



KNIGHT NEWS

ARCHBISHOP HOBAN HIGH SCHOOL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2023



The Hoban Knights boys basketball team are Division I state champions!

The Knights defeated Toledo St. John's Jesuit in a state semifinal on March 18 at the University of Dayton Arena, and returned one night later to knock off defending state champion Pickerington Central, 53-47. The victory gave Hoban its first basketball state championship since 1989, and its first in Division I in school history. Their tournament run produced many records and firsts. The Knights won a boys basketball district championship in back-to-back years for the first time ever, and victories over St. Edward and Walsh Jesuit earned the program's first regional championship since 1998. The basketball team finished its historic season with an overall record of 26-3, setting a school record for most wins in a season. Congratulations to coach T.K. Griffith and this outstanding group of student-athletes and coaches!

A Message from President Chris DiMauro '99



A Message from Principal T.K. Griffith '89

I don't know if you heard, but Hoban won a Division I OHSAA state championship in boys basketball last week. Lol. This is tongue in cheek, of course, as it seems as if the celebration has continued to roll on indefinitely with invitations that range from the parade in downtown Akron to the Columbus statehouse to Channel 8 news station, the Rubberducks, Channel 5, Summit County Council and beyond. I never dreamed of this, to be honest. Never imagined it either.

The main lesson I can glean from it is the benefit that comes by just putting your head down and working. That's all I have done for 30 years at Hoban, and all so many others who are here now or who went before me do, did or model/ed. From Brother Ed and Brother Joe, to Sister Kathleen King to Helen Trares, to Dr. Beiting and Brother Ken...to Joe Lutz, Ralph Orsini, Judy Mohan and Pachy Bell...I'll stop there...but so many people at Hoban have taught me to just put your head down and work on what needs to be done "today" to impact the kids in front of us. That's the spirit I have attempted to bring to my daily work at Hoban. That daily work, when done right, becomes prayer. And one day when you look up from the work, beautiful results lie in front of you.

One finger cannot lift a pebble. I used this aphorism to motivate our team on our tourney run because it spoke to me in several ways and connected to a rock that sat in my office for years. The rock has the words "Hoban Family" on it and was used in a Holy Cross retreat years ago as a motivational tactic for the faculty. It spoke to me, so I decided to place it in my pocket during the entire tournament, coaching with it and practicing with it on my person. The message of the "One Finger" line is that we cannot do it alone. I wanted our team to know they could lean on each other, taking the pressure off of individual expectations. Time and time again, different kids stepped up and contributed. Whether it was Brody Franjesh delivering a pre-game talk titled "Opportunity" before the Massillon game, or Will Scott scoring 57 points against Massillon and St. Ed's, or Andrew leading us in the district final with 15 points...or Sam Greer never backing down from Mr. Basketball...or Joey Hardman and Colin Coyne with timely three's, or Jonas Nichols rebounding, assisting and attracting a lot of attention from the opponent, Lamar Sperling modeling sacrifice and team, Josh Greer's intensity, Nate Korwin's vibrance, Mookie Barclay's love of team, Logan Vowles sharpshooting and 17 points in the championship game, and even James and Kam practicing with the varsity...each player helped lift that pebble/rock.

On the white board before the final game, I wrote "Allow the Hoban family to carry you!"

And you did. Like the Footprints poem, the Hoban family carried us through this journey. And we have so much gratitude for this experience.

Undoubtedly, this was an example of the power of divine providence and family. Undoubtedly, there was a spiritual influence. I never have felt the love or support of the Hoban family like we have after this experience. I lost count but we are near 500 texts and emails and new ones roll in each day. To me, this moment was just the result of looking up from the daily work and being pleasantly surprised at the results. To me, this was the power of the Hoban family at its finest.

Thank you!

SCHOOL SUCCESS AND NEWS

Mock Trial State Competition

Hoban's Gold team finished in the top seven teams at the state competition on March 10.

Gold team members are David Deibel, Colin Doss, Jack Folk, Dominic Henry, Charlie Hite, Carolyn Rinaldi and Robyn Ryan.

Charlie Hite, Robyn Ryan and Jack Folk all received Best Witness awards. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and representation of our Hoban community



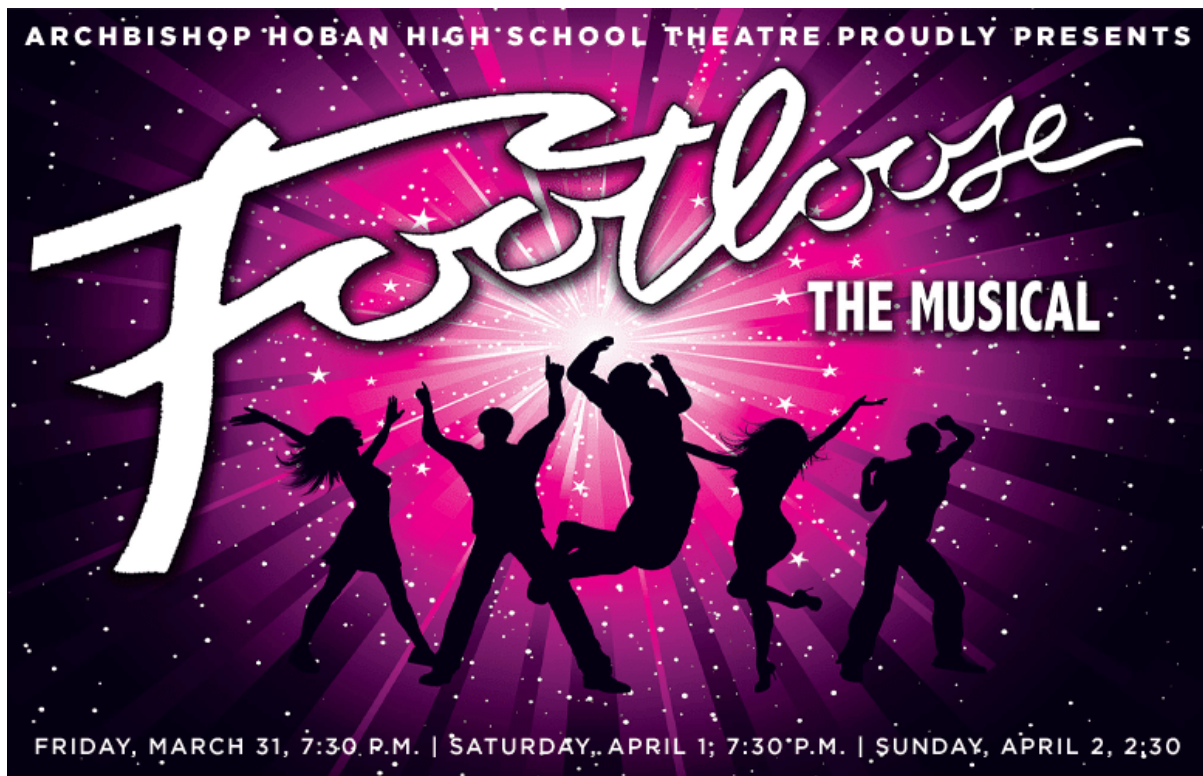
How God Has Walked With Me Through High School

Senior Nicole Leslie spoke at this month's First Friday gathering. She spoke on the topic: How God Has Walked With Me Through High School. Nicole explained how she has experienced God through the relationships she has made and the activities in which she is involved. She spoke on the impact participating in Project HOPE, JAM, cheerleading and track has made on her and how watching older students in the Chapel inspired her to become a Eucharistic Minister. She spoke beautifully on Hoban's core values and how the cross and anchors have become deeply symbolic to her (and fitting as she is going to the Naval Academy next year).

Hall receives \$500 art award

Senior Annika Hall's artworks "Workbench" and "Tomato" were chosen for the 3rd Annual Student Art Exhibit at Door 2 Art Studio in Hudson. Opening night for the exhibit was March 3, where Annika was awarded second place out of 235 entries for her India ink drawing "Workbench!" She will receive \$500 for her winning entry. Annika is currently enrolled in the AP Studio Art class, for which these two pieces were created for her senior

Sustained Investigation portfolio.



Under the direction of Chad C. Kendall, with choreographers Tara Tober, JJ Jones, Chad Kendall and Ariel Brinker, Hoban proudly presents *Footloose: The Musical* March 31-April 2.

When Ren (Lukas-Gregg Cinko) and his mother (Katie Cavanaugh) move from Chicago to a small farming town, he is prepared for the inevitable adjustment period at his new high school. But he's not prepared for the rigorous local edicts, including a ban on dancing instituted by the local preacher (Parker Smith), who is determined to exercise control over the town's youth. When the reverend's rebellious daughter (Kate Cihlar) sets her sights on Ren, her roughneck boyfriend (Colin Doss) tries to sabotage Ren's reputation, with many of the locals eager to believe the worst about the new kid. The heartfelt story that emerges pins a father longing for the son he lost against a young man aching for the father who walked out on him.

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Mexico Immersion 2023

Hoban students Maria Church, Kylene Coyne, Mateo DeCola, Sofia DeCola, Nylah Durham, Olivia Osmun and Roland Sturgill were chaperoned by Sra. Zeller, Sra. Bell and Sr. DeCola on a Mexico Immersion Trip in February. The group visited La Luz parish, sister parish of Holy Cross (Santa Cruz) in Monterrey Mexico. Students spent seven days working with the parish churches of Monterrey, attending Mass each evening at a different one, following Padre (Father) Pedro Carreño, the host, along with Fathers Armando and Marín.

Students delivered nonperishable foods to homes of parishioners who could not make it to the church and spoke with these community members to learn about them. Students prepared a party for younger children in Las Sabanitas, a poor part of Monterrey. The students brought stickers, temporary tattoos, coloring books and crayons for the children and played with them for two hours. One afternoon was spent playing and connecting with the teens (ages 14-21) of La Luz parish participating in "Vacation Bible Study" type of activities and getting to know the teens. The group had the opportunity to view the different programs offered by the churches, like medical services, bible study, and even had a day to tour Monterrey and take in its beauty, as well as to eat at some local "taquerías". One evening the group was invited to the house of the Vargas family where students enjoyed a home cooked fiesta complete with decorations and a near life-sized piñata. Each evening the group had time to reflect on the day's events with Padre Pedro. Students were able to use their Spanish skills to communicate and learn about the people and the community.

Students compete in MathFest

Ten Hoban students represented Hoban at Youngstown State University's MathFest in March. MathFest celebrates the beauty and power of mathematics, allowing students to compete in individual and team contests. Students also attended a variety of math workshops with roughly 300 mathematically-minded students from about 25 schools in Northeast Ohio and Western Pennsylvania.



Scoring exceptionally well was senior Joey Markowski, whose team tied for first place overall, and senior Mukun (Harvey) Zhou, who placed third in the individual contest. Both received scholarships for their efforts.



Feast of St. Joseph celebrated

Hoban's all-school Mass celebrated the feast of St. Joseph, the patron saint of the Brothers of Holy Cross, with Rev. David Stavarz '10 as celebrant. We were fortunate to welcome four Holy Cross Seminarians last week as well, who met and spoke with students to share their journey and experiences.

Students win Holy Cross Associates Awards

Three Hoban students are among the winners of the Holy Cross Associates student essay and video contest. Freshmen Katherine Folk and Jocelyn Person were joined by junior Amelia Plaspohl as they presented their winning essays and video at the **regional conference** on Jan. 28, 2023, via Zoom.



Science Olympiad moves on to States

Hoban's Science Olympiad team advanced to the 2023 State Competition. The team placed fourth in the regional competition on March 11. The state competition will take place on April 29 at Ohio State University, and is Hoban's fourth trip to States in the last four years!

Every member of the team earned at least one ribbon at regionals: Ryan Baxter, Justin Eterovich, Amelia Fortman, Zachary Mancine, Joey Markowski, Logan Miavez, Luke Mowrey, Charlie Mowrey, Bree Obhof, Amelia Plaspohl, Evan Polack, Tim Sullivan, Chris Swindell, Tim Vrobel and Ryan Yovichin

Black Student Union welcomed guest speakers

Hoban's Black Student Union welcomed Tara Mosley and Pastor Robert DeJournett to speak at their meeting March 24. Tara is a City Council member and currently running for Akron City Mayor. If elected, she will be the first Black female mayor in the City's history. Pastor DeJournett is also a leader in the community and currently working to unify the community's youth. They spoke to students about getting involved and having leadership roles in the community.



MARCH HOLY CROSS EDUCATORS SPOTLIGHTS

 <p>SRA. ZELLER</p> <p>SPANISH TEACHER</p> <p>CHAIR, WORLD LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT</p> <p>MODERATOR, SPANISH CLUB</p> <p>COMMITTEE MEMBER, OCSAA TEAM</p> <p>21 YEARS IN EDUCATION</p> <p>B.S. EDUCATION</p> <p>M.A. SPANISH PEDAGOGY</p> <p>DID YOU KNOW?</p> <p>SRA. ZELLER HAS TRAVELED TO SIX COUNTRIES!</p>	 <p>HOLY CROSS EDUCATOR SPOTLIGHT</p> <p>CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS</p> <p>Sra. Zeller teaches multiple levels of Spanish in the World Languages Department. Spanish III and CCP Spanish 101 participate in a popular crime scene project and "cooking shows" throughout the year. CCP Spanish 102 learns the culture of Mexico through Disney's "CoCo" and the culture of Columbia using Disney's "Encanto." The curriculum is further supported with documentaries, hands-on projects and guest speakers.</p> 	 <p>MR. FEADOR</p> <p>VISUAL ART TEACHER</p> <p>CHAIR, FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT</p> <p>ASSISTANT COACH, WRESTLING</p> <p>MODERATOR, YEARBOOK & POKEMON CLUB</p> <p>13 YEARS IN EDUCATION</p> <p>B.F.A. ILLUSTRATION</p> <p>M.A. ART EDUCATION</p> <p>DID YOU KNOW?</p> <p>Mr. Feador has two cats, Ramses and Nefertiti, who were found in Foley Commons as kittens.</p>	 <p>HOLY CROSS EDUCATOR SPOTLIGHT</p> <p>CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS</p> <p>Mr. Feador focuses on the use of humor, excitement, creativity and content knowledge to help students feel comfortable stepping out of their comfort zone during visual art class. By attending conferences and actively pursuing his own artistic interests, he stays up-to-date on current trends in digital art. Some of Mr. Feador's favorite classroom projects are: designing a 3D action figure, illustrating a digital movie poster and creating an informational poster about a fictional animal.</p> 
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ARCHBISHOP HOBAN HIGH SCHOOL

A KNIGHT WITH THE GREAT GATSBY

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023

Archbishop Hoban High School
Extravaganza!

HONORARY CO-CHAIRS

SALLY AND WILLIAM '71 SCALA AND MARTHA AND DAVID '64 SHOWERS

YOU'RE INVITED! Register by Monday, April 10.

Sponsorship and advertising opportunities are available.

If you would like to donate an auction item, please view the [Amazon wishlist](#) for ideas. Contact Extravaganza Coordinator [Roberta Kleinman](#) with any questions.

REGISTER NOW



WANT TO WIN \$10,000?

PURCHASE A BIG \$10K RAFFLE TICKET

One lucky winner will be drawn on the night of Extravaganza on Saturday, April 22, and will win \$10,000 cash. The winner does not need to be present to win.

PURCHASE A TICKET



LOTTERY RAFFLE

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Win \$250 worth of lottery tickets! Raffle tickets are \$25. The winner does **not** need to be present to win.

PURCHASE A TICKET

Register to EXPLORE Hoban Summer Camps

Students in various grades are invited to experience life at the Castle, gain additional instruction, continue advancing in skill and have tons of fun during Hoban's academic and athletic camps.



REGISTER TODAY

THRIVE AND DRIVE CAR RAFFLE

Purchase tickets online or by check made payable to Archbishop Hoban High School. Ticket stubs should be returned to the Office of Advancement. For more information contact Kristen Robinson. Drawing will be May 12 during the Hoban vs. STVM baseball game at Canal Park.



PURCHASE TICKETS

FROM THE ADMISSIONS OFFICE

Prospective Parents invited!

Join the Hoban admissions and administration teams for Coffee and Conversation on one of the upcoming dates!

- FRIDAY, MARCH 31
- FRIDAY, APRIL 28

8 - 9 A.M. | HOBAN'S HOLY CROSS ROOM

Start your day with casual, informative conversation in the Holy Cross Room and a Q&A with Hoban's president, principal and associate principals. A campus tour will also be available to see Hoban during school hours.

This visit is for parents of prospective students only.

Registration is required for this event.

Please email or call [Jessica Fasig](#), Director of Admissions, 330.849.2163 with questions.

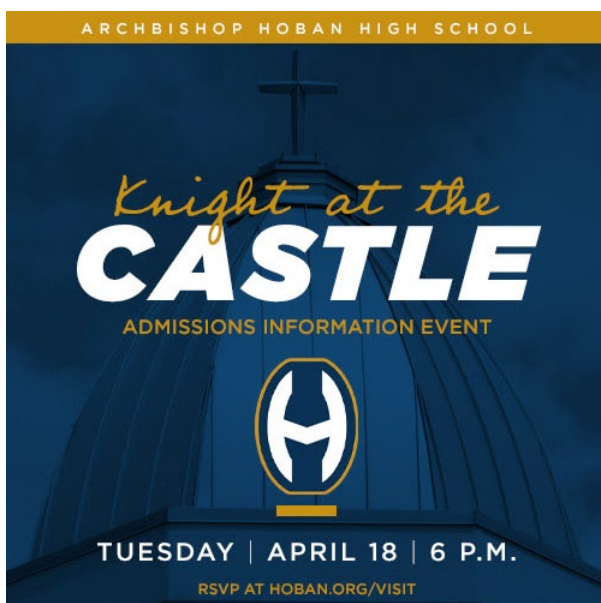


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Seventh-graders Visit

Area seventh-graders visited Hoban on March 21. Students experienced different parts of a Hoban education, including sneak peek performances of Footloose: The Musical and a pep assembly. We hope to see them back at Hoban next year during the "Knight for a Day" shadow visit.



Students in 7th and 8th grade and anyone considering transferring to Hoban are invited to join us for a Knight at the Castle on April 18.

Guests will learn about the admissions process timeline to stay on track. The informational presentation will begin at 6 p.m. in Hoban's Moreau Ministry Hall. Students will tour the school building, meet current students and Holy Cross educators and get a first glance at life at the Castle.

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Join us for an Easter Egg Hunt!

On Saturday, April 1, 2023, Future Knights grades K-3 and younger siblings are invited to enjoy an Easter Egg Hunt at the Castle! The hunt begins at 9 a.m. at Dowd field. Please register for this egg-cellent Future Knight Event.

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ATHLETICS OFFICE NEWS



New baseball complex completed

The Rev. Michael McCandless '98 blessed and dedicated the new baseball field, H.O.C. Family Field, on March 25 prior to the Knights home opener.

The H.O.C. Family Field has been graciously gifted by Carl and Georgia Hummel and Lynn Holland Gorman. Their generosity has renovated the Hoban baseball field with synthetic turf, new dugouts, fencing and a drainage system. With the completion of this project, the entire Scala Family Athletic Complex is outfitted with artificial turf.

Athletic Hall of Fame Nominations

Nominations are now being accepted for next year's Athletic Hall of Fame. The induction will take place during Come Home to Hoban Alumni Weekend on Sept. 9-10, 2023.

Nomination Criteria:

Nominees must hold high moral and spiritual values, and nomination forms must include documented proof of outstanding performance. Additional letters of support for the nominee are recommended. Athletes must have graduated from Hoban at least five years before nomination. Coaches must have at least five years of coaching experience at Hoban. Benefactors must have outstanding services to Hoban's athletic community.



ARCHBISHOP HOBAN HIGH SCHOOL **ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME**

[Nomination Form](#)

Carly Jones and Kaitlyn Struckel competed as individual bowlers in the State

Tournament on March 10 at Wayne Webbs Columbus Bowl. Carly placed 13th in the State out of the over 200 bowlers, bowling 191, 246, 173 for a 610 series. Kaitlyn Struckel bowled 158, 169, 172 for a series of 499.

[Read more.](#)



The Hoban bowling teams finished their season on March 5 by bowling in the **Greater Akron Conference Tournament**. Three of Hoban's five teams won their respective tournaments.

- Boys JV Conference Tournament Champions
- Boys Varsity Conference Runner-Up. Named all-conference: Joseph Banister, Gavin Fabish and Nicholas Fortunato.
- Girls JV Conference Tournament Champions
- Girls Varsity Conference Tournament Champions. Named all-conference: Carly Jones, Charity Boley, Kaitlyn Struckel and Jocelyn McAninch.

Carly Jones also earned high game and high series for the season as well as high game and high series for the conference tournament.



Senior Tommy Conway finished in 5th place at 126 lbs at the district wrestling tournament on March 4 at Garfield Heights High School. This earned him a spot as an alternate for the state tournament.



Jackson, Buemi highlight successful season for Hoban swim teams

After nine years at the helm, Hoban head swimming coach Nick Meyer still finds himself enjoying the ups and downs that accompany each season.

"The thing that is great about coaching at Hoban

is that I get to work with some elite level athletes, but I also get to work with some kids who have never swam competitively before,” Meyer said. “We saw both ends of that spectrum this year and both of them are rewarding in their own ways.”

It's always rewarding for Meyer when the season ends by watching Hoban swimmers compete at the highest level. This year, freshman Rylee Jackson and senior Nick Buemi qualified for the state championships on Feb. 24-25 at the C.T. Branin Natatorium in Canton.

[Read more.](#)

Order your basketball championship merchandise

If you missed the opportunity to order championship basketball gear, you can still order [HERE](#).



ALUMNI NEWS



Alumni Gathering

Hoban hosted a small gathering for about 40 alumni who graduated between 2000-2018 in the Terry Nolan '65 Golf Learning Center. It was a great evening catching up with everyone, touring the school and sharing future plans.

If you're asking yourself, why you didn't know about this event...it's because we need your updated contact information. We plan to organize small alumni gatherings in the future and would love to see you there!

Update your contact information.

Voices In The Crowd

Dave Sutter '10 gave a presentation on his experience at Hoban and how it has impacted his life. He is an experienced entrepreneur, executive, builder, and expert in financial technology. Over his career, Dave has worked with the world's leading financial institutions, technology providers, corporations, industry bodies, and governments from around the globe on designing, building, implementing, and scaling market-leading software applications, networks, and ecosystems for financial services and markets. He is a world-renowned thought-leader and has spoken at events around the world. Dave is a graduate of Washington University in St. Louis (Class of '14) and Archbishop Hoban (Class of '10) and currently resides in London UK.



Ten-year anniversary of the Lip Dub

Did you know this year mark's the 10th anniversary of



Hoban's iconic Lip Dub? In a tribute to the Class of 2013, Hoban seniors are planning the Hoban Lip Dub 2023 and they invite all Hoban alumni who would like to be included to join the fun on Friday, March 31.

If you're interested in attending, please [email us](#).

Calling all Hoban alumni!

Now is the time to update your contact information. By taking two minutes to fill out the contact form, you will always be in the know about what's happening at Hoban.

Receive all the latest on:

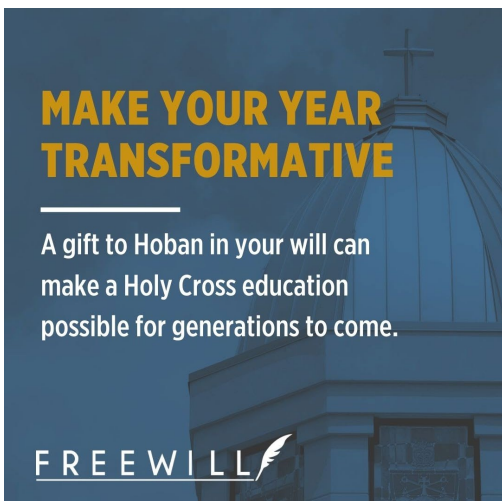
- Upcoming Hoban events and activities
- Opportunities to get involved: networking with other alumni, hosting student field trips and presenting to a class
- Hoban Knights' successes: alumni, student and Holy Cross educator spotlights

We hope to reconnect with you in ways that matter to you.

[Fill out the form!](#)



FROM THE ADVANCEMENT OFFICE



Pay it forward to the next generation

Set your intentions and pay it forward to the causes you care about. When you create your estate plan with our partner, FreeWill, you can have peace of mind about your future and support the next generation of Hoban students

[Get started on your free plan today!](#)

HELP FUND A HOBAN EDUCATION AT NO COST TO YOU

You can now receive an Ohio income tax credit of

up to \$750 (\$1,500 if married filing jointly) for donations to the Angel Scholarship Fund.

MORE INFORMATION.

If you have any questions, please contact **Jon Dunay' 82**, vice president of finance and operations, at 330.849.2178.



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Calendar of Events



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