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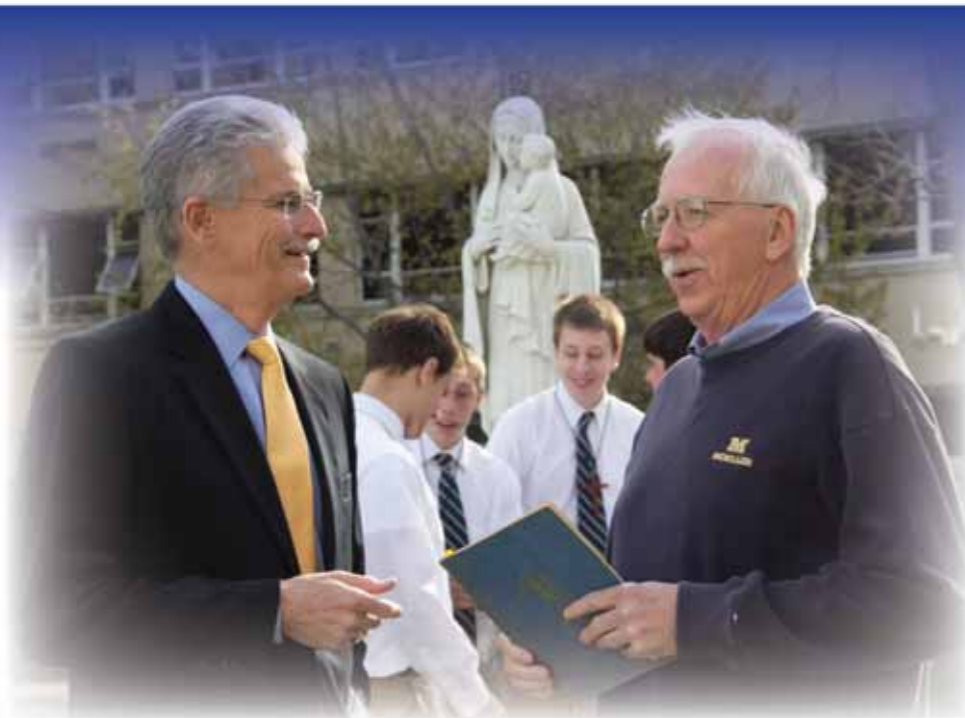
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# MOELLER

Developing Leadership in Young Men

A publication for alumni, family, and friends of Archbishop Moeller High School

## We Believe...



Pictured, from left: Ed Finke '64 and Dennis Cronin '64 reminisce at the 50th Anniversary Closing Mass on April 15.

*"In 1960, Dennis and I were freshmen. Our principal at the time was Brother Eveslage. He decided to have a contest to come up with Moeller's team mascot. Wouldn't you know it, Dennis and I both had the same idea, "Crusader!" I looked through the almanac, and Dennis had thumbed through his favorite hot rod magazines. As I remember, Dennis and I had to split the bookstore check, and we both walked away with five dollars!*

*At first, I didn't tell my fellow football teammates I had won. I wasn't sure how they would react to the name "Crusader" — the "Crusader Rabbit" was a popular cartoon at the time. Turns out, I guess we all believe it was the right choice!"*



Ed Finke '64  
(& Dennis Cronin '64)

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Archbishop Alter Dedication, 1960



## 50 Years of Developing Leadership in Young Men



*Bro. Flaherty encouraged me to improve myself.*

*He was a no-nonsense kind of principal who demanded the best from teachers and students.*



*Mr. Collison brought a new perspective to Moeller and continued the legacy that those before him established.*

1983 Dan Ledford  
1976 Barry Borman  
2010 Blane Collison and School Leaders

### Inspiring Leaders of Moeller

Your gift can benefit the Men of Moeller for generations to come.

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Most Reverend Henry Moeller, D.D., 1849 - 1925

Moeller Campus 1960



First Faculty

# Supporting Our From the President Marianist Education

The end of this school year has brought for me a myriad of feelings – the joy of seeing an amazing group of seniors making their way to that next big step, a renewed amazement at the swiftness of life, leaving behind a year filled with a pronounced spectrum of emotions, acclimating to a new and unique culture, and reveling in new working relationships and friendships.



*As it says in the Gospel of Matthew, “When two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” As the Moeller Family continues to gather in His name, we draw strength in working together for the future of this very special place.*

As one of the newest members of the Moeller Family, this year has afforded me a first-hand look at this remarkable Marianist school. From year-long 50th Anniversary celebrations to when we mourned as a Moeller Family the loss of a special member of the Class of 2011, Josh Pflum, and religion teacher and beloved Trinity House Dean Jim Champlin '72, we've gone through this year reinforcing our mission to encourage our young men to live full and faithful lives and to contribute to the common good of the extended human family.

I am proud of what is accomplished in every classroom, athletic field, meeting room, mission trip, and hallway. I'm proud of these students. Realistically, within the framework of Moeller's new governance structure, I don't get the chance to interact with as many students as I'd like. However, in many of those that I've been fortunate to know, I see qualities indicating to me that this school is blessed with an extraordinary group of young men. They're eager to learn, willing to serve, proud to display their Catholic faith, courageous in spirit, talented, and inspiring.

I am also proud of and grateful to our supportive parents, alumni, and friends. Without their support, the mission of Moeller High School would be in jeopardy. As of June 15, the Moeller Family has committed just over \$1,012,000 to our 2010-11 Annual Fund, enabling us to exceed our fiscal year goal of \$1 million – a real tribute to the hard work of many and to our past 50 years of excellence. We've doubled the number of named scholarships we offer this year; we've raised more awareness of our overall needs; and we are beginning to raise the understanding that our supporters can include Moeller in any planned giving and estate planning considerations.

Demonstrating their commitment to their school, this Class of 2011 has generously pledged their ongoing support for a scholarship fund in Josh Pflum's memory. As of this writing, upwards of 90% of the class members have made a five-year pledge to support that effort, and 75% have made their first gift in fulfillment of those pledges. That is an inspiring level of generosity from our newest class of grads.

As you know, the gift of a Moeller education significantly changes lives. And no gift is too small. Going forward, we'll need each and every one of you reading this *Moeller Magazine* to continue to help us further advance our school. Our needs remain great, so let's redouble our efforts to raise the much-needed funding to allow any young man who really wants to be at Moeller to enter these doors. Much, much work is ahead of us to make this gift of a Moeller education a reality for more families who desire it for their sons.

As it says in the Gospel of Matthew, “When two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” As the Moeller Family continues to gather in His name, we draw strength in working together for the future of this very special place.

Wishing you all the very best and a wonderful, safe summer season!

Bill Hunt, President

# Growing the Moeller Today Tradition



Moeller parent Patrick Joyce talks on screen about why he supports Moeller's Annual Fund efforts.

## First Annual Parent Pride Breakfast At Moeller

By Mary Fischer, Development Associate

### Moeller's President,

Bill Hunt, is one of the newest members of the Moeller Family, yet his passion is strong as he leads the charge for the future Men of Moeller. Recently, he invited parents to attend the school's first-ever Parent Pride Annual Fund Breakfast, where guests were presented with Hunt's emerging vision of the school, updated on the school's financial picture, and solicited for the Annual Fund.

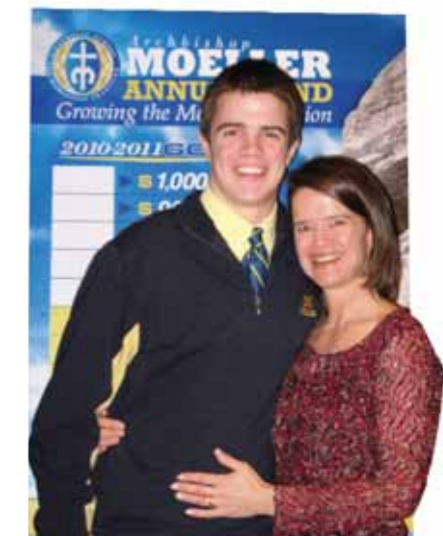
“While the template that we're using for this effort is not unique, it is new to the Moeller community,” says Hunt. “It served as a great way to impart critical information to our parents, increase awareness of Moeller's financial footing, and, at the same time, continue to build the sense of community that is so integral within our Marianist tradition.”

Part of that education included detailed academic and financial information, in addition to some long-range strategic planning priorities. “The goal of the program was to illustrate clearly the gap

that exists between the tuition charged and the cost of educating each one of the current students,” Hunt said. “A gift to the Annual Fund helps bridge that gap and impacts the Moeller budget directly. The long-term success of the Annual Fund enables Moeller to move ahead with much-needed upgrades and support for the school.”

Debbie Geiger, Moeller's Director of Advancement, saw this program as an excellent opportunity to begin educating the parents of current students and to build a relationship with the parents to ensure the future success of all students at Moeller. “We realize that not everyone has the financial means to bridge the gap for a student here at Moeller at this time,” says Geiger. “For many of our parents, sending their son or sons here is a big sacrifice, and we understand the financial impact it has on many of our families. But what we are asking is for all of us to participate in some manner. In time, as finances increase, parents will consider paying

a student's gap in the future.” The Parent Pride Breakfast was sponsored entirely by local businesses and donors who support Moeller's efforts.



School Captain Charlie Fiessinger '11 poses with his mom, Lisa. He was one of the guest speakers at the Parent Pride Annual Fund Breakfast.

# Celebrating our Editor's Notes *Marianist Tradition*



We are saddened once again as we say goodbye to another Man of Moeller. Religion Teacher and Trinity House Dean Jim Champlin lost his battle with cancer on Thursday, June 2. Nine months earlier on September 11, 2010, senior Josh Pflum died in a tragic accident. We continue to mourn their loss...



Jim was an alumnus from '72 who came "home" to teach after a successful career in engineering. We called him "Champ," and it suited him well - for he was a champion in every sense of the word. He believed in the best of others, especially the Men of Moeller, and he will be fondly remembered as the "patron saint of lost and otherwise missing items" and as the eternal optimist who ended most of his conversations with a smile and a word: "Cheers!"

Jim led by example - a servant leader. In addition to his teaching and dean duties, he served as Moeller's intramural director, co-curricular program moderator, Guitar Club moderator, and mission trip chaperone. He chaired the Freshman Leadership Program and was a member of the Technology Committee. You could find Jim at the center of many athletic events cheering on the Crusaders. Outside of Moeller he served as a city councilman for Reading and was a devoted family man to his wife Sandy and his sons Jimmy and Chris.

But most of all, Jim will be remembered as a man of faith. Last November, he alone

was responsible for bringing the world-famous international statue of Our Lady of Fatima to Moeller. He loved Mary. He loved the Marianist Charism. And he loved Moeller. To honor Jim's affection for his alma mater, his family has asked that memorials be made to the Trinity House Scholarship Fund.



In 1963, a year before Moeller graduated its first class, Greg Schulhoff '64 passed away. In the *Blue & Gold* yearbook (renamed the *Templar* in 1964), he was declared Moeller's first saint: "God called Greg Schulhoff to heaven to receive his eternal reward, the first Crusader to be chosen so in the history of the school." So our newest Crusader saints, now embraced by God's love, have bonded the Moeller Family together in a special way, reminding us what is truly important in our lives: our faith and our love for one another.

Moeller celebrated its 50th Anniversary this year with an alumni speaker series, a Cincinnati Pops concert, two special Masses, a Chaminade Day, and a family day at the Reds Great American Ballpark. We honored alumnus John Boehner '68, current U.S. Speaker of the House. Alumnus Steve Pope '87 of Epop Studio created a website, [www.CelebrateMoeller.org](http://www.CelebrateMoeller.org), which will continue to grow, and alumnus Matt McLaughlin '05 used social media through Facebook and Twitter (search "Celebrate Moeller") to keep followers updated throughout the year.

And more commemorative projects are in the works. This fall we will unveil a 50th Anniversary exhibit, "Men for the World," and the Art Department plans to embark on a collaborative venture with its students and alumni. In three years Moeller will reach another historic milestone, its 50th graduating class, the Class of 2014. So the celebration continues...

May Mary's peace be with you,

*Johanna Kremer*

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the American Cancer Society.



# Developing Leadership Principal's Note in Young Men

As our 50th Anniversary comes to a close, we celebrate our students, especially the Class of 2011. Their success this past year defined what it means to receive an education in the Marianist tradition. For example, our Academic Team was undefeated this year in league play and won the GCL's second division as well as the 16-team Cincinnati State Tournament.

Moderator Mike Ward '86 has led Moeller's Academic Team for 12 years, and his teams' successes are one of our city's best kept secrets. (See page 7.) Six students achieved National Merit Scholar recognition, and 65% of the graduating Class of 2011 earned scholarships totaling \$13.4 million.

Our art students alone received more than two million dollars in competitive scholarship offers from the most renowned institutions in the country. We celebrate our faculty as well. New academic initiatives, such as our English Department's cross-curricular reading program (see page 6), reinforce the rigor and relevance of our curriculum. Math Teacher Connie Ring and Art & Photography Department Chair Greg Stanforth '67 have been asked by their peers to make presentations, emphasizing the high level of academic respect they have achieved in their fields.

True to our Marianist mission to "provide an integral, quality education," our Academic Committee has crafted a plan that will improve our students' experience in preparing for college and exploring career opportunities. Another part of the plan is to enhance students' academic performance by expanding the responsibilities of our House System of student governance. Currently, the House System primarily provides our students with an emotional support system serving to enhance interpersonal relationships. As part of our Marianist mission to "educate in the Family Spirit," the system provides pastoral care, builds community, and reinforces leadership skills. Next fall the Houses will also be used to provide an academic safety net, enabling the House Mentors to more closely monitor their students' academic performance and then work to improve their classroom success.

We also celebrate our continued commitment to the Marianist tenet of "educating for service, justice, and peace." Our Pastoral Ministry Department's local and global programs are renowned throughout the city, especially our students' work in Over-the-Rhine and Northern Uganda. We have been blessed with

outstanding leadership in these areas, and I am grateful to the many faculty members who lead so many outreach endeavors through service learning opportunities. One of these individuals, English Teacher and Zaragoza Dean Mike Moroski, just won the coveted Jefferson Service Award, the local "Nobel Prize" for service. His work began with rehabbing homes in downtown Cincinnati and eventually evolved to the creation of a multi-faceted program named "Moeller Advocates for a Common Hope" (MACH 1) and the purchase of a downtown coffeehouse called "Choices Café." (See page 8.) Sadly, Mike will be leaving us to assume the role of Dean of Student Life at Purcell Marian High School, a fellow Marianist institution, and we wish him Godspeed and continued success knowing he will always be a part of the Moeller Family.

The tragic loss of senior Josh Pflum at the beginning of this school year was a devastating event and called the Moeller Family to draw on our faith in Christ. Demonstrating the Moeller Family Spirit and their faith, Josh's classmates have decided to honor and celebrate his life by initiating the Josh Pflum '11 Memorial Scholarship. It is a testament to the depth of the Moeller brotherhood and the power of faith to transcend pain and promote healing.

We also lost a valued member of our faculty, as Jim Champlin (Class of '72) lost his fight with cancer. Jim was a model to our students in how to live faithfully and to serve others. Jim's contributions to Moeller were many and encompassed a variety of co-curricular activities, as well as being the Trinity House Dean. His memory and contributions will live on as part of the Moeller Family.

We close our 50th anniversary celebration by acknowledging the 250th anniversary of the birth of our founder, the Blessed William Joseph Chaminade. It was his vision that provided the backbone of our school's success. And it will be his vision and spirit that ensures the future prosperity of the Men of Moeller!

Yours in service,



Blane Collison, Principal



This year's Class of 2011 earned \$13.4 million dollars in scholarship offers.



# Providing an Integral, Moeller Quality Today Education



## CLASS of 2011 Senior Award Recipients



### MAN OF MOELLER AWARD:

**Charlie Fiessinger**  
Charlie Fiessinger, received the school's highest honor – the Man of Moeller Award. This award is presented to the senior who best exemplifies the type of graduate Moeller aims to develop.

As a leader, Fiessinger was a three-year House Captain who was elected by his peers and the faculty his senior year to serve as School Captain, Moeller's highest leadership position. As School Captain, he headed up Moeller's 50th Anniversary Student Committee, working on various events, such as Chaminade Day, throughout the year.

As a scholar, Fiessinger was a member of the National Honor Society and tutored All Saints elementary students. He was also a member of Moeller's award-winning Academic Team.

In service, Fiessinger was committed to MACH 1 (Moeller Advocates for a Common Hope), working to rehab homes in Over-the-Rhine. In faith, he served as a Kairos retreat leader. And in athletics, he was a four-year member of the football team.

Fiessinger will be attending the University of Notre Dame and majoring in engineering. He is the son of Doug and Lisa Fiessinger of Mason, OH.



### VALEDICTORIAN:

**Michael Lynch**  
Michael Lynch was this year's Valedictorian. He was awarded the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) Medal for excellence in Math and Science (a four-year scholarship award) and the Honda-OSU Partnership Math Medal. The College Board named him an AP Scholar with Honor.

Lynch served as a Quiroga House Captain and was a three-year member of the Northeast Community Challenge Coalition, a youth leadership program devoted to preventing risky and illegal youth behavior.

In service, he participated in Pastoral Ministry's Urban Plunge Service Trip in Over-the-Rhine, rehabbing an apartment and learning about poverty and urban social justice issues.

As an athlete, Lynch was a four-year member of the lacrosse team, serving as varsity captain his senior year, and a three-year member of the soccer team.

Lynch will be attending RPI in Troy, NY, and majoring in business management. He will also play DIII lacrosse for the RPI Engineers. He is the son of Mike and Colleen Lynch.



### SALUTATORIAN & GOLD SHIELD AWARD:

**Jack Schlueter**  
Jack Schlueter was this year's Salutatorian and recipient of the Alumni Association's Gold Shield Award. As a scholar, he received the Michelson-Morley Award for outstanding achievements in the areas of math and science and the Greider Memorial & Scholar Athlete Award. He was a National Merit Commended Student, an AP Scholar with Distinction, and participated all four years on Moeller's award-winning Academic Team.

As a leader, he served as School Vice Captain his senior year and was elected Zehler House Captain his previous three years. He was also vice president of the National Honor Society. As an athlete, Schlueter was a three-year varsity member of the track team and four-year member of the cross country team, serving as captain his senior year.

Actively involved with the Pastoral Ministry Program, Schlueter served as a Kairos assistant rector, an Urban Plunge participant in Over-the-Rhine, and a big brother in the Coryville Catholic Little Buddies Program.

Schlueter will be attending the University of Dayton and majoring in chemical engineering. He is the son of Mark and Susan Schlueter.



### CHAMINADE SERVICE AWARD:

**Nick Lefke**  
Nick Lefke earned Moeller's highest service leadership honor – the Blessed Father Chaminade Service Award. He was also one of 40 tri-state teen leaders to be honored with a 2011 YMCA Character Award.

Lefke was the director of MACH 1 (Moeller Students for a Common Hope, a group dedicated to social justice efforts in Over-the-Rhine) and a member of the Pastoral Ministry Executive Board, the Catholic Social Teaching Action Team, and the Marianist Movement Board.

As a leader, Lefke served as a Eucharistic minister, a Kairos facilitator, a Shantytown organizer, a Faculty/Staff Service Day leader, and a Moeller tour guide. He was chosen by his peers to be a Pillar House Captain and by faculty members to participate in the University of Cincinnati's Mayerson Leadership Conference and the TL2 summer program (Today's Leaders, Tomorrow's Learners).

As a scholar, Lefke was awarded the St. Michael's College Book Award for Leadership and Scholarship and was a member of the National Honor Society. For his many outstanding achievements, he was recently featured by WCPO as their "Student of the Week."

Lefke will be attending the College of Mt. St. Joseph and majoring in business. (Currently he owns his own tree and landscaping company.) He is the son of Mark and Jenny Lefke.



**SCHOLAR RECOGNITION:** Seniors Michael Wright (on left) and Matthew Woebkenberg (on right) were named National Merit Finalists. Wright is a Trinity House Captain, a member of the rugby team, and a Kairos Retreat leader. Woebkenberg is president of the National Honor Society, member of the varsity tennis team, and a volunteer at the Center for Autism. Four seniors earned the Commended Student designation: Luke Agricola, Sam Knudson, Alex Parra, and Jack Schlueter. Eight students were also named AP Scholars: Michael Wright, Ross Geiger, Brendan Holmes, Luke Agricola, Charles Fiessinger, Mark Dalga, Jack Schlueter, and Michael Irwin. Schlueter was named an AP Scholar with Distinction for earning a 3 or better on four or more AP tests.



Sister Prejean (pictured above) will be visiting Moeller on Monday, Nov. 14, to talk about her book, *Dead Man Walking*. Moeller will be having more guest speakers throughout the year from the legal system, politics, vocational life, and victims' rights.

## One School, One Book: DEAD MAN WALKING English Department Launches School-wide Reading Initiative

"I want to thank the English Department for their creative initiative in launching a new school-wide summer reading program," said Academic Dean Chris Wilke. "By engaging the school in cross-disciplinary learning, we will be challenging students and teachers to take understanding a topic that is familiar to all of us from multiple perspectives."

The book is *Dead Man Walking* by Sister Helen Prejean. The chief issue: the death penalty. "By using this year's novel, we will examine the issue of capital punishment from multiple perspectives, including Catholic, moral, historical, literary, scientific, mathematical, and artistic," says Wilke. "I think it is great, and I look forward to future manifestations of this program."

One plan includes developing thematic quarters: **Q1: death penalty** (the issue); **Q2: religious life** (the sisterhood); **Q3: justice** (race and poverty); and **Q4: action** (getting involved). On Monday, November 14, Sister Prejean will speak to the students at an afternoon assembly and to the Moeller community later that evening. Each quarter, another speaker will be invited to be Moeller's afternoon and evening guest and address the thematic topic.

The movie *Dead Man Walking* will be shown as part of a year-long monthly movie series connected to the reading. These screenings will be offered at night so parents and siblings can attend.

Throughout the year, department-related assignments and lessons will take place. "Specific activities seem to fall quite easily into specific departments," said English Department Chair Geoffrey Girard, the developer of this initiative. "Art's doing art. Music may do some composition/scoring. Math will handle statistics. History has the historic perspective and government side. Language plans some translations and research into other countries' takes on the death penalty. Science has DNA planned. Religion will specifically handle the Church's position on the subject and the moral debate. English will be looking at the art of biography, the craft of Sister Helen's novel, and will facilitate a letter-writing campaign at the end of the year, as well as a school-wide symposium where students will present papers and projects they've done (in English or other classes)."

The Faculty & Staff Philanthropy Fund Committee (PFC) recently awarded a \$1,000 grant to Girard to help fund the interdisciplinary project. The Technology Department installed the e-reader version of the book on the students' laptop computers and created a link to the study guide. All students will be tested on the books' contents during the first week of school. In addition, parents are invited to read the book, and the English Department will hold parent discussions periodically during the year. The Moeller community is also welcome to join in. "If you are involved in the legal system or do social justice work or have a personal experience to share, please contact me," said Girard. "We look forward to connecting with the Moeller community in a year-long literary discussion."

For more information or to get involved, e-mail Geoffrey Girard at [GGirard@Moeller.org](mailto:GGirard@Moeller.org).



### ACADEMIC TEAM UNDEFEATED IN LEAGUE PLAY, WIN CINCINNATI STATE TOURNAMENT:

Moeller's Academic Team was undefeated this year in league play and won the GCL's second division as well as the 16-team Cincinnati State Tournament. Moderator Mike Ward '86 has led the Academic Team for 12 years. In 2003 and 2005 his teams were state runner up, and they qualified for state 11 of the past 13 years. "This year's success is a credit to senior leadership by Alex Parra and Jack Schlueter," said Ward. "The team improved vastly throughout the year to truly become a team that was 'more than the sum of its parts.' They played the game with intensity and carried themselves with class and integrity. Moeller's 2010-11 Academic Team represented their alma mater in the finest manner." Pictured, from left: Name, Jack Schlueter '11, Moderator Mike Ward '86, Name, and Name. (Alex Parra, Eddie Rein, and Mike Rieger).



### ART STUDENTS OFFERED MORE THAN TWO MILLION IN COMPETITIVE SCHOLARSHIPS, DEPARTMENT CHAIR SELECTED TO ATTEND COLLEGE EXHIBITION:

Moeller's "Art Team" has currently accrued \$2,080,700, with more offers expected," says Department Chair Greg Stanforth. Due to the consistent success of Moeller's art students, the College for Creative Studies in Detroit, Michigan, invited Stanforth to attend its annual exhibition. "Each year, we are given the opportunity to select a few high school art educators from out of state to attend our Annual Student Exhibition," said Counselor Adam Ris. "The teachers are picked based on the quality of the art programs they run and the quality of the students that come out of their curriculum." Pictured below: Artwork by Department Chair Greg Stanforth (on left) and Art Teacher Jeannette Elliott (on right) that was featured in the Cincinnati Art Academy's 2011 Showcase this year.

### 25 STUDENTS RECEIVE NATIONAL RANKING ON SPANISH EXAM:

Moeller students earned a total of four silver and two bronze medals, along with 19 honorable mentions on the National Spanish Exam. "Attaining a medal or honorable mention for any student on the National Spanish Examinations is very prestigious," says Kevin Cessna-Buscemi, National Director of the Exams, "because the exams are the largest of their kind in the US with 125,915 students participating in 2010." Students from Moeller have a long history of high achievement on these exams, thanks to Spanish Teachers Gustavo Benedetti, Alberto Delgado, Britt Raymond, and World Languages Department Chair Elena Keyser.

**BAND HONORS:** Moeller Band members provided outstanding individual performances at the OMEA District 14 Solo and Ensemble Contest. The following students earned the Superior rating: Nate Bishop, John Collins, Braden Baldwin, Kellis Kincaid, Jack Kunkel, Will Loxterkamp, Drew Saylor, Jack Raymer, and Matt Hugenberg. In addition, the Percussion Ensemble and Trumpet Ensemble each earned the Superior rating.



### JAZZ BAND WINS AWARDS AT LOUISVILLE JAZZ FESTIVAL:

The Jazz Band participated in the Louisville Jazz Festival and performed for a panel of adjudicators. The following members won awards for outstanding solos: Theresa Schmidt (MND '11), Evan Cooper '12, Nate Bishop '13, and Megan Geoppinger (MND '12).

### ENGINEERING CLUB WINS 1st PLACE IN EGG DROP COMPETITION & LEONARDO DaVINCI AWARD:

The Moeller Engineering Club participated in the Junior Engineering Technical Society TEAMS test at the University of Cincinnati for the first time in seven years and finished 1st place finish in the Egg Drop competition. Dan Powers and Jack Tamborski brought home the Leonardo DaVinci Award,

which is given to the best engineered contraption as judged by the panel of UC students and professors. Moeller participants included Alex McCuskey, Nick Schriml, Dan Powers, Jack Tamborski, Tyler Himes, John Ashbrock, John Collins, and Anthony Glorius. Moeller's moderators were Bruce Nelson and Terri Schaffer.

### CHESS TEAM SUCCESS:

Moeller's JV Chess Teams took 1st place for the second consecutive year in the Greater Cincinnati Scholastic Chess League end-of-year tournament. Representing Moeller JV were Matthew Abele '13, Andrew Benza '13, Erich Girard '14, Connor Lotz '12, McAnthony Martin '14, Cory Pieper '14, and Mikalé Wilkinson '14. Benza went a perfect 5-0, beating the only other undefeated player in the last round, and took home the individual 1st Place JV trophy.

### MATH TEACHER CONNIE RING INVITED TO MAKE PRESENTATIONS:

Moeller Math Teacher Connie Ring has been selected by her peers to present at the Ohio Council of Teachers of Mathematics in Toledo this October. She will be presenting the use of technology, like TI-Nspire calculators, demonstrating real-world applications. Ring was also asked to give a keynote speech at Seven Hills Academy because of her social justice work in Uganda (see page 6). "It was Global Issues Day, and the students spend the whole day learning and finding ways to get involved," she said. "The title of the speech was 'The Missing Peace: You.' It was all about the fact that kids are already empowered to accomplish amazing things if they just believe that they are."

### ENGLISH TEACHER/ZARAGOZA DEAN MIKE MOROSKI ACCEPTED IN PRESTIGIOUS MASTER'S PROGRAM:

Mike Moroski was one of 30 students from around the country to be accepted into the prestigious Notre Dame Mendoza College of Business Master of

Nonprofit Administration Program. ND's program develops exemplary leaders serving nonprofit organizations.

## New Name, New Focus: Introducing the Moeller Interdisciplinary Council

Moeller's Academic Council is moving in a new direction, so they renamed themselves the "Interdisciplinary Council."

"As leader of the Academic Council, it has become clearer to me the direction in which many of our stakeholders wish our academics to evolve," said Dean of Academics Chris Wilke. "We have a proven track record of success in our academic development and college placement. We know this by the colleges and universities\* that our students attend and by the professions they choose. But it is not enough to be successful by external measurements. We need to foster an academic program that is unique, spiritually enriching, and dynamic. The Academic Council has taken this charge and is endeavoring to move the school in a more interdisciplinary direction, and the recent literary initiative (*Dead Man Walking*) is an example of the type of creative leadership emanating from the department level that will drive us. As an indicator of this new direction, the Academic Council will be going by a new name next year – the 'Interdisciplinary Council.' Our academic vision and planning will all be measured through the lens of how it reflects our endeavor to break down traditional walls that have historically separated our academic departments... I want to thank the English Department and the Academic Council for fully living out the second (provide an integral, quality education), fourth (educate for service, peace & justice), and fifth (educate for adaptation and change) Characteristics of a Marianist Education by collaborating and adopting this excellent reading program."

\*For a complete listing of where the Moeller Class of 2011 will be going to college, visit our website: [www.Moeller.org](http://www.Moeller.org).



## Moeller Teacher Wins 2011 Cincinnati Jefferson Award, Xavier University Magis Award

Described as the Nobel Peace Prize of Service, Moeller English Teacher and Zaragoza Dean Mike Moroski was presented with the 2011 Cincinnati Jefferson Award in March by the Rotary Club. Xavier University also honored him with a Magis Award that recognizes individuals for fostering community collaboration and unity, thereby bringing about positive change. Both awards honored Moroski for his MACH 1 social justice work in Over-the-Rhine.

MACH 1 (Moeller Advocates for a Common Hope) pairs affluent youth with indigent adults to share experiences and give back to the community. For nearly a decade Moroski and his MACH 1 crew of about 30-50 each week have worked to rehab apartments in OTR. "MACH 1 is the one thing in my life of which I am the proudest," says Moroski.

MACH 1 has become one of the largest teenage volunteer corps in the Midwest and is the only teen volunteer group funded by the Greater Cincinnati Foundation. "Watching MACH 1 grow over the course of the past 10 years has been my life's bliss," he says. "It is very evident to me that powers greater than us have

directed this movement – the powers of human beings loving one another without bias... And now it is time to move on."

Moroski will be assuming the Dean of Student Life role this fall at Purcell Marian High School in Cincinnati, another Marianist institution. "As fate would have it, it

is time to move on because of MACH 1," he says. "The dreams of the young men of Moeller have shaped this program and, as a result, shaped my life's direction. The program will continue at Moeller, but, since it has grown to such a massive and impressive scale, I must move on to handle the time commitments. MACH 1 has been renamed the 'Choices Café Student Board.' They will continue to define the direction of Choices Café, as they have not led us astray yet."

Choices Café, founded in 2007, is the result of Moroski's collaboration with Mike Rogers, who is now executive director of the drug-free gathering place at 1506 Elm Street in OTR. Rogers is a formerly homeless graduate of the Men's Recovery Program at the Drop Inn Center.



They met on a MACH 1 Saturday and connected immediately. Although from vastly different backgrounds and experiences, they shared a common spirit and vision – a commitment to bridge the gap between the indigent and affluent and forge a connection by educating and serving. Choices Café is the conduit of their dream.

"Be on the lookout for the changes this city will be making due to the dreams of the young, the old, the rich, the poor, the male, the female, the conservative and the liberal coming together," says Moroski. "Unity assists, and MACH 1 taught me that."

Choice Café website: [www.choicescafe.org](http://www.choicescafe.org).



## Senior Lives Homeless For A Week, Now Speaks About Experience:

*Crusader* editor-in-chief Leo Kessler '11 spent a week in January living homeless, and he journaled about his experiences for the student newspaper. While first an assignment for the *Crusader*, his experience had a profound effect on him, and he began speaking about it to other students in schools and churches around the city. *The Community Press* wrote about Kessler's experience, and that article is available on

Moeller's website and at the following link: <http://cincinnati.com/blogs/northeast-notes/2011/04/26/moeller-student-experiences-homelessness/>.

Kessler's original article for the *Crusader* student newspaper can also be found on Moeller's website: [www.Moeller.org](http://www.Moeller.org).



## UNIFIED FOR UNIFAT (u4u) Students Extend Outreach Efforts for Ugandan School

Connie Ring, Moeller's math teacher and u4u founder/executive director, continues to expand her life-changing organization year by year. "Our first generation of high school leadership has graduated and is now in college," she said, "so we now have chapters at Chestnut Hills College in Pennsylvania (started by MND grad Kelly Dennis), at Miami University (started by Moeller grad Will Tardio '07), and at Xavier University (started by Sycamore grad Meghan Marth, with the help of Moeller grads Cris Freese and Zack Freeman)."

Moeller's Mentor Groups are sponsoring 30 UNIFAT children, and the school's chapter, run by Jake Haigis '12 and Justin Liggett '11, is sponsoring three additional students. To raise awareness and the \$300 needed for each child, the Moeller u4u chapter organized a two-mile run and netted \$1800. In addition, Moeller's Rugby Team members, coached by social studies teacher Doug Rosfeld '97, chose u4u as their primary charity. "They are sewing our logo onto their uniforms and have asked us to be a regular guest with an info table and merchandise sales at

their home games," said Ring. For the past several years a group of u4u members have traveled to Gulu, Uganda, to connect with the UNIFAT school leadership, mentors, teachers, students, and parents. "This year's summer trip to Uganda has seven high school students, including Justin Liggett '11, Adam Tardio '09 and Will Tardio '07," said Ring. "Will is going to stay after we leave and will be living in Gulu as the u4u liaison for up to one year. This is the first time that u4u has had a representative at the school on a daily basis for an extended period of time."

Currently, u4u is sponsoring 23 students in secondary school and 110 students at UNIFAT Primary School. "The plan is to continue supporting our current 133 students for the next five years," said Ring, "and we are committed to finding roughly 15 new sponsors each year to cover the doubling cost of secondary school."

For more information about u4u, check the website: [www.unifiedforunifat.com](http://www.unifiedforunifat.com). To help support u4u's efforts in Uganda, contact Connie Ring at [CRing@Moeller.org](mailto:CRing@Moeller.org).

## YPC: Creating Life-long Givers

To whom much is given, much is expected. This paraphrase from Luke 12: 48 describes the Biblical inspiration for Moeller's Youth Philanthropy Council (YPC). "We strive to create life-long givers," says Sally Nugent. "Our mission is to teach Moeller students about philanthropy while supporting community service projects led by Moeller students."

A generous benefactor initiated and funded this project in 2006. Each year council members had to decide which projects were worthy of funding. "Students on the council understand that there are unlimited needs but limited resources, therefore their involvement is critical." In the past five years, the council has given \$42,000 to projects that made a difference.

"This year YPC received grant requests worth \$19,150," said Nugent. "We granted \$10,000. The theme, in honor of our 50th Anniversary, was 'there's no place like home,' so our focus was to beautify Moeller. Projects included cleaning up the courtyard; purchasing software for WMOE (Moeller's student radio station); providing seed money to start a Sculpture Club at Moeller that is open to all students (YPC bought the kiln); purchasing a Crucifix

(a larger one that will work better with our large gym); supporting Venture Crew by giving them money to purchase items for their fundraiser (a mixer); and renovating the Resource Room."



**2011 SYCAMORE RELAY FOR LIFE:** In May, 135 Moeller students participated in this 18-hour walk-a-thon, raising \$135,000 for cancer research in conjunction with the American Cancer Society.

gift shop, and restaurant gift certificates at 50% off or more, a portion of which went back to Moeller. "I'd love to have any donations to help keep us going," she said. "Our current goal is to endow the YPC so it will be around for the next 50 years!" For more information or to donate, contact Sally Nugent at [SNugent@Moeller.org](mailto:SNugent@Moeller.org).

Outside of Moeller, YPC supported two fundraising projects for Unified for UNIFAT's school in Uganda: a two-mile run (\$1800 raised) and St. Columban's 3X3 basketball tournament. They also helped fund Choices Café's back yard clean up, so a garden can be planted for the Over-the-Rhine residents.

YPC's current goal is to raise funds so it can continue giving. Recently, Nugent organized a campaign to offer YoDeal online "coupon" opportunities, providing service,



**2010-11 MOELLER BLOOD DRIVE EARNS 2nd PLACE, HELPS SAVE NEARLY 1000 LIVES:** This year Moeller came in 2nd place in the city-wide Hoxworth Blood Drive competition. "I was so inspired by how well our guys performed in the Blood Drives this year," said Pastoral Ministry Service Director Brian Gilronan. "Student coordinators Thomas Hickey '11, Scott Nugent '12, and Michael Riney '12 decided at the start of the school year to have four instead of our normal three blood drives this year, and their efforts really paid off. We are looking to capture that 1st place spot next year!" Moeller had 315 blood donations over the course of the school year, saving approximately 945 lives. To assist Moeller's efforts to save lives, go to any Hoxworth Blood Donation facility and donate under Moeller's name or e-mail Brian Gilronan at [BGilronan@Moeller.org](mailto:BGilronan@Moeller.org) for next year's schedule.



2011 Founder's Day Award recipients: Moeller Principal Blane Collison, Athletic Director Barry Borman, and Board of Trustees Member Charley Blum.

high schools. His leadership as a man of faith and service is visible on a day-to-day basis. We also recognize and celebrate Barry's commitment to Moeller's 'Family Spirit' and athletic tradition of excellence." Borman lives in Montgomery.

**CHARLEY BLUM, TRUSTEE:** Charley Blum, father of Andrew '11, Michael '11, Charley '09, and Will '09, is a member of the Board of Trustees and serves as the school's liaison with the Marianist Province. "Charley has lived the Marianist characteristic of 'educating for service, justice, and peace' with his tireless support of the Pastoral Ministry Center and Moeller's MACH 1 (Moeller Advocates for a Common Hope) activities," says Hunt. "Because of his leadership, the school's Youth Philanthropy Council has now become an integral part of the Moeller's co-curriculum. Charley also helps coach the rugby team, reinforcing the Marianist characteristics on the athletic field." Blum lives in Cincinnati.

**BLANE COLLISON, PRINCIPAL:** The Founder's Day Committee surprised Blane Collison, Moeller's principal and academic leader for the past eight years, with his award. "Blane has further institutionalized the Marianist characteristics of 'providing an integral, quality education' and 'educating for adaptation and change' through his successful implementation of the House System and continued commitment to using technology as an effective educational tool," says Hunt. "In times of crisis, he has modeled what it means to 'educate for faith formation' and 'educate in the Family Spirit.' During his tenure, Blane's unwavering support of the Pastoral Ministry Center reinforces his commitment to 'educate for service, justice, and peace.' In all aspects, Blane's leadership has demonstrated what it means to fully live the 'Marianist Charism.'"

NOTE: As part of the Founder's Day celebration this year, all students were given a special-edition Marianist tie that was designed by current students and donated by alumnus Gary Hopkins '78 to mark the school's 50th Anniversary year. (See tie example on sophomore Ryan Rinn, above on left.)

**FOUNDER'S DAY HONORS THREE MARIANIST ROLE MODELS:** Founder's Day commemorates Moeller's heritage as a Catholic school in the Marianist tradition by honoring the Blessed William Joseph Chaminade, founder of the Society of Mary (Marianists) in France in 1817. Each year Moeller honors with an award those who exemplify and promote the five Characteristics of a Marianist Education (CMEs) through outstanding service and dedication to the Moeller students. This year three members of the Moeller Family were chosen: Barry Borman, athletic director; Charley Blum, Trustee Board member and current parent; and Blane Collison, principal.

**BARRY BORMAN '64, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR:** "Barry Borman, who was a member of Moeller's first graduating class in 1964, has been a lifelong advocate of the Marianist characteristics," says Moeller President Bill Hunt. "He has lived these principles as a teacher, a coach, and an athletic director. Barry embodies what it means to 'provide an integral, quality education,' and his initiative to integrate the CMEs into Moeller's athletic programs has now been adopted by the other 17 Marianist

# 50 Years of Excellence Culminates in GCL ALL-SPORTS TROPHY!

Moeller's has added another GCL ALL-SPORTS TROPHY to the school's list of athletic achievements. "It is truly fitting that we won this trophy during our 50-year celebration," said Athletic Director Barry Borman '64, "especially considering that the GCL (Greater Catholic League) is considered to be one of the finest leagues not only in Ohio but in the country."

Moeller's athletic program first came into national prominence two decades ago when legendary Football Coach Gerry Faust won five state titles in six years, along with four mythical national titles. Since then the Crusaders have evolved into a multidimensional powerhouse program, winning local, regional, and state titles in several different sports throughout the years. "Certainly our phrase 'The Standard is Excellence' can truly be applied to our athletic program," says Borman. "Once known primarily for our football program, our coaches have built on that foundation and raised the level of every program in our school to prominence. We are now considered as having an excellent comprehensive athletic program having won state team or individual championships in nine different sports."

Moeller's athletic statistics reinforce Borman's point. In the past 50 years, Moeller has accumulated multiple honors:

- 23 state team championships in five different sports: seven in football, six in volleyball, five in baseball, three in basketball, and two in lacrosse. In addition, they have won
- 14 team state runner-up titles: four in football, three in wrestling and volleyball, and two in golf and lacrosse
- 27 total team or individual state runner-up titles
- Numerous national rankings in several sports
- 86 "Coach of the Year" honors in 11 different sports.
- 126 GCL titles

In addition, the Crusaders have accrued numerous national rankings in several sports. "Each Moeller athlete and coach understands the expectations of our school of commitment and hard work, while at the same time fulfilling the true mission of our school," says Borman. "They not only display excellence on the field but reflect the values of the Marianist Charism. We are incredibly proud of this year's teams and coaches who collectively earned Moeller the coveted GCL All Sports trophy. We are also proud of all the coaches and athletes over the years who have contributed to the rich traditions of our school."



## Crusader Spring Sports Wrap Up

By Barry Borman '64, Athletic Director

**THE BASEBALL TEAM** ended as league co-champs, and senior Jake Madsen was named GCL co-player of the year. In the regional semi-finals they faced Vandalia-Butler High School and led the entire game until Vandalia rallied in the seventh inning, finishing 6-5. During the tournament Coach Tim Held achieved his 100th victory in less than four seasons.

**THE LACROSSE TEAM** defeated Sycamore, Mason (the number-one seed), and St. Xavier High Schools in the tournament, which sent them to the final four. Moeller took on Worthington Kilbourne High School, and the score was tied 4-4 at halftime in the state semi-final game, but Kilbourne prevailed with a final score of 6-5.

**THE RUGBY TEAM**, entering only its third year of existence, Coach Doug Rosfeld amassed a program of more than 80 players and fielded two teams throughout the season. Their depth paid off as they found themselves in the state championship game for the second year in a row, this time against Westerville. Although they held the lead most of the championship game, the Crusaders fell behind on a Westerville kick with four minutes to go in the game, finishing 13-12 to Westerville.

**THE TENNIS TEAM** embarked on one of the most difficult schedules in the city and finished eighth in the final city tennis poll. The team's success was exemplified by Coach Gary Hopkins again receiving GCL Coach of the Year honors.

**THE TRACK & FIELD TEAM** had four athletes qualify to the regional meet in Dayton, and senior Kyle Walker qualified to the state meet in Columbus in the high hurdles. He won his heat in the prelims of the high hurdle event and then finished second place when he ran a 14.8 sec final race.

**THE VOLLEYBALL TEAM** captured the GCL title with an undefeated GCL season, and Coach Greg Ulland and Coach Burke guided the Crusaders to the state championship game in their final season as Crusader coaches. (They resigned to spend more time with their families. Matt McLaughlin'05 will be the new head volleyball coach.) After each team won two matches, the fifth one went back and forth until St. Edwards High School put away the final two points. The Crusaders earned the state runner-up trophy.

### SOPHOMORE RAISES FUNDS FOR STATUES OF MARY IN EVERY CLASSROOM:

Sophomore Ryan Rinn took on a special "faith formation" project during Moeller's 50th Anniversary: raising funds to place a statue of Mary in every classroom throughout the school. "I feel

that it is very important for a school in the Marianist tradition to have Mary statues prominently displayed," he said. "I believe that displaying Mary statues will help Moeller students and staff follow more closely Fr. Chaminade's example of using the Blessed Virgin as our model, and calling us to bring the presence of Jesus and Mary to life within ourselves and others." Rinn wrote a grant requesting assistance from the Youth Philanthropy Council, and they funded half of the cost for 46 statues and wall shelves. He raised the remaining \$1,000 needed through a letter writing campaign.





# 50 Years of Developing Leadership in Young Men

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First Faculty



*It was because of his genuine love and passion for Moeller.*

## Inspiring Leaders of Moeller

Currently, 25 Moeller alumni are serving their alma mater full time as a faculty or staff member. From Barry Borman, Class of 1964 (now athletic director), to Matt McLaughlin, Class of 2005 (now English teacher/volleyball coach), they have witnessed Moeller's past 50 years through a unique prism. Their dual experiences offer a fresh perspective about how Moeller has evolved and how they were shaped by their experiences. I recently asked them questions about their past and present Moeller experiences, and I hope to capture their "history" in the upcoming issues of the Moeller Magazine, for one article cannot effectively capture the richness of the school's evolution from their diverse points of view.

However, one constant in their commentaries was their admiration for the teachers, coaches, and administrators who personally touched their lives as students and who continue to enrich their lives as colleagues. They all share a passion for the Moeller Family, especially those who helped shape them into the men they are today. And from those experiences evolved a common mission – to pass on the best of those shared values, principles, and traditions to the next generation of Men of Moeller.

In this edition of the magazine, we feature the men (and women) who had the greatest impact on the lives of our current faculty and staff alumni. Out of their responses, a portrait of a specific culture is unveiled. It's no secret that Moeller's success has been its Marianist roots and commitment to the five Characteristics of a Marianist education.\*

But how Moeller's leaders have interpreted that mission throughout the years – and how they have made a difference in the lives of these 25 alums – is revealing. And inspiring.

*Johanna Kremer*

Johanna Kremer, Editor, Moeller Magazine

\*The Five Characteristics of a Marianist Education: educate for faith formation; provide an integral, quality education; educate in the Family Spirit; educate for service, justice & peace; and educate for adaptation & change.



**BROTHER LAWRENCE J. EVESLAGE, S.M., Founding Principal (Served from 1960-67)**

The year was 1960, and Bro. Lawrence J. Eveslage, S.M., an Elder grad, became Moeller's first principal. "The tone was set from day one by the first principal (known affectionately as the 'Big E')," said Bill Braun, Class of 1972 (senior picture left, math and fine arts teacher/facilities director). "He was a no-nonsense kind of principal who demanded the best from teachers and students. There was no doubt who was in charge when he was the principal... From the day the doors opened, Moeller was known for success through dedication and hard work in the classroom or on the athletic fields by students and faculty. The concept of giving 110% to every endeavor has been a constant through 50 years."

In his address to the Class of 1964, Moeller's first graduating class, Bro. Eveslage said, "Together we have lived through the beginning years of the school. We have not only been involved in giving and receiving a solid Catholic high school education, but we have sweated and suffered and worked to make Moeller within that short time a respected name well known in scholastic and athletic circles." Academically, 16 grads had received scholarships and grants, including Barry Borman '64 who was awarded a scholarship from the Montgomery Women's Club. By that time, Moeller's first Speech & Debate Club had earned numerous awards; the Cross Country Team won the school's first trophy; and the Reserve Football Team was GCL co-champs, marking the beginning of a climb that would lead to national recognition.

*Together we have lived through the beginning years of the school.*



1976 Faust with Trophy

**GERRY FAUST, Teacher (Math, World History, Business, Typing), Football Coach, and Athletic Director (Served from 1960-80)**

Bro. Eveslage hired Gerry Faust, the only lay member of the founding faculty. Although hired as a teacher, he was recruited specifically to coach football. However, Faust's impact on students went beyond the football field from the very beginning. Barry Borman '64 (senior picture left, athletic director) was one of the 196 freshmen who walked through Moeller's doors that fall in 1960. He recalls how Faust made a difference in his life: "(Faust) took a serious interest in me personally when my mother passed away when I was a student here."

Four other faculty members cite Faust as having the greatest impact on them as a student: Bill Kohus Sr. '69 (senior picture left, maintenance), Jim Champlin '72 (senior picture left, religion teacher/Trinity House dean), Herman Knueven '74 (senior picture right, maintenance), and Chris Zerges '83 (senior picture left, music teacher). Kohus especially remembers the rallies and football games during his Moeller days. Knueven said, "(It was) because of his genuine love and passion for Moeller."

Zerges was a sophomore the year that Faust was recruited for Notre Dame. "(Faust) impressed me as a young man when he would walk the halls and know the name and 'goings on' of students who were not even on the football team or in his instruction. He made a big place feel small and familiar."



**BROTHER RICHARD KEYS, S.M., Biology Teacher (Served from 1960-65)**

Borman also credits Bro. Richard Keys, S.M. for impacting his life as a student, as does Ken Keener '65 (senior picture right, English teacher), who graduated one year later. "(Keys) inspired me to pursue my college major – biology," says Keener, Moeller's former English Department chair.

Borman recalls how Bro. Keys helped Moeller become recognized in Cincinnati. "We began our winning tradition that first year," he said. "A radio station, WSAI, had a contest for the most popular school in Cincinnati. Students were invited

to nominate their favorite school by sending in postcards. Of course, we were all freshmen, but Bro. Keys ran a campaign anyway to fill out the postcards and mail them in. Moeller won the contest! No one had ever heard of us before then."



1963 Bro. Keys

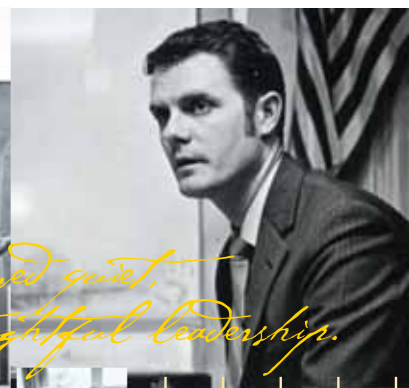
**JOHN MASSARELLA, English Department Chair (Served 1962-80)**

Keener says John Massarella, Moeller's former English Department chair, and Bro. Robert Flaherty, S.M. (former history teacher and current Guidance Department chair) had the greatest impact on him as a student. "They were models of what teachers should be," said Keener. "I wanted to work hard for them."

Massarella was also the founder of the Humanities Program. "John began in the early '60s the practice of taking classes to see live drama, a tradition that has endured each year," said Keener. Braun concurs, "(Massarella) inspired countless students in his English classes. John Massarella was also a huge part in developing my interest in theater and education."

"John Massarella truly represented what a dedicated Moeller teacher can do for the well-being of his students," said Bill Balbach '72 (senior picture right, treasurer, former teacher). "As a college student I ran into John Massarella, my sophomore English teacher, and mentioned to him I would like to teach," said Joe Meale '65 (senior picture left, science teacher, former department chair). "He said that's fine, but don't teach high school – it's too frustrating. I think I caught him on a bad day because he obviously loved what he was doing."

Massarella also stood out for Champlin, remembering him as "incredibly giving and caring," and Jim Balbach '77 (senior picture left, Men's Chorus teacher) said, "John Massarella was a fantastic person, as well as a fine teacher." Massarella died in 1980. To honor his memory, the Alumni Association established the Massarella Fund, Moeller's first formal investment to further the academic scholarship of its faculty and enrich the cultural programs within the school.



1973 Bro. Flaherty

**BROTHER ROBERT FLAHERTY, S.M., History Teacher, Guidance Department Chair (Served 1967-Present)**

"Bro. Flaherty's office became my second home during my senior year," said Doug Rosfeld '97 (senior picture right, history teacher and head rugby coach, football coach). "He was our student government moderator and displayed quiet, thoughtful leadership. I try to emulate him today in his careful selection of words and moderation."

"Bro. Bob (Flaherty), Father Marine, and Father Tom Kreidler taught me the Marianist Charism through their daily actions," said Jim Stofko '85 (senior picture right, alumni and athletic development director). "They were three of the most caring men I know."

Bob Kolkmeier '75 (senior picture right, computer technology/teacher) said Bro. Flaherty "encouraged me to improve myself."

In August 2010, Bro. Flaherty celebrated his 50th year as a Marianist Brother. To commemorate this jubilee event, Guidance Counselor Paul Smith initiated the construction of a special corner of the Our Lady of Moeller Courtyard, which is now called the "Irish Corner."





*Bro. Lohrey passed on to me a love of all things logical and mathematical!*



1976 Best in Nation, Crable

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2011 Founder's Day, Lohrey, Mike Ward '86, and Bro. Ron Luksic, S.M.

*I was very lucky to grow up with a great family and to also have the Moeller family there to support and teach me as well.*



2007 State Championship, Kremer

1962 Football Prayer

**BOB CRABLE '78,** Religion Teacher, Head Football Coach (Served from 1993-2007)

**Doug Rosfeld '97** also admired former head football coach Bob Crable '78. "Cable" displayed the qualities of strength and manliness that I wanted to become... and at the same time he showed humility before the Lord. From him I left with a firm resolve in my faith and the knowledge that true manhood and strength go hand in hand with my Catholic faith."

As a Moeller football player during his time as a student, Crable helped lead the Crusaders to three consecutive state championships in 1976-78 and two consecutive national titles. Moeller's teams were named "Best in Nation" by the National Prep Sports magazine and other major polls. Crable then played for the University of Notre Dame and was named team captain his junior and senior seasons. He was an All-American pick in 1980 and 1981, and his 26 tackles still tie an NCAA record. In 1982 Crable was selected in the first round (23rd pick) of the NFL draft by the New York Jets and played for seven years. After sustaining two knee injuries, he ended his football career and began a sportswear business, Crable Sportswear. In 1989 his company was purchased by The Midland Company, but he remained president. Crable returned to his alma mater in 1992 to coach and work part time as a religion teacher. He began teaching full time at Moeller in 1993. He assumed the head football coach position in 2002.

**BROTHER HOWARD LOHREY, S.M.,** Math Teacher, Former Math Department Chair (Served from 1979-Present)

Both Ward and **Kevin Kohls '88** (senior picture below, Math Department chair) credit Bro. Lohrey, S.M., with helping them think mathematically. "Bro. Lohrey passed on to me a love of all things logical and mathematical over four years," explains Kohls.

Bro. Lohrey graduated cum laude from the University of Dayton with a bachelor's in music and earned a master's in math from Xavier University. He came to Moeller in 1979 and has served as the school's Math Department chair, band moderator, and coach for the freshman cross country, and freshman/reserve basketball teams. He also worked for XU as an adjunct math professor from 1985-2005

Before deciding to become a Marianist (1968), Bro. Lohrey considered joining the navy. He was eventually swayed during the month he spent at the Aspirancy House in Cleveland his senior year and by the influence of the Marianist Brothers he had as teachers at St. Joseph High School. In his spare time, Bro. Lohrey enjoys landscape photography, playing guitar, and collecting Cleveland Indians baseball cards.

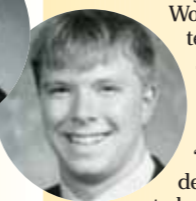
**FORREST BRANDT,** English Teacher, Track/Cross Country Coach (Served from 1982-2000)

**Kohls** (picture left) also cites his former track coach as being a major role model for him. "Forrest Brandt...taught me to be a leader and how to set goals." Kohls also mentions a few other coaches who made a difference. "Coach Henry Jacquez '72 passed on to me a spiritual love of running, and Coach Gemereth '75 passed on to me a competitive spirit of running."



**MARY FOGLER,** Religion Teacher (Served from 1988-90)

For **Paul Kindt '90** (senior picture right, religion teacher), it was Mary Fogler who had the most influence on his life while at Moeller. "She was feisty, fair, and always had us thinking," Kindt says. "I remember always looking forward to her class. There was no lack of energy. I know I am a better Catholic today - and certainly a better sophomore/junior religion teacher - because of her."



**CHARLOTTE McCULLOUGH,** History/English Teacher (Served from 1993-97)

"Charlotte McCullough was my sophomore World History teacher," says **Doug Rosfeld '97** (senior picture, left). "In her class I decided that I was going to be a history teacher... I left Moeller my senior year with the dream of coming back here to teach history. She passed away my senior year after a tough fight with cancer. Our Pastoral Ministry Center is named after her."



**Matt Rooks '98** (senior picture left, P.E./health teacher, head freshman basketball coach) says Carl Kremer influenced him the most while a student. "(Coach Kremer) taught me hard work and preparation as a student and basketball player," said Rooks.

**CARL KREMER,** Dean of Students, Head Basketball Coach (1984-Present)

Kremer has been coaching basketball for the Crusaders for the past 26 years - 20 as the head varsity coach. His teams have won three state championships (1999, 2003, and 2007), one state runner-up (2010), one state final four (2005), six regional championships (most recently, 2011), eight district championships, and four city championships. In addition, Kremer's teams have won or shared the GCL championships 15 of the past 19 years (most recently, 2011).

Individually, Kremer has been named GCL Coach of the Year seven times and the Ohio Co-Coach of the year in 1994. He was also named the Cincinnati Coach of the Year in 1999, 2003, 2007, and 2010. Last year he was selected to coach in the McDonald's All-American game. Coach Kremer was inducted into the Moeller Hall of Fame in 2004.

1961 Christmas Dance

1962 Praying in Chapel

**BILL KOHUS SR., '69** Maintenance (Served from 1991-Present)

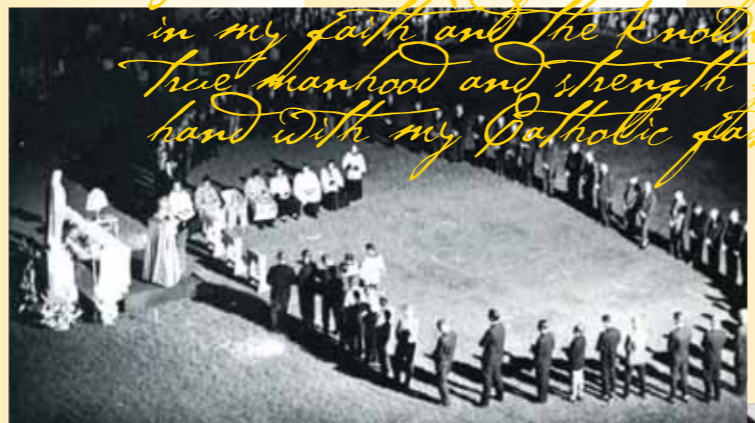
Two people stand out for **Bill Kohus Jr. '98** (Webmaster/IT Department) - his dad (Bill Kohus Sr. '69) and Whitey Campbell. "It was tough at first going to school where my father worked, because teachers and students all knew about it - and they made sure to let me know (they knew) about it!" says Kohus Jr. "But after the years went on I was able to appreciate it and felt very lucky that I got to spend quality time with my dad at a place as great as Moeller... I was very lucky to grow up with a great family and to also have the Moeller Family there to support and teach me as well."



**WHITEY CAMPBELL,** Equipment Manager (Served from 1993-Present)

"My first year at Moeller I was pretty sure I wasn't going to make the baseball team or football team," says **Kohus Jr.** (pictured left) "My dad mentioned being an equipment manager for the football team and a guy named Whitey Campbell. I remember the first day I met Whitey in the AC (Activity Center), and he took me out to practice. I was pretty excited and a little nervous because I didn't know many people at the time. Whitey really made me feel welcome as well as the football players that we worked directly with. I was a four-year manager, and it turned out to be one of the greatest things I was involved with at Moeller. Everything about being a manager made my four years special. From the van rides to the game with Whitey and the other managers to the bus ride home from losing the state championship game (and) sharing tears with the football players. I learned a lot about responsibility, friendship, and hard work from Whitey, and I will never forget the time I spent doing that."

*From him I left with a firm resolve in my faith and the knowledge that true manhood and strength go hand in hand with my Catholic faith.*



1962 Living Rosary

*Mr. Faust impressed me as a young man when he would walk the halls and know the name and goings on of students who were not even on the football team or in his instruction. He made a big place feel small and familiar.*



*Other than my father, the two greatest role models in my life are Coaches Steve Kohnne and Pat Duloff*



**DAN SHANNON, Biology Teacher (Served from 1984-Present)**

Dan Shannon is described in superlatives by **Kevin Buckley '02** (senior picture, left) ("fantastic teacher") and **Derek Williams '91** (picture, right) ("outstanding"). "Dan is an outstanding teacher and mentor who works tirelessly for the needs of our students," says Williams. "(He) is the type of teacher that makes Moeller great."

This year Shannon has decided to step down from his leadership role as Pillar House Dean, but he leaves behind a winning legacy, having earned the House Cup during his tenure. Shannon has a passion for his subject and his students, working tirelessly to bring biology to life with hands-on field trips that connect students to real-world experiences. In the summer and during spring break he has taken students on science excursions. Recently, he initiated the Venture Club, a co-curricular where students pursue outdoor adventures.



1962 Our Lady of Moeller



Mike Ward '86, Tuba Player

**MIKE WARD '86, Math/Physics Teacher, Academic Team Moderator (Served from 1992-Present)**

Like Buckley, **Matt McLaughlin '05** (senior picture, right) English teacher, volleyball coach) also considers Ward one of Moeller's "master teachers." "As a struggling AP Physics student who only lasted one quarter, Mr. Ward worked with me to help pass his class," says M. McLaughlin. "While 'passing' only may not seem significant, it was an accomplishment to me. I wouldn't have passed without Mr. Ward's help, guidance, and support that quarter."

Ward is a renowned academician. He has led his Academic Teams to the state championship twice, coming in second for two consecutive years (2003 and 2004). In just this past year, his team was undefeated in league play and won the GCL's second division as well as the 16-team Cincinnati State Tournament.

Ward also teaches math part time at the University of Cincinnati and is a tuba player in the Buffalo Ridge Jazz Band, a group that has recorded five CDs to date.



**KEN STOLL, Latin Teacher (Served from 1998-2011)**

Magister Stoll, one of Buckley's "fantastic educators" who inspired him to become a teacher, is retiring this year. Rosfeld recently wrote an e-mail to his colleagues about a "Moe-ment" in the cafeteria: "Yesterday during second lunch, I was seated at the faculty table chatting with Ken Stoll, Dan Shannon, and a few other friends. As Ken was walking out of the lunch room for the last time, some of the students greeted him (as they do at every 2nd lunch on A-Days) by calling out 'Salve!' (Hail). The students suddenly realized the gravity of the moment and the entire cafeteria stood and gave 'Magister' a farewell applause. Ken graciously waved and walked out, as the boys kept cheering. I can only hope that in my time at Moeller, I will earn the respect and admiration of the student body the same way Ken has. Thank you, Ken, for all you've done for the Moeller Family. Vale, Doctorem maximum."

Magister was featured in the *Moeller Magazine* during his tenure (summer 2005) because 26 of his students had received top honors on the National Latin Exam, with two earning perfect scores. Year after year, Stoll's students (certamen teams) have achieved numerous awards and recognition.



**BLANE COLLISON, Principal (2003-Present)**

"Mr. Collison brought a new perspective to Moeller and continued the legacy that those before him established," said **Matt McLaughlin '05** (senior picture, left). Some of Matt's fondest memories include the pep rallies, a Moeller tradition, such as the one "when Mr. Collison ripped his dress shirt off to reveal the 'Beat X' shirt at a basketball rally in 2003 when basketball won state."

In Collison's brief tenure, he has led Moeller through a Capital Campaign that resulted in much-needed renovations and the completion of the Gerry Faust Athletic Complex. He evolved the Education Commission to a Board of Trustees and a president/principal model of leadership that will further secure Moeller's future. He successfully implemented Moeller's most important recent innovations, the House System. He continues to reinforce Moeller's technology program by investing in state-of-the-art tablets for students, new software that enhances technology as a learning tool for teachers, and training for faculty and staff. And he recently led the Moeller community through a long-range strategic planning process that has become the blueprint for becoming one of the top ten Catholic institutions in the nation.

While leadership has been a key theme during his past eight years, Collison is quick to point out that it's Moeller's Marianist principles that guide the way. "Our goal is not just to develop the best leaders in the world," he says. "Our goal is to develop the best leaders for the world."

# We Believe...

*We believe in Moeller's Marianist education – an integral, quality education that touches the mind, body, heart, and soul. An education of faith formation. An education that teaches the importance of service, peace & justice. An education that believes in adapting and changing for the better. An education that teaches within a Family Spirit. A Moeller education.*

Two "pioneering" Men of Moeller, Ed Finke (on left) and Dennis Cronin (on right), the men who gave Moeller its mascot name – the "Crusaders" – in 1960, exemplify what this means.

Today, Moeller has graduated more than 10,000 Men of Moeller. For the past 50 years, Moeller has been developing leadership in young men – men like Dennis and Ed. As Principal Blane Collison says, "We believe in not only developing the best leaders in the word, but the best leaders for the world."

*Families plan for the future, so the Moeller Family has developed a planned giving program to ensure the legacy begun by the pioneering Crusaders in 1960 continues to grow. We want to continue developing the best leaders for the world.*

## What is Planned Giving?

- Planned giving, sometimes referred to as gift planning, is any gift made in lifetime or at death as part of a donor's overall financial and/or estate planning.
- Planned gifts are perfect for donors who worry that they may not be able to afford a cash gift.
- By contrast, gifts to the Annual Fund are made from a donor's discretionary income, and while they may be budgeted, they are not necessarily planned.
- More than 85% of all planned gifts are gifts that anyone can afford – such as gifts through one's will (often called "bequests").
- Below are a few examples of planned gifts or gifts anyone can afford:
  - Gifts Through One's Will
  - Appreciated Securities
  - Appreciated "Anything" (Anything that can be appraised and sold.)
  - Retirement Plans
  - Life Insurance

*Creating a legacy for generations to come...*

For information about how you can create a Moeller legacy in your planned giving, contact Advancement Director Debbie Geiger at (513) 791-1680, ext. 1320, or e-mail her at [DGeiger@Moeller.org](mailto:DGeiger@Moeller.org).



**Ed Finke '64** is an army veteran and a graduate of Xavier University with a bachelor's in economics. He has been in the securities industry for 35 years.

Ed is currently president of The Financial Network Group, which was recently named by *Barron's* magazine as the #1 Investment Advisory Firm in the State of Ohio. You can hear him daily as co-host of 55KRC's popular "Simply Money" radio show daily from 6-7 PM. Ed is a member of the Board of Directors of Honor Flight Tri-State that takes WWII veterans to Washington, D.C., as a thanks for their service and to visit their new WWII memorial. He is an avid runner and nature photographer. Ed and his wife Nancy have been married 34 years and live in Loveland, OH.



**Dennis Cronin '64** was accepted into University of Cincinnati's College of Design, Architecture, and Art while still a junior at Moeller. He worked as an intern architect for Cincinnati Architect Carl Staruss and passed his state board exams in 1973. Two years later he started a partnership with David Wheeler, ATA Architects, which is still going strong today. In 2003 he sold 85% of that business and a year later began Newpoint Construction Company that designs residential projects in Cincinnati. In his spare time he pursues his passion for digital photography, specializing in sports. He and his wife Barbara have been married for 44 years and live in Bethel, OH.

*Remember to consider Moeller in your estate planning as I have. It's a good thing to do. Ed Finke '64*

*Moeller provides an excellent preparation for the life ahead – whatever path that may ultimately take – so I encourage you to support this fine institution. I will always be proud to be one of the first "Men of Moeller!" Dennis Cronin '64*



*"Our goal is not just to develop the best leaders in the world. Our goal is to develop the best leaders for the world."*  
Blane Collison, Principal

# *Educating for Faith Formation*

## Moeller's 50th Anniversary Closing Mass Building Our 'House' on a Rock

**Luke 6: 46-49:** *As for everyone who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice, I will show you what they are like.* <sup>48</sup>

*They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built.* <sup>49</sup>



"I want to thank all the students on the 50th Anniversary Committee, especially Jack Schlueter, who were responsible for facilitating the time capsule project," said Jamieson. "The students did an outstanding job this year representing our student body and planning important events." (The committee members were chairs Mike Wright '11 and Jack Schlueter '11; seniors Charlie Fiessinger, Carson Scheidler, and Joe Tull; and juniors Scott Nugent and Francis Ittenbach.)



The committee for both the Opening and Closing Masses included Pastoral Ministry Director Jim Elfers, Sally Nugent, Jenny Lefke, Monica Riney, Maureen Valentine, Deb Marklay, Mary Effler, Chris Anne Gaier, and Amy Zimmermann. "A special thanks to the many moms who helped with the day's events," says Nugent. "We could not have been successful without each and every one of them. And special thanks to Curt Curran and his company (Stratus Group) for the beautiful signs."

**"The Gospel reading** at the 50th Anniversary Closing Mass was Luke 6: 46-49," said Pastoral Ministry Director Jim Elfers. "The first 50 years of alumni, faculty, and staff have paved the way and built the solid foundation for the successes we now experience academically, athletically, and spiritually. We have weathered floods but not been shaken to the ground. Now, it is on the current students to be part of the next 50 years. These students, during their time here and in their future support as alumni, will help to determine the future success of Moeller. They will help to build a broader and stronger foundation so that Moeller can grow even higher."

Father Paul Kollman '80, current assistant professor of theology at the University of Notre Dame, flew in from his sabbatical in Great Britain to celebrate the anniversary Mass. His homily focused on two religious leaders who inspired the founding of Moeller High School. "Fr. Paul speculated what Archbishop Alter, who was Archbishop when Moeller was built, and Archbishop Moeller, our namesake, think about Moeller from their place in heaven," said Elfers. "(Fr. Paul) said, 'I think they would be pleased. But what would please them are not the many awards Moeller has received; not the impressive physical plant; and not how well scrubbed and well dressed the young men are. What would please them are the ways in which being part of Moeller has helped people grow into the kind of people God wants us to be.' (Fr. Paul) prayed that '50 years from now may Archbishop Alter and Archbishop Moeller be proud of us who've tried to live that cross-shaped life.' "

A highlight of the ceremony was the blessing of the time capsule that the students compiled depicting the 50th Anniversary year. "We really tried to represent all different aspects of the school from academics, sports, and service," said House System Director Ed Jamieson,



co-chair of the 50th Anniversary Student Committee. "Included were pictures of various important events like Homecoming, a laptop battery, MACH 1 posters, the 50th Mass program, current news articles, several sports programs, shirts and rosters from each House, and the original House System strategic planning binder from 2005. Also included is a write-up of how we envision the House System in the future."

"The House System has enhanced our foundation and will continue to solidify our Marianist mission far into the future," said Principal Blane Collison. "But the 'rock' of the past 50 years has been our alumni. Our past parents. Our faculty and staff. And our supporters. Our rock is the Moeller Family, and the strength of the relationships we have built these past 50 years. With our Closing Mass we also celebrated the future Men of Moeller and the generations of brotherhood yet to come. We believe our future is brighter than ever. Moeller's best days are ahead."

*The future Men of Moeller – representing the Class of 2015 through the Class of 2029 – processed in with placards and balloons, signifying the beginning of the school's 50th Anniversary Closing Mass. "It was a special sight to see our future as a part of our Mass," said Sally Nugent, pastoral ministry volunteer. "We wanted our students, faculty, and our community to know that Moeller will still be educating students in the Marianist tradition in another 50 years. And what better way than to have 'students' as young as a few weeks old as proof positive that little boys will attend Moeller and continue the Men of Moeller tradition for many years."*

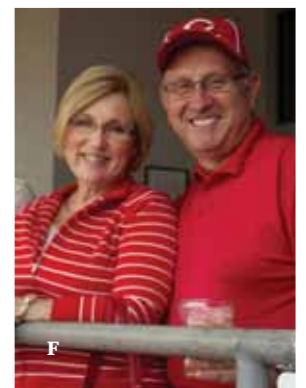
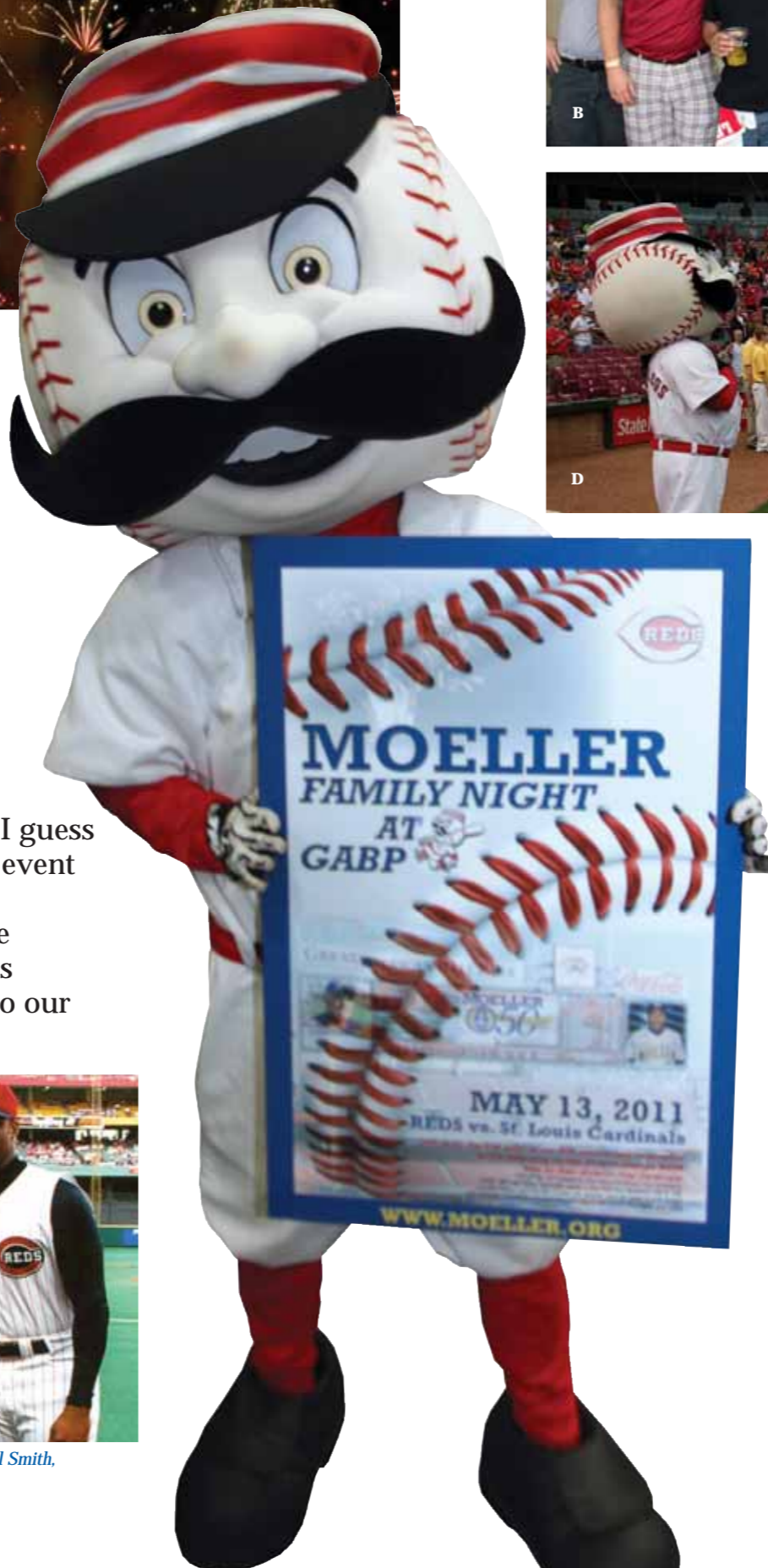


# Moeller Family Night at the Great American Ballpark: We Went Out with a **BANG!**

Moeller's 50th Anniversary ended much as it began – with a fireworks display by the Rozzi family (Moeller alumni). "With the fireworks, I guess you could say we went out with a bang!" said event Co-Chair John George '74. "A win against the division rival Cardinals, a concert by Credence Clearwater Revisited, and fireworks by Rozzi's capped a great evening and a fantastic finish to our 50th Anniversary celebration."



Moeller's legendary coaches and Reds players, from left: Barry Larkin '82, Coach Paul Smith, Buddy Bell '69, Coach Mike Cameron, and Ken Griffey Jr. '87.



The closing event, "Moeller Family Night at the GABP," signaled the official end of a year-long fete, one that began in classical style last summer with the Cincinnati Pops and ended in May with the Reds. "We had 550 in the Moeller group that night, selling out the Machine Room," says George (Photo B, top left). "Reds CFO Phil Castellini made a visit, thanked us for our support and for Moeller's great tradition and legacy with the Reds."

The Reds tradition Castellini referred to was led by Mike Cameron, Moeller's legendary baseball coach from 1967-2007 and co-chair of the event. Cameron coached Reds greats Buddy Bell '69, Barry Larkin '82, and Ken Griffey Jr. '87 (Photo A). In 1972 Cameron's baseball team won Moeller's first team state championship, one of four state championships the Moeller Baseball Program earned under his leadership.

The night was filled with personal Moeller moments from beginning to end, according to John George. The Men's Chorus sang a "rousing rendition of the National Anthem prior to the game," he said (Photo D). A future "Man of Moeller," Hunter Nobbs (Class of 2018) threw a fastball to his grandfather, John Topits, for the ceremonial first pitch (Photo C). And Director Bob Browning '83 and the Moeller Band entertained the guests in the Machine Room (Photo E).

"It was a magical evening at the ballpark bringing the Moeller Family together to celebrate 50 years of Moeller history," said Advancement Director Debbie Geiger "We hit a homerun with the timing of the event, as this was a great way to close out the year!"

Beside Co-Chairs John George and Mike Cameron, Geiger credits several people for making a Moeller Family Night at the Reds a golden memory: 50th Anniversary Chair Bruce Buckley '67 (Photo F), Men's Chorus Director Jim Balbach '77, Band Director Bob Browning '83, PR Chair Mary Fischer, Ticket Sales Manager Chris Anne Gaier, Photographer Amy Ellert, and Communications Director Johanna Kremer.

**"Mike Cameron's legacy made him the perfect co-chair for this 50th Anniversary final event..."**

Barry Borman '64





Moeller treated guests to valet parking upon arrival. "We were blessed with 60 student volunteers, all wearing tuxedos compliments of alumnus Mike Folch '79, owner of Folchi's Fine Men's Apparel and Formal Wear," says Lechner.



Michelle and Joe Buehler '82 display the iPod-like BidPal. "It was fun and easy to use."



Volunteer Karen Bruggemann and Susan Abeln, Eveslage House Captain, browse through the silent auction menagerie. "Throughout the year, more than 200 ADULTS volunteered, and they were imperative to the success of the event," says Lechner.



Main Event Coordinator Marcia Lechner and Bro. Ron Luksic check the winner of the coveted "First Choice" prize. Pictured behind them from the left, the 2011 Main Event Chairs: Randy Hanes, Joe Scheidler, Patty Hanes, and Leigh Scheidler.



Guests purchased Hawaiian leis earlier in the evening to gain admission into this popular game that kicked off the Live Auction. Teri Seireveld won by being the last one standing and claimed the \$1000 prize.

# 50th Anniversary Gala Garner's New Record! Raises \$327,000 for Students!



The Big Moe Five-O," Moeller's 26th Annual Main Event Charity Gala, broke another school record this year. Despite today's economic uncertainty, the auction raised \$327,152, which will support Moeller's student service programs (co-curricular activities, athletics, school publications, etc.) and tuition assistance.

"The generosity of the Moeller Family continues to amaze me," says new President Bill Hunt (photo, below left). "Their commitment to this school and its students is what makes Moeller a great institution. I was particularly moved by their support of our fund-a-need portion of the auction, which focused on tuition assistance. It seemed as though everyone in the room raised their paddle to give at some level. By the end, our guests had donated \$100,000 so that more students could afford a Moeller education. It was a powerful moment."

### Adaptation & Change: The Big Moe Goes High Tech

True to Moeller's Marianist mission of continuous adaption and change, the auction went high tech this year using a handheld device called "BidPal" that looked and worked much like an iTouch or touch-screen Blackberry. "This innovative technology allowed the auction to be wirelessly automated," said Lechner. "Guests could see pictures of all 562 Silent Auction items and detailed descriptions. They could electronically bid from anywhere in the Savannah Center. They would even receive outbid notices alerting them of the need to increase their bid to stay in the running for the desired item. It was exciting and efficient."



Moeller President Bill Hunt (pictured left) thanked the many guests. The Moeller Men's Choir (pictured right), directed by Jim Balbach '77, sang during the Main Event Mass.



"Alumnus David Ashbrock '74 of Moondream Media produced the video showing the need for tuition assistance," said Main Event Coordinator Marcia Lechner. "He did an outstanding job of touching our hearts by featuring people, especially one current student, who have benefited from our help. Even the students were mesmerized by watching Ashbrock's Fund-A-Need video." (Photo above.)



David Ashbrock '74 is the former Executive producer for WXIX and is now the chief creative officer of MoonDream Media, LLC. In his 32 years in Cincinnati television, Ashbrock has amassed 34 regional Emmy Awards and two Telly awards for his work as producer, director, editor, lighting designer, art director, and graphic designer. (Photo above.)



# Speaker Boehner's Message: 'You Can Accomplish Anything'

"There's nothing you can't accomplish if you believe in yourself," said Speaker John Boehner '68 to the Moeller students on April 26, "and if you're willing to put in the hard work to make it possible."

"His message was simple but powerful," said Alumni Director Jim Stofko '85. "We brought Speaker Boehner to Moeller to honor him as an alumnus and to celebrate all he has accomplished. But he really honored Moeller with his words of pride for the school. He is an inspiration."

Speaker Boehner told the student body that it was the principles he learned at Moeller – the importance of teamwork, excellence, and servant leadership – that he carries with him today and uses during his staff retreats to create what he calls "Boehnerland."

"You will find that those values you learned here will be constants in your life," he said. "The Moeller tradition of teamwork and excellence. I know I wouldn't be Speaker of the House without the lessons I learned here at Moeller."

He particularly credited his former coach, Gerry Faust, for infusing these principles, along with the importance of prayer.

Faith formation is one of the primary characteristics of a Marianist education. During the student Q&A session, senior Jack Schlueter asked the Speaker if there was a special prayer he said before he negotiates with the President. "Yes," he said. "I always ask God for the courage and wisdom to do his will and not mine."

In closing, the Speaker gave parting advice to the students: "Savor your time here. It was invaluable to me."

After the event, parent Doug Fiessinger said, "Please pass on to all responsible what a wonderful event Moeller had. While watching the video I nearly asked Mr. Speaker if I could use his hankie! Those boys will remember that day the rest of their lives, as will I."



The Alumni Association presented Speaker Boehner with a framed Moeller football jersey bearing his old number, 54. "I tried to steal that jersey 43 years ago," he said. "but Coach Faust made me give it back." Pictured from left, Speaker Boehner '68, Jim Stofko '85, Joe Novello '85, and Alumni President Phil Kreiner '76. (Pictured above)

Stofko credits alumnus Ted Catino (Pictured below with his wife Becky and Speaker Boehner) along with a great team who organized the event. "Ted organized a great team of guys to make this event first class, such as Doug Rosfeld, Mike Moroski, Bruce Buckley, Phil Kreiner, Joe Novello, Bill Braun, Rob Ebel, David Ashbrock, and more. Everyone went out of their way to ensure that this event truly honored the Man of Moeller who is second in line to be President."



The video about Speaker Boehner that Fiessinger referred to was produced by alumnus David Ashbrock '74 and is available on the Moeller website under Alumni.



Foreshadowing his future, Speaker Boehner '68 is pictured in Washington D.C. (May 1967) with his classmates.





## Keeping The 'Men Of Moeller' Connection Strong

In the past few months the Moeller Alumni Association has grown tremendously in structure and membership. We recently established a strong administrative board and recruited outstanding Class Captains to represent each of our 46 graduating classes. Many of these Captains, with the help of the Alumni Board, have been committed to updating our database so we can keep our Men of Moeller connection strong. We are constantly in search of "lost alumni" to improve attendance at our events, to share with them all the great new happenings at their Big Moe, and to link the Men of Moeller professionally as well as socially, creating a strong network within the Alumni Association.

One example of our growing Moeller connection was attendance at this year's Stag. More than 600 Men of Moeller joined us for our 50th Anniversary Sports Stag, hosted by ESPN Radio & NFL Network's Tom Waddle '85. The 11th Annual Father/Son Mass & Breakfast is another great "connection" event that combines celebrating our faith with honoring one alumni father who gives back to Moeller in many ways.



*Jim Stofko '85 has served as alumni director since 2008. This fall he will be helping to raise funds for Moeller's Athletic Department while coaching football for the nationally ranked Thomas More College Saints.*

One new connection we're proud of this year was the Alumni Association's role in this year's Senior Prayer Service. President Phil Kreiner and Vice President Nick Hodge spoke to the seniors and congratulated them on their tremendous commitment to the Annual Fund with a 95% participation rate. The funds donated by the Class of 2011 are building a scholarship fund in the name of Josh Pflum '11, a classmate who died earlier this year in a tragic accident. These Men of Moeller set a tremendous example for us all, and I proudly

welcomed them into our Alumni Association.

Please help us keep the Men of Moeller connection strong by visiting the "Alumni" section of our website ([www.Moeller.org](http://www.Moeller.org)) and registering your name (if you haven't already done so) and updating your info and good news that we can share with your fellow Moeller brothers. We will be adding more alumni events to our calendar, so check back often. We want you to come "home" and get involved! And we are always looking for new ideas and more great ways to reconnect.

Go Big Moe & God Bless,

Jim Stofko '85

[JStofko@Moeller.org](mailto:JStofko@Moeller.org)

P.S. For a complete list of Alumni Class Captains, please check our website [www.Moeller.org](http://www.Moeller.org), select "Alumni".

## Crusaders Honor Moeller's 50 Years of Excellence

### ESPN's Tom Waddle '85 Hosts

More than 600 alumni and friends came out to honor the Crusaders' 50 years of excellence, which was hosted by the renowned broadcaster, Tom Waddle '85, of ESPN and NFL Network. "We celebrated our rich athletic traditions by honoring the players, coaches, students, and staff who have made Moeller the most recognized high school in the country," said Alumni Director Jim Stofko '85.

WCPO broadcaster Dennis Janson, the event's Master of Ceremonies, later spoke about it on his evening commentary, "When I was a kid growing up in Price Hill, my dad told me that Reds pitcher Herm Wehmeier lived in our neighborhood. The fact or maybe rumor that a major league baseball player lived anywhere near Glenway Avenue was exciting to a 9-year-old. I wonder how many kids who lived in the neighborhoods and parishes that feed Moeller High School grew up with that same sense of inspiration and possibility? Knowing that from circumstances very much like theirs came guys like Buddy Bell, Len Matuszek, Barry Larkin, and Ken Griffey, Jr. That only scratches the surface of Moeller's contributions to professional sports. Fifty-five former Crusaders have dotted professional rosters over the years. Bob Crable was a first round pick of the Jets; Steve Niehaus and Steve Sylvester had outstanding NFL careers..."

"Tom (Waddle) himself was under-appreciated coming out of Moeller, one of 600 football players to earn college scholarships," continued Janson. "Tom's career took him to Boston College. He got a free agent tryout with the Bears and a six-year career and love affair with the city - where he still resides - ensued. Tom was one of those guys who were told they weren't enough this or that. But they persisted asking only that they be given the chance to show the determination, physical and mental toughness, and above all the heart, honed competing on behalf of the Crusaders."\*

\*SOURCE: <http://www.wcpo.com/dpp/sports/Crusaders-honor-50-years-of-Moeller-excellence>



## Larry Kuhlman '81 Receives Alumni Dad Award

This spring the Alumni Association held Moeller's 11th Annual Father/Son Mass & Breakfast and presented the coveted Barry Borman '64 Dad Award to Larry Kuhlman '81.

"This prestigious award honors an alum who has given back to our great school in many ways and who has sent his son to Moeller continuing his family's legacy," said Alumni Director Jim Stofko '85. "Larry was the perfect choice, and the father-son event is a great way to celebrate his selection and our shared bond with one another."

Following Mass, Barry Borman '64 himself presented Kuhlman with the award. "Larry is president/owner of Bramkamp, which is a printing and marketing solutions company," said Stofko. "His company has printed Moeller's magazine since 2000, and his team of specialists have produced and designed countless invitations, direct mail brochures, posters, letterhead, and more. He has always gone 'above and beyond' to ensure Moeller looks its best in every way, keeping our brand strong. His service to Moeller is unparalleled. In addition, two of his sons have graduated from Moeller, Nick '08 and Steve '10. We are deeply indebted to Larry for all he has done and continues to do for his alma mater."



In addition to owning Bramkamp Printing, Larry Kuhlman '81 founded The Graphic Village, a community of artisans who help companies and organizations

develop, deploy, and deliver communications seamlessly. For more information visit [www.graphicvillage.net](http://www.graphicvillage.net).

## 2011 Gerry Faust Hall of Fame Awardees



### Head Football Coach Ted Bachigalupo:

Bachigalupo coached as an assistant to Coach Faust for nearly 20 years and succeeded him as Moeller's head coach in the fall of 1981.



### Team Physician Dr. Frank Cianciolo:

Dr. Cianciolo pioneered the concept of team doctors by setting up the extensive network of specialists to assist Moeller football beginning with team physicals and working with Moeller athletes day or night throughout the year.



### Greg Hudson '85:

Hudson excelled at football and baseball at Moeller. He was a rare three-year varsity player on the football field, starting for two years at linebacker and leading the Crusader defense to GCL, City, and A.P. State Championships. His senior year he was named All-Ohio and All-American. Hudson went on to play football and baseball at the University of Notre Dame.



### Matt Godar '94:

Godar is the school's first hockey player to be inducted. He tops the list as hockey's all-time leading scorer and assist leader.



### Eric Surkamp '05:

Surkamp was voted in his first year of eligibility. He pitched for three years on the varsity baseball team, and his 0.73 ERA is the best in school history. Surkamp went on to North Carolina State and is now pitching in the San Francisco Giants organization.

To nominate an athlete, coach, doctor, or staff member for Hall of Fame consideration please e-mail [Alumni@Moeller.org](mailto:Alumni@Moeller.org).





# All-Time, All-Around Greats: Area's Best Multi-Sport Prep Male Athletes

(March 6, 2011, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*, by D. Clark)  
We're at it again. In recent years, *The Enquirer* has had some fun by documenting and ranking the greatest high school athletes in Greater Cincinnati's rich prep tradition... What better time to celebrate the area's best multi-sport high school athletes of all time?

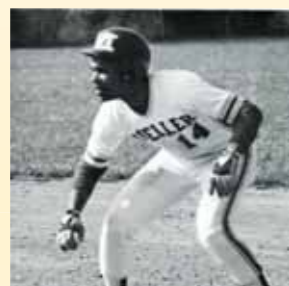
So, we've listed the top 100 boys' multi-sport stars... The ground rules: To be included, a player must have excelled in at least two varsity high school sports. Our litmus test was All-City inclusion. (For example, Moeller football legend Bob Crable is considered to be the best defensive player in the city's history. He played baseball and some JV basketball. But since he wasn't an All-City caliber player at a second sport, he wasn't considered.)...

Moeller had the most "best" selections of any prep high school in the city with 12 multi-sport athletes. The number-one athlete was Roger Staubach (Purcell grad, 1960). The GCL South was well represented:

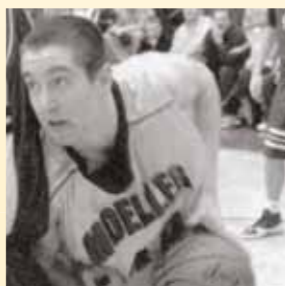
St. Xavier: #14 George Ratterman, #17 Jim Bunning, #35 Steve Sollmann, #42 Bob Arzen, #47 Greg Frey, #57 Scott Sollmann, #66 Charley Wolf, #98 Rocky Boiman

Elder: #10 Steve Grote, #22 Kyle Rudolph, #39 Bob Hoernschmeyer, #52 Gordy Massa, #58 Dick Selcer, #87 Jim Trefzger

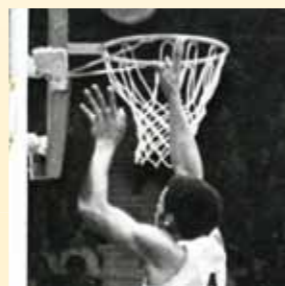
LaSalle: #48 DeVier Posey, #83 Don Hasselbeck



**#4. Barry Larkin '82:**  
The potential baseball Hall of Famer was the 1995 National League MVP. At Moeller he was the captain and MVP as a defensive back on the 1981 state finalist football team. He hit .428 in three varsity baseball seasons and was the GCL and city player of the year in 1982. Although he was a Division I recruit in football and baseball, he chose to concentrate on baseball. The Reds selected him in the second round out of Moeller and in the first round (fourth overall) out of Michigan. Larkin also played basketball at Moeller through his junior year.



**#6. Andrew Brackman '04:** He was named the LaRosa's athlete of the year as a senior for his two-sport prowess. In 2006, *The Enquirer* ranked him 40th on its list of the area's top basketball players, but baseball was his true calling. On the hardwood he helped lead Moeller to a state title as a junior. As a senior he averaged 20.2 points and 6.3 rebounds and was Mr. Basketball runner-up and AP Division I player of the year. He led Moeller to a state baseball title as a senior and was Ohio's Division I player of the year. For his career, the right-handed pitcher was 19-1 with a 1.04 ERA. He played baseball and basketball at North Carolina State before the Yankees took him in the first round of the 2007 draft.



**#7. Tony Hunter '79:** He was a standout in football, basketball and track. He finished his career as the school's all-time leading scorer as a receiver and played on Moeller's 1977 state championship team. He was all-state in basketball (third-team UPI) and football (first-team UPI), GCL player of the year in both sports and a *Parade* magazine All-American in football. As a senior basketball player, he averaged 18.7 points and was first team all-city by the *Post* and *Enquirer*. Hunter went on to play football at Notre Dame and was selected 12th overall in the 1983 NFL draft. He played four seasons as an NFL tight end, catching 134 passes for 1,501 yards and nine touchdowns.

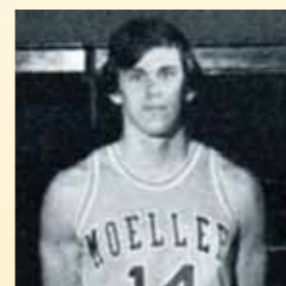


**#23. Byron Larkin '84:** Although he's known mostly for his college basketball career, Larkin was a standout two-sport athlete in high school. He was a *Parade* magazine All-American and all-state defensive back and two-time all-city defensive back. In basketball, he holds the Moeller record for career scoring average (24.1). He was the city and district player of the year and first-team All-State (AP and UPI) selection as a senior, averaging 28.1 points. He went on to become Xavier's all-time scoring leader.

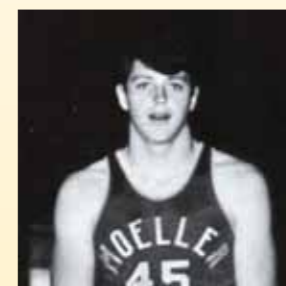
**#38. Adam Hyzdu '90:** He was a first-round major league draft pick and an all-city quarterback who led Moeller to the state football finals. He graduated as the school's single-season and career home run record-holder. He reached the big leagues in 2000 and played in parts of seven seasons.



**#46. Tim Koegel '77:** Koegel earned nine varsity letters in football, basketball and baseball, starting as a sophomore in all three sports. As a senior he was an All-American and the state player of the year, leading Moeller to its first mythical national title. He also was a first-team all-city selection in baseball at shortstop. He later played quarterback at Notre Dame.



**#55. Steve Niehaus '72:** He was one of Moeller's first football greats. He was a *Parade* All-American as a defensive lineman and two-time all-state honoree. Niehaus held the school discus record (170-8") for 27 years and also won two letters in basketball and one in wrestling. He played football at Notre Dame, where he was a four-year starter and two-time All-American. He was the NFL rookie of the year in 1976.



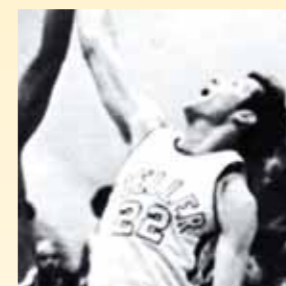
**#63. D'Juan Francisco '85:** *Parade* magazine selected him as a first-team All-American in both 1983 and 1984. *The Enquirer* and *Post* made him their player of the year both years as well. He rushed for 4,070 career yards. He also was a four-year track letterman and part of the state championship 400-meter relay. He still holds the Moeller record in the 100-meter dash. He went to Notre Dame and was later drafted by the Washington Redskins.



**#63a. Hiawatha Francisco '83:** This might be a cop-out, but the two brothers' careers were nearly identical. He also was a *Parade* first-team All-American and two-time *Post* and *Enquirer* player of the year. He rushed for 3,319 yards and was a track All-American as part of the state championship 400-meter relay. He also played football at Notre Dame.



**#75. Buddy Bell '69:** The future major leaguer was an all-state and All-American (Topps) baseball player. He also was an all-city honorable mention basketball player, averaging 15.8 points per game. He received a basketball scholarship offer from Miami but opted to play baseball. Bell won six straight Gold Gloves and was a five-time all-star.



**#77. Mike Sylvester '70:** *The Enquirer* ranked him 47th on its list of the area's all-time best prep basketball players. As a senior he was the *Enquirer* and *Post* basketball player of the year, averaging 15.5 points per game. He also was drafted in the 12th round by the Cubs after his senior year. Sylvester went on to play basketball at Dayton, then played professionally in Italy for 17 years and was a member of the Italian National Olympic team in 1980. Sylvester is the only American to earn a medal in the 1980 Olympics despite the U.S. boycott.



**#84. Bobby Brannen '94:** Brannen was a three-time all-city basketball player and three-time GCL player of the year. As a senior he was the state's Division I player of the year, averaging 24.2 points per game. Street & Smith named him an All-American. The publication also named him a preseason All-American in football. Brannen started at tight end as a sophomore and junior. He went on to play basketball at UC. After graduation, he played professionally overseas.

SOURCE: <http://cincinnati.com/blogs/preps/2011/03/06/all-time-all-around-greats/>

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# Educating in the Alumni Family Spirit

**Campbell, Dave '76** is president and founding member of Motorsports Country Club of Cincinnati and is an accomplished Porsche 911RSR Road Racer. He has many wins at Sebring/Mid-Ohio/Road America with Campbell Motorsports. Dave has been at General Electric for 27 years. Motorsports Country Club has donated several track passes to Moeller for the Main Event auction, and he has helped raise money for the Crable Foundation and the Dan Beard Council (Boy Scouts of America). Over the past three years, Motorsports Country Club has raised over \$150,000 for charity.

and selling diecast cars on eBay for hobbies.

**Mahon, Terry '76** married Ellen Diebold September 1988. They have two great kids: Laura (born October 1, 1991) and Alex (born May 3, 1999).

**X Maloney, Tim '76** is married to Cheryl, a nurse practitioner. They have three children: Marcus, a sophomore at Xavier University; Clare, a junior at St. Ursula; and John, a freshman at the School for Creative and Performing Arts. Tim has a bachelor's and master's degree from Xavier University and a law degree from Northern Kentucky University. He has worked in hospital operations and finance for 25 years.

**Oeters, Bill '76** and his wife, Sue, have three children: Steve '04, Mike '09, and Laura (Ursuline '07). Bill is president of Galaxy Associated, Inc.

**Huiet, Tom '76** went into the construction field after college. For 18 years he has been a building inspector. The past two years he has been the HUD project and lead risk assessor for Middletown. Tom and his wife, Teresa, have seven children: Jason '95, Sean '97, Eric '02, Tracey, Amber, Ashleigh, and Samantha. They also have four grandchildren.

**Kruse, Ric '76** is remarried to Jody, and they have three daughters between them: one granddaughter, Bella, and two grandsons, Christian and Landon. Ric is an auto collision instructor at Grant Career Center in Bethel. He lives in Williamsburg and enjoys target shooting, gardening,

Defense." In addition, they earned four USAF outstanding unit awards. Mike lived and travelled all over the world, which included 14 states, one territory, and fifteen countries.

## Classes of 1970s

**Vicar, Andrew '71** graduated in 1975 from St. Louis University summa cum laude and went to The Ohio State University for medical school and orthopedic surgery residency. Andrew did a Hand Fellowship at the University of Rochester, NY, and has been in private practice in Indianapolis with a large group known as OrthoIndy since 1984. Andrew and his wife, Linda, have a son, Nathan.

**George, John '74** and his wife, Marie, will soon have six grandchildren. Grandchild number five, Quinn, was born on March 24, 2011, to his daughter and son-in-law, Anissa and Richard Cundall. John with his grandson, Alex Cundall, Class of 2027, at Moeller's 50th Anniversary Closing Mass. (Photo right)



**Wolf, Tom '76** and his wife, Kathy, have been married for 25 years and have two daughters, Christi and Jennifer. Both girls graduated from Purdue University. Tom owns a 70-acre farm in Oldenburg, IN, and has worked for the City of Montgomery Fire Department since July 1977. He is currently the assistant fire chief. Tom earned his bachelor's degree in fire science technology from the University of Cincinnati and has responded to over 25,000 calls in his career. (Photo above)

## Weddings

Moeller extends its best wishes to the following graduates and faculty who have/will "tie the knot":



**Iohana and Jim Gangwisch '81**, April 2010. (Photo left)



**Clare and Tony Blankemeyer '04**, December 31, 2010. (Photo right)

## Births

Congratulations to the following couples:



**Laurie and Steve Eichmann '93**, daughter, Lila Jane, February 9, 2011. (Photo left top, Lila with big sis Eva.)

**Nicole and Heath Geiger '94**, son, Luke Gary, March 29, 2011. (Photo left)

**Kim and Ed Paff '98**, first son, Edward John Paff III "Trey", January 9, 2011. (Photo right)



**Betsy and Scott Jones '99**, fourth child, daughter, Lucy Ryan, October 19, 2010. (Photo left Lucy joins siblings Maggie (7), Sam (5) and Grace (3).)



**Crystal and Brad Niehaus '99**, daughter, Londyn Faith, October 5, 2010. Proud grandparents Trish and Terry Niehaus '72 & Margaret and Tom Yaegel '67. (Photo left)



**Libby and Justin Greiwe '00**, son, Parker Reed, January 16, 2011.

**Robyn and Brad Alvis '02**, son, Hayden, June 17, 2010.

## Faculty/Staff Births

Congratulations to the following couples:



**Kate (Hauck) and Tim Anderson**, daughter, Emma Marie, January 5, 2011. Proud grandparents, Kim and Dave '79 Hauck. (Photo left)

**Daniel and Jennifer Heisel**, boy, Cooper Russell, December 28, 2010. Welcomed by big brother, Reece (6), and big sister, Hallie (4).

**Sarah and Matt Aucoin**, boy, Zachary William, February 9, 2011, welcomed by his brother, Tyler, & his grandparents, Joei and Bill Hunt.

**Joe and Britt Raymond's** granddaughter, Brooke Ashley, models her new cheerleader outfit. She is the daughter of Britt's youngest son, Jon Bowling '98. (Photo right)

**Michell and Alex Thompson**, daughter, Ellie, June 16, 2010. (Photo left)



**Berry, Derek '85**, his wife, Roxanne, and family at the 2010 Homecoming football game at Nippert.

## Classes of 1980s

**Benza, Bob '81** and Holly have been living in Loveland for the past 17 years. Their boys, Nick and Andrew, are now 12 and 16. Bob has an ophthalmology practice in Madeira.

**Demarest, Brian '81** has two children: Roxanne, and Katie. Brian works for Script Strategies as a consultant.

**Gangwisch, Jim '81** and his wife, Iohana, have a daughter, Alayna. He is an assistant professor at Columbia University. They live in Kew Gardens, New York.

**Sauter, Todd '81** is self-employed (Sauter Custom Tile). He is also a commercial pilot flying out of Lunken Airport for a bioscience company. Todd and his wife, Sandy, have been married for 25 years and have two children: Shane (23) and Garrett (20).

**Woellert, Matt '81** played for the New York Mets and coached and scouted with Midland Redskins, winning national titles in 2004 and 2007. He and his wife, Erin, have three children: Taylor (Ursuline '13), Nicole (Country Day '16), and Brooke ('17). Matt is a sales manager at Triquest and serves on the Board of Directors for the Tri State Bleeding Disorder Foundation.

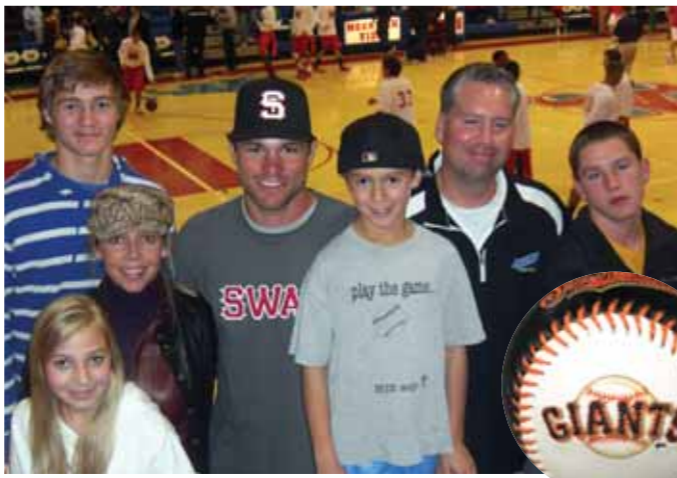
**Schnedl, Jeff '84** is now the sales vice president for Comey & Shepherd. He was in the CABR Circle of Excellence in 2005-08 and 2010, and he was in the OAR President Sales Club 2005-10.



**Bratten, Tom '86** is currently superintendent of the Salem City Schools serving his 21st year in education. Tom and his wife of 14 years, Tierney, have two children, Adam (16) and Bo (5).

**Meyer, Andy '86** and his wife, Lorrie, live in Hamilton, Ohio. They have two children, Jacob and Griffin. Andy is a housing and credit counselor for LifeSpan, Inc., and his wife owns Lakota Hills Animal Clinic in West Chester.

**Elmlinger, Steve '86** married his high school sweetheart, Polly Lang, and is the proud father of five children: Chris (18), Daniel (16), Michael (12), Mary (6), and Patrick (3). Steve qualified for the Boston Marathon by running the Columbus Marathon in three hours and 18 minutes in October 2010. The Elmlingers celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary by competing in the Ironman Triathlon in Cozumel, Mexico, on November 28, 2010. Steve finished the 2.4 mile swim, 112 mile bike ride, and 26.2 marathon run in 14 hours, 16 minutes, and 32 seconds. They live in Florence, KY. (Photo left)



Classes of  
1990s

**Hyzdu, Adam '90** and family attended the Moeller basketball Christmas tournament games in Mesa, Arizona. Adam recently retired from the Texas Rangers after 18 years of Professional Baseball. Adam is pictured above with his family and Jim Stofko '85.

**Corbett, Greg '91** graduated with an electronic engineering degree in 1994. He and Andrea married in June '96 and have three children: Zac, Gaby, and Hunter. Greg works for Alamo Electronics as a service manager. His hobbies include motorcycles, boating, woodworking, and construction. Greg restored a 1954 Cris Craft with his father, **Ray Corbett '64**, before his father's death in Sept. 2010. The family resides in West Chester.

improv set when Second City was at Playhouse in the Park this past winter. He is now an account executive for Acxiom Corporation. He and his wife, Allison, have two children, Owen and Nate.

**Jivoin Jr., Jerry '91** graduated from the University of Cincinnati with an engineering degree and completed Northeastern University's Executive MBA Program in 2008. He worked with Hasbro Toys, Inc. in Cincinnati, and then relocated in 2001 to Hasbro's Corporate HQ in Rhode Island. In 2003, he moved into a marketing role and has worked on such brands as Star Wars, Transformers, and Marvel Toys, including the Spider Man 3 and Iron Man 2

teams in the Cincinnati, Dayton, and Columbus marketplace, as well as all training for the company. Dave has been married to his wife, Jill, for 12 years, and they have four children: Logan (9), D.J. (8), Madison (5), and Jordan (3). They reside in Lebanon, Ohio.

**Maehlman, Danny '92** attended Alderson-Broaddus College in West Virginia. He and his wife, Robyn, have a daughter, Hadley. Danny has been coaching at Jonesboro, Georgia, for 12 years. He is the athletic director, basketball coach, volleyball coach, and baseball coach. Danny was recently featured in the Clayton News

Daily ("Maehlman puts all he has into wearing many hats in the athletic department at Jonesboro," Feb. 23, 2011), the local paper in Jonesboro, Georgia. The story features his many roles and success at the school. For example, Danny has had 122 wins, two regional championships, and his teams have been to the state playoffs four of the six seasons since he has been head basketball coach. His volleyball teams have won 10 straight county championships, and this fall they reached the Elite Eight for the first time in school history. Danny says he knew he wanted to be a coach since he was a freshman at Moeller. He credits his former basketball coach, Carl Kremer, for serving as his inspiration: "My dad wasn't around a whole lot, and my mom was raising me," Maehlman said. "He (Kremer) taught me how to be a man and get through things. He was always there for me."



**Murray, Vada '86** recently passed away from cancer. He is survived by his wife, Sarah, and three children: Kendall, Harper, and Deric. Vada played free safety for Michigan from 1986-90. He became a police officer for the city of Ann Arbor in 1991. His family resides in Ann Arbor. (Photo above)



Not Pictured: BOB BROWNING '83, HERMAN KNUEVEN '74, BILL KOHUS, SR. '69, DOUG ROSFELD '97, JIM STOFKO '85, AND CHRIS ZERGES '83

**Faessler, Joe '88** graduated from Ohio University and Pepperdine University's George L. Graziadio School of Business and Management. He worked as the director of business development at Laidlaw Education Services and is currently the vice president of business development at Peterman.

**Burke, John '91** married Karen McLaughlin in 2000. They have three children: Sarah (8), Megan (6), and Logan (4), and are members of St. Margaret of York parish. John works for the University of Cincinnati as a construction safety representative. (Photo right)



**Collins, Carlos '91** and his wife, LaTanya, have three daughters: Tarryn, Cierra, and Camryn. They live in LaGrange, KY, where Carlos owns PTP Sports Training.

**Holland, Matt '91** performed improv comedy in Chicago for seven years. He then moved to Cincinnati "so his boys could play in an actual yard." Matt sat in for the

movie toys. Currently, Jerry is head of product development for the Transformers brand. In 2003 he met his wife, Wendy, and they married in 2006. On July 1, 2009, they had a daughter, Sophia.

**Mueller, Dave '91** is the vice president of sales for Modern Office Methods and is responsible for the sales

**Cassity, Mike '93** and his children, Samantha and Ryan, attended the Moeller basketball Christmas tournament games in Mesa, Arizona. (Photo right)





**Brannen, Bobby '94** lives in Loveland and offers personal training for all ages/fitness levels and teaches basketball skills to boys/girls of all ages at the Courts for Sports in Mason. Bobby played professional basketball in Belgium, Australia, Puerto Rico, Spain, Korea, and Poland. While at the University of Cincinnati, he played for Coach Bob Huggins and accrued 100 wins. Bobby continues to be Moeller's all-time leading scorer (1,435) and all-time leading rebounder (683). He was named Ohio Division 1 Player of the Year (1993-94) and Division 1 Player of the Year by *The Cincinnati Enquirer* and *Cincinnati Post*. In addition, he was one of the nation's Top 25 players by *Reidel's Roundball Review* and was named *Street & Smith High School All-American*. Bobby owns The Backyard Bar in Reading. (Photo above)



**Huston, Brian '94** is an account executive recruiter at the Mergis Group. He is a 1999 graduate of Ohio University with a bachelor of science in organizational communication. He and his wife, Jill, have a son, Michael (3).

**Forte, Drew '96** and his wife, Amy, have four children: Sarah (10), Drew Jr. (7), Carson (5), and Grace (3). Drew is president of Ohio Valley and COO of Sustain Brand LLC.



**Bailey, Jermaine '98** was inducted into the University of Dayton Athletic Hall of Fame in January 2011. He played tailback and was named the Pioneer Football League Offensive Player of the year, scoring a touchdown on his final career carry in the championship game victory. Jermaine lives in Xenia and is teaching and coaching in the Centerville school system.

**Fischer, Eric '98** premiered his new feature film, a psychological thriller based on true events, *The Anniversary* at Shallow Creek, in Cincinnati last November.

**Bryant, Tannel '99**, owner of the food service company Aunty's Homemade Food, has just expanded and relocated to Arlington Heights. The company has three divisions: gourmet, commercial, and catering.

### Classes of 2000s

**Greiwe, Justin, '00** and his wife, Libby, have two children: Cameron and Parker. They live in Loveland where Libby runs a successful financial advisory business, Thrivent Financial. Justin runs a consumer products company, DrivewayGames.com, and a real estate development company.

**Ashe, Steve '01** works as an account manager for HORAN Associates and lives in Maineville.



**Meyer, Cody '04** spent the last year in Antarctica and was recently awarded the US government's Antarctic Service Medal as the 1281st person to ever winter over at the Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station. Cody served as a chef for the scientists at the research site who are supporting projects ranging from cosmic observations to seismic and atmospheric studies. At an elevation of 2835 meters, the average monthly temperature during the austral winter at the South Pole is -60°C (-76°F). Cody kept a blog of his journeys at [www.antarctic-cowboy.com](http://www.antarctic-cowboy.com) and can be contacted at [codylemeyer@gmail.com](mailto:codylemeyer@gmail.com)



Three Moeller graduates were involved with the OHSAA boys basketball state tournament. **Matt Sylvester '01** was a color analyst on the OHSAA Radio Network, while **Paul Seiter '04** and **Brian Day '04** are both OHSAA sports information interns. Matt played basketball for Ohio State and is currently a financial advisor in Columbus, while Paul and Brian played baseball for Otterbein. Pictured, from left: Matt, Paul, and Brian on the court at OSU's Value City Arena. (Photo credit: Impact Action Sports Photography)



**Huynh, Nam '01** graduated from The Ohio State University in 2005 and has been a military contractor in Iraq for over three years. He started out at FOB Diamondback in the northern Iraqi city of Mosul (pictured with his coworkers). His other assignments included positions at Camp Bucca (Umm Qasr) and Victory Base Complex (Baghdad). He has recently returned to the states in pursuit of a career in the government/defense industry. (Photo above)

**Braig, Kyle '01** lives in St. Augustine, FL, where he is a member of the St. Johns County Sheriff's Department and a member of the St. Johns County SWAT team. He and his wife, Jessica, have two children, Will (3) and Reagan (6 months).

**Rudd, Mike '01** and his wife, Jill, live in Columbus, OH. Mike is a senior radio marketing specialist for Radiohio, Inc., 97.1 The Fan.



**Lerman, Scott '04** works for Bryan Equipment, a Stihl distributor in Cincinnati. (Photo above: Scott, center with **Nick Lefke '11**, right, with **Mark Chisholm**, a three-time world champion tree climber.)

**Davidson, Mike '06** graduated with a degree in engineering and aviation management from The Ohio State University in 2010. He is working as a flight manager for NetJets in Columbus, OH. Mike is an active commercial pilot and certified flight instructor flying single and multi-engine aircraft.



**Fabel, Kyle '07** is in his fourth year of rowing at Drexel University in Philadelphia, PA. This summer, rowing with the club team Penn AC out of Philadelphia, Kyle won his first U.S. National Championship, sitting bow seat of the Intermediate 8. (Photo above)

abroad in the Netherlands for four months, graduating from Otterbein in 2010. He worked as a logistics account executive for Total Quality Logistics for eight months before moving to his current position as managed print solutions consultant for Modern Office Methods.

**Lafranconi, David '09** is a member of the University of Dayton's ROTC. His battalion is doing a humanitarian project for a special forces team in Afghanistan to help educate the children of a Pashtun village in hostile territory.

**Davenport, Michael '08** just finished his junior year at St. Bonaventure. He plays for the school's basketball team and was featured at the end of the season in the *Cincinnati Enquirer* ("Davenport fuels Bonnie's surge," Dec. 31, 2010): "St. Bonaventure junior

winning two out of three games... averaging 17.7 points, nine rebounds, and 4.3 assists over that time span. In the final game of 2010, an 89-79 win over Siena, Davenport had team-highs of 20 points and seven assists and tied for the team-high with eight rebounds to go with two steals. He scored 15 of the 20 points in the second half..."

**Rack, Tony '08** currently plays basketball for Northern Kentucky University and was featured last fall in a weekly column, "The Round Table" (Bret Sims, WKNG Radio). Sims wrote about the time when Tony, after Moeller had won the state championship title in 2007, had gone out of his way for a little boy who wanted his autograph. "You don't have to be a college or star athlete at the professional level to have a profound impact on someone's life," said Sims. "Actually, as a high school athlete you have an opportunity to show the younger crowd that they matter and you never know what that can do to build someone's self confidence. I have no doubt that what Tony Rack did that night will probably be the best night that little boy has had and not even an autograph from an NBA player would have meant as much to him." (Source: <http://kings-football.com/2010/09/07/the-roundtable-you-never-know/>)

Michael Davenport (Moeller) has been a big part of the Bonnie's success,

### In Memoriam

We express our condolences and deepest sympathies to the families and friends of these and other members of the Moeller Family who have passed on:



Abel, S.M., Bro. Dan  
Acito, Joseph  
Amorini, Norbert "Beanie"  
Ashbrock, Raymond  
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Conard, Barton  
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Goehler, Dick  
Hagee, Dorothy  
King, Ken

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Middendorf, Fr. Cyril  
Miller, Jim '71  
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Murray, Vada '86  
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Sciarrotta, Fr. Lee  
Simon, Mike '83  
Solma, Martha  
Tino, Dorothy  
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Velten, Bob (past faculty)  
Wietzel, Aaron '91  
Wirth, Marcia