

THE ALUM NEWS

INCARNATE WORD ACADEMY



IWA WELCOMES THE INAUGURAL
HALL OF FAME CLASS

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 3, 2008
ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION
MEETING

APRIL 9, 2008
JUNIOR RING DAY

APRIL 12, 2008
SPRINGFEST AUCTION

APRIL 23, 2008
MEMORIAM MASS

MAY 1, 2008
SPRING CONCERT
& ART SHOW

MAY 8, 2008
ROSE AND CANDLE

MAY 8, 2008
ALUMNAE HONORED
AT SOCCER GAME

MAY 9, 2008
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BACCALAUREATE

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GRADUATION

MAY 23, 2008
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

AUGUST 2, 2008
IWA REUNION
WEEKEND
CELEBRATION

Save the Date!

IWA REUNION WEEKEND CELEBRATION

Classes '63, '68, '73, '78, '83, '88, '93 & '98

IWA will be honoring these reunion classes at an Alumnae only event on the evening of Saturday, August 2, 2008.

We look forward to celebrating your reunion with you and seeing you back at IWA!

Look for your official invitation in the upcoming months!

If you have any questions, please contact Kate Flatley '01,
Director of Alumnae Relations, at 314-725-5850 x241
or kflatley@iwacademy.org

Alum of the Year

Every year the IWA Alumnae Association recognizes an outstanding alumna as an **ALUM OF THE YEAR** at the Baccalaureate Mass and reception. Recipients must exemplify the traditions and beliefs of Incarnate Word Academy. Characteristics nominees should possess: strong leadership qualities, enthusiasm and dedication and commitment to Incarnate Word Academy.

Nomination forms can be printed out from
www.iwaalumnae.org

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A Letter from the Principal

Dear Friends,

This story will warm your hearts. Many of you know it. There is a current student at IWA, who was having head aches and had difficulty focusing. After many doctor appointments, this sophomore was found to have a brain tumor. The day after she was diagnosed, she had an operation to remove as much of the tumor as they could. This student, Taylor Rozier, had such support from her class that they began to sell wrist bands which stated, *Stay Strong Taylor*. This was the beginning of a huge fundraising effort by the entire Incarnate Word Academy Community to assist the Rozier family with their medical bills. As of this date, the community has raised over \$21,000 to defray medical costs for Taylor.

As many of you saw on the news, three teachers had their heads shaved so Taylor would not feel so isolated going through chemo and radiation, when she lost her hair. The entire student body, faculty and staff were given bandanas with, *Stay Strong* printed on the front of them. More than ten students had their hair cut for Locks of Love.

At the assembly, with all 600 of us in bandanas, and twenty of Taylor's family present, the out pouring of love and concern was evident as the girls had their hair cut and the teachers had their heads shaved.

Why tell this story? These are your IWA sisters. The outpouring of love from the alums, has been equal to a child telling a grandma, "I love you," for the first time. Your spirit, your sensitivity and caring is truly touching. I am very proud to represent you, administratively. Each and every time I go out into the public, I wear the colors and am often greeted by alums that will show me their class rings or tell me stories about when they were at IWA. (Some of you were very creative while you were here!)

Know too that monetary contributions impact us forever. Your gifts are the future of Incarnate Word Academy and your support has significantly made a difference to our students over the years. We boast to the other girls' schools that our alums remain connected with their spiritual support, service and financial backing. This is a stellar community. Stay part of it.

I passionately plead; IWA has made a difference in the lives of many young women, keep us in your prayers. When you put your mind to something, you succeed. This has always been the IWA community mantra. Try and success follows. God Bless.

Always,



Randy Berzon-Mikolas Ph.D.
Principal



HALL OF FAME 2008 ~ THE INAUGURAL YEAR



For over 75 years, Incarnate Word Academy has nurtured and developed the talents of young women. Thousands of alumnae, enriched with faith and intelligence, continue to make an impact on society. The IWA Hall of Fame evolved to recognize the outstanding achievements of alumnae who use their gifts to live out the mission of Incarnate Word Academy.

The inaugural Hall of Fame celebration took place on Saturday, January 12, 2008 at IWA. Fifteen remarkable women and one extraordinary team of athletes were inducted into the Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame celebration included a special Mass, induction ceremony and dinner reception. Over 225 people attended the event to pay tribute to the inductees and their achievements. Congregational Coordinator of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word and IWA alumna, Sr. Helena Monahan '60, traveled from San Antonio, Texas to be the key note speaker at the ceremony.



Incarnate Word Academy Principal, Dr. Randy Berzon-Mikolas, Ph.D. exclaimed, "This is an exhilarating milestone for our IWA community. It is a privilege to be the administrator for this inaugural Hall of Fame celebration!"

A feeling of privilege was also expressed by several of the inductees. Inductee Monica Dickhens '81 commented, "I must admit that I was totally surprised, and the nomination made me feel quite special. I was shocked and honored to have been nominated, especially in this inaugural year."



Inductee and former volleyball coach Teri Clemens stated, "When told (about the induction), I again felt that special sparkle and pride inside that I felt everyday while coaching at IWA. I was touched to be included at an academy that helped develop me as a coach as well as outstanding young women."

During the ceremony, each inductee was presented with an award, and given the opportunity to address the audience. Monica said, "The event itself was just lovely. I was incredibly impressed with the ceremony of the event. The dinner was delicious and the atmosphere was just grand. I was truly impressed by the entire evening."

For many, the highlight of the Hall of Fame event was getting the chance to visit with members of the IWA community.



“While each part of the evening was special, nothing meant more to me than seeing so many alums that played for me there. It was as if we had played yesterday. The stories, the laughs, the hugs. We could have shared all night!” exclaimed Teri.

“I loved that so many current students participated in the evening. And I was impressed with the presence of so many faculty members. It really made the alums feel that they were part of the present day Incarnate Word Academy,” noted Monica.

The 2008 Hall of Fame inductees have worked tirelessly to enhance the world and have truly distinguished themselves in their fields. Their achievements are phenomenal. The Incarnate Word Academy Hall of Fame event was the ideal venue to recognize and celebrate these amazing accomplishments. It was one that won't soon be forgotten!



(Photos in this article were provided by McCarty Photography.)

2008 INDUCTEES

1976 VOLLEYBALL STATE CHAMPIONS

- The 1976 Red Knight volleyball team won the 1st state championship title in the history of Incarnate Word Academy
- During the regular season the 24 - 2 Red Knights were league champions and champions of the IWA Tournament
- The team was lead by first year coach, Jane Schreiber Jostes '72
- Regardless of enrollment size, all schools competed in one class championship. The Red Knights faced larger schools: Farmington H.S., Oak Park H.S., and Licking H.S.
- Big schools, big crowds and the biggest girls they had ever seen on a volleyball court greeted the Red Knights. However, the team with the biggest heart, most determination and unparalleled team chemistry stood the tallest and captured the 1976 state title by defeating Licking H.S. in a thrilling 3 game match. The Red Knights defeated Licking H.S. in a thrilling 3 game match and began the IWA legacy of state championships



LINDA BROWN BEHLMANN, '59 ~ BUSINESS

- President of Behlmann Properties, a commercial real estate development company
- Voted Florissant Valley Outstanding Businessperson
- Voted St. Louis County Outstanding Businessperson
- NAWBO Distinguished Women Business Owner Award
- Voted Marygrove's Person of the Year
- Currently serving on the Board of Directors at Marygrove and Commercial Bank



PATRICIA CHAVEZ DAUS, '92 ~ EDUCATION

- Drawing and design teacher at Ladue Horton Watkins High School
- Has exhibited mixed media painting and drawings at the St. Louis Artist Guild, Art St. Louis, Forest Park Community College, Meramec Art Gallery and Millstone Gallery
- Through Art St. Louis, has participated in the VOICES program, which brings Hispanic artists into area elementary and high schools
- Active in bringing art into the Hispanic community by participating in community installation projects through the Skinker-DeBaliviere Community Arts Council



TERI CLEMENS ~ RED KNIGHT CHAMPION

- Head IWA Volleyball Coach for 6 years winning 3 straight Missouri State Championships with an overall record of 119-12
- Head Volleyball Coach Washington University for 14 years with an overall record of 560-19 which included 7 NCAA III National Championships
- Highest winning percentage in NCAA Volleyball history at 88% which included both men and women coaches
- Honors include: 6 time National AVCA Coach of the Year; 7 time Regional Coach of the Year; Coach of the year by the USA Olympic Program
- National motivation speaker and has spoken in 38 states



MONICA DICKHENS, '81 ~ THEATER

- During her time as an IWA faculty member, Monica directed over 30 shows including: *The Sound of Music*, *The Princess and the Pea*, *The Pajama Game* and *Peter Pan* which was Monica's claim to fame as she made Peter Pan fly
- Stage managed on national tours of *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Peter Pan* and *Camelot*
- Stage managed in various theatres in Los Angeles, including the award winning Deaf West Theater
- Conducts collegiate workshops in stage management and various classes in theater of the deaf



CATHERINE DULLE, '69 ~ BUSINESS

- Sole owner and President/Chief Executive Officer of CareLinc Options, L.L.C.
- President and Chief Executive Officer of Rehab Choice Incorporated, Rehab Outreach, L.L.C., and Associated Rehabilitation Service, Inc.
- Appointed by Governor John Ashcroft to the Missouri Board of Nursing Home Administrators
- Appointed to the CHRISTUS Health Board of Directors and currently serves as Board Chair
- Honors and awards received include: Who's Who Among American Women, Who's Who in the Midwest, Outstanding Women of America, Who's Who in Emerging Leaders in America



ALICE FOY KUEHN, '59 ~ MEDICAL LEADERSHIP

- Received her Ph.D. from the University of Missouri-Columbia
- Currently leading a grant funded nursing student exchange program with faculty colleagues from six universities, two each from Canada, Mexico and the U.S., with a focus of developing cultural competence in nursing care
- Established a small nurse practitioner clinic for senior citizens in Higbee, Missouri
- Served as Director of the Nurse Practitioner Program at the University of Missouri - Columbia for six years
- Author of several books, book chapters and publications
- Honors include: Nominee, University of Missouri-Columbia Sinclair School of Nursing, Excellence in Service Award, Who's Who in American Nursing



MOLLY CORCORAN KERTZ, '64 ~ COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Archdiocesan Respect Life Director for 12 years
- Initiated the high school trip to Washington, D.C. for the Annual March for Life
- Initiated the annual Adoption Celebration in the Archdiocese of St. Louis
- Initiated the Right START Program, 8th grade respect life curriculum in St. Louis Catholic Schools
- Woman of the Church Award - Archdiocese of St. Louis
- People of Life Award - U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops



JOLIE MCKEIRNAN, '98 ~ RED KNIGHT DISTINGUISHED ALUM

- Member of the 1st Basketball State Championship team in 1995
- Upon graduating from IWA, Jolie was ranked 3rd overall in most points (1103), in rebounds (803) and in blocks (89) in school's history
- Member of the Arkansas State Basketball Team
- Currently living in Dublin, Ireland and playing basketball for the Tolka Rovers
- Has played professional basketball in 15 different countries over the last 5 years
- Honors include: Top 10 in Finland for rebounding, finalist for Player of the Year in Ireland 2005 and Kodak All American Candidate



APRIL MCKINNEY, '97 ~ RED KNIGHT GREAT

- Member of the 1st Basketball State Championship team in 1995
- Upon graduating from IWA, April held the record for most points (1414) and most blocks (224) and was 2nd in most rebounds (879)
- Named Miss Show-Me Basketball by the Missouri Basketball Coaches Association
- Member of the St. Louis University Basketball Team
- Named to the Conference USA Honor Roll
- Crowned 1st Runner-up in the Miss Black Missouri Pageant



MANDY PAVLOVITS, '96 ~ RED KNIGHT GREAT

- Member of the IWA State Championship Soccer Team 3 Years
- Member of the Olympic Development Program
- Member of the First Team All State and First Team All Metro 3 Years
- Missouri Soccer Player of the Year
- Parade All-American
- Member of the University of South Carolina and the University of Missouri soccer team
- Member of the Semi-Professional Team Texas Oydessy



RITA HOFF SCOTT, '69 ~ RED KNIGHT DISTINGUISHED ALUM

- While at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, Rita was a member of the basketball, volleyball, soccer, field hockey and tennis teams
- Coached the 1st varsity women's basketball team at UMSL
- Received numerous honors as a raquetball player, winning several amateur titles and 7 professional tournaments
- Elected into the University of Missouri-St Louis Sports Hall of Fame
- Elected into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame
- Nominated to the U.S. racquetball Hall of Fame



SR. MARGARET PATRICE SLATTERY, CCVI, '43 ~ SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP

- Served as Professor of English and later as Academic Dean at the University of the Incarnate Word
- Honorary title *President Emeritus* at the University of the Incarnate Word
- Awarded the Mirabeau B. Lamar Medal of Excellence by the Association of Texas Colleges and Universities
- Awarded the Ford Salute to Higher Education for Distinguished Service
- Elected into the San Antonio Women's Hall of Fame
- Author of *Promises to Keep*, a two-volume history of the Congregation of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word



KATIE WEISMILLER, '83 ~ RED KNIGHT DISTINGUISHED ALUM

- Member of the University of Texas Arlington Volleyball Team
- First Team All Conference Volleyball
- Southland Conference Volleyball Player of the Year
- Dallas Belles Professional Volleyball Team
- Head Volleyball Coach and Head Softball Coach at St. Louis University
- Member of the USA Olympic Festival North Softball Team
- Most Winning Volleyball Coach for Indiana University



MARGARET YANICS, '84 ~ RED KNIGHT GREAT

- Member of the 1982 and 1983 state volleyball championship teams
- Member of the Junior Olympic Volleyball team which placed 4th in the nation and was voted to the All-America Team
- Voted Most Valuable Player her senior year at IWA
- Member of the University of Missouri-Columbia Volleyball Team
- Holds the following records at Mizzou since graduating in 1988: 5th overall for digs in a season, 8th overall for digs per game, 10th overall for kills in a season, 15th overall for kills per game, 4th overall for attack attempts



ANGELA ZIELINSKI, '99 ~ ART

- Attended the Slade School of Art at the University College of London and studied drawing and art history at Centro Studio Italiani in Urbana, Italy
- Earned an M.F.A. in 2-Dimensional studies from Bowling Green State University
- Participated in juried and invitational shows both regionally and nationally
- Had work shown at the Toledo Museum of Art in Toledo, Ohio, the Gertrude Herbert Institute of Art in Augusta, Georgia, and the Gallery Project in Ann Arbor, Michigan
- Held first solo show in Toledo, Ohio at the Parkwood Gallery



Incarnate Word Academy Hall of Fame Nomination Form

Nominee's Name _____
Email _____ Year of Graduation _____
Phone Number (H) _____ (C) _____ (W) _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Category _____

Submitted by _____ Date Submitted _____
Phone Number (H) _____ (C) _____ (W) _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

The inductees will be selected by the Executive Committee of the Hall of Fame Committee from the following Categories:

Spiritual Leadership
Missionary Service
Theater
Visual Arts

Community Outreach
Parish Ministry
Business
Performing Arts

Medical & Health Care Leadership
Education
Government
Philanthropic Outreach

Athletics

Red Knight Great

A student-athlete who has brought recognition and prominence to IWA and herself through outstanding athletic achievements as an undergraduate.

Red Knight Distinguished Alum

A student-athlete during her undergraduate career at IWA was a gifted and outstanding athlete, and then upon graduating took her commitment to a higher level during her collegiate athletic career and/or beyond her professional career.

Red Knight Champion

Individuals, not necessarily former student-athletes or alumnae, who have made outstanding contributions to Red Knight Athletics through the demonstration of the highest principles of integrity, honesty and fair play without consideration for self gain.

Red Knight Team Award

A state championship or high-performance team that exemplified the continuing pursuit of athletic excellence at IWA.

Alumnae nominees are eligible for induction five years after graduation.

To download official Hall of Fame Nominee Form, visit www.iwaalumnae.org. All nomination forms must be accompanied by a *Justification for Nomination Form*. For additional information, contact Julie Hercules at 314-725-5850, x240 or via email at jhercules@iwacademy.org.

**THE DEADLINE FOR ALL NOMINATIONS IS AUGUST 1ST FOR INDUCTION IN FEBRUARY.
MAIL NOMINATION TO:**

**HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE
2788 NORMANDY DRIVE
ST. LOUIS, MO 63121**

LOOK WHO'S BACK ON CAMPUS

Incarnate Word Academy is proud to have fourteen alumnae as part of the '07-'08 faculty and staff. In this second-part of a special three-part series, the Alum News explores what brought these Women of the Word back to campus and what has changed at IWA since they graduated.

Jenny Georgen Huber - Class of 1997
Social Studies Teacher
First year at IWA



There are so many reasons why I enjoy working at IWA. I love the students. Their energy and creativity make it fun to come to work each day. The faculty and staff members are also superb. Their positive attitude and support make you want to stay at work each day.

The biggest difference for me to get used to is the rotating cycle. When I was here, A-day was always on a Monday, B-day was always a Tuesday...etc. Now, the cycle moves in consideration of holidays and other scheduled days off.

Sr. Eileen O'Keeffe – Class of 1959
Mission Effectiveness Coordinator
Has worked at IWA for 3 years



My favorite part about working at IWA is my personal contact with the students. As this is my third year here, it is so life-giving to see how these young girls are maturing and really becoming Women of the Word. Sharing in their joys and sorrows, big and little concerns, has made me feel very close to them. It is also a great privilege to be part of such a dedicated staff/faculty who build a community spirit among themselves and with the students and their families.

There are many differences about IWA since I attended (1955-59) and now. In my era we had only three lay teachers and all other teachers were Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word. For Masses and prayer we went to the convent chapel, which is now UMSL's convocation center. Today's list of extracurricular activities is much longer and offers a great variety of choices for the girls. Our former bookstore sold only books; now colorful clothing, picture frames, ornaments, etc. are available. Parking was not a problem as several teachers were usually the only drivers. Occasionally, a lucky young lady was able to borrow the family car in order to drive to an after-school event.

Joan Hummel Clear – Class of 1962
Writing Lab Instructor
Has worked at IWA for 2 years



I returned to IWA because I was looking for a post-retirement job that was as different from corporate America as cheese is from chalk. I also was interested in doing something that was more life-affirming than life-deadening. I found it ... and I really love it. It has been a real gift to return to the school where I began a long

life's journey and to be able to get in touch once again with the IWA ethos.

My favorite part about working at IWA is interacting with young women on a daily basis and operating in a totally stress-free environment. I love working with the girls; it can't keep me young (if ONLY!) but it can keep me in touch with the viewpoints and hopes, dreams, and fears of girls who are just at the beginning of their journey.

INCARNATE WORD ACADEMY

POSITIVE AWARENESS WEEK

By: Caitlin McMurtry '09



Positive Awareness Week is one of those things you wish could be around all year long. It is a week full of smiles, laughter, kindness, optimism, and good old fun. It just can't get any better than that. During Positive Awareness Week (PAW), the IWA community reminded each other that being positive can make all the difference. It was really incredible to see how this week affects people. If you were to walk around Incarnate's campus during PAW, I'm certain you would see a glow hovering from all of the smiles. This year our theme for the week was "Impossible is Nothing."



On January 30, the IWA community coordinated the 2nd annual Mission Carnival as part of the Positive Awareness Week celebration. During lunch periods, student organizations worked booths that included everything from face painting to hover craft rides to raise money for Visitation House in San Antonio, Texas. Visitation House is a transitional housing program to assist women in ending the cycle of poverty and homelessness in their lives and in the lives of their children. The Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word began the Visitation House ministry 22 years ago and continue to staff and sponsor it today. With only a few hours to accomplish their goal of \$1,000, the IWA community reached and exceeded it by collecting \$1,100.



DEMY LIVES THE MISSION

DECEMBER CHARITY DRIVES

Each year, the IWA community collects new and gently used blankets for Missouri Energy-Care, founded by the late Sr. Patricia Ann Kelley, CCVI, an alumna of the Class of 1955.

Missouri EnergyCare is a nonprofit organization to help the poor and elderly keep warm in the winter and cool in the summer. The annual blanket drive, in memory of Sr. Pat Kelley, CCVI, accumulated



266 blankets. Mission Committee member, Christine Ehrhard '08, was delighted with the large amount of blankets collected. "It made me proud to see everyone come together to support such a good cause, especially since the organization was founded by an alum," said Christine.

At the Advent Prayer Service, all the donated



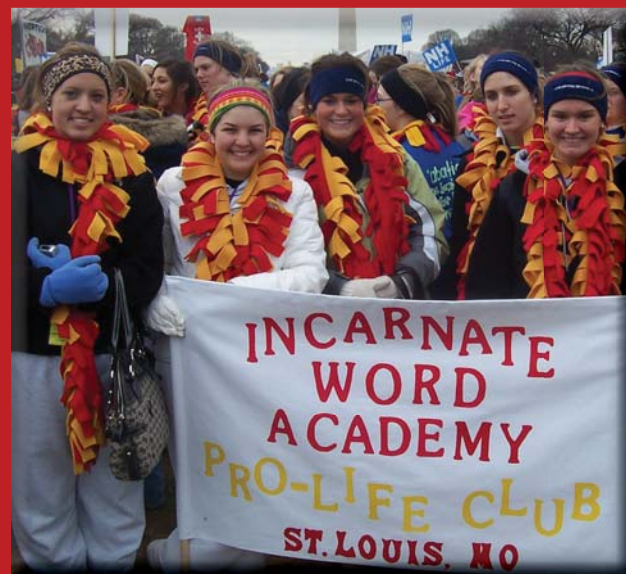
blankets were placed on the Theater stage. Mr. Tom Gardner, Development Director of Missouri Energy-Care, attended the all-school prayer service and

thanked IWA for the blankets, which helped elderly and infirm people keep warm in the winter months. Special thanks to those outstanding alumnae who contributed to the drive by donating a blanket or making a monetary gift.

Student Council also led a Christmas charity drive for Our Lady's Inn. Our Lady's Inn is an emergency shelter for pregnant women in crisis, helping them to choose life for their unborn children. Each homeroom collected various articles for children and households. Ms. Connie Smith, an employee of Our Lady's Inn, also attended the Advent Prayer Service and expressed great appreciation to the IWA community. The gifts will aid in providing pregnant women and their children shelter and hope for a new lives.

IWA STANDS UP FOR LIFE

On January 22, 2008, 48 students from the IWA Pro-Life Club traveled to Washington DC to participate in the Pro-Life March. The students, accompanied by two faculty members and five mothers, traveled by bus for over 20 hours to attend the march and rally. Campus Minister, Geri Pitti, said that the group had a great time and "...felt that they made a difference as they stood for the right to life of an unborn child."



ADVANCEMENT NEWS

NAMED SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

Incarnate Word Academy is excited to announce the Named Scholarship Program. Both designated and endowed scholarships can be established in honor or in memory of a student, an alumna, a family, a class year, an event.

Such scholarships give donors an opportunity to invest in the Incarnate Word experience and the future of IWA students. Any donation can be made to any of the scholarships at anytime. All donations are tax deductible according to law.

To establish a scholarship that begins immediately with a percentage of the principal given to a specified student, a gift of \$20,000 would be given. If a donor or a group of donors wish to establish a scholarship and work to the \$20,000 goal, gifts to their scholarship can be given over the years and when the \$20,000 is reached, a percentage of the principal is awarded annually. The principal remains in the Scholarship & Endowment Fund, ensuring all gifts in perpetuity.

With the establishment of a scholarship, a contract is arranged with the donor(s) regarding its name and its requirements. Because of Missouri State Athletic Regulations, scholarships cannot be connected to an athletic achievement. The school principal is responsible for designating the awardee. Scholarships can be designated to a student of any grade level. They can be renewable. The award increases as each endowed scholarship principal increases.

For further information about this exciting program contact Julie Hercules, Director of Advancement, 314-725-5850 x240. Julie can assist you with examples of possible scholarship ideas that would give honor to students now and in the future. Scholarships can be established for numerous reasons from music, to art, to religion, to ethics, to academics, to financial need, to faculty, to spirit, to community service, to special circumstances.

As the academic year culminates, the donor(s) and students enjoy lunch together. Here you will experience your investment in the future of Incarnate Word Academy.

Thank you for your continued support to IWA! If we were able to reach you in November and you generously pledged, you still have time to send in your donation! If we were unable to reach you by phone to guarantee a pledge, we still need your support!

We are currently at **\$63,554** and EVERY DONATION SIGNIFICANTLY MAKES A DIFFERENCE~ help us achieve our goal of **\$80,000!**

Here are a few ways to contribute:

By Mail: Please send your contribution to: Incarnate Word Academy - Advancement Office - 2788 Normandy Dr. - St. Louis, MO 63121

By Credit Card: To contribute online, visit www.iwaalumnae.org and click the "online giving" link on the left side of the screen.

By phone: Please contact Mary Maher, Advancement Assistant, at 314-725-5850 x242 or mmaher@iwacademy.org.

HAVE *You* DONE YOUR PART?

THINK OF THE YOUNG WOMEN

WHO ARE FOLLOWING IN *Your* FOOTSTEPS

& CONTINUING *Your* LEGACY

AS "WOMEN OF THE WORD"



EVERY
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MAKES A
DIFFERENCE.

IWA Fundraiser is a Hair Raising Success!

On February 20, 2008, two female teachers and one male teacher at IWA had their heads shaved in front of the whole school as a symbolic gesture of support and as a fundraiser. IWA is raising money to help defray the medical expenses for sophomore, Taylor Rozier, who has a malignant brain tumor and is currently undergoing radiation and chemotherapy. In addition, 13 students had their hair cut for the "Locks of Love" organization during the same assembly. Several area news teams were there to film the whole event!



The students quickly began giving their own money, going to the outside community with letters, and doing everything they could to help out one of their "sisters."



The ultimate goal was \$6,000. With help from local businesses, parents, alumnae, faculty and staff, the students more than tripled their goal. **To see this astounding amount, watch Channel 5 and Channel 11's coverage of the assembly through links provided on www.iwaalumnae.org.**

Incarnate Word Academy has always been more than a collection of buildings, classrooms, and students; it's a family. As one student at Incarnate Word Academy puts it, "It's like I have 550 sisters." Incarnate Word Academy prides itself on being a home to 550 young women, and this event is such a great example of the students' and teachers' love and dedication to their 2nd family, and "home away from home."

As soon as the IWA community found out about the sophomore's medical condition, they wanted to help. Spanish teacher, Paula Sullins, went to the Dean of Students, Mr. Jim Johnson, and offered to shave her head if the students would help the family with their medical expenses. A second teacher, Theology



teacher, Danielle Charles, quickly joined in and then Taylor's homeroom teacher John Gundy, decided to have his head shaved as well. The students were given a challenge: for \$2,000, one of the teachers would have her head shaved on stage in front of the whole school, and for \$4,000, the other teacher would do the same. (The teachers' identities were kept a secret until the assembly.)



Please keep Taylor and her family in your thoughts and prayers. If you would like to make a donation to the Taylor Rozier Trust Fund, please mail your contribution to: Incarnate Word Academy, Taylor Rozier Trust Fund - 2788 Normandy Drive - St. Louis, MO 63121
Donations may also be made on-line at www.iwaalumnae.org/roziertrust.

IWA Springfest Auction

A Knight in Vegas



Saturday, April 12, 2008

Celebration of Mass in Chapel - 4:30 p.m.

Doors Open - 5:00 p.m. - Formal Dinner - 7:15 p.m.

Oral Auction begins at 8:15 p.m.

\$85 per person includes open bar and dinner



Dinner and Auction held in Gym.

Underwriter Sponsorships are still available. Gather a group of your friends together for a fun night at IWA! More information about Underwriter Sponsorships is available on the IWA website.

You can also place ads in the *Auction Catalog*. Let everyone know your pride in being an IWA alumna, advertise your business, or celebrate your reunion year with an ad for classmates.

We are also looking for *donated items* for the auction. If you or someone you know has a timeshare, theater or sporting event tickets, or other fabulous items they would be willing to donate, please contact Colleen McLaughlin prior to March 14, 2008. Please check the Auction Wish List on the IWA website to get an idea of the items we are seeking.

For more information about the auction, or if you would like an *invitation to the auction*, please contact Colleen McLaughlin at 314-725-5850, x237 or via email at cmclaughlin@iwacademy.org.

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GOLF TOURNAMENT

MAY 9, 2008



SHOTGUN START - 8:00 A.M. AND 1:00 P.M.
MULLIGANS - \$10 EACH (MAXIMUM TWO PER PERSON)
HOLE SPONSORS - \$125 PER SPONSOR

FOUR PERSON SCRAMBLE

\$105 PER PLAYER (\$420 PER TEAM) INCLUDES: CART, SKIN GAME,
LUNCH AND REFRESHMENTS ON COURSE AT NORMANDIE GOLF
COURSE. DINNER & AWARDS TO FOLLOW AT NORMANDIE.

If you would like to register or for more information, please contact Mary Hannig,
Athletic Director, at 314-725-5850 x217 or mhannig@iwacademy.org.

Are your old formal dresses cluttering your closet?!



Donate them to IWA!!!

The dresses will be sold to students to help eliminate the cost of overpriced formal dresses. All the proceeds will go to the IWA Scholarship Fund!

If you would like to donate, please contact Kate Flatley '01, Director of Alumnae Relations,
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Little Girls Bring More than Sugar and Spice to the Alumnae Social



On February 10, 2008 Incarnate Word Academy welcomed back over 40 alumnae and their daughters, granddaughters, and friends to the annual Alumnae Social. Although it was the 11th year for the Alumnae Social, it was the first time that the alumnae were invited to bring along the little girls in their lives. The event also had a new “tea party” theme. Guests were encouraged to dress in their best tea party regalia and enjoy an afternoon of tasty treats and catching up with friends.



Audrey Steinfeld '39, co-chair of the Alumnae Social, was pleased with the event's fresh changes. “I think it was fun having the children attend. Just seeing them all dressed-up and floating around was terrific. I think they were really enjoying themselves, and I think they will probably look forward to coming again,” said Audrey.



The attendees were welcomed with an array of decadent desserts and delicious teas and coffees. There were crafts and games for the children to play. Using fruit loop cereal and life savers candies, the girls made their own edible jewelry. They also enjoyed playing candy hearts bingo, coloring valentines, and trying to see just how many marshmallows would fit into their cups of hot chocolate.

A highlight of the afternoon was when Kelly Beekman, daughter of Ann Noonan Beekman '89, bravely decided to be the first to don herself in the costumes on loan from the IWA theater department. It didn't take long for the rest of the youngsters to follow her lead. The children were thrilled to dress-up in lacey hats, glittery dresses and long gloves and parade around the library.



Frilly dresses, feather boas, and pink cupcakes are the perfect ingredients to throwing any good tea party. Add IWA alumnae and the little girls in their lives, and it becomes a sensational afternoon of visiting and reminiscing. And that is exactly what this year's Alumnae Social was – a terrific event with tea partiers enjoying the exceptional company and delectable desserts!

Young Alumnae Return to IWA

Before the turkeys were carved and the pumpkin pies were sliced, IWA was proud to host its own Thanksgiving tradition, the Young Alumnae Mass and Breakfast. Always held the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, the Young Alumnae Mass and Breakfast invites alumnae from the past five years to revisit IWA. On November 21, 2007 over 75 alumnae from the classes of 2002-2005 were welcomed back to the annual Young Alumnae Mass and Breakfast.

The alumnae were first treated to a special breakfast. During the meal, sounds of busy chatter flooded the cafeteria as the alumnae swapped college stories and reminisced about their days at IWA. Several IWA faculty and staff members also attended the breakfast, eager to catch-up with their former pupils.



Dean of Students, Jim Johnson, said he looks forward to the tradition of the Young Alumnae Mass and Breakfast every year. "It is always fun to see our graduates and hear about how college is going for them. They always come back so enthused and excited about what is going on in their lives and happy to see everyone," noted Mr. Johnson.

Director of Advancement, Julie Hercules '91, was also eager to visit with the returning alumnae. "Just listening to their college life experiences, how their

education at IWA prepared them and how much they miss their IWA days, is confirmation that we continue to offer only the best to our students. Selfishly, that day reminds me of how lucky I am to be a part of IWA and how proud I am to be an alumna," stated Julie.

After breakfast, the alumnae attended the all school Thanksgiving Mass where they were honored as the special guests. The alumnae lead the liturgical procession into Mass and sat in the front rows of the theater. Before Mass concluded, they also received a special blessing.



The Young Alumnae Mass and Breakfast was a great way to kick-off the holiday season. Women of the Word coming together to enjoy friends, food and faith - it's the perfect recipe for a Thanksgiving tradition that's sure to last!



IWA ALUMNAE SUPPORT THE RED KNIGHTS!

On October 11, 2007, IWA was proud to host former members of our 11 Missouri State Championship Volleyball Teams at the home game against Cor Jesu Academy. Between matches, the past players were recognized and asked to come to the center court, where they received a standing ovation. Afterwards, the alumnae got the chance to catch-up with their former teammates and meet IWA's current varsity team at a post game reception.

On January 4, 2008, alumnae were honored again at the varsity basketball game. Before tip off, alumna Meghan Moll '07 sang the national anthem; the more than 50 alumnae in attendance were asked to stand. Following the Red Knights' victory against Nerinx Hall, a reception was held in Heritage Hallway. Alumnae and their families enjoyed reminiscing around the history wall and memorabilia case, chatting with current IWA staff, and visiting with friends.

Be sure to mark your calendar for the upcoming Alumnae Soccer Game and Reception on May 8, 2008. An invitation will follow.



What's New

1950:

Carol Bock Williamson and her husband, John, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 29, 2007, at the Columns in St. Charles, MO.

1968:

Julianne Meder Sesti recently completed a sculpture commission for the new Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Fairview Heights, IL. She created three sculptures for the church: the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Christ Child, and the Corpus of Christ Crucified. The dedication of the church was Sunday, December 2, 2007. Pictures of the artwork can be seen at www.jsesti.com.

1972:

Claire Mlynczak DeCusatl retired from IBM on December 31, 2007, after 30 years with the company. She plans to pursue her musical and gardening interests and would like to travel. She lives in Duxbury, MA, with husband, Andy, and shelties, Tanner and Carmel.

1977:

Peg Roach Loyd announces the release of her debut solo CD of original and traditional Irish songs called *Carving in Stone*. For more information visit www.CellaDawnMusic.com.

1979:

Bitzie Hebron Lee and her husband, Jim, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in January,

2008. Their son, Jim Jr. (22), is completing his MBA at St. Louis University's John Cook School of Business, and Katherine (18), is a sophomore at University of Washington, majoring in Business.

1983:

Lisa Schaefer Pepper married Michael C. Pepper on May 25, 2007. Michael has 2 sons, Alex and Andrew.

1985:

Ann Marie Robinson teaches science to 1st – 6th graders at Andrews Academy and enjoys every bit of it.

1987:

Gina Bumb Gianikos and her husband, Steve, are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Jack Steven, born on August 25, 2007. Jack joins older brothers, Nicholas (5) and George (2).

Kelley Schroeder Wilke's son Winston (18) received the Catholic Charities Volunteer of the Year Award in May 2007 for his work at the Child Center – Marygrove.

1988:

Judith Robinson is deploying to Iraq for the third time since 2002. Judith was recently awarded the rank of Captain. Please pray for her safety in Iraq.

1989:

Patti Feeney Bergner and her husband, Greg, are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Daniel Joseph, born November 14, 2007. Daniel joins big brother, Ryan (3).

1991:

Mary Dykas Berg married Joe Berg in October 2006. Soon they will be moving overseas to South Asia to work in community development.

Diane Taylor-Smyres and her husband, Michael, are happy to announce the birth of their son, Kai Michael, on September 27, 2007.

1992:

Patricia Chavez Daus and her husband, Michael, are happy to announce the birth of their son, Vincent Chavez Daus, born on August 10, 2007. Vincent joins big brother, Mate (2 ½).

Catherine (Carrie) Mispagel Hayes married Valerio Hayes on April 28, 2007. The wedding took place in Tarquinia, Italy, just outside of Rome. Maureen Fetcher Farr '92 served as witness of honor.

1993:

Traci Feldt moved to O'Fallon in October 2007. She is engaged to Mark Tabor and is planning a wedding for November 2008.

1994:

***Angie DeFrank Linnenbringer** and her husband, Todd, announce the birth of their daughter, Tayley Elise, on March 27, 2007. Angie and Todd reside in St. Peters and own a company named Delta Gases in Maryland Heights, MO.

With You?

1995:

Mary Pat Benninger Carl married Christopher Carl on October 13, 2007. Ginny Gettemeier '95 was the Maid of Honor. Mary Pat works as an Assistant Circuit Attorney for the City of St. Louis. Chris owns a consulting company.

Nicole Durnin has an English degree from Wisconsin Parkside and a Masters degree in Art of Teaching from Lindenwood University. Nicole is celebrating one year in a new home.

Angie McLean Foeller and her husband, Jim, are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Ella Marie, on May 19, 2007. Ella joins big brother, Mason (2).

Alicia Frede Rankey and her husband, Matt, are happy to welcome Jenna Diem into their family. Jenna is adopted from Vietnam. Jenna joins big sister, Julia (5).

1996:

Patricia Glenzy Nicklay married Scott Michael Nicklay on July 7, 2007. They thought 7-7-07 would be a lucky day! The ceremony was held at All Saints Church in St. Peters. Patricia and Scott reside in Florissant, MO.

1998:

Kristin Grisham Tapia and her husband, Floyd, are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Chad Ethan, on October 9, 2007.

1999:

Marcella Eads Summerfield and her husband, Dave, are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Ryan Daniel, on November 11, 2007.

2000:

Kellie Corkery Capotorto married Leonardo Capotorto on October 13, 2007 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church. Anne Corkery Nolan '97 was the Matron of Honor and Erin Corkery '08 was the Maid of Honor. Lisa Corkery '03, Lauren Corkery '03, and Liz Busch '00 were all bridesmaids.

2001:

Valerie Repking Schaeffler married Jim Schaeffler on October 20, 2007. Elaine Schaeffler '01, Cassie Foster '01, and Allison Repking '08, were bridesmaids. Valerie and Jim now live in St. Charles, MO.

Alumnae from Around the World Gather to Celebrate a Wedding!



Members of the Class of 1986 traveled from the far corners of the globe to attend Colleen Buckley Martegani's wedding on September 1, 2007 in Florence, Italy.

From left to right: Maureen Adams Becker (Mexico City, Mexico), Kay Carter Dieckmann (St. Louis, MO), Colleen Buckley Martegani (New York, New York), Megan Young Clinton (St. Louis, MO), and Angie Ernst Brown (Zurich, Switzerland).

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In Memoriam

Jeannette C. Artis – September 28, 2007
Grandmother of Robyn Artis Gaynor '95 and
Tracey Artis '99

Joseph Avenevoli – December 20, 2007
Father of Shelli Avenevoli, PhD, '89

Gertrude C. Behrens – May 9, 2007
Mother of Mary Katherine Behrens Stengel '62
and the late Sr. Judith Ann Behrens, SBS, '59;
Grandmother of Alice Katherine Behrens '03 and
Susan Marie Behrens '05

Reverend George A. Blase – December 10, 2007
Father of Teresa Blase, MD, '78, Jeanne Blase
Cichon '81, and Barbara Blase Wilmes '85

Guy T. Brown – January 3, 2008
Father of Besty Brown Bridgers '92 and Sarah
Brown Haar '96; Brother-in-Law of Joanne Chick
Buchholz '75 and Patricia Chick Dorough '73

James F. Chik – January 1, 2008
Father-in-Law of Mary Beth Wientge Chik '69;
Grandfather of Laura Chik Crowley '93

Edward J. Clarkin – July 8, 2007
Father of Mary Ellen Clarkin Hanrahan '61
and Shelia Clarkin Cullen '71

Joseph J. Coffey – February 1, 2008
Grandfather of Jessica Coffey '04

Kathleen 'Kathy' M. Crain – September 17, 2007
Aunt of Megan Crain '04 and Beth Crain '08

Clara Dohm – September 19, 2007
Mother of Juanita Dohm Gruenloh '59;
Grandmother of Connie Gruenloh Menz '85

Lucille Dykas – September 2006
Mother of Ellen Dykas '84 and
Mary Dykas Berg '91

John William Gouy – November 12, 2007
Father of Jean Gouy Soukenik '78

Tom Guidry – December 31, 2007
Son of Sabina Mainieri Guidry '58; Nephew of
Laura Berardino-Guidry '87

Mildred A. Harbke – November 20, 2007
Grandmother of Melissa Harbke Barhorst '98,
Laura Harbke '02, and Kelly Harbke '05

William E. Hesselbach Sr. – January 19, 2008
Father-In-Law of Nancy Wichlinski Hesselbach '69;
Grandfather of Kari Hesselbach Chambers '97 and
Erin Hesselbach '00

Ed "Bunker" Hill – November 2007
Brother of Barbara Hill Middendorf '59

James Hollander – September 26, 2007
Grandfather of Shannon Hollander '05

Judith B. Horowitz – October 3, 2007
Mother of Anne Horowitz Slaughter '78
and Sue Horowitz Kinsella '79

Eileen Kathryn Hundelt – January 5, 2008
Grandmother of Laura Hundelt '03

***Theodore A. Kienstra, Sr.** – September 4, 2007
Father of Josie Kienstra Casagrande '82, Chris
Kienstra Laney '83, Kathy Kienstra Bruns '86,
and Kim Kienstra McDonough '91

Nancy A. Lieser – November 11, 2007
Sister of Cindy Klein Herring '79;
Aunt of Andrea Dodson '03

George Loy
Husband of Margaret Wade Loy '52

Daniel L. Madras – January 1, 2008
Uncle of Kristine Madras '05

Dorothy M. Manda – February 15, 2008
Grandmother of Kristine Madras '05

Gregory J. Mantych M.D. – December 31, 2007
Husband of Elizabeth Meiners Mantych '73

Betty A. Mohan – September 23, 2007
Mother of Theresa Mohan Wienke '70;
Grandmother of Karen Wienke Wolpert '00

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Neil Molloy – December 31, 2007
Brother of Molly Molloy Lane '73

Marcella Morris – February 13, 2008
Mother of Kacey Morris Sidarous '99 and
Kim Morris '06; Aunt of Jenny Baer '01

Leroy Nagle
Husband of Kathleen Gendrick Nagle '52

Tracy Genevieve Reedy – February 15, 2008
Mother-in-Law of Jane O'Shaughnessy Reedy '78

Sherry Reynolds-Saab '79 – January 2007

Margaret Roby – September 22, 2007
Mother of Jackie Roby Wilhelm '61

Marylu Gallai Rogers '66 – September 17, 2007

Karen Camenzind Ryan '77 – November 27, 2007
Sister of Janice Camenzind Buenger '82 and Laurie
Camenzind '86

Patricia Schiller – October 22, 2006
Mother of Mary Schiller McGovern '76 and
Elizabeth Schiller '78; Grandmother of Patricia
Chavez Daus '92 and Carroll Baker '93;
Aunt of Chris Grady '77

Marilyn L. Schurk – December 15, 2007
Mother of Barb Schurk Wendling '68; Grandmother
of Kathryn Mooney '06

Walter Eugene Scott – September 29, 2007
Father of Sally Scott Zagurski '72; Grandfather of
Sarah Zagurski '96, Mary Zagurski '02

Albert W. Seibert – November 12, 2007
Father of Beverly Seibert Bridges '64 and Andrea
Seibert Walters '74

Kayla Smith – January 3, 2008
Niece of Michelle Smith '01

Edna G. Stockmann – December 30, 2007
Mother-in-Law of Sharon Walsh Stockmann '68

Clara M. Stroot – December 13, 2007
Mother of Carolyn Stroot Benner '70, Virginia
Stroot Kalicak '73, and Dorothy Stroot Mooney '78

Leo H. Vollmer – December 9, 2007
Former Husband of Barbara J. Wesling '56;
Father of Ann Marie (Rei) Vollmer Hixson '74;
Grandfather of Lucy Vollmer '11

Robert 'Bob' E. Walsh – September 27, 2007
Father-in-Law of Kathy Gallagher Walsh '82;
Grandfather of Maureen Walsh '06

Philip Werder – November 1, 2007
Husband of Theresa Duggan Werder '76;
Brother-in-Law to Dolores Duggan Cash '77;
Uncle to Erin O'Brien Ehrhard '94

Vera T. Wichlinski – January 6, 2008
Mother of Nancy Wichlinski Hesselbach '69;
Grandmother of Kari Hesselbach Chambers '97
and Erin Hesselbach '00

Clarence H. 'Red' Zeilmann – June 6, 2007
Husband of Mary Lowery Zeilmann '61

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