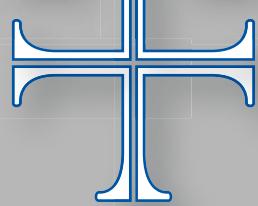


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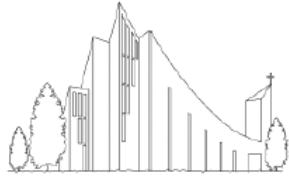
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*Abbot Gerald Benkert  
Celebrating 100 Years*

# Abbey



by Adam Voirin '02

One of the Abbey's long standing traditions is the Christmas Tree Farm. The farm, which is vital to the support of the Abbey and its apostolates, is taking on new dimensions. The goal of Adam Voirin '02, the farm's Director of Operations, is to "reinvent" Abbey Farms into a multi-season service organization.

During the month of October, Abbey Farms held its first Fall Pumpkin Festival. An eight-acre pumpkin patch, a two-acre corn maze, hay rides, and many other activities were enjoyed by both the Marmion family and the public each weekend of the month. It was a great opportunity for everyone to enjoy the great outdoors and have a little good ol' fashioned fun.

## You can now "pre-tag" your Christmas tree for cutting at a later date.

Beginning November 21, Abbey Farms traditional Christmas tree sales opens to the public. There will be several new features this year. You can now "pre-tag" your Christmas tree for cutting at a later date. In addition to choosing and cutting a fresh Marmion tree, other varieties of fresh pre-cut trees

# Abbey Farms

of Marmion Abbey



*Fr. Charles Reichenbacher OSB '59 takes visitors on a hay ride through the Abbey Farms during the inaugural Pumpkin Patch Festival. The Festival was open on weekends throughout October and featured a corn maze, hay ride, scarecrow building, pumkin painting and much more.*

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Abbot Gerald Benkert OSB received a personalized Marmion football jersey from the Student Council during an assembly on October 22 celebrating his 100th birthday.

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from Michigan will also be available. Included will be Canaan Fir, Frasier Fir and Balsam Fir. Prices (for choose and cut trees) are \$30 or \$40 depending on size and type. Sleds and toboggans will be available for youngsters or to haul your chosen Christmas tree. Warming fires and hot chocolate will also be available at each kiosk during the weekends to help keep everyone warm.

The original Christmas tree farm was established in 1959 by Fr. Matthias Zinkan OSB. Since 1970 Fr. Bede Stocker OSB managed the farm. However, his age and declining health forced him to retire last year. Fr. Andrew Wahmhoff OSB, Fr. Bede's associate since 1982 on the farm, died in April of this year.

In addition to Christmas tree sales, Abbey Farms will continue our tradition of offering Christmas wreaths. These beautiful hand-made wreaths will complement your Abbey Farms tree to add to the festive spirit in your home. Proceeds from these unique wreaths go directly to support Marmion Abbey's mission work of providing the opportunity for young men to study in Marmion's minor seminary located in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala. With over 130 graduates of the mission seminary who have been ordained priests, the mission continues its work of educating young men from families of limited financial resources.

We invite everyone to come join in the fun at Marmion this year and continue (or start) your own Abbey Farms Christmas tradition with the entire family. We look forward to seeing you this Christmas Season

For additional information on Abbey Farms please visit our website [www.abbeyfarms.org](http://www.abbeyfarms.org)

## Abbot Gerald Celebrates a Century of Life

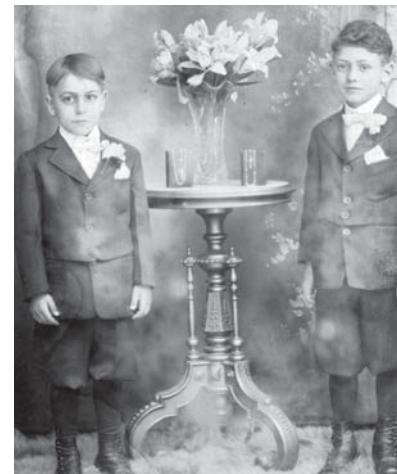
Abbot Emeritus Gerald Benkert OSB, the founding abbot of Marmion Abbey, celebrated his 100th birthday on October 24. He is the oldest living abbot in the country (maybe the world) and the oldest monk of the Swiss-American Benedictine Congregation. An Open House to observe Abbot Gerald's 100th birthday was held in his honor, followed by a private dinner with his family.

"The celebration of my 100th birthday affords me the unique opportunity of looking back at a century of life," Abbot Gerald stated. "My sentiments are those of deep gratitude to God for His gift of health for so many years filled with graces and blessings. Gratitude also to my parents and family, to my Benedictine brothers, as well as to teachers and friends who along the way have helped me to strive for the ideal which is beautifully expressed in the antiphon we sing every Saturday at Vespers: 'The Will of God gives joy to the heart; we see all things in its light'."

Abbot Gerald Benkert was born in Louisville KY in 1909. In 1947 he was appointed the founding abbot of Marmion Abbey when it was raised to the status of an independent abbey from St. Meinrad Archabbey in southern Indiana. He served as abbot of Marmion Abbey and president of Marmion Academy for 23 years. During his tenure, property on Butterfield Road was purchased and a monastery building constructed in 1952. A new school campus was built on the abbey grounds in 1959. Under his direction, a mission priory and seminary was begun in Guatemala in 1965. After Abbot Gerald retired as the abbot of Marmion in 1969, he served for over thirty years as a teacher at this mission priory and school in Guatemala. He is currently retired at Marmion Abbey □

*LEFT: Francis (Gerald) Benkert (left) and his brother Joseph in their First Communion photo.*

*BETWEEN: Abbot Gerald Benkert surveys the Kuhn and Roth farms, the future home of Marmion Abbey and Academy.*



## Marmion Publishes Abbot Gerald's Memoirs



In celebration of Abbot Gerald Benkert's centennial, the Abbey has published a volume of his "Memoirs." The book follows Abbot Gerald from his early childhood, to his years as the first Abbot of Marmion Abbey and through his almost thirty years at Marmion's San José Priory in Guatemala. The book can be purchased through Marmion's Hammes Bookstore Online for \$10 (includes S&H) at [www.marmion.org](http://www.marmion.org).



*RIGHT: The unveiling of Abbot Gerald's portrait, an oil painting, which hangs in the Abbey.*



*BELOW: Abbot Gerald Benkert (center) and Abbot Mark Hogan (to his left) enjoyed a private conversation with Pope John Paul II, during his trip to Guatemala in 1983.*

# Abbey

## Could You Be the One?

### Praying for a “Special Miracle” from among the ranks of our alumni

by Br. Martin Gardiner OSB, Vocation Director

**T**hen he said to his disciples, “The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.”  
*(Matthew 9:37-38)*

Marmion Abbey has been a “ripe vineyard” for vocations. Yet, it is a disturbing reality that from among our ranks (alumni) we have not had a lasting vocation to the Abbey in 39 years. We have had people who have entered the priesthood, religious and monastic life since that time, but we have not had a ‘vocation’ to Marmion Abbey that has persevered down through the years. The graduate of most recent memory to enter and discern a vocation to monastic life at Marmion Abbey was a student from Kansas, Michael Burrows. The young Fr. Michael entered Marmion Abbey from the Marmion Military Academy class of 1970, and was professed a monk on August 6, 1975. He went on to be ordained as a priest on April 7, 1980 and has remained and been sustained in his call to monastic life and priesthood here at the Abbey.

In recent years, Fr. Michael and the Kairos staff and students have been praying for the “miracle.” Kairos is the name for the senior retreat program at the Academy. Your curiosity may have been piqued just enough to inquire as to, “What ‘miracle’?” Well, providentially, it came to Fr. Michael that we have not had an enduring vocation to Marmion Abbey from among its alumni since his entry, a distinction which he says he is willing to relinquish to another alumnus. So at the closing Mass of every Kairos retreat for the last five years, the Kaironians have been praying through the aid and intercession of our Abbey’s patron, Blessed Columba Marmion,

### Alumni Marmion Monks

- +Fr. Michael Lloyd OSB '34
- +Fr. Leo Grommes OSB '35
- +Fr. Terence Stanton OSB '35
- +Fr. Luke Bohr OSB '38
- +Br. Albert Heinz OSB '41
- Abbot David Cyr OSB '44
- Fr. Bernard Schaefer OSB '48
- Fr. David Palmatier OSB '50
- Br. Joseph Barzantni OSB '52
- Br. Dominic Wittry OSB '52
- Fr. Kenneth Theisen OSB '59
- Fr. Charles Reichenbacher OSB 59
- Fr. Basil Yender OSB '61
- Fr. John Brahill OSB '67
- Fr. Michael Burrows OSB '70

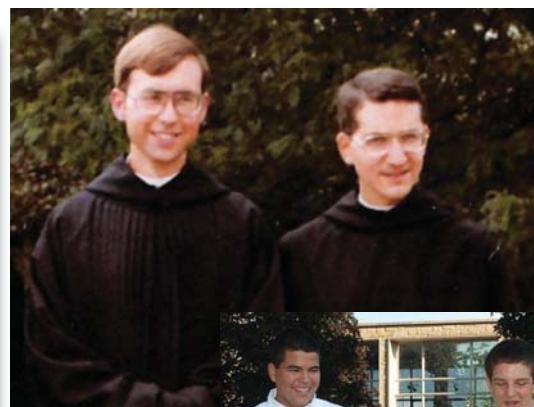
that the Lord send us a vocation from within the ranks of our alumni.

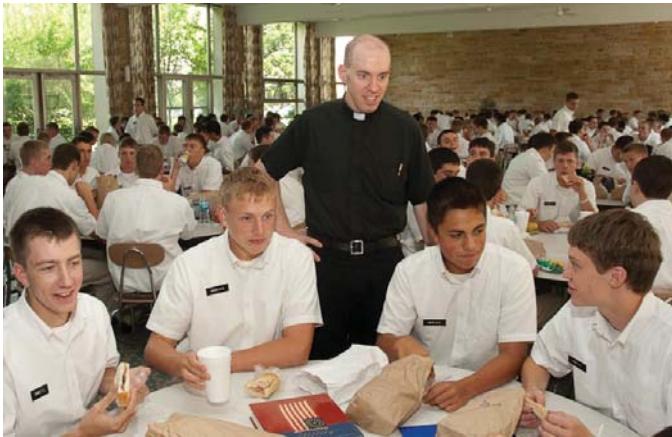
Could you be the one? Is God ever so gently calling you to come and be a part of the Benedictine community of monks here at Marmion Abbey? For over 1,500 years men of all ages, backgrounds, professions and cultures have heard the



Fr. Michael Burrows OSB '70 is the youngest alumnus to profess vows as a Benedictine Monk of Marmion Abbey. Fr. Michael says that he would be happy to give up that title to a fellow alumnus who feels called to life as a Benedictine monk.

Fr. Michael is pictured above left at his ordination, above right with fellow alumnus Fr. John Brahill OSB '67 and pictured right in his current role as Assistant Student Chaplain and Theology instructor at the Academy.





*Fr. Paul Weberg OSB, Student Chaplain*

words of our Holy Father Benedict and have been inspired to lead heroic lives of faith, hope, and charity in the Benedictine tradition. If you feel that word is also meant for you, then we invite you to enter our School of the Lord's Service.

The monks of Marmion Abbey are sending out a clarion call to all alumni to join us in this declared Year of the Priest to join us in prayer through the intercession of Blessed Columba Marmion for the Lord to "send laborers to the vineyard." Daily, we ask you to offer this prayer on the behalf of 'vocations to Marmion Abbey':

*God, our Father, it is your desire to send laborers into your vineyard as priests and brothers. Through the intercession of Blessed Columba Marmion whom you called to monastic life, bestow the grace on our alumni of Marmion Academy to hear and discern your call to service at Marmion Abbey. Grant that one from among our ranks may hear and answer the call to serve you as a monk, living a life of faith, hope, and charity, through prayer and work. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen*

*\*Recite one Our Father, three Hail Mary's and one Glory Be... after reciting this prayer.*

Unlike most founders of religious orders, St. Benedict did not notice a particular need for an apostolate in the Church and then found a religious order to fill that need. Instead he felt called to something else, namely, living out the Christian life as fully as possible. He hoped to create a community in which all members were working together for the sanctification of the world. It is for this reason that our Holy Father Benedict decreed the primary activity of his monks would be the Work of God (the Divine Office). Recognizing that there must always be balance in the life of his monks, he also desired that they engage in various other works. In his Rule, St. Benedict writes of a desire to have the monks be self-sufficient, providing for all their needs within the confines of the monastery. In the end, it was not the type of work that was essential - only that monks engage in work and prayer to glorify God.

Throughout the history of the Church, monks have become known for two principal works: education and missionary activity. The monks of Marmion Abbey continue this great tradition by operating Marmion Academy on the grounds of the monastery and the seminary of San José in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala. The monks have also committed themselves to aid the faithful of the Dioceses of Rockford and Joliet in pastoral ministry through parish sacramental assistance. The other major work of the Marmion monastic community is Abbey Farms, which helps to support the activities of the monastery. In addition to the major apostolates of the entire monastic community, members of the abbey are engaged in a variety of other works and ministries. Some of the other activities include: counseling, university teaching, caring for the abbey and its grounds, seminary formation, tailoring, military chaplaincy, woodworking, retreats, and writing.

If you are interested in a vocation to Marmion Abbey or a "Come & See" experience (alumni or not) visit our new vocations website at: [www.marmionvocations.org](http://www.marmionvocations.org) or contact the vocation director at (630) 897-7215, ext. 341 or kgardiner@marmion.org.

Will you be the one to answer the call to a life of service in the "School of the Lord's Service" at Marmion Abbey? □

## Br. Peter Makes Profession of Vows



Marmion Abbey welcomed Br. Peter (Gerard) Spence OSB as a permanent member of its religious community through his profession of Solemn Vows as a Benedictine Monk on July 11, the Feast of St. Benedict, at the Marmion Abbey Church of St. Augustine of Canterbury.

Br. Peter first joined the Marmion Benedictines in January 2005. He grew up in Algonquin and is a graduate of Marian Central Catholic High School in Woodstock. He received a Bachelor's degree in Human Institutes from Judson College in Elgin. He works on the Abbey Tree Farm and in Abbey Maintenance. □

# Academy

## Accepting Cadets for the Class of 2014

Great news for those families of eighth graders interested in taking the Scholarship Qualifying Entrance Exam on Saturday, December 5 at 9:00am. Registration can now be completed online by filing an application for Admission online at the Marmion Academy website – [www.marmion.org](http://www.marmion.org). Launched last year, the online application is a wonderful and efficient enhancement to the admissions process.

One of the best benefits is that families can now start the process earlier than usual. “We had a very successful first year using the online application process. Nearly 80% of those families who applied to Marmion last year did so online,” said Admissions Director Bill Dickson ‘81.

“From exit survey queries many families who applied last year found universal support for its convenience and ease of accessibility. Everything from applying to scheduling a tour of campus or shadow program to paying the application fee can now be done with a click of a button.”

For those families who are still daunted by the process of applying online, a phone call to the Admissions Office is always

Scholarship Qualifying  
Entrance Exam  
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9:00am

welcomed with assistance available for those who are not sure about the process. The Admissions Office can be reached at (630) 897-6936, ext. 227 or ext. 264. For email inquiries, the Admissions Office address is [admissions@marmion.org](mailto:admissions@marmion.org).

To apply online - visit [www.marmion.org](http://www.marmion.org) and click on the admissions link 

## 2009-10 School Year Welcomes 486 Students, 3 New Faculty/Staff

Marmion welcomed 486 students and three new faculty/staff members at the start of the 2009-10 school year. The student body includes a large legacy population with 40% having relatives with ties to Marmion, this includes two fourth-generation Cadets -- Alex Thiesen and Austen Bohr. The Academy also has an 86% Catholic population.

Students continue to matriculate from throughout the Fox Valley. The top five feeder schools for this year's freshmen class were Holy Angels (Aurora), Geneva Middle School, Rottolo Middle School (Batavia), Annunciation B.V.M. (Aurora) and St. Peter's (Geneva).

The Academy has 48 teaching faculty (including 10 Benedictines) with a student/teacher ratio of 10:1 and an average class size of 27. More than 75% of the faculty holds a Master's degree and 10% of those are Ph.D.s. The following three professionals have joined the Marmion faculty/staff this school year:



**Justin Dimitri** - Geometry. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, Mr. Dimitri will also serve as an assistant with the football and baseball programs. He is a recent graduate of Aurora University where he earned a Bachelor's in Mathematics and served as an assistant football coach.



**Rick Handell** - Dean of Students. Mr. Handell retired from the Aurora Police Department (APD) in October 2008, after 32 years of service to the Aurora community. He joined the department as a cadet in 1976 following his graduation from Aurora Central Catholic High School in 1975. In 2003, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and in 2007 to the rank of Lieutenant. Mr. Handell is a 1999 graduate of Aurora University, where he earned a Bachelor's in Professional Studies & Criminal Justice Management. He has also completed hundreds of hours in professional development courses.



**Deborah Wilkinson** - Biology and Integrated Science. Mrs. Wilkinson is a graduate of Loyola University of Chicago with a Bachelor's in Biology. She has recently completed the requirements for a Master's in Mathematics Education degree from DePaul University. Mrs. Wilkinson has served as a private tutor to high school and college students in various subjects, including Algebra, Geometry and Physics. In addition, Mrs. Wilkinson has formally prepared students for the PSAT, SAT and ACT tests as the Educational Executive Director/Co-owner of the Huntington Learning Center in DeKalb 

## Marmion Students Lauded as Top Performers on ACT

Marmion students make the grade with the highest ACT average in the Fox Valley (25.4 composite) -- according to a report by the *Beacon News* published on August 21. Followed closely by Rosary High School (25.2 composite), this marked the highest scores in all four test subject areas outranking all seventeen local high schools listed -- both public and private. The Illinois State average ACT composite score was 20.8 and the National average sits at 21.1.



*Jeff McLean*

Marmion students continue to be recognized for their academic success. Ten seniors were honored with Semifinalist and Commended status in the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Competition.

Jeff McLean and Paul Reyna were named Semifinalists and are now eligible to compete for 8,200 Merit Scholarship awards worth over \$36 million. Semifinalists are the highest scoring participants in each State and represent less than one percent of the State's seniors.

Paul Reyna also received recognition from the National Hispanic Recognition Program having tested among the top 5,000 students who identified themselves as Hispanic/Latino.

Sam Duffield, Aaron Horwitz, Ryan Lifka, Sanjay Prakadan, Michael Roth, Eric Schwendner, Nicholas



*Paul Reyna*

Searles and Andrew Slade were named Commended Students. About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are recognized for their exceptional academic promise. They placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students participating.

Marmion's offering of twelve AP courses and growing number of Independent Study courses give students the opportunity to continue their learning beyond the basic high school course of studies.

The College Board's Advanced Placement Program named 22 Marmion students AP Scholars in recognition of exceptional achievement on AP Exams. Only 18 percent of the more than one million students who took exams in May 2009 merited such recognition.

Ryan Boone and Jeffrey Gerold, 2009 graduates, received the National AP Scholar Award.

Scholar with Distinction: senior Ryan Boone, Benedict Fischer, Jeffrey Gerold and Nathaniel Valaik, all members of Marmion's graduating class of 2009.

Scholar with Honor: senior Jeff McLean and 2009 graduates David Brouch, Daniel Conlin, Luke Friedman, Joseph Fujia and Matthew Jacobs.

AP Scholar: seniors Samuel Duffield, Mitchell Hymel, Ryan Lifka, Sanjay Prakadan, Joseph Schaeffer, Eric Schwendner and Andrew Slade, as well as 2009 graduates Colin Hirsch, Ryan Hoffman and Jared Meyer □

## Seniors Inducted into National Honor Society

Forty-eight seniors were inducted into the Marmion chapter of the National Honors Society on September 13. These students were presented their Society pin by their parents, signed their name into record and received their certificate of membership.

Students selected for induction include: Brian A'Hearn, Elliot Anderson, Stephen Anderson, Lucas Brandt, Daniel Brankin, Matthew Brengmen, Nicholas Brennan, Ryan Brisson, Joseph Burroughs, Thomas Cruger, Michael Deufel, Mauricio Dominguez, Samuel Duffield, Ian Duncan, Kevin Filip, Kevin Garofalo, Jack Gunderson, Daniel Hillis, Mitchell Hymel, Sean-Patrick Kalisz, Nicholas Knudtson, Ryan Lifka, Ryan Lovelace, Lucas Magee, Jeff Martin, John Mason, Jeff McLean, Peter Naughton, Ryan Novack, William Parkhurst, Sanjay Prakadan, Paul Reyna, John Riordan, Maxwell Rosenfelder,

Joseph Schaeffer, Eric Schwendner, Nicholas Searles, Russell Semmler, Andrew Slade, Christopher Soris, William Sterne, Anthony Vecchiolla, Jeffrey Voss, Matthew Wenzel, Matthew West, Casey White, Zachary Young and Charles Zidek.

With induction, a member assumes certain obligations and must maintain and encourage high standards of Scholarship, Service, Leadership and Character. The chapter conducts a service project for the school or community, and sees to the development of an individual service project for each member. In addition, regular meetings of the Chapter are held to conduct Chapter business and communicate with members. All active NHS Chapter members are expected to support these and other Chapter activities. Member's projects include a Battle of the Bands competition and "Adopt a Highway" project which they share with Student Council □

# Academy

## Forty Cadets Promoted at Sabre Ceremony

Marmion's JROTC program honored 40 cadets with military promotions at the annual Sabre Ceremony held September 4. These senior cadets were presented with a sabre (officers) or a sword (first sergeants) by their parents, as they were promoted to the highest ranks available in the JROTC program.

Battalion Headquarters: Battalion Commander Zachary Young, Executive Officer Daniel Brankin, Adjutant Lucas Magee, Information Officer Kevin Garofalo, Operations Officer Andrew Slade, Supply Officer Sanjay Prakadan, Command Sergeant Major Michael Lopez, Personnel Sergeant Elliot Anderson, Information Sergeant Matthew Derrico, Logistic Sergeant Nicholas Searles and Operations Sergeant Sean-Patrick Kaliz.

Headquarters Company Commander Matthew West, Executive Officer Peter Naughton, 1st Platoon Leader Mauricio Dominguez, 2nd Platoon Leader Joseph Schaeffer and First Sergeant Joseph Burroughs.

Alpha Company Commander William Sterne, Executive Officer Eric Schwendner, 1st Platoon Leader Mitchell Hymel, 2nd Platoon Leader Jack Gunderson, 3rd Platoon Leader Christopher Soris and First Sergeant Brian A'Hearn.

Bravo Company Commander John Mason, Executive Officer Russell Semmler, 1st Platoon Leader Nicholas Knudtson, 2nd Platoon Leader Kevin Filip, 3rd Platoon Leader Ian Duncan



*Battalion Commander Zachary Young leads the 2009-10 JROTC Battalion Headquarters and the Corps of Cadets in a Pass-in-Review to conclude the annual Sabre Ceremony on September 4.*

and First Sergeant Charles Zidek.

Charlie Company Commander Samuel Duffield, Executive Officer Thomas Cruger, 1st Platoon Leader William Parkhurst, 2nd Platoon Leader Matthew Wenzel, 3rd Platoon Leader Brian Strohmaier and First Sergeant Nicholas Brennan.

Delta Company Commander Jeffrey Voss, Company Executive Officer Ryan Lifka, 1st Platoon Leader Nicolas Jimenez, 2nd Platoon Leader Ryan Brisson, 3rd Platoon Leader Ryan Novack and First Sergeant John Riordan □

## LEAD Officers Commissioned

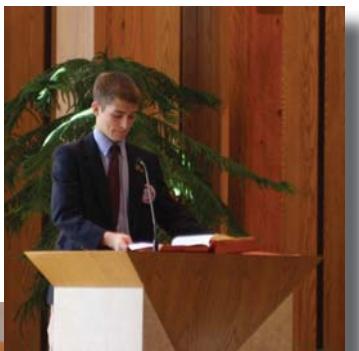
The LEAD program commissioned its officers on October 18 after Mass in the Abbey Church. Student leaders for 2009-2010 school year include: Student Director Max Rosenfelder; Project Team 1: Nick Weis, Michael Gerold, David Theilen; Project Team 2: Stephen Anderson, Andrew Koch and Jeffrey Winkle; Project Team 3: Jeffrey McLean, Bennett Marsh, Connor O'Dea and Richard Parilla; Project Team 4: Ryan Lovelace, Evan Lefelstein and Connor Valaik.

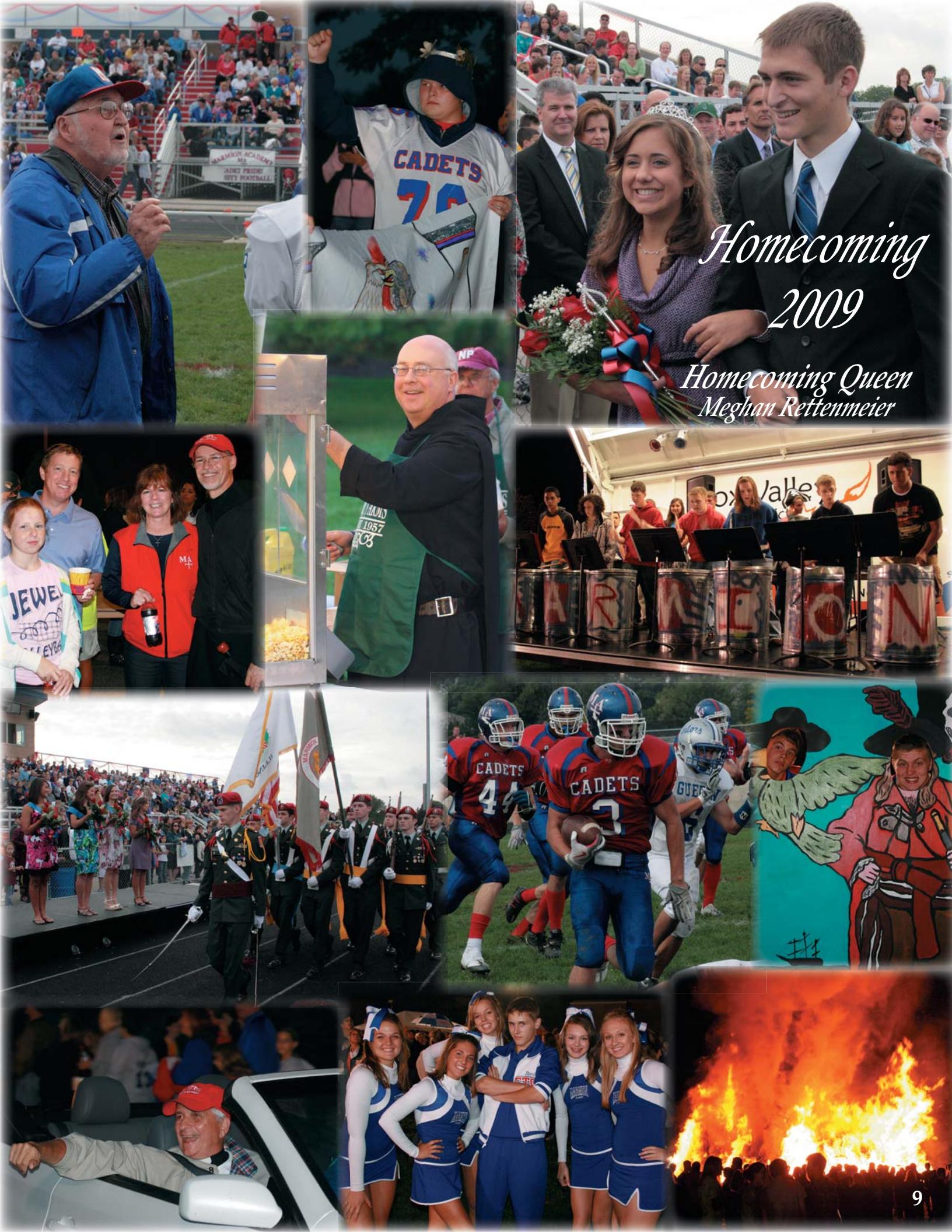
Max Rosenfelder spoke to the students and their families about the events planned for this year and the expectations of LEAD students. "This freshman class is the largest in the program's history," he stated. "I can only imagine what the program can accomplish in the next four years as you take lead and we continue to grow."

LEAD will hold its third annual Adult Leadership Conference during the second semester. More information will be available at [marmion.org](http://marmion.org) as details are finalized. LEAD will begin a pilot leadership program at St. Peter's Grade School in Aurora during the 2nd quarter of this school year. Senior Jeff McLean is the project leader □

*RIGHT: During the Commissioning Ceremony, LEAD Student Director Max Rosenfelder announced that this is the largest freshman group the leadership program has had in its fifteen year history.*

*BELOW: The LEAD Executive Team recites their oath of office.*





# Homecoming 2009

*Homecoming Queen  
Meghan Rettenmeier*



# Athletics

## Cross Country Dominates at Conference Meet

The baton was passed to former assistant coach Dan Billish and this year Marmion competed in the newly formed Suburban Christian Conference. Marmion competed in the state competition as a 2A (middle enrollments) school.

Junior Bennett Marsh paced the Cadets to a second-place finish in the Aurora City meet. Marmion also won the ICOPS Invitational with senior Zack Young earning individual honors. Marmion finished third in its own Royal-Cadet Invitational.

In the ACC Charger Classic (25 teams) the Cadets were victorious. Young finished 8th and junior Ben Kanute (9th) made his first start of the season after finishing 38th overall in the World Junior Triathlon competition held in Australia. Ben led the triathlon competition after the first two stages (swimming and cycling).



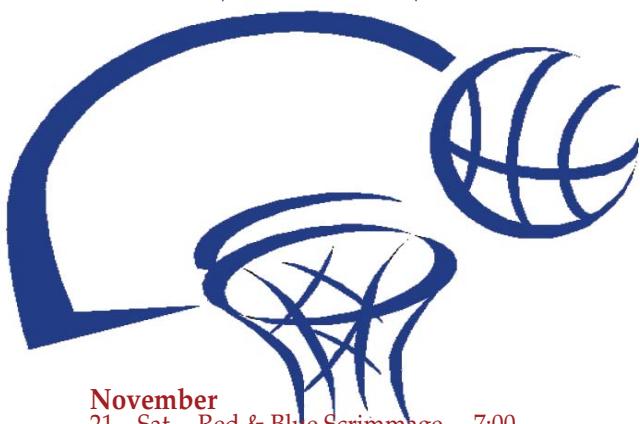
(l-r) Zach Young, Matt Wenzel and Bennett Marsh finished the season with All-Conference honors. Young won the Conference Title.

In the Lisle Mane Event (31 teams) Marmion finished second. The Cadets were undefeated (7-0) in dual meets and placed the top 3 in all of these events. This season Young and Kanute led the Cadets, with strong performances also coming from Marsh and seniors Matt Wenzel and Trevor Stein. Marmion is currently ranked #5 in the state.

The Cadets won the SCC Conference Meet with Young capturing the coveted Conference title. Also earning All-Conference honors were Bennett Marsh (8th), Josh Kanute (9th), Matt Wenzel (12th) and Chris Hebert (13th).

The frosh-soph squad also had a great season winning this year's City Meet. The squad was undefeated in dual meets (7-0) and placed the top 3 in all events in which they competed □

## VARSITY BASKETBALL HOME GAMES



### November

21 Sat Red & Blue Scrimmage 7:00

### December

11 Fri Chicago Christian 7:30  
12 Sat U. of Chicago -Woodlawn 6:00  
18 Fri Montini 7:30

### January

08 Fri St. Edward 7:30  
20 Wed Immaculate Conception 7:00

### February

12 Fri Marian Central 7:30  
17 Wed Aurora East 7:30  
20 Sat St. Francis 6:00

Winter Sports Schedules for Swimming and Wrestling are available online at [www.digitalsports.com](http://www.digitalsports.com).

## Johnson Places 14th at State

The season opened with the Marmion Golf Team claiming the title in the 25-team Larkin Invitational. Senior Tim Johnson (75), junior Evan Kline-Wedeon (77), sophomore Joe Lappin (77), and junior Taylor Kanute (78) led the way. The Cadets then defeated Somonauk (by 28 strokes) and St. Francis before losing to Wheaton Warrenville South. Marmion finished 5th in the Oswego Scramble, but bounced back with a win over Batavia by 10 strokes (led by Kanute's 37). They then beat Aurora Christian by 9 strokes.

Performances continued to improve as the Cadets finished second in the Aurora City Tournament. Johnson (76), Lappin (76) and Senior Roy Logan (78) were 4th, 5th, and 8th respectively. Marmion then defeated IC by 1, lost to Marian Central by 3 and defeated Montini by 20 strokes.

The Cadets finished their regular season with a second place finish in the Conference meet, with the Fresh/Soph team as Conference Champions. Lappin (77), sophomore Zach Woytich (77), Kline-Wedeon (78), and Logan (79) were All-Conference. In the ACC Regional Tournament, Marmion advanced to the Wheaton Academy Sectional with a second-place finish. Johnson (75) bogeyed three of the last four holes, but still finished one stroke out of the top spot for individual honors. He continued on to compete at the Class 2A State Tournament, finishing 14th overall □



Senior Tim Johnson placed 14th at the State Golf Tournament in October.

## Cadets Clinch Conference Title

Head Football Coach Dan Thorpe entered his fifth season with the motto "Finish Strong." During the 2008 season the Cadets lost by 2 points to both the Class 2A State Champion Immaculate Conception and the Class 5A State Champion St. Francis.

An early season loss to South Elgin did not deter the Cadets from rattling off eight consecutive victories in an impressive fashion. Mundelein was soundly beaten 24-8 with a dominating defensive effort. Junior linebacker Mike Carbonara

returned an interception 50 yards for a



*Senior Matt Pircon (22) blocks for junior Nick Scolliere (3) as he runs for a touchdown. The Cadets dominated the Suburban Christian Conference Blue Division winning the Division Title.*

touchdown and senior Chris Tydd kicked a 37-yard field goal. Marmion forced three turnovers and forced the opponent to punt eleven times.

A big victory over St. Francis 21-7 snapped the Spartan's 12-game winning streak. Senior Bobby Winkle scored one touchdown and made a late interception to seal the victory. Senior quarterback Will Sterne was player of the game.

The Cadets then relied on great conditioning and pure heart and desire to defeat Marian Central 41-27. In the second half Marmion forced four punts on four consecutive drives and intercepted a pass.

Marmion's Homecoming was highlighted by a resounding victory over Guerin Prep 54-14. Nine of thirty plays gained 20 or more yards with five runners finding the end zone.

They continued their string of victories shutting out cross-town rivals Aurora Central 21-0 and beating both Lincoln Way West (45-35) and Chicago Christian (23-20).

In the final regular season game, the Cadets defeated their Conference foe Montini (18-7) for the first time in ten years. The Cadets advanced to the Class 6A State Playoffs.

The new Suburban Christian Conference is broken into two divisions, Marmion now holds the first Blue Division Title □

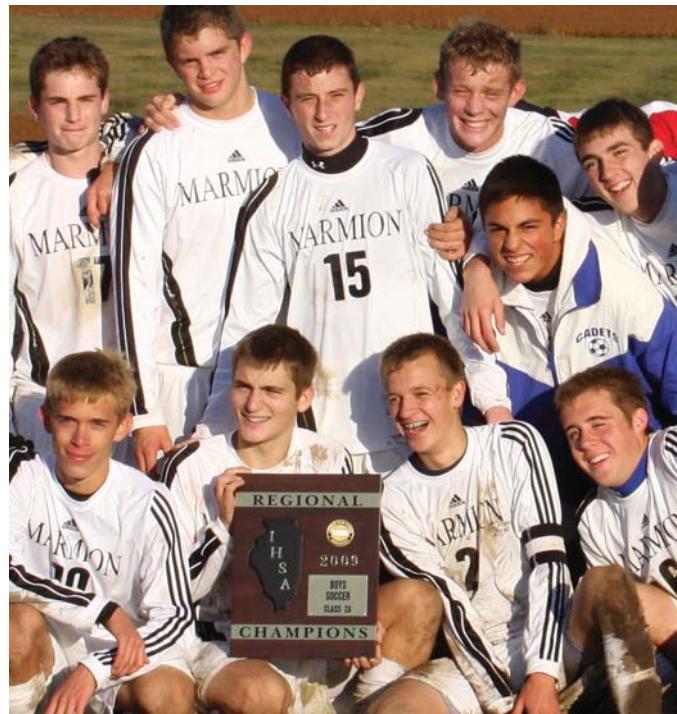
## Soccer Team Wins Regional Title

Marmion's soccer season was the program's fourteenth and head coach Kevin O'Connor's teams' record to date is 213-91-16. Dave DeBlock '03 and Danny Del Toro '05 assisted him. This year's captains were seniors Stephan Anderson, Tommy Cruger, Sam Duffield, and Max Rosenfelder.

Marmion started the regular season with a 4-0 victory over Willowbrook. The opening game victory was followed by losses to Boylan Catholic, Lake Zurich, and Wheaton Warrenville South before rebounding with victories over Barrington (1-0) and Andrew High (3-2).

The two-game winning streak ended with a 2-1 loss to Morton West. The Cadets then proceeded with a very successful stretch where they defeated Mount Carmel 1-0, tied Sycamore 0-0, defeated Montini 7-0, Bolingbrook 2-1, a tough 5-4 loss to Wheaton Academy (WA scored with 1:02 remaining in the game), defeated Aurora Central Catholic 9-0, West Chicago 2-1, St. Francis 6-1, Aurora East 1-0, St. Edward 7-0, Oswego 3-2 and Guerin Prep 7-0.

The Cadets finished the regular season in second place in the Conference and went on to win the Regional Title defeating Johnsburg (2-1). In the IHSA playoffs Marmion was seeded #2 out of the 19 teams in the Hampshire Sectional □



*Members of the soccer team pose with the Regional Championship plaque after winning their 13th straight match beating Johnsburg (2-1).*

# *Development*

## Board Welcomes New Trustees

The Board of Trustees met on October 22 under the leadership of chairman Tom Leuer '58 and vice chairman Ken Nagel '60. The committee chairmen were reappointed: Phil Cali (development), Tim McLean '79 (marketing), Greg McKnight '71 (finance) and Reed O'Malley '56 (investment). Mike Webster of Aurora and David Grange of Wheaton resigned from the Board after serving two-terms with distinction.

New trustees elected for three-year terms were welcomed:

**Thomas Choice, Ph.D.** is president of Kishwaukee Community College, Malta IL. He is a former teacher and coach at Marmion. Tom and his wife Sue live in Batavia. Their son



*Thomas Choice*



*Randall Tavierne*



*Annamarie York*

Matthew is a sophomore at Marmion. Tom is assigned to the Development Committee.

**Randall Tavierne** a Vice President and Partner with the accounting firm of Ernst & Young, Chicago. Randy and his wife Peg live in St. Charles. Their son Michael is a junior at Marmion. Randy is assigned to the Finance Committee and Investment Subcommittee.

**Annamarie York** is a business development consultant for ambulatory surgical centers in Northern Illinois. She and her husband David live in Aurora. Their son Michael is a senior and son John is a junior at Marmion. Annamarie is assigned to the Marketing Committee. □

## Continuing to Strengthen the Annual Fund *"All Who Believe"*

*by Dan A. Howell, Annual Fund Director*

We are blessed this school year with 486 talented and diverse students from Kane, DuPage, Kendall, DeKalb and Cook counties. Thirty percent of these students are receiving some financial assistance through academic scholarships or financial aid.

As a private Catholic school, Marmion stands on its own, with only its loyal parents, alumni and friends behind it. Marmion receives no government, diocesan or parish support and must depend on tuition and private donations. Parents pay a tuition of \$9,100, but this covers only 84% of the total per student educational cost. The balance must come from other sources. Endowment income will support 6%, while the remaining 10% must come from the Annual Fund.

Personalized letters for the Annual Fund will be mailed over the signatures of over 150 Class Adjutants to their fellow classmates. Timothy Reuland '66, National Chairman of the Annual Fund, will send out letters to the young alumni. Fr. Charles Reichenbacher '59, Development Director will sign personalized letters to past and present parents. The letters will be mailed in early November.

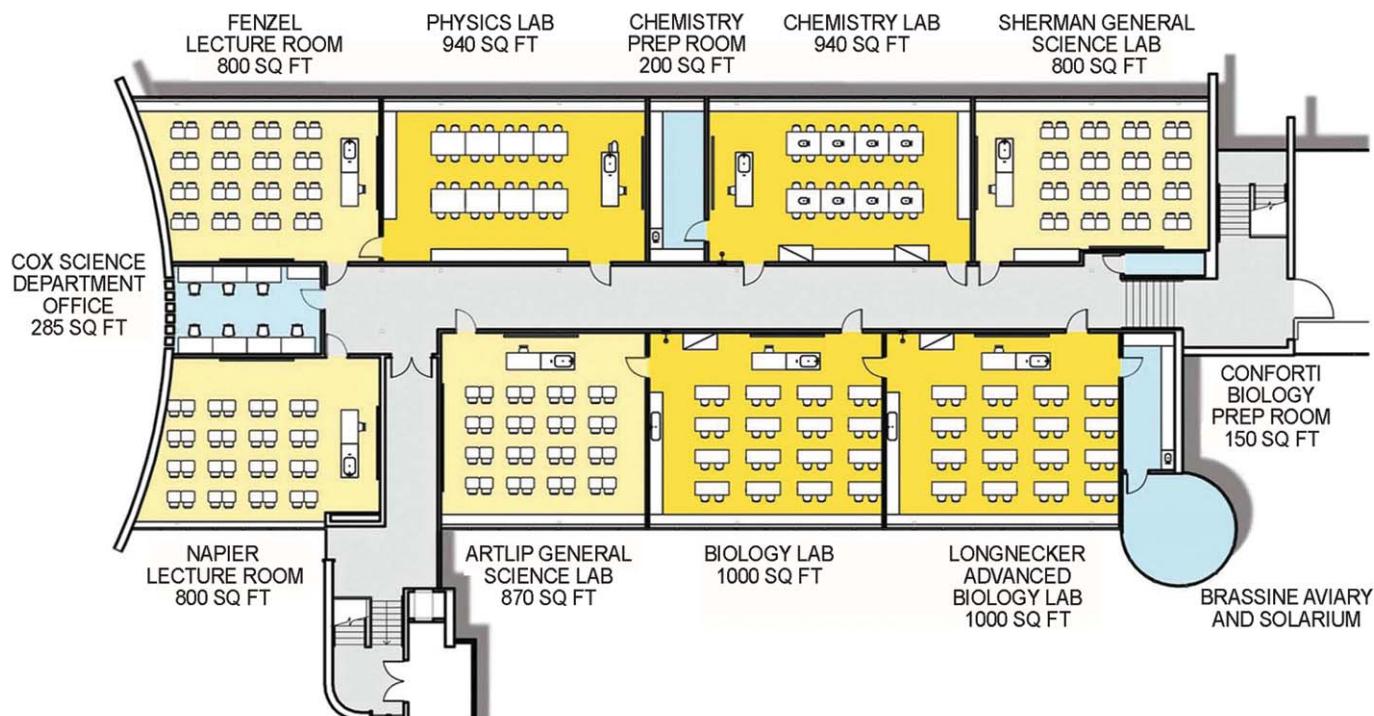
*If you would like to donate online you can donate today by visiting: [www.marmion.org/develop/donate1.cfm](http://www.marmion.org/develop/donate1.cfm).*

It is because of your support of the Annual Fund that Marmion continues to thrive and provide a great Catholic-Benedictine education. For "All Who Believe", Marmion continues to represent what is great in a Catholic college preparatory education. □

*Marmion Academy, a Catholic-Benedictine college preparatory school for young men, is a community dedicated to spiritual formation, academic excellence and leadership development.*

# Campaign MARMION

## EDWARD AND VIVIENNE REGOLE '50 SCIENCE CENTER YENDER HALL SECOND FLOOR PLAN



### Campaign Focus on Regole Science Center

Campaign Marmion, with 83% of its goals achieved, still has thirteen months to go in its public phase. Successes to date include: endowments have increased by over \$4 million; the Annual Fund is nearing its \$5 million goal; and infrastructure and playing fields projects have changed the face of the campus.

Next is the new Regole Science Center (located on the top floor of Yender Hall) that will be completed in the summer of 2010. It is named for the lead donors, Edward and Vivienne Regole '50 of St. Charles.

Named laboratories and rooms in the Regole Science Center include:

- *Charlene and David E. Longnecker, M.D. '57 Advanced Biology Laboratory*
- *Fred and Leona Conforti Family Biology Preparation Room*
- *Conrad and Doris Brassine Trust Aviary and Solarium*
- *George and Geri Sherman '50 General Science Laboratory*
- *Dorothy and Edward Artlip General Science Laboratory*

- *John and Muriel Fenzel '50 Family Science Lecture Room*
- *James and Irene Napier '43 Family Science Lecture Room*
- *Edward and Rosemary Cox Family Science Department Office*

The naming is pending approval for the new Physics Laboratory and Chemistry Laboratory and Preparation Room. Naming opportunity is available for the General Biology Laboratory.

The Parents' Club Initiative in 2009-10 is to fund the furnishings for the Regole Science Center: everything from fume hoods (\$12,000) and teacher preparation tables (\$5,000), to student desks (\$150) and laboratory table chairs (\$85).

Information on how to participate in Campaign Marmion and suggested naming opportunities/gift levels can be found on [marmion.org/campaignmarmion](http://marmion.org/campaignmarmion), or contact the Marmion Development Office, 1000 Butterfield Road, Aurora IL 60502 (630)897-6936, ext. 217 □

# In The News



## Crayons for Kids Distributes 34,100 Items

Juniors Ben Kanute and Henry Kinane organized the fifth annual Crayons for Kids Supply Drive which brought in over 34,100 donated items and \$6,000 in monetary donations. With the help of more than 70 Marmion and Rosary High School students, these donations were distributed to 80 schools from Elgin to Plano, and to organizations including Lazarus House in St. Charles and Safe Passage Women's & Children's Center in DeKalb.

Crayons for Kids was developed in 2005 by Brian Zimmerman '07 to directly combat poverty in the classroom and help young students have all the supplies needed to be successful in school. Over the last five years the program has worked with Jewel-Osco stores throughout the Fox Valley area and has collected over 100,000 school supplies and over \$15,000 to assist children in need. □



## Geneva Mayor Unveils Leonard Plaque

In April 2009 the Rifle Team competed in the Illinois State Junior Air Rifle Championship. The Marmion team of Chaz Leonard, Lucas Brandt, Jeffrey Voss and Joseph Munder (pictured above) took first place. Chaz captured first place among individual shooters.

The results of this meet were used to field a team that competed at Nationals at Camp Perry in early July. Chaz was invited to join as the State Team captain. The Illinois team came in fifth among all competing teams, and Chaz finished 44th of 188 individual competitors.

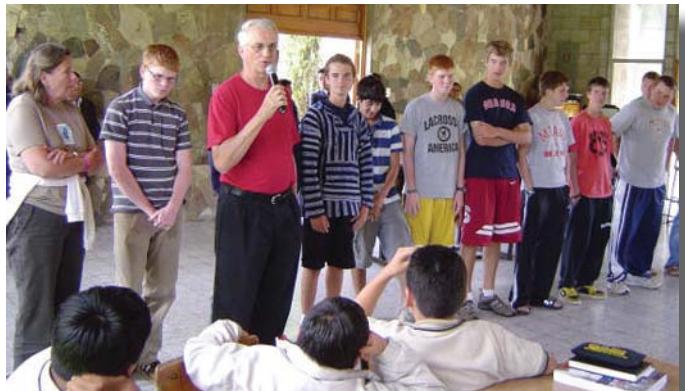
On September 14, Geneva Mayor Kevin Burns and the City Council recognized Chaz's achievements and presented him with a plaque. This is the same plaque that will greet visitors as they enter Geneva, identifying it as the "Home of Chaz Leonard, 2009 Illinois Junior Air Rifle Champion". □

## Marmion Moms Prayer Ministry Speaker Series

Marmion Moms Prayer Ministry has organized a Speaker Series centered on prayer, family, fellowship and faith. The first program was held in September featuring Fr. Paul Weberg on the "Practicalities of Prayer." The upcoming programs are: Lynn Kilbride - "Seasons of Life" on November 18 (two programs) 9:30-11:30am/7-9pm at the Nazareth Retreat House in Batavia. Registration is required and a fee of \$10 at door; Fr. Federspeil of St. Patrick Parish and Relevant Radio contributor - "Preparing for Lent with Mother Teresa" in February (date TBD) at the Nazareth Retreat House. Registration is required; Ann Winkle - "Marian Devotion and Mary's Way" on May 6 in the Student Chapel. All current and former Marmion and Rosary parents and their friends are invited. For more information contact Allison Lally at [alilally@msn.com](mailto:alilally@msn.com).

Marmion Moms Prayer Ministry started in 2006 when Allison Lally knew the void that would be left not only from her oldest son going off to college but also leaving the community of Marmion. It began as an invitation for moms of college age students to meet once a month to pray, find fellowship and support.

Interest grew which expanded the prayer groups to include the moms of current students at Marmion and Rosary. Now they meet all around the area in coffee houses, libraries and churches. They still meet once a month praying for all the students of the women attending and send care packages. Mentoring is another benefit of the groups, whether it is a first time freshman mom's questions, junior year moms wondering about the college selection process, to the veteran moms who have made it through Marmion and now have college students. Everyone in the group has a concern or praise for their child that they can lift up in prayer with other women in their group. Often times they get some good advice to go along with the prayers. □



## Students Travel to San José Priory

Abbot Vincent Bataille OSB and Judy Kosky led a group of fifteen students, alumni and parents on a week mission trip to Guatemala over the summer visiting Marmion's San Jose Priory and assisting with the social projects at the parish of San Lucas Toliman. The group included David Brouch '09, Colin King '09, Nick Scanlan '09, Jimmy Derrico '09, Billy Callahan '10, Collin Rowley '11, John Mason '10, Jimmy Gabel '10, Mike Gallaway '10, Paul Marek '11, Chris Hebert '11, Thomas Delves '09, Nate Shorr '11, Chris Clementz and Jean Clementz.

95% of the parishioners at San Lucas Toliman are poor. The parish has responded offering a medical/dental clinic, women's education center, housing projects, reforestation and a coffee field offering jobs to parishioners. The Marmion group assisted with these projects. □

# In Your Prayers

## TAPS

+**Bishop Louis Puscas** '33 of Aurora died on October 3. He was appointed the first Bishop of the newly created Romanian Byzantine Diocese of Canton, Ohio on July 15, 1993 by Pope John Paul II.

+**Aloysius F. Hettinger** '37 of Aurora died on August 1. He is survived by his four daughters and many grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Virginia.

+**Howard O. Precup** '37 of Mesa AZ died on September 9. He is survived by two sons, a daughter and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 49 years Bernice and a son.

+**Frank B. Adams** '39 of Clearwater FL died on August 22 after a long battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife of 66 years Ruth, two sons (Dean '64 of Parkersburg WV), one daughter and six grandchildren.

+**Robert McCormick** '39 of Aurora died on July 16. He is survived by a son, three daughters and many grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Kay and a son.

+**Leo W. Stengel** '42 of Decatur died on July 14, 2007. He is survived by his wife Jacqueline, four children and many grandchildren.

+**Edwin N. Gengler** '43 of Aurora died on July 24. Ed is survived by his wife Clarine, two sons and many grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his daughter.

+**Bernard J. Michels, Jr.** '43 of Aurora died on October 10. He is survived by his wife Lois, three sons, five daughters and many grandchildren.

+**George A. Waidley, Sr.** '47 of Lakeview AR died on March 15. He is survived by his daughter, step-son and many grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Frances, and two sons.

+**Michael C.J. Kaminski** '48 of Broadview died on June 11. He is survived by his wife Irene, two sons and two daughters.

+**Frank J. Hayashida** '50 of Elgin died on July 30, 2008. He is survived by his wife Joan, a son, a daughter, four grandchildren and his brother **Ralph** '53.

+**William J. Meszaros** '51 of Aurora died on August 24. He is survived by his two sons, one daughter and many grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Nancy and two sons.

+**Robert Stumpenhorst** '53 of Dixon died on August 30. He is survived by his wife Elizabeth, two sons, three daughters and many grandchildren.

+**Frank J. Wittry** '54 of Naperville, brother of Brother Dominic '52 and Richard '52, died on August 23 of a brain tumor. He is survived by his wife Helen, two sons, seven grandchildren and two brothers. He was preceded in death by one son.

+**Jay Broderick** '57 of Chicago died on May 16. He is survived by his wife Mary and five sons.

+**Walter Trauten** '58 of Midland TX died on September 28. He is survived by his wife Deloris, two sons, three daughters, many grandchildren and cousins **Paul Reichenbacher** '58 and Fr. Charles Reichenbacher '59.

+**Thomas W. Shirmeyer** '59 of Pleasant Lake IN died on September 9 after a courageous battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife Shirl, three sons, five daughters, many grandchildren and two brothers (**David** '56 and **Phillip** '65).

+**Robert "Jerry" Melicher** '69 of Aurora died on January 21 after a long courageous battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife Maria, two children and three step-children.

+**Keith Koza** '70 of Geneva died on September 19. He is survived by his wife Mary, a son and a daughter.

+**James Winquist** '98 of West Chicago died on August 17. Jamie attended Marmion his freshman year. He is survived by his wife and three children. He was a master carpenter.

## IN YOUR PRAYERS

+**Rita F. Arter**, mother of **Terrence** '64 of Chicago and **Gilbert** '66 of Seattle WA, died on August 28. She is survived by her two sons, a daughter and a grandson. She was preceded in death by her husband Clark and a son.

+**Doris Mae Barbel**, mother of **William** '59 of Aurora, died on September 9. She is survived by her son, two daughters, and many grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Ralph in 2005.

+**Florence M. Beaber**, mother of **Richard** '64 of Arvada CO and **Robert** '64 of Madison WI, died on August 10. She is survived by her three sons, one daughter and many grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Bob.

+**Virginia K. Bock**, grandmother of **Michael** '98 and **David** '99, died on May 14. She is survived by her son Doug (Marsha Bock, Headmaster's Secretary), a daughter and four grandchildren.

+**Bonnie Connor**, wife of **Donald** '50 of North Aurora, died on July 12, 2009. She is survived by her husband, one son and two daughters and six grandchildren.

+**Kathleen A. Contratto**, mother of **Mark** '79 of Aurora, died on March 15. She is survived by her husband Frank, a son, a daughter and two grandsons.

+**Karen S. Ensweiler**, wife of **John** '67 of Crown Point IN, died on August 31. Karen suffered from liver cancer and passed away at the family home. She is survived by her husband and their son Eric.

+**Maximino Fernandez**, grandfather of **Paul** '03 and **Joseph** '09 **Cordogan**, died on March 9 at his home in Spain. He is survived by his daughter Carmen Cordogan (a Marmion Trustee).

+**Jason Gould**, son of **Eldon** '59 and **Sandy** of Maple Park, died in January 2009 at age 36. He suffered from leukemia and had beaten it twice, until viral complications after a bone marrow transplant. In his memory, Jason's family and friends started the Friends of Jason Gould Foundation to help support leukemia, lymphoma and related research. The first Foundation event was held on September 12 -- a pig roast and auction entitled Jason's Hogfan Party. Jason was a big fan of the University of Arkansas Hogs.

+**Grace Grant**, wife of COL (Ret.) Phil Grant, USA of Hampton VA (former S.A.I. at Marmion in the early 60s), died on July 4.

+**Patti Hahn**, wife of **Bob Hahn** '58 of Fallbrook CA, died on July 16. She is survived by her husband, a son and a daughter.

+**Betty L. Heimsath**, mother of **Peter** '68 of Batavia and **Gregory** '69 of Aurora, died on October 6. She is survived by her two sons and three grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband.

+**Karen Heraud**, mother of **Bryan** '86, died on August 5 after a 21-year battle with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

She is survived by her husband Gene, son, three daughters and seven grandchildren.

+**Roger W. Howard**, father of **Roger** '05 of Aurora, died on March 18. He is survived by his wife of 32 years Anna and Roger.

+**Lillian E. Johnsen**, mother of **Stewart** '54 and **David** '57, died on September 9.

+**Lloyd F. Kautz, Sr.**, father of **Lloyd**, Jr. '57 of Seattle WA, died on October 4. He is survived by his son, two daughters and many grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Georgette and a daughter.

+**Joni Nemecheck**, wife of **Frank** '54 of Batavia, died on July 17, 2009. She is survived by her husband, one son, one daughter and six grandchildren.

+**Robert Nudera**, grandfather of **Robert** '91, **William** '92 and **James** '94, died on October 8. He is survived by his son, daughter and many grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Marcella.

+**Richard Payne**, grandfather of **Christopher** '95, **Brian** '03, **John** '07 and **Greg Askwith** '10, passed away on October 8.

+**LTC (Ret.) Bernard J. Plosay**, former Marmion SAI, died on December 15, 2008.

+**Nancy Proctor**, wife of **Kenneth** '54 of Winder GA, died on March 23. She is survived by her husband, four daughters and fourteen grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her two sons.

+**Robert R. Rebensburg**, grandfather of **Andrew Tovell** '99 and **Sam Rebensburg** '11 of Aurora died on August 18. He is survived by his two sons (Bob Rebensburg, long-time Marmion English Teacher), three grandchildren.

+**Josephine F. Reder**, grandmother of **David Schuster** '98 and **Ryne** '06 and **Robert** '08 **Reder**, died on September 19. She is survived by a son, a daughter and many grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband of 44 years, Robert and two daughters.

+**Leon Roggi**, father of **Joseph** '80, died on September 7. He and wife Marina are Life Members of the Abbot Marmion Society. He is survived by his wife and son.

+**Maxine Rukas**, wife of +**Anthony** '34, mother of **Tony** '63 and grandmother of **Brian** '92 and **Terry** '97, died on August 14. She is survived by her son, four daughters and many grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1970.

+**Arnold Stenman**, father of **Dan** '66 of Elburn, died on September 20. He is survived by his wife Marnie, three sons, one daughter and many grandchildren.

+**Victor Vant**, grandfather of **Tom** '08 and **Terry** '10, died on September 25. He is survived by his wife of 68 years Arina, two sons and six grandchildren.

+**Robert Vokac**, grandfather of **Jeffrey** '10 and **Thomas** '12, died on September 21.

+**Monica E. Walter**, mother of **Florian** '57 of Aurora, **Terrane** '65 of Aurora and **Ronald** '70 of Elwood, died on September 14. She is survived by five sons, four sons and many grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband.

+**Gary W. Wascher**, father of **John** '11 of Bolingbrook, died on September 7. He is survived by his wife Christine, four sons, two daughters and seven grandchildren.

+**Robert Wright**, father of **Thomas** '69 of Aurora, died on July 17, 2009.

# Class Notes

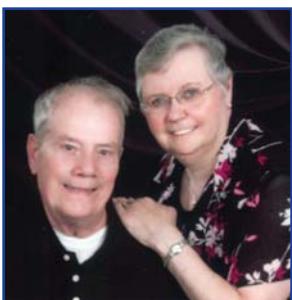
## 1948

Fr. Bernard Schaefer OSB '48 of Marmion pictured right with Frank Bihlman '76 met up in Seward AK to fish and enjoy the beauty of Alaska.



## 1949

Dan and Peg Guddendorf of Aurora (pictured right) celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with a surprise party on July 25, 2009. Dan is a long-time member of the Alumni Board. Peg is a former manager of the Marmion Hammes Bookstore. Peg and Dan have two sons Daniel '90 of Omaha NE and Jim '91 of Aurora.



## 1950

John Fenzel of Sleepy Hollow is the owner of Fenzel Motor Sales in Hampshire. His is one of two local Chrysler dealerships to stay open after the company decided to close 789 dealerships nationwide as part of a bankruptcy plan. "It's humbling that they have put this faith in us," John mentioned in an article in the Hampshire Courier News. "It's all due to my people, who make everything happen" ...Ron and Marilynn Nickels of Aurora (pictured left) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 23, 2009. The couple has five children (Richard '85



Aurora (pictured left) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 23, 2009. The couple has five children (Richard '85

of Brentwood TN) and fifteen grandchildren (Michael Brounch '04, David Brouch '09 and Brian Hoss '09). Ron retired from Aurora Finance after 45 years and Marilyn is a homemaker. After a Mass, celebrated by Fr. Michael Burrows OSB '70, in their honor, a dinner dance reception was hosted by their children and grandchildren.

## 1952

Mickey and Ann Skaja of Elgin (pictured right) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 8. They have three sons (Joseph '78, Brian '81, and William '89), two daughters and fourteen grandchildren (Dennis '05).



also acted as Chair for Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District and Board Member of Yolo County Water Resources Association.

## 1954

James Jen Kin, MD of Huntington Beach CA was inducted into the World Boxing Hall of Fame in Los Angeles CA in October 2009...Charles and Martha McColgin of Sugar Grove (pictured right) celebrated their 50th anniversary on September 12, 2009. The couple has five children and three grandchildren. They celebrated with a family reunion in July at Wisconsin Dells.



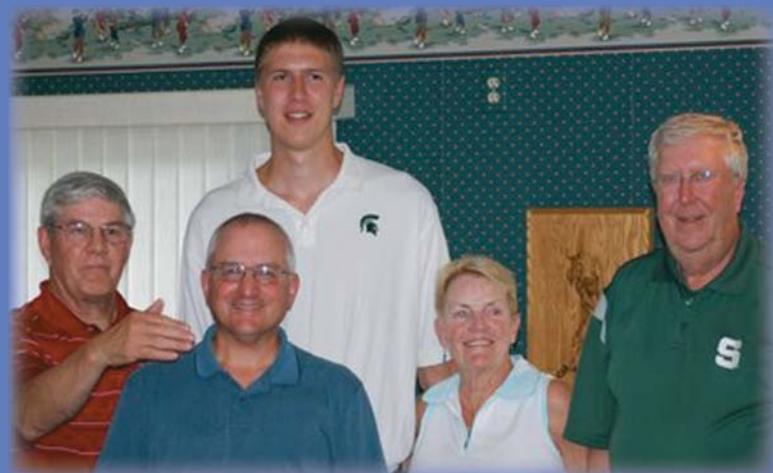
## 1953

David and Ann Scheuring of Rumsey CA have owned and operated Gold Oak Ranch since 1993. The farm comprises several hundred acres. Their main crops are walnuts, Satsuma mandarin oranges and asparagus. They are both certified organic and conventional production practices, and are transitioning where they can do more organic production. You can find the ranch's products through Fully Belly Farms and Riverdog Farms. David is very involved in the local community and has committed much of his time to ensuring that agricultural resources are conserved for the future. In 2002, David and several other community leaders founded Capay Valley Vision. This organization works to strengthen rural residents' sense of community and to guide future development in the valley by working with the Cache Creek Casino. David has

## 1955

Tim White of Aurora marked 50 years as an educator at Benet Academy in Lisle, where he began teaching in 1959. As noted in an article in the Chicago Tribune, he has taught three generations of students and likes telling kids how their grandparents would have answered a question better. Tim says that he is most concerned by his students' distaste for reading, which he attributes to too much time on the computer. "They don't read for fun," he lamented.

## Annual Michigan Golf Outing



Michigan alumni and spouses gathered in Webberville MI for the annual golf outing. A surprise guest was Tom Herzog, grandson of Annette and Don Herzog '52. Tom is a junior center (7') on Michigan State's Team. Pictured above (l-r) Fr. Charles Reichenbacher OSB '59, Fr. John Brahill OSB '67, Tom Herzog, Annette and Don Herzog.

# Class Notes

## 1956

Diane Kackert, wife of George of Batavia, helps Fr. Bernard Schaefer '48 with planting of flowers at Our Lady's Shrine on the Abbey grounds.. Jerry Lawler of Palos Heights wrote in that ten resident members of the class of 1956 got together in Las Vegas in April 2009...



Pictured above are Dave Shirmeyer of Indianapolis IN, Jerry Bergeron of Estes Park CO, Roger Stricker of Streetman TX, Jerry Lawler, Jim Mahoney of Sun City AZ, Bill Nosek of Hot Springs Village AR, Ken Bodnicki Mesa AZ, Ev Zack of Williamston MI, Fernando Ponce and Alonzo Gasque of Merida, Yucatan, Mexico.

**Raymond and Darlene Viebrock** of Cape Coral FL (pictured right) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 2, 2009. Their two sons and grandchildren surprised them with a dinner at the Verranda Restaurant in Ft. Myers FL, to which they were escorted in a white stretch limo. Their children presented them with a portrait of children and grandchildren, which they secretly had taken earlier.

The morning of May 2, their neighbor Father Chas Keho renewed their vows in the living room of their home. Raymond has been dealing with M.S. for over 35 years and Darlene is a three-year breast cancer survivor, which made this occasion extra special for the entire family.



2008 during the hurricane season! They and the bar survived the hurricane which hit them (mildly). Joe continues in his day job as a business analyst.

## 1959

**Dave Adam** of Batavia is a truck driver with Cannonball Express in Montgomery. He and wife Mona have a son in Atlanta that they visit several times a year and have a son in Shanghai, China they visit every year...**David Artabasy** of DeKalb retired in January 2000 and has become adept at doing very little. In other words, relaxation, golf, relaxation, golf, etc...**David DiRanna** of Fountain Valley CA retired in 1996 from operations management and started working with his true love -- woodworking. He now owns a small cabinet making shop, teaches woodworking classes at the local college and has published articles for various woodworking magazines. He also runs an online business selling custom dry-erase boards. For more information visit [www.di-mac.com](http://www.di-mac.com)...**John Gehl** of West Bend WI retired in 1998 after a heart attack. Since then he and Ruth have divided their time between Wisconsin and Queenstown, New

## 1958

**Joe MacHatton** of Jacksonville FL, his son Christopher and other investors opened The Ivy Bar in Jacksonville in late August



**Golden Jubilee Class of 1959 - Front Row:** Bill Schindlebeck, Bob Brouhle, Mike Brewer, Dick Gering, Bill Kaman, Pat (Ron) Berg, Betty (Joe) Crisanti, Phil Ruddy, Bill Dickes, Gerry Hefele, Bob Braun, Jim Kubal, Al Voirin; Row 2: Den Komaromi, Tom Kelly, Larry Mallon, Mike Matei, Bob Bennett, Bob Miller, Bob Kamm, John Berman, Dave Weddige, Mike Gallagher, Don Mallette; Row 3: Peter Hettinger, John Burns, Bob Doran, Tom Leuver, Dave Di Ranna, Al Medernach, Dave Sladsky, Fred Zilly, Jim-Ray La Pointe, Kane Bieri, John Gehl, Fr. Kenneth Theisen, Richard Potuznik; Row 4: Bob Swickert, Jim O'Malley, Dave Adam, Tom Mc Govern, Fr. Charles Reichenbacher, Eldon Gould, George Yender, Jerry Schaeffers, Dave Linster, Dick Waddell, Lee Hettinger, Dave Wallers, Bill Messmer, John Beck, Ed Aister.

# Class Notes

## Alumni Association Hosts Fall Festival

The Marmion Alumni Association held its second annual Fall Social on October 3. The inclement weather was a factor, so the event was held in the gymnasium and lobby with over 200 people in attendance to enjoy the seasonal beverages and food on hand.

The Mothers' Club, under the supervision of president Grace Leonard, provided the decorations. The Dads' Club, under the supervision of John Slade, provided couple power for the beverage area and continuous clean up along with members of the Alumni Board.

The Alumni Association wishes to extend a heartfelt apology to several sponsors whose names were missed on the sponsor signs that were displayed during the event. They are Full Kegger Sponsors: Valley Linen/Aurora Laundry, Restoration Techs, [www.restorationtechs.com](http://www.restorationtechs.com) and Kinally, Flaherty, Kritz and Loran. A misspelling of Buttrey, Wulff, Mamminga Agency on the Half Kegger sign was noted.

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## 1963

John and Terri Gaudio (pictured right) of Sugar Grove celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on August 16. The couple has three sons (Mark '92 of Metamora and Tony '94 of Aurora) and three grandsons. John has been employed for 42 years as a math instructor at Waubonsee Community College. Terri is retired from District 204 after 30 years as a teacher. The couple celebrated with a Mass at Holy Angels Church followed by a dinner for family and friends at Fireside Grille...Bill Morris of Grayslake, former IL State Senator and mayor of Waukegan, and

Tom Weisner '67, current mayor of Aurora, were both appointed to the IL Tollroad Board of Directors by Governor Pat Quinn in August 2009.



## 1964

Robert Babas of Troy MI recently retired as a Director of Information Technology after 36 years with Unisys Corporation.

## 1965

Jack Hamilton of Baton Rouge LA recently had his work *Journalism's Roving Eye - A History of American Foreign Reporting* published by LSU Press. Jack's career spans journalism and government. He has re-

Zealand. That gives them two summers per year. Ruth is an Internationally renowned Quilter with her work on display in several countries...Eldon Gould of Maple Park retired after having farmed near Maple Park for 42 years and being involved in many ag related organizations. He was asked to serve in the Bush administration for the Department of Agriculture in Washington, DC. He spent over three years in Washington as Administrator of the Risk Management Agency. Now he has come back to the farm to assist his son Chris, who has taken over management of the farms...David Haeger, DDS of Wilton ME retired after practicing dentistry for 42 years...Jim Kubal of Naperville is president and owner of Century 21 Team which he formed in 1979...Dave and Connie Linster of Aurora celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in September 2009. Connie recently observed her 20th anniversary as Secretary of the Dean of Students Office at Marmion Academy. Dave and Connie have two sons

Eric '94 and Jason '97...Richard Waddell of DeKalb is retired as an East Coast Regional Manager with Equipto Material Handling...Ronald Waddell of Sayner WI retired after 35 years with teamsters as a driver for Rainbo Bread and United Parcel Service. Ronald is enjoying retirement in the northwoods of Wisconsin where he and his wife Andrea have vacationed for the last forty years. Their son Michael is a master sergeant in the U.S. Army and is currently on his second tour in Iraq.

## 1962

Vince Chawgo of Breese IL was recently named a Melvin Jones Fellow by the Lions Clubs International Foundation. This is the highest award of Lions in the country...Charles Smith of Arlington VA has joined the firm of Flagship Government Relations. The firm is newly formed. They are off to a great start and looking forward to an exciting year.

## Save the Date

2010 Reunion Weekends

**Golden Reunion**  
Class of 1960  
May 28-29

**Silver Reunion**  
Class of 1985  
&  
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# Class Notes

ported from the U.S. and abroad for ABC Radio, the *Christian Science Monitor* and other media outlets, in addition to being a longtime commentator on public radio's Marketplace. He served in the Agency for International Development during the Carter administration and on the staff of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and the World Bank. He is the dean and LSU Foundation Hopkins P. Breazeale Professor at the Manship School of Mass Communication at LSU. He is the author or coauthor of five other books, including *Edgar Snow: A Biography. Journalism's Roving Eye* can be ordered at [www.lsu.edu/lsupress](http://www.lsu.edu/lsupress)...**Jim Sculley** of Benicia CA is the General Manager of a CNC machine shop in Oakland CA. His primary responsibilities are accounting, personnel, webmaster, network administrator. His wife, Karen, is Director of Catering at the University of California, Davis. They have two children. Jenna is the General Manager of a home building company in Oklahoma City. His son Adam is a recovery mentor in Taos NM. He was assured that his son has never done drugs and went through rehab only to improve his skills as a recovery mentor.

## 1967

**John Ensweiler** of Crown Point IN has announced to Lake County Indiana Government officials that he will not seek an eighth, four-year consecutive term on the Center Township Advisory Board. He holds the record for the most service administrative terms, but feels it is time to give a new generation the opportunity for public service. Due to a bone infection after a diving accident in 1989, John had to retire from the advertising agency that bore his name.

## 1968

**Joe Maun** of Steger IL has accepted a position at Fr. Bragg, North Carolina as the Chief of the Counter Improvised Explosive Device (IED) Training Team. He manages a group of civilian contractors who train units on how to defeat IEDs. The units are preparing to go to either Afghanistan or Iraq. He will finish this assignment in April 2010 and return to retirement from the military. He and wife Eloise have gotten an RV, a 32 foot Class A motorhome, which they have had out a couple of times.

Send in your family and career updates to  
[maalumni@marmion.org](mailto:maalumni@marmion.org)  
 Class Notes will appear in the *Marmion Magazine* -  
 November & April issues

## 1970

**John Cibulskis** of Aurora wrote in that six Marmion alumni (pictured below) along with spouses and friends enjoyed an Alaskan trip this summer via rail and sea from Fairbanks to Vancouver. A notable event occurred when departing Juneau one evening. During dinner their ship's captain announced "we are now passing Marmion Island." Yes there is a Marmion Island south of Juneau in the inner passage. The historic photo documents the largest contingent of Marmion alumni to have "roughed it" through this remote wilderness...



Six Marmion alumni (along with spouses and friends) enjoyed an Alaskan trip over the summer. Pictured (l-r): Dr. Edward Garrity '70, Bill Brummel '64, Rob Robinson '70, John Cibulskis '70, Dean Asselborn '70, Don Brummel '70.

**John O'Dwyer** of Plano TX recently retired from Celanese Corporation where he was the Corp. Vice President of Strategic Procurement.

## 1971

**John Grzywa** of St. Charles recently retired from the U.S. Postal Service after driving more than 1,000,000 miles. His family threw a surprise party over the summer to celebrate...**Terry and Nancy Tybor** of Oak Lawn celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on September 5. A surprise party, organized by their son TJ '00, was held in their honor. Terry's brother Ed '69 travelled from AZ to attend.

## 1972

**Craig Morgan** of St. Charles is now a broker with Stifel Nicolaus & Co. in Geneva. Craig left A.G. Edwards after 28 years. He hosted the Marmion Alumni Phonathon at A.G. Edwards for a number of years.

## 1974

**Major General Dan Bolger USA** of Ft. Hood TX was the Commander of US forces in Baghdad when the control of security was returned to the Iraqies on June 29. Dan is the commander of the 1st Cavalry out of Ft. Hood TX.

## 1978

**Bob and Sheila Fitzsimmons** of Geneva celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on August 8 with a Mass and reception at Dunham Woods Riding Club.

## 1979

**Carl Belknap** of Mascoutah welcomed their latest grandchild, Ayden Michael Kruse on August 5...**John Milroy** of Batavia welcomed five of his classmates (pictured below) to the 2009 Salute to Youth Dinner.



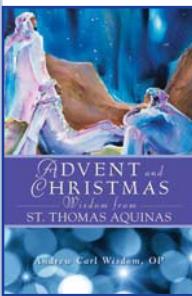
Standing (l-r): John Milroy of Batavia, Tim McLean of Batavia, Bill Graft of South Barrington, LTC (Ret.) Ron Kluber, USA of Korea; Seated: Greg Grabacki of Carpentersville, Pete Bakala of Sugar Grove.

# Class Notes



Silver Jubilee Class of 1984 - Front Row: John Powers, Joe Coler, Fred Conforti, Brian Bagan, Michael Mallon; Back Row: Jay Bolger, Frank Anderson, Steve Kalowski, Tony Tinerella, Jim Eccher.

The 10th annual **Jay Scanlan** Memorial Golf Outing and Dinner was held on September 6 at the Bliss Creek Golf Course in Sugar Grove, with over 60 in attendance, a great way to remember a great man. Jay's oldest, **Nick '09** is a freshman at Miami of Ohio and his oldest daughter is a senior at Rosary High School...**Fr. Andrew Carl**



Wisdom, O.P. just published his second book (pictured left) *Advent and Christmas Wisdom from St. Thomas Aquinas*. This timely reflection book offers daily selections from St. Thomas Aquinas' writings for meditation and prayer, bringing readers face-to-face with the practical and accessible spiritual direction of St. Thomas throughout the seasons of Advent and Christmas. To order a copy call (800) 325-9521 or [www.liguori.org](http://www.liguori.org). Fr. Wisdom currently serves as the Promoter of Vocations and the Director of The Society for Vocational Support for the Dominicans, Province of St. Albert the Great, headquartered in Chicago.

## 1981

**David Offutt** of West Chicago was promoted to Vice President of Deutsche Boerse Systems, Inc...**Karl Wendel** of Elgin OK

recently changed to a new job working for Triple I Corporation in Overland KS. His new position is that of Senior Knowledge Management Advisor to the Fires Center (FT Sill) War Fighter Forums.

## 1984

**Brad Long** of Saybrook is living in Central Illinois farm country and is a big hobby gardener. He started a seasonal business in 2006 called The Farmers Wagon, which does custom produce production and specialty pumpkins and gourds which are sold directly to area restaurants and garden centers...**Manny Madla** of Los Alamitos CA is a Freelance TV Editor for Mad Planet Media. He just finished working on "Life After People" and "Battle 360" for the History Channel. When he gets the chance, he goes surfing. He and wife Heather are also looking forward to more salsa dancing in the future, which is how they met...**Michael Mallon** of Davenport IA has participated in more than a dozen marathons including Boston, NYC, San Diego, Chicago, Charlotte, Cincinnati and Detroit.

## 1985

**Michael Fenzel** of Monterey CA was promoted to full COL in the U.S. Army. He is in the Monterrey Post Graduate School.

## 1986

**Brian** and **Nicki Martin** of Libertyville welcomed a son, Jack Francis on March 31, 2009...**John Tansey** will be inducted into the Knights of Malta on November 14 at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City.

## 1987

**Robert Pasin** of Oak Park has reinvigorated the Radio Flyer brand. He started partnering with outside design firms to develop new products and selected external factories in the US and China to manufacture products that the company had not produced before. Now the company's sales have increased by more than three times and earning are growing at a faster rate than sales. Robert generously donated wagons to the Abbey Farms for its new Pumpkin Patch...**Joel Riley** of Glen Ellyn has been appointed Principal of the Trust Company of Illinois' Wealth Management team. Joel joined TCI in 1999 working with affluent individuals and families in the areas of retirement planning, investment management, tax and estate planning. He is a member of the TCI Investment Committee and has earned the designations of Certified Trust & Financial Advisor and Certified Financial Planner.

## 1989

**Howard Mell** of Bloomington has left practice in Ohio and returned to Illinois. He started a new job as an Emergency Physician at BroMenn Regional Medical Center in Bloomington...**MAJ Samuel Mitchell II USA** is currently working on his Masters of Information Technology Management as well as a Masters of Military Arts and Science. He is also working on a Leaders Book about Signal Communications for Brigade and Battalion Commanders.

## 1990

**Brian** and **Carrie Harms** of Somonauk celebrated the birth of their first son Joseph Thourman (pictured right) on July 1, 2009. He joins sisters Michelle and Becca.



# Class Notes

## 1991

Jeff O'Brien of Orem UT captained the US National Team at the Hang Gliding World Championship this past June in Laragne, France. After returning home, he is preparing to attempt world records for distance, nearly 500 miles, in southern Texas. View more at [hang6.blogspot.com](http://hang6.blogspot.com)...**Ian Weldon** of Jacksonville Beach FL, an assistant Public Defender in Jacksonville FL, received a commendation from Fourth Circuit Public Defender Matt Shirk for his efforts to spare the life of one of their clients. In having completed this case, Ian is now 'Death Qualified' in the State of Florida, but most importantly in the 4th Judicial Circuit where more homicide cases that may lead to death recommendations are litigated.

## 1992

Kurt and Colleen (Ostler) Frieders of Aurora were married on September 26 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Aurora. Kurt is the son of **Melvin and Amory Frieders '66** of Aurora.

## 1993

**Eric and Leemor Medina** of Deerfield celebrated the birth of their daughter Maya Hermine on March 17. Eric has a personal self defense business.

## 1994

**Mayur and Maribel Bawa** are living in Singapore, where he is the V.P., head of controlling, Asia Pacific, for the DHL Global Business Services. They returned to Marmion for Mayur's 15th class reunion...**Adam and Teresa Wolf** of Plano celebrated the birth of their second child, Brooklyn, on February 19. She joins her brother Justin.

## 1995

**Bryan and Jennifer (Throckmorton) Cali** of Chicago were married on July 18, 2009 at St. Josaphat in Chicago. The entire groom's side of the wedding party were Marmion grads: Best Man was **Michael Skoglund**; Groomsmen were **Timothy Cali '01**, Jeff

frey Cali '96, Michael Streit, Christopher Moon '94 and Mauricio Aquino '94; and Ushers were James Stumm, Benjamin Clark and Robert Brennan. Bryan's father, Phil Cali, is a Marmion Trustee...**Bob and Cherie Chapski** of Nashville TN celebrated the birth of their second child, Sean Robert, on Mary 15, 2009. He joins older sister Sydney...**Jason and Jenny Nagel** of Aurora celebrated the birth of their third child, Evan Ryan, on May 5, 2009. He joins his older brother and sister...**Michael Wennamacher** of Chatham is a DJ in Springfield. He is also broadcasting a local high school's football and basketball games in Chatham.

## 1997

**Joe and Chrissy Large** of DeKalb celebrated the birth of their second son, Matthew Robert, on May 28. Matthew joins older brother Nicholas. Joe is Marmion's math department chairman. The Large family is pictured below...



### "A MARMION FAMILY CHRISTMAS" Nineteenth Annual Craft Show



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## 1998

**Michael and Noelle (Kadus) Bock** of Chicago were married on October 3 at St. Alphonsus Church in Chicago. The Best Man was his brother **David '99**, groomsmen included **David Avram, Andrew Hauser '94** and **Michael Sweetman**, **Michael Reinke** was an usher. Other in attendance were **Benjamin Jackman '98, Chad Karwoski '98, Luke Sebby '98, Jonathan Hauser '95, Matt Hamsmith '95**, and **Timothy Hauser '91**. Michael's mother is Marsha Bock, Marmion's Headmaster's Secretary. Mike and Noelle are employed with Homeland Security at O'Hare Airport as Customs and Border Patrol officers...

# Class Notes

Michael and Kimberly (Jirik) Reinke of Aurora were married on June 20, 2009 at St. Terrence Church in Alsip. The Best Man was Andrew Reinke '00 and Groomsmen included David Avram, Michael Bock and Matthew Schindel.

## 1999

Michael and Anna (Lambrou) Cox of Chicago were married on September 19, 2009 at St. John Cantius Church in Chicago. Michael is the youngest of the Cox brothers: Ed '79, John '81, Tom '83 and Robert '88. Michael is a trader on the Chicago Board of Trade...**Jonathan Snow** of Nashville TN recently graduated with honors from Vanderbilt University's MBA program.

## 2000

**Javier Hernandez** of Chicago ran the Chicago Marathon on October 11 for the Children's Memorial Marathon Team...**Neil and Carolyn (Bialowas) Karwoski** of St. Charles were married on September 5, 2009 at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Chicago with **Fr. Charles Reichenbacher OSB '59** as celebrant. Neil is a third generation Marmion grad: grandfather **John '45** and father **Jim '72**. Neil and Carolyn are both graduates of Benedictine University. Neil is a salesman for Superior Beverage in Montgomery and Carolyn is a Doctor of Optometry...**Bill Marmion** of Bozeman MT graduated from Montana State University with a B.S. Degree in Chemical Engineering on May 9, 2009...**Timothy and Lauren (Knowles) Sichmeller** of South Lake Tahoe CA were married on September 19, 2009 at Annunciation Church in Aurora. The Mass was celebrated

by Fr. Charles Reichenbacher OSB '59. The Best Man was **Nicholas Perez**, Adam Digate was a Groomsman and Michael Hughes, Jr. '09 and Lucas Hughes '11 were Readers/Ushers. Timothy is the step-son of **Michael Hughes '76**. Tim received his master's degree in wildlife biology from Ball State University and is working with a government grant on wildlife research in Lake Tahoe.

## 2001

**Paul and Melissa Biles** of Naperville celebrated the birth of their first child, Noah Gabriel, on May 25, 2009...**CAPT Daniel Feehan** of Rockville MD was asked to be a speaker at the 2009 Georgetown University Senior Convocation. Dan, an '05 graduate of Georgetown, is an Army Ranger who served two tours of duty in Iraq and is now putting graduate school on hold while he joins Teach for America. "Feehan embodies the call to care for the collective development of the human family," said Georgetown President John DeGioia...**Rev. Michael Owen** of Hickory Hills was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Chicago on May 23, 2009 at St. Rita High School Chapel in Chicago. He has been assigned to St. Patricia Parish in Hickory Hills.

## 2002

**Matt German** of Maricopa AZ, who was signed by the Phillies as an undrafted free agent after graduating from Northern Illinois, is pitching for the Reading Phillies, a AA club...**Brent and Natalia (Janas) Lo Destro** of North Aurora were married on October 4, 2008. Best Man was his brother

Grant '05 and groomsmen included Michael Henley, Matt Trowbridge and Pete Digate '03...**Daniel and Heather (Wakefield) Regan** of Naperville were married on August 1, 2009 at SS. Peter and Paul Church in Naperville. The Best Man was his brother **Patrick '98**. Groomsmen included **Paul Klepper, Greg Patterson** and **A.J. Zito** and **Michael Naughton '04** was an Usher. Dan is the son of Dr. Richard Regan, a Marmion Trustee...**Adam Voirin** of Batavia is the new Director of Operations of Marmion's Abbey Farms. Adam has expanded the traditional Christmas Tree Farm to include a Pumpkin Patch, Corn Maze and Landscape Trees. For more information visit [www.AbbeyFarms.org](http://www.AbbeyFarms.org).

## 2003

**Tom and Chloe (Kamarck) Fox** of Montevale NJ were married on September 5, 2009 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church on Cape Cod with Fr. Joel Rippinger OSB as celebrant. Tom is the son of **Bill Fox, Jr. '74**. Tom is an Army LT, flying Keowa Warrior helicopters. Tom and Chloe are both graduates of Georgetown University...**2LT Christopher Gensler** of Geneva, a combat engineer with the 130th Engineer Brigade, 82nd Engineer Support Company at Schofield Barracks HW, competed in the Fifth Annual Vest Sapper Competition at Fort Leonard Wood MO. The competition in the rugged Ozark Mountains required competitors to fall out of a helicopter into a lake and carry equipment wrapped in a poncho, navigate through dense woods, climb a mountain and rappel back down, identify land mines and do what sappers are best known for - blow doors off of buildings to make way for the infantry...

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**Nicholas and Mia (Marconi) Handell** of Aurora were married on May 23, 2009 at St. Liborius Church in Steger. Fr. Paul Weberg and Fr. Nathanael co-celebrated the Mass. Best Men were his brothers **Bryan '00** and **Timothy '08**. **David Pfeiffer** was a groomsman and **Timothy Horneman** was a Lector. Other Marmion grads in attendance were **Doug Mayo**, **Ben Fair**, **Adam Cummins**, **Jack Currie '74** and **Fr. Basil Yender OSB '61**...**Jesse Weiler** of Aurora and his friend Jon Leonetti, a Loras College classmate, walked across America to raise awareness of the importance of prayer. From State to State and church to church, Jesse and Jon filmed the entire journey as they spoke with Bishops, Catholic Evangelists, and the youth across the nation, compiling a documentary on what it means to immerse oneself in a life of prayer in the Church. More information about their journey across America can be found on their website at [www.soullywalking.com](http://www.soullywalking.com).

## 2004

**Dan Dalton** of Chicago (pictured right) completed the Masters of Accounting Program at the University of Notre Dame on May 17. Dan was one of about 100 students in the program and participated in the Financial Services track. He had the opportunity to go to China for two weeks (Beijing and Shanghai) with the MSA/MBA China Program. He served as a Finance Teacher's Assistant and cannot say enough about how amazing all of the professors were in the Medoza College of Business. Dan spent the summer taking the CPA exam and began work at Ernst & Young, LLP in Assurance Services practice this fall...**Thomas and Heather (Bozue) DeSimone** of Chicago were married on June 6, 2009 at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church in Lemont. His brother **Timothy '05** and **Nicholas Dolan** were the Best Men. **David DeSimone '09** was a Groomsman...**Luke Herlehy** of Batavia graduated from Arizona State University with a degree in Political Science. At ASU, Luke was the captain of the swim team his senior year. He is currently a full-time law student at Phoenix School of Law...**Dan Hernandez** of Geneva made his directorial debut with Fat Pig at St. Ambrose University. Due to



excessive advanced ticket sales, an extra performance was added. This was the first time in the SAU theatre history that an extra performance has been added due to overwhelming interest. In the four-member cast was classmate **Mike Kline**...**Matthew Meszaros** of Des Moines IA graduated from Drake University in 2008. At Drake he was a member of the Bulldog soccer team. He has a degree in Creative Advertising with minors in psychology and marketing. In October 2008, he began working as a Junior Copywriter for Strategic America in Des Moines. In February 2009, he was awarded a Silver Addy for his ads that were part of SA's campaign for Kum N Go convenience stores...**John Milroy, Jr.** of Des Moines IA recently joined the American Hockey League's Iowa Chops as a Corporate Sales Manager. The Chops, located in Des Moines are the Triple-A affiliate of the NHL Anaheim Ducks. John earned a degree in Sports Management from Loras College. As a "Duhawk" John interned with the Chicago Blackhawks, where he worked as a Community Outreach Intern. After graduating in 2008, John began working with Intersport, Inc. in Chicago where he worked on a marketing campaign for Cadillac running golf clinics throughout the country. John moved to Des Moines in January 2009...**Joe and Victoria (Whittenhall) Wenzel** of Chicago (pictured below) were married on June 6, 2009 at Holy Angels Church. **Jim Rufer** was his Best Man, **Matt Wenzel '10**, **Tony Whittenhall '09** were groomsmen and **Chad Brudos** did a reading. Joe is working for Deloitte and Touche as an accountant and Tori is in her second year of Optometry school.



## 2005

**Nicholas Dieter** of Maple Park accepted membership in Golden Key International Honor Society and was honored during a recent induction ceremony at West Point...**Eric Hermosillo** of Batavia was named the 2008-09 BIG EAST Institutional Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award for DePaul University. Eric had earned BIG EAST Academic Honors in 2005 - 2007. He has 13 career starts in 49 matches overall. In 2007,

he was named second team NSCAA/Adidas All-Scholar Region honoree. The league award included a \$2,000 scholarship which Eric planned on using for classes that help prepare for the CPA exams or his pursuit of a graduate degree...**Roger Howard** of Aurora graduated summa cum laude from The Citadel on May 9, 2009 with degrees in English and History. He was commissioned a 2LT in the U.S. Army...**Nicholas Motyka** of Batavia was recently commissioned as ensign in the U.S. Navy. He graduated from the University of Illinois with a bachelor in Accounting. In July he began training as a Naval Flight Officer at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola FL...**Tim Studio** of Abu Dhabi graduated with honors from Arizona State University in May 2009 with a degree in Elementary Education. He was hired by the Teach Away Program to teach English, science and math at a school in Abu Dhabi for two years.

## 2006

**SGT Thomas Horvath USA** of St. Charles returned from 12 months in Afghanistan to a welcome home celebration with more than 100 people. The Patriot Guard Riders escorted him from the DuPage Expo Center in a stretch limo. He headed to Fort Sill OK in August and will find out his next assignment in the Spring of 2010.

## 2009

**Patrick Gannon** and **Adam White**, both of St. Charles, were awarded the rank of Eagle Scout as members of Troop 10. Patrick's Eagle Project was to beautify the area surrounding a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Quad at Marmion. Adam's service project was at St. James Farm in Winfield where he stripped and repainted the iron-work in the historic stables...**Dan Conlin** of Aurora, **Tim Benoit** of Aurora and **Andrew Konovodoff** of Sugar Grove (all pictured below) were also awarded the rank of Eagle Scout at a ceremony held at Marmion over the summer.



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