# Blending learning with faith and faith with daily life



# Roanoke Catholic School Fall 2012

Alumni Newsletter

# Principal/Head of School Message

As we begin another year at Roanoke Catholic School, I wanted to thank all of you for your love, support and prayers during this past academic year. We have much to share and celebrate with you. The faith of our students and entire school community has grown tremendously. Our academic programs continue to garner great respect from colleges and universities as our children, in all grade levels, continue to excel at the highest levels. We are proud to announce scholarship totals of \$4.9M for the class of 2012, our highest in school history! Our Renaissance Program expanded to include credit-bearing courses in the area of Theater Arts. We are also working on extending credit for our Dance Programs this year.

This past fall we paid off \$100,000 of debt. In addition, we installed over 100 new computers on our campus; we replaced a \$13,000 water heater; we completed work on a new high school roof which we paid through capital replacement funds (savings designated for capital improvements; not loans) in the amount of \$70,000. We installed a new gym roof, total cost \$150,000, again, paying cash for the roof with capital replacement funds. We even hope to have new gym windows installed during this academic year.

The mall area has a fresh new look, courtesy of our joint venture and partnership with The Turf Store. We received materials and labor worth in excess of \$6,000 that will help beautify our campus for years to come! We installed a few new windows in the Lower School gym area and capped a chimney that was host to some protected migrating birds. Over the summer, we hosted the first of what we hope to be many Catholic Heart Workcamps led by one of our parents, Mr. Johnny Miller, and one of our former outstanding alumni, Charles Blevins '09.

Please know that we are thankful for all you do and the love you show our school community.

—Patrick Patterson, Principal/Head of School

Four years ago, our family moved to Roanoke from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. I came to RCS as an elementary/high school Spanish teacher. Our three children experienced a very smooth transition into their classrooms and I was constantly reassured of the loving environment in which they were now a part. What a joy to be able to walk by their classrooms and hear their prayers as the day started, at lunch time, and at the close of the day. THIS is what I wanted reinforced in an academic setting.

Throughout my two years of teaching at RCS, I have seen opportunity in every classroom, in the hallways, and in the sports arena. Our children have the opportunity to put others ahead of themselves; to spend prayerful, quiet time each and every day; to speak publicly in a welcoming environment in the classroom, in student government, and at Mass. Here my children serve others by volunteering through their service



projects, and simply helping out other students and adults on campus; they have the confidence to look their peers and adults in the eye and answer/ask questions. My children are mentored by coaches who know all about the bigger picture of life. And finally, my children are held accountable for their actions. For example, when homework is assigned, it is expected to be completed. When a mess is made in the cafeteria, it is expected to be cleaned up. Roanoke Catholic continues to be a school that stresses structure, responsibility, and traditional values that last. The school is here for the long run and the rewards are many.

It is an honor for me to serve the Roanoke Catholic School community as the new Director of Enrollment. I look forward to sharing our community's information and spirit with new and prospective students.



# Art Program

My family and I first arrived on the campus of Roanoke Catholic for Open House in the winter of 2004. We were preparing for a move with our then seventh grade son and fifth grade daughter. They were both good sports about relocating, but they did have two conditions: (1) they wanted a dog and (2) they wanted to continue in a Catholic school. Thankfully, we were able to grant both of their requests. Our Westie, Lola, was seven years old this past June. Our son, Forrest, graduated from RCS in 2009 followed by our daughter, Anne-Riley, in 2011.

Through the years, I fell in love with the school and the community of families who call it home. The more involved I was, the more opportunities I had to meet parents, students and members of the faculty and staff. From the Book Fair to After Prom; cross country meets to swim meets; Senior Breakfasts to Home and School meetings, I met many wonderful people. It was a gift to be a part of the school. I actually learned about the faculty opening for an art teacher while serving cake at graduation! God definitely does work in mysterious ways!

I observed so much during my first year of teaching at the school, but most importantly, I caught a glimpse of what goes on behind the scenes. I saw firsthand the late hours and weekends spent in classrooms, the genuine concern teachers have for their students, and the refusal to give up on anyone even when he had given up on himself. Not a day went by that someone didn't stop by to say "Hello" and ask how I was doing or tell me how much he or she loved the student artwork in the hallways. I always knew that Roanoke Catholic was a great school, but joining the faculty helped me see where the school's heart is truly located, and that is inside each and every one of its teachers.

It is a privilege to teach at RCS, but a special treat to be able to teach each student from the youngest to the oldest. I am able to see youngsters grow and mature, face challenges and overcome them, and smile when they create a work of which they are proud. It has always been my goal to meet students where they are, to encourage them to have fun and to do their best. Most importantly, however, I want them to be able to judge the value of their creations themselves without relying on the opinions of others, not even mine. A student's dreams and passions can so easily be diminished by the words of others, carelessly spoken and without thought.



Instilling in our students the belief that God was the First Artist and that they are each perfectly created by Him with their own special gifts and talents is the lesson most important to me. I have learned so much from my students and look forward to the opportunity to serve God by loving and nurturing them for many years to come.

How many people can say that their workday is filled with cheerful hellos, toothless smiles, hugs that almost knock them over, and the most interesting and amusing stories? I laugh everyday and can honestly say that I think I have the most wonderful job in the world!

> **—Kim Spencer**, PK-12 Art Teacher and Roanoke Catholic School parent



# Alumni Profile

# Peggy Russell-Saul '52

by Ava Perez '13

Quite a few things have changed about Roanoke Catholic School since Mrs. Peggy Russell-Saul graduated in 1952. For instance, the cost for lunch has predictably increased a considerable amount from twenty-five cents, along with the one-dollar per month tuition rate. However, many of the fundamental principles treasured by Mrs. Russell-Saul during her time at RCS still exist today.

Mrs. Russell-Saul's brilliant high school memories could make the grouchiest listener crack a smile, especially those pertaining to the nuns who ran the school at that time. I personally found myself crying with laughter as she reminisced about the time Sister Sylvester caught her chewing gum. Not only did Mrs. Russell-Saul receive a scolding, but she found herself forced to stand in front of the class for over an hour, with the incriminating wad of gum stuck to her forehead the whole time. Yes, these nuns certainly knew how to maintain order among the students, exemplified once again when Mrs. Russell-Saul's older brother, Harry, and his friend were caught climbing the St. Andrew's steeple. Sister Catherine Alma's yells promptly brought them back to earth, where they found themselves dragged by the ears to detention.

Mrs. Russell-Saul's stories about nuns and one-dollar tuition rates seemed to describe RCS in an alternate universe. However, when she began discussing her basketball days, complete with embarrassing uniforms, I could relate only too well. Mrs. Russell-Saul played right forward, and began her high school career with a weak basketball team, until a coach named Charlotte Birendelli transferred to RCS and shared her vast knowledge of the game with her players. The team improved dramatically under her coaching, and when other schools made fun of the Lady Celtics for the odd skirt-short uniforms they wore, Peggy and her teammates responded by beating them on the court. Her senior year, the RCS team won the State Championship! To this day, Peggy maintains strong friendships with teammates such as Janice Campbell, Joni Wilson, and Mary Tolusso.

Along with her past teammates, Mrs. Russell-Saul continues many friendships built during high school. She recently attended the Super Classic Reunion of classes from 1952 to 1971, which had a spectacular turn out. During her time in high school, Our Lady of Nazareth and St. Andrew schools merged into Roanoke Catholic. While many adults believed problems would erupt between the two schools, the two groups gelled perfectly. In fact, a girl from the OLN School, Susanne Bourke, continues to be one of Peggy's best friends to this day. With such small classes, friendships forged to last a lifetime played a major positive role in attending Roanoke Catholic. This still holds true at RCS today.

Last, but definitely not least, Mrs. Russell-Saul discussed the value of graduating from RCS in regards to getting a job. At the time, if a student graduated from Roanoke Catholic, people assumed he or she had received a solid education. In fact, Mrs. Russell-Saul took two well-paying jobs straight out of high school, one at a hardware store and another at the railroad company then called Norfolk and Western. She feels that these job offers were based strictly on her having graduated from Roanoke Catholic School.

Today Mrs. Russell-Saul is married to her husband of many years, Carlton. She stays busy volunteering in the office at St. Andrew's Church and spending many hours taking Communion to and visiting with the elderly, which she enjoys very much.

After talking with Peggy Russell-Saul, one can receive a detailed image of Roanoke Catholic sixty years ago. While the nuns who embarrassed Mrs. Russell-Saul may be long gone, many of the same principles and values remain today such as the rewards of teamwork; friendships that will last a lifetime; and an education that prepares graduates for the future. To quote my new friend, Mrs. Russell-Saul, "If you graduate from Roanoke Catholic, you have been prepared spiritually and educationally. You will be successful."



# 2012 Super Classic Class Reunion VI

by Kitty Thomas '59, Co-chair, Super Classic Class Reunion VI

The 2012 Super Classic Class Reunion VI was held June 22-24 for the classes from 1952 to 1971 with all school alumni also invited to attend. There were over 242 attending the Friday night party at St. Andrew's Social Hall, over 229 attending the dinner-dance at Hotel Roanoke on Saturday night and at least 100 alumni attended Mass on Sunday morning. Entire families were represented with the likes of Craddock, Gillespie, Martin, Surkamer, as well as Wilson, Givens, and some alumni even brought their kids! It was a very special weekend full of loving memories and renewal of old friendships.

Friday night's kick-off party was a casual evening with good food provided by A Cut Above Catering; it was an opportunity to get reacquainted with old friends and to make new ones. Roanoke Catholic School Principal, Patrick Patterson, briefly spoke to the crowd. A power point presentation of old high school pictures shown on a large screen, assembled by John Givens '61, was a huge hit with everyone.

Saturday a hospitality suite was available for alumni to relax and enjoy the company of others and to look at more old pictures available from class representatives. Another activity was a golf outing coordinated by Patrick McDonald '65 with 4 groups playing on a beautiful warm day at Roanoke Country Club. Saturday night was the dinnerdance with D.J. Jerry English at Hotel Roanoke. More than 220 enjoyed the scrumptious buffet dinner and lovely ambience of the hotel ballroom. More pictures were shown on the big screen and even pictures taken that evening were immediately shown.

Sunday morning Mass was celebrated by Monsignor Tom Miller, a perfect ending for the weekend, and coffee and donuts in the church Social Hall hit the spot. Some alumni also attended a tour of the school to see all the changes that have occurred in recent years.

The reunion committee met again on July 25th to wrap up the final details and determined that this reunion had been the best ever in terms of food, venue, and price, so planning is underway for Super Classic Class Reunion VII in 2017. The committee also voted to contribute \$1000 to the Alumni Association and \$1000 to the general fund at Roanoke Catholic Schools.



## **Committee Members**

First row: Kitty Martin Thomas '59, Mike McFadden '63, Mary Tolusso Black '52, Marilyn Wilson Stanley '64, Becky A. Stinnett '62, John Givens '61, Tracy Kormann Brady '71, Joe Givens '60.

Second row: Pat Simpson '67, Pete Wood '63, Pat McDonald '65, Evie Slone '70, Bobby Ellis '57, John Wagner '56, Mary Smith Fochtman '68.

Not pictured: Nora Gillespie Weikel '54, Barbara Solomon Harrison '55, Dotsy Moody Godwin '58, Linda Turk Ratliff '62, Susan Brickhouse '66, Carolyn Pillis '69, Evelyn "Evie" Slone '70.



James B. Lang, 48, Jim first enrolled at Our Lady of Nazareth (RCS) in 1941, his family having recently relocated to Roanoke from Pittsburgh, Pa. He was the fifth of seven children born to Ed and Anna Lang. During the next few years, Jim served as an altar boy and was in the Boy Scouts. He enjoyed fishing, swimming at Lakeside and rowing his boat in the Roanoke River. During his high school years, he and Barbara Brinkley were a twosome and went together until he started college at Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. He also attended Roanoke College. In 1952, he entered the Air Force as a 1st Lieutenant and became a member of the 496 Fighter Interceptor Squadron based in Stuttgart, Germany. In 1957, during a night training flight, his F86 Fighter Jet crashed into a mountain in Germany. He was buried in the San Francisco National Cemetery in San Francisco, California. He was recently honored by the museum of the Military Aviation Preservation Society in Canton, Ohio. His name was affixed to a F86 Fighter Jet on display in the museum. Jim will be remembered for his love of family, his great love of flying and his everlasting love of Barbara Brinkley.



Mary Kerfoot '79 responded, "I graduated from Radford University in '83, and moved to the Tidewater area of Virginia, where I lived until October of 2007 when I moved to Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin. I was a Distribution Center manager for Hahn Automotive for 22 years and am now the parts manager at ThermoKing in Plover, Wisconsin. I loved Virginia, but really love Wisconsin! I love the snow! Although, VA got more snow than WI last year!"

Tara Downes MacCall '85 responded, "Hello from Vienna, Virginia! With my two oldest in high school, Daniel (16) and Sarah (15), memories of my amazing days at RCHS come rushing back. I really enjoy watching my own daughter play volleyball and basketball thinking of my time spent in a Celtic jersey. My youngest Thomas (12) is so excited to be starting middle school, but we will miss our elementary school days. Doug and I just celebrated our 20th anniversary. We love living in our small town. Ellen Murphy '81 lives just around the corner. I work for a publisher part-time from home, but will be back to work full-time with college bills in our near future. Let's hope it does not affect my tennis game. My kids love to visit Roanoke. The Downes clan, 37 strong and still growing, celebrated Dad's 80th birthday at the beach this summer."

Jennifer Brillhart Kibler '87 wrote "This year, two-thousand, twelve marks 25 years since my classmates and I donned our caps and gowns and received our Roanoke Catholic diplomas from Sister Rosina. I remember it like it was yesterday and it is more vivid to me this week because my five-year-old daughter, Anna Grace, who is the complete joy of my world, started her kindergarten year at Roanoke Catholic on Tuesday. The three reasons we moved back to Roanoke, October 30, 2011, from Staunton, VA, were for Anna Grace to attend Pre-K at Roanoke Catholic, to be closer to my parents, and so I could start my new career at Carter Machinery.

I have felt for years that if I was blessed enough to have children, I wanted them to have the same wonderful, loving, supportive, educational experience I had for twelve years at Roanoke Catholic. I thank my wonderful parents a thousand times over for giving me the gift of attending Roanoke Catholic. For me, Roanoke Catholic represents a loving community of teachers, parishes, parents, families, alumni and other students who come together to help develop, educate and provide opportunities for every student who walks through the front door. The Roanoke Catholic family collectively guides each

student in his or her educational journey, spiritual development, awareness of social responsibility and overall quest for healthy mind, body and spirit. It provided me with a positive, open, loving environment that helped me build my confidence, value system and faith, in addition to preparing me for the future opportunities and challenges of life. It also gave me the gift of lifelong friendships. Since graduation we have supported each other through extreme joys and extreme sorrows; college, death of loved ones, love, marriage, children, divorce, career success, job loss, health scares, moves and life in general. Friends--especially Chris, Chad, Jude, Dave, Cathy and Sheri--I love you and thank you!

The last 25 years for me has been an incredible positive life journey; most recently serving my college alma mater as the Executive Director of Alumnae/i and Parent Relations before returning to Roanoke. Today, I have a beautiful 5 year old daughter, Anna Grace, and I am part of a great company called Carter Machinery, Inc, which is a Caterpillar Dealer. I am doing something I am extremely passionate about which is interpersonal skills training/coaching with an awesome group of people at Carter Machinery. I am so blessed and I owe my incredible life journey thus far to God; my parents, whom I call my heroes; the foundation for life I built at Roanoke Catholic; the teachers who made such a difference--Ms. Cooper, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Guilfoyle, Mrs. Hedrick, and Mr. Whitt-- and the unconditional love of my Roanoke Catholic friends."



Matt Campbell '94 and wife, Wendy, married on August 10, 2012, enjoy the company of Matt's RCS classmates. Mary Molinary Fawley, Ben Spichek, Danny Rowland, and Jackie Hinman Rotz.



Mark Buchy '97 reported that he has recently been promoted to Major in the United States Air Force.

As a T-6 Instructor Pilot, former Captain Buchy executed a 89.8-hr syllabus utilizing \$4.5M T-6 trainer, teaching student pilots basic and advanced skills involved in operating high-performance aircraft in the rigorous Pilot Training environment. As a C-17 Aircraft Commander, Captain Buchy piloted the \$202.3 million C-17 Globemaster in all phases of flight including strategic and tactical air-lift missions throughout the world. He is the 84th Flight Training Squadron Flight Commander of the Year and decorated with the USAF Air Medal containing "3 Oak Leaf Clusters" for his contributions in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. Major Buchy will soon be a professor with the History department at the United States Air Force Academy in Co. Springs.

Brad Pully '99 commented, "Work is crazy and with my wife being nine months pregnant, it has been non-stop as I try to both work and spend more time with my family. We are having another little girl and, again, I am excited! I hope that everyone is well on the Hill. I was there probably a year ago to drop off flyers from work. No one expects his school to change, but I almost didn't recognize the place! I was very impressed, but it still felt odd. I have made precious friendships at Roanoke Catholic and with what little time I have to connect with friends and try to make my way in the world, keeping in touch becomes a little crazy. I am fortunate enough to have a family and a true friend who is always there for me. I really didn't believe it at the time in school, but these are the friendships that last."



Jason Feather '99 responded "Life after RCS has had many twists and turns. I'll highlight just a few of them. First, Brandi and I are kept busy with our twin six-year-old daughters, Abigail and Gabrielle. They attend Grandin Court Elementary and have just started first grade. Next, I am currently working for a construction/industrial supply chain, Ram Tool, which recently purchased our former company, Marco Supply. I am the warehouse manager and it's basically a regular blue collar job, but stable and enjoyable. Earlier, after graduation in '99, I spent all of my spare time with Eric Warren, his wife Meagan, and Brad Pully. We travelled quite a bit, sometimes all four of us, along the East Coast, except for one fun venture into the Midwest. I've lived in Roanoke all but one year since graduation when I resided in a very small town in northern Minnesota called Grand Rapids. Moving there and seeing how those in the frozen tundra live really opened my eyes. I was able to experience four-feet of snow in one day, those same roads being cleared of four-feet of snow, ice fishing, and life as a Southerner in the true North. My interests are the major subject that changed since being at RCS. Other than my family, of course, my love is music. I enjoy singing, playing guitar, songwriting, and just plain listening to music. I have played in three bands and fronted/

founded one here in Roanoke. I hope to continue playing until I am no longer able. I also absolutely love movies from my generation, but not so much the new ones. In addition, I enjoy being a member of the Human Rights Campaign and engaging in debate. When our girls are older and more time is available, I would love to volunteer more for the HRC. Aside from obtaining a great education, the greatest part of attending RCS was befriending my greatest friend and now 'brother,' Brad Pully '99. Throughout the years, we still remain the best of friends. Each time we are together, we reminisce about the same old stories from 'Catholic.' We have really gotten each other through the hard times and I wouldn't trade his friendship for the world."



Ashley Nicole Reynolds '00 wrote, "After graduating from William & Mary Law School and clerking a short time in Richmond, VA, I spent nearly three years as a Magistrate judge for the 23rd Judicial District which is right here in Roanoke. I left the Magistrate's office after receiving an opportunity to return to higher education. In August of 2011, I began studying for a Masters degree in Public Administration at the Center for Public Administration and Policy at Virginia Tech. After some encouragement from various faculty members, I applied and was accepted into Tech's PhD program which I will begin during fall 2012 as I complete my MPA degree. For use during my PhD study, I received the Southern Regional Education Board Doctoral Fellowship. This summer, I served as the City of Roanoke City Manager's Intern, working on projects for the police department and for some of the public-private partnerships that the city holds. During the fall, I will serve as a Project Manager Intern at the United Way of the Roanoke Valley assisting with research work for unbanked and underbanked citizens. Currently, I also teach in the Paralegal Studies department at National College,

as well as being a dance-fitness instructor with Just Dance Roanoke. I am active in my sorority's graduate chapter, Beta Chi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha, and I will be a member of the incoming Provisional Class in the Junior League of the Roanoke Valley. Last, but not least, I get to plan a wedding! I am engaged to be married in fall 2013! By the way, Journey Lee will be my Maid of Honor! She begins classes at Hollins the first week of September in their Pre-Vet program and aims to earn her doctorate in veterinarian medicine. Journey plans to eventually work with organizations such as Vets Without Borders or HES."

Kevin O'Meara '03 commented, "I'm currently living and working in the outskirts of Richmond, Virginia. I design transportation infrastructure: mainly highways and drainage structures and everything in between. I've been working with Timmons Group, a multi-discipline civil engineering firm, ever since graduating from the University of Virginia in 2007 where I earned my bachelors of science in civil engineering. I really enjoy the job; it's stressful of course and I work a lot of hours, but it's great to put my math and science skills to work. But the best part is seeing the fruits of my labor... visiting construction



sites of projects we've designed never gets old (so long as there aren't any construction issues! - yeah right!) In my spare time I enjoy running, cycling, and visiting Charlottesville on a regular basis. I'm also very involved in my local Catholic Church: Church of the Epiphany in Midlothian. Roanoke will always be my home, but I'm thoroughly enjoying the Richmond area.

The attached photo was taken at the Meadowville Technology Park in Chesterfield County (the entire site has been designed by Timmons Group). It's the home of Amazon.com's latest 1,000,000+ square-foot fulfillment center. I'm standing next to some of the 54" reinforcedconcrete pipes soon to be installed as part of the drainage infrastructure serving the park."



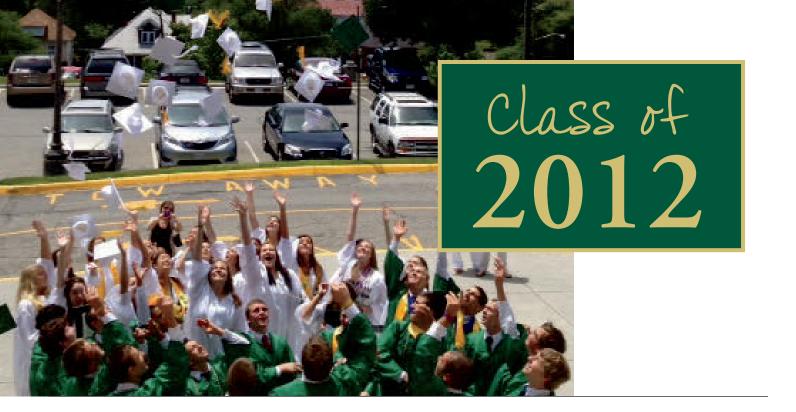
Natalie Mundy '04 was recently recognized by Metro columnist Dan Casey for her work in the Peace Corps. Natalie's efforts with a group of skilled women "in a mountainous village of Madagascar" resulted in locating global markets for the women's prized, hand-woven silk scarves and "bringing significant revenue to their collective" whose members Natalie calls "the Silkies." Natalie is home now, out of the Peace Corps, and "pursuing a graduate degree in international development."



Paul Shen '06 reported, "After graduating Roanoke Catholic, I enlisted in the US Navy as a Nuclear Reactor Operator and attended Nuclear Power School in Charleston, South Carolina, from July 2007 to February 2009. Upon completion of Nuclear Power training, I was selected for the Navy's competitive Seaman to Admiral Program to attend college and become a Naval Flight Officer. I graduated in May from Purdue University with a BA in History and currently live and train in Pensacola, Florida. I have been accompanied through all of this by my wife, Stefie, married in 2008, and my two beautiful daughters, Lily, born in August 2008, and Lucille, born in May 2010."



RCS Alumni who are coaching 2012 Football: Bill Hart '80, Derek Cundiff '89, James Perini '11, Joe Sweeney '89, Paul Ripley '66 and Cameron Blount '95.



Academic excellence continues to be a hallmark at RCS. The forty members of the Class of 2012 had 100% college acceptance and surpassed the national and state averages in all three subject areas of the SAT:

## Mean SAT Distribution

	Critical Reading	Math	Writing
National Average	496	514	488
Virginia	510	512	495
Roanoke Catholic School	587	577	594

# Now, we're off to...

- Auburn University Babson College Berry College Butler University •
- Carnegie Mellon University
   Cornell University
   East Carolina State University
  - Emory & Henry College Ferrum College George Mason University (2) •
- Hampden-Sydney College
   James Madison University (2)
   Longwood University
  - Mars Hill College
     Old Dominion University
     Randolph College
- Randolph-Macon College
   Thomas Aquinas College
   University of Mary Washington
  - University of Notre Dame University of Pennsylvania University of Virginia (2) •
- USMA at West Point
   UVA College at Wise
   Virginia Commonwealth University (5)
  - Virginia Military Institute
     Virginia Tech (2)
     West Virginia University
    - Roanoke College (2)
       Xavier University

# ....with over \$4.9 million in reported scholarships and grants

# Recent Graduates



# Class of 2012 Awards

# Knights of Columbus:

Outstanding Male Athlete Outstanding Male Scholar Athlete Outstanding Female Athlete Outstanding Female Scholar Athlete

School Board Leadership Award

Faculty and Staff Scholarship in Memory of Ann L. Friel

Faculty and Staff Scholarship in Honor of Karen M. Mabry

Patrick Thomas Rowe Memorial Scholarship

President's Award

Cy Brunner Memorial Scholarship

Camilla M. Buchanan Memorial Scholarship

William Gordon "Buck" Buchanan, Jr. Memorial Scholarship

Alumni Graduate Award

Keyser Family Scholarship

Burke Family Scholarship

Marie Montano Scholarship

Nannie Varalli Scholarship



Sean Deer Sam Gerstemeier Ali Burns Hannah Palmerton

**Paul Blanton** 

Ali Burns

Maria Miller

Sam Silek

Sam Silek

Katie Brajdic

Carly Cook

**Christian Akers** 

Maureen Brady

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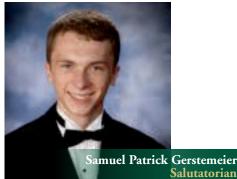
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**Molly Wharton** 

Sam Gerstemeier Hannah Palmerton

> Evan Grinde Elizabeth Kim





# Catholic Heart Workcamp by Charles Blevins '09

About a year ago, my uncle Johnny Miller, father of Maria Miller '12, and I started working to bring Catholic HEART Workcamp to Roanoke. Johnny and I had both been involved with CHWC as campers in other cities for many years, and I served as a summer staff member, touring the east coast, the summer after my freshman year of college. We both found the week of CHWC to be uplifting and inspiring, but there was still something missing. The CHWC mission is to revitalize communities and beautify homes for the elderly, disabled, and those who cannot afford needed repairs, while also inspiring participants to serve in their local communities. Johnny and I had served communities in other states, but knew that we could do more, especially in our hometown. This launched us into the planning stages, where we met with school administration to see if Roanoke Catholic would serve as a host school for the camp. Without hesitation, the administration jumped on board and helped us every step of the way.

Throughout the winter, Johnny and I continued to plan for the week of camp in July, contacting local agencies, flying to Orlando for CHWC training, and communicating with the youth groups from across the country that would be coming to our camp. The hours were long and sometimes stressful, but with hard work and the support of many, camp was a tremendous success.

For the week of July 8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, we had more than 250 campers from 6 states (VA, NC, PA, NJ, OH, and MA) serving in the Roanoke Valley. Our participants served with local agencies that include Feeding America SWVA Food Bank, Habitat for Humanity, TAP Head Start, Boys and Girls Club SWVA, Project Access, Rebuilding Together Roanoke, Katie's Place, CHIP of the Roanoke Valley, Hopetree Family Services, Ronald McDonald House, Madonna House, Catholic Historical Museum, Council of Community Services, LOA, and Bradley Free Clinic. Campers slept on air mattresses in classrooms, ate in the cafeteria, attended programs in the upper school gym, and celebrated mass in St. Andrew's Church.

Our experiences with CHWC over the years have always been a blessing, but serving in our own community was an opportunity that we could not pass up. The entire experience has been humbling, and is especially rewarding now that we have had a few weeks off to reflect on our week of camp in the Roanoke Valley. To see the efforts of many come together for a wonderful week of service exemplifies our calling as Christians to serve Christ daily, and reinforces all the lessons taught at Roanoke Catholic School. The camp would not have been possible without the help and support of the community, especially Patrick Patterson, Beth Derringer, Msrg. Thomas Miller, and the

staff at Roanoke Catholic. Johnny and I are truly grateful for this opportunity to serve our local community and cannot wait to host Catholic HEART again next year. We already have our dates, July 7<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>.

# Catholic HEART Workcamp website: http://heartworkcamp.com

News 7 story and link: http://www.wdbj7.com/news/wdbj7teenagers-trade-in-summer-vacationfor-tools-20120711,0,5012904.story

# Save the dates!

# **Football**

Sept 28 vs Fishburne (Home Coming) 7:00pm Alumni please look for the alumni tent and join us for complimentary drinks and refreshments during the game.

Oct 12 vs Quantico 7:00pm

Oct 19 vs Fuqua 7:00pm

# Volleyball

Oct 15 vs Carlisle JV 5:00pm varsity 6:00pm

Oct 18 vs LCA MS 4:00pm JV 5:00pm varsity 6:00pm

Oct 23 1st round of BRC playoffs

Oct 25 BRC semifinals

Oct 27 BRC Finals

# **Christmas Dance Program**

Dec 1 RCS students will perform at Our Lady of the Valley. Check our website for curtain time.

# 23rd Annual Shamrock Hill Run

March 16, 2013 The one-mile Fun Run will begin at 8:30am, with the 5K starting at 9:15am. For additional information, please check our website.

# Baccalaureate/Graduation 2013

Baccalaureate Mass for the Class of 2013 will take place at 6:00pm, Friday, June 7, 2013, at St. Andrew's Catholic Church. The graduation ceremony will be held at 11:00am, Saturday, June 8, 2013 at St. Andrew's Catholic Church.

# The RCS Alumni Association presents "The Great American Citrus Sale"

Order your pink grapefruits, naval oranges and tangelos for your holiday gift-giving and enjoyment! The RCS Alumni Association sponsors this fundraiser. Proceeds support the Roanoke Catholic Alumni Scholarship Fund. Please visit RCS website, for an order form or pick up a form at the school.

# **Mission Statement**

Roanoke Catholic School is dedicated to excellence in education and to the spiritual development of youth within the framework of the Gospel and the tradition of the Catholic Church. Our fundamental task is the education of the whole person, blending learning with faith and faith with daily life. We strive to instill in our students a lifelong commitment to learning, to Christian values, and to community service. We are dedicated to achieving these goals in a supportive Christian community.

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For Me to Live Is Christ



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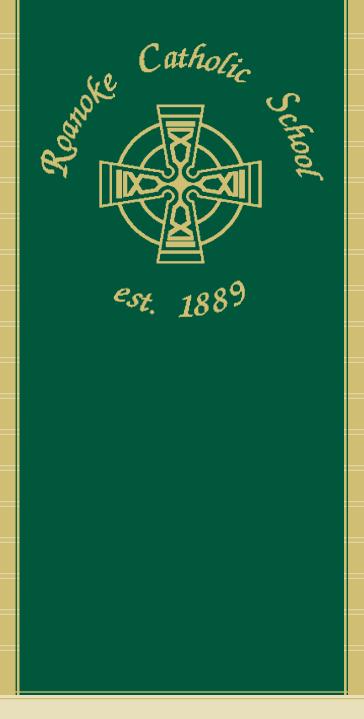
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