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Relocated Backfield Blast Gives Cubs Chance to “Break the Ice”



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On Saturday, August 25, the Student Senate ushered in a new era of social events at The High. After last year’s Icebreaker, all informal dances were cancelled and students were left to find a new way to boost their social life both inside and outside of school. Many considered the event a great success, but it did not come without criticism and suggestions for how to improve. As students wonder what direction the school will head for these type of events in the future, it is important to look at the night as a whole and see whether or not it was successful.

The idea of the Backfield Blast was a carnival-type event on the backfield for UDJ students and open to all high school girls. However, because of bad weather, the festivities were moved inside, centering in the gym and Curley Lobby. Tickets for the evening cost \$10 dollars per person and included free use of a variety of activities. Upon

arrival, guests were greeted by two cartoonists who drew portrait sketches. Inside the gym, the balconies offered both an assortment of carnival games, as well as a place to mingle and view the rest of the festivities. The main floor offered an obstacle course and other interactive inflatable games and rides, such as the mechanical bull. These games and activities were well received by those in attendance. Nick Valbuena '19, who attended the event, said, “I thought the event was lively. There were a lot of opportunities to have fun competition between friends.” As for attendance, according to Student Senate President Eddie Black '19, “The event was a huge success with over 500 students in attendance.”

With the Backfield Blast marking such a stark change in the way social events are held at The High, it



Students enjoy the inflatable activities is impossible not to look back and compare it against the Icebreaker and other informal dances. The Icebreaker definitely drew more attendance from the upperclassman, as the environment embodied a high-school house party that just happened to be stuck in a gymnasium. Although this may sound appealing to some, this atmosphere is what the school administration and Student Senate are hoping to avoid with the Backfield Blast and other upcoming events as they move away from dances. “That was trouble waiting to happen,” says Ms. Ong, Dean of Student Activities, about

informal dances and the environment they produced. “[The Backfield Blast] is more in line with our school’s mission of how our young men should be presenting themselves in front of young women,” she added. By this, she refers to the amount of talking and real interaction between

people that occurred at the Backfield Blast, not just dancing or people standing around staring at their phones.

From a factual standpoint, it is hard to argue the drastic difference. In past years, JUGs given at UDJ dances were commonplace, but this year at the Backfield Blast, zero JUGs were given out. Beyond simply having a more positive atmosphere, Eddie Black says, “This event appealed to a wider crowd and people were able to do things they had never done before like ride a mechanical bull.”

Even though the Backfield Blast received many positive

reviews, the new event was not without flaws. The disparity between underclassman and upperclassman was very high and this was a big concern for students. Many juniors and seniors did not expect the event to be as much fun, so they simply did not attend. However, Mrs. Ong hopes that the Backfield Blast may be able to change that in the future. “My goal is that the Student Senate, after everything they have done so far, is gaining the trust of the student population,” she said. As more and more events are planned and implemented this year, it will be interesting to see if that trust is fully established, or if the quiet cries for the informal dances’ return will grow louder. Time will tell but with the inaugural Backfield Blast in the books, based on the effort and success in its first year and the Senate’s focus on continuing to improve students’ social experience, it is hard not to be excited about the future.

Nelson Thrives for the Badgers



Stephen Hawn '19
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Just a short two years after lighting up Catholic League football fields, former Cub standout Scott Nelson '17 has become a key piece in one of the nation’s top college football programs. He chose the University of Wisconsin after his senior year at The High, while also earning offers from other top programs, including Michigan State, Iowa, Penn State, and Northwestern. Nelson, who spent his freshman year as a redshirt, has stepped in and made an immediate impact as the starting free safety on the #18 ranked Badgers, who boast one of the nation’s most potent defenses.

While in high school, Nelson shined as a multidimensional player, with time at quarterback, wide receiver, and safety. In his senior year he earned an all-state honorable mention with 50 tackles, 2 interceptions, and 13 total touchdowns. Nelson’s early success comes as no surprise to those who saw him play at UDJ and those within the Wisconsin Badgers program. Current Cubs Varsity Football starter Elijah Cate '19 said he was “an exciting player to play with and watch, you knew that when he was on the field there was always a chance for a big play.” Wisconsin fans got a taste of the excitement Nelson brings to the Badgers’ defense in their two opening games of the 2018 season. In his first appearance on the active roster, he earned a starting position as free safety. Wisconsin went on to win the 34-3 game over Western Kentucky with Nelson putting on a show with 7 tackles (team lead), 2 pass break-ups, along with 1 tackle for loss and a near one-handed interception.



Nelson celebrates (Photo Credits: 247Sports)

The next week, Nelson continued his hot start in a matchup against New Mexico, where he logged 2 tackles and a goal line interception with 10:55 left in the 3rd quarter to protect Wisconsin’s 3-point lead. Nelson returned the pick 25 yards which led to a touch-down drive and gave the Badgers momentum en route to a 45-14 victory over the Lobos. For Nelson, the hardest part of the transition to college football is “the time it takes in your daily life and the mental load that you have to be able to withstand. They put a lot on your plate and you have to prove that you can succeed and stand out compared to your teammates and players across the country.” While Nelson certainly had big moments as a Cub with four years of success on the football field and a 2016 Basketball State Championship, his favorite part about being a collegiate athlete is the atmosphere. “The atmosphere is electric and we feed off of it. My first game was a night game on ESPN and it was everything I dreamed of and more. When you run out on the field for the first defensive play of the season and the crowd gets really loud, you look around and see how big of a deal this is and can’t help but smile.” Nelson looks to build on his early successes as the Badgers attempt to bounce back after a loss to BYU this past week.

Homecoming Hints



Timo Lenhard '19
Contributor

When people say homecoming, it makes me think of a big football game and most importantly, a fun dance for the students. To help out my fellow Cubs, I went to the Think Tank, and came up with some tips for the homecoming dance.

Do’s:

-Dress up in a sport coat or suit with a tie.

You really want to look flashy for the lucky girl that you decided to take to homecoming. A color coordination with your date will always make things more fun.

-Remember where you put your sport coat.

After you have been out on the dance floor with your date and friends, it gets quite hot. Make sure you don’t get lost in the sea of coats and lose yours!

-Introduce your date to Father Munz.

Father Munz will want to meet all of the nice young ladies who were picked as dates. So when you approach Father Munz, introduce yourself as a reminder, then tell him your date’s name, and where she goes to school.

Don’ts:

- Invite a girl using social media, DM’s, etc.

Trust me, it’s never a good call. My good buddy and fellow Senate Officer, Tyler Padilla '19 will plead with you to NEVER do this. Freshman year he decided to DM a girl “Hoco?” and let’s just say things DID NOT end well for him. He even stated, “Worst decision I have ever made... hands down.”

-Make the girl pay for dinner.

The girl should not have to pay for dinner, PERIOD. I know there are some guys out there that might think that the guest should pay, but that is not the case here. Sophomore year I tried to get my date to fork up a few bucks, but was simply laughed at.



2017 Homecoming DJ (Photo Credits: L. Price II)

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Editorial Page

The “Quest” For Better Food Service



Griffin Neary ‘20
Writer

There has been a lot of buzz concerning the new food service provider that has come to the UDJ cafeteria, Quest Food Management. The new service has changed some things -one being that Quest serves the same food everyday, but they offer a wider variety of foods. Some of the main food items on the menu include pizza, chicken tenders, burgers, and chicken sandwiches. After interviewing students from all grades, as well as a few faculty members, the vast majority preferred the chicken tenders.

While eating the new food, I found that the overall quality was a drastic improvement from last year’s service. For those concerned with the pricing, keep in mind that this is Quest’s first year with us, and they are trying to determine which food items should be priced more or less based on how many people enjoy and purchase it. This means that the students’ input on which foods they like matters. Student Senate President Eddie Black ‘19 says, “Quest is willing to work with us on pricing and they are actively trying to make their service better.” These actions come after a lot of discussion between Quest and the student body.

Although this service is new to the Cub community, we know that the quality of the food is delicious, that Quest has provided a great system for getting food on time, and that they are working hard to make our lunch an overall better experience.



Henry Ghawi ‘21
Writer

The Cub News talked to Vince Jones, the food service director for Quest here at the High. Now a few weeks into the school year, students and staff have had the opportunity to taste the selection and quality of Quest’s daily offerings. At the same time, QUEST is also adjusting to a new student body.

First, looking at the selection, FLIK offered two main choices and some ready made PB&J sandwiches. A meal, a side, and a water or small juice was just \$5.50. QUEST offers more options. From salads to pasta to roast beef to pizza, the offerings seem almost endless, however; this does come at a cost to the students. A meal without a water now costs a dollar more. This does not sound like much but those dollars quickly add up. According to Jones, as we move further into this year, Quest plans to make “meal deals” available for purchase. Some examples would be a sample plate including chicken tenders, cheese sticks, and some fries. Will they be able to keep this promise?

The proof that QUEST is right for UDJ will be in the balance of quality and price. FLICK had good quality but very high prices, and prior to them, Sodexo had low quality and an inability to serve a student body but could always deliver at a low price. Only time can tell whether QUEST and The High are compatible on these crucial points and strike that ever important cafeteria balance.

Cleaning Up Our Messes



Jamison Townsende ‘22
Writer

Imagine that you are in your room and it is a complete mess. There are clothes on the floor, papers everywhere, and multiple snack bags are all over the room. Your mom walks into the room and yells at you to clean it up. You don’t want to, but you do it because you have to, out of respect for your home. Why are we so quick to clean up our messes at home, but when we’re at school we just toss cleanliness (and everything else) to the floor?

Everyday, custodians clean up big messes that are in student hang-out areas. There are always

edges, tissues, and other items on the floor. Students walk past these messes like they are nothing, but to custodians these messes take a long time to clean up. Places like the cafeteria, atrium, and commons are where the biggest messes are made. What happened to “men for others”? AMDG? We can do better.

Look around before you leave an area. If you see candy wrappers on the floor, throw them away. There are garbage cans all around, so look for one and throw your junk away.

Even if it is not your mess, clean it up. Encourage others to clean up after themselves. Whether you are eating or doing homework, be mindful of your trash. If you are doing homework check to see if you left any pens, pencils, or notebook pieces behind. It doesn’t take much to pick up a few things before you go.

We should always be mindful of what we do and try to do everything for *the greater glory of God*. If we can do this, we not only help the custodians, we will learn to show the same respect for the building we are taught to have for ourselves.

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The Situation Room With Chris Jelinek



Chris Jelinek ‘19
Columnist

Whether you like it or not, Donald J. Trump is the President of the United States. His time in office has been like no other. Whether it’s his insults or sometimes outrageous proposals, President Trump has offended many and his his approval rating dips lower and lower. About a week or two ago, an Op-Ed was released in the New York Times about the supposed resistance inside the Trump presidency. A senior official in the Trump administration supposedly wrote the Op-Ed, but the writer has not come forward. However, not much is said in it other than the author dissing the president and boasting about being part of the group stopping Trump from reaching his ideals and satisfying his wants. This begs the question of whether or not the piece is even real or if it is some fake news from someone who is not even a senior official.

I find it hard to believe that this could be fake because the New York Times would be taking a huge gamble if it was revealed that the article was fake. Some believe that several people wrote it, and others believe that Vice President Mike Pence wrote it. All I know is that, supposedly, there is unrest in this administration. I find difficult to call this Op-Ed credible as I don’t know who wrote it. If the author revealed him or her self, I personally believe that there would be many Trump supporters who would start questioning the president and wondering whether or not he is truly fit.

Pushing aside the Op-Ed, some are calling for Trump to be impeached. As long as the Republicans have con-

trol of the Senate, the Democrats will not impeach. Even if it impeachment proceedings got through the House, I can’t see Trump being found guilty if nothing else comes out. So far, the case for impeachment focuses on possible collusion with Russia, which I will touch on later, and campaign finance violations which do not warrant impeachment in my opinion. Many people have committed campaign finance violations. The argument that Trump used the payments to quiet women he had affairs with in order to influence the election is valid, but I am not sure if that is enough to impeach. I also think that impeachment talks will not heat up until after the mid-term elections in November and who has control of the House and Senate.

Lastly, the Mueller probe has dragged on and needs to come to a finish. I want to know what he has or hasn’t found because if Trump is guilty, then I want him to be put on trial and if he isn’t guilty, people need to calm down. Some key people have been arrested, but none with charges related to collusion with Russia. I think Paul Manafort could be very important if his testimonies incriminate Trump. I think that Michael Cohen would do anything to save himself and I think he would be willing to make up a statement in order to save himself. The investigation will probably last beyond November because of a potential change in who controls Congress. President Trump has definitely said things that were mean and distasteful, but collusion with Russia and the claims by an anonymous writer of the New York Times’ Op-Ed still need to be proven and revealed. I think it could be a long time until there is an answer.

Spirit Week: Is It Enough?



Matthew Valente ‘20
Writer

The University of Detroit Jesuit school community is lacking in school spirit during the school day. The only times that we can wear spirit shirts are on specific days throughout the year and the last quarter of the school year on Friday’s as a result of our fundraiser, Pledge Detroit! UDJ is supposed to be one of the most spirited schools in the Catholic League, but we aren’t able to show visible school spirit as much as we could.

If we, as a school, want to show more spirit, we need to have more spirit days. We need to have at least one or more spirit days every two weeks or so, in order to show that we are the most spirited school in the Catholic League. Sure shirts and ties look nice, but our dress code doesn’t demonstrate that UDJ has school spirit.

Within my three years at UDJ, we have had only a few days where the students and faculty could wear spirit shirts---during spirit week and on spirit days. These only add up to about twenty times during the entire year, plus the last quarter for the Pledge Detroit! money. I suggest that the Cubs who come for the day should see that UDJ is the most spirited school compared to others schools they might visit. Perhaps athletes on a game day could wear their uniform top over their shirts and ties. When we have a huge game coming up on Friday, the entire student body could wear spirit shirts on game day. We need to get Cubs pumped for the games and excited. Wearing spirit shirts show pride in our school and unite us as one.

The one last way we can increase school spirit is to spread the spirit around the school. Cubs could make posters that advertise the game and time, telling everyone who the opponent is, or make a poster that that is generic that says beat... (Rice, CC, etc.). Cubs can put them in the gym, the locker room, the hallway, one in each home room, and in the cafeteria. Also at announce we can wish all the teams good luck and name the games and times for the day or weekend. The day following game day give the game results . There could also be a fundraiser for spirit wear such as hats, bracelets, socks etc. Do not be discouraged that there is not enough school spirit, because there are many ways to increase it.



Xavier Touissant ‘19

“We aren’t able to show visible school spirit”

Happenings at The High

Revamped Pledge Detroit



Nick Valbuena '19
Reporter

The new Student Senate is on a mission to revitalize Pledge Detroit! The Student Senate and Administration, in response to students' complaints regarding their experiences on Pledge Detroit!, have partnered with a community organization to bring a new service site. Upper-classman will now serve in Life Remodeled's Six-Day Project. Life Remodeled is a non-profit organization that mobilizes 10,000 suburban and inner-city volunteers to help repair and beautify dilapidated neighborhoods. Life Remodeled invests \$5 million in cash, labor, and materials into one Detroit neighborhood each year. They focus on blight removal, community social services, and restoration of a community chosen asset.

Some of Life Remodeled's previous projects include the restoration of Detroit Public High Schools: Cody, Osborn, and Denby. Cubs will serve during this organization's Six-Day Project, a once a year volunteer-driven overhaul to bring new life to a 300-block area on the eastside of Detroit. Cubs will participate in clearing

debris and brush, planting trees, installing community libraries, and decorating "safe routes" leading to surrounding schools. Life Remodeled's work with the residents of Detroit has resulted in the boarding up of 1,088 vacant homes and blight removal of 906 blocks. The fruits of this community service are apparent in the reduced levels of crime and an increased sense of security in the area. UDJ is grateful to Life Remodeled for allowing Cubs to join them in their positive impact on the community and to show commitment to UDJ's home of 142 years, Detroit.



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Mental Health Week



Jake Kuredjian '20
Reporter

During the 2017-2018 Student Senate debates, Mental Health Week at University of Detroit Jesuit was a relevant topic, involving how it can benefit students if implemented. This year, the senate officers and the school administration decided to participate. The event will begin on Monday, October 8.

This year the week-long event will be centered around addiction, which is an ongoing issue for many students in our school. "Addiction is a great umbrella topic for this week, because of the complex interaction between mental health, addiction, and

stress," says Dr. Deborah Wolfe, who is a part of the Health and Wellness committee, and will also be playing an active role during this week.

One of the main goals of this week is to teach students healthier alternatives to stress, instead of using addictive substances. There will be events taking place during lunch periods in the gym and commons to promote stress reduction and mental health. These include activities such as yoga, meditation, and therapeutic coloring. Technology free hours were also mentioned, in order to combat the major technology addiction that many students face. The administration is hoping that UDJ's first Mental Health Week will have a real impact on the Cub community.



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Senate Update: What's New



Drew Basile '19
Columnist

As the first semester progresses, the Senate is actively transitioning from icebreaker-type events to a more concentrated focus on University of Detroit Jesuit classics. These classics include Homecoming, a quintessential semi-formal dance, a score of great student sections, and the October scary movie. We're excited to debut these activities as part of our continued commitment to the UDJ community.

Homecoming is our first tentpole event, and we're confident that the dance will be a big success. The theme is the eighties, and this opens Homecoming up to a variety of beloved song choices in addition to a compelling retro aesthetic. With tickets starting at \$20, Homecoming will be an exciting and entertaining event available to all high school Cubs. We'll be following Homecoming up with the October scary movie night to celebrate Halloween. We're striving for the traditional movie theater experience, complete with ample concessions and a large projection screen.

Beyond Homecoming, we're initiating some stellar new activities to rouse student participation. Sergeant Jonas Padilla has organized a Halloween Erebus field trip- one of the preeminent haunted house attractions in the area.

This event will occur close to Halloween, and will be a co-ed activity split between Mercy and UDJ. The Student Activities Committee, helmed by President Eddie Black, is running an ultimate frisbee tournament. Treasurer Tyler Padilla's Pledge Detroit Committee plans to implement a refocused and more efficient vision of Pledge Detroit. Vice President Timo Lenhard is booking a number of tailgates with the Student Section Committee and organizing a freshman game night with the Frosh Committee. As secretary, I will support all of these events through promotional material created by the Media and Promotions Committee.

The Senate is striving to rectify key errors made by past Senate administrations. As four year men, we have seen the full UDJ experience, and we understand the Senate's central role in student life. If you have any criticisms or suggests, we're more than happy to address them- just let us know.



Timothy Lenhard '19, Jonas Padilla '19, and Tyler Padilla '19
Photo credit: Joseph

Advances in Technology



Lawrence Price '20
Reporter

As the teachers and students are now settled back into the traditional and constant school workload, the technology department has had their hands full with the new improvements they have made around the school. They have installed televisions throughout the school, providing important information and daily announcements to all. Although it became a success for the department in the end, the process faced many setbacks along the way. The High underwent four power outages and a flood, forcing workers to take days off. Due to this, the computer's software in Lab 141 and the Library required reinstallation, which delayed the installation of the televisions.

The televisions not only feature daily announcements and general information, but, they also review other topics including: the UDJ Twitter Feed, weather, news, and UDJ sports. The de-

partment wants to expand on the TVs' services, and integrate them in club announcements and Detroit sports. Raymond Hatcher '20 expressed that "[Televisions] are great for announcements; I always stay informed." The televisions are placed in the Atrium, one on each level of the Science Wing, two in the Commons, and one in the process of being placed in the visitor's entrance.

The teachers can submit their own announcements, but will need to contact the Student Affairs Office, which controls the content featured. If students want to add their input to the televisions' content, they must talk to Kyle Chandler, Amy Ong, or Elizabeth Cromwell, all located inside the Student Affairs Office.



Kellan Shows '21 and Avila Martin '21 view new screen in Atrium
Photo credit: Matthew Englehart '19

Introducing UDJ's Technology Staff



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Ed Utter
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The Cub News staff would like to thank the Technology staff for their ongoing help and support. They are always willing to come to our aid as soon as we make a request or have a question.
The 2018-19 Cub News staff

The 2018-19 AVCs

The Cubs News staff asked this year’s AVC’s some questions so you can get to know them better.



Riley Benson ‘14

1. **What college did you attend?**
- Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio.
2. **What did you major in?**
- I majored in biology and minored in chemistry.
3. **What is your best memory as a student at UDJ?**
- Card tournaments and ping pong in the Commons during lunch.
4. **You’re the best AVC at...?**
- Video gaming.
5. **What’re you helping with in school this year?**
- Biology, Chemistry, MAGIS, and Wrestling in the winter.



Evan Cassar ‘12

1. **What college did you attend?**
- Lyman Briggs College at Michigan State.
2. **What did you major in?**
- I majored in human biology and minored in bioethics.
3. **What is your best memory as a student at UDJ?**
- Partaking in the Junior/Senior hockey game at Clark Park
4. **You’re the best AVC at...?**
- Hockey.
5. **What’re you helping with in school this year?**
- I help in Faith and Service, and teach Microbiology and Chemistry with Mr. Coccitti.



Matthew Comment ‘14

1. **What college did you attend?**
- University of Dayton.
2. **What did you major in?**
- Pre-medicine.
3. **What is your best memory as a student at UDJ?**
- Winning the Catholic League championship with varsity soccer my senior year.
4. **You’re the best AVC at...?**
- shellshocked.io
5. **What’re you helping with in school this year?**
- Physics, Soccer, and Swimming.



Brett Guest ‘13

1. **What college did you attend?**
- Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, MI.
2. **What did you major in?**
- History and social studies for secondary education.
3. **What is your best memory as a student at UDJ?**
- All of the weekends spent at Stage Crew in the Commons.
4. **You’re the best AVC at...?**
- Wearing bowties.
5. **What’re you helping with in school this year?**
- 8th grade civics, Academy PE, and Academy Cross Country.



Stephen Hansknecht ‘14

1. **What college did you attend?**
- I attended Wheeling Jesuit University
2. **What did you major in?**
- I double majored in chemistry and mathematics.
3. **What is your best memory as a student at UDJ?**
- Playing cards in the commons with friends or labs in Mrs. O’s chemistry class.
4. **You’re the best AVC at...?**
- Acting in theatre.
5. **What’re you helping with in school this year?**
- I am helping Mrs. O in her Chemistry and Material Science courses.



Daniel Kolpasky ‘14

1. **What college did you attend?**
- U of D Mercy
2. **What did you major in?**
- Mechanical Engineering.
3. **What is your best memory as a student at UDJ?**
- Playing euchre in the Commons everyday at lunch.
4. **You’re the best AVC at...?**
- Giving high-fives.
5. **What’re you helping with in school this year?**
- I am helping in Physics and in the Faith and Service Office.



Brendan Lopus ‘14

1. **What college did you attend?**
- Wayne State University
2. **What did you major in?**
- I majored in Secondary Education with a focus on English and History.
3. **What is your best memory as a student at UDJ?**
- Winning the Catholic League on Varsity Soccer in overtime my senior year.
4. **You’re the best AVC at...?**
- I definitely laugh the most.
5. **What’re you helping with in school this year?**
- I’m helping in English and History classes, and coaching JVB soccer.



Nicholas Mularoni ‘14

1. **What college did you attend?**
- The University of Michigan.
2. **What did you major in?**
- I double majored in Linguistics and History.
3. **What is your best memory as a student at UDJ?**
- Meeting Elmore Leonard.
4. **You’re the best AVC at...?**
- Golf.
5. **What’re you helping with in school this year?**
- World History, AP Lit, Directed Studies, and Varsity Soccer.



Marc Wautelet ‘14

1. **What college did you attend?**
- University of Dayton
2. **What did you major in?**
- Mechanical Engineering with a minor in Biomechanical Engineering.
3. **What is your best memory as a student at UDJ?**
- Beating De La Salle for the Catholic League Championship in soccer.
4. **You’re the best AVC at...?**
- Speaking my mind. Especially if it’s unwanted or unwarranted.
5. **What’re you helping with in school this year?**
- Algebra II classes, Intro to Engineering, and coaching JVA soccer.



New Faces at the High

We asked our new staff three questions in order to get to know them better:

1. What college(s) did you attend and what degrees have you earned?
2. Why did you come to UD Jesuit?
3. Where were you/what did you do before coming to UDJ?



James Adams
Development

1. Bachelor of Arts degree at Spring Hill College. Also completed one-year of a two-year master's program at New York University, majoring in Feature Film Productions. (Filmmaker Spike Lee and I were classmates.)
2. I strongly believe in the mission of the Jesuits in forming men for others. When the position for Communications Manager came open, I knew that God had a plan for me in the Jesuits' mission.
3. Before coming to U of D Jesuit, I was Director of Broadcast Operations with Fox Television for more than 14 years.



Lisa Neale
College Counseling

1. Bachelor's Degree in Psychology at the University of Michigan and a Master's Degree in Counseling with a Specialization in School Counseling at Wayne State University
2. I came to UD because their College Counseling program is highly regarded. When I saw a position open up, I saw a great opportunity. I also admire the Jesuit mission and the importance UD places on "Men for Others".
3. Before UD, I worked at Divine Child High School in Dearborn, MI. I had many roles at DC including School Counselor, College Counselor, and Counseling Department Leader.



Mary Ann McCourt
Academic Affairs

1. Bachelor's degree in Applied Arts at Central Michigan University. Also studied architectural history at UCLA.
2. I am the proud mom of Cubs, Caelan '11, and Aidan '17, and have been involved at U of D as a parent for several years. After 20 years of working in the nonprofit sector, I decided it was time to wear another hat and pursue another passion: education.
3. Formerly, I was executive director of Work It Out, a yoga-based approach and nutrition education program to empower healthy lifestyles in Detroit grade school children.



Emanuel Werner S.J.
Social Studies

1. Bachelors Science in Health Sciences at the University of Cincinnati, a Masters in Education and Allied Professions at the University of Dayton, and most recently a Masters of Arts in Philosophy at Fordham University
2. I came to UofD because I was commissioned by the Society of Jesus to do so. UDJ was where I felt drawn to serve in my discernment and I am very happy to be here to build the Kingdom.
3. I did many things before entering the Society and attending UDJ. I worked all kinds of odd jobs, but most notably, I spent two and a half years serving as a clinical counselor at the Ohio Hospital for Psychiatry.



Mary Costello
Faith and Service

1. B.A. in Religious Studies and Spanish with a concentration in Catholic Studies at John Carroll University, and an M.Ed. in counseling at University of Dayton
2. After 13 years of living away from Detroit, I decided to move back home! I was praying to return to a Jesuit High School, and was fortunate to be selected as the new Campus Minister at UD Jesuit.
3. I was a counselor and campus minister for about 7 years at another Jesuit High School in Cleveland, Ohio. I also moderated the freshmen class, started a Peace and Justice Club, and lead many mission trips. I am thrilled to begin a new chapter at "The High"!



LaMonica Arrington
Business Office

1. Dorsey Business School, received diplomas/certifications in Business Administration and Medical Billing.
2. I thought it was a great opportunity to come and work at U of D in an environment that would be challenging but supportive and was also Christian based. I love the mission statement that is geared towards shaping students and staff to be men for other.
3. Before coming to U of D, I was a Medical Billing clerk for a mental health facility.



Sean Barry S.J.
Theology

1. BS in Mathematics from Loyola University Chicago and an MA in Mathematics from St. Louis University
2. I came to UofD as part of my Jesuit formation (training) so that I could serve the school and its students as a teacher in the math and theology departments.
3. Before I came to UofD, I was studying for my Master's degree in St. Louis as part of my Jesuit formation.



James Boynton S.J.
Theology

1. Lake Superior State College for two years before joining the Jesuits. As a Jesuit I did a B.A. in History of Western Civilization from Loyola University of New Orleans. Also have a Master's in Church History from Boston College.
2. I was assigned here by my Jesuit superior in Chicago.
3. This is my third time at U of D. I was here from 1996-2002, then 2013-2015, and now back again. Most recently I was the Jesuit vocation director for the Midwest.



Katherine Schutter
Development

1. Macomb County Community College, Associate of Business Administration (ABA) Degree
2. As a fundraiser, it is important to raise money for something I believe in - and to be able to make a difference. I firmly believe in the Jesuit mission of serving others and doing God's work. I can't think of any place I'd rather be than at UDJ, supporting their mission and the Jesuit education
3. Grosse Pointe War Memorial, Director of Annual Fund



Barbara Koster
Faith and Service

1. Wayne State University, degree in Journalism
2. After working in the UDJ Auction for 3 years, the Director of Service position opened up. The role was a great fit and everything lined up, so I applied and got the job
3. I was a television producer and have worked in Detroit at Channels 7 and 4, as well as in New York City at ABC with Good Morning America and 20/20.



Ryan Dumsa
Business Office

1. Michigan State University, B.S. Economics. Walsh College, M.S. Accountancy.
2. My father and grandfather both graduated from UDJ, so I jumped at the opportunity to leave the corporate world and become a Cub.
3. Prior to UDJ, I worked as an Accounting Analyst at Fiat Chrysler.



Elizabeth Ward
Mathematics

1. Purdue University, B.S. in Business Management and Marketing. Wayne State University, Masters in Teaching with concentrations in Mathematics and English
2. I live very close by, and I also admire the service UDJ partakes in.
3. This is my 15th year teaching Mathematics. I come to UDJ from Rochester Adams High School.



Lisa Harrison
Auction

1. Wayne State, Bachelors degree. Central Michigan University, Masters of Science Administration. University of Wisconsin, Certification in Healthcare Philanthropy
2. Over 15 years of sales and marketing experience in the insurance and healthcare industries.
3. I came to UDJ to serve and support the school's mission of developing "Men For Others".



Thomas Costello
Multicultural & Inclusion Initiatives

1. Ohio University, undergraduate in Specialized Studies. Western Michigan University, Juris Doctor degree.
2. I returned to UDJ because of the mission of the school—formulating and educating men for and with others.
3. Before coming to UDJ, I was a faculty-in-residence in the School of Communication Studies at Ohio University for 4 years.



Suzan Zbozen-McAlpine
Auction

1. Hillsdale College, BA in Marketing and Advertising
2. The mission of U of D Jesuit fully aligns with my personal beliefs and values. I've also been very blessed and wanted to give back by using my talents and skills to help others.
3. Over the past 15 years, I have focused on working with non-profits and schools because I believed my experiences in the corporate world would have the most impact and help them to grow and achieve their goals.



Matt Lewis
Athletics

1. University of Michigan, B.S. Madonna University, M.Ed.
2. I came to UD to be part of the tradition and brotherhood that is Jesuit education.
3. I was a PE teacher and coach at Saline High School before coming to UDJ.



Lori Hazen
English

1. Central Michigan University, B.S. in Psychology
2. I obtained my teaching degree at a later date with a focus on English and History
3. I taught at Shrine in Royal Oak for 18 years.



Augustus Schaeffer
Science

1. Indiana University, Bachelors and Masters in Geology. Schoolcraft for teaching certificate.
2. I really liked the faith and service aspect and the academic reputation here.
3. This is my first teaching position.



Michael Hickey
Theology

1. Wayne State University, Catechesis certification through Sacred Heart Seminary
2. I was here for 11 years before I left. I came back because of my love for UDJ's mission, especially Ignatian Spirituality and the commitment to education.
3. I was at Brother Rice before coming back to UDJ

New at The High

The High’s Robocubs Prepare for Season



Justin Lesinski ‘19
Reporter

Over the summer, the robotics team has been busy. The team met every Monday and Thursday for 6 hours/day to work on a few different projects. This was the first year that the team met during the summer, making it a year-long club.

The first summer assignment was to build a new drivetrain, which is the group of components that deliver power to the wheels. The new drivetrain is a student design of an existing idea. This design allows the team to switch between two different drive types, traction, and mecanum. During the competition, the traction mode will allow the Robocubs to push other robots around as well as being immune to the same harassment. Mecanum mode will give them the option to move omnidirectionally as well as

having an increased speed. The prototype for this drivetrain can be seen on the t-shirt cannon robot.

A lot of work was also done to organize the year’s project. A new website was developed, and a plan was created to educate students new to the team. The business team has been working closely with Consumers Energy to secure a sponsorship from the company. There was also an effort to get the CNC machines, donated by U of D Mercy a few years ago, up and running.

As new students begin to join the team, the returning team is preparing them for a competition in January. There is a large range of skills on the team. Our subteams are Mechanical/Computer Aided Design, Electrical, Programming, Business and Development, Strategy, Graphic Design/Engagement, and Inventory Management. If you are interested in the robotics team, email the reporter.



Ryan Wilson ‘20 maneuvers the robot at the Activity Fair. Photo Credit: Anthony Siewart ‘19

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Radio Stars of The High



David Nolan ‘19
Reporter

The sports teams and student sections of UD Jesuit have characteristics no other school can recreate. No matter the game or the team’s record, UDJ students are out there supporting their fellow Cub teams in rain, snow, or sun. Each sport has its own crowd, but football is arguably the biggest and most electrifying. At home football games, the booming voice of Joe Beldyga, UDJ SS teacher, fills the air as he announces. However, not everyone can make these games, and that’s where the Cub Sportscast comes in. Every game, match, or meet, these Cubs can make it out there with a play-by-play for anyone at home.

Stephen Hawn ‘19 and Brendan Schabath ‘19 are the two on the mic. Now, however, they won’t only be on for Cubs, but for the Catholic League football program as a whole. Not too long ago, Hawn and Schabath were approached by Jeremy Otto ‘13, a former Cub broadcaster, about submitting a demo tape to the radio station he works with, The Patriot. The



Photo credit: @DerySpeaks via Twitter

Cubs submitted a tape showcasing what their show would be like. Hawn said the tape consisted of them “recapping the previous week’s games and previewing the upcoming ones.” As Schabath puts it, “the rest was history.” Hawn and Schabath were rewarded the internship and are now on duty to “prepare statistics, standings, and other facts” for football in the Catholic League. Each Wednesday they head down to Patriot Radio to record their show with the statistics of last week. The two put a lot of work into the

show with finding the stats of “10 or so teams, looking at scores from previous weeks, watching game film, and making predictions,” according to Schabath. Matt Dery, the teacher in charge of the Cub Sportscast, commented on their successes saying he was “very proud of Stephen and Brendan and they have worked hard through the Cub Sportscast to get this opportunity.” You can hear them on Fridays at 6:30 pm on 101.5 FM and AM 1400 The Patriot.

The High From the Sky



Drone view of school. Photo credit: Frank Pastula ‘19

There is a new club at University of Detroit Jesuit - a club that hopes to bring back Cub Spirit to match and surpass the excitement that has been missing at The High. The Aerial Photography and Drone Club was formed to help create that excitement, again. The new club hopes “to capture great footage of each Cub sports team on their road to victories” says club president, Frank Pastula ‘19. He goes on to add, “Years ago when I was in the academy, I remembered seeing the hype videos for the weekly matchup that UDJ had against any rival. I remember doing anything I could to get to those games just so I could see our boys battle for victory. I want to bring this feeling back to the high, and I strongly believe

that The Aerial Photography and Drone Club can help with that.”

Pastula realizes that not everyone has a drone or is experienced in editing videos. The club officer point out that one doesn’t need a drone to join the club nor know how to edit videos. “Our skilled video editors and photographers are just as much a part of this club as those with drones. After we collect all of the video, we need our editors to combine footage and give it a cinematic feel so that the final product can be broadcast every week during homeroom,” explains Pastula.

He goes on to add, “We cannot do this alone, and we are asking any aspiring photographers and video editors out there to come to some meetings and get a feel for what our club will be able to bring to UD Jesuit. We also want to invite those students out there that may not have a drone or video editing experience that we still want you to be a part of our club! We will be happy to teach anyone who is willing to learn about how to fly drones and even give them a hands-on opportunity after some training in the field.”

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Sports & Culture

Fall Sports Hit the Home Stretch



Henry Mansky '19
Reporter

As the leaves begin to fall, fall sports begin to move into full swing.

Soccer, football, tennis, and cross country are underway and it is time to take a closer look at how our Cub athletes have been performing.

Cub Soccer is off to an excellent start. Varsity soccer goaltender Addison Kalmbach '19 says that this year's squad is "a team to look out for."

The soccer boys have been working hard lately and are ready to take on any opponent that comes their way. Kalmbach adds that the team may be considered an underdog, but if the team plays to their full potential, then they could definitely compete for the Catholic League Championship, a feat that has not been accomplished by the Cubs in 17 years. The club has a promising 6-2 record to start the season and does not plan to slow down anytime soon. One game that stands out for the school was the team's performance in Caledonia, MI. Caledonia is about two hours away from Detroit and the boys had to head out on a Thursday night. The game ended in a hard fought 1-0 victory with a bar-down ripper from Jack Ballard '19 to put the Cubs up and eventually take home the win. The Cubs will need to keep this momentum as they reach the heart of their schedule with important games against rivals, Catholic Central and Brother Rice.

The Cubs are grinding it out on the football field as well. The Cub football team has recorded some solid performances under their new head coach, Matt Lewis. Peter Loch '19 says that "the system we have, the coaching staff, and the new approach seem to

be paying off on the field". The Cubs are currently 2-1, with wins against Detroit Country Day and a stunning overtime performance against Cranbrook Kingswood. In the game against Cranbrook, the Cubs and Cranes headed into overtime, with each team being given a chance to score a touchdown. The boys in maroon and white were given the ball first and finished very close to the end zone. With a fourth down and a snap, the ball was handed to Nick Johnson '20. Johnson rushed for what seemed like an eternity, until he finally trudged the ball across the goal line, putting the Cubs up by six. The Cranes still had an opportunity, but the Cubs played stellar defense and Cranbrook was constantly pushed back. Tywayne Williams '20 had a key interception that secured the win for the Cubs.



Students cheer on Cub football.
Photo credit: Joseph

Led by a core of Ryan Moore '19, Jake Ervin '22, and Danny Miller '22, the Cub harriers have gotten off to strong start to their season. The Cub cross country team has a 1-1 record, coming up short against De La Salle, but securing a key win against St. Mary's. Last Monday, the Maroon Typhoon came out to support the Cub runners. "Having a student section definitely helped the boys to get over the final

stretch and finish the race strong," says Will Hicks '19. The Cub cross country team takes on Brother Rice next Monday away at Kensington Metro Park.

The Cub tennis team is off to a great start. The team has started the season with an excellent 8-2-2 record. They have had wins over schools including Fr. Gabriel Richard, Rochester Adams, and Royal Oak. So far, the doubles teams have only lost a total of two matches. The doubles lineups include Joe Steele '20 & Kagan Shetler '20, John Dahmer '20 & Theo Melnychuk-Gould '20, Matt Englehart '19 & Matt Czarnecki '19, and Alex MacKillop '20 & Charlie Young '20. Key singles players include Theodore Yaladoo '20, George Yaladoo '22, and Nate Comerford '20. "We are already on track to finish top five in the state,

Chaplaincy Program Fosters New Leaders



David Hale '19
Writer

As a senior at University of Detroit Jesuit I have spent the last four years looking up to people: teachers, friends, past seniors, etc. The thing they all had in common was their ability to lead in various aspects. To me, chaplaincy is one of those opportunities to lead spiritually within a group whether that be your sports team or, in my case, the band. I play the snare drum on the drumline, and I do what I can to lead the section as a senior. Helping learn tricky rhythms only goes so far, so I believe that having an opportunity to lead a group as large as the band in prayer is a special thing. I have never been shy to pray before the meals we have prior to every home football game, but being the chaplain has it made it part of my role.

To date, we have played at two home football games. My primary role up to this point has been leading prayer before those games. Going forward, I

truly hope to expand what it means to be a chaplain in the band. Afterall, I am the first and I intend to set a good example for future band chaplains down the road.

I find prayer to be important, no matter what your belief system is. It is true that UDJ is a Catholic institution and having prayer is central to its identity. The morning prayer and examen are both great opportunities to reflect in prayer. The way I see it, reflection is universal. You do not have to be a Catholic to reflect. That part of prayer is what I really want to focus on because life moves by pretty fast at The High. It is easy to get caught up in stress or procrastination but it takes courage to take a step back every once and a while and be thankful for everything we have. Within the band, I want to start each rehearsal with a short prayer or something to remind my fellow students that our gifts in music that we are expanding come from God.

but I believe that we can go further and break the top three," says Matt Englehart '19.

All Cubs are reminded to check out the athletic calendar on MUDJ for up-to-date schedules for all Cubs sports teams and tune into Cub Sportscast. Support your fellow Cubs!

More Bad Times to Come for Detroit Sports



John Eads '19
Writer

2018 presents a blank slate for some of Detroit's teams and the same old problems for others. The last time a professional Detroit team won a championship was in 2008, when the city triumphed the Detroit Red Wings winning the Stanley Cup. Since then, the city has seen ups and downs (mostly downs) since then.

After the impulse decision to fire Jim Caldwell, the Detroit Lions hired Matt Patricia, former defensive coordinator of the magical New England Patriots dynasty. There have been numerous reports that the Lions offseason was not very successful, which showed in their 48-17 embarrassment of a game against the New York Jets. Experts have said that players in the organization have not bought in to their new coach. This was evident through the players' body language and effort. The future for this team is quite simple: it will not be good. A team will not be successful when it has 53 players that do not believe in the coach. The Lions will have to solve internal problems and come together

in the coming months if they want any chance of success. It should be noted that none of Bill Belichick's assistants have achieved better than a .500 average as NFL head coaches after leaving the Patriots franchise, including Nick Saban.

The Detroit Tigers are another embarrassment to the city. In the past four seasons, the Tigers have finished with one winning record and zero playoff appearances. This season will not end differently. The Tigers have already lost more than 82 games, which secures them another losing record. All of the elite pitchers and outfielders have either left or been



Coach Matt Patricia. Photo Credit: Boston Herald

traded. Now the team is full of young, unproven AAA players sprinkled in with washed-up talent. The pitching rotation is not close to what it used to be and has be better to find success. Ron Gardenhire, first-year coach, has a history of turning around clubs, as he did previously with the Minnesota Twins. There is definitely some reason for optimism given Gardenhire's past success and some young talent coming in from the draft. However, there is still room for concern as the Tigers are young,

unproven, and need to find an identity if they want to return to having a winning record.

The Detroit Red Wings have had a mixture of average and terrible seasons in recent years, likely due to the loss of highly-coveted coach Mike Babcock and the loss of proven talent. Detroit has not been relevant since 2009, when they last reached the Stanley Cup final.

The Red Wings lost their illustrious 25 season playoff streak in the 2015-2016 season and have not been a playoff contender since. Recently, it was announced that former Red Wing legend and Captain from 1991-2007, Steve Yzerman, is expected to step down from his position as the General Manager of the Tampa Bay Lightning and possibly return to Detroit. After hearing this news, Red Wings fans should be absolutely elated. Yzerman created a dynasty down in Tampa Bay with the Lightning; Wings fans hope he can make do the same for Detroit hockey. With this recent development and the young talent Detroit drafted, and continues to develop, things are looking good in Midtown.

Last and certainly not least are the Detroit Pistons. It has been an eventful offseason for the franchise, as former coach Stan Van Gundy was



Fans expect a lot from Filip Zadina. Photo credits: prweb.com

fired after four seasons and a 152-176 record. Van Gundy found some success as he was able to take the Pistons back to the playoffs in the 2015-2016 season before they were stopped dead in their tracks by the Cleveland Cavaliers. The Pistons hired the 2018 NBA

Coach of the Year, Dwayne Casey. Given this gem of a hire and the recent addition of superstar Blake Griffin, there is optimism for the future of the Detroit Pistons. The team will find success early with a new and proven head coach with new talent across the board.

Casey had found an abundance of success with the Toronto Raptors and was selected as the 2018 NBA Coach of the Year. Despite being the consensus best coach in the NBA, the Raptors fired Casey that same year. This is a critical hire for the Detroit Pistons and hopefully an upgrade.



Peter Loch '19
Analyst

Hot Takes

Detroit Lions Go 0-16, Matt Patricia Gone



Photo credits: The Associated Press

The Detroit Lions had the worst opening week in NFL history. They lost to the New York Jets 41-17 in Detroit this past Monday night. They fell apart in every facet of the game. “Star” Quarterback Matthew Stafford threw four interceptions to a mediocre Jets secondary. The Lions defense was thrashed by rookie Quarterback Samuel Darnold. NFL journey-man Isaiah Crowell looked like Walter Payton against the pride of Detroit scoring two touchdowns and racking up over 100 yards. The Special Teams unit was nowhere near decent, giving up a punt return for a touchdown and missing two chip shot field goals. It was the most disappointing loss for Lions fans in many years. The real question is how can Matt Patricia allow his team be this unprepared for a game? After coaching with the Patriots for nearly a decade one would think that he would know how to set up a game plan. The Jets are projected to be in the basement of the NFL standings this year. This should be a team that the Lions should beat easily, especially after Patricia dominated them for years as a disciple of Bill Belichick. Maybe the “Patriot Way” skipped over Matt Patricia.

MSU Drops to 2-4, D’Antonio on HOT Seat



Photo credits: USA Today Sports

The Spartan Football team has looked lost this fall. They can’t run the ball, They can’t stop the passing game, this is not your normal Michigan State Football Team. MSU barely pulled off a 38-31 win in Week 1 against Utah State. They gave up over 300 yards in the air and only ran for 30 yards. Their offense was very predictable and Utah State was able to adjust well. Arizona State also took advantage of the Spartan Offense, allowing them to only 22 yards rushing. A crucial Brian Lewerke interception for the Sun Devil’s swung the momentum in their favor. The Spartans enter Bloomington to play the Hoosiers for their third game. Sophomore QB Peyton Ramsey will be looking to add on to his already 5 TD passes. The Spartan Secondary will have to tighten if they want a chance at stopping the Hoosier Air Raid. MSU will take care of business the next week though as they play the Chippewas of Central Michigan. Then Spartan Nation will have two tough BIG 10 opponents in Northwestern and #11 Penn State. Both are gritty teams with high powered offenses. MSU won’t be able to handle the smash mouth style of their defenses. This would have the Spartans two games below .500. This always leaves the question, should the University let go of Mark D’Antonio? Who knows if D’Antonio will be able to turn around this crew? If he doesn’t, this might be the end. The past five seasons have ended poorly for the Spartans and they haven’t been back in the national spotlight for quite some time. Change will come for Spartan Football, sooner than most think.

September Photo Contest Winners

First Place



John Eads '19

Second Place








Joe Romanelli '21

Third Place



Max Gouin '19

Pop Culture Grid

Questions provided by: <u>Stephen Hawn '19</u>	What is one song that HAS to be played at homecoming?	What will the Lions final record be?	Which teacher would win the Hunger Games?	Favorite student section attended so far?	Would you rather fight 10 chicken- sized Drew Basile’s or 1 Drew Basile-sized chicken?
 Henry Sznawajs '19	Anything by The Lonely Island and Akon.	0-1-15	Mrs. Chekal.	Country Day.	4 fried chickens and a coke
 Michael Argenta '20	Ice Ice Baby.	6-10	Clearly, Feeney.	Rice Section (We might’ve lost but them falling through the fence was hilarious.)	1 Drew Basile-sized Chicken.
 Aaron Schwarz '21	Mo Bamba.	4-12	Mr. Krepp without a beard.	Country Day because we won.	10 chicken sized Drew Basiles.
 Kyle Cox '22	SAD! In memory of XXXTentacion.	6-10	Mr. Flowers.	Brother Rice.	10 Drew Basile sized chickens. Lightwork.
 Chris Charboneau (Band Director)	September by Earth, Wind, and Fire.	3-13. Just when I thought they couldn’t be any worse.	The obvious choice is me... but Mrs. Foerg.	Brother Rice at home.	I would rather have a 10 piece chicken McNugget from McDonald’s.