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at McAuley**

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# CORNER

## Dearest Alumnae and Friends,

A springtime trip to the park with three of our beloved grandchildren confirmed to me the age old adage of “Not far from the tree does the apple fall.” Our seven year old

grandson sprinted to the spiral slide where he climbed to new heights before flopping on his back to enjoy each turn and spin of this fast paced adventure. Our five-year-old granddaughter raced to the swings. She giggled with delight as she kept begging to go higher and higher. Finally, the toddler cautiously surveyed the pirate’s ship with its maze of nooks and crannies. I smiled as I watched his confidence build stronger through a plethora of trips on this outdoor adventure. I could see in each gleeful face the memories of past trips to the park with their parents - our children.

Similar adventures and experiences are happening daily at McAuley High. Led by master teachers, advisors, and coaches, I marvel at the exceptional accomplishments of each McAuley student as “we reap what we sow.” With the same joy as a five-year-old swinging as “high as the sky,” I share with you some of McAuley’s springtime accomplishments:

1. McAuley’s Latin program was once again proclaimed by the Ohio Junior Classical League the TOP all-girls school in the state for the seventh consecutive year!
2. McAuley’s Women in Engineering Program is conducted and led by two outstanding women engineers: McAuley Alumna and P&G engineer Leslie Gordon ‘83 and Marilyn Yager, a parent of a McAuley alumna and a J.M. Smucker Co. engineer. The students most recently took apart appliances to determine how the circuits worked, explain the circuitry, and put the appliance back together. Challenging tasks applying science and math prowess are practiced at the Women in Engineering seminars as the students are introduced to chemical, mechanical, civil, and electrical engineering.
3. Ms. Goldbach’s Theology classes collected toiletry items for the Crittenden tornado victims, and St. Vincent DePaul Stores received a plethora of clothes from another service project.

4. McAuley’s Tablet PC Program is one of only seven programs nationwide to be showcased on the international website of the One-to-One Institute.
5. McAuley is the only all-girls high school in Hamilton County selected to be a provider for the Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Program. Being true to our mission, we have submitted applications on behalf of 22 students. These students could be awarded up to \$20,000 for tuition and special services.
6. McAuley High School Government/Social Studies teacher of 27 years, Mrs. Pat Basler, is thrilled to be one of only 25 teachers across the country selected to attend the C-SPAN Educators conference in Washington D.C. this summer.
7. McAuley’s Vocal Ensemble will participate in the World Choir Games in Cincinnati, July 4-14. This prestigious award has led to their singing at City Hall and U.C. Hospital and on Channels 9 and 19. Most recently they won 1st Place Gold with Superior Rating at competition in Nashville, TN.

As you can see, while we are constantly considering new ways to challenge and teach, one thing remains constant about McAuley High School and that is dedicated faculty members who take personal interest in the individual success of each and every student.

We cordially invite you to come see today’s McAuley with its laptop program, online courses, competency to credit program, and International Servant Leadership Student Training in Dublin, Ireland! We are here all summer to welcome you home. Inspired by the teachings of Jesus and the energy of Catherine McAuley, may we be “chips off the old block.” We are grateful for your increasing generosity that makes all these accolades possible. With a shared vision and indelible friendship, we are making the world a better place, one McAuley Alumna at a time!

With love and gratitude,

Cheryl A. Sucher

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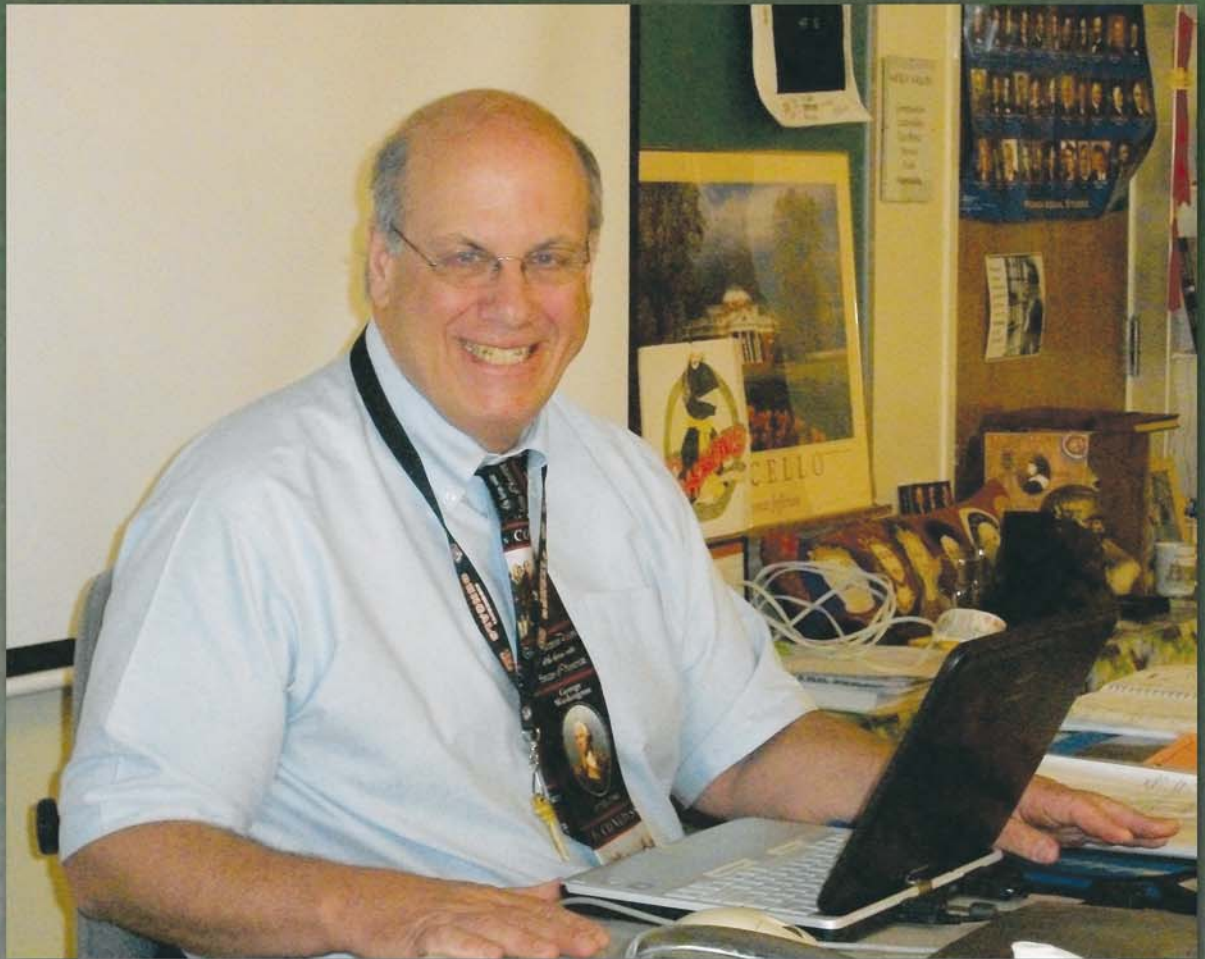
# Technology in the Classroom: 1970-2012

by Mr. Jim Schneider



Historically, Americans have always embraced technology as beneficial and expedient for the American way of life. From Thomas Edison's light bulb, Henry Ford's Model T and today's computer revolution, Americans have continued to support the advancement of technology.





When I started teaching at McAuley (Nixon was president), no teacher even had a personal calculator, much less a computer. A few lucky teachers (Mr. Glascock) might have had access to an adding machine. The rest of us were on our own. Initially, the first calculator that I gladly purchased (for \$160) could add, divide, subtract and multiply. Averaging quarter grades became so much easier. No one had even heard of a *graphing* calculator. Today, McAuley teachers enter their class grades on Edline, which automatically calculates the final average.

Oh, but for those “good old days” of teaching with cutting edge technology in the classroom. Today, instead of chalk and writing on the blackboard, teachers use Blackboard to post assignments and PowerPoint to have students take tests, and to actually communicate with their students. “Snow days?” Don’t worry-McAuley will have an online assignment day, and you can do your school work at home!

Perhaps you remember the clang of a 16mm projector as it projected a film onto the movie screen. Occasionally today, Mr. Young will bring out a 16mm projector and film to show his students what was “high tech” in the 1960s. Some of you might have been in Mr. Buhrman’s biology class when he inadvertently caught his tie in the 16mm projector as he loaded the film. Mr. Buhrman was almost literally drawn into the film, saved only by sacrificing his tie. Then there was the infamous book burning as the binding of Mr. Schneider’s *History of Egypt* book melted from the heat of an opaque projector. Who knew technology could be so dangerous? Miss Vissing still has nightmares about the time she inadvertently chopped off a piece of a 16mm film, *Hamlet*. Fearing the wrath of Sister Clara Blankemeyer who was

in charge of AV, Miss Vissing slid the piece of film into her pocket, re-wound the film and sent it back to AV. “To be or not to be” never sounded the same again. (She’s sorry, Sister Clara!)

Technology has changed our world and the way teachers bring material to our students. Back in the “good old days,” students took copious notes until their hands and pens both wore out. Theology teacher Mr. “Spiderman” Klus fondly remembers overhead projectors and slowly revealing his notes so that students wouldn’t write too far ahead. Today, student Tablet PC’s allow easy access to researching at international libraries, downloading PowerPoint notes and using One Note.

The Foreign Language Computer Lab at McAuley has long been replaced by students making audio recordings using Audacity, which is already loaded onto their tablets. Spanish teacher Mrs. Effler says you have to be on top of students attempting to use Google Translate. Some things never change with teachers and students; accountability always enters into the high school equation.

Physics teacher Mrs. Nissen is glad she doesn’t have purple fingers any more from having to use the old ditto machines. Today’s students, however, have missed out on the hypnotic smell of the fluid from the purple ink when fresh off the press handouts were passed back in class. Government teacher Ms. Basler is glad she doesn’t have to worry about making a typing mistake. With a ditto, the only means of making a correction was using a razor blade to gently scrape off the error. AP Biology teacher Mr. Stachowski thought the black mimeographed tests were a little better, but you still had to use correcting fluid and store the black inked master between newspapers. Many a teacher’s hands and sometimes clothing were dirtied by the black ink of a mimeo. Now overhead projectors and even Smart Boards have been replaced by the touch screens on students’ Tablet PC’s.

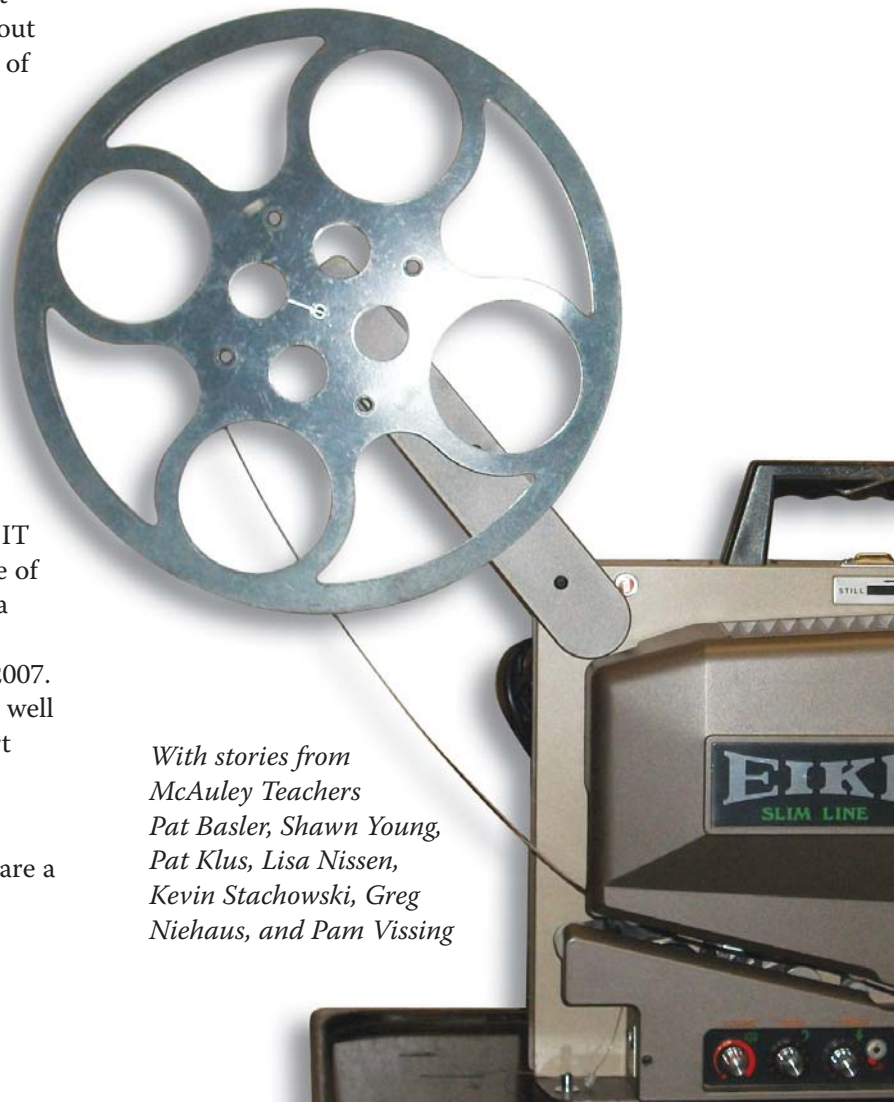
Today, many times the students *are* the teachers as they have grown up with the latest technology. So when I hit a technological roadblock, I call on the best IT techs that I can find – my students. Last week a couple of sophomore Modern American History students, Jessica Conway and Abigail Meeks, brought me up to date on PowerPoint 2010, which is different from PowerPoint 2007. Now it is possible to record my voice and add music as well as video to my always fascinating and interesting (insert laugh) class discussions.

Presently, my second semester Modern United States History Research assignment requires students to prepare a 10-minute student narrated Digital History project. In

addition to narrating the project, students must incorporate music and an archival video or interview into their project. Students may select from Photostory 3, Picasa 3, PowerPoint 2010, or Movie Maker to create their project.

In doing their projects, I tell students the story of Charles A. Beard’s research methods on his landmark 1913 book *An Economic Interpretation of the Constitution*. Beard had to travel on a yet unmade road system. In Beard’s day, the Model T was new technology. Beard’s research was slow and tedious as he had to physically visit historical sites and personal libraries to examine primary source documents for his research. Today, any of our students can access Beard’s sources via the web with a user name and a password. Research today is faster and safer, with fewer bumpy roads, than Beard experienced in his Model T.

One last observation: as with any new technology, it is constantly changing, only much faster today. What you have learned this year will be obsolete sooner than you think. Has anyone used a slide rule lately? One of our many goals at McAuley High School, as educators and teachers, is, as it has always been, to prepare students to adapt to an ever-changing technological world.



*With stories from  
McAuley Teachers  
Pat Basler, Shawn Young,  
Pat Klus, Lisa Nissen,  
Kevin Stachowski, Greg  
Niehaus, and Pam Vissing*

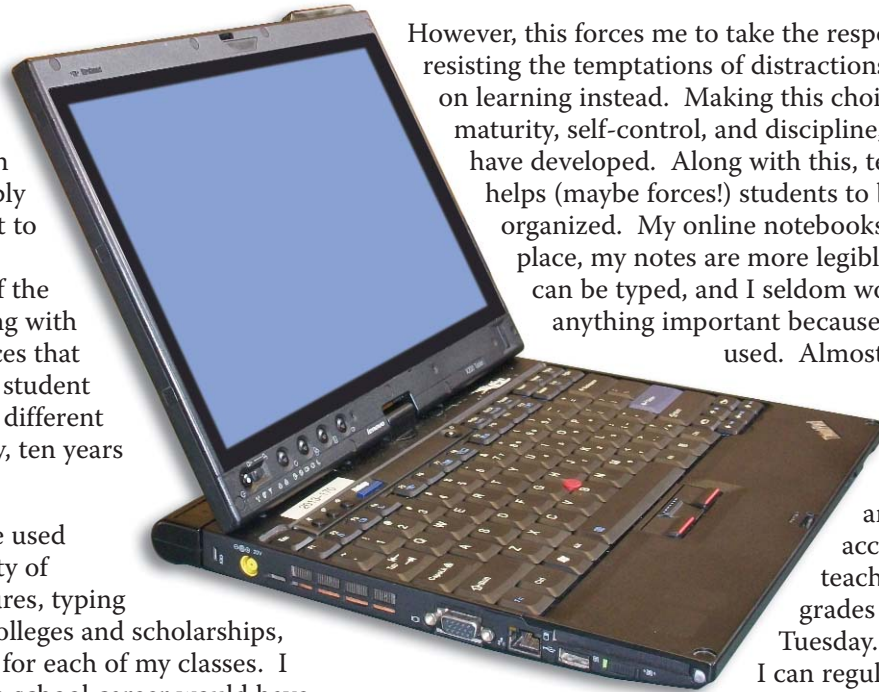


# Enhancing my Education

by Emilee Rumke '12

As a member of the first class to use Tablet PC's during all four years at McAuley, I have experienced first-hand the positive effects of technology in the classroom. Of course, simply owning a laptop and bringing it to school every day does little for students - it is the utilization of the many tools on the laptops, along with the amazing amount of resources that are available, which allow both student and teacher to have an entirely different learning experience than of, say, ten years ago.

Over the past four years, I have used my laptop for a countless variety of tasks: taking notes during lectures, typing research papers, applying for colleges and scholarships, and completing my homework for each of my classes. I truly have no idea how my high school career would have gone without the aid of my laptop.




However, this forces me to take the responsibility in resisting the temptations of distractions and focusing on learning instead. Making this choice takes much maturity, self-control, and discipline, all of which I have developed. Along with this, technology also helps (maybe forces!) students to be more organized. My online notebooks are all in one place, my notes are more legible because they can be typed, and I seldom worry about losing anything important because paper is rarely used. Almost all of my textbooks are online, which makes studying easier and more accessible, and my teachers post my grades online every Tuesday. My parents and I can regularly check my progress with no difficulty.

Communication between student and teacher is now more efficient. Every student and every teacher has his or her own school email address, which can be utilized in a number of ways. Maybe one of my teachers forgets to mention a homework assignment in class and needs to tell the students, or maybe a group of students working on a project needs to send information back and forth to each other. E-mail makes both of these tasks, as well as many others, possible and simple.

To be honest, I am a quiet student in class. There are instances, of course, where participation comes easily for me, but there are also times when I hold back. With the introduction of programs such as DyKnow, which has a class chat room feature, and Blackboard, which has a discussion board feature, I can voice my thoughts and opinions with no trouble. Many of my teachers over the past four years have used both of these programs in the classroom, allowing me and other quiet students to participate in a different way. These programs also show teachers that although some students are less outgoing, they are still engaged in the learning material and have something worthwhile to say.

As you now see, technology has opened new doors in the lives of both students and teachers. It is hard to even imagine what school may be like for the upcoming generations. However, I can say with confidence that technology will continue to bring a plethora of positive aspects to the classroom, enhancing education along the way.



Going to school is obviously still possible without such technologies, but I can honestly say that my education has benefited. Throughout my high school career, all of my teachers have applied technology to the classroom in their own way - from giving our tests online (which are automatically graded), to assigning projects and presentations which require the use of videos, music, and voice-overs, my learning experience has been made highly interactive.

Critics of technology in the classroom may say that students have too much freedom and too many distractions. This is partially true: I have much more freedom than if I did not have a laptop in class, and because of the internet, there will always be distractions.

## Congratulations!

On National Signing Day, three McAuley seniors signed with Division I colleges and one senior committed to play at a Division III college.

Olivia Jester will play soccer for the University of Kentucky Wildcats. Olivia was GGCL First Team for two years, and GGCL Second Team for two years. She plays forward and is currently on the Regional Olympic Development Program team.

Kristen Kluener signed to play soccer at Wheeling Jesuit University. She plans to major in respiratory therapy while playing the position of striker for the Wheeling Cardinals. Kristen has been playing soccer since the age of four, and played all four years at McAuley.

Danielle Pfeifer will run both cross country and track for the Wolverines of the University of Michigan. Danielle is a three-time Division I regional champion in the 800-meter run, and has a PR of 2:08 in the 800, set last year at an indoor track meet at the University of Kentucky. She plans to study nursing at Michigan.

Abby Osborne is a soccer midfielder who has committed to play soccer for Thomas More College. She is receiving academic scholarships to Thomas More and plans to major in biology/pre-medicine. Abby played four years of varsity soccer during her McAuley career and this year was named 1st Team All GGCL, and Honorable Mention All-City.

## McAuley Gives Back

The McAuley community has a reputation of giving service to others, in the school, in the community, in the city, in the United States and in the world. In March, Ms. Linda Goldbach's theology classes made great efforts in a matter of a few days to help with tornado relief efforts. Students collected toiletry items for the people of Crittenden, Kentucky, who suffered devastation from the spring tornados. The students put the items in small Easter buckets, and were able to collect 26 buckets of personal care supplies. They also included notes of prayer and support for those affected by the disaster. Goldbach delivered the buckets to the Freestore Foodbank, where they were loaded onto a van and delivered to the victims.



*Danielle Pfeifer, Olivia Jester, Kristen Kluener on National Signing Day*

## Mohawk Madness: the Tradition Continues!

What would a spirit day be without tug-of-war, charades, and scooter races? Family homerooms competed in eight challenges organized by members of Student Council. Students created more McAuley memories that will last a lifetime!



*Mr. Kirila with his winning family homeroom*



# Campus Cameo



*Marissa Grimes '13  
with donations for  
tornado victims*

## Grandparents' Mass and Brunch

Over 700 McAuley students and their grandparents celebrated their day together with Mass in the Performing Arts Center followed by a delectable brunch. This day continues to be a special part of McAuley, and we know how much the grandparents enjoy spending time with their granddaughters.



*Tony Michel, grandfather; President Cheryl Sucher;  
Roberta Michel, grandmother; freshman Christi Blum;  
Sister Mary Greta Schmidlin, RSM.*



*Anne Alverson with her granddaughter Kristin Alverson '12*



### *Mrs. Jane Kramig*

***When did you start teaching at McAuley?***

I signed my first contract in July 1976.

***What do you enjoy about teaching art?***

The variety in the personalities of the students.

***Who is your favorite artist? And why?***

Henri Matisse. I love the way he uses color, pattern and light. And because he painted in the south of France a great deal of the time...one of my favorite places.

***Do you create artwork of your own?***

I do. I still draw and paint occasionally. I actually look at my teaching as my art more than anything though. There is something to be said for instilling that passion to create in a student and knowing or hoping they will pass it on from there.

***What are some of the biggest changes you've witnessed at McAuley over the years?***

I guess the technology is the big thing, only I still do as much as I can by hand. There are still skills that can only be done by hand.

***Are many of your students still involved in the visual arts? How?***

I think at least half of the students from the Senior Studio Class continue their art in art related fields. Graphic Design, Fashion Design, Interior Design and even TEACHING ART!

***Are there any funny McAuley memories or stories you want to share?***

There have been many. I have told my students many times I wish I had kept a journal all these years. I would have so much funny material I'd be a rich woman? What I really wish I had done was recorded all the hilarious comments students have made.



# Future Mohawks

## SUMMER SPLASH

Girls going into the eighth grade are invited to join us for McAuley's Summer Splash on Tuesday, August 7 from 9a.m. - 12:30p.m. This is a great way to meet new friends and to learn even more about McAuley! We'll be having wet and wild fun in the water, so bring a towel and sunscreen.

Girls should wear gym shoes and their bathing suit under shorts and a t-shirt. The girls will also have the opportunity to ask a panel of McAuley students any questions they have about McAuley. Lunch and prizes will also be included!

Parents are invited to join members of McAuley's administration for coffee, pastries, and conversation.

Summer Splash is FREE, but space is limited! RSVP at [www.mcauleyhs.net/summersplash2012](http://www.mcauleyhs.net/summersplash2012).

Questions should be directed to Marie Knecht at [knechtm@live.mcauleyhs.net](mailto:knechtm@live.mcauleyhs.net) or 513.681.1800 x2272

Shadowing will begin in August 2012 for eighth graders. The girls will experience a day in the life of a McAuley student; they will attend classes, eat lunch in the cafeteria, have exposure to McAuley's TabletPC, meet other students, and spend time getting to know our teachers.

Super Shadow Days have been selected by McAuley and are new this year. These are days that we can accommodate many girls and will include special activities and presentations. Eighth graders should consider their school schedule before choosing a day to shadow. Shadow information and registration is available online at [www.mcauleyhs.net/shadow](http://www.mcauleyhs.net/shadow).

Questions should be directed to Marie Knecht at [knechtm@live.mcauleyhs.net](mailto:knechtm@live.mcauleyhs.net) or 513.681.1800 x2272.

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## FAQs about the McAuley Fund answered

by *Brigitte Foley '89, Director of Advancement*



### What is the McAuley Fund exactly?

The McAuley Fund is our annual giving program that provides McAuley with essential financial funding because tuition alone cannot pay for all the school's expenses. The McAuley Fund helps to make up the gap between tuition and what it actually costs to educate each student. Our gap of \$1,600 is low compared to other Catholic high schools. Sometimes it's hard for those of us who paid a fraction of today's tuition to understand why the costs seem to have increased so much. Other than the fact that school expenses keep rising each year, we no longer have Sisters of Mercy teaching at McAuley so naturally we are paying more in salaries than we would have up until the late 80s. When I think about those changes that have occurred in the last 25 years, it definitely puts it into perspective for me personally.

### Who gives to the McAuley Fund?

We have alumnae, parents of alumnae, current parents, and special friends of McAuley who give each year to the McAuley Fund.

### Where does the money go?

The money pays for many things, including scholarships and financial assistance as well as technology, salaries, and general operating costs that you might not think about such as electric bills and building maintenance.

### Why don't more alumnae give?

I think there are lots of reasons. For one, many alums don't think about McAuley as a charity or non-profit because they think tuition covers all the costs. I also think that as women we often give our time, talent, and treasure to organizations surrounding our children. While husbands remain loyal to their high schools and colleges long after graduation, women don't always carry that same sense of loyalty. That being said, I think our recent graduates do feel a loyalty to McAuley that will serve us well in the future.

### Do small gifts really make a difference?

Of course! Not everyone can give \$500 or \$1000 each year. All contributions have a tremendous impact, and no one should feel that her gift is too small. And think about it this way, if every alumna who hasn't given in the last few years or maybe has never made a contribution, would donate \$20 before June 30, we would raise close to \$180,000, which would almost double the McAuley Fund. Just to put it in perspective, a \$20 gift equals five Starbucks' coffees or lunch out with your friends.

### Why is June 30 a deadline?

McAuley's fiscal year ends June 30, which means we have just a few months to reach our goal and raise another \$50,000. Ultimately I'd like to exceed our goal of \$215,000 to show everyone the strength of our alumnae and parents who invest in McAuley because they know how important our school was for them and will continue to be for our current and future students.



AN AFFAIR TO REMEMBER  
On the  
**Mississippi**

Thank you to all of our McAuction donors, volunteers, sponsors and attendees. This year's *An Affair to Remember on the Mississippi* once again exceeded expectations with an extraordinary evening of excited bidding to support McAuley. Donors added \$25,000 to the Guardian Angel Fund in record time. McAuley is excited for Elaine & Jim Day who won the trip to Ireland as well as Mary Pat & Bob Findley who won the \$10,000 Grand Raffle prize!

A tremendous thanks goes out to our McCouple chairs: Lori & Tim Bollin, Mary Pat & Bob Findley, Laura & Kevin Martin, and Julie & Dave Wellman for their hard work all year long. We hope to see you at McAuction next year on April 20, 2013!



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## Athletic Hall of Fame

On Sunday, March 4, 2012, McAuley High School held its Athletic Hall of Fame Induction. The evening, which included a delicious buffet dinner, honored four alumnae of McAuley who have achieved remarkable athletic successes, both in high school and beyond. This year's inductees are: Kathy Schoettmer Sollmann '69, Jodie Hoelker Humpert '86, Sharon Simon Silverberg '86, and Kristen Rust '02.

**Kathy Schoettmer Sollmann '69** played basketball and volleyball all four years at McAuley. She was a member of GAA, and occasionally helped the physical education teachers with their classes, along with helping to referee during intramural activities. Since no high school softball team existed at that time, she played in a CYO high school league through St. Margaret Mary parish. Kathy continued to stay involved with softball, coaching and playing well into her 30s. She took up bowling in her 20s, receiving awards over the years for high season average, high single game and high series. Kathy has been employed for 25 years in the library at St. Xavier High School and stays active with walking, "boot camp" classes, aerobics, and golf. She has been married to Rick for almost 40 years and has three children, Scott, Stacey and Steven, plus five beautiful grandchildren.

**Jodie Hoelker Humpert '86** played volleyball and ran track during all four years at McAuley. She played varsity volleyball for three of those years, achieving Honorable Mention All-City and GGCL All Star her senior year. Jodie achieved first team All-City and GGCL all four years in track. She was a State Qualifier every year and State Champion in the two-mile relay in her senior year. This relay team held McAuley's two-mile relay record for 25 years. At the college level, she played volleyball and ran track at Marietta College, before transferring to Xavier University, where she graduated in 1990 with a Bachelor's of Science degree. She currently is a sub-contractor for P&G, working out of her home. Jodie married her grade school classmate, Brian, and they have three children. She is a golf and tennis enthusiast and coaches her daughter's volleyball team at St. Ignatius.

**Sharon Simon Silverberg '86** had a high school career that included basketball, cross country and track. She played basketball through her junior year, which was also the same year she took up cross country and qualified for the state cross country meet. In her senior year, she was a member of the GGCL Champion team. Track was a four-year sport for Sharon, during which she received numerous honors including first team All-City for four years, first team

GGCL for four years, State qualifier for three years, and winning the State Championship in the two-mile relay her senior year. She broke and held many records at McAuley, including the 100, 200, 400 meter dash and the 800 and 1600 meter relays. At Miami University, she was a member of the track team from 1986-87, graduating in 1990 with a BS in Education. She is married to Brian, and they have a daughter, Avery. Sharon works part time at Grandma's Gardens, and, for fun, she enjoys playing tennis with her husband. She sees the sport of golf in her future.

**Kristen Rust '02** was a four-year honor roll student at McAuley, where she played volleyball and basketball. In basketball, Kristen played two of her three years on the varsity team, but it was in volleyball that she found her stride, playing varsity three of her four years. Her high school awards include being a three time "M" Award winner; 1st Team GGCL in her junior and senior years; *Cincinnati Enquirer* Player of the Year in her junior and senior years; and Gatorade Ohio Player of the Year and Buddy LaRosa High School MVP during her senior year. These achievements earned Kristen a full scholarship to Florida State University, where she played volleyball from 2002-2005. Kristen is currently working at Kerry Toyota in Covington, and she is the proud mother of Kylie Adams.



Nicole Hewald Brainard '93, Principal; Kathy Schoettmer Sollmann '69; Jodie Hoelker Humpert '86; Sharon Simon Silverberg '86; Kristen Rust '02; Cheryl Sucher, President.





# REUNIONS

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in the mail soon!*

For more information,  
contact Susan Grome at  
[susanmgrome@gmail.com](mailto:susanmgrome@gmail.com)

*McAuley Alumnae who live out of town - If you are in town for a visit this summer, be sure to stop by school to say hello, take a tour, and grab an alumnae gift from the Advancement Office. We'd love to see you!*



WOMEN WHO

*inspire*

Save the Date  
for October  
20, 2012

# Alumnae Soccer Game

August 10 at 6 p.m.  
on McAuley's backfield

*Check out the Facebook page for  
more information in July.*



- keep updated on school happenings  
and alumnae activities - McAuley High  
School Alumnae (Cincinnati)

We have 759 "likes" but want to reach at  
least 1,000 by July 1! Be sure and like us  
on facebook and spread the word to  
your classmates.

# Alumnae Father/Daughter Dance

Saturday, June 16, 2012  
8 p.m. - midnight

\$40 per couple, \$15 for each additional daughter

In McAuley's air-conditioned cafeteria.

Snacks, beer, wine, and soft drinks included.

Reservation deadline is June 8, 2012.

Group reservations should be received together.

Use the registration form below or register online  
at [www.alumnae.mcauleyhs.net/dance](http://www.alumnae.mcauleyhs.net/dance)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(first, maiden, last)

Grad year \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Dad's name \_\_\_\_\_  
(first, last)

Additional daughter(s) attending, year(s) of graduation, and e-mail

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\$40 per couple • \$15 for each additional daughter

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to McAuley and mail to:  
Kim Fehring, 2911 Whitley Ct, Cincinnati, OH 45251



# McAuley Milestones

## 1960's

**Kathy Heithaus Sparks '68** was honored in January as one of the recipients of the St. Elizabeth Seton Award, given by the Sisters of Charity. (Kathy's daughter, Laura Sparks Martin '96, sent this update on her mother's behalf, because she "doesn't like to toot her own horn.") The award was given on January 8 in a Mass and ceremony at the Mount St. Joseph Motherhouse. Kathy was nominated for:

- Ministering as principal of Resurrection School, a Catholic inner-city school in Price Hill;
- Lobbying successfully for busing, vouchers, and other financial assistance for students;
- Insuring that students have daily, nourishing food program, which others had considered impossible to secure.

## 1970's

**Beverly Gramann Stull '72**, after a career in software development, went to law school, passed the Ohio Bar, and opened her own law firm in January. Her practice is focused on estate planning, estate administration, elder law, and small business law, and is located in northeast Cincinnati.

**Nancy Engelbrink Holland '78** shares that life is good. She will have been married to her husband, Tim, for thirty years this October, and has two wonderful adult children. T. Blake Holland (27) was recently married in Whistler, British Columbia, to Heather, a certified personal trainer and proud owner of the new Anytime Fitness in Oxford, Ohio. Nancy's daughter, Lindsay (24), is a freelance makeup artist and is getting married in October 2012 to a wonderful and caring firefighter. Nancy grew up with a passion for animals, working for a veterinarian for ten years in the Greater Cincinnati area, and is now the proud owner and operator of Wag 'n Detail Mobile Pet Salon, servicing southwestern Ohio, southeastern Indiana, and Hebron, Kentucky. She sends her business contact information: 513.202.WAGS; [www.facebook.com/wagndetail](http://www.facebook.com/wagndetail).

## 1980's

**Shelley Huber '86** is a single mother to son Shane, who is twelve years old. They are planning trips this spring/summer to Washington, D.C. and Fort Meyers, Florida. Shelley shares, "I have been on dialysis since June 2010. It has been a long, hard struggle for me as well as my family. I would like to ask for prayers on helping make a decision about whether to have a transplant or not."

## Love to Cook? Love to create new recipes?

McAuley's Vocal Ensemble has created a *Spoonful of Songs & Recipes* Cookbook that contains over 150 recipes. Recipes were submitted by current VE, VE alumnae, as well as McAuley Employees past and present. The cost of the cookbook is \$10, and proceeds will help defray the cost of the World Choir Games this July. McAuley's Vocal Ensemble will be competing in the Youth Choir Division on July 5 and in the Show Choir Division on July 12. If you are interested in purchasing one please email Mary White at [Whitem@live.mcauleyhs.net](mailto:Whitem@live.mcauleyhs.net).

## 1990's

**Erin Fahey Licklitter '94** and her husband, Joe, welcomed their son Dane on December 12, 2011. Dane joins big sister Josie (6) and big brother Kenny (4). Erin works part-time as a communication consultant specializing in internal/employee communication. She works with companies such as Kroger, Fifth Third Bank and Omnicare on special projects.

**Mary Beth Sullivan Graf '94** and her husband, Brian, welcomed their second daughter, Mairin Joyce, on All Saints Day. She was also welcomed by big sister, Lilly (4 1/2), and her aunt and godmother, Kathleen Sullivan Hackney '88, as well as her aunt, Maria Krusling Sullivan '86. Mary Beth is happily living and enjoying her daughters in Twinsburg, Ohio.

**Katie Parsons Miller '95** and her husband, Evan, recently added a new member to their family. Dominic Thomas was born in January, and joins sister, Violet (3). Katie works as an endocrinologist at Christ Hospital's Diabetes and Endocrine Center.

**Jessica Ballew Stieritz '96** and her husband, Tony, have two sons: Luke (3) and Jonah (14 months). Jessica works for Cooperative for Education, a non-profit organization dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty in Guatemala through sustainable education programs.

**Beth Jester Kramer '96** is currently a trauma nurse clinician with the University of Cincinnati Hospital's Trauma Team. Last summer, she developed and worked with Cincinnati Boys' and Girls' Clubs on a summer program to teach penetrating trauma prevention, in an attempt to curb stabbings and shootings within the city, beginning with young people. During the annual Trauma Nurses Convention, held this April in Savannah, Georgia, Beth submitted a request to teach other trauma nurses how to start these classes nationwide. Hers was one of only a dozen topics selected this year. This is an enormous honor. Several weeks ago, she received a phone call from the University of Cincinnati College of Nursing, informing her that she was nominated and will be awarded the Florence Nightingale Award for Nursing. There are roughly 15 nurses from the tri-state who receive this award each year, while some 250 are nominated. She will be featured in an Enquirer article discussing the topic of disaster nursing. Beth's husband, Mike Kramer, writes, "Beth is far too humble and selfless to ever brag about herself, so it is left for me to do it for her. The values she learned at McAuley and her faith have guided her in this life of service, and it is wonderful that she is receiving recognition for it. I, along with our three sons, her family, and friends are very, very proud of her achievements."

**Lisa Wagner '97** earned her PhD in mass communication from Ohio University and now serves as Assistant Professor at the College of Mount St. Joseph. Lisa performed research at McAuley in 2007 as part of her dissertation entitled "Identity: Girls Everyday, On and Offline."

**Alison Saksefski Gates '98** was married in August 2009 to Michael D. Gates II, after having graduated in 2004 from the University of Cincinnati. The couple's first child, Michael Douglas Gates III was born last September.

**Gina Maccarone '99** is completing her five-year surgical residency at Cincinnati's Good Samaritan Hospital this June. In July, she will begin a one-year trauma surgery fellowship at the University of Cincinnati.

## 2000's

**Rachel Neiheisel Raker '00** and her husband, Joe, will be celebrating their fifth wedding anniversary this year and still enjoy calling Nashville home after six years. Rachel currently works as a MSK-Primary Care Sales Representative for Lilly USA (aka Eli Lilly & Co.) and enjoys every aspect of it. In her spare time, she volunteers with the Junior League of Nashville as well



as Nashville Kappa Delta Alumnae Chapter, where she currently serves as president. This past March, the sisters of Nashville Kappa Delta Alumnae Chapter awarded her with the Greek Woman of the Year Award for all her volunteer work. She has worked with the Girl Scouts, serving as Philanthropy Chair and Girl Scout Co-Chair, the Exchange Club Family, and the YWCA.

**Lacey Zillich Wehrle '02** married Adam in October 2010. That year, she also received a master's degree in library and information science from Drexel University. Lacey, who has a nine-month-old son, Keegan Nicholas, currently has a position at the Public Library of Cincinnati as a children's reference librarian.

**Stephanie Caldwell Dawes '03** graduated from the University of Cincinnati in December 2007 with a bachelor's degree in accounting and has been employed at Lerner Sampson & Rothfuss for nearly four years in the financial services department. She married her best friend, Ryan Dawes, a St. X graduate from the class of 2001, on October 25, 2009. The couple currently lives in Springfield Township with their two Boston terriers, Jasper and Leo.

**Christina Henderson '03** recently made her debut performance with the Footlighters, a community theater group based in Newport, Kentucky. Since graduating from McAuley, Christina has performed on stage in over 20 different countries, when she toured with The Young Americans. Currently, Christina works for the Cincinnati Recreation Commission as a day camp leader and swimming instructor.

**Kristen Davis Bresnen '05** married LaSalle alumnus Justin on December 31, 2011, New Year's Eve. They live in Okeana with their two pugs. They enjoy boating at Brookville, Cumberland, and, their favorite, Norris Lake.

**Kate Fledderjohn Mock '05** is an interactive designer at US Digital partners in Cincinnati. She married her high school sweetheart, Nick, in January.

**Amanda Brockman Kaiser '07** was married to Alex in April. She has two sons, Jamie (almost 2 1/2) and AJ, who was born in November. Amanda is a teacher at All About Kids Learning and Childcare Center, Lakota Campus.

**Sara Maratta '08** will graduate from the University of Cincinnati in June with bachelor's degrees in journalism and political science, as well as a certificate in homeland security studies. She has had a terrific four years at UC with internships at Cincinnati Magazine and The E.W. Scripps Company. While at UC, Sara wrote for The News Record, VERGE Magazine, and was published in several English composition textbooks. Sara has been bestowed the Eleanor Hicks Award for Outstanding Graduating Senior Women for 2012 from the McMicken College of Arts and Sciences at UC. She graduates summa cum laude and as a member of Phi Beta Kappa. Sara has accepted a full-time position with the federal government that will commence in June.

**Rachel Siekemeyer '08**, a microbiology and clinical laboratory sciences major, was the recipient of a Spring 2012 Undergraduate Research Award from Miami University. This award provides support for student research and creative projects.

**Kelcee Brown '09** is experiencing life in France during the spring semester at Marietta College's Education Abroad program. Kelcee is majoring in international business.

**Lizzie Helping '10** was recently elected Junior Class President for the Class of 2014 of the University of Notre Dame. According to The Observer, Notre Dame's newsletter, her ticket secured 71% of the votes. Lizzie excitedly shared, "We have a lot of really good ideas, but it still has not completely sunk in that I am a university class president...it's a little surreal! My term begins April 1 and I'm sure that it will be a ton of work, but I cannot wait to get started with it!" Lizzie credits McAuley for some of her success at Notre Dame. "The experiences I had at McAuley absolutely prepared and prompted me to take an active role in deciding my own path at Notre Dame. McAuley taught me to take on leadership roles and to use those roles as opportunities to further develop my leadership skills. Since I have been at Notre Dame, I have gotten involved in things that I never had done or even thought about doing in high school, like comedy improvisation and student government, but I have never once felt unprepared to take on the challenges associated with these new college experiences. McAuley gave me a sense of competence and confidence, senses that I have continued to develop during my college career."

## Keep in Touch!

Be sure to let us know what is going on in your life. We want to know about a new job or promotion, a new family member, your favorite McAuley memories or take your *TIES* on a trip and e-mail us a photo. To have your update or announcement published in *TIES*, please email information to dietrichk@live.mcauleyhs.net or send the following form to Kathy Dietrich, McAuley Advancement Office, 6000 Oakwood Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45224 or FAX (513) 681-1802.

First Name	Maiden	Last	Year of Graduation
Home Address			
Home Phone	Work Phone	e-mail	
Occupation	Employer		
News to Share:			



## OUR SYMPATHY

Please remember the family and friends of the following alumnae in your prayers:



**Barbara Mathauer Ullman '69**  
January 24, 2012



**Kathleen Sue Denier '73**  
January 17, 2012



**Judy Fischer Stewart '73**  
February 3, 2012

Special Friend of McAuley  
**John K. Stanley**  
February 4, 2012

## On the Deaths of their Fathers...

Sue Stenger Roenker '70  
Julie Stenger Sorn '73  
Teresa Stenger McKeown '83

Marilyn Butz Bayer '71  
Janet Butz Mideli '74  
Linda Butz Spangler '76

Monika Kessling '75  
Veronika Kessling '75

Cindi Ryan Rothert '81  
Jennifer Ryan White '91

Erika Noll Ryan '84

Jackie Masur Latham '04  
Stephanie Masur '08

## On the Deaths of their Mothers...

Becky Linhardt '66  
Helen Linhardt Rindsberg '67  
Joan Linhardt Plunkett '68  
Janet Linhardt Patton '70  
Kay Linhardt Betsch '72

Mary Trachsel Hanson '69  
Barbara Trachsel Beischel '71  
Marjie Trachsel Zimmerman '77

Cynthia Auskamp '71  
Gail Auskamp Burns '73  
Linda Auskamp Ewald '75  
Amy Auskamp Park '85

Peggy Raabe Myers '72  
Melissa Raabe Jacobs '81

Lori Black Southwood '77  
Terri Black Hessling '79  
Jenny Black Doll '80  
Wendy Black Popejoy '81  
Shelley Black Dauer '84  
Amy Black Rink '91  
Jody Black Waters '93

## RECENT WEDDINGS

Our best wishes to all the newlywed couples:

**Amanda Push '97** to Mike Concannon, 7.23.11  
**Jennifer Minda '00** to Stephen Meyer, 8.2.11  
**Kristen Davis '05** to Justin Bresnen, 12.31.11  
**Kate Fledderjohn '05** to Nick Mock, 1.14.12  
**Amanda Brockman '07** to Alex Kaiser, 4.14.12

## RECENT BIRTHS

Our congratulations to the parents of these newest members of the McAuley family:

**Kate Kemper Mertz '90**,  
girl, Payton Kenna, 10.15.11  
**Nicole Hewald Brainard '93**,  
girl, Katherine Jane, 12.22.11  
**Kimberly Eckel Bennett '94**,  
girl, Samantha Madison, 10.13.11  
**Erin Fahey Licklitter '94**,  
boy, Dane, 12.12.11  
**Mary Beth Sullivan Graf '94**,  
girl, Mairin Joyce, 11.1.11  
**Amy Hunseder Lynch '95**,  
Madelyn Grace, 8.20.11  
**Katie Parsons Miller '95**,  
boy, Dominic Thomas, 1.20.12  
**Jeanne Schaefer Stephens '95**,  
girl, Carolyn Jeanne, 9.2.11  
**Jessica Ballew Stieritz '96**,  
boy, Jonah, 3.16.11  
**Laura Sparks Martin '96**,  
girl, Lucy Elizabeth, 10.6.11  
**Laura Wauligman Garay '96**,  
boy, Luke Gregory, 12.28.11  
**Tonya Dowers Rogers '97**,  
boy, Michael Charles (Charlie), 8.8.11  
**Alison Saksefski Gates '98**,  
boy, Michael Douglas Gates III, 9.27.11  
**Melissa Vessalo Schneider '98**,  
girl, Emily Mae, 10.10.11  
**Jane Lavy Hogan '99**,  
girl, Evelyn Claire, 11.8.11  
**Jill Miller Auciello '01**,  
boy, Luke Richard, 2.12.12  
**Lacey Zillich Wehrle '02**,  
boy, Keegan Nicholas, 8.22.11  
**Kristen Schmidt Kueffner '03**,  
girl, Charlotte Vale, 12.19.11  
**Laura Huser Wiesman '04**,  
boy, Mason James, 10.18.11  
**Amanda Brockman Kaiser '07**,  
boy, Alex James, Jr., 11.19.11



# McAuley CALENDAR:

## Upcoming Alumnae and School Events

MAY

22

Baccalaureate

23

Graduation

JUNE

16

Alumnae Father/Daughter  
Dance, 8p.m.-12a.m.  
at McAuley

AUGUST

7

Summer Splash

10

Alumnae Soccer Game, 6p.m.  
on McAuley's back field

13

Freshman Orientation

15

First Day of School



## Summer Camps

there's still time to sign up!

McAuley has athletic and enrichment camps all summer. Musical theatre, drama, cooking, horseback riding, babysitting, creative writing, Harry Potter, volleyball, soccer, basketball, and many more! Check out more details with schedules and prices online at [www.mcauleyhs.net/camps](http://www.mcauleyhs.net/camps).



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## Mission

*McAuley High School, a comprehensive Catholic school for young women sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, is committed to quality education and personal growth within a caring, Christ-centered community. Faithful to the Gospel and the charism, core values, and traditions of Mercy, McAuley's essential activity is to create an environment designed to help each young woman develop her intellect, gifts, and talents.*

**Who remembers study hall in Room 127? Eventually the room was split in half and today serves as two Spanish classrooms. If you know what year this photo was taken, email the answer to [foleyb@live.mcauleyhs.net](mailto:foleyb@live.mcauleyhs.net).**

