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## CHARTING *our* FUTURE

Truth • Compassion • Justice  
Community • Partnership

### Strategic visioning and planning process

by Kevin Rea, EHS President

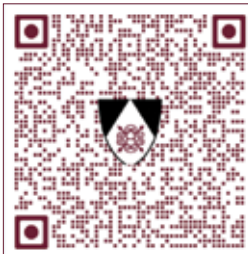
A charism is a grace, a favor or a gift for a person or a community. Edgewood High School possesses a uniquely Catholic, Dominican charism. Communities with healthy charisms cultivate the variety of gifts their people express. Therefore, when we chart our future, it is appropriate that we proceed in a way that engages our whole community in the shape and form of our mission. Dominicans rely upon collaboration and dialogue to arrive at Veritas, or truth, and our strategic visioning process has reflected the best traditions of the Sinsinawan sisters and the Dominican Order of Preachers.

During the 2022-2023 school year, Edgewood High School launched a comprehensive strategic visioning and planning process. This inclusive process resulted in the initial identification of five key pillars that frame long-range priorities for EHS. These five pillars serve as the foundation upon which more detailed plans and implementation strategies will be developed in the near future by faculty, staff and administration in dialogue with the Board of Directors.

To date, the strategic visioning process has included the following components: faculty/staff participation; a board-created steering committee to guide research, environment scans, SWOT analysis and exploration of trends in the world of education. To build a base of sound quantitative data, the school enlisted the assistance of a research firm, Wood Communications Group.

The research portion included a dozen focus groups with varied stakeholders including faculty, staff, parents, alumni and other community leaders; several one-on-one interviews with key individuals; and review of data collected via surveys. Part of the baseline research included data prepared for the 2021 search process for Principal and the 2022 President search process. In parallel with this, our faculty and staff have also been working on a "Grad at Grad" profile to develop a portrait of the qualities we aim to produce in our graduates.

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Scan to read about  
strategic pillars:  
[tinyurl.com/jnxaymfn](https://tinyurl.com/jnxaymfn)

### EHS Sponsorship Transition

On November 1, 2023, Edgewood High School of the Sacred Heart celebrated a Mass marking All Saints Day, Founders Day celebrating the birthday of Fr.

Samuel Mazzuchelli, and the transition of sponsorship of Edgewood High School from the Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa to a newly formed entity in the Catholic Church called Dominican Veritas Ministries (DVM). Five congregations of Dominican Sisters in the United States have collaborated to create DVM to sponsor all of their schools, including EHS, and continue to provide guidance, support, and official Vatican recognition of each school's Dominican heritage and mission. Though DVM will be Edgewood High School's official sponsoring body, EHS will continue to promote its Sinsinawa heritage and five values: Truth, Compassion, Justice, Community and Partnership.



Presiding at Mass was Dominican Father Thomas O'Meara, EHS class of 1953 and professor emeritus of theology at the University of Notre Dame. Joining us for the ceremony were Dominican Sisters and Associates of Sinsinawa, Sinsinawa Leadership, EHS Board members, Madison Bishop Donald Hying, and DVM representatives. It was a truly special ceremony and we are happy that Edgewood students, faculty and staff were witnesses to this historic occasion.





## EDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

### ...strategic visioning and planning (cont.)

Both the Strategic Plan and the “Grad at Grad” seek to establish a community-wide focus on the future success of our students, faculty and staff, parents and families, and our alumni as Edgewood continues to grow in keeping with its mission to educate the whole student for a life of learning, service and personal responsibility.

The visioning process culminated this fall. We are currently in a phase of seeking feedback on the five pillars from faculty and staff and the production of our “Grad at Grad.” Strategic action plans will be built by those departments under whose purview each pillar resides. These plans will help bring the vision for each pillar to life in the weeks, months and years to come.

Watch for updates as more specific goals and tactics take shape. Edgewood High School has an exciting future ahead with our entire community contributing to our goals. This excites me greatly. Thank you for being a part of it and for your support of Edgewood High School of the Sacred Heart!



### EHS MERT

#### *Medical Emergency Response Team*

EHS School Nurse Sue Richards has brought together a 15-member team of in-house medical emergency responders, including faculty and staff volunteers. The group gathered in August for training on advanced CPR, FirstAid, Stop the Bleed, Narcan Usage, and team building with the Oregon Fire and EMT training crew. Nurse Sue will be working with this group throughout the year to provide/improve prompt and quality care to individuals. This care is intended to bridge the gap from the onset of a medical situation during the school day to the arrival of first responders.

The team recently met the requirements to earn national recognition as a Project ADAM Heart Safe School indicating that EHS MERT has successfully implemented a quality sudden cardiac arrest program of awareness, training and effective emergency response to promote a safe environment for students, visitors and staff.



### Edgewood High School Named to 2023 AP Honor Roll

#### *SILVER distinction*

*The AP® School Honor Roll recognizes schools whose AP programs are delivering results for students while broadening access.*

Edgewood High School of the Sacred Heart (EHS) has been named to the Advanced Placement® Program (AP®) School Honor Roll, earning SILVER distinction. Schools earn this annual recognition based on criteria that reflect a commitment to increasing college-going culture, providing opportunities for students to earn college credit, and maximizing college readiness.

In 2022-23, 81% of EHS seniors took at least one AP exam during high school, 59% of seniors scored a 3 or higher on at least one AP exam, and 5% of seniors took five or more AP exams!

EHS's AP programming for the 2023-24 school year includes 32 sections of 16 AP courses taught by 12 EHS teachers.

“We are honored to be recognized by the College Board for our students’ success in AP courses as well as our focus on allowing all students access to college-level curriculum,” says EHS Principal Jerry Zander. “We have teachers who not only are experts in their content area, but also care for the whole student. This is just one of the ways we excel in offering a well-rounded, college prep experience.”



**EHS ARTWORK**  
by Junior Jamie Hoang





MUSINGS *from* DENNIS MCKINLEY '63

## Honoring the humble, Christ-centered, intelligent women of the Sinsinawa Dominican Congregation

*"Let us set out for any place where the work is great and difficult, but where also with the help of the One who sends us, we shall open the way for the Gospel."* These words, spoken by Venerable Fr. Samuel Mazzuchelli, were taken to heart by a small group of courageous women that he formed as the Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters.

As the order of Dominican Sisters grew, they lived out Fr. Samuel's challenge, particularly in both founding schools and teaching in parish schools. In addition, they were sensitive and active in social and justice issues in every decade. Eventually they even went beyond the borders of the U.S., initially establishing a mission in Santa Cruz, Bolivia.

Two examples of their current social justice efforts are the AIDS Orphan Sewing Project begun in 2003 by EHS alumna Sr. Stella Storch '62 (right), and Human Trafficking training, workshops, staff informational booths, and volunteering at a home for those rebuilding their lives.



The order's membership peaked in 1966 and has been in a slow, steady decline ever since. Realizing that they would not be able to continue "business as usual," the sisters had the foresight to devise a plan for the four high schools and one grade school they sponsor. You can read more about this transfer of sponsorship from the Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters to the Dominican Veritas Ministries (DVM) on page 1 of this newsletter.

What I mean to recognize in this article are the brave, courageous, and bold (to borrow a slogan from a 1950s TV show, "The Legend of Wyatt Earp"), not to mention humble, Christ-centered, intelligent women who were and are the Sinsinawa Dominican Congregation. These seemingly fearless women have openly addressed whatever obstacles that came their way, educated thousands of students, and openly faced the socio-political issues of the day. All these efforts have their origins in the Gospel message preached by Jesus Christ.



One of the great joys in my life is to have been taught by, worked with, and known so many of these remarkable women. The older I grow, the more I appreciate all they taught me through word and example. A visit to The Mound was always a lesson in hospitality and graciousness. My wife says that during a visit to The Mound, you are treated like royalty!

A trait I alluded to earlier is that they plan for the future. Not just for tomorrow or next week, but for what will be five and ten years from now. The change of school sponsorship to Dominican Veritas Ministries (DVM) is evidence of this advanced thinking.

I have attended the funerals of many of my sister colleagues at The Mound, and as I stated in this article some years ago, a funeral for a Sinsinawa Dominican Sister is a joyous celebration of her transition into eternal life. Walking through the cemetery at The Mound, I'm reminded of the sisters upon which Edgewood High School of the Sacred Heart is built and the many friendships I had the privilege to share with them. May they pray for us as we have the courage to venture into the new sponsorship of DVM.

Let us pray for them in this new era of the history of the Sinsinawa Dominican Congregation. We are grateful for their foresight in planning and caring for us and their institutions.

*Laudare, Benedicere, Praedicare*  
To Praise, To Bless, To Preach

### Find Dennis McKinley!

For this year's EHS Giving Day, Dennis McKinley took on the "Waldo" role and was photographed in several spots around campus. Check out all of his hiding places by scanning the QR code or go to:



[issuu.com/edgewoodhs/docs/wheresdennis](https://issuu.com/edgewoodhs/docs/wheresdennis)



## EHS faculty and students attend 365 Leadership Summit

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Coordinator Boyce Hodge (pictured far right) and Religious Studies Teacher Amy Richardson (far left), along with BIPOC members Christine Nwankwo (freshman) and Mason Robinson (senior) attended the 365 Leadership Summit.

This conference brings together Wisconsin's leaders of color for panel presentations and conversations around education, social services, business and community.

Mr. Hodge represented Edgewood at a panel titled "Looking Back to Look Ahead: A Multigenerational Conversation Around Justice."

Mrs. Richardson attended sessions centered around honoring the dignity of every individual and ensuring equitable access for all students, faculty and staff.



EHS held a Business Career seminar with a guest panel of three community professionals who shared their experience in various areas of business including: Supply Chain/Operations Management, Finance/Insurance and Entrepreneurship/Management. Thank you to speakers Harry Haney, Kraft Foods and EHS Board Chair; Tracy Kruzicki, President of Keva Sports Center; and Peter Walton, American Family Insurance.



FBLA members Hannah Brinkhoff, Rosemary Gonda-Langer, Marguerite Potter, George Sirianni, and teacher Jennifer Koziar

**Edgewood FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America)** members attended the fall Leadership Conference in Middleton, hearing from business professionals across the state as well as touring business aspects of organizations such as the Green Bay Packers, UW-Madison and Epic. Sophomore George Sirianni spoke in front of 450+ high school students to talk about his goals as a leader alongside Pat Cavanaugh from Green Bay Packers business operations. The team also participated in the Region V competition in February finishing with four team members advancing to State!



Sophomore Connor Sands and his father biked the January 100-mile JDRF Ride to Cure Diabetes in Death Valley, California. They rode in honor of Connor's grandfather who died at age 45 from diabetes. Connor earned the "Best Young Rider" award!





## EHS retreats provide spiritual renewal and emotional development

All Edgewood students participate in class-specific retreats each year. Retreats help us take time for spiritual and emotional development and renewal, support the Catholic faith and Dominican tradition, and focus on connecting with one another. Campus Ministry, led by Patricia Rivera Torres '19, continues to work toward making each retreat a more enjoyable and fruitful experience.

**Freshmen** take a day off-campus as an entire class to focus on community. This retreat incorporates large and small group activities. Campus Ministers, several EHS faculty/staff, and junior/senior mentors facilitate this retreat, giving freshmen an introduction to the emphasis that Edgewood places on "community."

**Sophomore** groups of approximately 30 go off campus for a day of reflection activities, games, prayer and opportunities to discover the inherent dignity in all of us. Campus Ministers and Peer Ministers facilitate this program.

**Juniors** are offered a 3-part menu option. Juniors can choose to go on a self-care retreat, nature and spirituality retreat, or service retreat.

**Senior** Christian Retreat of Shared Spirituality (Senior CROSS pictured) is a four-day retreat at the Shalom Retreat Center in Dubuque, Iowa. The theme of Senior CROSS is "Shared Spirit: Community, Reflection, Action, Connection." Retreat activities include team-building exercises, adult talks, prayer, student talks, small reflection groups, leadership formation, and lots of fun! Students come away from this retreat transformed, inspired, connected, and ready to begin their senior year.



2023 Senior CROSS

Follow EHS Campus Ministry on Instagram @ehscampusministry



Religious Studies students learning about the history and significance of the prayer labyrinth.



**Sam Richards '12**, a recent UW Business School grad, discussed the rapidly expanding world of Biomedical Engineering with EHS HOSA club (Health Occupations Students Association). Sam explained the importance of getting outside of your comfort zone and exploring all that your high school and college experience has to offer. Students learned how a broad academic AND extracurricular life can help them navigate change in the evolving world of Biomedical Research and Development. As an undergrad at Michigan Technological University, Sam explored student government and was president of the fishing club.



### EHS ARTWORK

by Freshman Liv Walker

by Freshman Elliot Vimont





## CRUSADER ATHLETICS - FALL 2023

### Crusader Athletics All State Academic Award Recognition

*NOTE: not all sports have an academic award given by their association.*

#### Football:

Jasper Allaman  
Henry Apter  
Oliver Boehme  
Henry Gill  
Tanner Krantz  
Sam Moschkau

#### Girls Tennis

Molly Esch  
Nina Haupt  
Lucy Herlitzka  
Isabelle Jaeckle  
Alana Johnson  
Katherine Kohls  
Lily Olson  
Paige Olson  
Kate Sweeney

#### Girls Golf:

Maddie Brandrup  
Naomi Clayton  
Jacklyn Thao  
Alena Wood

#### Conference Champions

Girls Golf (co-champions)  
Girls Tennis  
Girls Swim and Dive

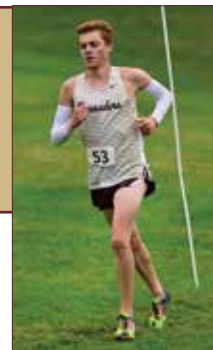
### Crusader Awards

This award goes to a student-athlete who embodies the athletic program motto of "Working on a Championship, While Building Character," is a good leader, embraces the concept of "Us-We Together," represents their program on and off the field and in the classroom, and is well respected by teammates, coaches, and Edgewood faculty and staff.

**Jameson Cary** (12), Boys Volleyball  
**Molly Esch** (12), Girls Tennis  
**Sarah Gorman** (12), Girls Cross Country  
**Gillian Koning** (12), Girls Volleyball  
**Noah Kuhn** (12), Boys Cross Country  
**Joe Powless** (12), Football  
**Ryan Schmidt** (12), Boys Soccer  
**Bella Urzagaste** (12), Girls Swim & Dive  
**Hailey Weyenberg** (12), Dance  
**Alena Wood** (12), Girls Golf

### State Champion

**Noah Kuhn** - individual  
Division 2 state champ in  
Boys Cross Country



### First Team All State

Noah Kuhn (12) - Boys Cross Country

Diane Pichelman (12) - Girls Volleyball

### New Home Ice for Crusader Boys Hockey

On January 20, the Edgewood High School hockey community came together to celebrate its 50th season and dedicate its new home in Verona. The new rink was completed with needed funding provided by EHS. Edgewood will get preferred practice time and game scheduling; their own custom locker room, logo and name branding at center ice, on the boards and in the mezzanine; as well as display their championship banners.



Lead donor Erik Johnson drops the puck at the new boys hockey ice rink in Verona on Jan. 20.

Read more and see more photos at [edgewoodhs.org/hockeyrink](http://edgewoodhs.org/hockeyrink)



**Congratulations to Senior Lily Olson on her four-year career in Girls Tennis!**

#### D2 State Champion

Grades 10 & 11

#### D2 Runner Up

Grade 12

#### D1 Runner up

Grade 9 (at Madison Memorial)



## CRUSADER ATHLETICS

**Congratulations to EHS student athletes who signed to continue their athletic careers at the next level!**

- Henry Bishop, Baseball - DePauw University
- Gillian Koning, Women's Volleyball - UW Green Bay
- Rex Lamb, Basketball - St. Olaf College
- Brady Livelli, Baseball - Hamline University
- Steffen Mello, Baseball - UW Oshkosh
- Diane Pichelman, Women's Volleyball - UW Green Bay



### All-Conference Team: 1st, 2nd, Honorable Mention (HM); Player of the Year (POY)

#### Boys Cross Country:

Elias Darga (12) - 1st  
Nick Gautreau (12) - 1st  
Noah Kuhn (12) - 1st

#### Girls Cross Country:

Erin Schauer (11) - 1st  
Natalie Trampf (11) - 2nd

#### Football:

Jackson Kitzmiller (11) - DL - 1st;  
OL HM; **Conference POY**  
Wes Coates (12) - OL 2nd; DL- HM  
Ashton Fickell (10) - DE - HM  
Seth Myers (11) - ILB - 2nd  
Joe Powless (12) - DB - HM  
Carter Wieseckel (12) - P - 2nd;  
TE - HM

#### Girls Golf:

Jacklyn Thao (12) - 1st  
Naomi Clayton (10) - 1st

#### Boys Soccer:

Owen Orville (11) - 1st  
Dillon Pliszka (11) - 1st  
Jonah Caldera (11) - 2nd  
Logan Bennett (11) - 2nd  
Wesley Donovan (11) - 2nd  
Declan Hurley (10) - HM  
Kellen Klein (9) - HM

#### Girls Swim and Dive:

\*200 Yard Medley Relay - Jane Jensen (10), Grace Charles (9), Sylvia Thompson (11), Katie McClure (11)  
\*200 Yard Free - Sylvia Thompson (11), Maggie Onopa (9)  
\*200 Yard IM - Grace Charles (9)  
\*100 Yard Fly - Jane Jensen (10)  
\*100 Yard Free - Mari Renk (11), Maggie Onopa (9)  
\*500 Yard Free - Sylvia Thompson (11)  
\*200 Yard Free Relay - Grace Charles (9), Elisa Olson (9), Jane Jensen (10), Katie McClure (11)  
\*100 Yard Backstroke - Jane Jensen (10)  
\*400 Yard Free Relay - Katie McClure (11), Addyson Sipe (9), Emma Reed (11), Sylvia Thompson (11)

#### Girls Tennis:

Molly Esch (12) - #4 Singles - 1st  
Lucy Herlitzka (12) - #3 Singles - 1st  
Lily Olson (12) - #1 Singles - 1st  
Alana Johnson (12) and Olivia Johnson (9) #1 Doubles - 2nd

#### Boys Volleyball

Nick Flynn (12) - 2nd  
Evan Mello (10) - HM  
Leyton Ritchie (12) - HM  
Ryan Schramm (11) - HM

#### Girls Volleyball

Gillian Koning (12) - 1st  
Diane Pichelman (12) - 1st  
Rebecca Ring (11) - 2nd  
Ella Weber (12) - 2nd  
Grace Lamb (12) - HM  
Addie Oeth (10) - HM  
Jocelyn Romadka (12) - HM  
HM - Katherine Mello (12)



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## EHS PERFORMING ARTS

EDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

*Little Women*



Edgewood High School Theater Department presented a musical production of "Little Women" in November. Four performances featuring two casts presented the inspiring journey of the March Sisters.

**MARY POPPINS**



**March 13-17, 2024**

**McKinley Performing Arts Center**

Practically perfect Mary Poppins takes the stage in this Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious musical adventure presented by Edgewood High School! Watch for ticket information!

The Music Department has had a busy start to the school year including performing in:

- Badger Conference Honors Orchestra
- UW Madison Badger Choral Festival
- WSMA All State Honors Band
- WSMA All State Honors Choir



EHS Band members play for school liturgies



Fall Choir Concert

Your support on #EHSGIVINGDAY is key!



Piano class video for EHS Giving Day was the top vote getter!





## EDGEWOOD *in the* COMMUNITY

Edgewood High School is built on a foundation of Catholic service to the community. For one day each fall, as an integral part of our homecoming activities, the entire student body, faculty and staff put down the books and leave the building for Edgewood in the Community (EIC), a day devoted to volunteering in service to our neighbors. This service day jump-starts students' excitement for our mission to serve and gives them an early opportunity to connect with organizations they may serve in the future. The 2023 EIC, held annually since 2000, took place September 20.

After a prayer service in the morning, Edgewood's 620+ students as well as faculty, staff and volunteers boarded buses that took them to approximately 50 locations around Dane County. Each group includes members from all four grades, a faculty/staff leader, and sometimes a parent volunteer.

Volunteer work performed by the EHS groups included serving meals, harvesting pantry vegetables, tutoring local school children, cleaning community centers, spending time with seniors and more.



**EDGEWOOD *in the* COMMUNITY**  
*Volunteering Together in our Mission of Service*  
 - SINCE 2000 -



*Edgewood is very proud of alumni who continue to live the Dominican value of Service after graduating from EHS.*

How do you live the Dominican value of Service by supporting your community?



# EDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

## CLASS NOTES (look for *EHS MEMORIES*)

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### 1958

**Nancy J. Dagnon Whitaker** attended Mt. St. Joseph College in Ohio, Ivy Tech. in Indiana and Cincinnati State and is retired from computer science work at Community Mental Health Center.

### 1963

**Gretchen Van Thullenar Rossi** received the Mother Shaun Appreciation



Award for her nearly 40-year commitment to the Franciscan mission in Meriden, Connecticut. The award was bestowed by Mother Shaun Vergauwen, FSE, foundress and former Mother General, Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist. Gretchen is the Director of Public Relations for the Franciscan Life Center and Franciscan Home Care and Hospice Care.

### 1971

**James T. Ryan** earned a BA in history/political science at Saint Mary's College (now Saint Mary's University of Minnesota) and studied commercial graphic design at University of Minnesota. In July 2023, he began a two-year term as elected President of National Active and Retired Employees Association's Minnesota Federation after serving as Vice President-Membership and subsequently Vice President-Legislation. He is also the elected President of that organization's Minneapolis Chapter. Jim is a Board Member and volunteer for Centro Guadalupano. He and his wife Rosemarie live in Golden Valley, Minnesota.

### 1976

**Mary Therese (Tess) McMahon** is a retired project manager living in St. Louis with her husband. Her volunteer work includes Ready Readers, Helping Hands and Horses, and City Sewing Room.

### 1983x (attended but did not graduate)

**Jim Schmitt** retired after 20 years with the City of Madison Fire Department on January 4. Jim spent 30 years in fire service including 15 years as an instructor for fire services at Madison College.

### Jennifer A. Grantham Stein

'80 has worked with numerous nonprofit organizations focusing on education, health care and social justice for over 25 years, in capacities ranging from strategic planning and fundraising to leadership development and board governance. Since 2013, she has served in lay sponsorship roles with the Franciscan Sisters of Mary (founding congregation for SSM Health Ministries) and subsequently the Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa. Jenny also serves on the U.S. advisory board for Andean Health and Development, providing high quality health care to the rural poor in Ecuador.



Jenny graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1984 and earned her MBA from The University of Chicago Booth School of Business in 1990. Her business experience includes relationship manager roles in investment banking at Merrill Lynch and benefits consulting with Hewitt Associates LLC. In 2005, Jenny and her husband David moved back to Madison. Their children Kate '12, Peter '14, Evelyn '16 and Claire '18 are third generation EHS grads, following in the footsteps of their grandmother (Ruthann Rocca Grantham '54) and great aunt (Rae Carol Rocca '57).

### 1984

**Michael J. Shea** was recently named vice president-senior executive banker at Lake Ridge Bank; he was featured as an "Executive on the Move" in *In Business: Greater Madison* magazine.

### 1985

**Jennifer M. Southard Dunham** earned a bachelor's degree in special education from UW-Madison. She and husband Bryan have two grown children and live in Tennessee.

### 1987

**Keith D. Kistler** earned an MS in environmental science and works as a

project manager at the U.S. Forest Service, dealing with the wildfire crisis in the western United States. He and wife Angela have four children and live in Wenatchee, Washington, where Keith is a volunteer at Wenatchee First Assembly Church.

### 1990

**Sarah K. Milestone** is Development Director for Forward Theater Co. in



Madison, managing individual giving, corporate support, and fundraisers. She was recently featured as the "Professional of the Month" in *In Business: Greater Madison* magazine. Sarah has led development, strategic planning and special events for several arts organizations including the Guggenheim Museum, Whitney Museum, American Ballet Theatre, Wisconsin Historical Foundation and Taliesin Preservation. She serves on the Board of Visitors of the UW-Madison Art Department and the Board of Briarpatch Youth Services. Sarah has a degree in Art History and Women's Studies from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

### 1991

**Stephen L. Sosnowski** is senior vice president and regional manager of the Madison Commercial Real Estate Group for Johnson Financial Group; he was featured as an "Executive on the Move" in *In Business: Greater Madison* magazine.

### 1993

**Jeffrey W. Isham** graduated from University of Kansas with a BFA in painting and an additional associates degree. He worked in advertising building websites, then in the corporate world as a technology leader at U.S. Bank, working on enterprise-wide design and technology initiatives. (*EHS MEMORIES: EHS education "has taken me a long way and I look back at it with a lot of appreciation."*)

### 1995

**Ruby Ann Bradt Conrad** is a Lower School Spanish teacher at Madison Country Day School.





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**1999**

**Brett R. Bilzing** is Director of Operations of Milwaukee area Wisconsin Crash Champions, creating simplicity for customers and employees in an intricate collision repair industry.



**2003**

**Jennifer S.B. Bobula Buttino** earned a B.A. from Marquette University. She and husband Tom welcomed twins Maxx and Mia in March 2023, joining brother Roman, 7.



*EHS MEMORIES: Being in the musicals directed by PH were some of the best times of my life! I also vividly remember being at school on 9/11, and teachers and students gathered together in the library to watch the news footage. The overwhelming sense of community gave me hope amidst the chaos.*

**2004**

**Kelly A. O'Keefe Nelson** owns a writing and editing business and lives in Verona with her husband and five children. (Corrected from Summer 2023 issue.)

**Katherine R. Powers** earned an M.A. and B.A. from Marquette University and an MBA from Georgia State University. She works for Dell Technologies in Atlanta.

**2007**

**Patrick D. Mahoney** attended Edgewood College. He and wife Sara live in Madison.

**2012**

**Sean M. Mahoney** attended UW-Platteville and lives in Stoughton.

**Elizabeth B. Molina Kuna** married **Michael V. Kuna** in Aspen, Colorado, in July 2023, celebrating with **Carissa Molina '06, Matthew Molina '13, Tristan Kuna '14, and Andrew Kuna '15**. The couple lives in Denver, where Michael is a product manager and Elizabeth is research faculty at the University of Colorado Cancer Center.

**2014**

**Hanna F.J. East Cabney** is a farrier

serving Northwest Iowa, Southeast South Dakota and Northeast Nebraska areas, creating an LLC, Cabney Farrier Services. She travels across the tri-state region servicing 8-15 horses per day, including draft horses, quarter horses, mini ponies and donkeys.



**Luis Herrera** graduated from Marquette University and is in his second year of law school at the UW-Madison.

**Ellen (Ellie) J.A. Hoffmann** earned a B.S. in Nursing from Marquette University and works as an R.N. at the Madison VA Hospital; she is working toward her Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) in Adult-Geriatric Primary Care at UW-Madison.

**Peter A. Stein** earned a B.S. from Loyola University and works in technical service for Epic Systems.

**2015**

**Gwen F.Q. Miller** is in her second year of medical school at UW. She got her undergrad from the University of St. Thomas, volunteered with AmeriCorps and worked in New York in some lower-level medical jobs throughout the pandemic. Gwen played volleyball and was in Edgetones, the musicals and band.

**Anderley R. Penwell** is a sports reporter/anchor at NBC 15 in Madison. She graduated from Gonzaga University with a degree in broadcast and electronic media studies and double minors in journalism and Spanish.

**2016**

**Carmen P. Cruz** earned a B.A. in business with a marketing concentration and minor in entrepreneurship and innovation at Lake Forest College. She is the delivery engagement services project manager for Alight Solutions. Carmen volunteers for First Tee, a nonprofit organization improving children's life and social skills through golf lessons; Independent Women's Network; Milwaukee Chapter

VFW; Milwaukee Area Director at Large, Delta Gamma Omega Chapter (UW Madison); member of Milwaukee Delta Gamma Chapter; Habitat for Humanity; VP Foundation (fundraising for the blind or visually impaired Service For Sight is our philanthropy) for the Delta Gamma Milwaukee Area Alumnae Chapter; and Volunteer for the Vision Forward Association in Milwaukee.

**2019**

**Murphy D. Penwell** graduated from Xavier University and works in medical device sales for Medspira in Cincinnati.

**Anthony Lamar Brown II '01** is an artist and educator. He earned a bachelor's degree in theater arts from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities where he founded UM's first a cappella group, 7 Days, and subsequently toured



nationally as the vocal percussionist of Compass Rose. He has written and produced musicals and plays; released seven solo studio albums; is the creator and host of Songwriters Circles in Wisconsin, Seattle and Montana; and has appeared in a variety of educational and independent films, radio dramas, and live events.

Anthony also has a passion for helping kids reach their full potential, working through local schools and other private and nonprofit programs. He has won more than a half dozen Madison Area Music Association Awards, and is a past nominee for Song of the Year at the Wisc. Area Music Industry Awards. Anthony is the co-founder and former COO of the Montana Area Music Association, Board Member of the Madison Area Music Association, and a host for two popular YouTube series, SciShow Kids and SciShow Psych.

Anthony was recently invited back to Edgewood by the EHS BIPOC club to speak to students and recalled fondly his time at Edgewood.



## EDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

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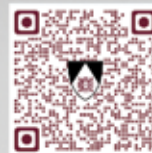
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Class of 1961  
(corrected)  
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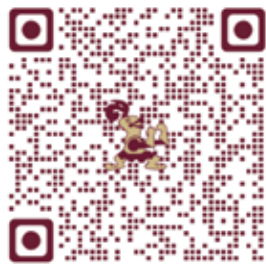


## CRUSADER CONNECTION



### EHS Crusader Fund is our most important giving priority

The Crusader Fund is EHS's most important giving priority. As a private Catholic high school, we do not receive federal, state or diocesan support and rely on philanthropic support to bridge the gap between tuition and the actual cost to educate each student.



Your tax-deductible, unrestricted gift is the best way for parents, alumni, and friends to make a meaningful difference in the breadth and depth of programs and resources available to our students, and keep an Edgewood education more affordable for families.

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### HOW TO GIVE TO EDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL



### Be a Leader; Make a Difference

The Leadership Circle is an exclusive group of benefactors who demonstrate a strong commitment to Edgewood's mission. Cumulative annual gifts of \$2,500 or more prior to July 1, 2024, make an immediate impact on our school community and inspire others to follow their example of generous support. Members are invited to private events throughout the year.

To learn how YOU can make a difference, please contact the EHS Development Department.



#### Annual Gifts:

- ◇ Diamond Circle  
\$50,000 or more
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## GIVING DAY

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2023

**Total Raised: \$236,000+**

**Donor Matches: \$70,000**

**Total Number of gifts: 358**

**Alumni Class with most gifts: 1965**

**Alumni Class with largest donation amount: 1998**

**Thank you for supporting Crusaders!**



## EDGEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Congratulations to two Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa celebrating their 60-year Diamond Jubilee!

- Sr. Maureen Croak, OP, Class of 1960
- Sr. Mary Rathert, OP, Class of 1961



Congratulations to EHS students who created, edited and produced the 2023 Wayfarer student art and writing magazine, which has been recognized as a REALM First Class magazine by the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE)

### EHS Class of 1973 50th reunion



The EHS Class of 1973 gathered for their 50th reunion in May 2023 with golf, a happy hour, a tour of the school with Dennis McKinley, and an event at Nakoma Golf Club. Nearly 100 class members participated!

Check out their reunion video:

<http://tinyurl.com/u9trx6sh>



1973 Football Team 50th Reunion



EHS boys hockey and basketball alumni gathered for games in December



### Memorial donations honor Crusaders

Honor deceased Edgewood alumni, family members and supporters with a memorial donation.

Contact: 608-257-1023; [development@edgewoodhs.org](mailto:development@edgewoodhs.org)

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Former EHS teacher and coach **Dorothy Ann Miller Goldsworthy** passed away November 24, 2023. Dorothy was a pioneer guiding the early stages of women's athletics. From her teaching and coaching of many sports at Edgewood High School, to being one of the first two women to coach summer basketball camps on the UW campus, she was a strong voice in the development and acceptance of girls' and women's sports.



# CRUSADER CONNECTION



## in MEMORIAM

*Names of deceased alumni below represent deaths we were informed of by our publication date.*

Class	Name .....	Date of Death	Class	Name .....	Date of Death
1935	Helen L. Karls.....	10/29/2023	1966	David F. McGivern .....	10/11/2023
1943	Mary K. Theiler Novak .....	8/6/2023	1966	Christine L. Dresen Thomas .....	11/30/2023
1946	Dolores S. Kessenich Haas .....	1/15/2023	1967	Jeanne M. Jacques O'Malley .....	11/7/2023
1947	Patricia A. Aspel Clark .....	10/27/2023	1968	Terry B. Berntsen .....	10/23/2022
1947	James (Andy) T. Devine, Jr. ....	11/21/2023	1968	Kenneth (Ken) V. Gmeinder .....	1/26/2024
1947	Anne M. Farley Schemel .....	11/14/2023	1971	Mary A. Buechner.....	5/16/2023
1948	Marguerite L. Regan Bernards.....	11/12/2023	1971	Patricia A. Meixner Smith .....	6/11/2023
1948	Kathleen M. Paltz Mader .....	11/14/2023	1977	E. Julie Seaquist .....	7/29/2023
1948	Joseph E. Meagher, Jr. ....	9/7/2023	1985	Dana L. Miezio Gass.....	8/24/2023
1949	Edward W. Dowdle, Jr. ....	4/28/2023	1988	Shaun M. Mock.....	12/24/2023
1949	Louis F. Fahey .....	8/10/2023	1990	Scott A. Williams .....	12/26/2023
1949	John W. Leichtenberg .....	12/10/2023	1998	Arikca H. Sutherland Schulze .....	8/28/2019
1949	Donald J. Schmitt.....	1/7/2024	2004	Stephen H. Sutherland.....	10/22/2023
1950	Rodney A. Gallagher.....	10/16/2023			
1950	Sr. Patricia E. Grosse, OSU .....	9/9/2023			
1950	General James J. Lindsay.....	8/6/2023			
1951	Lawrence P. McCormick .....	10/25/2023			
1951	Dorothy A. Lacey St. Thomas .....	11/25/2023			
1952	Lucia A. DeVoe Baldauf.....	12/3/2020			
1952	Elizabeth K. Reible Collins .....	7/28/2023			
1952	Marilouise Durkin .....	7/10/2021			
1952	Robert H. Fleming.....	8/17/2023			
1952	Judith (Jude) H. Ludlow .....	10/10/2023			
1952	Joanne M.C. Jones Muren .....	8/4/2023			
1953	Madeline C. Pelletter Laufenberg.....	12/27/2023			
1953	Mary A. Hand Smilanich .....	9/4/2023			
1954	Michael J. McCormick .....	11/7/2023			
1954	Mary L. Sprague Peschl.....	3/2/2023			
1955	Beverly J. Cox Beyer .....	11/9/2023			
1955	Nancy E. Zimmerman Kisting.....	3/6/2023			
1956	Ann T. Higgins Erickson.....	1/6/2024			
1957	George M. Armstrong, PhD .....	1/27/2024			
1957	Edward Phillip Farley.....	12/13/2023			
1957	M. Kathleen O'Meara Fryer.....	12/11/2023			
1957	Helen J. Endres Lishman .....	11/18/2023			
1957	Robert H. Lochner .....	10/22/23			
1957	Cletus H. Schey .....	12/30/2023			
1958	Ruth E. Botham Rodgers .....	12/12/2023			
1959	John J. O'Meara.....	11/6/2023			
1961	Ray J. Riordan, Jr. ....	11/27/2023			
1961	Donna J. Ylvisaker Thornton .....	10/25/2023			
1961	Kathleen M. Straub Van Sistine .....	10/4/2023			
1963	Timothy M. Frye .....	12/24/2023			
1963	Diane M. Farley Streber .....	10/30/2023			
1966	Donna K. Schraufnagel Covey .....	11/17/2023			

### Helen L. Karls '35, possibly the oldest living EHS graduate, passes away at 106

Helen L. Karls '35 died in October at the age of 106. We believe she was one of, if not the oldest living EHS graduate. Helen was born during World War I, living her whole life in Madison; she took a streetcar to attend Edgewood. Helen worked for the Wisconsin Department of Industry, Labor and Human Relations (now the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development) for 45 years as an analyst in the department's adjudication and fraud-control unit, retiring in 1981. She was a faithful and active member of Blessed Sacrament Parish and was generous in supporting local and international charities. May she rest in peace.



### Please notify us of EHS alumni deaths

Please email [ehsalumni@edgewoodhs.org](mailto:ehsalumni@edgewoodhs.org) if you become aware of the death of an EHS graduate:

- Full name of deceased (including maiden name if applicable)
- Graduation year
- Date of death
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