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EHS PRESIDENT MIKE ELLIOTT to RETIRE in SPRING 2022

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Mike Elliott, President of Edgewood High School since 2013, notified the school's Board of Directors that he intends to retire from his role as President effective June 30.

In a statement to faculty, staff, students and parents in October, Elliott said he came to the decision after many conversations with family and friends, careful thought, and many prayers.

"This was not an easy decision for me because I love Edgewood and our strong community," Elliott said. "Together we have endured and accomplished much, and for that I am proud and will be forever thankful."

Marykay Zimbrick, chair of the EHS Board of Directors, said she and fellow board members are grateful for the leadership Elliott has shown as President of Edgewood.

"Through uncertain, often challenging times, Mike's commitment to do what is best for Edgewood never wavered," Zimbrick said. "He has worked hard with faculty, staff, students, parents and the board to keep Edgewood open and safe while providing a quality educational experience."

Zimbrick said Elliott has agreed to stay with the school after he steps down as president in June, focusing on development of major gifts and oversight of the Commons building project, set to begin in Spring 2022 (see four-page insert in this issue).

"We are grateful that we will continue to benefit from Mike's dedication and leadership," Zimbrick said.

When Elliott was named President nearly 10 years ago, he brought to Edgewood a lifetime of knowledge, passion and enthusiasm for the school. A 1977 graduate of Edgewood, he

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BISHOPS DOORS REFURBISHED and RESTORED

Bishops Doors restored to their original beauty

After years of harsh weather and wear and tear, the EHS Bishops Doors have been given an update. The original windows, detailed trim and hardware were restored, rebuilt and refinished to the original stain color as was the second-floor balcony door above.



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EHS President Mike Elliott retires (cont.)

and his wife Sue, Edgewood class of 1978, have three daughters, all of whom are proud alumnae of Edgewood. He previously served on the school's Board of Trustees and as chair of the board.

"Throughout his time as President, Mike has shown to be a man who lives his faith every day," Zimbrick said. "He has shown remarkable dedication to the mission of the school and the Sinsinawa Dominican values of Truth, Compassion, Justice, Community and Partnership. He is well respected in the Madison Catholic school community and the Badger Conference."



Michael G. Elliott

As President, Elliott has overseen many changes. Early in his tenure, he envisioned

I wanted to make sure when I left that the school was in a better place than when I came.

a transformation of the physical campus, including the antiquated HVAC system and providing better accessibility. Through his tireless efforts, he raised over \$23 million to fund the construction of the new McKinley Performing Arts Center; the installation of the school's first elevator system; the modernization of the athletic field; creation of the Lance Johnson Athletic Training Facility, new officials locker rooms, dance team studio and athletics offices; remodeling of the John and Jeanne Flesch Student Services Center; Library and Learning Resource Center; food service area; the Ken Ballweg Administration Suite; and the Edgewood Campus School wing; as well as the painting and updating of classrooms, hallways and teachers' lounges.

Plans are underway to remodel the Commons area, which will provide a welcoming entrance to the school, an athletic hall of fame area, lunchroom space, additional student study space and another elevator (*see insert on pages 9-12*).

Elliott also believed that an important component needed to achieve greatness as a school was to create accessible, affordable private education for families. In the past 10 years, more than \$7 million has been awarded in financial aid allowing many families the gift of an Edgewood education.

Elliott, in concert with Business Manager Tami Holmquist and past Principal Beth Steffen, reestablished the faculty staff wage scale to attract and maintain the best of the best to teach and work at Edgewood.

Each year Elliott extended an offer to freshman parents for a one-on-one meeting, in part because he believed the best ideas came from someone looking at things from a new and different angle.

"I wanted to make a major contribution while at Edgewood," Elliott said. "I wanted to make sure when I left that the school was in a better place than when I came. Thanks to the generous Edgewood community I feel good about where we are."



As president, Mike Elliott has presided over many induction ceremonies, honors convocations and graduations.

EHS Faculty and Staff mark MLK Day 2022

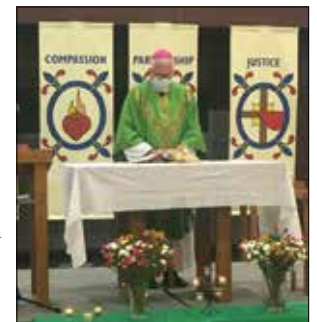
On January 17, the Edgewood High School faculty and staff gathered for Martin Luther King Day activities, which included a



prayer service; a call to action presentation and discussion about bias; and a service project featuring a presentation by Larry (Jasper) Davis from Friends of the State Street Family organization, a grassroots community initiative to provide care and basic needs to the individuals experiencing homelessness in Madison. Faculty and staff sorted and packaged toiletries donations and created tie blankets for Jasper to distribute to those in need in our community.

EHS celebrates our Catholic identity during Catholic Schools Week

Activities for CSW 2022 included a Mass with Madison Bishop Donald Hying (*right*). The students also participated in themed dress-up days



throughout the week, and played games during lunch mods as well as Catholic Schools Week BINGO! Back after a year off during the pandemic was the always popular Powder Puff volleyball. The STAR (Sisters Taking Active Roles) club conducted a week-long service project for students to make Valentines to distribute to area organizations. At the end of the week, the Dominican Shield was awarded to the class level that participated in and won the most CSW games and activities - congratulations Seniors!



MUSINGS *from* DENNIS MCKINLEY '63



THE RIGHT PERSON, THE RIGHT PLACE, THE RIGHT TIME

When it comes to leadership at Edgewood, the Holy Spirit has blessed the school with the right person in the right place at the right time.

In 1989, Edgewood High School went from the traditional principal governance model to the president/principal governance model. In short, the principal is responsible for the academics and reports to the president while the president is responsible for the admissions, development and business aspects, and reports to the board and the Sinsinawa Dominican's Sponsor Council. EHS has been fortunate to have had three individuals with particular skill sets in the office of president during three critical times over the past 22 years.

Tom Shipley, a 1969 alumnus, was



Tom Shipley

the first and longest serving president from 1989 to 2001. His background in school administration, leadership, and status as an alumnus, along with his ability to draw the alumni, parents

and business communities together while working cooperatively with the Campus School and College, enabled the school to move forward with an eye on the long-range future of the school. To name just a few of his accomplishments: completion of a long-range plan, a restructuring of the campus, building the Krantz Center and Gymnasium and the Sonderegger Science Center, the planning and implementation of the remodeling of every classroom in the older part of the building, growing the

endowment fund, and the restructuring of the faculty pay scale. This list just breaks the surface of the role model he set for future presidents. His "get it done while having fun" attitude cemented the new governance model in place. An important part of his presidency was having the mentorship of Sr. Kathleen O'Connell who was associated with Edgewood from 1955 until her death in 2000.



Judd Schemmel

he continued the classroom remodeling program, including a makeover of the Wilke Gymnasium and the updating of the Walker Music Center classrooms, his legal background came to the fore as the three schools on the Edgewood campus went from a single legal entity to a "condominium concept" whereby the schools shared the grounds while each school became its own separate corporation. He worked together with the Sinsinawa Dominicans, the Edgewood College president and board, and the Campus School administration to restructure a framework that had been in place for over a hundred years, enabling each school to function on its own while maintaining a cooperative system and preparing them to securely move into the future.

A few years after Shipley's departure, **Judd Schemmel** assumed the office of president in 2005. His law degree and expertise was to prove quite useful during his tenure. While

When Schemmel resigned in 2013, **Mike Elliott**, a 1977 alumnus, was chosen as president. From his experience in serving on



Mike Elliott

the EHS Board, he brought with him a vision of what EHS needs to be in the 21st century. The results of that vision can be seen all around school. From the building of the McKinley Performing

Arts Center to the installation of the first elevators, from the new administrative suites area to the new athletic training facilities, from a re-creation of the Student Services suite and Library to the renovation of several athletic areas to repurpose them, not to mention keeping up with the aging mechanical systems and dealing with the COVID-19 crisis, Elliott has restructured the school for our present-day and future students. Like Shipley, Elliott also has had the connection with the alumni, parents, and business communities that has aided in his success as a leader and successful fundraiser. Although his tenure will end on June 30, you can be sure that he will be here to finish his "master plan" with a complete remodeling of the Commons and renaming it "Alumni Hall." Mike has often said that Edgewood is in his blood and DNA, so we know he will never be far from his high school alma mater and assist in any way he can.

The saying "behind every good man is a good woman" is not lost in Edgewood's presidency.

Beth Brady Shipley '71, Lisa Schemmel, and Susan McDaniel Elliott '78 all played

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EDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

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a major role not only in sacrificing the time their respective husbands needed to do the job, but also by participating in all the activities and obligations related to the presidency. Their sacrifices, along with their family's sacrifices, enabled their husbands to move Edgewood forward.



Carol Anzelmo

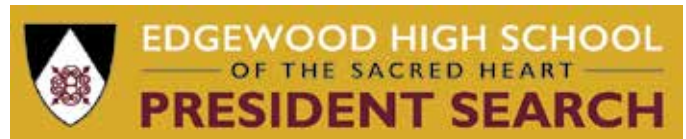
Of special note is **Carol Anzelmo** who was hired by Tom Shipley and has served as Executive Assistant to every EHS president. From her smile and friendly greetings to all who call on the office, to her efficiency in keeping track of the minutia connected with the president's office, to not being afraid to speak up and voice her wise counsel to the president, she has proven to be an invaluable asset to all the presidents

and to the school. Carol, more than anyone, understands the complicated job of the president at Edgewood and has been able to keep a smile on her face and the face of the president.

Thank you to these three Edgewood High School of the Sacred Heart presidents for all they have done in anticipating the future needs of Edgewood while attending to an aging facility. The entire Edgewood High School community owes a huge debt of gratitude for their foresight, courage and love of Edgewood. Also, thank you, Holy Spirit, for sending us the right person in the right place at the right time!



Principal Jerry Zander with National Merit Semifinalists Isaac Thelen, Hudson Gehrke and Sarah Cook



The EHS Board of Directors has assembled a search committee and hired the search firm of Carney Sandoe to select the next president of Edgewood High School of the Sacred Heart. We are pleased to introduce the Search Committee that will assist the Board of Directors in carrying out its responsibility set forth in our Bylaws and the Guidelines for Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa Educational Institutions. The committee members are:

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| Jane Clark, Chair
EHS Board Secretary,
Admissions Committee
Chair, past and future
parent | Tom Merfeld
Sponsors Council
Representative to the
Board of Directors,
Anti-racism & Equity
Committee Chair, past
parent |
| Lorenzo Cruz
Past parent | Kelli Thompson
EHS Board, Investment
Committee member,
current parent |
| Harry Haney
EHS Board,
Strategic Planning
Committee member,
past parent | Marykay Zimbrick
EHS Board Chair,
COVID-19 Task Force
Chair, past parent |
| Tom Klein
Past EHS Board member,
Building Committee
member, past parent | |

We believe this group of committed individuals represents the views of Edgewood constituent groups and will bring invaluable individual experience and insights to the process while keeping the best interests of Edgewood in mind. The committee will be primarily responsible for working with the search firm, obtaining input from the parents, alumni/ae, faculty, staff, administration and students to develop an ideal candidate profile. The committee, with the assistance of the search firm, will assess qualifications and suitability of prospective candidates and interview candidates.

Our expectation is that we will have finalists to present to the school community in the Spring of 2022 and to have the new EHS President selected and in the position in July. Please join us in thanking the committee members for their time and service to this important process.

See the position posting and application information on our website:

www.edgewoodhs.org/president_search_2022



EDGEWOOD IN THE COMMUNITY

With service as the cornerstone of an Edgewood High School education for 140 years, Edgewood in the Community day of service is one of our most important days of the year. More than 600 students, faculty and staff members gathered for a morning prayer service on the football field on Sept. 15, then boarded buses and vans to spend the day in service to more than 50 area nonprofit organizations across Dane County.



*Buy the soup,
Keep the bowl*

Lenten Service Project



“Buy the soup, keep the bowl” Lenten Service Project March 9

The EHS Lenten service project will feature ceramic soup bowls made by EHS art students and soup made by volunteers to be offered during lunch mods. Students, faculty and staff will be invited to select a bowl to take home as a reminder that someone’s bowl is always empty. Proceeds will support Open Doors For Refugees, an all-volunteer organization whose mission is to help refugees make a home in the Madison area. The organization helps set up apartments for clients, and money raised from our soup bowls will go to buy household items on their “needed items” list. <https://opendoorsforrefugees.org/>

#EHSCompassion

EHS continues monthly Habitat for Humanity volunteer work

Edgewood High School continues its support of Habitat for Humanity by filling monthly shifts with students, faculty, staff, families and alumni. Alumni are encouraged to seek out a local Habitat for Humanity chapter to join this important work. Send us a photo at ehsalumni@edgewoodhs.org of Crusaders Doing Good!





CRUSADER ATHLETICS

EHS All-State Athletes



Volleyball

Natalie Ring, Sr. - 1st Team - Unanimous (pictured, Wisconsin State Journal photo)
Allyson Barth, Sr. - 2nd Team
Addison Schmotzer, Sr. - Honorable Mention

Football

Jackson Trudgeon, Sr. - Honorable Mention - Wide Receiver and Defensive Back

Girls Golf

Sarah Nakada, Jr. - Honorable Mention

EHS STUDENT Athletes

Football

WFCA Team Academic All-State Award - 3.64 GPA for Seniors
Individual WFCA Academic All State - Jackson Trudgeon, Joe Hartlieb, Andrew Koziar, Andrew Budzinski

Volleyball

Natalie Ring AVCA - 2nd Team Academic All-American
AVCA Best and Brightest Award (Academic)
1st Team- Ally Barth, Natalie Ring
2nd Team- Lauren Hazelett

Girls Golf

Academic All-State:

Madeline Allyssa Thao
Brandrup Jacklyn Thao
Sarah Nakada Alena Wood

*Some Sports Academic All-State teams are announced in spring.

First Team All-Conference

- Girls Volleyball - Ally Barth, Natalie Ring (POY)
- Boys Volleyball - Matthew Wheeler
- Football - Joe Hartlieb (OPOY), Jackson Trudgeon (DPOY), Martius Bautista, Mark Haering, Sam Klestinski, Chase Koch
- Boys Soccer - Nate Ruprecht
- Boys Cross Country - Noah Kuhn
- Girls Tennis Singles - Lily Olson
- Girls Golf - Sarah Nakada
- Girls Swimming - Izzy Bloom, Izzy Enz, Sophie Reed, Abby Reid, Brynn Stacey, Claire Sweeney, Anna teDuits

State Champs!



EHS Girls Swimming wins its 7th state title

*Badger Conference champs
EHS set five D2 State Records*

- Izzy Bloom** - D2 State Champion in 200 Medley Relay
- Izzy Enz** - D2 State Champion in 200 Freestyle, 500 Freestyle, 200 Freestyle Relay, 400 Freestyle Relay
- Sophie Reed** - D2 State Champion in 200 Freestyle Relay, 400 Freestyle Relay
- Abby Reid** - D2 State Champion in 50 Freestyle, 100 Freestyle, 200 Freestyle Relay, 200 Medley Relay
- Brynn Stacey** - D2 State Champion in 200 Freestyle Relay, 400 Freestyle Relay
- Claire Sweeney** - D2 State Champion in 200 Medley Relay
- Anna teDuits** - D2 State Champion in 400 Freestyle Relay, 200 Medley Relay

Lily Olson, Girls Tennis State Champ





CRUSADER ATHLETICS

EHS First Team All-Area Athletes

Izzy Enz - Girls Swimmer of the Year

Emily Schwabe - Girls Swimming Coach of the Year

Lily Olson, Girls Tennis Player of the Year

Aaron Kondrasuk - Co-Coach of the Year

Football First Team

Jackson Trudgeon at both wide receiver and defensive back

Boys Volleyball First Team

Matthew Wheeler

Girls Swimming and Diving First Team

Izzy Bloom	Brynn Stacey
Sophie Reed	Claire Sweeney
Abby Reid	Anna teDuits

Girls Volleyball First Team

Allyson Barth
Natalie Ring

Girls Tennis First Team

Lily Olson

Congratulations to EHS student athletes pursuing their sport at the next level!

- Ally Barth - Women's Volleyball - North Dakota State University
- Amber Grosse - Track & Field - University of Wisconsin - LaCrosse
- Brynn Leonard - Rowing - Gonzaga University
- Abby Reid - Women's Swimming - University of Wisconsin
- Natalie Ring - Women's Volleyball - Marquette University
- Colin Senke - Men's Swimming - University of Wisconsin
- Kate Stigsell - Women's Lacrosse - Old Dominion University
- Jackson Trudgeon - Football - University of Wisconsin

Esports D2 State Champs!

Congratulations to the Edgewood Esports team on winning the 2021 Overwatch D2 State Championship with an undefeated season through the championship! The Overwatch team went on to best both the Division 1 and 3 champions Feb. 6, so we are officially the top in Wisconsin! Next stop: the "Border Battle" vs Minnesota's top team on Feb. 19.



Pictured (L-R): Carson Pawlowski, Matt Gisi, Angel Chamorro, Benjamin Roe, Coach Ryan Haney (top), Jasper Colaluca (bottom), Aaron Crabb, Anselm Neville-Rhody (top), Coach Ben Mund (bottom), Coach Olivia Hannah.

EHS senior Matt Gisi was named Wisconsin High School Esports Association D2 All-State MVP!



Ellierose Smith and Maddie Reuhl

Dancing to State

The Edgewood varsity dance team is WACPC regional champions for their division, earning a spot at the State championship. Mikala Feller and Maddie Reuhl were named All-State dance team finalists and competed for a position on the All-State dance team with their solo performances. Maddie Reuhl and Ellierose Smith won first place in the state for their duet!

Undefeated Crusader football

The 2021 Crusader football team went 11-0 on the field and was the WIAA Quarterfinal play-off qualifiers. Due to an ineligible player, the football team was forced to forfeit a number of their games and their season came to a disappointing end. However, the players and coaching staff did an incredible job representing Edgewood High School. We will forever be proud of what this team accomplished.

Get Crusader gear:

EHS Sideline Store: <https://tinyurl.com/yxq2k3gy>



EHS PERFORMING ARTS

EHS Performing Arts 2021-22



We are looking forward to our spring production *Mamma Mia!*, the hit singing and dancing extravaganza composed with the music of ABBA. We had such a great audition process that we have chosen to double cast the show! There will be six shows presented March 9-13 (four evening shows and two matinees). The show features the choreography of Joshua Blake Carter of Giordano Dance in Chicago. He is being assisted by EHS junior Ava Steiner. Costumes are done by seniors Phillip Fabian and Lilly Sather. Set construction will transport the audience to the Greek islands designed by Corey Helser and Theater Support Services. Mrs. de Waart and Mr. Wagoner are excited to collaborate. **Tickets available two weeks before opening night at <https://ehs.ludus.com>. Instagram: [edgewoodhs_drama](https://www.instagram.com/edgewoodhs_drama)**

The Lightning Thief

was a huge hit as the opening of our 2021-22 season in the PAC in the fall. The new musical, which had closed on Broadway due to the pandemic, had its Wisconsin premiere here at Edgewood High School. We welcomed 1,600 audience members to four nearly sold-out shows and two student matinees when middle schools were invited to share in the experience. Our cast and crew love hearing feedback from students and families reading the books and visualizing the characters in a new way.



The show was a collaboration with the Fine Arts Department and the lobby was filled with Greek-inspired ceramics guided by EHS visual arts teacher Stephanie Baertlein. The Art Club and Mrs. Baertlein created mammoth mythological monsters for the show in the form of the memorable Minotaur and the giant Cyclops, which greatly added to the spectacle of the show. Our students helped in all areas of production including costumes, set construction and sound. Music Director Rebecca de Waart and Director James Wagoner also contributed to choreography, props, SFX and stage combat.



Steven Meyer '84 appears in and is executive producer of new film

Steven J. Meyer '84 is executive producer and appears in the suspense movie "Dark of the Day," where he plays the father of a police officer in Arizona. To ease a painful past, the officer moves to Wisconsin and takes up karaoke.

Former Green Bay Packer

Gilbert Brown also appears in the movie, which can be watched on ROKU by adding Virtual Vision to your ROKU channel and scrolling down to Dark of the Day; it is also viewable at virtualvision.site.

Lee Witz '16 wins Animation Award

Lee M. Witz '16 (pictured, far right) was named the winner of the Animation Award at the 22nd annual Fine Cut Festival of Films for his animated short "Frankie The Hot Dog: Gymnastics Star." Lee is a 2021 graduate of California Institute of the Arts.



On Sept. 28, 2021, Witz and four other regional student filmmakers were honored at an in-person screening and awards ceremony at The Montalban Theatre in Hollywood. Each of the five winning filmmakers will receive industry mentorships and prize packages valued at up to \$12,000.

Witz's seven-minute short follows Frankie, a hot dog girl fighting to take first prize at the world championship gymnastics competition, against all odds.

"Frankie the Hot Dog: Gymnastics Star," is available to view on the official KCET site. See Frankie and the Hot Dog here: <https://vimeo.com/538855044>

WE PROUDLY PRESENT OUR NEW

ALUMNI HALL

The Edgewood High School Commons, built in 1967, is the most visible space on our campus and the gateway to our community.

As a space that encourages social interaction, it serves our students and their families and welcomes alumni and outside community groups who gather for athletic competitions and social events.



For more than a century, Edgewood High School has consistently provided academic excellence for thousands of young men and women.

Our mission, driven by our five core values of Truth, Compassion, Justice, Community and Partnership, will continue to remain our foundation and dedicated focus.



Special 4-page Insert

BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY WHILE BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER

Our new Alumni Hall will be a contemporary, attractive, energy-efficient two-story open and airy space that will be used by students, parents, alumni and friends before, during and after school. EHS holds a special place in the hearts of many where lifelong, meaningful friendships and connections were made.

This new space will be a comfortable and welcoming area for alumni to gather and reconnect while also serving the day-to-day needs of current students who are creating their own memories and connections.



FEATURES:

New Library
Access

Casual
Study Space

Bleacher
Seating

FEATURES:

Back Balcony
Special Dining

Concession Stand

Grab & Go
Food Area

Multiple Seating
Options for Dining



We now call on all members of the EHS community to help us complete our master facilities plan with the remodeling of our Commons. This new space will be named “Alumni Hall” and will serve as a lasting tribute to our more than 13,000 alumni, a large percentage of whom return to the Madison area and contribute their talents to our community. Timing is critical in order to complete the project mid-August of 2022. By Spring 2022, we need to raise \$5,600,000. To receive the project go-ahead from our board and congregation, 100% of that amount needs to be pledged and 50% of the cash in hand.

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ATHLETIC CELEBRATIONS . EDGEWOOD SOCIALS . ALUMNI RECOGNITION



FEATURES:

Front
Balcony
Casual
Study Space

FEATURES:

Expanded
Trophy Cases

Hall of Fame
and Recognition
Displays



FEATURES:

Casual
Study and
Overflow
Dining
Space

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SPECIAL RECOGNITION GIVING LEVELS

ALUMNI HALL CAMPAIGN GOAL: \$5,600,000

\$500,000 and above

\$100,000 — \$499,999

\$50,000 — \$99,999

\$25,000 — \$49,999

Through the generosity of many alumni, alumni parents and friends we've raised \$20M of a \$24M campaign and completed multiple construction and enhancement projects over the past four years. We hope for the financial support of all alumni in order to complete the Alumni Hall project by the start of the 2022-23 school year and to successfully conclude this major capital campaign.



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Name _____ Maiden Name _____ EHS Class _____

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Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

I pledge to donate: \$10,000 \$5,000 \$2,500 \$1,000 \$500 \$250 Other _____

This pledge will be paid: in one payment over 2 years over 3 years beginning in 2022

Please contact President, Mike Elliott at 608-257-1023 x103 if you are interested in special recognition giving levels.

Signature _____ Date _____



Maturi, McClimon-Watcke enter Madison Sports Hall of Fame

Former Athletic Director Joel Maturi and Crusader track standout Molly McClimon-Watcke '89 were inducted into the Madison Sports Hall of Fame in August 2021. Joel was a teacher, coach and athletic director at Edgewood for nearly 20 years before accepting an administrative position in the UW Athletics Department and eventually went on to be Athletic Director at University of Minnesota.



As a Crusader student athlete, Molly won four state titles in cross country and 10 state titles in track. She set five records at state and was undefeated in the 800 and 1600 events. She was a three-time All-Big 10 athlete in track at University of Michigan and was the Big 10 Athlete of the Year and NCAA 1st team All-American three years. In cross-country, she was an NCAA 1st team All-American five times. Molly competed professionally after college, qualifying twice for the Olympic Team Trials. In 1998, she was on Team USA when it won the bronze medal at the World Cross Country Championships.

Joel Maturi receives Knute Rockne Leadership Award



Former EHS teacher, coach and Athletic Director Joel Maturi was honored with the 2020 Leadership Award at the 2021 Knute Rockne “Spirit of Sports” Awards Celebration, held in Chicago in September 2021. The 2020 celebration had to be canceled due to the pandemic, so 2020 honorees were recognized at the 2021 celebration.

Mario Minnaert '09 talks endurance



Mario Minnaert '09 is a success and endurance coach, which he says means he “helps people become the best version of themselves through endurance training. I help people create a clear vision of what success looks like in their fitness, relationships, careers, then create a plan to achieve it using endurance strategies.”

This past year, he completed Ironman Des Moines 70.3, Ironman Oregon 70.3, 29029 Everesting, a 50-mile ultra marathon, and he says he completed his own “endurance challenge” of recording a podcast episode every day for a year.

Mario has coached Joe Curtin and Patrick Randolph, both '09 EHS grads, for Ironman events this past year.

Mario’s podcast, titled “Talking Endurance and Mastery,” shares stories and lessons to help listeners apply endurance and mastery principles into every area of their lives. The podcast, one of the top 10% most popular out of 2,725,703 podcasts globally is available on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, and Google Podcasts.

Mike Shaw '06 organizes first college bowl game played in Wisconsin

Mike Shaw '06 is the Bowl Game organizer and director of the new Culver’s Isthmus



Bowl; the inaugural game was held on November 20, 2021, at the new Verona Area High School football field. Mike, who played basketball at UW-Platteville, said he wanted to give D-III football a showcase in his hometown.

Jason Krantz '91 Entrepreneur of the Year

Jason Krantz, founder and CEO of Definitive Healthcare, is shown here (center) ringing the NASDAQ opening bell to celebrate going public in September. The company, known for its award-winning product, culture of collaboration, and community service-oriented mindset, has grown to nearly 700 employees and over 2,600 clients, including some of the world’s largest pharmaceutical, medical device, and biotechnology companies. Jason was named a New England Ernst & Young LLP (EY US) Entrepreneur of the Year and a National Entrepreneur of the Year Finalist in 2020. Before Definitive Healthcare, Jason started Infinata in 1999, which provided online databases of information for the pharmaceutical industry under the brand BioPharm Insight. He is an owner and board member of several data and media businesses in the healthcare sector and an industry expert on healthcare trends and developments. Jason is a graduate of Boston College and the Harvard Business School and is a former McKinsey & Company consultant.





CLASS NOTES

Submit your updates on our website or email:
ehsalumni@edgewoodhs.org

1964

Kathryn R. Hutchings Goucher is a retired banker/VP of operations at US Bank. She credits her Edgewood education for her success in a long career.

1965

Ellen M. McDermott is retired after 50 years with the State of Wisconsin. She volunteers with Pro Labore Dei and Salvation Army. She and her partner live in Madison.

Thomas J. O'Neill is a partner at Deister Concentrator in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and has volunteered at the AWS Foundation in Fort Wayne; National Down Syndrome Society in New York; Chapel Haven in New Haven, Connecticut; and Down Syndrome Society of Northeast Indiana.

1966

Jane E. Gallagher Grace is a retired R.N. and volunteers in the emergency room at Banner University Medical Center in Phoenix. She also volunteers for the National Charity League and the Maricopa County Medical Society Alliance. She and her husband Randall recently moved to Houston; they have one daughter, Alessandra, and a granddaughter Evelyn. "High school days at Edgewood were the BEST; all of them."

1970

Robert J. Budden retired from the American Transmission Company in 2015 and is now "living the good life" on the Minong Flowage in northwestern Wisconsin, enjoying fishing and pontooning, but mostly visits from kids and grandkids.

1972

M. Jane Best is a professor and doctoral student advisor for Edgewood College.

Monica L. Short is retired from the New York State Education Department where she was a special education teacher and supervisor of preschool specialist education unit. She and husband **Michael Short '72** live in Albany, New York. She has

volunteered as Board Member for The Charlton School, a residential school for troubled girls and at St. John/St. Anne's Outreach Center.

1976

Paul N. Agarwal is a manager at COLSA Corporation; he and his wife Deborah live in Fayetteville, Tennessee. Paul is a volunteer NASA docent at U.S. Space and Rocket Center, home of Space Camp, in Huntsville, Alabama.

Craig M. Witz completed the Disney World Dopey Challenge, running a 5K, 10K, half-marathon, and marathon through the Disney



parks in four days (48.6 miles). He ran for his son **Ryan '20**, who has diabetes, and raised over \$5,000 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund (JDRF). His family, wife Joan (EHS teacher) and sons and EHS alumni **Alex '11** and **Lee '16** cheered him on.

1978

Holly C. Gruebling Pitas has been published as part of *The Community Book Project: Celebrating 365 Days of Gratitude! 2022 Edition*, available on Amazon at <https://tinyurl.com/2p84exnb>

1982

Montgomery Kronos TimeMaster Ambrose (Beyer) was recognized as editor in a newly released book, "Pigs Get Slaughtered: The Options Playbook."

1985

Thomas H. Hewuse is a senior lead workday HRIS analyst, managing a global team of analysts for ARISTA Networks in Santa Clara, California.

1987

Aaron D. Henderson is a graphic designer at Viatek Consumer Products Group. He and his wife Michele live in Port Saint Lucie, Florida.

1994

Jennifer L. Weimert Koziar is a math teacher at Edgewood Campus School and was featured in a *Wisconsin State Journal* article about students using Lake Wingra as their "living laboratory."

1998

Bradley R. Blum is a transportation engineer for Jacobs Engineering Group in Waukesha.

David J. Braun is senior vice president at Huntington National Bank in Madison. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from UW-Madison.

2000

Elizabeth A. Cardinale, class president, was married Nov. 2, 2021, to Jason Dalton in Riviera Maya. EHS class of 2000 alums



Lauren (Lessner) Lindley, Ali (Grosse) Daggett, Julie (Gmeinder) Kull, Jessica Sipovic, and Courtney (Hartung) Hyzer were in attendance as well as EHS past students **Kate (Dooley) Blesener** and **Robin (Dewitt) Thonis**.

David M. Kraus is Director of Customer Success at Mastery Logistics Systems. He, wife Brooke, and children Charlotte and Hudson live in Cottage Grove.

Julie C. Gmeinder Kull is a licensed clinical social worker and founder and director of Kull Counseling in Madison, which offers support for anxiety, miscarriage and infertility. Julie is a 2007 Graduate of the University of St. Thomas MSW program and is a Certified Clinical Anxiety Treatment Professional and Clinical Trauma Professional.



2008

Kristin S. Blair Loose is a registered nurse at Meriter Hospital in Madison, a true health care hero throughout the pandemic. Kristin and her husband Keaton married in 2019 at St. Dennis church and have a one-year-old son.

2009

Christopher J. Kuecker, CPA, is senior internal auditor at Anthem, Inc., in the Chicago area. He graduated from UW School of Business in 2013.

2010

Kevin P. Blair is a principal engineer with Otis Elevator in Farmington Hills, Michigan. He previously worked for seven years with Polaris in Minnesota.

Elizabeth (Lizzy) J. Johnson graduated from UW-Oshkosh and is teaching at Focus Academy in Tampa, Florida.

Simon P. B. Smith works at Microsoft in Redmond, Washington, as a mixed reality software engineer.

Caroline M. Yeager was recently promoted to partner at Vitalize Venture Capital in the San Francisco area. She received her bachelor's degree from Boston College in 2014 and a master of science in management from the University of Notre Dame in 2015.

2011

Bat-Zion "Betsy" Hose completed her Ph.D. in Industrial Engineering at UW-Madison. She is trained in understanding and improving complex systems. In her research, Betsy applies human factors and systems engineering principles to study the complexity of team-based care processes for vulnerable patient populations like children. She also designs solutions, such as health information technology, to support health care teams working together to provide high-quality, safe patient care. As a postdoctoral researcher at the University of Pennsylvania, Betsy's research is dedicated to improving patient safety and clinician well-being.

2012

Sheridan B. Hearn is a manager, Talent Acquisition Operations, at Exact Sciences.

Zachary H. Munns is a senior innovative consultant at CUNA.

2013

Austin M. Lacey is a project manager for the internal customer service team at Zendesk, a software company that makes customer service software programs (ticketing systems, live chat, etc.). Austin's team focuses on building solutions to intercept customer issues to solve them more efficiently. His main project right now is building a smart chatbot that helps provide answers to common questions people have with software and route them to the correct team when the bot doesn't have the answer.

2015

Sophia M. Janus is a manager in Consulting Operations at Baker Tilly. She has been with the company since 2019.

Grace A. Wall works in executive support for the Enterprise Shared Services Officer at TASC. She also volunteers with the National Ski Patrol as a candidate patroller.

2016

John P. "Jack" Dunn was recognized during the Senior Day pregame activities of the UW Badgers football game on Saturday, Nov. 20, 2021. Jack was recognized as Academic All-Big 10 and received the award for Big Ten Distinguished Scholar in 2020. There to greet him were his parents, **Bob** and **Julie Schmelzer Dunn**, both EHS class of 1985. Jack graduated with his master's degree in applied security analysis.

Megan E. Pfau is regional sales representative at MFS Investment Management in Boston.

2017

Gwendolyn L. Pyeatt graduated with a B.S./M.S. from Boston University in Spring 2021. She was awarded the Gate/Cambridge graduate scholarship to pursue her Ph.D. in biochemistry at Cambridge University in England.

Emma E. Woldt is a teacher at Brilliant Beginnings in Waunakee.

2018

Carl J. Daun is a carpenter working for Feldt Construction in Verona.

Crusader Alumni doing good (and doing well!)

It's great to see EHS alumni continuing their commitment to service beyond EHS. Pictured are **Cecil Powless '20**, **Annemarie Frucht '18**, **Michael Orosz-Fagen '20**, and **Tommy Beyer '19**, who were counselors at Camp Gray Catholic Camp last summer!



Michael shared that he was a camper at Camp Gray for 10 years and that 2021 was his first year as a counselor.

"To be able to give my summer to the mission of making a lasting impact on kids' lives is an incredible opportunity. At Edgewood I think of all the times that we did things for service and sacrifice and how now I get the crazy opportunity to spend my whole summer doing that! It's a blast and a great testament to the kind of people that Edgewood produced seeing that we have four alums on staff."



EHS VISUAL ARTS

Edgewood artists win Scholastic Art awards

Edgewood art teacher Stephanie Baertlein is excited to announce that five EHS art students have won Scholastic Art Awards!



Autumn, Spring, and Robin Things
Digital Art by Kaylin Green-Betty
Silver Key Award

Phil Fabian, senior
- Gold Key Award for *Bandages*, Sculpture (below)
- Silver Key Award for *Dove*, Sculpture
- Honorable Mention for *Brain*, Sculpture

Kaylin Green-Betty, senior
- Silver Key Award for *Autumn, Spring, and Robin Things*, Digital Art (left)

Maria Lanham, senior
- Silver Key Award for *Trapped*, Digital Art (above right)

Emma Reed, freshman
- Silver Key Award for *Windy Day*, Photography (right)

Liam Kellihan, freshman
- Honorable Mention for *Keeper*, Painting

Phil Fabian's Gold Key Award winner (below) will move on to be judged nationally in the spring for scholarship awards and opportunities. Both Gold and Silver Key winners will have their artwork displayed February 5 through March 20 at the Milwaukee Art Museum.



Trapped, Digital Art by Maria Lanham
Silver Key Award



Windy Day, Photography by Emma Reed
Silver Key Award



Bandages, Sculpture by Phil Fabian
Gold Key Award

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#EHSGIVINGDAY

On Nov. 3, 2021, our community came together to support our Crusaders during our first-ever online fundraising effort, EHS Giving Day. We started with the lofty goal of \$140,000 to celebrate the 140th anniversary of Edgewood High School of the Sacred Heart. Through the generosity of over 360 donors and numerous anonymous matches, we were able to raise almost \$125,000 in just 24 hours! Our Alumni came out strong, contributing almost 50% of the donations, with the Class of 1966 giving the most gifts.

THANK YOU to the Edgewood Community for making this such a successful fundraiser. When we asked you to support our students, faculty and staff, and our mission to educate the whole student, you truly embraced the Sinsinawa Dominican values of Community, Compassion and Partnership. By working together, spreading the word and donating funds, you were able to make a difference. The funds raised support all of our students and teachers, allowing us to offer a high-level college prep education featuring a wide range of courses, as well as over 25 co-curricular activities in which 95% of our students participate. Your contributions help cover our tuition gap (the difference between our cost



to educate and tuition paid) and provide us the opportunity to make an Edgewood education available to more families.

A special thanks to the faculty and students who recorded several short videos to solicit support for our EHS Giving Day! Search for #EHS GIVING DAY on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter to see their creative work!

We are better together, Edgewood strong!

Maximize Your Impact with Matching Gifts

We hope you take great pride in the important difference that your gift to Edgewood makes. To maximize your impact this year, consider doubling or even tripling your donation with a matching gift! Many companies will match your gift to Edgewood High School. Please check with your employer's HR department to determine if they have a matching gift program. Often you can directly request the match online through your employer, but if you need any forms completed or have any questions, please contact us at development@edgewoodhs.org.



Scan to donate

Please consider supporting our students by donating to the new Alumni Hall and/or the Crusader Fund via:

- *Enclosed envelope
- *Online: Scan the code at left or go to edgewoodhs.org/specialedition

Remember Edgewood in your estate planning

Join the Heritage Society and make a difference to future Crusaders by including EHS among your beneficiaries in your estate planning.

Please be sure we have your current contact information!

Go to the Alumni tab on the EHS website: edgewoodhs.org/alumni
Click on **Update Contact Info**

If you have changed your name, phone or email, or if you have moved recently or plan to move, ***please be sure to update all information*** including:

- **Full name**
- **Complete address** including house number, street name and designator (Street, Lane, Avenue, Boulevard, etc.), and apartment number
- **Phone** (home and/or cell)

If you prefer not to receive solicitations, just let us know and we will make note of that, but we'd love to keep you on our mailing list for EHS news.

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Become a member of the EHS Alumni Association

For your one-time payment of \$250, Lifetime member benefits include:

- Commemorative insulated beverage mug
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With more than 10,000 alumni worldwide, Edgewood relies on our most passionate graduates to be engaged with their peers as Alumni Ambassadors. These alumni volunteer to serve as a liaison for their graduating class on behalf of the EHS Alumni Association (EHSAA).

For more information on class ambassadors, or if you are planning a reunion for your EHS class, please email us at ehsalumni@edgewoodhs.org

See Updated Reunion information
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The Class of 1960 celebrated their "60 plus 1" reunion in October!

EHSAA LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT FORM

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We will mail you a Lifetime Membership Card
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NOMINATE AN OUTSTANDING ALUM for LIVING THE MISSION AWARD

Please return this form and supplemental materials **by April 1** to EHS Alumni Office, 2219 Monroe St, Madison WI 53711

Every year, Edgewood honors outstanding alumni who give back to their communities through the Living the Mission awards. If you know an outstanding alumnus/a, fill out the form below or submit an application online by clicking the Living the Mission tab at edgewoodhs.org/alumni. Award categories include: Dominican Award for Service to Humanity, Mazzuchelli Award for Service to Christian Education, Alumni Appreciation Award (non-alum recipient), EHS Fine Arts Hall of Fame, EHS Athletic Hall of Fame.

Nominee Name: _____ Nominee's Class Year: _____

Nominee's Phone Number: _____ Nominee's Email Address: _____

Reason for Nomination: _____

Your Name: _____ Your Phone: _____

Your Email: _____ Your Class Year (if applicable): _____

CRUSADER CONNECTION



Sister Ruth Poochigian, O.P. died October 22, 2021. Sr. Ruth taught religious studies at EHS from 1974 to 1983. She also taught in Los Angeles and Chicago and ministered in Des Moines and Milwaukee. While in Madison, Sr. Ruth was coordinator of the vocation ministry team, and served as chaplain at Meriter Hospital and as pastoral minister with the Prison Ministry Project, where she also volunteered.



Dennis McKinley shares the fun anecdote that she was one of the “jockeys” when EHS had a donkey basketball game! She was faithful to relationships and committed to community. Sr. Ruth sought the truth and extended mercy to others.

Memorial donations honor Crusaders
Honor deceased Edgewood alumni, family members and supporters with a memorial donation. Contact us at 608-257-1023 or development@edgewoodhs.org.

Sister Rosemary “Robi” (Tobia) Huddleston, O.P., died July 31, 2021. Professed in 1960, she taught at Edgewood from 1965 to 1971. Sr. Robi was a missionary in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, where she ministered with people in rural and urban areas. She served the Archdiocese of Milwaukee as a parish consultant in adult faith formation and as international mission coordinator and the Western Province of the Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa as provincial councilor. Sr. Robi was committed to building a dynamic global ministry at the local level and volunteered with a variety of organizations committed to social justice, including being an interpreter.



CORRECTION from Summer 2021 issue: Sister Margaret Ann “Peggy” Brennan, O.P., served as the personal secretary to the prioress of the Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa, 1977-1986. We apologize for our error.

in MEMORIAM

*Names of deceased alumni we were made aware of as of Feb 1; email notices to ehsalumni@edgewoodhs.org (*classmate; did not graduate from EHS)*

1937	Mary Frances Zadrazil Cieciora.....	11/4/2021	1958	Arthur F. Schroeder, Jr.	2/10/2020
1941	Elizabeth “Betty” H. Stanek.....	11/9/2021	1960	Nancy L. Lyons Coffee.....	10/8/2021
1944	Joan R. Brossard Bjelde.....	12/30/2021	1960	Thomas M. Joynt, Ph.D.....	11/11/2021
1945	John H. Gorman	7/21/2021	1960	Raymond J. Weiss.....	12/29/2021
1946	John E. Kraft	11/20/2021	1961	Kathleen V. Mack Meinholz.....	7/20/2021
1947	Robert M. Finley	12/15/2021	1962	Mary Anthony Sanchez.....	1/20/2022
1947	Mary C. Fahey Maul.....	11/14/2021	1963	Dennis L. Schmidt.....	11/22/2021
1948	Amy C. Haag Reese	12/11/2020	1964	Kathleen M. Polkinghorn Duffy	10/17/2021
1949	Therese M. Clark (Sr. Virgena, R.S.M.)	1/17/2020	1964	Catherine J. Johnson	
1950	Judith M. Beyer Anderson	10/11/2021		(Sr. M. Valerie Johnson, O.P.)	9/1/2021
1950	Mary Diana Williams Hoffmaster	12/1/2019	1964	Suzanne Speth Kiefer	5/8/2021
1950	Margaret M. “Margie” Lynch Lang.....	4/20/2015	1964	Mary Ellen Hall Post.....	9/3/2021
1950	George A. Richardson, M.D.	11/6/2021	1965	William J. Hanley.....	7/17/2021
1950	Jean A. Allen Richardson	9/26/2021	1965	Frances (Maureen) O’Malley.....	1/9/2022
1950	Judith A. Wiedenbeck Wedin.....	5/1/2020	1966	David L. Ganser.....	11/13/2021
1952	Anthony J. Haen, Jr.	9/17/2021	1966	JoAnn M. Minter.....	4/28/2020
1954	Maureen J. McGuire Howe.....	12/29/2021	1967	Maureen M. Walsh	10/19/2021
1955	Richard D. Donohoo.....	6/27/2021	1969	Joseph M. Cooper.....	12/7/2021
1955	James M. Stewart	11/26/2021	1969	Richard J. Joachim, D.D.S.....	6/24/2021
1956	Anthony “Tony” D. Fiore	8/12/2021	1969	Michael J. McKenna	8/16/2021
1956	James O. Huber	10/27/2021	1970	Philip W. Werner	9/28/2021
1956	Sr. Nancy Rae Reisdorf, O.P.		1971	Michael L. Jiru.....	10/19/2021
	(Sr. M. Paolo, O.P.).....	12/10/2021	1975	Alan J. Derus	1/20/2022
1956	Raphael “Ray” G. Shunk.....	8/31/2021	1977	John D. Fiscus	12/25/2021
1957	Susan A. Dockendorff Thurber	10/1/2021	1977	Thomas P. Witzeling	8/13/2021
1958	James H. Keleny	12/17/2021	1992	*Jeffrey C. Metro	10/22/2021



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