*Summer 2022* 

# ASSUMPTION

HIGH SCHOOL

## **ASSUMPTION HIGH SCHOOL**

#### OUR MISSION

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.

#### LEADERSHIP

Mary Lang President

Principal

Martha Pfaadt Tedesco '90

Judy Fieldhouse H'19 Assistant Principal/Dean of Studies/

Dean of Curriculum Theresa Liebert Schuhmann '92

Assistant Principal/Dean of Studies Dean of Student Activities

Mary Ann Steutermann Executive Director of Mission Effectiveness

**Cindi Baughman H'08** Assistant Principal/Dean of Students

Michelle Coke Farmer '94 Executive Director of Advancement Lisa Raley

Executive Director of Operations

#### STUDENT LEADERSHIP FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR.

This group includes sophomores, juniors, and seniors who Family Council members, Class Officers, or Homeroom Moms.



#### **REFLECTION FROM PRINCIPAL MARTHA TEDESCO '90**

When our student leaders selected our 2021-2022 school As the following pages show, we do have so very much to be theme "Open New Doors," they were very purposeful to try grateful for this year including an international award given to fully encapsulate the opportunities that this year presented by our accreditation agency in recognition of our rigorous for us as a community both literally and figuratively. They academic program and amazing faculty; celebrations and wanted to celebrate the new opportunities presented by the record-breaking scholarship earnings from our graduated opening of the new addition to our campus with its new main Class of 2022; many student and faculty stellar achievements school entrance. But they were also hopeful and excited about and a year full of fun and in-person activities; alumnae what it would mean for our community as we embarked events with strong women who support their alma mater; the on a year that finally allowed us to all to be back together continued development of new spaces including a beautiful in person for classes five days a week and participate in new senior courtyard. activities and old traditions as Covid-19 restrictions lessened throughout the school year. Watching the Class of 2022 enter those new doors on their "last first day" at Assumption, their eyes shining with hope and anticipation and wonder, I knew they had been successful at capturing the possibilities of this year. Even as our community continued to navigate the challenges of uncertain times, we have had an amazing year as we opened our new doors on Tyler Lane and maximized many new opportunities for so many members of our current and extended Assumption community.

Amidst all the excitement, we have also been incredibly grateful. I was particularly reminded of this during a visit from a dear friend of AHS. One afternoon in September as I was enjoying a freshman class activity outside, I saw a familiar face in a car pull into the parking lot. As I approached the car, I heard the passenger say, "Oh, Martha. It's so good to see you. I just had to come and see the chapel."

It was Sister Mary Frances Lueke who used to live in the former convent across the street. She had moved to the In this unique year, we are grateful to have been able to Mercy retirement home in Cincinnati several years ago and weave both our present and our past into our traditions and had been determined to return to Louisville for a visit. With celebrations. As principal, I fully enjoyed the new courtyard space with the Class of 2022 as I hosted my annual "Popsicles her dear niece as her chaperone, she had made the trip to visit family and friends and would not miss an opportunity to with the Principal" senior exit interviews. And in that same return to Tyler Lane to see the chapel which is a hallmark of week, on their very last day of school, we had our seniors take our new expansion. So, I happily agreed to give her a tour. their traditional "walk out" of the building down the steps of the original entrance. This time they had tears in their eyes, as did I, as they took that walk out of the doors that As we entered those new doors together and she saw the atrium for the first time, like many of our visitors this year, every Assumption graduate who has gone before them has Sister oohed and aahed at everything she saw. We visited entered and exited -- connecting them to our history as they the new cafeteria and then took a trip up the elevator to visit walked into their futures. Yes, it has been an exciting year a classroom before heading to her ultimate destination... of new spaces and opportunities - all rooted in the humble the chapel. She had asked me many questions on our way beginnings of a school born so many years ago on our beloved there, but once in the chapel she became quiet as I shared the Tyler Lane!

history of the stained glass and the ways that we had already been utilizing the chapel. When I was finished, she looked at me, smiled, and then whispered very purposefully, "We have much to be grateful for, don't we?"



Cognia SCHOOL OF DISTINCTION 2021

## COGNIA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF DISTINCTION AWARD

It is with great pride that we announce to you that Assumption has received the distinct honor of being named a 2021 School of Distinction for excellence in education by Cognia, the global non-profit school improvement organization, who serves as our accrediting agency.

Assumption High School was recognized and selected as one of only 59 schools and 20 school systems across the globe out of the more than 1,200 institutions who were eligible to be recognized with this distinction.

This inaugural program recognizes pre-K-12 education institutions that excel in educating and serving their students. To earn this distinction, Assumption participated in Cognia's rigorous Accreditation Engagement Review process, which is based on research-based performance standards. The process included a visit from a team of education experts who completed a thorough review of evidence we provided, conducted interviews, and engaged in classroom observations. The evaluation analyzed Leadership Capacity, Learning Capacity, and Resource Capacity, as well as a demonstrated commitment to continuous improvement.

We are both honored and humbled to receive this recognition as a result of our accreditation process. Preparation for our accreditation visit provided the opportunity to reflect upon our institutional effectiveness at serving our students. Being named a School of Distinction validates the amazing work that our faculty and staff do each day to meet our students' whole-person needs. We marvel on a daily basis at the dedication to excellence that our faculty and staff demonstrate on behalf of our students. We are thrilled for them to see their remarkable work celebrated at an international level. It is particularly meaningful that this recognition comes at a time when they are working even harder as they seek to address students' learning needs over the course of the pandemic.

When notifying us of our receipt of this award, Dr. Mark A. Elgart, president and CEO of Cognia, emphasized the significance of this distinction to us when he stated, "Assumption High School is to be commended on their award as a School of Distinction. Cognia accreditation is already a mark of distinction recognized around the world. Being named a School of Distinction further recognizes the commitment to excellence in education Assumption has for its learners."

We hope you will join us in celebrating this good news and the phenomenal work of our faculty and staff who work so diligently on behalf of your daughter. We thank you for entrusting your daughter and her education to us and your support of our efforts as we carry on the vision of Catherine McAuley who believed that "No work of charity can be more productive of good to society...than the careful instruction of women."



**GRACIE BARTLEY** Class of 2022



I rushed up the stairs and ran into my classroom just as the bell rang. The morning had gotten off to a rough start; I'd driven to school in the rain, run into traffic, and then realized I'd forgotten my lunch as I hurried up the stairs to avoid being tardy. Zoned out in my desk, thinking about how terrible my morning had been, a cheery voice

broke through my thoughts, "Make it a great day Assumption!" These words are repeated almost every day at Assumption High School on the morning announcements. The reality is I know that each day at Assumption WILL be a great day. No matter how the day starts or ends the time spent at AHS will be valuable. There is a special "magic" at Assumption that makes this happen.

The "magic" is hard to describe to someone who doesn't attend Assumption. I'm sure that each student may describe it differently, but my favorite way is to use the eight simple words that make up our four pillars: Faith guides. Compassion inspires. Integrity matters. Excellence empowers. These pillars are a way of life at Assumption, and each girl ensures that they come to life every day at school.

The first pillar is Faith Guides. Assumption provides the foundation for our faith. Each day we start off the day with morning prayer, we have a religion class each semester, and we have the opportunity to go on overnight retreat every year of our time at AHS. But most importantly, our love of God and one another guides our actions toward each another, our teachers, and our community. Our faith is tangible at Assumption! I feel Christ's love in my daily interactions with my classmates and teachers.

#### The next pillar, Compassion Inspires, is also reflected within everyday occurrences. From smiling at one another in the halls to helping someone pick up her books, there is true kindness and compassion within our walls. Our teachers and administrators lead by example, supporting us, encouraging us, and promoting a culture of acceptance at AHS. Their example helps to create a non-judgmental environment, which is why AHS feels like home to most.

The third pillar that guides Assumption is Integrity Matters. Each day, every single student is challenged to live out their life with honesty. In our schoolwork, in admitting and correcting our mistakes, and in our interactions with one another, AHS is always encouraging us to be truthful in our daily life. It has prepared me to be the best version of myself.

The culminating pillar of Assumption is Excellence Empowers. The highest goal of all the faculty and staff is to make sure we are prepared to be successful in college and life. Each teacher is dedicated to forming nurturing bonds with their students to help them reach their full potential. Whether it's a 7 a.m. meeting or 9 p.m. study session, the teachers are here to help students succeed. The variety in classes and academic levels allows each student to develop her interests and to be challenged appropriately. I have three sisters with very different talents, strengths, and interests, and we have all flourished at Assumption.

As a community, we live out these four pillars every day at Assumption. Together, we create a "magic" that ensures every day IS a great day. Assumption feels like a second home, a place where everyone feels loved as their true self, all the while having fun and growing both mentally and spiritually. 2170 Tyler Lane is not merely an address. "This is the community of Assumption where faith guides, compassion inspires, integrity matters, and excellence empowers. Let's make it a great day Assumption!"



There is a common sense of awe shared among Assumption students when reflecting on the transformations they have experienced from freshman to senior year. Parents and family members may look upon their daughter, niece, or grandchild and wonder if the Assumption faculty put some sort of spell over their little girls. While the

seem like fairy godmothers or godfathers here to grant our wishes in life, they unfortunately cannot wave their magic wand in order to change the hearts of those who step foot on Tyler Lane. They can, however, give students tools to succeed beyond academics, shaping and supporting women of faith, compassion, excellence, and integrity.

Assumption students are blessed to be able to learn what it means to be a woman of faith. It is a sacred atmosphere in which prayer intentions are said in math class or the Bible may be referred to when analyzing books in English. As a community, students are encouraged to grow in their relationships with God. Assumption encourages this through weekly Bible studies, faith affiliated clubs, and through a reminder from administration over the announcements every week to "always go to church on Sundays". Upon entering the post-secondary world, students have the foundation to succeed with the strength that they possess through God's love.

This strong sense of religious belief shared among Assumption students creates women of compassion. Servant leadership is at the core of what it means to be a student filled with mercy for others. Teachers



Picking a high school to attend was quite the endeavor for me. After many shadow visits and pros and cons lists, I found myself at the steps of 2170 Tyler Lane in December of 2017 for the High School Placement Test, unsure if I had made the right decision, wondering if Assumption High School would ever become my future home.

At any good school, students

learn. However, throughout my time at AHS, I have learned that Assumption challenges those standards, ensuring that each student not only receives an education but also learns with purpose. To achieve this mission-driven education, the faculty and staff supplement classroom instruction with experiential learning. My experience in the Argentinean exchange program through Assumption is a testament to this. Not only was I able to enrich my classroom Spanish instruction by communicating in Spanish with a student who attends a fellow Sisters of Mercy school thousands of miles away, but also I made a friendship I foresee lasting a lifetime.

Furthermore, an Assumption education prepares each student for life, as each student is encouraged to bring the AHS mission to life through service and giving back. This is nurtured in a variety of ways, from a friendly school competition dedicated to donating as many cans to Dare to Care as possible or through learning about immigration policies

#### **CAROLINE HAMILTON** Class of 2022

at Assumption embed the critical concerns of mercy into their lesson plans each day. These values include care for the earth, for women, for immigrants, for racial injustice, and for non-violence. Students leave Assumption with a mission to be the future of goodness in the world.

In terms of success, Assumption defines excellence different from everyone else. A student's ability to excel isn't measured in what appears in the grade book or the letter attached to their test, but rather, how did she grow? What did she learn? Who did she become? Through the eyes of Assumption's faculty and staff, excelling is growing, and growing is shining. The growth mindset instilled in Assumption students is carried with them into their future universities, careers, and families where they can shine as examples for others.

Doing the right thing when no one is watching is also a large theme integrated into the teachings of Assumption. Integrity means having the courage to be the better person when there is no recognition to follow. Assumption displays this through Mission Week, an entire week in which students learn the importance of being an advocate and to spread kindness.

The Assumption faculty and staff always have each student's best interest in mind and are rooting for them every step of the way. Whether it is a coach making their players scream, "I am a warrior" if they say the word "can't" or the school counselor checking in on each student at least once a semester. At Assumption, each student is valued and respected.

While the faculty and staff cannot turn a pumpkin into a glass carriage with the wave of their wand, the values and lessons of Catherine McCauley that they instill can transform student's views and perspectives. That enough, is magic. Assumption is more than just four walls made up of classrooms and hallways. It is an environment of faith, compassion, excellence, and integrity, and it raises young girls to be the future leaders of our world.

#### **ANNA KOEBERLEIN** Class of 2022

with the Sisters of Mercy in Washington, D.C., on a mission trip. Moreover, an Assumption education involves opportunity. The rigorous AP Capstone program enabled me to conduct research and take a multitude of college-level courses that reassure me of my preparedness for success in college and beyond.

The faculty, staff, and coaches who compose Assumption encourage each student to see challenges as opportunities. When I am faced with a choice—to play it safe or push my limits—my teachers, counselors, coaches, and deans continuously push me to choose the more challenging option. Amidst each challenge, whether that be taking

on a leadership role, choosing the harder class, or opting for the more rigorous athletic team level, the community of Assumption always encourages me, a constant reminder of the pervasiveness of compassion at AHS that permits growth, but not at the expense of support.

One adjective Assumption students never use to describe the Assumption experience is "boring." The school is always evolving, notably through the new addition to campus. The new facilities have allowed me to savor eating chocolate chip cookies outside in the new courtyard, cultivate my relationship with God in the new chapel through faculty- and staff-led prayer sessions, and expand my knowledge and appreciation for subjects like aviation with the new flight simulators.

As I near the time I walk down the steps at 2170 Tyler Lane one last time, I can confidently say that I will be leaving AHS as a woman rooted in Catholicism, smiling, knowing that there is no place I would have rather called home for the past four years than Assumption High School.

# SENIOR EVENTS

#### WALK OUT

Just as they walked in a team, they departed 2170 Tyler Lane one last time as Team 22. These seniors experienced an unusual but incredible high school experience. They all persevered and showed our underclasswomen what it means to be an Assumption Rocket. Now, they are Assumption Roses.









#### HONORS ASSEMBLY

At Senior Honors Assembly, a celebratory event recognizing the hard work in academics students achieved over their four years, senior Rachel Hamilton spoke to the class about the "bricks" that they have laid during their time at Assumption with foundations in academics, involvement, care, and compassion.













## PROM

Senior prom was celebrated on May 13 with seniors dancing the night away one last time together as beautiful roses. Another fun memory made for our seniors as we celebrate the final days of their high school! We love our seniors "To The Moon and Back," just like their prom theme.





## *Class of 2022*







#### BACCALAUREATE

Our senior Baccalaureate Mass was celebrated at St. Michael with our seniors, faculty, staff, and families. The class selected Class President Kelsey Shelby as their speaker who reflected on the love and trust the senior class has had not only in one another but in God. The Gospel reading spoke to being the branches of God's love, which is exactly what this senior class has done over their four years at Assumption.

## We're proud of the Class of 2022 for being accepted to

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

FORDHAM UNIVERSITY

FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL COLLEGE

FURMAN

JEFFERSON COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY AT KENT

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

**KENYON COLLEGE** 

UNIVERSITY OF LIMERICK

LINDSEY WILSON COLLEGE

ALABAMA A & M UNIVERSITY THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF PARIS APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA AUBURN UNIVERSITY AUGUSTANA COLLEGE **BALL STATE UNIVERSITY** BARD COLLEGE BAYLOR UNIVERSITY BELLARMINE UNIVERSITY BELMONT UNIVERSITY BEREA COLLEGE BETHEL UNIVERSITY INDIANA BLUEGRASS COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE **BOSTON COLLEGE** BRADLEY UNIVERSITY **BUTLER UNIVERSITY** UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-BERKELEY UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-DAVIS UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-IRVINE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-LOS ANGELES UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-RIVERSIDE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-SAN DIEGO UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-SANTA BARBARA UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-SANTA CRUZ CAMPBELLSVILLE UNIVERSITY CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA CENTRE COLLEGE CHARLESTON SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI-MAIN CAMPUS CLEMSON UNIVERSITY COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO DENVER COLORADO COLLEGE COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY-FORT COLLINS CONNECTICUT COLLEGE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE DENISON UNIVERSITY UNIVERSITY OF DENVER DEPAUL UNIVERSITY DEPAUW UNIVERSITY DRAKE UNIVERSITY UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DUBLIN EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY ECKERD COLLEGE EMBRY-RIDDLE AERONAUTICAL UNIVERSITY-DAYTONA BEACH EMERSON COLLEGE UNIVERSITY OF EVANSVILLE FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY (UNIVERSITY COLLEGE) FISK UNIVERSITY FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY

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UNIVERSITY OF MAINE

MARIETTA COLLEGE

MARSHALL UNIVERSITY

MERCER UNIVERSITY

MIAMI UNIVERSITY, OXFORD

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

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Assumption Alumnae Award: Lily Adams Rocket Spirit Award: Lauren McClellan and Meg Ralston The Catherine McAuley Outstanding Christian Leader Award: Rachel Hamilton

# GRADUATION

We are extremely proud of the Class of 2022 on their academic achievements during their years at Assumption. This class earned a record-breaking amount of scholarships totaling over \$47 million to colleges across the nation and two foreign countries. Congratulations, seniors! We are proud of you. Forever a Rocket, Forever a Rose.







#### CONGRATULATIONS

# LOOKING BACK

...at our school year, we have shared many celebrations as a community. Through schoolwide events and individual accomplishments, here is a look at just a few of our milestones.



Class of 2025 first day of high school



"Walk Like Champions"

Former members of Faculty & Staff members toured the campus expansion. Together they have over 300 years of service to Assumption.



Taryn Morris '24, Miranda Bilodeau '25, Sydny Hendrick '22, Angela Lincoln '78, Michelle Farmer '94 were named Models of Mercy



Freshmen, Juniors, and Seniors returned to **Mount St. Francis for** retreats. Sophomores visited the Earth and **Spirit Center for** sophomore retreat.



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Seniors Carly Fawcett, Rachel Hamilton, and Sofia Milliner were named National Merit Commended students. Rachel also earned a perfect score on the ACT!

AP Computer Science Principles and AP Computer Science A classes earned the 2021 AP **Computer Science Female Diversity Award** 



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Social Studies teacher Janet Adkins received the **Rose** Award.

Twenty seven students were published in Teen Ink, a national online and print magazine devoted to teen writing, art, photos, and forums.

State Championships in Cross Country, Dance, and individual state championships in Track and Swim & Dive.



Our Annual **Canstruction** food drive generated 17,837 cans that were donated to Dare to Care this year, bringing the 15-year total to 136,247.

Choir members Jaclyn Williams '22, Hope Preischel '22, and Katie Chambers '22 were selected for the Kentucky Music Educators **Association's All-State High School Chorus.** 

Many students received recognition in the regional Scholastic Art Competition: Gold Key - Haley Magnuson '22 and Katie Hall '22; Silver Key - Emily Delk '23, Haley Magnuson '22, Hadley Snyder '22, Claire Monsour '22, Rachel Porter '22; Honorable Mention - Liesel Greseth '23, Izzy Hass '22, Haley Magnuson '22, Rachel Porter '22, and Chloe Mason '22.

#### LOOKING BACK



Mattie Whitworth '24 received a Scholastic Arts and Writing Gold Key Award for her science fiction writing.



Our Future Business Leaders of America team set a record of 28 students competing in the Kentucky State FBLA Leadership Conference! These students set another record-winning trophies in 12 different business competitions.





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Sydny Hendrick '22, Claudia Coffey '91, Lisa Lauder '85, Board Member and capital co-campaign chair Hank Robinson, and current parent Jody Demling were honored during the Salute to Catholic Schools Alumni Dinner. Pictured here is Sydny with Claudia and President Mary Lang.



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Natalie Koch '22 was recognized by the Metro Louisville Rotary Club as an Unsung Hero Award recipient.



Teresa Curry '22 received the **Benjamin Templeton Scholarship to Hanover College,** a full four-year scholarship.

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Haworth, was named by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association as the 2021 Girls' High School Cross Country Coach of the Year for not only the state of Kentucky, but the United States. Volleyball Coach Ron Kordes was inducted into the American Volleyball **Coaches Association** Hall of Fame. Head **Coach Rick Stewart** received the 2022 Kentucky High School Swimming & Diving **Coaches Association Tim** Cahill Award for the most

outstanding girls coach.

Cross Country & Track

and Field Coach, Barry

KENTUCKY BRATE BANDIONSHIP

> VEX Robotics traveled to Lexington to compete in the state tournament.

### **ROSE THEATRE** COMPANY

FALL PLAY

STEEL MAGNOLIAS

The action is set in Truvy's beauty salon in Chinquapin, Louisiana, where all the ladies who are "anybody" come to have their hair done. Helped by her eager new assistant, Annelle, the outspoken, wisecracking Truvy dispenses shampoos and free advice to the town's rich curmudgeon, Ouiser, ("I'm not crazy, I've just been in a bad mood for forty years"); an eccentric millionaire, Miss Clairee, who has a raging sweet tooth; and the local social leader, M'Lynn, whose daughter, Shelby, is about to marry a "good ole boy." Filled with hilarious repartee and not a few acerbic but humorously revealing verbal collisions, the play moves toward tragedy when, in the second act, the spunky Shelby (who is a diabetic) risks pregnancy and forfeits her life. The sudden realization of their mortality affects the others, but also draws on the underlying strength—and love—which give the play, and its characters, the special quality to make them truly touching, funny and marvelously amiable company in good times and bad.



choreography, and all backstage work.



We are so proud of the hard work the Assumption Rose Theatre Company put in to

the fall play, Steel Magnolias, and the spring musical, Les Misérables. These shows

were absolutely incredible and filled with talent on stage, through the set design,











LES MISÉRABLES SPRING MUSICAL

The beloved musical adaptation of Victor Hugo's literary masterpiece comes to Assumption. Set in 19th century France after the first French Revolution, Les Misérables weaves together the stories of downtrodden men and women who cling to their dreams in the face of injustice and social upheaval: a former convict chooses redemption, a mother ensures her daughter's survival, and a group of students rally for the world they long to see. These timeless characters offer Hugo's vision about grace and justice, poverty and revolution, love and hope, assuring audiences that even in a weary world, "tomorrow comes."

**COMING SOON!** Fall musical: The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee | Spring play: She Kills Monsters

Congratulations to these students who will be attending the Governor's Scholar Program, Governor's School for the Arts, Governor's School for Entrepreneurs, and the Commonwealth Honors Academy.

**GOVERNOR'S SCHOLAR PROGRAM** Anna Alphin '23, Kate Kolokowsky '23, Elizabeth Lucas '23, Morgan Schulz '23, Erin Troutman '23, and Cali Waldridge '23



**GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL** FOR THE ART Summer Clark '23 (drama), and Anna Sullivan '24 (creative writing)



#### ANNA GARDONE'S CONGRESSIONAL ART AWARD

Anna Gardone '22 was selected as a winner of the 2022 Congressional Art Competition! Anna was surprised with a visit from Congressman John Yarmuth who announced her award. Anna's still life drawing won the National Competition, which was chosen by a panel of judges from the local arts community. Her piece will hang in the halls of the U.S. Capitol for one year.







**GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL** FOR ENTREPRENEURS Elizabeth Pugh '24

COMMONWEALTH HONORS ACADEMY Ally Dawahare '23





ASSUMPTION HIGH SCHOOL family program

We hear it everyday on the announcements and at countless school events: "Remember who we are...we are the Community of Assumption." One way we build community at Assumption is through our Family Program. Students naturally connect with the students in their classes and homerooms, but sometimes it's more difficult for freshmen to learn about what life is like as a junior or for seniors to share their understanding of Assumption traditions with freshmen. Starting in 2005 to connect students across grade levels, our current Family Program now engages students in a wide array of engaging activities designed to unite students who might not otherwise connect through academics, athletics, or other co-curriculars. Our nine Assumption families, named after the first nine foundations of the Sisters of Mercy in Ireland once they spread out from the original House of Mercy in Dublin, compete for "family points" throughout the school year in hopes of getting their name as champions emblazoned on the Family Program banner in the gym. Family Birr is hoping for a "three-peat" during the 2022-2023 school year!

The main goal of the family program is student engagement. Research shows that student engagement in school activities correlates positively with academic success. The Family Council is one of Assumption's student government organizations. Students are elected to work

together to plan everything from large, schoolwide events like the Walk for Assumption to small, team-building activities used build connections during homeroom. Others are designed to give students a voice in school policies. This is done when Family Council members take suggestions for change to administrators. Some activities seek to encourage students to work together in support of organizations that benefit the larger community. One long-standing community event is Canstruction, which is a can drive that supports Dare to Care leading up to Thanksgiving. Another is Compassion Connections, which is a collection that benefits the nine individual agencies with whom each AHS family is connected during the spring. Of course, some of the family program activities are designed simply to be good, oldfashioned fun, like the Family Olympics.

Being involved in an Assumption "family" teaches students some of the same skills and values that we learn from being in our own families of origin. They learn to connect with people who are older or younger, to work together towards shared goals, and hopefully, to care for one another despite differences. They both compete and collaborate. They strive to make a difference, create a memory, and have a ball. And in doing so, they become part of the rich tradition of student engagement within the Community of Assumption.



God's will be done in all thing

Open the gate to coportunity.

With great power come great responsibility.

If not us, who? If not now, when











# PINK & WHITE

The fifteenth annual Pink and White Game was held on April 28 at St. Xavier High School. This annual event started as a senior dream by one Assumption student and has grown over the years. Since its inception in 2008, Assumption, Sacred Heart, Trinity, and St. X have raised over \$270,000 for assistance to breast cancer patients in the Louisville community.



## JUNIOR RING

The Class of 2023 celebrated their Ring Ceremony on May 15. Class counselor Jennifer Ruckriegel '00, spoke to the class about their task as leaders of the school, encouraging them to "lead with love." The theme of the ceremony was "Rocket to Roses," and we cannot wait to see our juniors step into their role as roses their senior year.



## ALUMNAE ENGAGEMENT

CLASS OF 2003

#### LAUNCHING THE FUTURE

On August 21, 2021, we welcomed members of our community to our Grand Opening and Rocket Day. Alumnae, future Rockets, friends, and family were invited to tour our campus expansion before cheering on the volleyball team during games.



In October, we held our annual Assumption Family Halloween Night where families trick-or-treated throughout the school and participated in spooky activities.



GRANDOPENING

HALLOWEEN NIGHT

CLASS OF 1967













Reunion Celebration was a great success, welcoming over 400 alumnae from classes ending in 0,1,5, and 6 back home in October! The classes of 1970 and 1971 celebrated their 50-year reunion with a special mass, brunch, and a tour of the building. They were joined by classes 1960, 1961, 1965, and 1966 who were celebrating their 60 year and 55 year reunion respectively, at a cocktail reception. All other reunion classes enjoyed an open house reception in the evening and time to catch up with one another.



Students participated in a hybrid Alumnae Career Day in December. More than 50 alums spoke to students about career opportunities, exploration, and college readiness.

ALUMNAE UNITE TI who made a gift, sent a text, or posted on social media about the Alumnae Unite campaign! We are proud to share that 640 alums donated more than \$49,000 during this 60-hour initiative. Additionally, our participation grew from 5.99% to 11.06%! Congratulations to the Classes of 1970, 1989, 1960, & 1962 for winning the Class Challenge and exceeding 22%!

#### **CLASS GIVING PERCENTAGE**

1958	21.88%	1974	1 <b>0.94</b> %	1990	9.52%	2006	13.72%
1959	16.67%	1975	7.08%	1991	16.51%	2007	8.41%
1960	24.24%	1976	11.61%	1992	15 <b>.9</b> 4%	2008	13.79%
1961	10.61%	1977	10.45%	1993	11.43%	2009	5.38%
1962	24.68%	1978	15.57%	1994	20.65%	2010	13.77%
1963	13.21%	1979	6.96%	1995	14.97%	2011	8.90%
1964	14.85%	1980	13.95%	1996	15.48%	2012	9.80%
1965	14.53%	1981	1.67%	1997	15.24%	2013	3.55%
1966	12.71%	1982	12.78%	1998	20.88%	2014	7.46%
1967	10.84%	1983	10.92%	1999	10.81%	2015	5.21%
1968	10.89%	1984	4.73%	2000	8.08%	2016	6.47%
1969	13.25%	1985	11.57%	2001	9.13%	2017	6.31%
1970	35.37%	1986	<b>8.87</b> %	2002	17.59%	2018	8.65%
1971	11.39%	1987	9.42%	2003	9.39%	2019	4.95%
1972	19.39%	1988	7.32%	2004	10.67%	2020	2.42%
1973	15.00%	1989	<b>27.9</b> 1%	2005	6.93%	2021	4.15%





Students from the Advancement Council work as part of their leadership and involvement on the council.

#### Special thanks to our sponsors

#### DIAMOND





## HANKE FAMILY



## Women Helping Women

fifth annual event which benefitwho is the CEO of Volunteers support their mission.









hosted their second annual families, and friends enjoyed a Rockets and supporting Louisthe field for the "Kicks for Tix"





The final piece of our campus expansion was completed earlier this year,

## THE SENIOR COURTYARD!

Seniors were able to enjoy the new courtyard that was part of the campus expansion. Special thanks to GreenScapes for their in-kind donation to help us to beautify the area with some landscaping.

Students in Aviation use the courtyard during class as they fly drones.

During the day, classes utilize the courtyard for an outdoor class experience.

Eating lunch outside in the courtyard is a longstanding senior privilege.

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

To the family, friends and Class of 1959 on the death of their classmate, Ruth Schoenbachler Runyan '59, on June 4, 2022.

Judy Graf Neal '62 on the death of her sister and to the Class of 1961 on the death of their classmate, Tina Graf Clark '61, on February 14, 2022

Carol Bissinger Runner '63 on the death of her sister, Patricia Beard Bissinger '63 on the death of her sister-in-law, Melissa Bissinger Vaughn '01 and Meghan Bissinger '11 on the death of their aunt, and to the Class of 1971 on the death of their classmate, Joanie Bissinger Wiedl '71, on May 13, 2022.

To the family and friends and the Class of 1964 on the death of their classmate, Jenny Miller Price '64, on May 21, 2022.

Valerie Dellario Barr '72, Susan Dellario Lippay '76, Carolyn Dellario Fordyce '82, and Michele Dellario Coomer '88 on the death of their sister and to the Class of 1969 on the death of their classmate, Diane Dellario Armstrong '69, on May 31, 2021.

Ellyn Crutcher '72 and Sallie Crutcher Cowan '79 on the death of their sister and to the Class of 1976 on the death of their classmate, Patricia Crutcher Westlund '76, on February 15, 2022.

Jackie Fallahay Hogan '73, Mary Pat Fallahay Bauman '82, and Kelley Fallahay Powers '87, on the death of their father, Leanne Hogan '04, Bailey Bauman '14, and Emily Powers '17 on the death of their grandfather, *Joseph H. Fallahay Jr.*, on Thursday, April 28, 2022.

Beth Urton Krebs '73 on the death of her brother David Wesley Urton, on February 6, 2022.

Mary Kevin Sinclair Wolfe '74 on the death of her sister and the Class of 1960 on the death of their classmate, Carol Sinclair Sedoris '60, on January 30, 2022.

Mary Jo Kautzman Fiely '75 on the death of her sister and the Class of 1979 on the death of their classmate, Lisa Kautzman Baker '79, on November 27, 2021.

Fran Blocker Bennett '76 on the death of her husband, Gregory Nolan Bennett, on February 16, 2022.

Pam Fowler '76 on the death of her mother, *Milly* Nancy Beckham Vann '98 on the death of her L. Kiper Fowler, on January 30, 2022. sister, Jane Abell Wilson '61 and Janice Beckham Filley '61 on the death of their niece, and to the Susan Heleringer McMillan '81 on the death of Class of 1996 on the death of their classmate, Liz her sister, Paige McMillan '12 on the death of her Beckham Painter '96 on June 10, 2022.

February 25, 2022.

Donna Burch Wimsatt '81 on the death of her mother and Mary Beth Wimsatt Clark '07, Angela Wimsatt '09, Katie Burch '11, Therese Wimsatt '12, and Keiran Wimsatt '14 on the death of their grandmother, Mary Martha Link Burch, on June 5, 2022.

Mich Musacchio '83 on the death of her mother and Karen Zoeller Musacchio '82 on the death of her mother-in-law, Dr. Marilyn J. Musacchio, on December 17, 2021.

Frances Esposito Kimes '84, Gina Esposito Johansen '89, and Erica Esposito Hodge '94 on the death of their father *Alberico Giuseppe* Esposito, on December 13, 2021.

Anna Goetzinger Meade '85, Becky Goetzinger '89, and Lori Goetzinger '99 on the death of their mother, Georgetta Aleene Goetzinger, on March 4, 2022.

Sharon Stout Cullop '86 on the death of her mother-in-law, Sherry Munz Watkins '86 on the death of her aunt, Sarah Cullop '20 on the death of her grandmother, and Emily Speaker '22 on the death of her great aunt, Mary Ann Speaker, on March 11, 2022.

Juliette Siegel Murray '88 on the death of her father and Cece Murray '20 on the death of her grandfather, John Siegel, April 3, 2022.

Ginny Tatum Donis '94 on the death of her mother, Carolyn H. Tatum, on March 17, 2021

Heather Redinger Harrell '94 on the death of her father, Richard N. Redinger, MD, on October 19, 2021 and her mother, Arlene Marie Redinger, on April 9, 2022.

Nicole Bale-King '98, Lindsay Bale-King '99, Lauren King DuCre '04, and Jillian King Clark '06 on the death of their father, Marilyn King Hankins '64 on the death of her brother, and Aubrey Howard King '09 on the death of her father-in-law, John F. King Sr., on December 24, 2021.



aunt, and the Class of 1985 on the death of their classmate, *Linda Heleringer Falkner '85*, on

To the family, friends and Class of 2002 on the death of their classmate, Krissy Caslowe '02, on February 4, 2022.

Sarah Bisig Schoch '02 on the death of her mother and Taylor Pickerell '21 on the death of her grandmother, Mary Rita Bisig, on April 20, 2022.

Sidney Noland Wood '09 on the death of her father, Thomas Turley Noland Jr., on January 15,

Riley Gavin Hachten '14 on the death of her son, Augustine "Auggie" Fredrick Hachten, on January 28, 2022.

Mary Ann Crawford '15, Carly Crawford '19, and Ellie Crawford '19 on the death of their mother, Teresa Gale Crawford, on November 29, 2021.

Marena Brenzel '16 on the death of her brother, Linda Bergamini Trautwein '58 on the death of her grandson, and Hallie Pennington '15 and Hannah Pennington '17 on the death of their cousin, Tyler James Brenzel, on November 28, 2021.

Jessica Rayome '16 on the death of her mother, Susan Nold Fink '78 and Krista Nold Lyons '85 on the death of their sister, Kaitlyn Fink '13 on the death of her aunt, and the Class of 1981 on the death of their classmate, Leigh Ann Nold Rayome '81, on April 15, 2022.

Sydney O'Shea Bowling '18 on the death of her daughter, Remy Elise O'Shea-Bowling, on May 31, 2022.

Faculty member, Carey Ogburn, on the death of her father, Dewitt Brunson, on January 8, 2022.

To the family and friends of former coach Sam Hayward, on Sunday, February 27, 2022.

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