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CELEBRATING THE GICC CLASS OF 2026

On May 12, the Grand Island Central Catholic Class of 2026 celebrated the culmination of their high school journey surrounded by faith, family, and the Crusader community.

Superintendent Dr. Jordan Engle encouraged graduates to embrace the road ahead with confidence, reminding them, "Your story will take you a number of places. The faith and lessons you've learned here are just part of what is sure to be a wonderful journey. Don't be afraid to make mistakes as you go, but learn from them using the knowledge and love you've had here."

Class speakers Connor Haney and Grace Johnson reflected on the memories, friendships, and experiences that shaped their time at Grand Island Central Catholic while looking ahead with optimism and gratitude for the future.

The Class of 2026 also leaves behind an impressive legacy of academic achievement. Nearly 90% of graduates earned college scholarships totaling more than $2.34 million, while the class achieved an average ACT score of 24.3. The class was further recognized with three Regents Scholars, three KHOP recipients and one alternate, and two KLOP recipients, reflecting their dedication to academic excellence and service.

As the graduates crossed the stage and received their diplomas, they joined generations of Crusader alumni prepared to lead lives rooted in faith, service, and excellence. Congratulations, Class of 2026!

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NOTES

Since joining the Foundation earlier this year, I have felt truly blessed and grateful for the opportunity to serve GICC. It has been an honor to begin building relationships with the dedicated staff, students, alumni, donors and community partners who so faithfully support Central Catholic. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Jolene Wojcik for her leadership, dedication, and service to our school. Through her faithful commitment she helped build a strong foundation for the future of Catholic education at GICC. I am grateful for the legacy she leaves behind; it will continue to inspire our efforts in the years ahead.

While it is much quieter this time of year, the work of faith continues each day. I am reminded that God works through the generosity and kindness of so many who are committed to nurturing faith-filled learners and strengthening our school community.

To those who contributed on Go Big Give day and this past year to the One Faith – One Family – One Future, Crusader Fund, you have my sincerest appreciation. We raised over $234,000 toward our Crusader Fund this last year. Every contribution, is a blessing that helps provide meaningful opportunities for our students, supports our teachers, and strengthens the mission of forming young people in faith, knowledge, and service.

The work of preparing for another successful year is already underway. Thank you for being an important part of our Crusader family and for helping us advance our mission each day.

In faith and gratitude,
EMILY DEXTER | EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A WORD FROM DR. ENGLE

As another school year came to a close, I found myself filled with gratitude for the many ways God has blessed Grand Island Central Catholic. This year brought countless opportunities for growth, learning, and discipleship. We watched students deepen their faith, discover their gifts, and grow into the young men and women God created them to be. We celebrated achievements in the classroom, on the stage, in competition, and most importantly, in the daily witness of our students living out our Catholic mission. None of this happens without the grace of God and the dedication of so many individuals who believe in the importance of Catholic education.

I am especially thankful for the faithful supporters of the Crusader Fund and the GICC Foundation. Your generosity is much more than a financial gift; it is an investment in the formation of souls. Every contribution helps create an environment where students encounter Christ, pursue excellence, and develop into servant leaders. As we look toward the future, I invite you to continue partnering with us in this mission. Please continue to support the Crusader Fund, share the story of GICC with others, and encourage those who value Catholic education to join us in sustaining and growing this ministry. Because of your support, generations of students will continue to benefit from the life-changing gift of a Catholic education.

Summer offers a welcome opportunity for rest and renewal, but it is also a time of anticipation. Even now, we are preparing for another incredible year of faith, learning, and community. We do so with confidence, knowing that God has guided GICC throughout its history and will continue to guide us in the years ahead. As we look forward to welcoming students back this fall, I ask for your continued prayers for our school, our families, and our benefactors. May the Lord bless each of you abundantly this summer, and may He continue to strengthen our Crusader community as we work together to build His Kingdom through Catholic education.

With Appreciation,
DR. JORDAN ENGLE | SUPERINTENDENT, MIDDLE / HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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SEASON SCHEDULE

Date	Where	W-L	We	They	Played
Sept. 16	St. Joseph's of York	W	32	0	There
Sept. 23	Lincoln Cathedral	W	21	0	There
Sept. 28	Shelton	W	41	6	Here
Oct. 4	St. Edward	W	44	37	Here
Oct. 11	St. Bonaventure of Columbus	W	45	21	There
Oct. 19	Cairo	W	73	6	There
Oct. 28	Cecilia of Hastings	W	19	16	Here
Nov. 4	St. Patrick's of North Platte	W	47	13	Here
Nov. 11	St. Mary's of O'Neill	W	24	12	Here
	Totals		***346***	***111***	
	Average		***38.5***	***12.3***	

CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JOLENE WOJCIK

By Cathy Howard

Before she became Development Director in 2019, I only knew Jolene and her wonderful husband Tim through parent/teacher conferences when she dutifully came to check up on her beautiful daughters, Jess and Taylor. I didn't know then that the day would come when I would regard her as a good friend and a personal model of faith.

Anybody who has the calling to become a Development Director for a perpetually needy Catholic school is a saint. My classroom was directly across the hall from the Development Office, so I always had a front row seat. That little hub of space, much like the main office, is alive at all hours. It's abuzz with feasibility studies and visiting donors and phone calls, and that's easy compared to what happens when The Knight fundraiser rolls around. For two months before The Knight, nobody can even walk into the office because it's turned into a hoarding store house for auction gift items.

If that's not enough for a Development Director, Jolene had the crazy idea she wanted to start the ball rolling for a grade school. Dr. Engle was on board, good generous people like Dr. John and Barb Reilly, Tom and Kim Dinsdale, Mike and Jean Hamik, and Tom and Sue Pirnie were all ready to contribute. And thank God, Father Jim Golka, St. Mary's pastor and a GICC graduate who garnered love and respect from all of Grand Island, offered his support as well.

Then a number of things happened. A pandemic shut the entire world down. People couldn't go to church, donations were non-existent because people were not working, and Central Catholic's future was very much in doubt.

On a November day in 2021, Jolene sat on the phone with one of our very own graduates, Jeremy Moore, who was and is now the President of Omaha Skutt, and said to him, "Jeremy, am I crazy? We can't even think of building a grade school."

She remembers that day because it was the anniversary of her father's passing. Preparations were in full swing for the KNIGHT fundraiser that very week, Jolene's elderly mother was sick, and her oldest daughter Jessica would shortly be giving birth. Worst of all, Father Jim Golka, Jolene' s ace in the hole, had abandoned her to go off to be a bishop or archbishop or WHATEVER.

Jolene sadly but logically concluded that a new elementary school was out of the question.

Then something that Jeremy Moore said on the phone that day brought divine intervention into Jolene's small office.

"I guess," he said, "that if you build a grade school and it doesn't fly, at least you'll have a few extra rooms for the high school."

The Holy Spirit was at work.

Jolene hung up, marched down to Jordan Engle's office and said, "We're building a grade school." Then she turned on her heel and marched out to get ready for The Knight.

I can't begin to describe what Jolene's determination meant to people like me - like you - who graduated from GICC, who taught there for a million years, and who had heard talk of a grade school for half a century. Right outside my classroom window, my juniors and seniors and I watched GICC dignitaries shovel out dirt for the big groundbreaking ceremony of Grand Island Central Catholic Elementary.

We were in awe that this was really happening,

"Kids," I reminded them, "some of you will have grandchildren going here to this grade school one day, and you will tell your grands that you were

here on the very day that ground was broken for good ol' GICC Elementary."

They realized, too, that together we were witnessing history in the making.

We watched Jolene running around the place in a hard hat. A giant pit for the foundation was scooped out of the ground. My students stared out the window and watched the bricks and mortar rise higher and higher. The windows and doors were installed, and last of all the pre-school playground was carved out of the earth directly outside my classroom window. It was no small thing to restrain 70 juniors and seniors every day who were dying to burst out the door to try out that tiny playground equipment.

Finally, when the inside construction was nearly complete, Jolene and her two-year-old granddaughter Charlotte filled a time capsule to hide away in the bowels of the new construction. Inside that capsule were family pictures and Jolene's letter to her granddaughter Charlotte.

"Hello from the past!" Jolene began that letter. "I'm not sure, Charlotte, when you'll be reading this. It could be 50 years from now, and I'll be long gone."

That letter would make you cry.

Jolene and I talked about that day 50 years from now when Charlotte, most likely a grandmother herself, would read that loving letter. Jolene's dream had come to fruition. A grade school had been built, but she was understandably emotional.

"I wish I could be here when Charlotte opens that letter!" she said.

"Oh Jolene," I said, "You WILL be here! And John and I'll come with you! You and I'll get a day pass from Heaven, and John can get a pass from wherever he is. We'll all come to hear Charlotte read her grandmother's letter!"

Jolene's greatest gift is not just her boundless courage and optimism, but it's her love for people. She's made so many enduring and meaningful relationships with everybody in this GICC community - staff, students, parents, graduates and donors. She's made every single one of us - especially our students - feel necessary to Central Catholic. So it wasn't surprising that one day a couple of years ago, Jolene came to school Mass and asked our students and staff for a favor. Her tiny newborn granddaughter, Elle, had been born with two holes in her heart.

In tears, Jolene made an impassioned plea. "Please pray for Elle," she asked our students. "I have great faith in the power of your prayers."

You could have heard a pin drop in that old gym, and I watched many of those kids then and there drop their heads to pray for Baby Elle.

Many months later, just after Easter, Jolene was at school Mass again to give an update.

Again the gym was silent and expectant as Jolene thanked the kids for their prayers.

"We took Elle back to the doctor on Holy Thursday," she said with a tremulous voice. "The holes in her heart closed on their own."

I wish you could have heard the gasps of joy rise in the gym. It was an Easter miracle.

I tell Jolene all the time that SHE is a miracle. The Holy Spirit brought her to Central Catholic, and with her the Lord's reminder that nothing is impossible with God - not the miraculous closure of two holes in a baby's heart, not the construction of a brand new grade school right after a pandemic shut the world down, and not a grandmother's fervent prayer for God to fill her grandchildren and all the other grandchildren at GICC with hearts of living faith.

Thank you, Jolene! We love you and will miss you and are so grateful for what you've done for all of us at Grand Island Central Catholic.

2025 GICC FOOTBALL TEAM RETROSPECTIVE

By Bobby Mills

There is a high school football team right over my backyard fence that has taken forty-three years to emerge from a school that, for the last quarter century, has been labeled a "basketball school" in many circles.

No, the football program at Grand Island Central Catholic has never suffered through embarrassingly long losing streaks. Nothing like that. But not since the mid-1970s and early 1980s has this football team been considered a serious contender for a state championship in Class B, C-1, or Class C-2.

Shortly after my football years in the mid-1960s, my high school football backfield mate, Nebraska High School Football Hall of Fame brother, and dear friend Carl Tesmer built a championship program at Grand Island Central Catholic, taking his Crusader teams to State Football Finals in Class B (1975), Class C-1 (1979), and again in Class B (1983).

All three times, "Tez" came up short, falling to Schuyler 16-15 in 1975, Fremont Bergan 20-12 in 1979, and Platteview 6-0 at home in 1983.

But history is for guys like me, and the current GICC gridiron team isn't looking in the rear-view mirror at the past. Well, maybe three years ago when this nucleus of current seniors was trying to rise from the ashes of a 2-7 football season.

Wiley veteran football coach Jeff Ashby, one of the wisest in the business, took over the GICC program in 2023 hoping to rebuild as he had at previous stops. Ashby, who brought 221 career wins and an Eight-Man State Championship at Giltner in 2012 to his résumé, could see the raw talent brewing that first season. Last season, Ashby led the Crusaders to a 6-3 record. Only a bitter season-ending loss to rival St. Paul kept them from advancing to the playoffs.

Through countless 5 a.m. summer weightlifting sessions, the sour taste of that St. Paul loss fueled thoughts and promises of redemption for the 2025 football season. Losing your final regular season game and missing the postseason is unacceptable. Losing to St. Paul is sacrilege.

GICC hit the ground running this season with a resounding 44-0 victory over old rival Hastings St. Cecilia. Following that, the stout, stunting GICC defense did not allow a single scrimmage-line touchdown until a 21-14 road loss at Ord on October 3rd.

Central Catholic rolled through Malcolm 27-7, Hershey 42-0, Superior 50-0, and Centura 42-0. The only blemish during that stretch came on an opening kickoff return by Malcolm that convinced Ashby he needed his best players on the field, even on special teams.

Meanwhile, the offense, led by the arm and legs of quarterback Grayson Sack, the vision and running ability of Jack Alberts, and the sure-handed pass-catching skills of Connor Haney, staked the Crusaders to big early leads, forcing opponents into uncomfortable catch-up mode offensively.

GICC immediately rebounded from the Ord loss, steamrolling Cross County 52-14, shutting out a strong Boone Central team 37-0, and then avenging the 2024 loss to St. Paul with a regular season-closing 49-15 victory. The Crusaders then defeated 6-3 West Point-Beemer 49-14 before putting away 9-1 Archbishop Bergan 31-14 last Friday night. The victory clinched a semifinal home game after Ord pulled out a last-minute win over top-seeded and undefeated Hartington Cedar Catholic, 27-21.

I've seen somewhere in the vicinity of 1,050 high school football games in my life and have attended at least one GICC game every year since my family moved from Columbus to Grand Island in 1959. This current group is the finest Central Catholic football team I have ever seen.

Coach Jeff Ashby has said they are as good as – or better than – his 2012 Class D-2 State Champion Giltner team, which outscored playoff opponents 240-84 and set multiple records along the way.

This is a highly talented bunch on both sides of the ball, led by a young man named Grayson Sack, who is feared by Class C-2 defenses everywhere. Sack posted lofty statistics in 2025, establishing himself as one of the premier dual-threat quarterbacks in Class C-2. The GICC senior magician completed 59 percent of his 150 pass attempts for 1,583 yards with 15 touchdowns and just three interceptions. He also rushed for an additional 733 yards and 13 touchdowns.

Then there is running back Jack Alberts, who moved from slot receiver and embraced his new position to the tune of 962 rushing yards and 17 scores. Tough and fleet-footed Tommy Schneider also emerged as both a running and receiving threat out of the Crusader backfield, rushing for 220 yards and five touchdowns while adding eight receptions for 246 yards and four more scores.

When Sack put the ball in the air, he had a big, swift target in Connor Haney, who hauled in 37 receptions for 838 yards and 11 touchdowns. Speed merchant Graham Stava (10.8, 22.2, 50.4) also became a favorite

target, catching 32 passes for 450 yards and four touchdowns.

The GICC offensive line, coached by Steve Dunham, became the machine that made the Crusader offense go. Kelton Kearns, Brandon Cloud, Cody Golka, Will Maser, and Owen Price formed one of the best offensive line units in recent years.

Coach Willie Fair's defense, with its constant stunts and movement, became one of the most difficult units to scheme against in Class C-2. As a team, the statistic that sticks out most is GICC's massive 116.5 tackles for loss. By comparison, Class C-1 power Wahoo recorded 83.5, and only Millard South's staggering 203 tackles for loss surpassed the Crusaders among playoff teams.

The Crusaders stayed perfect through the 2025 playoff season, earning their first-ever trip to Memorial Stadium in Lincoln with a 23-13 win over a red-hot Ord team. The victory avenged the Crusaders' only regular season loss and completed a perfect playoff run, all within the friendly confines of Grand Island's Memorial Stadium.

CLASS C-2 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

It was a dream come true for the Crusaders, earning the opportunity to play on the sacred turf of Memorial Stadium with a chance at the ultimate prize. Their opponent was Bishop Neumann, a powerful running squad fresh off an appearance in the previous year's title game.

The weather proved to be one of the most bizarre in state finals history – a chilling wind howling constantly at more than 40 miles per hour, with wicked gusts approaching 60 at times. The gusts were so strong that even a pitchout was dangerous, let alone a pass. The conditions essentially neutralized more than 60 percent of GICC's deadly run-pass attack.

Despite the difficult conditions, the Crusaders carried an 8-6 lead into halftime. However, an injury to Grayson Sack and a crushing defensive effort by Wahoo Neumann eventually led to a 37-15 defeat. Not making excuses, but had the bizarre weather not been such a significant factor, it is my belief Central Catholic would have made this a much closer game and possibly even won had the wind not neutralized the passing attack. Nonetheless, I still believe this 2025 GICC football team was the best in school history.

THE CLASS C-2 ALL-STATE TEAMS

The Crusaders continued setting records in the postseason with the release of the All-State teams. Four media outlets publish All-State selections: my own teams, the Omaha World-Herald, the Lincoln Journal Star, and Huskerland (Bob Jensen).

I always publish mine first and placed seven GICC players on my All-State teams, with another narrowly missing selection. The seven Crusaders I selected were:
QB – Grayson Sack, Sr.
WR – Connor Haney, Sr.
OL – Will Maser, Jr.
PK – Garrett Watson, Fr.
DL – Owen Price, Soph.
LB – Jackson Gangwish, Soph.
LB – Jack Alberts, Sr.

The Omaha World-Herald named Sack, Haney, Maser, Watson, and Gangwish – an extraordinarily high number for that legendary publication and the originator of Nebraska high school All-State football teams. The Lincoln Journal Star selected Sack, Haney, Price, and Gangwish.

All I can say is this 2025 GICC team is the best I have ever seen from the school across my fence. What a year to be a Crusader! Thank you Seniors!

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GEORGE C. BOROWSKI
He is survived by his wife, Judy Ann Browski; his children Denise (Glenn) Mitchell, Blake (Chantal) Borowski, and Debin Norris; brother, Michael Borowski, sister Dianna (Duane) Deis, six grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

REV. JAMES J JANOVEC '56 (SAINT MARY'S)
Survived by his sister, Judy Janovec and several nieces and nephews.

CAROL K. KUSEK
Survived by her children, Anthony (Steph) Kusek, Craig (Sherri) Kusek, Angel (Kurt) Kosmicki, Brighy Kusek, Sam (Jamie) Kusek; siblings and their spouses, Francis and Betty Rott, Lia Rott, Janet and Jace Bridger, Jean and Lenny Parachini, Mary and Richard Buettner, Annette Nabity, Bonnie and Lonnie Hummel, Christine Rott and Robert Rott; three grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

MARGARET "PEGGY" LEY
Survived by her son and daughter-in-law RJ and Barbara; two grandsons; two great grandsons; two nieces, and one nephew.

LOIS URBANSKI '65
Survived by her children, Stacie (Mark) Wiegert and Jason (Shannon) Urbanski; sisters Pam Woodward, Barb (Harold) Green and Terri (Robert) Shook; six grandchildren; one great grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

2025-2026 ALL-SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

CLASS OF 2026 - 39 SENIORS

- 94% attending 2-4 year college
- 90% of seniors received college scholarships totaling $2.34 million
- 85% graduating with honors
- Average ACT Score of 24.3
- 3 Regents
- KLOP: 2 Awarded
- KHOP: 3 awarded, 1 alternate

CRUSADER SENIORS ARE OFF TO:

Central Community College
Colorado State University
Creighton University
Doane University
Hastings Central Community College
Hastings College
The National Guard
Northeast Texas Community College
University of Kansas
University of Nebraska at Kearney
University of Nebraska at Lincoln
University of Nebraska at Omaha
Wayne State University
Western Nebraska Community College
York University
Entering the workforce

Art	Nebraska State Scholastic Art Competition Medals: 1 Gold, 2 Silver, 3 Honorable Mention		Speech	State Runner-Up, 7 medalists, 2 1st Place, 1 2nd Place, 3 3rd Place, 1 4th Place
Marching Band	Marched at UNK Band Day, Harvest of Harmony, and the Nebraska State Fair		Softball	13-13
Concert Band	14 members in All City Honor Band, 8 members in Centennial Conference Honor Band, District Performance		Swimming	3 State Medals, 2nd Place 200 Freestyle, 2nd Place 500 Freestyle, 8th Place 200 Free Relay
Concert Choir	District Performance		Boys Track	6 State Qualifiers in 7 events. Gold Medal in 4x4 Relay, 2nd Place Medalist in 400 Meter Dash, 3rd Place Medalist in 400 Meter Dash, 3rd Place Medalist in 800 Meter Run
Baseball	State Qualifier		Girls Track	6 State Qualifiers in 7 events. 2nd Place Medalist in Pole Vault, 4th Place Medalist in Pole Vault
Basketball	State Qualifier		Boys Tennis	State Qualifiers
Dance Team	State Runner-Up in Jazz		Girls Tennis	Class B State Runner-Up and State Tennis Duals Champions. 6 Medalists #2 Singles Runner-Up, #1 Singles 4th Place, #1 Doubles 5th Place, #2 Doubles 5th Place
Cheer Team	State Runner-Up		Girls Soccer	Class B District Runner-Up
FBLA	3 National Qualifiers, 6 SLC Medalists		Speech	Class C1 State State Runner-Up, 7 medalists, 2 1st Place, 1 2nd Place, 3 3rd Place, 1 4th Place
Football	State Runner-Up		Football	Class C2 State Runner-Up
Boys Golf	State Team Qualifier, 1 State Medalist – 5th Place		Boys Wrestling	1 State Qualifier
Girls Golf	State Team 5th Place		Girls Wrestling	2 State Qualifiers
Girls Soccer	District Runner-Up		Volleyball	15-15
Boys Soccer	District Runner-Up			

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Friday, November 20, 2026 | Riverside Golf Club

The Knight Co-Chairs

Libby & Dr. Ben Hanzel | Abby & Dr. Zach Meyer