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Dear Kuemper Alumni and Friends,

Welcome to the KnightLetter! We at Kuemper are excited for a brand new school year. The great tradition and heritage of Catholic education in the Carroll area is moving full steam ahead!

The 2017 summer has been much quieter compared to 2016 with our major construction and renovations complete. The results are amazing! I hope you get the opportunity to attend a future class reunion and tour our new surroundings to witness the dramatic changes and improvements.

About five years ago, former president, Vern Henkenius, wrote to you about a formal long-range planning process that Kuemper undertook working towards strategic goals. Many of those goals have been successfully accomplished. Now, another five-year planning process aims to a new and always changing future. The Kuemper school board recently approved Growing & Uniting Our Faith – Kuemper Strategic Plan 2017-2022. Visit our web site www.kuemper.org to see the major goals of this plan.

Six official committees report to the school board and the strategic plan is divided into these six areas from Catholic Identity and Academic Excellence to Finance and Buildings & Grounds. An annual public Town Hall meeting will be conducted each year to report on the progress of the formal plan. If you have questions or want to visit about the plan or the future of Kuemper, contact me anytime.

Graduation exercises at Kuemper are always a highlight of the school year for me. The tradition at Kuemper has always been two guest speakers – the class valedictorian and the class salutatorian. Valedictorian, Matt Dentlinger, stated, “always remember you are never alone, as you will always have family and friends to look to, along with our faith in God which we have been so fortunate to develop these past years at Kuemper.” Salutatorian, Martha Van Erdewyk, remarked, “we will always have our Kuemper Catholic values to guide us and to fall back on; to summarize the beginning of this new chapter in our lives, St. Theresa of Ávila stated, ‘may you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith. May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content knowing you are a child of God. Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love. It is there for each and every one of us.’ Congratulations Class of 2017 - go out and find your purpose.”

I especially enjoyed Martha’s reference to God’s call to all of us – our vocations to serve God. It’s ever more profound coming from the voices of our young graduates. Know that you as a friend and alum are helping keep this important mission of Catholic education strong for future generations. Thanks for your continuing prayers and financial support so that Kuemper graduation exercises continue every May of every year.

My class reunion of 35 years is this September over Homecoming weekend (go Class of ’82!). I hope you also get a chance to renew friendships and visit your hometown during your class reunions. See the many physical changes in the building, but also see how the core of the mission of a Catholic education has not changed and continues to move forward producing more graduates like Martha and Matt. Thanks again, and may God continue to bless you and your families. Go Knights!

Yours in Christ,

John Steffes ‘82 | Kuemper President

A Note from the Priest Chaplain

This summer I accompanied 72 Carroll County teens, many of them Kuemper Catholic students, to the campus of Missouri State University in Springfield, Missouri for the annual Steubenville Mid-America Youth Conference. The weekend is electric! Kids are singing, worshipping God with ardent and unfeathered hearts, and are filled with excitement. Most importantly, Jesus Christ is seeking our teens and they are responding with open hearts. One would hear teen participants say things such as: “That was awesome!” “Mass was long but it was cool,” “That was the best confession I have ever had,” “Mass made way more sense,” “Adoration is my favorite.”

Jesus is always seeking us. Our teens are seeking Jesus as well, sometimes intentionally and sometimes unbeknownst to them. I say this because anytime we search for meaning, love, happiness; we in effect search for God, who is the source of all meaning, love, and happiness. And Jesus Christ is the Son of God in the flesh. It makes sense that Jesus designates himself as the way, the truth, and the life. The presenters, musicians, and directors of the Steubenville weekend conference understand that our teens need to be engaged in such a way that the teens recognize that a relationship with Jesus and active membership in his Church provide for the fulfillment of their desires, the meaning for which they search, and the unconditional love for which they long.

When it comes to the evangelization and catechesis of our students at Kuemper, the first requirement is not placed on the teens, but on ourselves (parents, teachers, priests, alumni, etc.). We need to engage our hearts and minds in such ways that they see the Gospel as true, understandable, and relatable to the whole of their lives. Simply sharing facts about faith is insufficient. We must recognize and take advantage of opportunities for our children to experience God (taking children to beautiful celebrations of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, serving the poor, etc.). We must dialogue with our children, seeking to understand their perspectives and engage the Catholic faith, way of life, the scriptures, etc. with them clearly, honestly, and intelligently. We must model God’s unconditional love and the path of following Jesus – both by what we say (or don’t say) and what we do (or don’t do). Let us call this approach Discipleship. We, the adult members of the Church, are called to invite and form our children as disciples of Jesus Christ. Experience, Dialogue, Model.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Brian Feller
Fr. Brian Feller | Kuemper Priest Chaplain
A Knight On The Red Carpet

2017 Kuemper Ball Chair Couples L to R: Jeff and Jayme Kock, Brett and Brianna (Hoffman ’01) Greve, Jeromy and Lisa (Daniel ’01) Sommerfeld, and Ryan and Trish (Quandt ’98) Tigges

“Thanks Donors”

The 33rd annual Friends of Kuemper Ball rolled out the red carpet Saturday, May 6th at the Carrollton Centre, thanking the many hundreds of donors to the campaign for Kuemper Catholic Schools.

And the campaign rolled to another big success, raising $628,830 — the third-highest total in Kuemper Ball history. Kuemper Ball campaigns since the first one in 1985 have now raised $9,686,115. Hundreds of people filled the Carrollton Centre Saturday night celebrating the wrap-up of this year’s drive.

On stage in the Carrollton ballroom, campaign chair couples Brett and Brianna (Hoffman ’01) Greve, Jeff and Jayme Kock, Jeromy and Lisa (Daniel ’01) Sommerfeld, and Ryan and Trish (Quandt ’98) Tigges welcomed visitors to the event, which this year featured the theme “A Knight on the Red Carpet.”

Trish Tigges remarked, “This is a night to showcase our amazing teachers, staff, students, volunteers and school. We have been blessed to work with many of these people while we were Ball chairs, and this is why we chose to honor them tonight.

“This night would also not be possible without you, our donors. We are amazed at the generosity of people in our community as well as members of the Kuemper family that have donated to the Ball from all over the world. We understand that with the many changes happening throughout the diocese we face some challenges, but we want to say thank you for continuing to support Kuemper and its mission to provide a Christ-centered education. Each of the Ball chairs this year have children in the Kuemper system. It has been a humbling experience to see how the Ball directly impacts the future of their education.”

Kuemper Catholic School President John Steffes ’82, said, “The entire Kuemper community is what makes the Ball such an incredible event, led by our dedicated chair couples. The level of support from all different parts of the Kuemper family is the strength of the Ball. Catholic education in the Carroll area with its proud tradition and heritage has a bright future. The best is yet to come for the Kuemper Family. Go Knights!”

Kuemper Annual Giving and Alumni Director Alayna (Clancy ’06) Hansen commented, “The Kuemper Ball is the work of many people. The list of people who work behind the scenes is humbling. All of these individuals have sacrificed countless hours with their families and friends to help ensure that the long tradition of high-quality Catholic education is here to stay. Thank you to everyone who has had any part in making the Kuemper Ball what it is today.”

SAVE THE DATE

2018 Kuemper Ball - Saturday May 5th
Carrollton Centre
Teacher Mike McCarty led a team of student and adult volunteers to Honduras for Kuemper’s 1st Mission trip in March. Students and adults raised money all year to pay for supplies to build 2 houses, fund a portion of a 3rd home, build bunk beds, provide medical supplies and vitamins to the local clinic, pay for a gardener to oversee a school garden, and money to develop a character education program for the school. The missioners spent 10 days helping the Honduran people, embracing their culture and spreading God’s love to the people of Honduras. The students were amazed at the living conditions of the people at Nueva Capital. Most people in the area live on $1 a day. “Our goal is to immerse our students in Honduras so that when they come back they will use what they have learned to begin charitable projects here in the US. We want our students to live out the ministry of Jesus Christ by serving others. Mission Honduras does just that. Learning to love the service they do for others will be infectious, leading them to become more and more disciples of Christ,” said Mike McCarty. Fourteen students from Kuemper made the trip including Brandi Eischeid, Megan Pudenz, Lauren Promes ’17, Paige Tiefenthaler ’17, Kate Dickman ’17, Jordan Wittrock ’17, Mikayla Blum ’17, Evan Schettler ’17, Allison King ’17, Katelyn Schulte, Nathan Becker ’17, Kyle Ricke, and Kierston Blair. Chaperones who accompanied the students include teachers Mr. Mike McCarty, Deacon Tim Murphy, and Mrs. Kate Tomaszkiewicz; Father Doug Klein, who served in Carroll; along with parents Jessica (Siepker ’91) Eischeid, Mike Schulte ’92, and Dan Messerich, and grandparent Ed Heim.

Kuemper Students came back with a greater sense of appreciation for the opportunities they have. They truly experienced the words of St. Francis of Assisi, “For it is in giving that we receive.”
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Tait Potebaum, daughter of Kyle ’93 & Ann (Habert ’93) Potebaum
Lauren Promes, daughter of Carey ’82 & Maria (Dentlinger ’85) Promes
Marta Pugh, daughter of Kent & Ann Pugh
Reed Rawlings, son of Howard & Jameila Rawlings
Madison Ral, daughter of Tim & Lisa Ral
Grant Sanders, son of Jeff Sanders ’84 & Ami Sanders
Jacob Schafer, son of Jeremy ’87 & Beth (Irbeck ’88) Schafer
Evan Scheller, son of Robert Scheller & the late Rose Scheller
Jacob Schlesman, son of Steven ’75 & Theresa Schlesman
Emma Schmitz, daughter of Gary ’89 & Annisa (Scheffler ’93) Schmitz
Spero Schrock, son of Lesa Running & Brian Schrock ’89
Madeleine Schwarte, daughter of Jason Schwarte & Dawn Baumstein
Alison Schweers, daughter of Curt ’81 & Lynette Schweers
Noah Seid, son of Tim & Brenda (Gute ’83) Seidl
Hannah Sibbel, daughter of Mike ’75 & Julie (Henkenius ’78) Sibbel
Timothy Sibbel, son of Mike ’75 & Julie (Henkenius ’78) Sibbel
Austin Sibbel, daughter of Wendy (Venteicher ’90) Sibbel & the late Leo Sibbel
Jackson Simons, son of Tom ’80 & Mindy (Field ’90) Simons
Reese Snyder, son of Randy ’93 & Lori (Nieland ’81) Snyder
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Abigail Wittrock, daughter of Kevin & Kim Wittrock
Jordan Wittrock, daughter of Carrie (Heim ’92) & Brad Sapp ’07 & the late Chad Wittrock ’92
Nurse, Paramedic, and Firefighter-Vonnahme lives to serve others.

Danyl Vonnahme ’05, currently of Altoona, is the daughter of Bev (Vogl ’72) and the late Loren Vonnahme. After graduating from Kuemper, Danyl attended Mount Mercy College in Cedar Rapids and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Degree in 2009. “I was destined to be a nurse. I grew up wanting to be a nurse. I could handle certain situations that other family members couldn’t. Assisting in the care of my grandma and dad while they were sick helped me realize my calling,” says Danyl who worked as an ER nurse at St. Luke’s in Cedar Rapids, and Iowa Lutheran Hospital and Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines over the course of the last 9 years.

In 2010 Danyl joined the Bondurant’s Fire Department; this experience led her to complete the RN to Paramedic Bridge course through Creighton University and obtain a Paramedic degree in 2014. “Emergency Medical Services (EMS) were always fascinating to me. While volunteering, I grew to love EMS more and more; eventually being most intrigued by the fire-fighting aspect of it,” shares Danyl.

Now a full time paramedic and firefighter with the Des Moines Fire Department, Danyl still finds time to work in the Emergency Department at Mercy Medical Center as a nurse when they need help. “I loved working as a nurse in the ER full time, but I greatly enjoy the excitement of the Unknown on the Fire Department, each call brings a new challenge and forces me to make critical decisions. I never know whether the next call will be a fire or medical related call so I have to be prepared for both,” says Danyl of her new role. Danyl is certified as follows: CEN (Certified Emergency Nurse), BLS (Basic Life Support), ACLS (Advanced Cardiac Life Support), PALS (Pediatric Advanced Life Support), S.T.A.B.L.E.S., TNCC (Trauma Nurse Core Class), Fire Fighter I, Fire Fighter II, and Hazmat technician.

Growing up in Arcadia with siblings, Rachel Young ’96, Crystal Belby ’97, Neil ’99, and Mitchel ’09, Danyl was naive. “Small was all I knew. It wasn’t until I ventured off to college and moved to a bigger city where I realized how thankful I was for the education I received and the people I grew up surrounded by.” Being a nurse, paramedic, and firefighter has opened her eyes to different cultures and lifestyles. “Not everyone is as fortunate as I was to have a Christ-Centered education, I have encountered people who do not even know where their next meal will come from. I was raised with strong Christian values and beliefs. My years at Kuemper taught me to follow in the footsteps of the Lord and serve others. I chose a career dedicated to just that.”

Alumni News & Quotes

1940’s

SA Class of ’49 met to celebrate their 68th Reunion on June 8th. Classmates attended from California, Arizona, Minnesota, Nebraska, Iowa, and particularly Carroll County. A good time was had by all! Classmates:

Please let us know when you are in the Carroll area so we can get together. We continue to meet the second Tuesday of every month at 11:30 AM at Sam’s. Those in attendance at the 1949 reunion include Mary Jane (Kennebeck) Bernholtz of Carroll; Elva (Lambertz) Bernholtz of Carroll; Peggy (Nervig) Carroll of Winona, MN; Janet (Scharfenkamp) Davis of Jefferson; Mary Jane (Schenkleberg) Goecke of Omaha, NE; Delores (Brincks) Kasperbauer of Carroll; Imelda (Grossman) Kerkhoff of Manning; Sylvia (Julich) Nagl of Carroll; Mary Ann (Reickz) Renze of Manning; Marcia (Reiman) Rouse of Napa, CA; Patricia (Siplman) Schwerwena of Phoenix, AZ; Ann (Waters) Schultz of Carroll; Leona (Dorpinghaus) Sibbel of Carroll; Anita Mae (Wittry) Tegels of Carroll; Velma (Witrock) Tigges of Carroll; Rita Ann (Wittry) Venner of Carroll; Norma Jean (Wolterman) Vonnahme or Arcadia; and Betty (Hannasch) Scheching of Carroll.

1950’s

Carolyn (Hamann ’56) Thompson, Alamo, TX. Sending my support to the St. Angela/Kuemper Family. My husband, Jerry, and I have two children, four grandchildren and identical twin great-grandsons. We summer in the Kansas City area and winter in deep south Texas. Blessings to all!

Judy (Scharfenkamp ’56) Scott, Raleigh, NC. I was on an Odyssey Tour Group in Costa Rica in March when I happened to meet another Kuemper graduate Susan (Fox ’66) Senycz. It was a chance meeting on the first night of the trip. We exchanged a few Kuemper memories and had a wonderful time exploring a beautiful country.

Sylvia (Klocke ’59) Von Bon, Udall, KS. I still live on 10 acres, The River Valley Ranch, where I see lots of wildlife; deer, turkey, armadillo, porcupine, snakes and opossum. I have 12 grandchildren (one deceased) and number 18 greatgrandchild is on the way. One of my grandsons just graduated valedictorian of his class. No quilt sewing this year, too much volunteering on church projects. I’m on the stewardship committee, Alter Society, Legion of Mary Prayer Line, Secretary of Heritage House age 55 and older. I am coordinator of the Vocations 31 Club. We have 51 members who pray on a specified date for all vocations, especially for religious vocations. We currently have 2 priests and 1 seminarian and 2 nuns from St. Michaels Parish. I was hostess 4 ½ days for Prayer in Action Youth Group for Catholics, who donate time to help the elderly. I’ve ended doing garage sales after 34 years due to an attacker who left me unconscious and with a concussion. I am now recovering from major eye surgery and another concussion from a fall. I’m a survivor after 10 years of a divorce. May God Bless all of my classmates.

1960’s

Class of 1962 awarded four scholarships to current Kuemper students to continue their Christ Centered Education in the 2017-18 school year. The awards were given in honor of Msgr. Thomas Donahoe and Sr. Margaret Mary.

Gary Doan ’67, Poway, CA. Hobby – domestic & international travel. I’ve finished all 50 states, most national parks, and over 54 countries. Am heading for Iceland & Greenland in August. My wife and I also do a lot of babysitting of 3 grandkids.

2000’s

Dani Stipe ’06, Carroll, IA. Stipe has been inducted into the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union Softball Hall of Fame. Stipe played at Kuemper from 2002-2006. She owned a career batting average of .560, scoring 190 career runs with 187 career stolen bases, which ranks second in Iowa. Stipe’s 287 career hits ranks second in Iowa and seventh on the national all-time lists. She was a two-time Elite All-State selection, batting, 646 with 117 hits as a junior, both state records while the 117 hits in a season is a national record. As a senior, Stipe led Kuemper to a sixth-place finish at the state tournament, where she was named to the all-tournament team after hitting .600 with four stolen bases. She hit .554 for the season and was the Iowa offensive player of the year. Stipe was also inducted into the IGSHSAU Track and Field Hall of Fame in 2012.

Carly Ludwig ’13, daughter of Gary (O.J.) ’81 and Nicky (Simons ’94) Ludwig and the late Sue (Curry ’87) Ludwig represented the Iowa State University College of Design as its student Marshal at the university’s undergraduate commencement ceremony Saturday, May 6, at Jack Trice Stadium. Ludwig graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in integrated studio arts and a general business minor. Ludwig was on the Dean’s List and placed in the top 2 percent of her class every semester at Iowa State. She received the Christina Hixon Opportunity Award, Academic Recognition Award, Cardinal Scholar Award, Design Ambassador Club Scholarship, Carl & Ruth Hamilton Excellence Scholarship, Therese Warburton Applied Art Fund Scholarship, Janice Peterson Anderson Excellence Award and Janice Peterson Anderson Senior Award. Ludwig served as a Core Design Program peer mentor and completed internships with the Iowa State Memorial Union Fine Arts Program and the ISU Design on Main Gallery. Her work has been accepted into several exhibitions, including the Octagon Center for the Arts’ 2017 and 2015 “Clay, Fiber, Paper, Glass, Metal, Wood” national all-media exhibitions and the 2016 Iowa Arts Festival, where she received the Emerging Artist Best in Show award. She received both a Merit Award and a Purchase Award for her mixed-media painting titled “Preservation” in the 2017 Art Inspired Juried Student Exhibition, and that work is now part of the Iowa State Memorial Union’s permanent collection. Following graduation from Iowa State, Ludwig plans to move to South Dakota and work in an art gallery or museum.
Deaths in Christ

The Kueper Family offers prayers and sympathy to these and all of your families who have lost loved ones. We would be honored to remember your loved ones in our prayers and Masses. Please feel welcome to notify the Alumni Office at (712) 792-2212 or e-mail: alhansen@kuemper.org when a loved one passes away.


Marie Rita Boe, Midland, TX. November 19, 2016. Mother of Jean M. Boe ’57, Carol Ellis, Paul Boe, Barbara Reed, and Mary Clare Stanford


Randy Roney ’66, Templeton, IA. February 2, 2017. Father of Matthew ’89 and Amanda Wiskus ’92.

Vincent Peter Irlbeck, Carroll, IA. February 8, 2017. Father of Scott ’78, Julie Gehling ’81, Sara Venn ’87, and Beth Schaefer ’88.


Alice Margaret (Hoffman SA ’43) Maher, Yakima, IA. February 19, 2017. Mother of Mary Rhoades, Elizabeth Maher, Jane Goodhue, and James (dec).


Clara “Bonnie” Langel, Carroll, IA. April 9, 2017. Mother of Ron ’67, Patricia ’70, and Diane Jennings.


Jean Walker ’74, Lake City, IA. May 4, 2017. Wife, Judy (Kerkhoff ’73). Father of Jason and Jeremy (dec).

John Wagner (Guenther Johann), Carroll, IA. July 4, 2017. Father of Katie ’82, Tim ’84, and Beth.


Patrick Schoon ’77, Glidden, IA. March 15, 2017. Mother of Angela Fox-Thompson ’86, Joel, and Darin.


Doris Brosh, Carroll, IA. March 30, 2017. Mother of Deb Gastelle ’75, Rick ’76, Doug ’79, Ron ’80, and Joe ’81.


Alphonse “Bud” Brincks, Carroll, IA. April 2, 2017. Father of Larmy ’68, Ken (dec.) ’71, Richard ’71, Marilyn Murphy ’73, Mary Jo Irlbeck ’74, Michael ’76, and Maurice ’78.

Elnora M. Steffes, Essex, IA. April 3, 2017. Wife, Patricia (Klocke ’57). Father of Daryl (dec), Kay, Steve (dec), and Bruce.


Evelyn “Erie” (Meising SA ’51) Wieland, Carroll, IA. June 1, 2017. Husband, Don. Mother of Steve ’73, Tom ’75, Pam Smouse ’77, Linda ’80 (dec), and Patrick ’88.


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Victor (VanDerheiden ’82) Steinkamp, Carroll, IA. June 1, 2017. Husband, Mike. Father of Michael Headlee ’81, Mark Headlee ’85, and Ronda Nicholson ’89.


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Special Send Off
When the boys basketball team had Back-to-back state appearances in March it called for a special send off ceremony. At least one member of each state tournament team in Kuemper history was present. Alumni present to celebrate included Dave Diers ’79, Jake Brinkman ’69, Randy Bierl ’71, Bill Henkenius ’71, Dave Brunner ’77, Dave Snyder ’78, Roger Gehling ’85, Jeremy Langerud ’91, Mike Badding ’94, Brian Badding ’96, Arron Pick ’96, Dan Leiting ’99, Kyler Ludwig ’11, Riley Bach ’13, and Spencer Collison ’16.

Speech: Coaches Susan Glass, Deb (Burg ’76) Gute and Lydia Schettler ’07 accompanied 18 students to perform in 23 categories at the IHSSA Individual Speech Event held at Sioux City East on March 12th. The following students performed in two categories and received “1” ratings in both: Paige Tiefenthaler ’17, Literary Program and Expository Address; and Maggie Steinkamp ’17, Solo Musical Theatre and Original Oratory; Draven Haefs, After Dinner Speaking and Acting; Matilda Pugh, Poetry and Storytelling; and Kira Parkis, Prose and After Dinner Speaking. The following students earned a “1” Rating: Lauren Macke and Elizabeth Kenkel, Acting; Mary Lawler, Storytelling; Sami Hays, After Dinner Speaking; Tori Bauer ’17, Expository Address; Kate Ramaekers, Literary Program; and Chloe Scott, Poetry. Receiving “2” Ratings: Reed Rawlings ’17, Improvisation; Tempi Hathcock, Poetry; Elizabeth Trent and Britney Bruch, Prose.

IHSSA Individual Events All State performances in Cedar Falls on March 27 included Left to Right: Draven Haefs, After Dinner Speaking; Lauren Macke, Solo Musical Theatre; Elizabeth Kenkel, Acting; Mary Lawler, Storytelling; Sami Hays, After Dinner Speaking; Tori Bauer ’17, Expository Address; Kate Ramaekers, Literary Program; and Chloe Scott, Poetry. Receiving “2” Ratings: Reed Rawlings ’17, Improvisation; Tempi Hathcock, Poetry; Elizabeth Trent and Britney Bruch, Prose.

Girls Basketball: The girl’s basketball team, led by senior Alison Schweers, under the direction of Head Coach Kevin Potthoff ’08 and assistant coach Mark Thomsen, wrapped up the season at 14-9. Aimee Adams broke the Field Goal Percentage record with 72% accuracy; Amy Dentlinger ’09 previously held the record with a 59%. The season highlight was a win against State qualifying, Lewis Central. Hawkeye 10 All-Academic Honors: Alison Schweers ’17

Boys Basketball-3rd in State! Head Coach Sean Minnahan led the boy’s team to a 24-3 season, 9-1 in the Hawkeye 10 Conference. Seniors Matt Dentlinger, Jacob Schaefer, Gage Gunnerson, Von Kraus, Will Badding, Max Heithoff, Ben Grote, Ryan Feauto, John Hensel, and Chase Netusil led the team to the State tournament for the second year in a row, earning a third place finish! The team also repeated as Co-Champs of the Hawkeye 10; sharing the title with Lewis Central this year. Matt Dentlinger broke 3 school records this season and now ranks first in all time blocks (239), rebounds (754), and points (1,311) breaking the record of Brian David ’85; those records accompany his single season records for blocks (93) and points (522). Hawkeye 10 All-Academic Honors: Matt Dentlinger ’17, Ryan Fueto ’17, Ben Grote ’17, Gage Gunnerson ’17, John Hensel ’17, Von Kraus ’17, Chase Netusil ’17, and Manager Susie Pottebaum ’17.

Girls Track: The girls track team, under the direction of Head Coach Chad Klein completed the season with a squad of 15 members. Another year of young team members made for a season of improvements. Hannah Irlebeck qualified for the State Track tournament in the 100M Hurdles.

Boys Track-7th in State! Coach Keith Henderson led 20 boys through a record season. Miles Rupiper set a new school record in the High Jump at 6’9” in the 2nd meet of the season, then broke his own record at the State Qualifying Meet with a jump of 6’10”. State Meet participants include Miles Rupiper earning the title of STATE CHAMPION in Long Jump at 21’-11.25” & High Jump at 6’6”! Kyle Berg placed 22nd with a Long Jump of 18’-1/2”. Ben Grote ’17 placed 12th in the 1600M with a time of 4:33.19, and 11th in the 3200M with a time of 10:02.92. Austin Sibenaller ’17 placed 21st in the Shot Put with a throw of 46’-11.50”. Izak Baumhover placed 12th in the 400M Hurdles with a time of 58.52. Von Kraus ’17, Miles Rupiper, Jacob Schaefer ’17, and Gage Gunnerson ’17 placed 6th in the 4X100M Relay with a time of 44.99. Von Kraus, Izak Baumhover, Jacob Schaefer, Gage Gunnerson placed 11th in the 4X200M Relay with a time of 1:34.01. The team finished 7th overall with 23 Team Points. Hawkeye 10 All-Academic Honors: Benjamin Grote ’17, Gage Gunnerson ’17, John Hensel ’17, Von Kraus ’17, Lucas Lampe ’17, and Austin Sibenaller ’17. (Above) Miles Rupiper earned the title of State Champion in Long Jump at 21’-11.25” & High Jump at 6’6”

Wrestling: The wrestling team, under the direction of Head Coach Tanner Warrington, had another successful season. Seniors Nathan Becker, Lucas Lampe, Brady Parkis, Grant Sanders, Tim Sibbel, and Tucker Vonnahaume led the team to a new season dual win record after finishing 22-10 on the season. Nathan Becker (220lb), Zak Hulsing (152lb), Lucas Lampe (182lb), Tim Sibbel qualified for state with Sibbel advanced to state. Hawkeye 10 All-Academic Honors: Lucas Lampe ’17, Grant Sanders ’17, Tim Sibbel ’17, and cheerleaders Hannah Sibbel ’17 and Jessica Venner ’17.

Girls Soccer: The girls completed the season 6-10; with a young team came a lot of improvement throughout the season. The team was led by seniors Madeline Wagner and Kate Dickman. Dickman started every match in her 4 year career, with the exception of two matches while she was on the Mission Honduras trip. All conference honors were earned by Brooklyn Bakke, First Team; Courtney Schenkelberg Second Team; Madeline Wagner, Sarah Healy, and Kate Dickman, Honorable Mention. Hawkeye 10 All-Academic Honors: Kate Dickman ’17 and Jessica Krause ’17.

Boys Soccer: The boys soccer team rounded out their season at 9-9 with three seniors Kobe Eischeid, Tim Sibbel, and Taylor Thomsen leading the team. Head Coach Ryan Isgrig, and assistant coaches Zach Irlebeck ‘11 and Greg Lucas ’96, had a full roster and a successful season as winners of the Valley Soccer Tournament, Runner-Up of the Atlantic Soccer Tournament, and Carroll/Kuemper Friendship Cup champions. Hawkeye Ten All Conference honors were earned by Koe Eischeid, First Team; Colton Irlebeck and Tim Sibbel, Second Team; Blake Baumhover and Victor Ceballos, Honorable Mention. Kobe Eischeid was also selected for IAHSSCA Soccer Academic All-State. Hawkeye 10 All-Academic Honors: Kobe Eischeid ’17, Tim Sibbel ’17, and Taylor Thomsen ’17.

Girls Golf-5th in State! The girls golf team, led by Head Coach Deb (Burg ’76) Gute, wrapped up the season with a 5th place finish at the 3A State Golf Tournament at the Lake Panorama National Golf Course, Panora, IA, with a score of 384 on day one, and a 389 on day two for a tournament total of 773. The girls, led by seniors Alison Schweers, Erin Wallace, and Margaret Kenkel, also earned the 2nd place title at the Atlantic Invitational, 1st place at the Storm Lake invitational, and a 3rd Place rank Hawkeye 10 Conference Tourney during the season. Hawkeye 10 All-Academic Honors: Margaret Kenkel ’17 and Alison Schweers ’17.

Boys Golf-2nd in State! The boy’s golf team, led by 5th year Head Coach Brian Billmeier ’84 and assisted by Coach Leon Muhl Bauer, concluded their season as Runner-up in the Class 2A State Golf Tournament held at the Lakeside Municipal Golf Course in Fort Dodge, IA, with a score of 304 on day one and a 303 on day two for a tournament total of 607. The team was led by Jared Tigges (10th place), Ryan Feauto ’17 (13th place), Jacob Schleisman ’17 (25th place), Nathan Mertz (31st place), Sam Au en (33rd place), and Cole Collison (48th place). The team completed the season with a squad of 21 members made up of five seniors, four juniors, five sophomores and seven freshmen. The Knights finished the year with a 60-7 record, including the team title at the Panorama Invitational and second place in the Hawkeye 10 Conference meet. Jared Tigges and Ryan Feauto were both named to the 2nd Team All State and 2nd Team All Tournament by the Iowa HS Golf Coaches Association. Hawkeye 10 All-Academic Honors: Ryan Fueto ’17 and Jacob Schleisman ’17.

2017 State Co-ed Golf Tournament: 2017 State Co-Ed Golf meet was held at the American Legion GC in Marshalltown on Tuesday, June 6. Coach Brian Billmeier ’84 accompanied two teams to Marshalltown for the 18-hole alternate shot tournament. The senior pair of Ryan Feauto/Alison Schweers finished at 78 placing 7th overall. The junior pair of Jared Tigges/McKenna Ludwig played well with score of 79 finishing at 11th place of 53 teams.

Boys Tennis-4th in State! The team earned the school’s first team trip to the State Tournament and placed 4th! Matt Greteman ’79 completed his 24th year as Head Coach and was assisted by Steve Kock. Six seniors led the team, including Reed Rawlings, Matt Dentlinger, Colin Uh kenkamp, Connor Uhlenkamp, Max Heithoff, and Lance Mikkelsen to a season record of 10-4. The Knights earned the Conference Championship for the 5th time in the last ten years. Hawkeye 10 All-Academic Honors: Matthew Dentlinger ’17, Reed Rawlings ’17, and Connor Uhlenkamp ’17.

Girls Tennis: The girls rounded out their season with a record of 7-4 under the direction of Coach Jason Schwarte. Seven seniors, Madison Badding, Emily DeBolt, Madison Eisch eid, Jadie Knobbe, Madeleine Schwarte, and Ashley Wenc, led the team to a 5th place finish in the Conference Tournament and a 3rd place finish in the Spencer Tourney. 4 of the “Top 6” have graduated leaving the door open for 2018 to be a “Rebuilding Year.” Hawkeye 10 All-Academic Honors: Emily DeBolt ’17, Madison Eisch eid ’17, Jadie Knobbe ’17, and Madeleine Schwarte ’17.

Softball: “Become what you know you are.” This was the challenge issued by sixth-year Head Coach Erin Bohlmann ’07 at the start of the Knights’ 2017 campaign. Each player strove to use her unique God-given talents to become the “best-version-of-herself” for the betterment of the team. The Knights posted an 18-15 record and set a team record for home runs in a season (16). They finished 5th in the Hawkeye 10 Conference, earned 2nd place in the OA-BCIG Tournament, and placed 3rd in both the Tiger-Knight and CYO Tournaments. They were led by seniors Margaret Kenkel, Courtney Kocke, and Paige Tiefenthaler. Bohlmann was assisted by first-year assistant Moriah Bohlmann ’13 and Carol [Irimeier] Strautman ’74. Several athletes received post-season honors. Named to the Class 3A Northwest All-District team were Kalee Peter and Kayla Venner. Selected to Hawkeye 10 All-Conference Teams: Kalee Peter, First Team (unanimous selection); Kayla Venner, Second Team; Courtney Kocke, Honorable Mention; Margaret Kenkel, Courtney Kocke, and Paige Tiefenthaler, Academic Team. The squad as a whole earned the IGHSAU Distinguished in Academic Achievement honor for achieving a team GPA of 3.25+. Hawkeye 10 All-Academic Honors: Courtney Kocke ’17, Margaret Kenkel ’17, and Paige Tiefenthaler ’17.

Alumni Soccer: “Team Alumni” took on the 2017 Kuemper soccer team and played to a 1-1 draw. The alumni goal was scored by Ross Klocke ’11 and 2017 team goal was scored by Kobe Eisch eid ’17. Despite the heat and wind, it was a very fun and memorable day for all.

School News

Ryan Isgrig Transitions Into Role of 7-12 Activities Director

Ryan Isgrig joined the Kuemper Family in 2014 as the preschool through fifth grade Physical Education teacher. A graduate of the University of Northern Iowa, Ryan has a Bachelor of Arts in Physical Education and will begin work on his Master’s Degree next summer. He and his wife Stephanie, the KuemperCares Director, grew up in Newton, Iowa but have made Carroll County their home. They welcomed their first child, Emmitt, in March. As Head Boys Soccer Coach, Ryan took the team to their debut State Tournament in 2016. He also enjoys coaching 9th grade football and Junior High Basketball.

“I am very excited to get started as Kuemper’s Activities Director. I am looking forward to my leadership role in one of the most successful activities programs in Iowa. This position has always been a goal of mine and I am very passionate about providing opportunities for our students beyond the classroom in a faith based setting.”

Intergenerational Pen Pals

Third graders met with the pen pals they wrote back and forth with during the school year. They shared about life, their interests, and other fun facts in a series of written letters. The students were able to connect with a different generation while learning writing skills. The pen pals are coordinated through Carroll County RSVP (retired and senior volunteer program).

Hands on Learning

In small groups, students in Mrs. Jodi Steinbach’s art class created backgrounds based off famous artwork. On a special “paint day” the students painted the face of a fellow classmate to “blend” in with the background.
Memorials

The Memorial Page of the **KnightLetter** is a very special section of our alumni paper. There are many special occasions during our lives when we choose to memorialize or honor in a special way those we hold dear, whether deceased or living. It helps us recall the special people in our lives that now live in peace with God, but whose memory continues to live on. Memorial gifts can be designated anytime. Living Memorials can also be established for people who are still alive.

The following memorials have been established, or added to, since the Spring, 2017 newsletter. A COMPLETE LIST OF ALL MEMORIALS IS LISTED ON THE KUEMPER WEBSITE.

These contributions are placed in Kuemper’s endowment as perpetual memorials of Kuemper loved ones. Memorials and benefactors of our Catholic schools are remembered in Kuemper student Masses and chapel services.

**Kuemper Foundation**

The Kuemper Foundation receives gifts, including from estates, in memory and in honor of individuals and families, both living and deceased.

**In Memory Of:**
- John A. Behrens
- Ron ’60 & Jan (Klocke ’60) Eich
- Lois Bierl
- David & Muriel Arnold
- Jerry Hauser ’60
- Ron ’60 & Jan (Klocke ’60) Eich
- Howard Johnson
- Patty Pietig
- Judy A. (Collison ’59) Feld
- Joan (Lenz ’60) McGuire

**IRA TAX BREAK PERMANENT**

The Kuemper Catholic School Foundation is a qualified charity that is recognized as a 501(c)(3) organization by the Internal Revenue Service. As part of the tax extenders bill that was signed into law last year, Congress has made permanent the allowance of taxpayers who are at least 70 ½ years old to make up to $100,000 in qualified charitable distributions from their Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) without including the distribution in their federal income each year.

With the tax extenders law becoming permanent, taxpayers can now make contributions at any point during the year with the confidence of the tax treatment for federal income tax purposes. Transfers to Kuemper will continue to be deemed as part of the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) calculation that is required for taxpayers when they attain the age 70 ½ and own IRAs.

**Father Kuemper Society (Tuition Assistance Fund)**

**In Memory Of:**
- James Dentlinger
- Sandra Venner ’69
- Barbara (Venner ’67) Nadeau
- Patrick Healy
- Family & Friends
- Clara “Bonnie” Langel
- Family & Friends
- Grace (Schulte SA ’34) Langenfeld
- Family & Friends
- Ray & Regina Ludwig
- Family & Friends
- Maurice & Colette (Siepker SA ’41) Potthoff
- Family & Friends
- Randy Romey ’66
- Gregg Johnson ’66
- Don & Geraldine Slater Memorial Scholarship
- Steve ’66 & Shari Slater
- Victor Wernimont
- Family & Friends

**Father Kuemper Society Living Memorials**

- Jim† & Margaret Behrens Living Memorial
  - Margaret Behrens

There are potentially many other smart tax advantages to this technique of giving. Contact your tax advisor and/or financial planner to determine how this law could affect your current individual income tax and/or your long-term estate planning situation.
Father Kuemper Society
(Tuition Assistance Fund)

Father Kuemper Society Living Memorials

Kuemper Fieldhouse Complete; Campaign Nears Challenge Goal

THANK YOU! It had been a year since the ground-breaking ceremony was held for the new Kuemper Catholic School fieldhouse. The fieldhouse has been part of a long-range strategic planning process going back to 2011 and one component of the very successful Kuemper Tomorrow Campaign.

Projects completed in the past two years through the historic campaign include: 1) Initiated the before and after school program (Kuemper Cares); 2) New security systems in all four centers; 3) Remodeling of the high school front entrance; 4) St. Francis of Assisi Chapel renovation; 5) Complete remodeling of three science rooms in the high school area and 6) Construction of the new multi-purpose fieldhouse. The remaining two components to complete include strengthening the Kuemper Foundation Father Kuemper Society Tuition Assistance Fund and the Teacher Salary Enhancement Fund.

Inscription inside the fieldhouse from Isaiah 40:31
“We will run and not grow weary, for our God will be our strength”

The Kuemper Tomorrow Capital Campaign now totals $5,215,430 in gifts and pledges, surpassing its $4.63 million Challenge Goal. We thank everyone who has notified us of gifts they are making through their wills or other estate plans to continue Kuemper’s mission, traditions and core values for the future. If you have included a gift for Kuemper in your plans, we invite you to let us know by calling Sharon Olerich at (712) 794-1877 or emailing srolerich@kuemper.org.

Feel free to join a tour over Homecoming or stop anytime you are in Carroll. The facility is a two-story, 26,000 square-foot and features a 100-by-200 foot ground floor with a multi-purpose gym large enough to accommodate two practice basketball, volleyball, or tennis courts; a batting cage for softball, baseball and golf; and an open area large enough to run drills and practice sets for the football or soccer teams. There are also two locker rooms. The 6,000-square foot upper level will be used primarily as a practice room for wrestling.

The Kuemper Tomorrow Capital Campaign now totals $5,215,430 in gifts and pledges, surpassing its $4.63 million Celebration Goal. A $5.38 million Challenge Goal remains.

Kuemper friends can still be a part of the exciting campaign. Visit Kuemper’s website or contact Sharon Olerich in the Kuemper Foundation Office at (712) 794-1877 or email srolerich@kuemper.org.

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Eternal Knights are those visionary friends who have made the ultimate expression of their faith in Catholic education by remembering Kuemper in their estate plans.

You can become an Eternal Knight by making a gift to Kuemper that costs nothing during your lifetime. Plan and invest in the future today.

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God bless our newest Eternal Knights – Dr. Keith+ (dec.) & Jean Guy, Msgr. Kenneth A. Seifried, Mark & Mary Schreck.

Remember Kuemper and your church in your Will.

Teacher Salary Enhancement Fund

The Teacher Salary Enhancement Fund (TSEF) was established through the Kuemper Foundation in 2001 to help close the salary gap between Kuemper and public schools. The investments from this fund are used to help enhance the salaries of Kuemper’s dedicated teachers. With your contribution, you can help say thank you to Kuemper’s teachers and also help with recruitment and retention of quality faculty. Kuemper has 27 teachers that have each dedicated 20 years or more to Kuemper.

You can help grow the Teacher Salary Enhancement Fund by designating your gift to the annual Phon-a-thon for the TSEF on the enclosed envelope.
THE 2017 ALUMNI PHON-A-THON IS QUICKLY APPROACHING

Your Generosity Is Truly Appreciated!

In late-October, the St. Angela and Kuemper Alumni will be calling their classmates once again to renew old friendships, discuss reunion plans, and ask for their support. Current school board, faculty, and students will also assist with the personal contacts.

The 2016 Phon-A-Thon was able to raise $204,865! Classes were asked to “meet or beat” their Phon-A-Thon donation from the previous year; thirty-eight classes (50%) surpassed their Phon-A-Thon totals from 2015, especially the classes of 1966 and 1976 who challenged their class for their anniversary year. This accomplishment was achieved by the outstanding efforts of many alumni all over the world who so generously support their alma mater and Catholic education. The Class of 1977 took the top spot by raising $13,620!

Your class can make the difference this year in helping the current Kuemper students follow in your path.

Monies raised from the 2017 Phon-A-Thon can be designated for the Teacher Enhancement Fund, Father Kuemper Society (Student Tuition), Critical Needs, or other specific designations - thus giving donors the opportunity to designate where you want your gift to make a difference at Kuemper.

Our best efforts are made to contact everyone, but if you are overlooked, we apologize and welcome hearing from you.

**USE THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE or PLEDGE ONLINE!**

For your convenience Kuemper can now receive Phon-A-Thon pledges online. Go to [www.kuemper.org](http://www.kuemper.org) – Ways to Give and scroll down to Phon-a-thon Online Donations to support your alma mater. We look forward to hearing from you!

**HOW DID YOUR CLASS DO?**

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Because of generous donors like you, students can attend reconciliation, pray, and foster their relationship with Jesus during the school day. THANK YOU for your continued support of a Christ-Centered Education!

Enclosed in this newsletter is an envelope for your convenience to be used for your gift.

Show your appreciation for what Kuemper has done for you over the years by making a donation today! The Honor Roll of Donors will be listed in the next issue of the KnightLetter. Gifts to the past phon-a-thons have ranged from $5,000 to $2.00. Any gift, no matter how large or small, will be greatly appreciated by the entire Kuemper Family.

You can make all the difference!