hand to make the event a success. All proceeds go toward tuition assistance.

A few new vendors participated for the first time at the event, including Brian Smith '11 and his wife, Julia Odima Smith '12, representing Jersey Mike's Subs: “As people who grew up in St. Paul and also who are alumni of CDH, my wife Julia and I could not have been happier joining the Taste of CDH for the first time this year. Everyone made us feel so welcome to be back to our alma mater; which gave us a sense of joy to revert our attention back to the institution where we met and started our foundation together.”

Another new vendor, Red Cow & Red Rabbit, enjoyed interacting with the CDH community. Jeremy Kanne, manager of Red Rabbit on Grand Avenue was also grateful to be involved in the Taste of CDH. “We really enjoyed being able to help serve everyone at the event. We had an awesome response to our offerings. We love being out in the community whenever we can. Thank you for giving us the opportunity and we would love to do it again!”

Long-time vendors also enjoyed the event; Paul '80 and Wendy Sevenich represented their business, Nothing Bundt Cakes. Their daughter, senior Rezza Sevenich '23, helped as well! Wendy noted, “We love attending this event every year! It is fun to interact with all the businesses that are part of the CDH community.”



### PLEASE SUPPORT OUR VENDORS AT THE TASTE OF CDH!

2 Scoops Ice Cream Eatery  
Big Ten Catering  
Captain Ken's Foods, Inc.  
Casper's & Runyon's Nook/Shamrocks  
Cossetta's Italian Market & Pizzeria  
DeGidio's Restaurant & Bar  
Hooch Booch  
Jersey Mike's Subs  
Lift Bridge Brewing  
Mancini's Char House  
Midwest Vending, Inc.  
Nautical Bowls  
Nothing Bundt Cakes  
Peppers & Fries Restaurant — food truck  
Red Cow and Red Rabbit  
Red's Savoy Pizza  
Scout & Cellar  
Skinner's Pub & Eatery  
Taher, Inc.  
Thomas Liquors  
Tommy Chicago's Pizzeria  
ZZQ Smokehouse

## Class of 2023 Step Up with their Senior Gift

By Greta Cunningham '23

Annually, each year's graduating class is invited to leave Cretin-Derham Hall a senior gift to commemorate the end of their four years here. This tradition represents our students' dedication to making a CDH education accessible for the next generation of Raiders.

To uphold the mission of the Christian Brothers and Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, CDH is dedicated to providing one of the lowest private school tuitions in the Twin Cities. This is made possible through the generosity of our alumni, current and past parents, faculty and staff, and friends.

Whether or not a family qualifies for additional tuition assistance, every CDH student is a recipient of this initial aid, which makes tuition around \$3,000 less than the actual cost to educate a student. It is this essential foundation that senior gift donations support.

For each class, the senior gift is a special way to leave a class legacy, honor their induction into our alumni community, and show their gratitude for the last four years. Thank you to the Class of 2023 who followed in the footsteps of so many senior classes before them.

The future Raiders and their families thank you!

***Go Raiders!***

We congratulate the members of the Senior Giving Committee who worked hard to establish a culture of stewardship among our recent graduates.

Collett Akins  
Nicholas Collins  
Greta Cunningham  
William Ek  
Avery Ingram  
Justice Linton  
Ruby Lexau  
Joshua Ojo  
Joseph Peterson  
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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



A celebration of **all** our alumni

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2023**

**6 – 10 p.m.**

**The Joe Mauer Field House  
Cretin-Derham Hall**

Plan now to attend a special event to celebrate ALL alumni from three schools: Cretin, Derham Hall, and Cretin-Derham Hall! Gather on campus as one group and enjoy the long legacy of spirit and pride in our school.

Congratulations to the 25th, 50th, and 60th reunion classes; they will be recognized for their generosity and support of CDH!

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Contact Megan Fee Smith '00, Alumni Relations & Events Coordinator at [msmith@c-dh.org](mailto:msmith@c-dh.org), or call 651-696-3389.





## Chicago Alumni Meet Up for Happy Hour

CDH alumni gathered in Chicago in April and reconnected with the school and with each other. Rob Bollinger, Vice President for Advancement, and Steve Walsh '85, Major Gift Officer and Varsity Football Coach, met with a big group of Chicago alumni at Parlor Pizza Bar for Happy Hour. It was an event to celebrate the Raiders, wherever they may live and work!

"Visiting our alums in Chicago was really fun," said Steve Walsh '85. "We were able to update everyone on what's going on at their school but more importantly, it was an opportunity for them to engage with each other."

Walsh noted that CDH would like to create an official Alumni Chapter in Chicago which would be a wonderful network for Raiders to support each other in their careers and their lives in the Chicago area.

In the future, CDH alumni will create satellite groups to host events in various locations throughout the United States, including: Twin Cities metro area, Chicago, Boston, New York City, Denver, and Seattle. If you are interested in joining a group, contact Megan Fee Smith '00, Alumni Relations & Events Coordinator.



## Use LinkedIn to Engage with Fellow Alumni

***Follow LinkedIn and connect with alumni online!***

Did you know you can follow the CDH LinkedIn page for professional updates and profiles, job postings, and relevant school news and events? The CDH alumni community is nearly 20,000 strong, and has a reach that is both far and wide, so you benefit from exceptional networking opportunities.

### IT'S EASY!

- 1 Add Cretin-Derham Hall to your education profile as your high school.
- 2 Search for Cretin-Derham Hall and join our alumni community.
- 3 Explore the **LinkedIn Alumni Tool** to explore where your fellow alums work, what they do and a general metro location where they live.

As we build the CDH LinkedIn network, this will be a great way for recent high school and college graduates to find alumni online, and also for alumni at all stages of your career to network professionally and stay connected to your classmates and your school. Go Raiders!

## DONOR PROFILE

# Drs. Tim '64 and Kim Scanlan Give Back to the Science Department

*Dr. Tim Scanlan '64, along with his wife Kim, are passionate supporters of Cretin-Derham Hall. They recently donated state-of-the-art biology equipment to CDH, and Dr. Tim followed up with a visit to the school to meet with science students and to share more about his career and the science profession. Dr. Scanlan's family has a long history with CDH. His dad Richard '30 and brother Patrick '73 attended Cretin, as did many of his cousins and a nephew.*

### Why do you support CDH, most notably your recent support directed to the Science Department?

I support CDH because I am proud of my association with the school as an alumni and to help the school continue its excellence in teaching, especially in the sciences since the science classes helped stimulate my interest to pursue a career in medicine. I want the students who are interested in science to have a top-notch experience with the most up-to-date equipment.

The materials we were able to purchase make complicated labs mobile for students iPads, easier to analyze, and definitely fun for the students.

### What does CDH mean to you?

I received an excellent education at Cretin that was well-rounded and prepared me for advanced studies. It also prepared me to be a leader and a volunteer in my community. I want to "pay it forward" by supporting CDH.

### What do you think is special about CDH today?

The quality of the education, but also the experience of community that stays with you forever. (CDH is) a school and an education to be proud of.

### Why would you encourage others to give to CDH?

There are many opportunities to support CDH and it is a way to support quality secondary education.



Dr. Tim '64 and Dr. Kim Scanlan



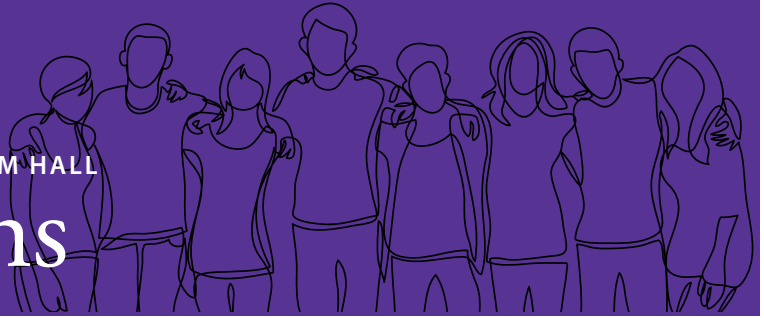
Scan the QR code to read more about Dr. Tim Scanlan's visit with the Biology Department.



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## Class Reunions



Planning is underway for reunions to be held later this year, especially for the milestone reunions! If your graduation year ends in 3 or 8, contact the reunion committee for more information!

## 1963 — 60 YEAR REUNION

**CRETIN CLASS OF 1963**  
**SEPTEMBER 14-16, 2023**

*Chair:* Tom Troskey,  
 ttroskey@q.com

## DERHAM HALL CLASS OF 1963

*Chair needed:* Contact Megan Fee  
 Smith '00 at msmith@c-dh.org

## 1973 — 50 YEAR REUNION

**CRETIN CLASS OF 1973**  
**SEPTEMBER 16, 2023**

Pool & Yacht Club

*Chairs:* Bob Stupka,  
 bstupka@davannis.com

Kevin McNulty,  
 klmcnulty55@gmail.com

**DERHAM HALL CLASS OF 1973**  
**SEPTEMBER 15, 2023**

Casper's Cherokee Restaurant, Eagan

*Committee:* Kate Galligan Faricy,  
 tomkatfaricy@gmail.com

Colleen Geraghty Langford,  
 homesbycolleen@yahoo.com

## 1978 — 45 YEAR REUNION

**CRETIN AND DERHAM HALL**  
**CLASS OF 1978**  
**SEPTEMBER 22, 2023**

Mancini's Rathskeller

*Committee:* Jean Geske,  
 jeangeske@msn.com

Pat Mancini, patm@mancinis.com

Jennie McQuillan,  
 jennmcq2002@gmail.com

## 1983 — 40 YEAR REUNION

**CRETIN CLASS OF 1983**  
**SEPTEMBER 23, 2023**

Golf event at Highland 9  
 Dinner at Mancini's Char House

*Chair:* Greg Mergens,  
 gregmergens@yahoo.com

**DERHAM HALL CLASS OF 1983**  
**AUGUST 12, 2023**

Pool & Yacht Club

*Chair:* Caren Petrulo-Berry,  
 caren.petrulo-berry@plunketts.net

## 1988 — 35 YEAR REUNION

**CRETIN-DERHAM HALL**  
**CLASS OF 1988**

**SEPTEMBER 16, 2023**

Mancini's Char House

*Chair:* Jen McDonald McMahon,  
 jenandar@msn.com

*Committee:* John Mazitello, Finbar Kelly

## 1993 — 30 YEAR REUNION

**CRETIN-DERHAM HALL**  
**CLASS OF 1993**

**OCTOBER 14, 2023**

Shamrock's

*Chairs:* Alison Mangine Pye,  
 alipye00@gmail.com  
 Katie Gergen Penson,  
 kpenon1@msn.com

## 1998 — 25 YEAR REUNION

**CRETIN-DERHAM HALL**  
**CLASS OF 1998**

**SEPTEMBER 23, 2023**

Shamrock's

*Chair:* Jaclyn Erickson Davern,  
 jaclyn@hightophospitality.com  
*Committee:* Erin Lee Muckerheide,  
 Brian Whinnery

## 2003 — 20 YEAR REUNION

**CRETIN-DERHAM HALL**  
**CLASS OF 2003**

**OCTOBER 7, 2023**

Mancini's Rathskeller

*Chair:* John Samec,  
 jhawkmlps@outlook.com

*Committee:* Tricia Runyon Eibert,  
 Cristen Capron Ostrom, Tony  
 Caruso, Natalie Brennan Jackels

## 2013 — 10 YEAR REUNION

**CRETIN-DERHAM HALL**  
**CLASS OF 2013**  
**TBD**

*Chair:* Maureen Czech McClanahan,  
 czechmaureen@gmail.com

*Committee:* Annie Noel, Anna Wetschka  
 McQuillan

## 2017 - 6 YEAR REUNION

**CRETIN-DERHAM HALL**  
**CLASS OF 2017**

**JULY 29, 2023**

Plum's

*Chair:* Molly Johnson,  
 mollyjohnson98@gmail.com

*Committee:* Amanda Reding, Marina  
 Tschida, Sam Miller, Maddy Weegman

## 2018 - 5 YEAR REUNION

**CRETIN-DERHAM HALL**  
**CLASS OF 2018**

*Chair needed:* Contact Megan Fee  
 Smith '00 at msmith@c-dh.org

## Help Us Find Our Alumni

Please help us to locate these alums from the CDH classes of 1989, 1994, 1995, 1999, 2003, and 2009. We encourage you to update your information, including: married name, email, address, and phone number online at [c-dh.org/UpdateInformation](http://c-dh.org/UpdateInformation) or contact Peggy Gartland Schafer '79 at [pschafer@c-dh.org](mailto:pschafer@c-dh.org) or 651-696-3318. Thank you.

### CLASS OF 1989

Amy L. Bulen Wakefield  
Athena M. Carraher  
Cosme S. Chicuate  
Lou K. Conroy  
Daniele Y. Gaither  
Monica Hovdenakk  
Sean R. McCauley  
Vinel Pannounnary  
Tony Phetsarath  
Mark T. Seidl  
Bradman P. Smith  
William A. Treacy  
Nicola M. Wolters

### CLASS OF 1994

Lewis C. Curley  
Katharine M. Doyle  
Lucas Gerstner  
Heather M. Gillen  
Kristina Karter  
Jeffrey M. Kim  
Ingrid S. Monson  
Erica M. Nelson  
Sarleena Sok  
Song Vang

### CLASS OF 1995

Timothy M. Altier  
Patrick R. Anderson  
Tamara R. Anderson  
Matthew D. Byrne

Sean M. Connelly  
Margaret M. Cuniff Melillo  
Timothy Donohoo  
Jeffrey J. Galatowitsch  
Bradley Glynn  
Devan B. Greene  
Stephen Griesgraber  
Scott A. Hansen  
Jennifer L. Krejce  
Michelle A. La Casse  
Dennis McElroy  
Michael W. McManus  
Eric Mondry  
Jennifer A. Norqual  
Bernadette M. Pollard  
Nicole R. Rager-Weber  
Charles Sadler  
Mark H. Schubert  
Neil P. Senauer  
Kelly E. Sheehy  
Daniel A. Sierra  
Amethyst L. Smith  
Jaime Stacey  
Lore Ugalde  
David Vang  
James V. Wilson

### CLASS OF 1999

Todd C. Clouser  
Matthew J. Derichs  
H. Domenico D'Valle  
Rhannon C. Fermoye

Courtney M. Flynn  
Daniela A. Gonzalez  
Florian Hochstrasser  
Katherine M. Huemmer  
Angela M. Hume Lewandowski  
Jennifer S. Kipka Schepers  
Andrew J. Kirk  
Sarah E. Kretman  
James J. Krieger  
Samantha M. Kronschnabel  
Mellon  
Emily S. Lage  
Rosalia A. Lopez  
Noreen P. McGill  
Michael J. McNamara  
Tracy A. Monahan  
Hernan D. Moncada  
Lucia Ondrova  
Stacey L. Quant  
Frank S. Rogers  
Ann T. Rydell Berg  
John M. Schaffer  
Lydia R. Sifferlen  
George W. Struve  
Atzuko Tano  
Gennet T. Tsehay  
Caitlin A. Walters  
Sara T. Webber Meyer  
Tomasz P. Werner  
Kevin T. Williams

### CLASS OF 2003

Stephanie L. Espersen  
Alicia L. Fuller  
Daniel W. Hines  
Rebecca M. Lopez Collins  
Ryan M. Moore  
Sarah F. Moore  
Katherine Moyer Tuttle  
Amy C. Park  
Daniel S. Pearson  
Amanda T. Sachi  
De Ana A. Smith  
Daniel C. Swenson  
Vincent A. Trojan  
Michael D. Tschida  
Brandon M. Vossberg

### CLASS OF 2009

Brian C. Bona  
Trang Anh Do  
Mark A. Gums  
Kate O. Jandric  
Sean P. Kinney  
Patrick J. Lyons  
Andrew M. Moua  
Jade E. Rhodes  
Eugenia Soltero  
Katherine L. Umphress  
Caitlyn R. Wetschka  
Cario M. Williams



**We need  
your help!**

### CDH Alumni

#### *Do you still live at your parent's house?*

If not, please update us on where we can send reunion information, class updates, and other news about CDH.

### Parents of CDH Alumni

We are making a tremendous effort to update our addresses for our CDH alumni. Many of them still have your address in our database and we need your help to update our data. Please notify us of your son's or daughter's current contact information or have them visit the link below to update us easily online.

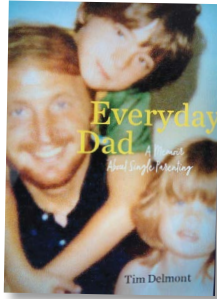
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## 1960s

**Tim Delmont '62**

authored and published *Everyday Dad: A Memoir About Single Parenting*. It's the story of his first ten years as a single parent of his ten-week-old daughter and five-year-old son, following the unexpected death of his wife at age thirty-three. Tim shares his mistakes and joys as a fully-engaged father and the lessons learned from his unpredictable, life-changing experience. His book is available for purchase as a paperback, e-book, and audiobook on Amazon and at local bookstores.



**Bob (Boz) Metzendorf '63**, a vinyl record collector recently discovered his first solo album, *Signs Of Seasons*, (recorded in 1978) at a used vintage record store. He wrote a very positive review of the album on a music blog and requests came in from the west coast and then from most of Europe, Scandinavia and Australia. Soon he was signed by Anthology Recordings of New York who released the song *Sails Across The Sea* in 2019 on a vintage collection of artists called *Sad About The Times*. Anthology Recordings has released the entire album of the 11 individual songs on *Signs Of Seasons*. Purchase CD at [birdseyeviewproductions.net](http://birdseyeviewproductions.net).

**Steve Nachtsheim '63** was recognized by the University of St. Thomas as one of the innovative founders. "While still an undergraduate, Stephen Nachtsheim helped design and propose the Quantitative Methods and Computer Science (QMCS) program at St. Thomas — the first computer science major at a Minnesota liberal arts college. After his graduation in 1967, Nachtsheim served for six years as St. Thomas' director of Campus Computing — even while teaching courses in this new major. His background in database management later led to a distinguished career at Intel. Nachtsheim became a member of the St. Thomas

Board of Trustees in 2002 and was recognized with the Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2009."

**Jim Pohl '66** was inducted into the Mancini's St. Paul Sports Hall of Fame on May 15.

Football Coach and Major Gift Officer **Steve Walsh '85** ran into fellow alum **Bob Wills '69** in Maui. Bob sells real estate in the Wailea area.

## 1970s

**Mark Courtney '71** was inducted into the Mancini's St. Paul Sports Hall of Fame on May 15.



▲ **Former Cretin Band Director**

**Robert F. Paulson** was presented a Lifetime Achievement Award by band members from the **Class of '72** at their 50th Anniversary Reunion on September 17, 2022 at Giggles' Campfire Grill.

## 1980s

**Mike Salmen '83** was appointed Managing Principal and leader of Midwest Capital Markets team for Transwestern Real Estate Services.



**Steve Walsh '85** was inducted into the Mancini's St. Paul Sports Hall of Fame on May 15.

## 2000s

**Courtney Marek Rankin '05** works with the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. She is also involved as a member of the CDH Alumni Board.

**Ryan Bohrer '08** was recognized as "40 Under 40" in the *Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal* for his work as a managing director at Newmark.

**Jake Esch '08** is a pitcher for the Great Britain team in the 2023 World Baseball Classic.

**Michael Mayrand '08** joined Blue Wolf Capital Partners in 2015 and currently serves on the Board of Directors of Colson Group, a Blue Wolf portfolio company.

**John Nance '08** was inducted into the Mancini's St. Paul Sports Hall of Fame on May 15.

**Joseph Marek '09** was promoted to Executive Director at Morgan Stanley.

## 2010s

**Jonathan Harden '12** has been promoted to HR Business Partner at Computype.

## 1970s // Classmates from 1979

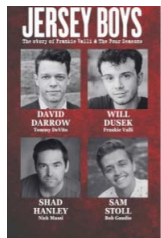
Cretin homeroom 202 got together at Mancini's on March 23, 2023 with Gary Marlow, their homeroom advisor who taught and coached at Cretin from 1976-1978.

**Molly Ploetz '17** recently accepted the position of Assistant Coach, Development Team for the CDH Girls Golf program. As a former Raider, Molly competed at the State Golf Tournament all four years and was the recipient of the McDonogh Spirit Award. She is a graduate of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.



▲ **Ryan Larson '18**, playing basketball for College of Charleston, won MVP of the Colonial Athletic Association tournament championship with 23 points and earned third team all-conference honors with 10.6 points and 4.1 assists per game.

**Will Dusek '19** plays the part of Frankie Valli in *Jersey Boys* at the Chanhassen Dinner Theater.



**Libby Neurer '19**, a graduating senior at the University of Minnesota, Duluth has accepted a position as a Lead Preschool Teacher at Our Lady of Peace Catholic School in Minneapolis.

## 2020s

**Kate Dario '20** started the Dario Compassion Initiative at Gustavus Adolphus College. This weeklong event, held this past March, is a reminder to show compassion in all aspects of life, whether it's holding the door for a stranger or sitting with someone new at lunch.



▲ **Sydney Jackson '20** broke the 400m record for the Concordia College Women's Track and Field team with a time of 57.75.

**Lyric Kochendorfer '20** is a student at San Jose State University in California studying film production. She is working as a Student Representative Apprentice with Adobe.

**Erin Anfang, '21**, is a current sophomore at the Carlson School of Management at the University of Minnesota. She will work as an HR-Talent Management Intern at Xcel Energy.

**Karl Westermeyer '21**, made it to USAF Academy Flight Team.

**Jake Sondreal '22** has announced his decision to continue his hockey and educational career with the Boston College Eagles.

## SIDENOTE

Raider NFL Alums **Steve Walsh '85**, **Phil Archer '99**, **Brandon Archer '02** and **Michael Floyd '08** attended the NFL Alumni Caring for Kids Charity event.



## In Memoriam

This is a compilation of deceased alumni and friends known to us that died between January 1 – May 31, 2023. Please remember in your prayers our deceased Cretin, Derham Hall and Cretin-Derham Hall alumni and their families, especially:

Clarence A. Blonigen  
Dennis J. Czech, Sr.  
Carol Ann Lang  
Donald "Jake" Mauer, Jr.  
Jorge Bonilla Valentin

Timothy Cunningham '40  
Kenneth C. Micko '40  
John P. Ingebrand '43  
Hon. Henry W. McCarr '45  
Rita Swenson Seidel '46  
Richard R. Williams '46  
Robert G. Moser '47  
Dr. John C. Saam '47  
Helen Bauers Mahoney '48  
Gregory E. Esch '48  
Reynolds J. Fischbach,  
DDS '48

Richard J. Sack '48  
Cynthia Walter West '48  
Richard H. Berquist, PhD '50  
Donald P. Coffey '50  
Anne Moudry Kemp '50  
Roy E. Bredahl, Jr. '51  
John T. Goswitz, MD '51  
Edward A. Altermatt '52  
James N. Jungbauer '52  
Nancy C. Parlin, PhD '52  
Kenneth R. Wallgren '52  
Robert A. Roden '53  
Victor T. Wojcik '53  
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Robert J. Wolters '55  
John J. Middlestaedt '56  
Michael Wons '56

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James E. Budke '58  
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Dr. Thomas G. Englund '59  
Robert A. Rugloski '59  
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James D. Beaudette '63  
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Mary Kay Hauer '66

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William J. DeMarco '69  
James E. Meehan, Jr. '69  
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Vincent C. Vik '69  
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John R. Longbotham '71  
John V. Morin '71  
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Thomas F. Griffin '74  
Ellen M. Saul '75

Patrick E. Quinn '76  
John R. Rask '79  
Christopher Tuckner '79  
Gregory J. Campbell '80  
Theresa Stelter  
Hempeck '81  
Joseph G. Gorman '86  
Gregory J. Merth '90  
Joseph M. Christensen '91  
Julie Dobbeltmann  
Swedberg '92  
Brian Lindahl '92  
Michael S. Brasel '96  
Meghan Mercado '05  
Steven T. Sherbanenko '11



# CDH EVENTS

## // JULY 2023

31 College Counseling Boot Camp

## // AUGUST 2023

1-3 College Counseling Boot Camp

5 Dorothy Day

19 Dorothy Day

21 New Teacher Orientation

22-24 Faculty Workshops

24-25 9th Grade Orientation

25 9th Grade and New Student Orientation

25 Business Day — AM: 10th and 11th Graders  
Business Day — PM: 12th Graders

28 9th Grade Culture Day

28 Trimester 1 Begins — First Day of School

## // SEPTEMBER 2023

1 No School

2 Dorothy Day

4 No School — Labor Day

13 Board of Directors Meeting

14 CDH ONE Event

15 JROTC Diamond Promotions

16 Dorothy Day

18-22 Homecoming Week

25 No School — Faculty In Service

## // OCTOBER 2023

4 JROTC Fall Review

7 Dorothy Day

11-12 9th Grade Retreat

18 All School Testing Day — Grades 9-11 ½ day —  
No School for 12th Grade

17-18 Parent and Teacher Conferences

19-20 No School — MEA

21 Dorothy Day

23 CDH Community Awards

25 GiveCDH Day

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The CDH Softball team captured 3rd place in MSHSL State AAA Softball Tournament. Raider pitcher Brooke Nesdahl '25 was named All-Metro by the Minneapolis *Star Tribune* as well as MSHSL All-Tournament along with Sophie Black '23. CDH Coach Carolyn Osdoba was also named 2023 Section 4AAA Coach of the Year.





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