

# CRUSADER UPDATE ALUMNI, DEVELOPMENT & SCHOOL NEWS

## GRANDPARENTS DAY MASS



Our annual Grandparents and Special Guests Mass was held September 19th, which united generations in the presence of God. This special Mass has also been a way for the school and staff to extend their appreciation to family members and friends



their roles in aiding our Crusaders as they grow in their faith and further their academics," Dr. Jordan Engle said. He also acknowledged that the GICC Foundation has been the leading force behind making this event and many others successful.



"Whether it's organizing a way for our student body to spend time with family, friends and the Holy Spirit, or whether it's helping with renovating our cafeteria, our Development Foundation has been here to serve the school and deserves our indebtedness," Engle added.

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who support the students. "In addition to worshipping together at Grandparents Mass, we were able to express our gratitude to the grandparents and other special guests for





# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NOTES



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What a fantastic start to the 23-24 school year! It has been so good to have students back in the building. School spirit is energizing for everyone. The Foundation Office has hit the ground running with our Grandparents and Special Guests Mass and coffee, a morning of worship and fellowship for our Central Catholic community.

We have also been busy busy busy, preparing for A Knight at the Disco. Everyone is so excited about this fun theme! Since its inception, The Knight has raised over \$6.2 million for Grand Island Central Catholic. We are grateful to our donors who, by their contributions, have acknowledged the positive social and economic impact Central Catholic Schools has on the Grand Island area. Many of you have sponsored the Knight for years, and we'd like to thank you once again for your generosity.

Our Grounded in Faith – Building our Future capital campaign is going well as we continue to raise funds for the new elementary school. Hopefully you have been able to drive by and see how quickly the building is going up. It is an exciting time to be at Central Catholic!

I sincerely thank you for your constant love and support of our students, teachers and the mission of Central Catholic Schools. ●

Many Blessings,

**JOLENE M. WOJCIK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

## A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL



Greetings Crusader Alumni and Boosters!

I hope this newsletter finds you well! It's been such an honor and privilege to serve the students and faculty of Central Catholic. Time and again, myself and my family have been astounded by the outpourings of support our school receives from all of you. With that said, thank you. Thank you for the support you've shown our school. Thank you for the support many of you have shown me during my five years here as an administrator. Thank you for supporting what has been an immensely successful capital campaign for our new Catholic elementary school. Thank you for the future support of our school as we continue to advance the mission of Catholic education in Grand Island.

With the support of many, we've seen a number of improvements within our building during the summer. The remodeled cafeteria is fantastic and will be a great space for our students to gather each day. To the delight of our wonderful kitchen staff, their new freezer and cooling units have been installed in the renovated kitchen area. Our lobby and many areas of our building received a fresh coat of paint. God has smiled upon our efforts here at Central Catholic!

Again, thank you for your continued support of our school. Please know that our alumni and boosters will always hold a special place in the prayers and intentions of our students and staff! ●

With Christ's Love,

**JORDAN ENGLE, PRINCIPAL**



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Join us for a groovy night of music and fundraising for GICC!

A Knight at the Disco makes its entrance on November 17th, marking the 26th anniversary. Since its inception in 1998, The Knight has raised over \$6.2 million for Grand Island Central Catholic and we are grateful for this support from the entire Grand Island community.

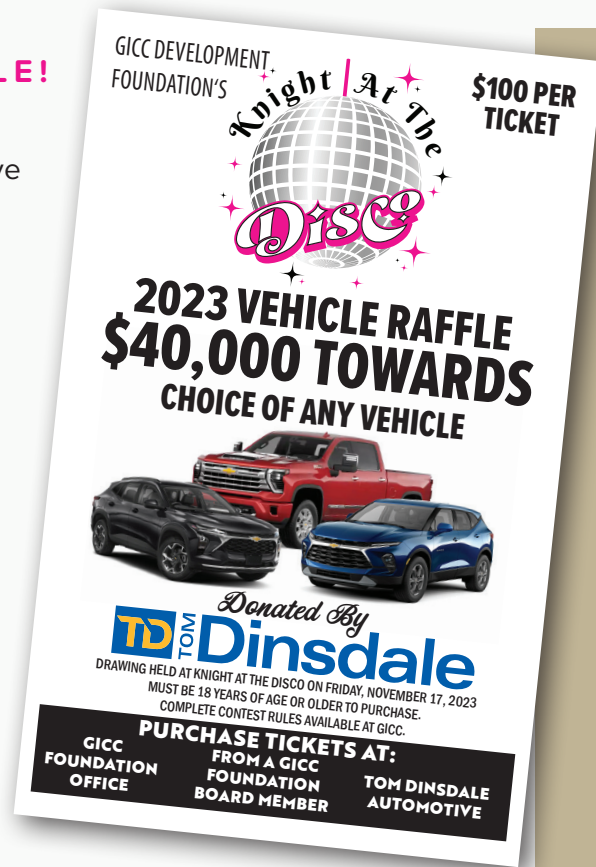


Knight Chairs, Scott & Kellie Weyers and Mike & Jean Hamik.

Executive Director Jolene Wojcik stated, "I'm thankful for all the parents, students and volunteers who work together to make the Knight an exceptional experience every single time. Such good, kind caring people – all of them. We could not pull this event off without each and every one of them."

## VEHICLE RAFFLE!

It's back! We again have a very unique vehicle raffle donated by Kim & Tom Dinsdale and Dinsdale Automotive. Raffle tickets are being sold for \$100 and the winner will receive \$40,000 towards a new vehicle of their choice at any Tom Dinsdale Automotive location! Pick a Corvette, a Jeep, a Cadillac, or whatever you've always wanted. *Need not be present to win.*



Raffle tickets can be purchased online or at GICC:

- [www.bidpal.net/knight2023](http://www.bidpal.net/knight2023)
- GICC Foundation Office
- Text knight2023 to 243725

## THE GROOVY GAMBLE

Groovy Gamble tickets can also be purchased from any GICC student





## LOOK WHAT THE GICC FOUNDATION AND DONORS HAVE DONE



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*in just four years*

- ◆ Provided **\$1.7 million** in operating funds to the school.
- ◆ Raised **\$404,130** over the last four years through **Go Big Give** to support the school's technology and curriculum upgrades.
- ◆ Provided **\$185,000 in tuition assistance** scholarships.
- ◆ Secured a **\$150,000 grant to purchase new security camera system** for the entire school campus, a remodel of the front office, and exterior lighting for the parking lot.
- ◆ **Renovated the Little Theater** which included new seating, lighting and sound boards.
- ◆ Secured a **\$150,000 grant to replace doors with security classroom doors with locks**, and to install an access control system for entry into the building.



## FOUNDATION PROJECTS *(continued)*

- ◆ Purchased and acquired **two new Suburbans** for the school.
- ◆ **Remodeled the library, conference room and several classrooms** with new carpet, paint and window treatments.
- ◆ Obtained a **\$9,000 grant addressing mental health** for our students.
- ◆ Provided new seating, point of sale terminal and television for the **remodeled cafeteria**.
- ◆ **Remodeled the band and music rooms** with carpet, paint and superior audio equipment.
- ◆ Purchased a **new video scoreboard** for the gymnasium and journalism class.
- ◆ Provided **\$55,000 in college scholarships** to our GICC seniors.
- ◆ Purchased **SMART Boards** for two High School Math classrooms to improve instruction
- ◆ Provided Additional fund support for the **hiring of full time paraprofessionals**



*Thank you!*



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- Frances, Mary & Diane Dolton Scholarship
- Dryer Family Memorial Scholarships
- Bill Dunn Memorial Scholarship
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- Francis & Arnette Kalin (Wenzl-Capaldo) Scholarship
- Don Leifeld Memorial Scholarship
- Jack & Dee McGowan Scholarship
- William Marshall III Gratis Award
- Tom Randolph Mathematical Award
- John and Mary Seery Memorial Scholarship

## COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS:

- Jerry Binfield Memorial Scholarship
- Helen Janky/Joyce Janky Sekutara Memorial Scholarship

- Jay's Helping Hands Scholarship
- Eleanor & Ronald P. Jones Memorial Scholarship
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- Dale and Mary Lyons Memorial Scholarship
- Fred Northup Memorial Scholarship
- Fr. Donald O'Brien Memorial Scholarship
- Diane Smollen '76 Sizemore Memorial Scholarship
- U-Save Scholarship

## THANK YOU:

### ■ CLASS OF 1998

Every year, this GICC class provides funds to pay tuition for one student to attend GICC.

### ■ RICHARD AND GLORIA DOLTON

Their \$2,500 donation for Go Big Give was mistakenly omitted in our prior newsletter.

## OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES

### CATHERINE KELLY BRANDON '90

Survived by her children: Emily, Sophie, and Max; father, Hugh; siblings: Mike (Kelly) Brandon, Erin (Travis) Meismer, and Sean (Trisha) Brandon; nieces and nephews, Hannah, Maya, and Roan Brandon, Rory Meismer, and Luke Brandon.

### ROBERT DAVIS '59

Survived by Adrianna Davis; sons, Clifton (Colleen) Davis and their children Andrew, Ethan, Jacob, Samuel, Charles, and Joseph; Cedric (Jamie) Davisaha, NE and their children, Ella, Isaiah, Evan, Joshua; Sister, Renee (Craig) Widga; sister-in-law, Rebecca (Larry) Parker; and brother-in-law, Claude Badura.

### MARY ANN ELSBERND '70

Survived by her partner of 15 years, John L. Smith; sons, Jeremy Elsbernd and Brian (Heather) Elsbernd and their daughters Natalie and Avlyn; sisters, Gladys Soares, and Doris Henke;

numerous nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, and friend, Steve Powell.

### JARROD LISKE '90

Survived by his wife, Jessica; his children, Zane (Lexi) Liske and daughter Rikki, Morgan, Kennedy, Emma, Emily, and Jackson; Parents, Leo and Maxine Liske; Father-in-law, Henry "Mac" McWilliams; Siblings, Janiece Jones, Joe (Jackie) Liske, Jim (Sharon) Liske, Jill (April) Liske-Clark; Grandmother-in-law Alta Russell; Brothers-in-law Jason Belohlavy, Jeff (Stacey), and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

### DEBORAH (DINGWERTH) PIEPER '72

Survived by her husband, Jerry; son, Chad (Yolanda) and their sons, Owen and Carston; brother-in-law, Dave (Kathy) Pieper; sister-in-law, Donna Dingwerth; aunt, Eileen Dingwerth; nieces, nephews and cousins.

### ALICE RHODE

Survived by her daughter Sandra Rhode; son Steven Rhode; daughter Jolene and Tim Wojcik, granddaughter Jessica and Neil Kilchriste and great granddaughter Charlotte Kilchriste; granddaughter Taylor Wojcik and fiancé Sean Grubish; son David and Joan Rhode and granddaughters Ava Rhode and Emma Rhode; sisters-in-law, Rosalyn Ritzdorf, Leola Rhode and Alda Grosserhode; and many nieces and nephews.

### SUZANNE ROHWEDER

Survived by her children, Todd (Karen) Rohweder, Laurie (Joe) Gillogly, Mike (Sheila) Rohweder, and Monica (Craig) Deats; Sister, Sharon (Jack) Jarecke; grandchildren, Tyler (Jess) Rohweder, Zachary (Amy) Rohweder, Morgan (Andrew) Nielsen, Taylor (Anton) Rice, Nick Gillogly, Jack Gillogly, John Rohweder, Kathryn Rohweder, Erin

Deats, Brody Deats, and great grandchildren, Lennon, Callum, Isla Nielsen, Nora, and Lainey Rohweder.

### DOUGLAS 'DOC' STEVENSON

Survivor include sons, Phoenix Stevenson (Ellie Deckert), and Vann Stevenson; brothers, CL Stevenson (Chris Seberger) and Dan Stevenson; a sister, Kay (Tim) Hansen; and aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, former players, coaches and a whole host of friends.

### MARK VOLKL '70

Survived by two sisters, Jane Brozek and Pam Tagel; many nieces and nephews, and great nieces and nephews.

### LEVI ZILLER

Survivors include his wife, Annalia Ziller; four children, Paul, Nadia, Michael and Matthew; his parents and siblings, Ron and Lorna Ziller, Patrick, Laurie, and Brenda Ziller.

# MEMORIALS

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