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Dear Friends,

The number of student successes since the prior Highlights issue has been overwhelming. Follows are just a few of them: Quiz Bowl championships, global media coverage of both the Pallbearer Ministry for unclaimed veterans and the first-of-its-kind wheelchair-stroller for a paraplegic mother, eight students qualify for Forensics Nationals, two students will be presenting at the International Science Fair, first-place in robotics and Eco-Car, and several athletic accomplishments culminating in the school’s first Basketball State Championship and their 28-0 perfect season. WOW!

The students’ successes are your victories too. Your generosity supports the students, and allows us to advance our mission of educating Men for Others for the Greater Glory of God. Thank you very much for all you do for The High!

Follows are the most frequently asked questions in making a gift to The High.

Q. When can I make my gift to the new four-level, 40,000 sq. ft. Science and Engineering Center?
A. Now! You should have received a mailing by now asking you to participate. If you wish to make a gift, please contact Tom Totte ‘74 at (313) 927-2347 or Katie Sznewajs at (313) 927-2325. We hope that 100% of the alumni, parents of current students and graduates, and friends will make a gift and participate in this exciting and visionary project.

Q. Can I designate my gift to a specific purpose of interest to me?
A. Yes. Gifts designated to the greatest needs of the school are preferred by us. If there are causes important to you such as Jesuit and Catholic Identity Formation, Black Awareness Society for Education (BASE) activities, athletics, faculty professional development, fine arts, eco-car, or robotics to name a just few, please let us know your interest when you make your gift.

Q. What is the School’s greatest annual fundraising need?
A. Tuition assistance. For the current academic year, more than 300 students received assistance totaling about $1.9 million.

Q. Does the school share my contact information with other organizations?
A. No! Your information is confidential and is not released to any other organization.

Q. I am not able to make a sizable gift at this time. Does my gift still matter?
A. Yes. To continue our 139-year tradition, we depend upon the generosity of our alumni, friends, and families. Your gift, regardless of the amount, makes a difference and supports our mission, as well as encourages others to make a gift too.

Q. Do you accept gifts of appreciated equity securities and mutual funds?
A. Yes. The instructions for stock gifts can be found on the website www.uofdjesuit.org/Waystogive “Gifts of Stock Securities”. You may also call Tom Totte ‘74 at (313) 927-2347.

Q. Do you accept IRA Qualified Charitable Contributions from those 70½ years and older?
A. Yes. Only two easy steps are necessary to make this happen. First, call Tom Totte ‘74 at (313) 927-2347 and we will provide you the information you need. Second, call your IRA financial institution to make a gift directly to U of D Jesuit. That is all you need to do.

Thank you very much for all you do to support the education of 900 young men at The High. We appreciate hearing from you; contact me at either thomas.totte@uofdjesuit.org or (313) 927-2347.

THOMAS L. TOTTE ’74
Vice President for Institutional Advancement
2016 Alumni Events Calendar

June 3-4 – Grand Reunion Weekend
July 18 – UDJ Golf Outing
   (Country Club of Detroit)
October 16 – Golden Cubs Mass & Brunch
November 12 – Scholarship Auction

November 26 – Alumni Flag Football Game
December 3 – Hall of Fame Dinner
December 26 – 3 on 3 Alumni Basketball Tournament
December 27 – Alumni Hockey Game (Hazel Park Viking Ice Arena)

Check the alumni homepage for news and event updates: https://www.uofdjesuit.org/Alumni
We have online registration for most events.
Call Jack Donnelly ’99, Director of Alumni Relations, at (313) 927-2304 or email alumni@uofdjesuit.org for more details.

We would like to hear from you

Hurricanes Staff welcomes any and all comments. We also encourage you to send any address changes, class memories or life updates.

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U-D Jesuit National Merit Semifinalists
In September, the National Merit Scholarship Program announced that five current U of D Jesuit seniors (Theodore Berg, Michael Donovan, Marshall Neu, Joseph Paletta and James Rivard) were named National Merit semifinalists, the most of any other Catholic high school in metro Detroit. “These young men are to be commended for their desire and drive to strive for intellectual competence...one of the hallmarks of a U of D Jesuit graduate,” says Principal Anthony Trudel. “These gentlemen are also exemplars in word and action of what it means to be ‘Men for Others,’ sharing their gifts with their classmates, their school, and their community. We are very proud of the testament they are to U of D Jesuit’s mission.”
Established in 1955, the National Merit Scholarship program is an annual competition for recognition and college undergraduate scholarships. Over 1.5 million high school students in 22,000 high schools across the United States entered the competition by taking the PSAT test during their junior year. From there, 50,000 qualified as high scorers and 16,000 are named National Merit semifinalists.

Forensics Headed to Nationals
As a member of the National Catholic Forensics League, along with having a strong tradition in the Detroit Catholic Forensics League, U-D Jesuit continues to send some of the highest numbers to compete at the National Level. Eight Members of the Forensics team will be advancing on to compete at the NCFL Grand National Tournament in Sacramento, CA over Memorial Day weekend. Students include seniors Matt Abell, Teddy Berg, John Downey, Patrick Dunstone, Andre Moon; junior Michael Cuschieri; and sophomores Neil Jain and Keith Johnstone. Derek Kello will serve as alternate. Two students will be advancing on to compete at the NCFL Grand National Tournament. This year, senior Jeff Zymeri and junior Edward Thomson earned their spots at nationals by being two of the top three in debate for the league.

U-D Jesuit Jazz Band Earns 1st Division Rating Once Again
The U of D Jesuit High School Jazz Band earned a 1st Division Rating for the second year in a row at the M.S.B.O.A. State Jazz Festival on March 23rd. The band performed at Roosevelt High School in Wyandotte for a panel of four professional jazz adjudicators. The band received high praise from the judges, and in their clinic, after their performance on stage.

“The highest honor in the state is to receive a 1st division rating. I am very proud of my guys for this accomplishment and appreciate all of the hard work that they put in to make this band what it is! They are truly great young men and musicians!”, said Jazz Band Director, Chris Charboneau.

This award once again solidifies our Jazz Band as one of the very best in the state of Michigan!
Robocubs Team Has Best Season To Date

Robocubs Team 1701, U of D Jesuit’s FIRST Robotics Competition team, had its most successful season in its 12-year history. The Robocubs advanced to quarterfinals in the Southfield District Qualifier, then went on the road for inter-district competition in West Lafayette, IN, where they advanced to Finals and came very close to winning it all. Back in Michigan for a third week of competition, they won the Center Line District Qualifier, giving the Robocubs their first-ever winner's banner. The team also received the Hardhat Award for safety and a Judges' Award for exceptional performance across team and technical categories.

The Robocubs’ 2016 robot, nicknamed “The Valiant,” competed in FIRST Stronghold, this year’s game challenge. In autonomous mode, the robot can roll over a variety of obstacles and shoot a 10” ball at a goal on a tower. When operated in remote control mode, the robot can traverse and manipulate even more field defenses, scoop balls off the ground, and shoot them into high or low goals on the tower.

The Robocubs competed in the Michigan State Championship in mid-April and earned a spot at the FIRST Championship in St. Louis in late April. There were over 600 teams competing in eight divisions. The Robocubs finished 22nd out of over 75 teams in their division. This was the best finish in the program's history.

Model U.N. Travels To The Capitol

Eleven students traveled to Washington D.C. for the North American Invitational Model United Nations Conference. There were over 3,000 students there from 27 states and 18 countries on four continents. Over the four days they were there, they explored a variety of world issues and sought solutions through collaboration, negotiation, and debate. Their trip included stops at the Smithsonian, Chinatown and Embassy of the Netherlands. The students visited Capitol Hill, met with Senator Gary Peters and Rep. Keith Ellison ’81, and also with the political, cultural, and military attaches of the Dutch Ambassador.

Quiz Bowl Has Great Finish in State Tournament

The U of D Jesuit Quiz Bowl team, led by coaches Dan Hill, Ed Roberge, and Daniel Babcock, took first place in a twelve team Quiz Bowl tournament in November and qualified for another trip to Nationals and will compete in the Questions Unlimited National Academic Championships in Chicago in June 2016 for the seventh straight year. The U of D Jesuit Novice and JV Quiz Bowl teams finished their seasons on a strong note on March 8th as both teams took first place in their respective divisions in the Inter-County Quiz Bowl League. The U of D Jesuit Quiz Bowl team finished fifth out of 249 teams nationwide in the spring 3-2-1 on-line tournament this May and will take three teams to the Questions Unlimited Nationals in Chicago on June 10-13.

Eco-Car Team #1 in State

The Shell Eco-Car team had their best showing ever at this year’s competition. Their Gasoline prototype car achieved 394 miles per gallon, improving from 222 miles per gallon last year and earning 17th place of 44 entries. The team's battery electric prototype car achieved 114 miles per kilowatt hour of electricity, improving from 90 mi/kWh last year and earning 10th place out of 26 entries.

The boys are especially proud to again be best in the state of Michigan in both categories with better scores than the University of Michigan, U of D Mercy, Michigan Tech, Lawrence Tech, and various Michigan high schools including Troy and Plymouth-Canton.
Flowers, Bennetts and Donnelly Named Coach of the Year in 2016

U of D Jesuit head coaches Rick Bennetts (hockey), Pat Donnelly (basketball), and Darrin Flowers '01 (bowling) were named Division 1/Class A coaches of the year in their respective sports. Rick Bennetts, the leader of the U of D Jesuit hockey program since being resurrected in 1995, was named Coach of the Year by the Michigan High School Hockey Coaches Association for Division 1. Pat Donnelly, head basketball coach at U of D Jesuit since 2008, led the Cubs to a historic season, going 28-0, winning their fourth straight Catholic League Central Division title, fourth straight Catholic League championship, fourth straight district title, third straight regional title and the program’s first ever state championship. Donnelly was named "Dream Team" coach in both the Detroit News and the Detroit Free Press. Darrin Flowers '01, head coach for the U of D Jesuit bowling team since 2013, was named MHSIBCA Division I Bowling Coach of the Year. Flowers led the Cubs to a state championship in 2014.

Hockey

Coach Rick Bennetts led the Cubs to their fourth straight appearance into the MHSAA Division 1 "Frozen Four" and their second straight Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League (MIHL) South Division title. Coach of the Year Rick Bennetts also had six players receive recognition as All-State selections: Teddy Apap, F (First Team All-State), Sam Knoblauch, F (First Team All-State), Lorenzo D’Agostini, D (First Team All-State), Jake Robinson, G (Second Team All-State), Nick Gadowski, F (Honorable Mention), Andrew Nasr, D (Honorable Mention).

Swimming & Diving

The U of D Jesuit Varsity Swim and Dive team placed eighth in the state! This is the highest that U of D Jesuit has placed in the last 16 years. This is the first top 10 finish for the Cubs since the switch from classes to divisions. There were also six All-State swimmers: Jack Bruce, Kevin Sheridan, Jacob Best, Alden Kane, Bilaal Pierce and Peter Buscher. Pierce Gordon finished in the top 16 for the diving section of the meet. In the end, the Cubs had five top-eight finishes, a ninth place finish in the 200 Medley Relay, and two other top 16 finishes in individual events.

Wrestling

Cub Wrestling had a successful year and the program pushed forward to new heights. The Cubs secured 20 wins this season, which was highlighted by senior John Ginotti, who was successful in getting his 100th career victory! The wrestling team continues to build the program into a winner under coach Nick Bowers.
Sports - Cub Coaches Corner

Bowling
The varsity bowling team had a strong season behind Coach of the Year Darrin Flowers ’01, as the Bowling Cubs went undefeated in Catholic League match play and finished in the final four of the MHSAA Division 1 State Finals. Two highlights to the year were Cameron Kuening ’16 bowling a near perfect 298 and Keith Reid ’16 bowled the first ever 300 game. Keith will attend Siena Heights University next year on a bowling scholarship.

Football
The Football program took a strong step forward this year by making the playoffs. The Cubs (6-4) highlighted the season with their first win over Brother Rice since 2001, a 34-0 shutout. The team lost to eventual state champion Detroit Martin Luther King in the first round of the MSHAA Division 2 playoffs. Led by seniors Greg Leatherwood (Ferris State), Alex Mitchell (Kenyon College), and Cedric Mutebi, the Cubs started off the season 4-0. Junior QB/DB Scotty Nelson was brilliant this year in all facets of the game and continues to be a heavily recruited by the top programs in the region, and holding multiple Big Ten scholarship offers.

Skiing
Led by coach Lorrie Kusch, assistant coach Mike Wanig and Captain Mike Donovan, the ski team finished eighth in the state in academics and had a fourth place finishes at the Brighton League Championship Meet, South Lyon Invitational at Boyne Highlands, and the Catholic League Championship Meets. Alex Weiermiller was the team’s MVP and was named All-Catholic.

Soccer
Under coach Kevin Tuite, the soccer team went 6-12-4 but continues to build for the future. The Cubs look to bounce back next season with a strong team.

Tennis
Coached by Jim Slaughter, the tennis team went 4-3 on the season and started out the year with a win in the University Liggett Invitational and ended the season with victories over both Brother Rice and Catholic Central.
Basketball Team Completes Historical Season
Cub Hoops (28-0) Run Table to Perfect Season, Class “A” State Championship

Jack Donnelly ’99

On November 11, 2015, Cassius Winston officially signed with Tom Izzo and MSU. During his press conference, he talked about one goal: a state championship. He was asked: “do you have anything to say to your opponents this upcoming season?” He responded with a smile, “Yeah, good luck. You’re going to need it.” He meant what he said.

Coach Pat Donnelly and the Cubs started off the season on December 7th with a 64-61 (their closest game of the season) win against Chicago’s top team, Morgan Park (IL) at Calihan Hall. Behind Mr. Basketball and All-American, Cassius Winston and Coach of the Year, Pat Donnelly, the Cubs completed a perfect (28-0) season. Coach Donnelly has been on the U-D Jesuit bench since 2008, but this is the first team he had that was on the national radar from start to finish. After two consecutive trips to the Final Four at the Breslin Center in East Lansing, the Cubs were not going to let disappointment get the best of them this time around. The Cubs started out the 2016 season ranked #1 in the Midwest and Top 25 in the Nation by USA Today. They finished #1 in the Midwest and had a national ranking as high as #4 by MaxPreps and #5 by USA Today. Coach Donnelly would go on to win MaxPreps’ National Coach of the Year. His award was a true testament to how this team performed under his leadership, along with the leadership of Assistant Coaches Reginald Winston and Brandon Parrish ’00.

This year’s team was special in more than one way. The chemistry, both on and off the court, was amazing to witness. Seniors Matt Schearer, Cedric Mutebi, Alex Reeves and Cassius Winston provided outstanding leadership this season. These young men aren’t just classmates and teammates; they’re brothers.

“This year we weren’t just a basketball team, we were a family,” said Cassius Winston. “This team wasn’t just about basketball, and we played with a lot more passion because of that.”

They demonstrated a desire to be the best team in the state, while doing it with a palpable swagger. The maturation of junior 6’9” bigs Greg Eboigbodin and Ike Eke were a big factor in the dominance during the Cubs’ historical run. Greg and Ike both came to the United States in search of an elite educational experience unavailable to them in Nigeria. Having no prior knowledge of the game, they picked up basketball three years ago and earned All-State honors this year. They now both hold multiple Division I offers. Sophomore Zachary Winston and junior Scott Nelson provided outstanding long-range support from the arc, while sophomore Elijah Collins came through with big shots and lockdown defense all season, showing great improvement since getting minutes as a freshman in 2015. Both Winston and Nelson came up huge for the Cubs in clutch situations throughout the year, especially from the three-point line. Zachary Winston showed tremendous improvement in each game he played and showed great potential.

Shifty freshman 5’8” PG Julian Dozier played a big role in the team’s success and shows tremendous potential in the years to come. He enrolled at U-D Jesuit in the fall from Detroit Edison Middle School after playing summer ball with the Ike, Greg and the Winston brothers on “The Family Detroit” AAU team, which has multiple Cubs on the roster. Freshman Justin Tarplin, freshman Jalen Thomas, juniors Vince Manna, Mike Sims and AJ Thomas rounded out the Cubs roster, providing the...
Basketball State Champs

Cubs with a deep bench and a reliable rotation of talent throughout the year. Head Manager, junior Alford Harris, along with classmates Nathan Espiritu, Lawrence Beamer, Keith Shows and Jaylen Williams, provided outstanding support to the team as team managers. From the music at practice to running the team’s Twitter account to keep Cub Nation updated, everyone on the team played an important role. The Cubs dominated their schedule from start to finish, but weren’t immune to the occasional test. It was a solid statistical season. They posted a 19.7 margin of victory in their 28 games (24.6 point margin of victory against the CHSL). Their smallest victory was by three points and won by as much as 47 points. They only had five close games and averaged 64.6 PPG while holding opponents to 44.8 PPG. The Cubs won 16 games by over 20 points, including a 59-12 victory at Brother Rice in front of former MSU Spartan and NBA Champion Draymond Green, who spoke to the team prior to tip-off. During the game, the lights in Brother Rice’s gym literally went out and game was considered a final score with six minutes remaining in the game. The writing was on the wall: Lights out.

Their next true test came on December 23rd at Toledo St. John’s, winning by six points. The Cubs started off 2016 by ripping off wins by 23, 22, 47, 17, 21, 21, 13, 27, and 35 respectively. Their final regular season game at De La Salle on February 12th tested the confident Cubs, as they snuck away with a 51-47 win against the Pilots to end the regular season. Going into the Catholic League Tournament, the Cubs had their eye on the prize, beating Notre Dame Prep by 23, Divine Child by 33 and De La Salle by 25. For the fourth straight year, the Cubs were CHSL (Catholic League) champions, making Cassius Winston the only player in history to win four straight titles and making the Cubs the first team to win four straight since 1952.

They took home their first Detroit City Championship with a 92-76 win vs. East English Village Prep in the Operation Friendship game at Wayne State. East English Village was said to be their best test. The game was not quite a test as much as it was an open-book exam. The Cubs dominated and were ready to make a run.

On March 21st, Cassius Winston was named 2016 Hal Schram Mr. Basketball by Detroit Free Press. The following day, his 25 points led the Cubs past Ypsilanti Community 62-47. Cub Hoops was on their way to their third consecutive Final Four at the Breslin Center at Michigan State University.

The Cubs were primed for a matchup in the state semifinals against an undefeated Macomb Dakota squad. Dakota was no match for the Cubs’ pace and intensity. Cassius Winston’s 27 points led the Cubs past Dakota and to a date in the Class “A” State Finals with North Farmington.

Now in unchartered territory, the Cubs had a confident caution to their swagger. They knew they were the best team in the state, but they had to prove it. They did just that. In one of the best and most fundamentally-sound games you will see in on the high school level, the Cubs dominated the North Farmington Raiders 69-49. Winston put on a show on his future home floor and proved he was a worthy Mr. Basketball winner, putting up 31 points (14/16 FGs), nine assists and showing his complete, unselfish and well-rounded game. The Cubs’ strong, fast-paced team-play, along with the sniper three-point shooting of Scott Nelson and Elijah Collins put the exclamation point on a perfect season.

The Cubs had a historic run and the team noticed the support from start to finish. Thank you to all who came out to see them play and to everyone that made each game feel like a home game.

"We want to say thank you to all our alumni who came back to support us, we were happy we made you proud, you were all a huge part of this process," Winston added.

Fr. Kiser with Ike Eke and Greg Eboigbodin at Breslin.
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Regardless of your marital or family situation, you are undoubtedly concerned about the future of your assets. Estate planning allows you to address the important needs of those closest to you while reflecting your personal wishes. As you think about your will and trust arrangements, consider the estate planning tips in each of the following scenarios.

1. Planning for your spouse
   The simplest estate plan is for each of you to leave your entire estate outright to one another through your wills.
   a. For first marriages starting out, there may not be a compelling need for a trust. Simple wills that give everything to the other spouse may suffice. Remember to name your spouse as beneficiary of your life insurance, retirement plan, IRAs and other accounts with beneficiaries.
   b. If you have dependents, your will should name a guardian who you believe is best qualified to look after them if you die.
   c. As the size of your estate grows, you will need to make more estate planning decisions.

2. Planning for Your Children and Grandchildren
   How you leave assets to your children and grandchildren will depend on your wishes, the size of your estate and their ages and competence. If a beneficiary is mature, an outright bequest makes good sense. Certain circumstance may make trust arrangements particularly desirable:
   a. A minor or incompetent child. The preferred arrangement is a trust that you create by will or trust agreement. You can name a trustee and direct how you want your assets distributed.
   b. Two or more children. If you have more than one child, you can set up separate trusts for each of them.

3. Planning for Other Individuals and Institutions
   When you leave all or part of your estate to non-relatives, special planning may be necessary.
   a. Leaving assets to non-relatives. Be sure to specifically include them in your will or trust.
   b. Planning for elderly or ailing relatives. A simple bequest is easy, but might not be the most effective means of support. You might consider putting a portion of your estate in trust for that person's lifetime benefit, freeing him from investment responsibilities.

Feel confident in your plans. Your estate plan reflects your hopes, values and judgment, so it is best to seek the advice of an estate planning attorney. If you are considering including a gift to The High in a will or trust, I would be happy to answer any questions that you or your advisors have.

For more information about making a planned gift to The High, contact Tom O’Keefe ’64 at (313) 927-2342 or at thomas.okeefe@uofdjesuit.org
How can I honor a loved one with a named scholarship at The High?

How do I achieve my philanthropic desire to change a young man's future and experience the joy of following his years at U of D Jesuit?

The answer to these questions is to become a Circle of Care Scholarship sponsor. A sponsor makes a special commitment to fund a U of D Jesuit education. There are two possible Circle of Care Scholarship opportunities, "Annual" and "Endowed".

The Annual Circle of Care Scholarship Program has these features:

- The sponsor is specifically assigned to the student during his four-years here. Sponsors will have the opportunity to meet the student and parents at the Annual Prayer Service and Dinner, usually held in October. Also, there is communication three times during the year between the student and the sponsor. These letters allow you to follow the student during his days at the School.

- This is a sponsor-named scholarship. You may name the scholarship for yourself, or for another person(s) you would like to honor.

- The sponsor is matched with a student selected by the School's Financial Aid Committee. Selected students must meet and maintain certain academic, financial, and discipline eligibility standards.

- For the upcoming academic year, the gift is a four-year pledge of $11,500 per year (a total of $46,000 over the four years). A four-year pledge ensures that the student will have tuition assistance during his years at The High. The cost to educate a student will be more than $14,000 for the school year beginning August 2016.

Several benefactors have taken an extra step and have endowed their Circle of Care Scholarship gift. The endowed gift allows them to link their legacy with that of U of D Jesuit in the form of a named scholarship. Their gift will fund in perpetuity the tuition for a student at The High. All the features of the Annual Circle of Care Scholarship also apply to the Endowed Circle of Care Scholarship. For the upcoming academic year, an Endowed Circle of Care Scholarship is a gift of $230,000. The gift may be paid over a period of five years.

If you are interested in hearing more about the Circle of Care Scholarship, please contact me at (313) 927-2347 or at thomas.totte@uofdjesuit.org.
Thank you, Fr. Kiser
A look back on the leadership of U of D Jesuit’s 28th President
Mike Gill ’87

He just spent two hours reliving 14 years as President of U of D Jesuit, recalling the good and the bad; the people who have come and gone; the moments in time that linger in his memory; the recollections of how he has changed, developed and morphed over more than a decade. These two hours are filled with laughs, some poignant moments, and many stories.

Fr. Karl J. Kiser, S.J. sits in his office at the end of the first floor of the old Jesuit Residence in a chair he’s occupied since 2002. In silent contemplation, he tries to answer the question, “What does U of D Jesuit mean to you?”

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Feature Story

of Berkley, before moving to Chicago for philosophy studies at Loyola University. He then traveled to Peru, where he spent the next three years. In Peru, he worked in two different schools as a scholastic. He fell in love with Campus Ministry, serving others and working amongst the poor. He then attended theology school in Boston, working in prison ministry during his studies. “What better preparation for working with high school kids?” he laughs. Assuming he’d return to Peru, he went to Madrid following his 1997 ordination for additional theology courses in Spanish. Finally, he finished his theology studies back in Chicago and briefly worked at Loyola Academy in Wilmette, IL before coming full-circle back to Berkley to run the Jesuits’ formation programs.

Father Kiser had discussions with then-current U of D Jesuit President, Fr. Shannon, about part-time work as a possibility at The High. This turned into four days-a-week work in Campus Ministry at the school. He had asked the current Provincial who would replace the President at The High. The Provincial encouraged him to at least apply for it, saying it was a job he thought Fr. Kiser could handle. After consulting with a Jesuit friend about it, Fr. Kiser decided to apply for the job. Ironically, Kiser’s objective was not to actually get the job, but to simply improve on his interview techniques for future job possibilities. His friend told him that at a minimum, he would improve his interview skill and know how to articulate a vision and a mission.

Terry Keating ’56 recalls that “he impressed us very early on with his dedication to the mission of the school – and he has never taken his eye off that for the 14 years. He didn’t really have much administration experience but there was something there that drew us to him very quickly. His sincerity and honesty just came through so clear that we said we can teach him the other stuff. He’s got an intangible understanding of what this school is all about,” said Keating.

Kiser was surprised that he received a call for another interview, and recalls Keating placing his hand on his shoulder and saying “Are you okay with where this is going, Karl? We are pretty positive on what this is.”

Father Kiser remembers getting in his car and calling a fellow Jesuit and discussing the reality of him being a viable candidate to the U of D Jesuit’s next president. Keating laughs when asked about this moment. “He was a little bit like deer in the headlights. I was concerned we were overwhelming him with the whole process.”

On August 1, 2002, Fr. Karl Kiser, S.J. was hired as the 28th president in school history.

A Golden Era

Slowly but surely, U of D Jesuit learned about Fr. Kiser’s approachable leadership style. His presence was felt not only in fundraising and the administrative hallways, but throughout the school. It became commonplace to see Fr. Kiser on the school’s front steps greeting students as they arrived or departed for the day. He embraced the job by attending as many school events as possible. He was a regular at athletic contests, musical performances, and other co-curricular events. He served as a teacher of social skills and graces at school dances, greeting students and their dates at the door and reviewing the proper ways to introduce a date.

He did not shy away from reaching out, asking questions, and seeking help when he felt he needed more input on tough and challenging decisions. Fr. Kiser relied on his internal team of advisors and administrators while also leaning on the Board of Directors’ expertise.

“I think it is admirable how much he has grown and matured in his time there,” says Jack Curley ’63, an active and loyal alumnus whose name graces the school’s athletic complex. “He has shown true leadership talent. He has greatly increased the talent of the senior people running the school, from the Athletic Director to the principal,” added Curley.

While never having raised money before, Fr. Kiser proved to be a quick study. In the mid-2000s, the school launched its first capital campaign under his watch, For the Greater Good. It raised $26 million with a large portion of that supporting the school’s endowment.

However, his greatest campaign and final chapter had yet to be written.

Mission Development

Knowing that there would be no quick change in the number of Jesuits assigned to the school, Fr. Kiser began various programs to strengthen the school’s Jesuit identity and mission. This included a two-year orientation program for new employees, pilgrimages to Europe to follow in the footsteps of St. Ignatius, and
taking pride in the school’s Catholic and Jesuit identity.

“We always remind people of mission,” Fr. Kiser points out. “We put AMDG (Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam, “For the Greater Glory of God”) in our gym, on our uniforms, in our halls, as well as “Men for Others” on the cafeteria wall. The Daily Examen (which includes St. Ignatius’ ‘Prayer for Generosity’ over the school’s PA system every day at 1:09PM) began while I was here. We focused on this a lot more and I think the kids, faculty, and parents started to talk about it more and more. Consequently, everyone here is comfortable talking about mission more than ever.

I am proud that during my time here I helped people with the language to describe the mission and now others can articulate it.

“It is more than just writing AMDG on their papers. They know what Magis means; that we are striving for something for the best. I think kids today understand the very simple Ignatius adage of ‘finding God in all things’ and what that means whether they are doing a service project or working in their classrooms.”

Growth Under Kiser
Any institution rich in tradition may not take notice to change as the years become months and the months become years. As time ticks away and you step back, a lot has noticeably changed over the past 14 years. While Fr. Kiser may not have been the main influencer or decision-maker for every change, his presence and leadership style certainly allowed for the school’s growth through change. There have been multiple revisions and additions in various areas during his fourteen year tenure. (See Middle Section)

Science and Engineering Center & Legacy
In his final years as President, Fr. Kiser took on the challenge of improving the school’s physical structure to allow for more learning, adapt to the changes needed in education and develop the much-needed sciences. STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) is becoming more and more vital in the curriculum of today’s high school students - “a brilliant move to develop the new science complex,” Curley says. Thus, the discussions began on how to prevalently integrate this even more into the curriculum. Soon, plans were under consideration for a building that would rise between the Jesuit Residence and the main school building. Fr. Kiser’s vision was to fully infuse the building and its ideals with science, Jesuit philosophy and faith itself.

As Fr. Kiser prepares for life after U of D Jesuit, the school is set to open this new Science and Engineering Center. When all is said and done, $16 million dollars will be raised for the new building is the first of its kind in both Detroit and Southeast Michigan.

“A fundraising expert we had said if we did not get a four-to-six million dollar gift, we would never reach our goal,” Fr. Kiser notes. “We never got that gift but we got it done. I am really proud of that. I think the focus on faith and science will make our science center more unique and inspirational than just a STEM Center would be.”

There was once a time early in his tenure that Fr. Kiser was nervous about asking a donor if the school could use their house for a fundraising event. Now, the opportunity to make a pitch on behalf of U of D Jesuit comes naturally. Terry Keating ’56 recalls an instance where Fr. Kiser spoke in front of the Board of Advisors a couple years ago when he outlined the needs to accomplish his goal of a new science center.

“I wish we had it taped,” Keating said. “He explained to everyone why we are doing it, what the expectations are for it, and what it brings to the school. He explained how faith and science will be integrated and what it means for educating a new generation of leaders. It was the most moving thing. It was like a coach giving a pep talk. When he was through you wanted to break down a door and run on the field. At the conclusion you wanted to ask, ‘Father, how can I help,’ and get out your checkbook.”
A True Man For Others

How do you measure a President’s time? How do you put into numbers, statistics or words what a person’s time has meant to an institution? What is the proper way to look back, sum up, analyze and evaluate?

Terry Desmond ’59 has kept a close eye on the ups and downs of the school over the past few decades, serving on numerous committees and boards over the years, as well as offering his voice when needed.

“Fr. Kiser has been an extraordinary leader of U of D Jesuit,” Desmond says. “The enrollment at the school has not been this strong since the 1960s, which was a completely different environment for Catholic schools. Student achievements academically and every other way are setting records. The endowment has risen to record heights. The facilities will be second to none while retaining their historical character. The faculty spirit and competence is better than ever. Athletics are accomplishing what has never been done at U of D Jesuit.”

Administration and fundraising are the two points most would mention when describing a President’s duties on the high school level. “The job is not really very pastoral,” Fr. Kiser explains.

There are students that would disagree. The 2,427 students whom have graduated under Fr. Kiser’s tenure will remember his time here in a very priestly and human way. The small, special, personal moments they encountered, often one-on-one with him, were what they will remember and cherish the most.

● Joe Joliat ’05: “In a word, the man is SINCERE. I have never felt the depth of sincerity from anyone as when Fr. Kiser would say “I’m proud of you” at graduation, or “congratulations” after a ceremony or a victory on the sports field. He was at all the games, and visited all the clubs, and popped his head in the classrooms because he cared with every fiber of his being, and every single Cub knew deep down that he meant every word, every action, and every thought. I will remember him as one of the kindest and most thoughtful Man for Others I have ever met.”

● Brandon Rogers ’14: “When I was coming to U of D Jesuit as a 7th grader, the transition was very difficult. I didn’t have many friends and I wasn’t used to the ways of a Catholic school. I remember one day I was just so fed up with school and started crying. Fr. Kiser saw how troubled I was and he walked me to his office. He just sat and did everything he could so I that I would be able to feel more at home at The High. His famous line he told me was, ‘If you can make it here, you can make it anywhere. I know you may not see it now, but you’re going to graduate and do great things. It’s all because you stuck it out here. We prepare you for life, not just college.’ I went from a kid who wanted nothing more than to leave U of D Jesuit to a man who has grown to love everything that the school offered. I would have never been able to realize how good of a position I was in by attending U of D Jesuit if he hadn’t taken the time to get to know me, understand my situation and help me become the better man I am today.”

● Grayson Heenan ’06: “A great priest! I remember going to a Reconciliation service when I was in the Academy. Fr. Kiser heard my confession and was a “face of mercy” just like Pope Francis talks about. He had great advice! He quoted Aristotle to me and I’ve never forgotten it.

● Brett Guest ’13: “From the beginning of my time involved with U of D Jesuit, attending its events, Fr. Kiser knew me by name and face. It would be easy for him to remember me as Jared’s little brother, but to him I never was. I was always Brett. Fr. Kiser knew me and never forgot me. He never had to look at flashcards to remember people, he just did. No matter if he saw them a million times, or once many-moons ago, Fr. Kiser always greeted everyone with a smile and a name. Fr. Kiser was always this bastion of happiness for the students, parents, alumni, and faculty. He was always happy to see every one of us, no matter where or when we showed up. It never takes him more than a second to remember who we are and basically our entire story leading up to, during, and after our tenures at U of D Jesuit.”

● Robert Pollock ’09: “When I was a sophomore I was playing on the JV soccer team when I suffered a ruptured spleen and had to be hospitalized for two and a half weeks. Fr. Kiser was the first person who came to visit me in the hospital outside of my immediate family, even though I barely knew him personally. He was gracious enough to stay for at least an hour or two and shared a few laughs to cheer me up. He prayed with me for my
recovery and made my whole week by letting me know how much the U of D Jesuit community cared about me and was behind me every step of the way."

Years from now, people will point to the new Science and Engineering Center as something Fr. Kiser and his team made a reality to serve thousands of future students. “Our school has never experienced such a transformational leader as Fr. Kiser,” Desmond added. “His legacy will be forever etched in the annals of U of D Jesuit.”

Yet in a much more personal way, thousands of people will recall an encounter over these past 14 years, important only to them, that has shaped, graced, and influenced their life.

“This is my family,” Fr. Kiser says. “I am moving away but I am still a member of the family.”

There is another long pause... the room again fills with silence.

“I want it to be clear of my gratitude and thanksgiving. I am humbled by the opportunity.”


These are three words that truly express the feelings of the U of D Jesuit community for sending Fr. Kiser to shepherd the school over these past 14 years.

We’ve been blessed to have had this true Man for Others in our midst.

The Next Chapter
Fr. Kiser’s term at U of D Jesuit will end on June 30, 2016. He’ll take an Alaskan Cruise and visit friends in Florida and California. He also plans to visit various Presidential Museums, a personal hobby.

In late fall, he’ll settle in as pastor of Church of the Gesu in the Cleveland suburb of University Heights, across the street from John Carroll University. The large and vibrant parish includes an elementary school.

Over the years, Fr. Kiser served as a Weekend Assistant at Holy Name in Birmingham and became quite popular within their parish community. “One of the joys of a parish is grandmas and grandpas and moms and dads and kids,” says Fr. Kiser. “I’ll see the whole gamut of the family – not just 900 boys. I think that will be really rewarding. I am looking forward to it because I can do what I thought I would do when I entered the Society. I can preach the Gospel and help people.”

Thank you, Fr. Kiser.
Message from the 
PRESIDENT 

AMDG 

Dear Friends, 

Since learning that I will be reassigned to another position in the fall of 2016, I have had a lot of time to reflect on the past sixteen years of my life here at the University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Academy. From working in Campus Ministry, to moderating BASE, to serving 14 years as President, I have seen what makes U of D Jesuit an outstanding formational and educational institution that families trust to help form their young boys into Men for Others. 

These last few months have been a bit embarrassing for me. I have gotten so much credit for doing so much. It’s been very humbling. I certainly hope I’ve done some good for U of D Jesuit, but the credit for our success really belongs to the faculty and staff, the Board members, and the many supporters of the school. Our faculty and staff labor each and every day for the boys. I’m always inspired by their generosity and willingness to go the extra mile for the kids. They are amazing. Over years, we have faced a lot of important decisions and some very tough decisions and the Board and its committees have been great mentors and guides to me in steering the right course for the school. I am profoundly grateful for their support and guidance. Finally, I am grateful for the many alumni, parents, former parents and friends of the school who have trusted me and have supported the direction of the school. Without them we would not have been able to accomplish all that has been done. As I look back, one word comes to mind: gratitude. First, I am deeply grateful to be a member of this community. I will be a Cub forever and as I move on I will always carry this community in my heart. I am also deeply grateful for all of your support, your trust, your guidance, and most profoundly for your friendship. We’ve done something really good together. #AMDG Thank you. 

God bless, 

Karl J. Kiser, S.J. 
President 

MISSION STATEMENT 
University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Academy is committed to providing the highest quality of Jesuit college preparatory education to young men in southeast Michigan. U of D Jesuit, in collaboration with parents, will challenge its students to go beyond academic excellence, to be reflective, to be committed to the service of personal faith and the promotion of justice: to be “Men for Others.”
Save the Date
for
Fr. Kiser’s Farewell Mass of Thanksgiving
Sunday, June 12, 2016
at 10:00am
U of D Jesuit High School and Academy Gymnasium

Gifts in Fr. Kiser’s honor may be made to the Karl J. Kiser, S. J. Endowed Scholarship
uojdjesuit.org/kisersjscholarship
or by calling Tom Totte ’74 at 313-927-2347
Mike: When I was at U of D, they had just constructed a new art room. I started taking art classes when I was a junior and I was in Ms. Mooney’s advanced class. There was a group of us that she took under her wing—she got us involved in Scholastic art competitions, she sent us to the Scarab Club doing live figure drawing on Thursday nights... As a burgeoning artist, this was huge. When I got to college at Rhode Island School of Design, I was among just a few people who had any live figure drawing experience. Along with the values, morals, and scientific reasoning that you get spending time at a Jesuit school, I was also blessed with a teacher who really cared about the arts and furthered me in that aspect of my life. I also want to say that in 1998, the first day of school, I met Everette Rhinehart ‘02 and we’ve been buddies ever since. We have a band, Pink Lightning, that’s still playing shows and recording music. Friendships were forged there while we were young men that have continued to be supportive, creative relationships.

Tony: I tried out for every sports team there was but didn’t find a fit, but I did find an outlet in the arts. I did theater, choir, competed in Forensics, took ceramics, and was in the Photography Club. Then my senior year, I produced one of the Senate videos for Henry Schneider ’09 who was running for Vice President. It was actually the first video that Mike and I worked on together — as my older cousin, and film student, he had a nice computer and the editing software. We made this video and Henry won. When I was going to college at Wayne State University, I wanted to study Film Production and that video I created was really my first taste of success.
2. **How have Jesuit values impacted your careers? How does your company help you serve as Men for Others?**

**Tony:** I think that through my teachers and classmates at U of D Jesuit as well as the different kinds of classes we took — not only of the Catholic religion but of world religions, morality not only in the Bible but in the real world — I left thinking more as a citizen of the world than as focused on “me, me, me.” That is partly through the Jesuit tradition but U of D Jesuit is a special place in its own right. I left high school thinking, what can I do to have an effect on this world in a positive way? U of D Jesuit taught me to think about substance, treat people with respect, and to be a good person. That’s reflected in our business and what we stand for as a company.

**Mike:** One thing that the Jesuits instilled in me is their sense of discovery and search for truth. That value is alive in our company. We’re a people-focused company. We strive to be innovative, to empower arts and culture of our community, and to reach out to the community. Our values are designed, through our work, to make the community stronger as a whole.

**Dan:** We’re really proud of the projects we’ve worked on. We’ve worked with quite a few nonprofits. We helped Sts. Peter and Paul Jesuit Church build and brand their website for the Pope Francis Center (formerly the Warming Center), we’ve created videos for buildOn Detroit, Sugar Law Center, and Mercy Education Project (MEP). We’ve done illustration and branding for Detroit Circles (an affiliate of City Year), Detroit People’s Platform, and MEP. We’ve also done artistic projects like the short film, *Thick Air*, which we released last March that is currently playing in film festivals.

**Tony:** We know the power and value of media. We want to empower nonprofits and local community groups to have the ability to tell their stories.

3. **What is your favorite memory of U of D Jesuit?**

**Tony:** I had Mr. Chandler my freshman year. It was his first year as a full-time teacher, he taught English and one of our assignments was to memorize a whole page of Shakespeare and then perform it in front of the class. I memorized this whole passage and brought it in a boom box and some classical music to play while I was performing. Turns out my friend, Joe Dimuzio ’08, memorized the same piece and he was the lead in the plays; a great actor. Of course he goes right before me and does great. So I’m already shaking and I get up there with my little boom box and doing my thing, when Ben Leonard saw that I was performing from the hallway and decided to make faces at me through the glass. I see him and I freeze. I freeze... and this music is playing and playing... So after about a minute of standing there, I sit down. And I remember Mr. Chandler putting his hand on my shoulder and saying, “It’s ok, Eggert. It’s ok.”

**Mike:** Quetico, the pristine Canadian wilderness retreat. That was amazing. Being out on the lake, spending five or seven days out there... I still have my voyageur card. That was beautiful.

**Dan:** My favorite class at U of D Jesuit was Mrs. Redigan’s World Religions class. I distinctly remember her going through all the religions and describing them all equally and not being dismissive or judgmental. She went so far as to draw diagrams to talk about how all the religions were moving toward one unity that speaks to some spiritual power that’s essentially the same in all of them but expressed in very different ways. I really respected her for her perspective. One funny story about that class: I thought it would be funny to have my desk turned backwards. I expected it to go on for two or three minutes and then she’d say, “Daniel, please turn your desk around.” And I’d be like, “Ok,” and then turn my desk around and it would be funny. But instead she didn’t say anything the whole class so I spent the whole class turned around like an idiot. So by the end of it I was so embarrassed and she didn’t say anything about how all the religions were moving toward one unity that speaks to some spiritual power that’s essentially the same in all of them but expressed in very different ways. I really respected her for her perspective. One funny story about that class: I thought it would be funny to have my desk turned backwards. I expected it to go on for two or three minutes and then she’d say, “Daniel, please turn your desk around.” And I’d be like, “Ok,” and then turn my desk around and it would be funny. But instead she didn’t say anything the whole class so I spent the whole class turned around like an idiot. So by the end of it I was so embarrassed and she didn’t say anything the whole class so I spent the whole class turned around like an idiot. So by the end of it I was so embarrassed thinking, “Please! This class has to be over.” Eventually I left and turned my desk back around, didn’t say anything to her, and then never did that again. It was the best thing that she could have done...

4. **What would you tell U of D Jesuit students today who are considering creative careers?**

**Dan:** My advice would be to start now. In my mind, the greatest thing about being in a creative field, unlike other fields, is that you can do it immediately. If you want to paint, make music, make films, there’s so much you can learn now and the best way to learn is from doing it. There’s a lot to be said for technique and formal education but you need to start by doing.

**Mike:** My 3D design teacher would say, “Making is studying.” That goes for drawing, too. If you’re drawing something, you’re studying it. If you’re building something, you’re studying whatever it is. You learn technique as you go.

**Tony:** There’s been a big emphasis put on STEM education lately. U of D Jesuit is very much a part of that effort, building a multimillion dollar facility that should be open very soon. That is great. Some people call it STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math), which is an effort to include the arts. The three of us use technology to a great extent. Computer programs, cameras, CGI, physics, different techniques with equipment... there’s lots of engineering going on in each of our fields. The role of an artist in society is still incredibly important and just because you’re a “creative” doesn’t mean you’re not also a technologist or engineer.
Alumni News

Patrick H. O’Leary ’59
was selected from among 2,500 adult volunteer leaders to receive the Silver Beaver Award for 2014, a Scout’s highest honor. He is very active in his community and Patrick resides with his wife Pat Stropko-O’Leary in Strongsville, OH.

Christopher Murray ’81
welcomed Mr. Miner’s Government class to the State of Michigan Court of Appeals to hear oral arguments in April. Judge Murray and Judge Cynthia D. Stephens, the aunt of a UDJ ’15 grad; and Judge Michael Riordan, the father of senior Jeremiah Riordan ’16, were the presiding judges.

Dennis Rodriquez ’81
continues his successful writing career and is finishing up his final edits on his new book called “Hand of Fate.” His work is available on Amazon.com.

Alex Pickens III ’92
earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in June 2015. His thesis is entitled "Former First-Time Visitors Welcoming First-Time Visitors: A Strategy for Church Growth”. Alex serves as the Senior Pastor of University Baptist Church in East Lansing, MI.

Larry Williams ’96
was appointed to Judge in the 36th District in Detroit. He is a graduate of both the University of Michigan and Wayne State University Law School and previously held the position of Wayne County assistant prosecutor. He will run for re-election in November.

Patrick Batcheller ’98
and his wife Lauren were so very proud to welcome Michael Thomas to the world! Born October 26, 2015. He weighed in at 8lbs 2oz, 21.5 inches long; 10 fingers, 10 toes, and two very excited parents!
Alumni News

Martin Delonis ‘98 and his wife Genevieve (Mercy ’97) welcomed their first child, Lillian Barbara, on April 4, 2016.

Kevin Carroll ‘00 welcomed Emma Marie Carroll Méndez to the world. She was born February 24, 2016, 7lbs 20.5 inches. Mom and Emma are doing great.

David Laramie ‘98 is in private practice in Beverly Hills, where he integrates psychodynamic training with existential, mindfulness, and somatic-based approaches. His clinical interests include trauma, mind-body issues, relationships with technology, and eating.

John McDevitt ‘00 and his wife Kim were happy to welcome our daughter, Eleanor Elizabeth, on October 21, 2015. She's healthy and happy and can’t wait to meet the whole U of D crew.

Michael Alam ‘99 and his wife Kate welcomed Lucas William Alam to the world on February 12, 2016. Lucas’ older brother Gabe is thrilled at the new arrival. Mike and his wife reside in suburban Philadelphia.

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Tim Killeen ‘02 and Nishaat Yunus were married on October 3, 2015 at St. Aloysius in downtown Detroit. Among the Cubs in attendance were Colin Killeen ‘98 and Mark Bealin ‘02 in Tim’s wedding party and Rev. Martin Connell, who officiated the ceremony.

Brendan Sirhal ‘99 and his wife Marykate welcomed twins; Macallister John and Brynn Margaret! Mac arrived at 11:59PM on April 26, 2016 while Brynn made a more dramatic entrance an hour later in the early hours of April 27, 2016. Twins with different birthdays!

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and his wife Meghan welcomed their beautiful daughter Evelyn Marie Oaks to the world, born Sunday, January 31, 2016. Both mom and baby are happy and healthy. Aaron and his wife moved to Germany in 2014 and work for BASF and publish a blog about their experiences: www.submergedoaks.com.

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In Memoriam
The U of D Jesuit community joins in prayerful remembrance of those alumni who have passed away as of May 5, 2016. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Eternal rest grant unto them, Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Frank D. Wilberding ‘39
April 5, 2016 in Grosse Pointe, MI. Served in World War II in the U. S. Army in Hawaii and Saipan. After the war he sold real estate in Grosse Pointe, then started his own home building company there in 1950 and went on to do commercial work as well. During the next 25 years, he helped design and build many of Grosse Pointe’s finest homes, over one hundred homes in all. He was an avid golfer, tennis player, and downhill skier. He was a member of the DAC and a lifetime member of the Country Club of Detroit. He was longtime benefactor of Bon Secours Hospital, St. Paul Church Grosse Pointe, and the University of Notre Dame. He is survived by six children, nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Predeceased by his brother Edward Wilberding of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan; and Marion (Gordon) MacKenzie of Naples, Florida.

Joseph W. Hillebrand ‘40
November 24, 2015, in Sun Lakes, AZ. Passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family. Proud WWII veteran of the Army Air Corps. He was a successful design and development engineer for Ford Motor Company for 30 years, passionate aviator who served as president of EAA Chapter 113 and personally built three aircrafts. Predeceased by his loving wife of 60 years, Edith. Survived by his five children, Edwin, Jolyn, Paul, Patricia and Joseph. He was the proud Grandfather to six and Great-Grandfather to five.

Louis S. Bernadotte ‘40
April 23, 2016. Beloved husband of Virginia for 68 years. Loving father of Paula (Eric) Johnson and Anda (Bob) Zile. Proud grandfather of Marie Harrison (Jeffrey Blanco), Mark Harrison, Robert (Marissa) Zile, and Justin (Crystal) Zile. Treasured great-grandfather of Alec Blanco. Louis was a graduate of Holy Cross College, and the University of Detroit Law School. He served as a Lieutenant in the Navy during World War II.

Richard T. Tarnas ‘41
For twenty-five years, Richard Tarnas served as Chief Counsel to the U.S. Army Tank-Automotive Command headquartered in Warren, Michigan. He was also a professor of law at several law schools in Michigan, including fifty years at the University of Detroit School of Law. He received many career achievement and distinguished service awards throughout his life. He is survived by his sister Delphine, two daughters, six sons (Rick ’68, Robin ’69, Stephen ’75, Paul ’77, David ’78, Chris ’82) as well as by eighteen grandchildren (Alexander ’03), six great-grandchildren, and Jeanne Moesta, his companion during his final decade.
Our Prayers & Condolences

Richard J. Duncan ’43
March 31, 2016, in Rochester, MI. Beloved husband of the late Barbara, Loving father of Gail, Thomas (Lynn), Karen (the late Mark), and David; proud grandfather of five granddaughters. Mr. Duncan lived his life seeing the best in people with a strong devotion to his family, community and faith. After serving in WWII, he worked in the auto business and started Jerome-Duncan Ford in Utica. He became President of the Sterling Heights Chamber of Commerce, president of the Detroit Auto Dealers Assoc., and President of UCS Foundation for Educational Excellence. In 2002, Duncan Elementary School was named after him.

Donald D. Nelson ’44

Richard A. Keyes ’45
October 26, 2015, Preceded in death by loving wife Coralie. Dearest husband of Dolores Siedlik. Beloved father of Mary Kate Jones (Stephen), Christopher (Valerie), Thomas (Christine), Timothy (Laura), Caroline Sippala (David), Margaret Bush (Christopher) and step father of Thomas Siedlik. Proud grandfather of 14 grandchildren and three step-grandchildren.

Robert J. Solner ’45

Paul T. Greening ’46
November 9, 2015, in Bloomingdale, IL. Originally of Grosse Pointe, MI. Graduated from both U of D High and University of Detroit with an MBA. While serving our country in the US Air Force 61st Fighter Squadron during the Korean War, Paul married his beloved wife of 63 years, Joanne (Hengehold). Paul's career as a senior executive in the automotive and financial worlds brought them to Bloomingdale, IL in 1976 where he continued to serve others, as a certified financial planner. Paul is survived by three daughter, nine grandchildren (Christopher Burke ’03 and Kevin Burke ’08) and a great-grandchild Parker Kennedy.

Edward A. Larson ’46
September 30, 2015, in West Chester, PA. Edward was the son of the late Evelyn (nee McCann) and August Larson. He graduated from Union College in 1950 and served in the armed forces and graduated from the Harvard School of Business in 1955. His first career involved the family business of Clay Pipe Manufacturing in Detroit and Ohio. Edward is survived by his wife, Rhoda McQuiston Larson and nine children, 27 grandchildren and five great-grandsons.
Robert S. Kowalski '47

Robert F. Schott '47

E. Clarence Mularoni '47
March 6, 2016. Preceded in death by his loving wife Jacque, his brother Bert '47 and sister-in-law Mary Jo. He is survived by his children Lisa (Rick) Kaminski, Grace (Glen) Esche, Dave (Maria) Mularoni, and Matt (Judy) Mularoni; grandchildren Kristin (Walt Sweeney IV), Andy, Alex, Tim, Liz, Dom, Mitch, Jonathan, Grace, Jacqueline and Doug, great grandsons Wally and Tommy Sweeney; and his sister Joann (Jim) Holden, sister-in-law Joan Eastin (the late Ray); and a large loving family. Bud graduated from the University of Detroit after serving in the Korean War. He and his brother were the proud owners of Boston Tile and Terrazzo Company, along with their sons.

Humbert A. “Bert” Mularoni '47

John H. Meyer '47
February 9, 2016. He was the 2nd of 4 children and was preceded in death by brothers John and Paul, and is survived by his sister Eleanor. He was very proud of paying his own way through U of D High, adding delivery driver to his list of jobs. U of D was also the ground for several lifelong friendships for Charley. He graduated U of D in 1948 with High honors and continued his education at University of Detroit, originally in engineering. He went on to work for the Ford Motor Company. Beloved husband of Joyce for 23 years and the late Beata for 40 years. Dear father of Charles K., Jr. ’71 (Nancy), Linda (Chris Farley), Matthew (Suzanne Metzel) and Carole Whitney (Michael).

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William G. “Billie” Batty ‘49
October 5, 2015. Beloved husband of Nina (nee DiFranco) for 62 years. Loving father of Lynda (Dean) Jolliff, Douglas (Lori), Sherry (Bob) Nagle and Janice (Mark) Madek. Adored Papa of Amy (Matt) Schendel, Lindsay (Isaiah) Sonjeow, Billy and Leah Batty, Nikī, Melissa and Christina Nagle, Ryan, Melanie and Marlie Madek and G-Pa of Olivia Sonjeow. Dear brother of Charles K., Jr. ’71 (Nancy), Linda (Chris Farley), Matthew (Suzanne Metzel) and Carole Whitney (Michael).
Adrian G. Hoffman ’51

Dennis S. Lynch ’53
October 6, 2015, in Gaylord, MI. He received a B.S. Degree in Chemistry from the University of Detroit and later graduated from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in Kirksville, MO in 1961. After practicing in Detroit for a few years, he practiced in Pontiac where his Internal Medicine office was located for 40 years, until his retirement in 2005. Dr. Lynch and his wife, Pam moved from Milford to Vanderbilt upon his retirement from practice. He enjoyed playing golf and was a member of the Gaylord Country Club and the Otsego Club. He enjoyed following Notre Dame football. He is survived by his wife, The Reverend Pamela Lynch. Also surviving are his children, Christopher Lynch, Kevin (Linda) Lynch of Grosse Pointe Woods, Colleen Lynch of Traverse City and Brian (Beth Bakotic) Lynch of Midway, KY; six grandchildren.

Marcellus J. Sweeney ’53
September 23, 2015. Resident of Vacaville, CA. He was born and raised in Detroit, MI, the eldest child of Marcellus Sr. and Jane (King) Sweeney. He attended Michigan State University. He served in the United States Army and Army Reserves from 1954-1962. In 1970, he moved his family to Northern California, settling in Martinez. He worked as a Sales Representative for CSAA until his retirement in 1998. He played recreational hockey and coached youth hockey teams for many years. He is survived by his children Linda and Mark; grandchildren Shannon, Sarah and Eric and his sister Margaret.

Daniel A. McDonnell ’54
October 2, 2015. He leaves his wife of 51 years, Karen (Shanklin), and four children. He is also survived by his brother, Harry McDonnell D.O., niece Mary McDonnell, nephews Michael McDonnell D.O. (Patricia), Michael and Chase Carbone, granddaughter Gianna DiLorenzo. Daniel achieved his life-long goal of serving as a physician, a journey which began at the College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery in Des Moines, Iowa, continued with a medical internship in Warren, Ohio, and culminated in the achievement of Board Certification in General Practice. Dr. Dan purchased the Bolivar Clinic in 1963, where he was subsequently joined by his brother, Dr. Harry McDonnell; they practiced together for 30 plus years.

Edward J. Ewing ’50
October 16, 2015, in Sarasota, FL. He graduated 1954 from the University of Notre Dame and in 1960 from Wayne State University with an MBA. He was a U.S. Army veteran. He was a member of the Florida House of Representatives for six years. Chairman and member of the Sarasota. Ted is survived by his daughter Carey Louise Ewing, sons Edward J. Ewing, Jr. and Patrick Ewing.

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William A. Falls ’51
December 15, 2013, in Conway, MI. William is survived by two daughters, Angela (Craig) Shackleford and Andrea (Mark) Henderson, along with three grandchildren; Justin and Chelsey Henderson and Ian Shackleford.

Charles E. Baer ’51
November 30, 2015. Beloved husband of Joan (nee: Collins). Dear father of Charles E. Baer, III, Betsy Johnston (Bruce), Ann Marie Hayes (Mark), and Susan Paroly (Matt). Special grandfather of Keely Baer, Elizabeth Trese (Matt), Lauren Costello, Colin, Ryan, and Kelsey Hayes, Charley, Jack and Will Paroly. Brother of Robert F. Baer ’59 (Mary Ann) and Melanie Brent (John W.). Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his son-in-law, Christopher M. Costello ’73. Attended Purdue University where he played football and golf. Founder of Eutectic Engineering.
Gregory J. Heyner ’56
February 22, 2014. He is survived by son, Matthew Gregory Heyner; grandchild, Momiji Heyner; brothers, Conrad ’47 and Frederick Heyner ’52; sister, Judith Murphy. A native of Detroit, Dr. Heyner was a local resident for the past 45 years. He was an Army veteran and retired from his occupation as an ophthalmologist in 2001. He spent the last 12 years of his life as a resident of Heartfields Assisted Living in Richmond. Dr. Heyner’s many achievements include Chief of E.E.N.T at Fort Lee, and Attending Physician at the VA Medical Center Clinic. He also taught at MCV and held a private practice on Forest Hill Avenue in Richmond.

John S. Guzik ’55

John F. Szatkowski ’55
November 2, 2015, in Shelby Township. Beloved husband of Irena for 25 years. Dearest son of the late Peter and Helen, dear brother of Victoria (Dick) Hartshorn, the late Eugene, Edwin, Ernest and Eleanor. John was the son-in-law of Antoni and brother-in-law of Phyllis, he is also survived by many nieces and nephews. John was a member of Knights of Columbus Council 9346, Polish Roman Catholic Union, and the American Polish Cultural Center.

Thomas M. Farnsworth ’56
February 23, 2015. Loving father of Thomas S. (Rachelle Leach). Dear brother of Michael (Danila). Dearest uncle to two nieces and four nephews. Preceded in death by his parents Thomas E. and Kathleen (Allman); his brother John; and his sister Lynn Farnsworth.

Anthony A. Meo ’56
August 31, 2007. Beloved husband of Mary Ann (nee Miazek) for 19 years. Loving father of Melissa (Ron) Watson, Ann Marie (Mike) Cormier, Rachelle Meo, and Rebecca (Michael) Brady. Dear grandfather of Max, Madeline, Claire, Brendan, Allie, and Thomas. Dear brother of Peter (Kathy), Florence (George) DePillo, Domenica (Enright) Kroetsch, Vincent, and Anselma (Richard) Burke. Also survived by many loving sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, and nephews. Tony also loved spending time with his six grandchildren, watching their sporting events, and taking them to the fair or the zoo. He was described by those who knew him as a Man For Others.

Lou M. Fortunate ’56
May 5, 2014, in White Plains, NY. A man of many talents and hobbies, Lou is credited with having written and recorded over 40 albums of music. Lou was also an employee of the Archdiocese of NY as a master church organist and Director of Music at St. Raymond’s church in the Bronx and St. Bernard’s and Our Lady of Sorrows churches in White Plains over a span of close to 40 years. He is survived by Maryfaith and eight children and spouses, Bob, Dianne & Amado, Terry, Tony & Jaime and Carrie & Don, as well as eight grandchildren, Marco, Frankie, Kayla, Jason, Ashleigh, Sean, Ryan, and Ryan’s brother-to-be, and one great-grandchild, Annabella, as well as two sisters, Sandy Moore and Karen Tharp, brother-in-law Sam Walker, niece Karen Thomas and nephews Bob and Joe Kosmal and their extended families.
Patrick M. Nowak ’56
November 22, 2014, in North Port, FL with his wife at his side. Graduate of Marquette University. Pat was involved in several organizations over the years, including The Boy Scouts of America as a child. Pat was the owner of a Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Agency and served on the Oakland County Board of Commissioners (1973-’76). In 1977, he was appointed as Oakland County Deputy Executive, and served until 1991. In 1991, he was appointed Director of Transportation for the State of Michigan, under Governor Engler, and served until 1996. He was the Republican Nominee for US Congress for Michigan’s 9th District in 1996. Pat is survived by his loving wife of 37 years, Sandy Nowak; children, Michael, Jerry (Marcia), and John Nowak, Kim McInerney, Julie (John) O’Donovan and Lynn Mills; grandchildren, Connor, Rebecca, Preston, Sean, David, Grace, Maggie, Claire and Molly.

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William E. Bray ’59
February 9, 2016, in Tucson, AZ. Bill is survived by his wife of 51 years Pat (nee Langley) and their three children, Beth, Patrick and Chris as well as three grandchildren.

Clyde P. “Bud” Craine ’60
December, 18, 2015, in Palm Springs, CA. Graduated from the University of Notre Dame. He continued to the University of Detroit Dental School in 1969, where he received high honors and a master’s of Science. He then attended Northwestern University, Chicago, where he was awarded the American Board of Orthodontics degree. Bud met and married, the "love of his life" Patricia (Patti) in 1970. They soon left the Chicago area and moved to Palm Springs, in 1971, opening up an extremely successful orthodontist practice for 40 years. "Dr. Bud" was a diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics. He is survived by his loving wife of 45 years Patti; Patti’s sister, Lisa; daughter, Kimi; son, Darren, and three grandsons.

William P. Ryder ’60
September 24, 2015, in Commerce Twp, MI. He is survived by Lucila, his beloved wife of over twenty-eight years; daughter, F. Josephine "Anne" (Jeff) Arrowwood-Ross; sons, James (Elyse) Ryder, Kevin (Debbie) Ryder, and Matthew Ryder; grandchildren, Lark, Morgan, David, Matthew, Angelina, and Julian. He was preceded in death by his parents, William Joseph Ryder and Lilyan Stevens Ryder; a wife, Kaye Bell Ryder; and a daughter, Michele Ryder. Pat worked in the Assessor’s office with the City of Detroit for over thirty-five years and later worked as a tax lawyer in Southfield.

Thomas C. Shreve ’60
March 29, 2015 in Jasper, IN. He retired from Abbott Laboratory in Logistic International Management. He graduated from the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., and received a MBA degree from University of Michigan. He was a veteran of the Air Force and served in government intelligence. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Gloria W. Shreve, one host daughter, Jeanette Cepedes-Dufrene and husband Andre of New Orleans, LA.; two grandchildren Gabriella and Rafel; stepsister, Susan Shreve and several nieces and nephews.

Dennis B. Sullivan ’60
October 30, 2015, at his home in Bloomfield Hills, MI. A native and lifelong Detroiter, Dennis attended U of D High School with his older brother John ’56. Upon graduation, he enlisted in the United States Air Force and proudly served across the world, from Okinawa, Japan to Omaha, Nebraska. He returned home to Michigan after receiving an honorable discharge, and earned both Bachelors and Masters degrees in Business from the University of Detroit. Dennis and his wife Patti raised three sons. Dennis began his career in Sales at General Foods, and then moved to Vlasic Pickles. Working for his close friend and mentor Robert Vlasic, Dennis rose to the role of President. Following the sale of Vlasic Foods to Campbell Soup, Dennis opened an office of Management Recruiters International, and later founded Sullivan & Associates, which became the largest executive search firm in Metro Detroit.
Richard J. Larabell ‘63
February 19, 2016. Beloved husband of Christine for 41 years. Loving father of Sandra Alice Larabell. Dear brother of Thomas ‘58 (Yvonne), Lawrence (Suzanne), Marilyn, Barbara (Mikel) d’Irala, Raymond ‘72 (Janet) and William ‘74. Proud uncle of many nieces and nephews, including five U of D Jesuit Graduates: David Larabell ‘98, Josh Eggert ’08, Bradley Larabell ’06, Scott Larabell ’12, and Timothy Renaud ’15. He was an avid fisherman, woodworker, musician and a very funny man. Richard was also very strong in his faith and church and a loyal Cub.

William T. Egglesfield ‘61
October 6, 2015, in Sioux Falls, SD with his loving family at his side. Graduate of Wayne State University and Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine. An Obstetrician/Gynecologist, he delivered over 6,000+ babies into the world. An avid golfer, Bill enjoyed watching his Cubs, Tigers, Red Wings and Wolverines. Dearest husband for 45 years of Kathleen nee Dineen. Loving father of Kerry (Tom) Boetel, Colin and Sean (Tammy) Egglesfield. Devoted grandfather of Kiera, Mave, Nora and Shay Boetel, Megan, Tristan and Brennan Egglesfield. Brother of Gary (Judy) Egglesfield.

William J. Edgar ‘64
September 13, 2015. Survived by ten nieces and nephews. He was a police officer for the City of Northville and member of the Knights of Columbus.

Charles J. Pelletier ‘61
January 14, 2016, in Benbrook, TX. He graduated from Notre Dame University in 1965 then attended Eastern Michigan University for graduate school. He served in the U.S. Army, reaching rank of captain. He served two tours of duty in Vietnam, earning Bronze Star for valor, Combat Infantry Badge, and the Distinguished Flying Cross, among others. He was a Cobra helicopter pilot and was severely injured in November of 1970, then retired from the Army. Chuck was founder and director of Mother & Unborn Baby Care of North Texas. He dedicated his life to saving the lives of unborn babies and the souls of their mothers. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Pat; daughters, Lisa Irlbeck and husband, Randy, Jennifer Pelletier; sons, Charles Pelletier III, James Pelletier and wife, Stacie, John Pelletier and wife, Kathleen; grandchildren; grand-dog, Henry; and thousands of babies who are alive through his efforts.

Leonard A. Kaanta ‘66
January 29, 2016, in Marquette, MI. After graduation, Leonard enrolled in college and then enlisted in the US Army and later in the Reserves, serving during the Vietnam Era. He completed a 20 year military career with his honorable discharge, retiring as Lieutenant Colonel. Returning to Michigan, he enrolled at Western Michigan University's Cooley Law School where he received his law degree. Leonard then relocated to Marquette and was employed as an attorney for various law firms. Survivors include his son, John Kaanta of Grand Rapids; a sister, Marianne (Ernie) Hornsby and his brother, Penn Joseph Kaanta both of Dothan, AL; numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. Leonard was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Tina.

Philip Stenger ’63
May 3, 2016. Beloved Husband, Father & Grandfather. Loving husband of Janet Dolan Stenger, who would have celebrated 43 years of marriage on May 25th. Devoted father of Matthew Stenger (Margaret) and Megan Cooper (Brian). Grandfather of Mollie, Grace, Madeline, Jack and Evan Stenger; Loghan and Maren Cooper. He is also the brother of Mary Jo Johnston (Peter, M.D.), James Stenger, D.D.S. ’60 (Sandra) and the late Edward Stenger (Beverly). He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

J. Chip R. Drotos ‘66
November 10, 2015, in Bloomfield Hills, MI. Beloved husband of Jane Baker. Dear father of Janna Drotos (Josh Scott) and Amelia Mills (Don). Grandfather of Abigail Jane Mills, Genevieve Georgianna Scott, and Cody Scott. Loving son of Myrtle and the late Julius Drotos. Brother of Paul Drotos (Debbie) and the late Mary Jane Cory. Also survived by several nieces and nephews.

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Lester H. Massengill ’66
August 25, 1995 at the age of 47.

Dan J. O’Reilly ’67
November 5, 2015 at his home in LaVerne, CA. Danny was the fourth child of six born to Joseph and Marie Fitzpatrick O’Reilly, his brothers Michael ’70 and Frank ’73 also graduated from The High. Predeceased by his parents and younger brother Gerard, Dan is survived by his wife Gail and her children Laura, Robert, Elline and four grandchildren. Dan attended St. Alphonsus Catholic School.

John A. Gustina ’68
September 1, 2015, in Lansing, MI. John was retired from the State of Michigan; avid sports fan and devoted husband, father and grandfather. He is survived by his wife of 27 years, Grace Scott, daughter Bethe (Mike Rischow) Carrier, four grandchildren: Dakota Pettit, Austin Pettit, Kylie Kleinert, Logan Carrier; two sisters, Rita Bates, Rosemary (Roger) Cahaney, and brother Arthur Jr. (Peggy) Gustina ’74. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother-in-law, Larry Bates.

Christopher J. Pabian ’69
January 13, 2016. Dearest brother of Michael S. (Janelle) ’67. Also survived by four nephews and two nieces.

Christopher Johnson ’70
March 11, 2016. Raised in Georgia and Detroit, he attended Princeton, where he excelled on its Division I football team and graduated magna cum laude. He received his law degree from The University of Virginia School of Law, where he was top of his class. He was a partner at Streich Lang, and then for the past 20 years practiced at Squire Sanders, now Squire Patton Boggs, where he honed his enviable reputation as one of the finest corporate attorneys in the country. He is survived by his beloved wife, Christine and three children; two brothers Michael ’69 and Mark ’72; as well as a his niece Emily and nephew Matthew.

Matthew J. Roethel ’71
July 2, 2008.

Joseph E. Szumowski ’72
September 14, 2015, in Danville, CA. Joe was a devoted husband to Catherine Felisky, loving father to his children Jennifer (Thomas Fortney) and sons Nathaniel and Benjamin. He was a compassionate and caring physician at Valley Medical Oncology Consultants. Joe was a honorable man of high standards who quietly and positively influenced many lives. He will be deeply missed. His brother, Edward ’68, also graduated from U of D High.

Dennis E. Howe ’73
October 19, 2015. Dennis attended Gesu Grade School, and Michigan State University where he received a Bachelors of Science Degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management. Dennis married his best friend and love of his life, Patricia Tobin Howe in 1983. After living in California and working with Minnesota Life Tax and Financial Group, he moved to Charlotte, NC. In 1994, Dennis founded GCG Wealth Management Inc., where he remained CEO and President. Dennis generously contributed to the Ronald McDonald House and the March Forth with Hope Foundation. He loved skiing golf, tennis and was known for his unwaivering kindness. Dennis is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 32 years, Patty Tobin Howe; son Patrick, daughter Elizabeth and six siblings.
**Dominic J. Noonan ’03**

December 20, 2015. Loving son of Laura and David. Beloved grandson of Mary and John ‘Pepsi’ Pepera and the late Helen and Joe Noonan. Beloved nephew and cousin and is survived by his many good friends. Dominic graduated from Wayne State University and 2015 from Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science. Proud first year Podiatric Surgery Resident at DMC. He was very active in ballet from age three to age 14. Played baseball from age three through college. Played football from fifth grade through twelfth grade. He was an Altar server and Eucharistic Minister, member of the National Honor Society and Generation of Promise and was very involved in many service organizations. Dominic was an avid softball player, powerlifter and collector of GI Joes & Jordan shoes.

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**Jeffrey Kobierzynski ’74**

Nov. 25, 2015 at his home in Harbor Springs, MI. He is survived by his loving wife, Carla, his beloved dog Augie, Carla’s two children Jerry (Julie) Saieg and Sara (Steve) Hoyt and two grandchildren, Addison and Julia. He is also survived by his parents Arthur and Eleanor Kobierzynski, his two sisters Teri (Walter) Jachimowicz and Stacey (Robert) Foster, nieces Casey, Anna, Claire and nephew Geoffrey.

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**France “Kevan” Bowers ’85**

November 7, 2015, in Allen Park, MI. Kevan is survived by his daughter, Brooke.

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**Cordel D. Fowler ’09**

January 9, 2016, in Atlanta, GA. He was a beloved member of the UDJ Basketball team during his time at The High. He is survived by his mother and father, Cordel D. Fowler and S. Rene D. Fowler, as well as two brothers, Coral ’07 and Cameron ’12.

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**Cameron Culp ’14**

May 2, 2016 in Conway, SC. He is survived by his grandfather, Luther Rayford.
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