## Althoff Catholic by the Numbers

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<th>Percentage of students from the Class of 2014 going onto college.</th>
<th>Service hours given by senior class to 44 non-profit organizations.</th>
<th>Total dollars offered to the 100 members of the Class of 2014 (as of May 16th) in scholarships and awards.</th>
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<th>Number of advanced college credit courses offered in partnership with St. Louis University’s 1-8-1-8 program.</th>
<th>Total number of honors and advanced placement classes currently offered.</th>
<th>Number of Illinois State Scholars for the 2013-2014 school year.</th>
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<th>Number of scholarships made available to incoming freshman at Althoff Catholic students because of the generosity of people just like you.</th>
<th>Number of clubs and organizations available to the student body.</th>
<th>Number of sports teams offered to boys and girls at Althoff Catholic.</th>
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<th>The percentage of the cost to educate each student that is covered by tuition and fees. We rely on your generosity for the rest!</th>
<th>Number of team State Championships won since 1980.</th>
<th>Percentage of students who participate in one or more extracurricular activity.</th>
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**Principal’s Corner**

Dear Friends of Althoff Catholic High School,

As another school year comes to a close I am filled with pride for the many academic achievements of our outstanding students. Diplomas were recently awarded to the 100 members of the Class of 2014. These graduates are comprised of 15 Illinois State Scholars and are the recipients of a combined 7.4 million dollars in offered scholarships and awards.

Recently 28 members of our junior class were inducted into the National Honor Society. I am so proud that 35% of this class has achieved this important academic milestone. Additionally, a member of this class received a perfect score of 36 on his ACT test. It is a true honor to watch all of our students grow academically, in their faith, and socially. The teachers and I have also enjoyed witnessing the students’ accomplishments in athletics and in the arts.

Over the past several years we have experienced the effects of a nationwide trend in decreasing enrollment in Catholic grade schools and high schools. However, due to the strong efforts by our Director of Marketing for Recruitment and Enrollment, we are expecting the incoming freshman class to be larger than any in our recent history. We anticipate this continued rise each year as we eagerly share the story of Althoff Catholic as seen through the accomplishments and successes of our many alumni.

Your continued support is vital to the growth and success of Althoff Catholic. I’d like to ask you to support us in two ways:

1) **Be an ambassador:** Share this newsletter with your family and friends and encourage the young people in your life to attend Althoff Catholic! Your story as an alumni, parent of an alumni or friend of Althoff Catholic is the best recruitment tool we have!

2) **Make a gift to our Annual Fund:** Tuition paid by families covers 65% of our cost to educate each student. We rely on your generosity for the other 35%. A strong Annual Fund also helps us offer tuition assistance to families in need of just a bit of help to make an Althoff Catholic education possible for their children.

If you have other ideas to share please contact me at the school—I’d love to talk with you.

Have a wonderful summer!

Dave Harris

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<td>Total amount given to the 2013-2014 Annual Fund by 403 generous donors, 127 of which were alumni.</td>
<td>Amount of money that we could add to the Annual Fund if the remaining alumni gave an average gift of $25 each.</td>
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<td>Enrollment in the 2003-2004 school year. In the past 10 years we have seen our enrollment decrease for reasons including the economic downturn of 2008, declining Catholic grade school enrollment and significant facilities improvements made by our public school competition.</td>
<td>Enrollment in the 2013-2014 school year. Our dedicated team of faculty, staff and volunteers are confident in the changes we’ve made, and will continue to make to address the changing times in which we live. We are on the upswing and anticipate significant growth in the coming years!</td>
<td>Our enrollment goal by 2017-2018. The Class of 2018 is shaping up to be one of the largest in our recent history. With your support and encouragement we believe we can recruit a class of 125 students each year.</td>
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NEW (AND FAMILIAR) FACES AND CHANGING ROLES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Pam Miller

Earlier this year, Mrs. Pam Miller, a favorite mathematics teacher of 15 years here at Althoff Catholic, transitioned into a new role as Special Events Coordinator. She enjoys serving as the liaison to the Crusader Parents and Friends Association and assisting our volunteers in planning the annual auction, after prom and the senior parent mass and breakfast events. In addition to working with our parents and friends on these events, Pam is responsible for the success of our calendar drive, golf tournament and benefit dinner.

Pam is an alumni of the Class of 1974. She and her husband Jeff are proud parents of two Althoff Catholic alumni—Ryan ‘01 and Kyle ‘04!

Laura Durso

Laura Durso, a familiar face and name to many of you, has served as a leader in our Development Office for more than 12 years. She has consistently gone above-and-beyond the call of duty in service to Althoff Catholic and has worn multiple hats for the school. Now that the department is once again fully staffed, Laura will only wear one hat—that of a Data Coordinator!

If you have moved, secured a new job, gotten married, or had a baby, Laura wants to know! We look forward to keeping up with members of our Althoff Catholic family!

Laura and her husband Carmen are the proud parents of two Althoff Catholic alumni—Danielle ‘02 and Kyle ‘04.

Jenn Lyke

We welcomed Jenn Lyke to the Althoff Catholic family in April of this year. In her role as Development Director, Jenn serves as leader of our Development Office. In her early years Jenn spent time in Religious Formation with the Sisters of the Most Precious Blood of O’Fallon, Missouri. Following her six-years with the Sisters, she began her non-profit fundraising career. Jenn comes to us with 13 years of progressive fundraising, marketing and volunteer management experience.

In her most recent position Jenn served as Director of Parent Relations at McKendree University. Prior to that she served as the Development Director at Gateway180, the largest homeless shelter for women and children in the state of Missouri. She is excited to put her skills to work to advance the mission of Althoff Catholic. Her primary area of focus to start will be strengthening the school’s Annual Fund.

Jenn’s husband Michael is an alumni of the Class of 1993. They are the proud parents of two boys who attend Cathedral Grade School.

Amber Gaither, Director of Marketing for Recruitment and Enrollment has moved from the Development Office over to the Front Office. If you’d like to learn more about enrolling a student at Althoff Catholic or signing-up for summer camps, she’d love to hear from you! Amber can be reached at 618.235.1100 ext. 116 or agaither@althoff.net.

Wish List

Our dedicated teachers are always looking for new ways to educate, inspire and empower the students we serve. From time-to-time we’ll share a “wish list” with you. If you or someone you know would like to help fulfill a specific department’s wish we’d love to hear from you!

MUSIC
⇒ Keyboard, marimba, xylophone
⇒ Baritone saxophone
⇒ Amplifiers for guitars
⇒ Guitar storage rack
⇒ Piano covers for all pianos
⇒ New music stands

ART
⇒ Air scrubber for the clay room
⇒ 5 kick wheels
⇒ New lighting in the painting studio
⇒ A mac computer lab with computers for a photo class

PERFORMING ARTS
⇒ Four battery-operated microphones
⇒ Additional house lighting
⇒ Lobby display board to feature graduates from our program and/or upcoming shows
⇒ Dropdown screen for video use

SUMMER CLASSROOM SUPPLY DRIVE
Teachers often reach into their own wallets to purchase supplies for their classrooms. If you can help with the items listed below they would be grateful!

⇒ Boxes of tissue
⇒ Large bottles of hand sanitizer
⇒ Expo dry erase board markers
⇒ Binder clips, paper clips, staples, tape, pens and pencils

If you’d like to learn more about donating one of the items listed above please contact Jenn Lyke at 618.235.1124
We are honored that the family of James H. Wuller, a graduate of both Cathedral Grade School and Cathedral High School, has chosen to honor his incredible legacy by instituting a scholarship fund for Althoff Catholic High School students. The family will award its first $1,000 renewable scholarship this year to a member of the Class of 2018.

Mr. Wuller grew up in the great depression era and suffered the untimely loss of both his mother and father by the age of 13. In the midst of such intense personal loss at a young age, Mr. Wuller persevered and focused on the importance of his familial ties to his older siblings and his education. After graduating from Cathedral High School, Jim went on to attend St. Louis University School of Law. He practiced as corporate counsel for Mississippi River Transmission and served in the United States Navy during World War II.

Jim’s nieces, Kathy Wuller and Lauren Robinson, are current employees of Althoff Catholic and brought the idea of creating a scholarship fund in memory of their Uncle Jim to the rest of the family. Lauren and Kathy witness first-hand the personal and financial challenges faced by some of our students. They saw a great match between the needs of our students and the legacy of their beloved Uncle Jim.

We are grateful to have the opportunity to motivate scholarship recipients with his story. Our hope is to encourage them to reflect on their own resilience and inspire them to forge ahead on the path to success.

If you would like to learn more about setting up a scholarship for Althoff Catholic students, please call Jenn Lyke at 618.235.1124.

The commitment to Althoff Catholic runs deep for the Niemann family. It all started in 1964—when Althoff started. Mr. Chris Niemann (a 1958 alumnus of Assumption High School) taught Mathematics and coached track at Althoff Catholic High School from 1964 to 1968. Four of Mr. Niemann’s five children are Althoff Catholic alumni and his identical twin grandsons Kyle and Cole Nordmann are juniors—their mother Claire is a Class of 1984 alumna.

The family belongs to Blessed Sacrament Parish and Kyle and Cole are graduates of Blessed Sacrament School. The boys developed a love for Althoff Catholic through participation in drama camps offered over the summer and Christmas break. They made strong connections with Ms. Elaine Laws and the Althoff students with whom they worked. Claire knew that Althoff Catholic was the right place for her sons because they would have the opportunity to be challenged academically, grow in their faith and to develop their love for the Performing Arts in ways that wouldn’t be possible at a public high school.

The challenge was going to be how to manage the dramatic increase in tuition from the grade school to high school rate for two children. Just as Claire was going to tell the boys an Althoff education wouldn’t be possible, she received a call from Mr. Harris informing her that a family from Blessed Sacrament contacted him to anonymously offer a scholarship for one of the boys. The Nordmann twins are excelling at Althoff Catholic and are equally as excited about Chemistry and Physics as they are about Model UN, the Performing Arts and Music Ministry.

We’re very proud of Kyle and Cole—almost as proud as Grandpa is—and know that the future holds bright things for them!
Althoff Junior is one of 50 delegates to the Henry Clay Center for Statesmanship Student Congress

Since the age of 4, Stephen Bertelsman has talked about becoming President of the United States. As he has grown in years, so has his passion for politics. In talking with him, you’ll very quickly be impressed by his plan to one day occupy 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue!

During his freshman year, Stephen became involved in Model UN, a program aimed at familiarizing students with the inner workings of the United Nations, and increasing students’ awareness in and concern for world events—this year he won the Outstanding Delegate award in the general assembly. In addition to his active role in Model UN and Student Council, Stephen is the founder of the Pizza & Politics Club here at Althoff Catholic.

Stephen is 1 of 50 students from across the country selected to participate in the Henry Clay Center for Statesmanship’s 2014 Student Congress at Transylvania University in Lexington, Kentucky this summer. The mission of the Student Congress is to educate a new generation of leaders in debate, diplomacy, dialogue, negotiation, beneficial compromise and conflict resolution.

Upon his return from the Student Congress, Stephen will spend much of his summer supporting the campaign of Steve McGlynn. After high school, Stephen plans to attend George Washington University or Washington University to study Political Science and International Studies. All of us here at Althoff Catholic are confident we’ll be able to say “we knew him when...” in about 18 years when Stephen is eligible to run for the highest office in the land!

Stephen is the son of Steve and Nancy Bertelsman of Belleville, and the brother of Amy, a sophomore at Althoff Catholic. The family belongs to Queen of Peace Parish and Stephen and Amy are graduates of Queen of Peace School. Mr. Bertelsman is a proud alumni of Althoff Catholic’s Class of 1981.

Upcoming Events—Save the Date!

Monday Night Bingo
Join Althoff Catholic’s Father’s & Friends group for Monday Bingo each week at 7:00 p.m. at C.K. & L. of I. Country Club. The Club is located at 2800 North Illinois Street in Swansea. Join in the fun or help make things happen by serving as a volunteer! We are grateful for the tremendous support we receive from this dedicated group! Call 618.235.1124 for more information.

27th Annual Althoff Catholic Golf Classic at Stonewolf Golf Club
Friday, September 12, 2014—12:00 p.m. Shot Gun Start
To learn more about sponsorship opportunities or to register your team of 5, contact Pam Miller at 235-1124. We’re excited to have Jill Gomric Dalke and Tim Riley, our two Illinois State Golf Champions, serving as honorary co-chairs for the event!

Althoff on Main
Saturday, March 21, 2015
Chairpersons Mary Barger, Jayne Orlet and Susan Skinner have already started planning the 2015 Auction! Watch for information on how you can support the auction at the beginning of the new school year! Contact Pam Miller for additional information at 618.235.1124
Celebrating the Class of 2014!

Father Daily Award

The Most Reverend Bishop Edward K. Braxton presented the Father Daily Award to Rachel Beyersdorfer. This award is voted on by the entire faculty and is presented annually to the senior who, through love and dedication to Althoff Catholic and generous giving of self, most influenced the Class of 2014 toward success, cooperation and unity.

Rachel Beyersdorfer
Georgia Institute of Technology

Taylor Sharpsten
United States Military Academy at West Point

Brendan Skinner
University of Michigan

Renae Oelrich
St. Louis University

Valedictorians

Oh the Places They’ll Go!
We couldn’t be more proud of the Class of 2014. This fall they’re headed off to: Belmont University, Blackburn College, Carthage College, Concordia University, Eastern Illinois University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Grambling State University, Greenville College, Harris-Stowe State University, Illinois College, Illinois State University, Indiana University-Purdue University, Iowa State University, Kentucky Wesleyan College, Lincoln University, Lindenwood University-St. Charles, Loyola University-Chicago, McKendree University, Missouri State University, Missouri University of Science and Technology, Murray State University, Park University, Prairie View A&M University, Quincy University, Ranken Technical College, Rhodes College, Rockhurst University, Santa Monica College, School of Art Institute of Chicago, Southeast Missouri State, SIUE, Spelman College, St. Louis University, SWIC, United States Military Academy at West Point, University of Arkansas - Pine Bluff, University of Colorado, University of Illinois - Champaign, University of Illinois Springfield, University of Kansas, University of Kentucky, University of Michigan, University of Mississippi, University of Missouri - Columbia and St. Louis, University of Oregon, University of Southern Mississippi, University of Tulsa, University of Wisconsin, Webster University, Western Kentucky University, and St. Mary’s University. Congratulations to all!

Bishop Althoff Award

The Most Reverend Bishop Edward K. Braxton presented the Bishop Althoff Award to Aaron Smith. This award is voted on by the entire senior class and is presented annually to the student who, through determination and dedication, has most influenced their class toward a more united spirit which is Althoff Catholic.

Get a Young Person in your Life Acquainted with Althoff Catholic This Summer!

Summer Camps
Got a child or grandchild that would enjoy getting acquainted with Althoff Catholic through an awesome Summer Camp experience? Looking to have a bit of fun yourself? There’s truly something for everyone! Visit us online at www.althoff.net for additional information.

Enroll a Student for the 2014-2015 School Year
Great things are happening at Althoff Catholic! It’s not too late to enroll a student for the coming school year.

To sign-up for summer camp or schedule a visit to the school contact Amber Gaither, Director of Marketing for Recruitment and Enrollment at 618.235.1100 ext. 116 or agaither@althoff.net.
**Investing Your Time, Talent & Treasure At Althoff Catholic**

The dedicated support of our alumni, parents of alumni, current parents and grandparents through time, talent and treasure are vital to the success of our school. We are grateful for all of the support we receive from families like the ones featured below.

Would you like to become involved or more involved in supporting the school? We'd be delighted to have you play an active role in our mission of educating young people, in the Catholic tradition, to lead successful, faith-filled lives!

Why I Volunteer at Althoff Catholic...

**The Blassie Family**

“We stay involved in supporting Althoff Catholic due to the love we have for the school and Catholic education in general. By the time our third son, Patrick graduated in 2008, ACHS was needing to address critical issues such as a facility in need of renovation, decreasing enrollment and the need for implementing cost control measures. Further, we have reached a point where assistance from our alumni base and increased marketing of the jewel that Althoff Catholic is and has been in Belleville is in order. We cannot stop supporting the school at such an important time in its history simply because our own children have graduated. We enjoy working with Principal Dave Harris and his administration and teachers in marketing the school and it’s strengths to the community.”

-Andy & Joanne (Thoman) ’74

**The Guignon Family**

“Our friendship with Althoff Catholic began when we moved to Belleville, Illinois in 1988. Our four children attended Althoff Catholic from 1998 to 2006. Because of a strong belief in Catholic secondary education, we found ourselves wanting to be involved in the events held at the high school. We have stayed involved because our passion and our belief is that Catholic education is not just something we do, it is something we are as a Body of Christ. Each of us is called “to teach” so that our faith tradition continues to grow and be strong. Imagine the possibilities if more of us could come together to assist in the mission of Althoff Catholic High School—the talents, experiences and knowledge there is to share. Our young people need the guidance, the love and the strength that comes from a Catholic community standing beside them but also leading them in the ways of the faith. Althoff Catholic is a gift to our community. We are excited to be a part of sharing that message and the story of 50 rich years of tradition.”

-Michael & Patty Guignon

**The Schumacher Family**

“I have served for three years as a volunteer at Althoff Catholic High School. It has been a rewarding and pleasant experience for me in my retirement years. Being an Althoff Catholic graduate myself, and having five children all graduate from there, I look forward to seeing Althoff continue to provide a strong Catholic school program in an environment that helps mold our young people into strong and caring adults as they progress through their critical formative years. I believe the dedicated administrative staff and faculty is achieving this goal and I am certain they will continue to do so. I am happy I can contribute in some small way.”

-Richard Schumacher ’66

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**Volunteer Opportunities**

We are always looking for new volunteers! Here are a few ways in which you can become involved.

**Special Events**

**50 Distinguished Alumni of Althoff Catholic Committee**

Help get the nominations process going, select the honorees, plan the recognition event and help create the “Hall of Inspiration” at the school!

**27th Annual Golf Classic**

Recruit a team of 5, become a sponsor or volunteer to help the day of the event!

**Althoff on Main**

Support the annual auction by getting a table of 8 together, donating an auction item or serving on one of our committees!

**Parents & Friends Association**

The Parents & Friends Association supports the school in a variety of ways including the auction, football concessions, faculty and staff appreciation day, After Prom, Senior Parent Mass & Breakfast and more! We’d love to have you involved!

**Expertise**

- Gardening/ Landscaping
- Facilities/ Building Management
- Writing (Student/ Alumni Stories)
- Graphic Design/ Marketing
- Grant Writing

To learn more about these volunteer opportunities and other ways you might support Althoff Catholic contact the Development Office at 618.235.1124.
Doctors, attorneys, bankers, scientists, business men and women, artists, authors, politicians, priests, missionaries—many of our community’s most successful men and women got their start right here in the halls of Althoff Catholic! We can think of no better way to continue our 50th Anniversary celebrations than by honoring 50 of our most distinguished Althoff Catholic Alumni!

We’re looking for a few more volunteers who would be willing to assist in getting the nomination process started, reviewing and selecting honorees, planning the recognition event and creating a “Hall of Inspiration” at the school featuring the stories of our honorees.

Help us celebrate the impact Althoff Catholic High School alumni have had on our community. Inspire current students, and those to come, with the knowledge that an Althoff Catholic education is a meaningful step on the journey to success!

If you’d like to volunteer your time, please contact Jenn Lyke, Development Director at 618.235.1124.

Can’t find your yearbook?

Yearbooks from all class years except 1991 are available for purchase at the cost of $20 each. Stop by the school office Monday—Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to pick one up!