

# ASSUMPTION MAGAZINE

*Summer 2021*



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Rooted in the values of Jesus Christ and the spirit of the Sisters of Mercy, Assumption High School, dedicated to the development of the whole person, educates young women in a Catholic community where faith guides, compassion inspires, integrity matters, and excellence empowers.

OUR VISION

Assumption thrives as the college preparatory school of choice for young women by providing a wide range of educational and co-curricular programs that are complemented by spiritual and physical development opportunities. This unique experience educates the whole person in a caring, Christian environment that is permeated with the charism of Catherine McAuley, foundress of the Sisters of Mercy. Assumption graduates are socially responsible women, committed to gospel living, lifelong learning, and a life of leadership and service in society. We cultivate the investment and involvement of the community so that the legacy of this Catholic Mercy-sponsored school lives on for generations.



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\*Please note a correction to our 2019-2020 Annual Report. Sydney Greenamyre '23, scholarship recipient, was incorrectly labeled. Sydney received the Angela's Gift scholarship. Angela's Gift is a scholarship that acknowledges and memorializes the life of Angela BecVar. Angela overcame many medical hurdles and developed an engaging personality with a strong spirit in her twelve years of life. Her determination to overcome adversity was evident in her efforts in the classroom, participation in athletics, and love of life. This scholarship is intended to honor her memory and serve as motivation for young women to strive, even when faced with adversity.

DEAR COMMUNITY OF ASSUMPTION,

The summer months spent looking back at one school year while preparing for another provide a great opportunity for introspection. When I think back on this past year and all that we have experienced as a community, I can't help but consider the monumental changes that have taken place at Assumption in such a short amount of time.

While we started this past school year grappling with opening our school building and keeping our faculty, staff, and students safe from COVID, we ended it with our student body returning fully in person and hosting our culminating and celebratory events together. The Junior Ring Ceremony, Pink and White Game, and Baccalaureate and Graduation may have looked a little different, but the important thing is that we were able to host these cherished events, and many others, in person allowing our students to make those lasting memories as a community and celebrate what makes Assumption so special.

Despite the challenges presented by COVID, there was still much to celebrate. Some of these were collective accomplishments, such as the Class of 2021 earning an all-time high of over \$33 million in college scholarships. Other achievements were individual, including two students being selected as Congressional Art Competition winners who were personally recognized by Congressman John Yarmuth as well as our record-setting 22 students who were accepted to the Governor's Scholars Program and Governor's School for the Arts.

Other achievements were schoolwide. We successfully completed our five-year accreditation review and were recognized by COGNIA, our accrediting body, for being an outstanding educational institution with special commendation for our culture of excellence and strong sense of community.

We also finalized a dynamic three-year strategic plan that will take us to 2023 and set the stage for future growth and success. In addition, our board of directors recently approved our five-year Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Plan. Overviews of both plans can be found on our website.

There are some very visible changes to our campus as well. If you have been by AHS recently, you've no doubt witnessed the impressive campus revitalization that is underway. The addition of a prominent and accessible main entrance, beautiful chapel, 10 additional classrooms, along with a new cafeteria and kitchen, will solve many of our space issues and allow us to expand our curriculum in new and exciting ways.

Other changes being made aren't as visible but every bit as important. We are addressing circulation throughout the school by connecting our original school building and the "CAC" (Convocation and Athletics

Center) on both the second and third floors for greater accessibility and easier movement throughout the school. Another major change is the massive renovation of our original cafeteria, which will become the new home for our long-standing and highly respected Learning Differences program, while our Boeckmann Technology Lab will be revamped to better serve our students and their IT needs.

These projects are made possible through our Launching the Future Campaign which supports these improvements as well as expands our financial aid and scholarship programs. We are closing in on our \$8 million campaign and invite you to join with us in this important endeavor that will transform the educational experience for every young woman who walks through our doors. Most exciting is that these campus changes will be in place to welcome our students when they return in August.

While we can all celebrate that COVID is on the retreat, we recognize that it has forever altered the way we will educate for the future. More specifically, it's changing the landscape of education in new and dynamic ways. Hybrid and virtual learning are no longer a distant vision but a current reality. I look forward to sharing more with you on how Assumption is reinventing the current classroom to better serve our students for the future.

When I think back on the tumultuousness of this past year and the challenges we endured, I'm amazed at the strength and resilience of our community and the continued commitment to providing an outstanding Catholic, Mercy education, no matter the obstacles. As Catherine McAuley, the foundress of the Sisters of Mercy, said over a century ago, "We must do ordinary things extraordinarily well." Please join us in this extraordinary moment in Assumption's history by helping us launch an incredible future for every AHS student now and for decades to come.



*Mary Lang*  
**PRESIDENT**

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# ROCKET IN REVIEW

1956



The original Assumption Convent broke ground in 1956 and was added as a home for the Mercy Sisters, opening in 1957. Prior to being built, the sisters lived on the third floor of the main building. In 1998 the convent was renamed the McAuley Center.



## Adding Some Space

On July 25, 1989, the Assumption community gathered for the groundbreaking ceremony to begin construction on a new addition to the school. The project added a three-story, 2000 square foot addition including new classrooms and office space.

A company lab, located on the bottom floor, was one of the two classrooms added. The second was a religious center on the top floor. The office space was used for the bookkeeper and a conference room and will eventually include the Development Office.

The architect, Michael Koch, designed the layout of the new rooms. Thomas Construction Company began work shortly after the groundbreaking ceremony and the new addition was completed in the first week of November.

On November 18, 1990, Archbishop Thomas Kelly joined with Assumption's staff, alumni, and donors to dedicate the new building.

According to Sr. Michaels, who has an office in the addition, "The new office complex is so bright, cheerful, and well-equipped that it lends a more professional attitude to which we work. Both Ms. Krupp and I feel honored that we were chosen to be recipients of these offices."

— Cindy Scherphuis

The new addition goes up! Photo by Jim Pitt.

*In the spirit of our new construction, here's a look at past campus renovations and improvements.*

1989

A small expansion project to the front area of the school was started, opening in 1990. The building included new classrooms and office space. The Boeckmann computer lab was added during this time.

1994

The Arts and Sciences wing officially broke ground on June 28, 1994, and opened in spring 1995. This wing provided Assumption with a dedicated space for science labs as well as a new art classroom and music room.



2001

The Convocation and Athletic Center was built and finished in 2002 as part one of a major renovation that included a new gymnasium, athletic office, weight room, campus store, media center, chapel, and nine classrooms. The original gymnasium was transformed into the Humana Foundation Performing and Fine Arts Center, opening in 2005.



2005

The Assumption Green sits on 11.9 acres of land and began with the completion of the track and field area in 2005. In 2006, the softball field was completed. The indoor sports complex was completed in 2012, featuring classrooms, solar panels, a green roof system, and other environmentally friendly amenities. The indoor softball facility was built and opened in spring of 2020, providing space year round for our softball team to train.



# LAUNCHING THE FUTURE

*A Capital Campaign for Assumption High School*

The 2020-2021 school year highlighted many things for us at Assumption High School. Chief among them was the power of community. By banding together in creative new ways, we were able to educate students during this pandemic either through a hybrid or virtual schedule and eventually ending the year fully in person with the ability to experience many cherished events and celebrating the accomplishments and milestones of our students.

While the pandemic presented many challenges, Assumption continued with its **Launching the Future Campaign** to raise \$8 million to enhance the Assumption experience. This campaign is focused on two components: improving our facilities to confront our space limitations and increasing our endowment to provide greater financial assistance to our students. Both initiatives reflect our unwavering commitment to remaining at the forefront of educational excellence and innovation.

***As the campaign comes to a close, we are thrilled to share that we have raised \$7.6 million towards our \$8 million goal and that our expansion is slated to open before the start of school in August!***

Today we ask you to join with us at this exciting moment in Assumption's history. Your gift will make a tremendous impact by:

- providing additional classrooms and collaborative learning spaces as well as a new home for our Learning Differences program.
- creating a dedicated chapel at the front of the campus for private reflection, class prayer, and alumnae worship gatherings.
- building a visible, secure, and accessible front entrance as well as a new and expanded cafeteria and kitchen.
- making an Assumption education a reality for more young women in our community.

***Please consider making your gift by December 31, 2021.*** Donors who support at the level of \$5,000+ will be recognized on our donor wall prominently displayed near the main entrance with pledges being paid over five years.

Guided by faith, supported by our community, and inspired by the legacy of the Sisters of Mercy, we commit ourselves to an even greater future of promise for our students and the world in which they will serve. When we band together in faith, the unthinkable becomes possible in support of our mission to develop the women leaders of tomorrow.

*Gratefully,*

*Hank Robinson*

Hank Robinson  
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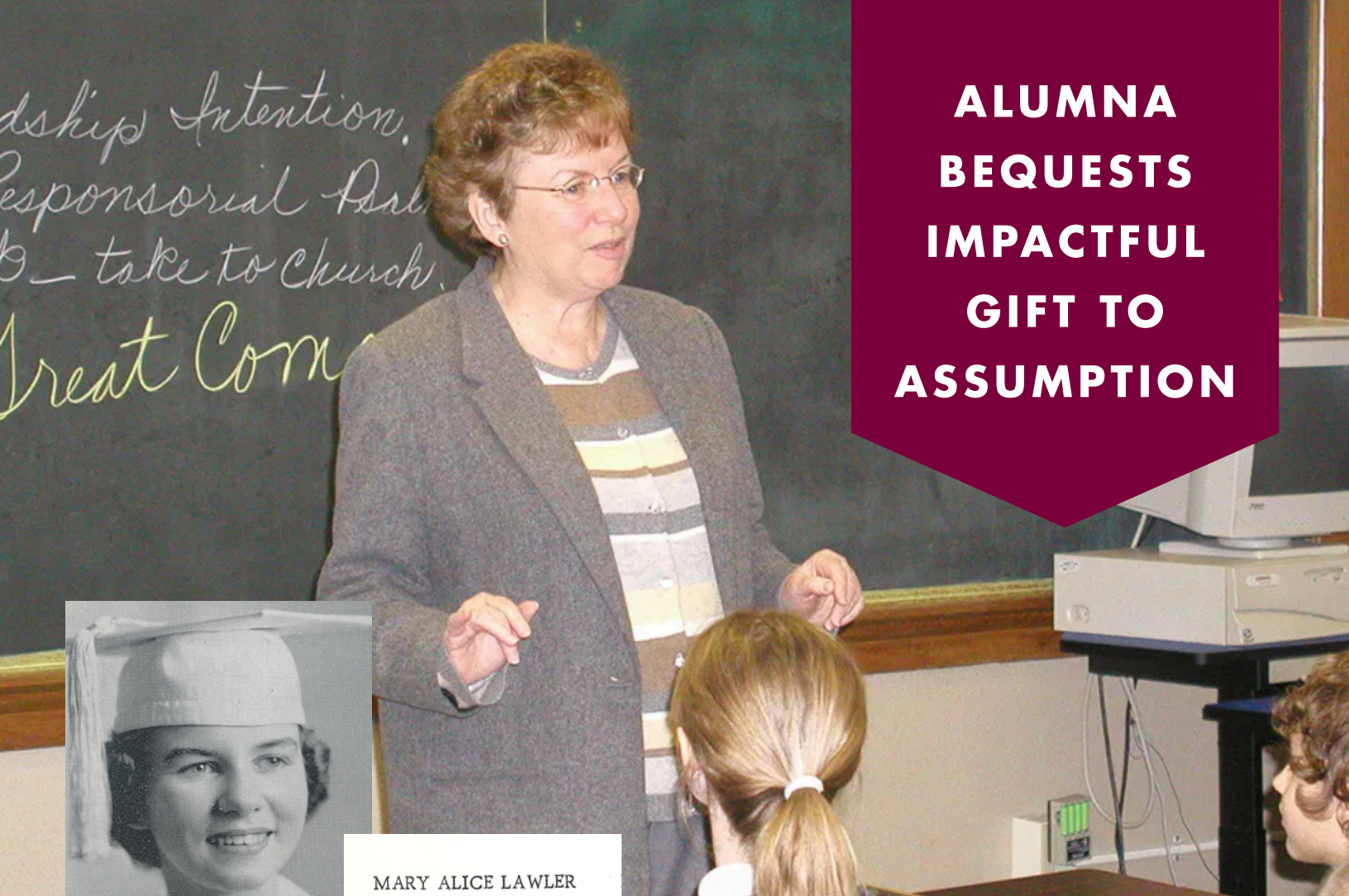
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Executive Director of Advancement





## ALUMNA BEQUESTS IMPACTFUL GIFT TO ASSUMPTION



MARY ALICE LAWLER

"A girl - but a woman under." - Praxilla

The ROSECAST Editor 4  
Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4  
CAP's Club 2, 3  
Bowling 4  
NOMA Award 4

*Mary Alice Lawler, a proud member of the Class of 1960, touched many lives as a Catholic school educator for over 40 years.*

Because of her commitment to Catholic education and visionary foresight in planning, Mary Alice Lawler '60 was able to leave behind an amazing legacy when she passed away in August 2020. A woman guided by faith, she humbly and generously left an estate gift to Assumption that will continue to have a lasting impact on the education of young women for years to come. Generations of future students will benefit from her inspired investment in the Launching the Future Capital Campaign.

Just as Catherine McAuley empowered and educated women in the 19th century, Mary Alice's legacy is doing the same for the current and future students of

Assumption High School. Her gift represents to us the faith, pride, and trust she had in her alma mater. Like Catherine, she too is a "shining lamp, giving light" to so many around her, and her spirit will live on through her generosity, compassion, and commitment to education.

As a reminder to our community of her "light," a new classroom in the expansion will be dedicated in Mary Alice's memory. In addition, a scholarship has been created in her name, which will offer a deserving student financial assistance. May she always know, in spirit, how impactful her gift is in securing the mission of Assumption today and well into the future.

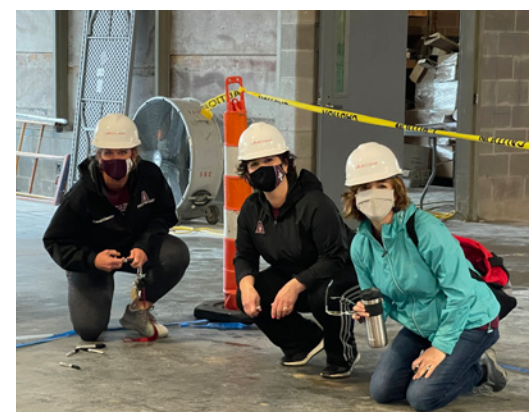
## Please join us in LAUNCHING THE FUTURE OF ASSUMPTION HIGH SCHOOL

With every new project at Assumption, students, faculty, and staff are invited to leave their mark by signing a piece of construction. This year was especially unique as we were able to invite our Classes of 2020 and 2025 to campus to be part of this historic event. During the spring semester, our faculty, staff, and Classes of 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024 signed the floor of our new cafeteria.



SEE DETAILS, UPDATES,  
PHOTOS AND MAKE A  
DONATION AT

[AHSROCKETS.ORG/LAUNCHINGTHEFUTURE](https://ahsrockets.org/launchingthefuture)







Assumption Parent Organization members from left: Michelle Schweitzer, Shannon Ford-Geist '00, Cammie Crawford Unruh '97, Laura Matis, Colleen Nawab, and Tricia Ferree



Emcee Kathy Knopf Schum '93



Student Speaker Kelsey Shelby '22

# STILL SPECTACULAR

## OVER \$255,000 RAISED FOR TUITION ASSISTANCE

This year's Rocket Spectacular was much different than in past years, but it was an overwhelming success during a year when everything was virtual. We are grateful to our sponsors, parents, alumnae, and friends for coming together to join in our program and bid on items virtually throughout the evening. Because of your willingness to adapt to our virtual format, we were successful beyond our wildest expectations.

In addition, our students rallied together to sell Rocket Raffle tickets for a \$20,000 grand prize, and together we were able to raise **over \$255,000** to benefit our students through our tuition assistance program. All of this would not have been possible without our hardworking Assumption Parent Organization volunteers and community partners.

### SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR 2021 SPONSORS

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#### EMERALD

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DIAMOND FAMILY

TAKING A

# Walk

DOWN  
MEMORY  
LANE

SOLD  
4,686  
ROCKET RAFFLE  
TICKETS

RAISED  
\$117,150  
BENEFITTING OUR  
TUITION ASSISTANCE  
PROGRAM







# *Congratulations* **CLASS OF 2021**

*We are so proud of the Class of 2021 for their academic excellence during their time at Assumption. This class earned a **record-breaking** amount of scholarships totaling over **\$33 million** to colleges across the nation. Class of 2021, you are forever a Rocket, forever a rose.*







# Alumnae **UNITE**

## ALL FOR 21

### ALUMNAE UNITE FOR GIRLS' CATHOLIC EDUCATION

We are so humbled that our alumnae, united with the communities of Bethlehem, Holy Cross, Mercy, Presentation, and Sacred Heart, raised a combined total of \$276,000 for girls' Catholic education during Alumnae Unite. This initiative is so unique because although we compete against each other on the field and in the classroom, we all understand the importance of coming together and providing young women with the best possible education.

We are proud to say that Rocket pride was definitely on display during this campaign! In just 60 hours, over 1,000 Assumption alumnae stepped up, raising more than \$67,172 in support of the Annual Fund. Additionally, our alumnae participation grew from 6.4% to 16.83%, the highest it's been in recent years! While the numbers are exciting, the true win is for young women who have the opportunity to attend Assumption because of your generosity.

We want to thank each and every AHS alumna who supported this campaign! A big congratulations to the Class of 1962 for being the first class to reach 21% participation. A breakdown of class participation, top fundraisers, and final results can be found on this spread.

TOP 10

#### PERFORMING CLASSES

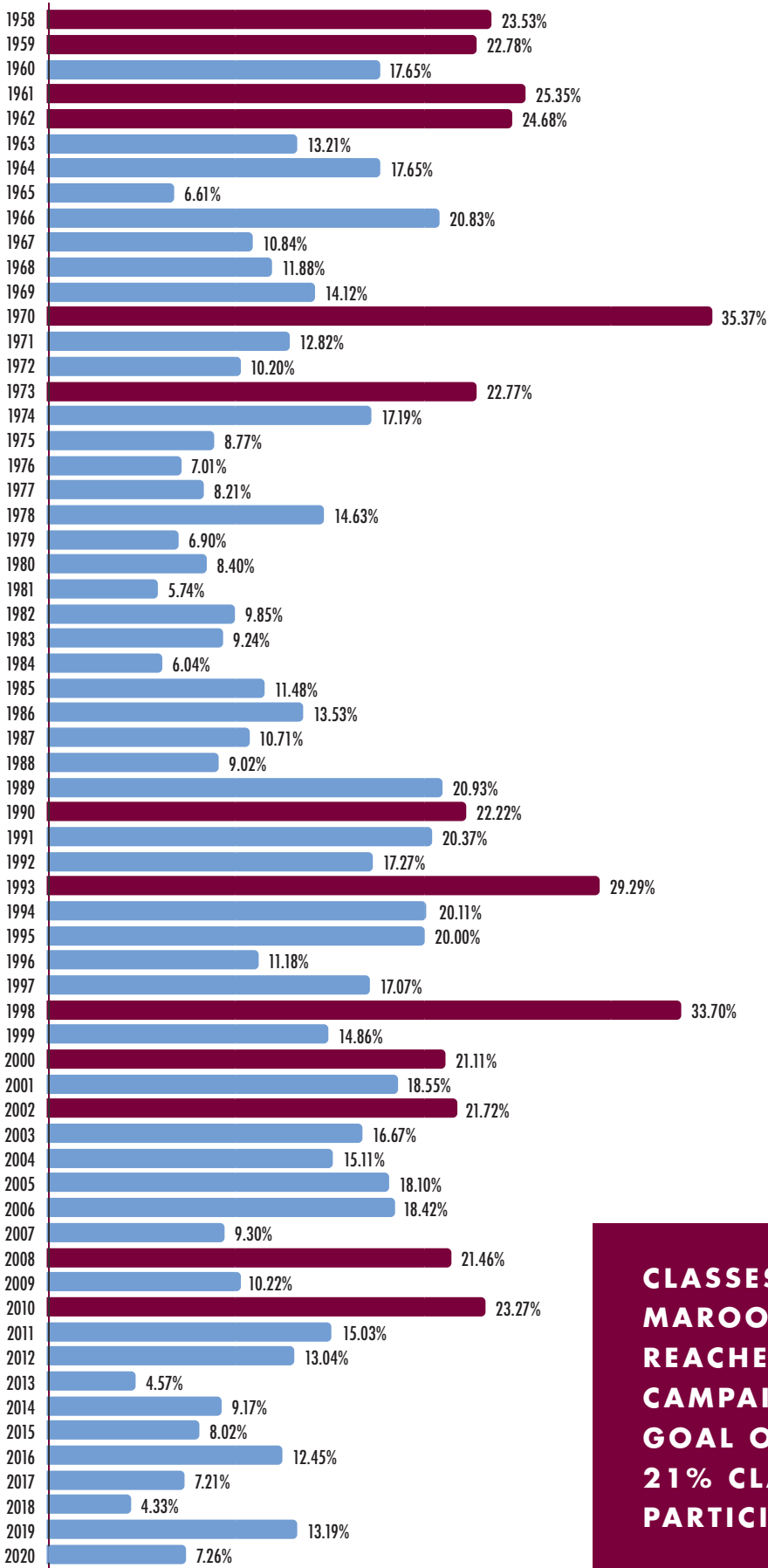
- 1 CLASS OF 1970: 35.37%
- 2 CLASS OF 1998: 33.70%
- 3 CLASS OF 1993: 29.29%
- 4 CLASS OF 1961: 25.35%
- 5 CLASS OF 1962: 24.68%
- 6 CLASS OF 1958: 23.53%
- 7 CLASS OF 2010: 23.27%
- 8 CLASS OF 1959: 22.78%
- 9 CLASS OF 1973: 22.77%
- 10 CLASS OF 1990: 22.22%

TOP 10

#### FUNDRAISING CLASSES

- 1 CLASS OF 1992: \$5,416
- 2 CLASS OF 1989: \$5,031
- 3 CLASS OF 1970: \$4,105
- 4 CLASS OF 1998: \$3,384
- 5 CLASS OF 1973: \$2,670
- 6 CLASS OF 2000: \$2,451
- 7 CLASS OF 2004: \$2,260
- 8 CLASS OF 1960: \$1,930
- 9 CLASS OF 1966: \$1,930
- 10 CLASS OF 2005: \$1,775

## RESULTS BY CLASS YEAR



CLASSES IN MAROON REACHED THE CAMPAIGN GOAL OF 21% CLASS PARTICIPATION.



# WHY I *Love* MY SCHOOL

*from graduates of the Class of 2021*



## EMMA PYTKO

I can still clearly recall arriving for my first shadow visit at Assumption and quickly discovering that I was at the wrong door. Timid and confused, I stepped into the school only to be greeted by warm smiles and welcoming waves. A girl in the hallway sensed my disorientation and led me to where I was supposed to be.

During my first day shadowing Assumption and every day after, I have witnessed the compassion that permeates this community. Students go out of their way to help and support each other on all fronts. Whether reviewing together for a challenging math test or providing support after a tough breakup, I know I can always rely on my AHS sisters to be there for me.

Similarly, the teachers at Assumption are always ready to lend a helping hand. They exemplify what it means to teach the whole person in mind and spirit. From helping me decide which positions to run for in the student government elections, offering guidance for my class schedule, or sending encouraging notes and emails, the kindness and encouragement of the faculty and staff at Assumption are unparalleled.

Through the uplifting community at Assumption, I have been encouraged to excel academically. Every year, my dean and teachers inspire me to challenge myself on the highest levels by simply believing in me. With the support of Assumption at my side, I confidently tackled many different college credit courses during my time here. I am certain that the academic rigor of Assumption has sufficiently prepared me for my college journey.

While I've been held to high academic standards, the lessons of Assumption extend far beyond the classroom. Through the retreat program at AHS, I discovered what it means to not only be my true self but to be confident in who I am. This message opened my eyes to my identity as an authentic woman of God. This lesson inspired me to seek out several different service opportunities, such as teaching literacy skills to children in poverty and to share my calling with others.

Though my senior year has been filled with unexpected changes, it is evident that compassion at Assumption isn't just a single act of kindness. It is something that is continually lived out.

In a year of hybrid schedules and virtual learning, the faculty and staff have worked tirelessly to make sure that every student at Assumption experiences a connected community.

Through yard signs, special class meetings, letters, and so much more, the community of Assumption has continued to ensure that we know we are loved. I believe the true spirit of Assumption lies not in a building or in a name but lives in every student and teacher here.

As I prepare to exit those Tyler Lane doors for the last time as an Assumption student, I will carry that spirit with me and the many lessons that I have learned in this place that I will forever call home.



## CAROLINE NETT

I am a firm believer that no one gets anywhere alone. My personal success is much like a novel. Though I am the author, my novel did not make it to the shelf without passing through the hands of editors, publishers, and the inspiration of the people who surround me. It was the community of Assumption that crafted the story of my success, as well as my peers.

The reason Assumption is able to produce outstanding, accomplished young women every year lies no deeper than relationships. I can remember hearing the phrase, "It's not the school, it's the student that determines success" over and over in the midst of my high school decision.

However, as I approach the end of my years at AHS, I have found this phrase to be dead wrong. It implies that every school offers the same experience. I find it hard to imagine I could have been loved and supported so intensely anywhere else.



## CRAWFORD ADDISON

Over the past four years, I have heard Assumption alumnae describe their AHS experience in a similar fashion. Many say Assumption is home, Assumption is a sisterhood. To me, Assumption is growth, the inevitable kind of change that I will forever cherish.

Assumption was not my first choice in high school, not even my second. I came to Assumption in a split-second change of heart that I often refer to as one of my most prominent God moments. At the time, my eighth-grade self could not fathom why I was so compelled to change my entire path. Now I can confidently say that God knew exactly what He was doing. From my first days at Assumption to my last, I have come to understand the impact the community would have on my life for the better.

Assumption has shaped my mindset in so many ways, both inside and outside of the classroom. Teachers at Assumption open

This feeling is not uncommon among my fellow students. Teachers holding test review sessions at 9 p.m. to accommodate everyone, staff in the stands of sporting events, and classmates freely giving their time to help another student are common to the AHS experience.

It seems as though the community has a sixth sense for seeing potential. I often doubted what my teachers, coaches, and peers said I was capable of until one day I looked back on my accomplishments and realized they were right all along. No matter where one's passions lie — sports, math, theatre, history, art — there is a place for them. In this place, there are individuals who care deeply about helping every student reach her goals and beyond.

As I move towards the next step in life, I have no fear. This was the most crucial lesson I learned at Assumption. When a teacher told me I was taking a class rather than letting me shy away due to anxiety of failure, I always thrived. When my coach told me I could run a time that seemed absurd, I ran it before the season's end. When my friends encouraged me to run for a leadership position I was certain I would never be elected to, I was elected president. These individuals saw more in me than I could and took the time to prove to me I was wrong. I learned that I am fully capable of tackling the challenges life throws my way because the community of Assumption put in the effort to show me.

I wish I could read the stories of all those around me. It would be fascinating to know who filled the main character roles in their high school success story, who chose to believe in them. What I am certain of is that Assumption High School was part of their story, changing the world, one loved student at a time.

their arms to young women of all backgrounds, inviting every girl they encounter to share parts of themselves in a space that is safe from judgement. I can't count the number of teachers who have stayed after class to help me understand a subject better or ask me what was going on in my life beyond my school work.

My main takeaway from the last four years is that Assumption cares. They care to understand who you are, where you come from, and what you want to be. Beyond that, they help you get there.

Assumption has provided me with every opportunity I have asked of it and more. I expanded my knowledge far beyond what I ever believed I could reach and developed a spirit inside myself that I would have never known without Assumption. I have grown in my confidence and leadership skills because of roles like Family Council. I have developed a grasp on ways in which I can stand up for what is right, thanks to my partnership with the Mary Byron Project through Assumption. Lastly, and to me, most importantly, I have understood the power of love.

Many within Assumption discuss a "magic" that it holds. As my four years end, I finally understand that "magic" for what it is. It is the unwavering support of faculty and staff for the littlest victories. It is the final roots I needed to grow into who I want to be.

With every end comes a new beginning, and with so much gratitude for the Assumption community, I can say with a full heart and mind that I am ready for it.



# Honoring Their Legacy

As we closed this school year, we also closed a chapter with two incredible people in the community of Assumption. Joyce Koch and Mary Margaret Ralph H'08 have dedicated a total of 72 years to Assumption, and we are extremely grateful for their impact on our community. These two women have transformed thousands of lives at Assumption and we will miss them dearly.

## Joyce Koch

Joyce Koch started teaching in the Archdiocese of Louisville in 1968. She spent 7 years at St. Agnes, 17 years at Presentation, and 29 years at Assumption. She started teaching computer classes and was a part-time technology coordinator, evolving into a full time technology director. Assumption's state-of-the-art technology is all because of Joyce's research and dedication to her job and our students, faculty, and staff. She is a certified HP specialist, has grown our technology department, and has changed the way we teach and learn.



## Mary Margaret Ralph H'08

In the fall of 1978, Mary Margaret Ralph began her 43 years at Assumption High School. She spent many years as theology department chair, senior class moderator, Operation Smile moderator, and a participant on several mission trips. Her work with seniors over the years has made her a fixture on senior retreat, leading and visiting other retreats to give the "Live the Fourth" talk. She created the famous senior Life Choices class that she taught for decades and then adapted over the past few years. She also holds the record for most times being chosen as the faculty speaker at graduation. Her ability to motivate and inspire students at such a pivotal moment in high school – especially this year as she managed to get the seniors to "make it hard to say goodbye" – is truly beyond measure.



I'll Never forget...

"...when I was in high school, short mini-skirts, fishnet hose, mohair sweaters, bellbottoms, and frosted lipsticks were trendy."

-Mary Margaret Ralph



PHOTO PROVIDED BY M. RALPH





Our deepest sympathy to the following members of the Assumption community and their families.



“Remember who we are,  
we are the community  
of Assumption.”

Mary Lee McCoy

MARY LEE  
MCCOY

1956 - 2021

Mary Lee McCoy served Assumption High School with passion and commitment from 1980-2006 as teacher, English department chair, assistant principal, principal, and as our first president. For 26 years, her vision and persistence resulted not only in groundbreaking educational developments which received national recognition but also in breaking ground for our Convocation and Athletic Center as she led our first capital campaign. Mary Lee's devotion to this work came second only to her love and devotion to her family: her husband, Chris, son, Colin, and daughter, Caroline, Assumption High School Class of 2000, whom we hold in our hearts and prayers.

The mark Mary Lee has left on our campus was surpassed only by how she shaped Assumption's culture of hospitality and humor. Mary Lee firmly believed in the power of the community of Assumption. In fact, she coined the phrase that we continue to use with our students today: "Remember who we are, we are the community of Assumption".

There is no doubt that Assumption High School will continue to remember Mary Lee's impact and be indebted to her as we move forward with the work to which she committed her life: the purposeful and mission-driven education of young women.



PAULA DUANE

1945 - 2021

Former faculty member Paula Quinn Duane passed away on February 18, 2021. She came to AHS in 1986 and taught many classes throughout her career including Social Studies, Health and PE, Psychology, Sociology, and Fitness Walking and Nutrition. She coached cross country and golf and served as the Peace Core moderator, Health Promotions moderator, and Rocket Bookstore assistant. Paula retired in 2010 spending time teaching tai chi, volunteering at Nazareth Home Highlands, reading, and golfing.



To the family, friends, and Class of 1958 on the death of their classmate, **Janet Marie Bischoff Grolmes '58**, on November 2, 2020.

Shirley Bischoff Maguire '61 on the death of her husband, **John Stanley "Stan" Maguire Jr.**, on January 15, 2021.

Bobbie Holsclaw '62 on the death of her sister and to the Class of 1964 on the death of their classmate, **Jackie Holsclaw Glaser '64**, on March 1, 2021.

Betty Smith Dysart '63, Babs Smith Steinbach '64, Bernice Smith Scherr '68, and Belinda Smith '75, on the death of their sister; Lindsay Scherr Finley '95 and Meredith Scherr Kilner '98 on the death of their aunt; and to the Class of 1966 on the death of their classmate, **Brenda Smith Strause '66**, on May 4, 2021.

Pat Massey Elliot '65, Peggy Massey Boone '67, and Paula Massey Fowler '82 on the death of their father and mother; Lauren Massey Colberg '00 and Erin Massey Masek '95 on the death of their grandparents; and Shea Clooney '13 on the death of her great-grandparents, **Robert Dean Massey Sr.**, on December 20, 2020, and **Beverly Jane "Janie" Massey**, on January 4, 2021.

Linda Schwager Johnson '66, Jinny Schwager McCall '69, and Mary Kay Schwager '76 on the death of their sister; Melissa Schwager '05 and Rebecca Schwager '11 on the death of their aunt; and to the Class of 1970 on the death of their classmate, former faculty member and coach, **Laura Schwager '70**, on February 5, 2021.

Judy Reverman '66 on the death of her sister, former staff member, **Mary Joanne Reverman**, on April 19, 2021.

Sarah Plamp Kelly '00 on the death of her aunt and to the Class of 1967 on the death of their classmate, **Dianne Carney Burger**, on June 22, 2021.

Janet Gering Mangeot '70, Carol Gering O'Bryan '76, and Janey Gering Jennings '78 on the death of their mother; Cheryl Baker Gering '76 on the death of her mother-in-law; Allison O'Bryan Riggs '06 and Lauren Walker Corso '08 on the death of their grandmother; and Laine Mangeot '23 on the death of her great-grandmother, **Clara "Alice" Gering**, on December 6, 2020.

Patti James Ryan '72 on the death of her mother, **Anna Evelyn Ruley James**, on March 12, 2021.

Lisa Haming Heck '75 on the death of her husband, Emily Heck '13 on the death of her father, and Beth Heck Russell '76 on the death of her brother, **Danny Heck**, on January 7, 2021.

To the family, friends, and the Class of 1975 on the death of their classmate, **Cindy Parr Shipp '75**, on February 4, 2021.

Terri Simmons Phillips '76 on the death of her husband, Alayne Phillips Henly '07 on the death of her father, Tracy Simmons Desmarais '77 and Tammy Simmons '81 on the death of their brother-in-law, and Natalie Desmarais '17 on the death of her uncle, **Roger Darrell Phillips**, on December 10, 2020.

Vicki Luvisi Hurst '77, Camille Luvisi Watkins '82, and Jennifer Luvisi '85 on the death of their mother, **Mary Ann Cissell Luvisi**, on July 4, 2021.

Chris Masterson Lebrasseur '78 and Sueanna Masterson Lewandowski '83 on the death of their father, Lynette Bailey Masterson '88 and Lauren McDevitt Masterson '88 on the death of their father-in-law, and Hannah Carroll Meredith '09, Bailey Masterson '18, and Lilly Masterson '19 on the death of their grandfather, **Philip E. Masterson**, on February 25, 2021.

Karen Spath '78 and Kathy Spath Mullen '78 on the death of their father; Katie Mullen Guthrie '03, Leah Mullen '09, Amy Spath Ferguson '14, and Maggie Spath '22 on the death of their grandfather; and Molly Spath Williams '99 on the death of her uncle, **William Joseph "Bill" Spath**, on June 26, 2021.

Leslie Meehan Cavanaugh '81 on the death of her daughter, and to the Class of 2014 on the death of their classmate, **Alyssa Cavanaugh '14**, on December 25, 2020.

Elayne Reker Noltemeyer '81 on the death of her mother, Renee Noltemeyer, '09 on the death of her grandmother, and to the Class of 1958 on the death of their classmate, **Cecile Dupre Reker '58**, on April 28, 2021.

Denise Weihe Harned '82 on the death of her mother and to the Class of 1961 on the death of their classmate, **Beverly Herp Weihe '61**, on June 9, 2021.

Gini Cashen Howson '85 on the death of her sister and to the Class of 1987 on the death of their classmate, **Carol Cashen '87**, on May 27, 2021.

To the family, friends, and Class of 1986 on the death of their classmate, **Kristene Morris Monroe '86**, on April 7, 2021.

Danielle Dennison Cline '92 on the death of her father, and Kennedy Cline '18 and Addison Cline '19 on the death of their grandfather, **Stephen "Steve" M. Dennison Sr.**, on June 14, 2021.

April Zay Moert '92 on the death of her husband, **Stephen Moert**, on February 16, 2021.

Kathy Knopf Schum '93 and Tracy Knopf Wharton '95 on the death of their mother, Paula Godfrey Knopf '62 on the death of her sister-in-law, Melissa Knopf Porter '92 and Leslie Knopf '09 on the death of their aunt, and to the Class of 1962 on the death of their classmate, **Cheryl Young Knopf '62**, on February 10, 2021.

Diane Gahafer '94 on the death of her mother, **Mary Ann Johnson Gahafer**, on July 11, 2021.

Chanda Schmidt Rodski '94 on the death of her mother, Claudia Roser Plappert '71 on the death of her sister-in-law, and Kristi Plappert Burge '96 and Jill Plappert Higginbotham '99 on the death of their aunt, **Mary Kim Plappert Schmidt**, on February 2, 2021.

Jennifer Crum Balmos '98 on the death of her husband, **Jonathan Merrill Balmos**, on June 19, 2021.

Jessica Kessinger '98 on the death of her mother and to the Class of 1963 on the death of their classmate, **Jane Bruederle Kessinger '63**, on January 8, 2021.

To the family, friends, and Class of 2008 on the death of **Emily Phillips '08**, on May 18, 2021.

Rina Perlin '09 on the death of her mother, **Christine Perlin-Gump**, on November 19, 2020.

Annie Taylor '12 on the death of her father, **Kenny Taylor**, on February 12, 2020.

Michelina Grosso '13 on the death of her mother, **Barbara Grosso**, on April 25, 2021.

Jenny Wessling '21 on the death of her father, **Jeffrey Wessling**, on July 8, 2021.

Rachel Atkins '22 on the death of her father, **Kelly Atkins**, on July 27, 2020.

Faculty member Katie Hughbanks on the death of her mother and Jenny Graft '15 on the death of her grandmother, **Shirley Ann Sullivan**, on May 21, 2021.

To the family and friends of former staff member, **Michael Elzie Hollins Sr.**, who passed away on March 4, 2021.



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*Alumnae, future Rockets, and their families are  
invited to enjoy a night of Halloween fun at  
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SATURDAY

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### REUNION CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2021

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*Members of the classes that end in 0's, 1's, 5's,  
and 6's are invited to our Reunion Celebration  
Open House! Additional class event details will  
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SATURDAY

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### 41ST ANNUAL ROCKET SPECTACULAR BENEFIT DINNER & AUCTION

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29, 2022

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