

*Do Good*



*Give Respect*



# *The Murphy Way*

2022-2023 ANNUAL REPORT



**AMHS**  
ARCHBISHOP MURPHY HIGH SCHOOL

*Show Excellence*

*Live Faith*





# Give Respect

## President's Letter Steve Schmutz

In researching the history of Holy Cross High School—later renamed Archbishop Thomas J. Murphy High School in 1999—I found two amazing sources: a box of treasures left to me from Pat Jack containing the feasibility studies of the school from the early 1980s, and a draft of a potential book on the history of the school from Jack O'Donnell from May of 2012. As we celebrate the 35th anniversary of the opening of Holy Cross High School, these resources capture some of the stories of the people who made the dream of a Catholic High School in Snohomish County become a reality.

I first heard the “kitchen table” story when I joined AMHS in the fall of 2006. During our new employee orientation, Principal Kris Brynildsen-Smith played a video narrated by former Holy Cross board president Steve Good. It begins in 1981 with Dick and Mary Henderson visiting at the home of Cary and Mo Halpin. At the Halpin kitchen table that evening the families pledged to start the journey of opening a Catholic high school and they invited other families and friends from St. Mary Magdalen Parish and Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of Perpetual Help to join them. Among those who became instrumental in the early planning and feasibility studies were Steve and Sandra Good and Pat and Bill Jack.

The group established a non profit organization called the Northsound Association for Catholic Education and developed by-laws for the board. The board did presentations at local parishes and at Providence Hospital, and met with leadership in the Archdiocese. In 1985 the opportunity to purchase the current school property (22.5 acres) led to a collection of 20 people contributing to the loan for \$320,000, including Jim and Jo Ann Mulligan and Mark and Brenda Simmons.

The school would not be governed by the Archdiocese but needed Archdiocesan approval for the board to launch a

campaign to raise funds to open the school and to have curriculum approved by the Archdiocese to teach religion. With strong support from Fr. Joseph Marquardt at St. Mary Magdalen and the approval of Archbishop Hunthausen, the board prepared to lease space at Our Lady of Perpetual Help while they raised funds to build the school on the property near Mill Creek. On September 7, 1988, eight sophomores and fifteen freshmen started

the first day of school at Holy Cross High School.

The founding families and board members weren't alone as pioneering leaders of the school—the early student body and faculty and staff helped add to the foundation. In addition to a college preparatory curriculum, the school slowly added performing arts and athletics, adopted the current school colors and wildcat mascot, and made use of any gymnasium and soccer field they could rent for games and practices.

“ Traveler, there is no path  
The path is made by walking.  
By walking you make a path  
And turning, you look back  
At a way you will never tread again.  
—Antonio Machado, *Border of a Dream: Selected Poems*



The school enrollment grew each year as did the expenses of leasing OLP, paying the bills and expenses of the school, and paying the loan on the property.

The stories of those who kept the dream alive include Sr. Aquinata, a Dominican Sister and friend of the Henderson family. She donated \$25,000 of savings to help the school cover expenses. Archbishop Thomas J. Murphy and the Archdiocese helped the school with loans and ensured the board wouldn't sell an inch of the property. With their debt stabilized, the school launched a major campaign to build the school, renaming it after Archbishop Murphy to honor his support and leadership.

In October of 1999, faculty and staff, students and parents, and other community members loaded up vans and vehicles to move desks and resources from the OLP site to the new campus. At the time the only buildings were what is now named Holy Cross Hall along with a collection of portables that would be used as classrooms and offices. Over time, athletic fields were developed for soccer, baseball, softball, and football. Grace Hall opened in 2005 and Heath Hall in 2007 and in 2017 the St. Thomas Chapel was completed and dedicated. Dedicated and faith filled people made it possible for a kitchen table dream to happen, leading to over 2700 alumni by 2023 who have received a Catholic high school education in Snohomish County.

One of the early board members in the years leading up to 1988 was Colleen Wartelle. She was a long time educator and parishioner at Immaculate Conception in Everett (now named Our Lady of Hope Parish). Colleen is the mother in law of Kathy Wartelle who is the current Principal of Our Lady of Hope and a former AMHS board member. As the early leaders of the school worked tirelessly to keep the project organized and on course, Colleen wrote to her colleagues and said: "I find courage in the wisdom of an "old saying" I recently came across. 'You make the path by walking it.' We are engaged in making a path and indeed the walking has been rough. But there is no other way. The only way to make the path is to take the necessary steps. I believe we are up to it."

We are forever indebted to the early leaders and founders of Holy Cross and Archbishop Murphy High School. To everyone who has played a role in the story of our history we offer our thankful gratitude, love, and prayers.



Peace and all good things,

**Steve Schmutz**  
AMHS President



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# Sean Mullins

## Class of 2023

Theology Department Chair Anna Hogenson '13 shared the following reflection about Sean Mullins.

*In my many years at AMHS, both as a student and a teacher, it is very rare to come across a Wildcat like Sean Mullins. Throughout his four years, Sean embodied qualities that set him apart as a true leader on our campus, making a profound impact on his peers and our entire school community. Sean was a committed performer of the Wildcat Band, a spirited athlete on the cheer team, a core member of the NHS Executive Team, a true Broadway star in the musical, a valuable voice of ASB, an inspirational leader of the beloved Kairos retreat, among his many other roles.*

*Sean's impact on our campus was recognized through the many awards he received his senior year: Valedictorian, Mardy Paschke LINK Scholarship, ASB Senior Spirit Award, National Merit Commended Scholar, and the Holy Cross Award recipient. Sean's unwavering commitment to fostering an atmosphere of inclusivity and genuine kindness is a testament to his character. For Sean, the call to love one's neighbor is not just a motto, but a way of life. Sean is currently attending Gonzaga University, majoring in Community Culture and Language with plans to pursue Elementary Education Certification. We are blessed to have an alum whose presence is like a radiant light, and who will continue to brighten our world through his Christlike leadership.*







# Live Faith

## Baccalaureate Speech Graduation 2023

*Good evening, Class of 2023, parents, families, teachers, staff, and everyone else gathered here in celebration of our graduating class.*

*First, I must thank you, graduates, for honoring me with the Holy Cross Award this year. I wouldn't be the person I am today without all of your support and friendship throughout these past four years.*

*But, to be honest, I don't think I'm quite deserving of this honor. If you had told me in freshman year that I would receive the Holy Cross Award and speak at my last ever high school mass, I might've thought it a bit more realistic. But it's been a monumental four years. All of us have changed in many ways, and for me, one of those changes has been my spirituality. I can't stand up here and claim to be a perfect example of Catholicism for you to look up to. But I hope that my speech can reflect to all of you the life of faith and service that we are called to live, regardless of how religious you consider yourself to be.*

*Here at Archbishop Murphy, we claim it is our goal to live "the Murphy Way." In case you're unfamiliar, "the Murphy Way" consists of four pillars: live faith, give respect, do good, and show excellence. After four years, I still don't know if there's an official order for those pillars. But I have learned a surprising truth. One action, one way of existence can satisfy all four of those pillars at once: love.*



*What is love? One of the most recognizable descriptions of love is actually found in the Bible, in First Corinthians Chapter 13. But I'd argue that we, the Class of 2023, are a pretty close runner-up to Scripture when it comes to love.*

*Corinthians says love is patient. Love is Lana Kassab, holding open the door for minutes on end as a steady stream of students leaves the building.*

*Love is kind. Love is Brandon Lieske staying late after the spring concert to put away chairs, even though he was just there to watch his friends' performances.*

*Love does not envy. Love is Nick Ennis being so excited to support our girls' volleyball team that he dived out of the bleachers onto the court and subsequently went viral on TikTok.*

*Love does not boast. Love is Paul D'Ambrosia being the most responsible and dedicated altar server at pretty much every school mass.*

*Love is not proud. Love is MacKenzie Hewitt pouring hours into personalized artwork to secretly decorate Mr. Taylor's classroom.*



Love does not dishonor others. Love is Edward Rocha being so invested in his education that he wanders into and then actively participates in his friends' classes to learn even more.

Love is not self-seeking. Love is Steven Locke being the ultimate Christlike leader by literally portraying Jesus last year in our Stations of the Cross at Ms. Wright's request, despite the fact that he wasn't even in the drama class.

Love is not easily angered. Love is Ireland Towne forgiving Nick Ennis for losing her credit card during Theology class. And love is also Gio Daza who spent a long time and was finally able to find her credit card... still in the vending machine.

Love keeps no record of wrongs. Love is Annie Emans and Keivon Coleman going from freshman-year rivals to one of the best Kairos leader duos ever.

Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. Love is the seniors in Leaders Of Change showing up early to school on Valentine's Day to hand out "Spread the Love" stickers. Love is the seniors on our yearbook team, who held their cameras at the ready during every school event to capture the good, the bad, and the ugly of this year. Love is every one of you who drove a sibling to school every day, who talked to someone new at lunch, who gave a teacher a grad card, or who helped a freshman feel comfortable on their new sports team.

Love always protects, always trusts, always hopes, and always perseveres.

So, if you ask me, Class of 2023, I would say we all lived out the Murphy Way pretty darn well. In even the most mundane or basic of tasks, we've acted with a love that lives faith, gives respect, does good, and shows

excellence. And I wish I had the time to keep going and list the ways in which every single one of you shows love. (But I have to speak tomorrow too, so I'm trying to make sure you all don't get tired of hearing my voice.) I see love in each and every one of you.

Tomorrow, we're going to walk across the stage and receive a diploma, supposedly summing up the last four years of our lives together on a piece of paper and a couple of signatures. But graduates, I encourage you to look so much deeper into what we have accomplished during our time in high school, particularly in our interactions with one another.

Whatever next year looks like for you, you are certain to be adjusting to a new environment filled with new faces, new opportunities, and new challenges. But I urge you to face the newness with the action that our class has clearly learned how to show: love.

How will you continue to act with love? When your roommate forgets to clean the dishes for the fifth week in a row? When your professor randomly assigns a project over a holiday weekend? When

you meet new people, join new sports teams and clubs, or interact with new peers or coworkers? Your education — and more importantly, your experiences — here at Archbishop Murphy have shaped you into the person you are today and have given you values and tools for the actions you take in the next stage of your life.

Our paths diverge in countless directions from this point forward. We now have the opportunity to choose how we interact with and transform the world. Whatever we go on to achieve — and I know that our class will achieve great things — I hope that we are all guided by love.

“ ... “The Murphy Way” consists of four pillars: live faith, give respect, do good, and show excellence...One action, one way of existence can satisfy all four of those pillars at once: love.





# Live Faith

**AMHS bids farewell to these amazing educators and friends who each will embark on a new adventure in their lives. They will forever be part of the AMHS family.**



## Mary Thompson

There are few things more enjoyable than being around a person who has a brilliant laugh. Mary Thompson may possess the best laugh our school has ever known. Mary was a volunteer at Holy Cross High School

before joining the AMHS staff as a full time employee in 2002. Among the many roles she served in her 20+ years at both schools include school registrar and admissions assistant. She oversaw the Wildcat Buddies program for many years and as a result likely attended more AMHS events than anyone in the history of the school. She and her husband Dennis are the proud parents of three AMHS alumni: Jacob ('01), Nate ('04), and Kyla ('05). Mary nearly always said "yes" to any request for help, and was often the last to leave the school in the afternoon or evening.

Above all Mary loved her colleagues and especially cared for our students. She was a beacon of hope to countless students over the years and the care and compassion she demonstrated on the Kairos retreats made her small groups a place where students felt safe and heard. Her daughter in law Nicole Thompson has now assumed her role as registrar and admissions assistant and we look forward to Mary's next role at AMHS—grandmother to future Wildcat Logan Thompson (son of Nate and Nicole).

John Matusak worked closely with Mary over the years and shared the following reflections about Mary at our June luncheon:

*Sooooooo, how do we go about saying good-bye to Mary? I am serious...how do we say good-bye to her?*

- » *She's been here for something like a million years.*
- » *She has been involved with the school long before we moved to this campus.*
- » *She was a Holy Cross parent before she became an AMHS employee.*
- » *She's occupied more office spaces than anyone else.*
- » *She's held more positions/titles/jobs than just about anyone on campus.*
- » *She's definitely outlasted more co-workers than any other employee in the history of the school.*
- » *She's the only one who can corroborate all of my AMHS stories.*
- » *She's been a surrogate "mom" to countless students (and several former and current faculty members).*
- » *She's butted into more situations that she had no business being involved with than anyone else I can recall ... even more than Sheri Conderman ... and that's saying something.*
- » *She was one of the first "truly rabid football moms."*
- » *She's survived working with me for over 20 years.*
- » *She was my first "2nd Wife."*
- » *She has been my son's "AMHS Mom" since he was in diapers.*
- » *She can't leave yet ... Jack doesn't graduate until next year!!!!!! She promised to stay until he left AMHS.*
- » *She can't leave because everyone will miss her ... Bubba will miss her, the students will miss her, and, well, I will miss her.*





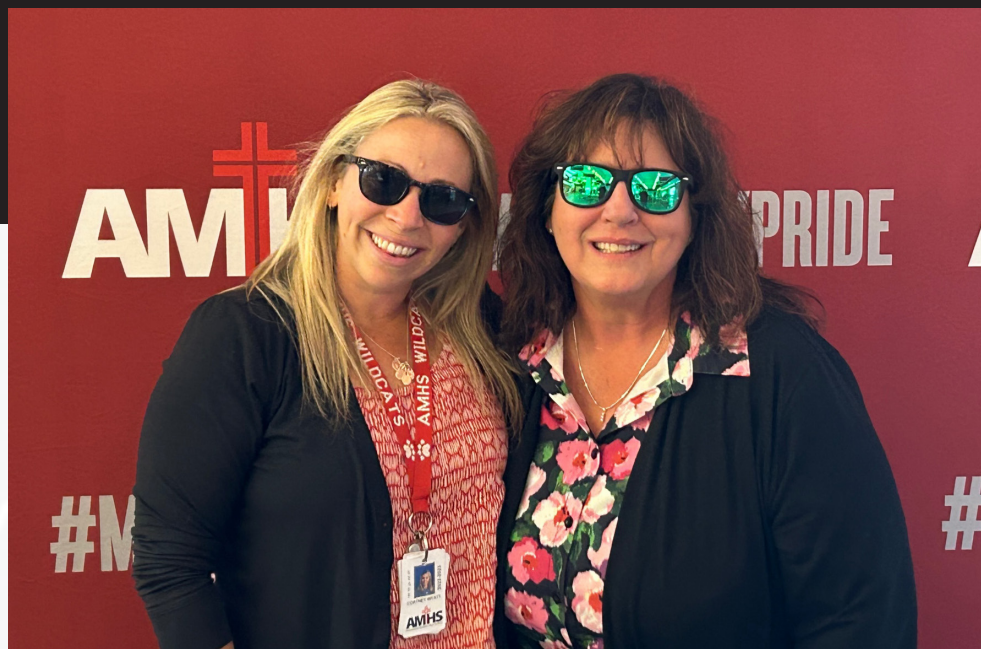
## Cortney (Comunale) Wyatt

Cortney joined the AMHS math department in the fall of 2005 as Cortney Comunale—she married fellow Seattle Prep alumni Stanford Wyatt in

2010. Over the years she taught a variety of classes in the department including AP Statistics and Honors Pre-Calculus. As a long time colleague of Cortney, I admire her strong Catholic faith, warm sense of humor, and devotion to her students and the vocation of teaching. Earlier this year, Cortney accepted a position to teach at her alma mater, Seattle Prep, closer to her home and family in downtown Seattle.

During her first few years at AMHS, prior to the completion of Heath Hall, Cortney and her math department colleagues taught in the portables in the area affectionately named “Math Alley”. Over the years her department colleagues included Beth Mock, Kathy Alkire, Jerry Zander, Alex Crane, Jon Echols, Stephanie Harmon, Dan Moynihan, Lisa Latta, Kari Dobler, Pam Snook, Nicole Pierce, Carolina Jaramillo, and Maddy Huggins ('10).

Cortney loved teaching math and particularly loved her AP Statistics class. I recall asking her for advice when I took a Statistics course at Seattle University several years ago and she was giddy with excitement, because I had one of her college professors as my instructor. She is an absolutely brilliant person and made her subject come to life for her students. Cortney took on many roles over the years at AMHS including coaching girls soccer and chaperoning countless dances and student activities. She led our SAT prep class program in collaboration with Matt Wright and Lisa Latta and her work with the scheduling of our final exam schedules every semester was a Godsend to our administration.



**Cortney Wyatt (left) & Mary Thompson (right)**

Beth Mock shared a moving tribute to Cortney at our end of the year luncheon, with a slide show prepared by Shea Meehan ('05). We wish her and Stanford and their three beautiful children the very best in their new journey—she will be missed by all of us.

*Personally - You are one of the wisest people I know. We supported each other throughout the years. You kept my robe and supplies when I left. They were right where I left them when I came back.*

*As a parent - You hold high standards for your students. My daughter was in capable hands.*

*As a colleague - You took over the coordination of the SAT class. You took over the coordination of finals schedules - making sure they were fair and thoughtfully planned.*

*You're starting a new adventure, but you're taking our friendship with you. We are just a text away when you have a bad day or a good day that you want to tell us about. We love you, and we will miss you, big time.*





## Class of 2023

William Thomas Adams+\*  
Chase Patrick Akins+  
Nicole Alvarez-Gutiérrez+\*  
Matthew Patrick Anderson+\*  
Audrey June Arnold+\*  
Kayleigh Jean Bader+\*  
Sean Robert Balen+\*  
Joshua David Lowell Barnes+  
Henry Aaron Beyer  
Luke Christopher Blachly+\*  
Grace Elan Bolton+\*  
Gabriella Agripina Bombach+\*  
Jackson David Bonnar  
Cameron Eileen Bourne+\*  
Ciana Emeren Brodland  
Abdoulie Sona Cham+  
Keivon Da'Rell Coleman  
Lily Catherine Connelly  
Brian Marcus Coté+\*  
Brianna Marie Coté+\*  
Zachary Scott Cuda  
Gabrielle Elise Cummings+\*  
Graham Edward Cumpston+\*  
Paul James D'Ambrosia+\*  
Brayden Kainoa Daclison  
Giovanni Emanuel Daza

Ella Rose Doran+\*  
Kathryne Lynn Dunaway+\*  
Lilia Grace Echols+\*  
Annie Klein Emans+\*  
Nicholas John Ennis  
Claire DeeAnn Esping+\*  
Lanikai Jane Evans+\*  
Alexandra Mary Faires+\*  
Ariana Farias- Villalobos+\*  
Matthew Douglas Faulk+\*  
Natalee Elizabeth Fischer+\*  
Dylan Scott Fisher  
Caden Reece Galbraith+\*  
Venice Angelica Ganje+\*  
Gerardo Guizar Gates+\*  
Tabitha Elizabeth Gill+\*  
Taylor Ann Glennon+\*  
Ryan Michael Hall  
Benjamin Michael Hatscher+\*  
Cameron Jonathan Hendry+\*  
Ryan Lee Herman  
MacKenzie Anne Hewitt+\*  
Chloe Ann Hogue+\*  
Cody Wayne Hogue+  
Nathanael Albert Hoistad  
Brandon Edward Huettl+\*

Cade Joshua Jansen+  
William Daniel Jentoft+  
Ava Lynn Jobe+\*  
Kendall Addison-Lynn Kahlor+\*  
Lana Marie Kassab  
Patrick Thomas Kenny+\*  
Evan Thomas Kent+\*  
Anna Marie Knafle+\*  
Sydney Adelma Kuhnle+\*  
Samantha Wylie Kwok+  
Eric Olarte Leonen+\*  
Kai Noa Lewis+  
Brandon R. Lieske+\*  
Grant William Locke+\*  
Spencer Lloyd Locke+\*  
Steven Scott Locke II+\*  
Benjamin Yisrael Madow+\*  
Daniel Supasit Marley  
Michael Dwain Mavis+\*  
Pamela Maria Medina+\*  
Macayla Nalani Mills+\*  
Anna Theresa Moeller+\*  
Samuel Dean Mulliken+\*  
Sean Patrick Mullins+\*  
Ryan Joseph Murray  
Joshua John Navaluna+\*  
Jacob James Neth+  
Alishia S. Nichols+\*  
Bianca Beatrice Obillo+\*  
Anthony Jerome Opiniano Ocana+\*  
Emily Grace Olson+\*  
Carlos Javier Osorio  
Hoa Cao Thien Pham  
Ian Russell Phillips+\*  
Camille Manalo Poole  
Nolan Ronald Randall+\*  
Tanya Noemi Reyes+\*  
Makayla Renee Louise Richard  
Lauren Emily Rife  
Miranda Joy Rioja+\*  
Merik Edson Robles+\*  
Edward Daniel Rocha Grijalva+  
Max Joseph Rodabaugh+  
Steven Rosas-Guadarrama+\*  
Natalie Anne Russell+\*  
Tatum Anna Russell+\*  
Zarin Amarah Sadruddin+\*  
Eli William Sampson+\*  
Makena Lynn Schick+\*  
Maya McNamara Seckinger+\*  
Sydney Kaitlin Shander+\*  
Tessa Lynne Shevlin+\*

+ Honors (3.2-4.0 Cumulative GPA)  
 \* Members of National Honor Society (3.6-4.0 GPA)  
 • Washington State Honors Award (recognizes the top 10% statewide)

Wonjoon Daniel Shin+\*  
 Jack William Shipley  
 Benjamin Patrick Slobodzian+  
 Troy David Slocum+\*  
 Issiah Michael Smith+\*  
 Sophie Jiang Yuzhu St. Jacques+\*  
 Leah Ann Steege+\*  
 Treyson Wade Sumpter  
 Aidan Robert Tarasewicz  
 Ireland Ann Towne  
 Noah Tin Tran+\*  
 Meron Mebrahtu Tsegay+\*  
 Stelliani Sophia Tselios  
 Isabella Jane Urbaniak+\*  
 Alma Isabella Villarreal-Elizondo+\*  
 Kiani Eugene Ward+  
 William Jeffrey Widmer III  
 Colin Joseph Wipp+  
 Carter Michael Woodyatt  
 Jiazhe Wu  
 Rui Yuan+\*

**MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2023 WERE COLLECTIVELY**





## MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2023 HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED TO THE FOLLOWING COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

### WASHINGTON

Bellevue College  
Central Washington University  
Eastern Washington University  
Washington State University  
University of Washington, Seattle  
Western Washington University  
Seattle Pacific University  
Seattle University  
Whitman College  
Whitworth University  
Gonzaga University  
Everett Community College  
University of Puget Sound  
Saint Martin's University  
Pacific Lutheran University  
University of Washington, Bothell

### OREGON

Western Oregon University  
George Fox University  
University of Portland  
Lewis & Clark College  
Oregon Institute of Technology  
Oregon State University  
University of Oregon  
Pacific University  
Linfield University

### CALIFORNIA

California Polytechnic State University,  
San Luis Obispo  
California Baptist University  
California Lutheran University  
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona  
California State University-East Bay  
California State University-Fullerton  
California State University-Long Beach  
California State University-Los Angeles  
University of California-Berkeley  
University of California-Davis  
University of California-Irvine

University of California-Los Angeles  
University of California-Merced  
University of California-Riverside  
University of California-San Diego  
University of California-Santa Barbara  
University of California-Santa Cruz  
Chapman University  
San Diego Christian College  
San Diego State University  
University of San Diego  
University of San Francisco  
University of Southern California  
Santa Clara University  
Point Loma Nazarene University  
Dominican University of California  
Loyola Marymount University

### WEST

University of Alaska Anchorage  
Arizona State University-Tempe  
University of Arizona  
Boise State University  
Grand Canyon University-Traditional Campus  
Idaho State University  
The College of Idaho  
University of Idaho  
Northern Arizona University  
University of Utah  
Carroll College  
University of Colorado Boulder  
University of Colorado Denver  
Colorado School of Mines  
Colorado State University-Fort Collins  
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Prescott  
Regis University  
Montana State University  
The University of Montana

### MIDWEST

Buena Vista University  
Clarke University  
Cornell College

University of Dubuque  
Grinnell College  
Kenyon College  
Oberlin College  
Roosevelt University  
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology  
University of St. Thomas (Mn)  
Michigan State University  
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor  
University of Notre Dame  
Purdue Polytechnic Institute - West Lafayette  
Purdue University-Main Campus  
Kansas State University  
Knox College  
Loyola University Chicago  
Luther College  
Marquette University  
University of Chicago

### NORTHEAST

Boston College  
Boston University  
New York University  
Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences  
American University  
The George Washington University  
Babson College  
United States Military Academy  
Stevens Institute of Technology  
Clark University  
Villanova University  
University of Vermont  
Colby College  
Temple University  
Columbia University in the City of New York  
Trinity College  
Connecticut College  
Ohio State University-Main Campus  
Drexel University  
Seton Hall University  
Salve Regina University  
Fairfield University

Fordham University  
Saint Elizabeth University  
Rutgers University-New Brunswick  
University of Rochester  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Grove City College  
Hofstra University  
Pace University, New York City Campus  
Ithaca College  
Northeastern University  
Muhlenberg College  
Pennsylvania State University-Penn State Main  
Campus  
University of Pittsburgh-Pittsburgh Campus  
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health  
Sciences  
Marymount Manhattan College  
University of Massachusetts-Amherst  
Lehigh University  
Lafayette College  
The King's College

### SOUTH

Baylor University  
Beacon College  
Belmont University  
Citadel Military College of South Carolina  
Clemson University  
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University  
Florida Institute of Technology  
Florida State University  
Georgia Institute of Technology  
Palm Beach Atlantic University  
Duke University  
Davidson College  
Appalachian State University  
George Mason University  
University of Richmond  
Missouri Southern State University  
University of Missouri-Kansas City  
Saint Louis University

## AWARDED OVER \$24.5 MILLION IN SCHOLARSHIPS



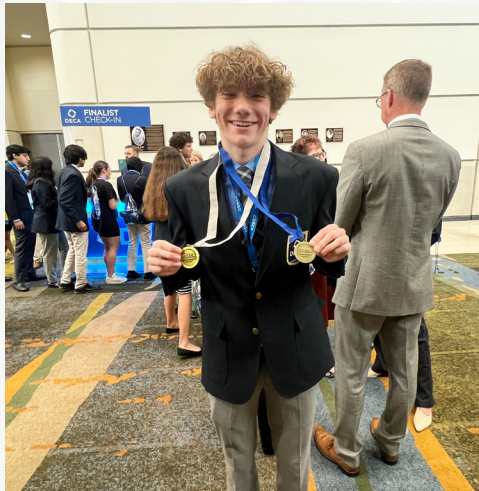


# Show Excellence

## Co-Curricular Highlights: Clubs & Retreats

**DECA:** AMHS DECA had a tremendous year of competition! To start, 54 students competed at the Area 2 Conference in Lynnwood, 29 of whom qualified for the State Career Development Conference. From there, 30 total students competed at State in Bellevue in various individual and team events. Five students qualified for the International Career Development Conference in marketing and project management events. An additional six students represented the two School-Based Enterprises and one qualified in an online entrepreneurship simulation, bringing the total number of students traveling to Orlando for ICDC to 12 - a school record! The ICDC competitors had a blast presenting their ideas to judges, networking, and visiting Disney World and Universal Studios. Carson Burley ('25) placed in the Top 20 in the world in the Principles of Marketing event.

**HI-Q:** The Murphy Hi-Q team achieved a first-place finish in the 2023 regular season. In their first match, the Murphy team dominated their opponents and scored 49 points against Lynnwood's 29 and Monroe's 19. The second match saw feverish competition from the Stanwood team, but Murphy was able to come from behind and overcome their opponent by answering the last question correctly. Murphy's score of 40 points eked out the win against Stanwood's 39 and Lynnwood's 26. In the final regular season match, in front of a ruckus home crowd in the AMHS gym, the team again achieved a come-from-behind win. Again answering the final math toss-up question before their opponents, the team won with a score of 28 points against Monroe's 23 and Mountlake Terrace's 21. In the semi-final playoff match, the Murphy team was unable to overcome an early deficit, losing to the Meadowood team. Despite this end-of-the-year result, the 2023 Murphy Hi-Q team's performance inspired enthusiastic excitement and pride among the Murphy community.





**KAIROS:** The Kairos retreat has been a life-changing event for many AMHS students. Kairos, translated as “God’s time,” is a unique opportunity for our upperclassmen to strengthen their relationship with God and their classmates. In the winter we hosted Kairos XXII at Lake Retreat Camp and Kairos XXIII at Warm Beach Camp & Conference Center in the spring. We had a fantastic group of retreatants and adult leaders for both retreats. We were especially excited to have our first group of student leaders since 2019 join us on Kairos XXIII. Both weekends were full of laughter, reflection, great snacks and even better company. We look forward to making more memories at Kairos XXIV and Kairos XXV in 2023-2024!

**KNOWLEDGE BOWL:** Knowledge Bowl won their match against several schools at Jackson High School. This season they focused on many in-school opportunities to practice and bring in other students who were looking to join the club and the team. Our students had a lot of fun competing with each other during our community period sessions! We’re looking forward to continuing that next year and plan to branch out with our competitive group at more matches.

**MOCK TRIAL:** The Archbishop Murphy Varsity Mock Trial Team, coached by Samantha Morales and Natalie Schmidt, finished in 3rd place in the Snohomish District Mock Trial Competition in February of 2023. The JV team, coached by Roger Brodniak, finished in 4th place. The Freshman team, also coached by Roger Brodniak, finished in 4th place in the Kitsap District Competition. Thirty-eight students competed in total. The following students were nominated for Best Witness: Ava Jobe, Kathleen Joyce, Logan Kendrick, Damian Le, Shasta Lehr, Natalie Pena, Kennedy Reed, Aida Reykdal, and Audrey Russel. Ava Jobe and Kathleen Joyce tied for Best Witness in the District. The following students were nominated for Best Attorney: Kashvi Khanna, Laine Koo, Evelyn Lane, Ashlie Latta, Payton MacDonald, Cynthia Papageorge, Aida Reykdal, Makena Schick, Keira Shander, and Sophie St. Jacques.



Based on the finish at Districts, 14 varsity students qualified for the Washington State Meet, held in March of 2023. This marks the 18th consecutive year AMHS has qualified for the State Meet, the 2nd longest streak in the history of the high school mock trial competition in Washington! The following students garnered recognition for Best Witness at the State Meet: Chloe Hogue, Ava Jobe, and Kennedy Reed. Best Lawyer awards were earned by Ashlie Latta, Makena Schick, and Sophie St. Jacques.

**ROBOTICS CLUB:** Murphy’s Robotics Team is a group of students from all grade levels. Students in robotics improved their skills in various disciplines as they collaborated in the design, building and programming of a robot that participated in various local competitions. Students also engaged in technical writing, fundraising and collaboration before and during the competition season.

New students trained in the use of tools and then formed groups, designed, and built a robotics base. The team analyzed the challenge, designed and built the field elements, and designed and built a competitive robot. The “Murphy’s Law” student team competed in districts at Glacier Peak early March and placed 10th. The team also competed in the quarter-finals at Bonney Lake mid-March and received the second place Event Finalist Award.





# Show Excellence

## Co-Curricular Highlights: Performing Arts

**FALL PLAY/MOVIE:** The *Varsity Squad* movie set a high bar in our movie production program. We had extensive student involvement from acting to score composition, costuming and set design.

*Varsity Squad* was the third feature film produced at AMHS and is a wonderful movie. With a cast of over 80 actors (including some faculty and alumni), and close cooperation with Snohomish County Sheriff's Office, our hilarious cop comedy was a hit! *Varsity Squad* is in the final stages of being released to the national market - following in the footsteps of the previous year's movie, *Bridgehurst Asylum*, which is currently available at Amazon, Barnes and Noble, Walmart, and online at Tubi. For additional information about the film, check out the official IMDb page: *Varsity Squad*.

**SPRING MUSICAL:** *Legally Blonde*, the Spring Musical was very well attended, with hilarious and uproarious performances from the students. It was probably our most challenging production to date, requiring professional-level musicianship from pit players and stage actors alike. *Legally Blonde* was our 29th musical at AMHS. Over 30 students, two adorable dogs, a fantastic production team, and several parents volunteered to make the show a success.

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**PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAMS:** Highlights of the band program this year included their successful Disneyland and Universal Studios performances. The students enjoyed once-in-a-lifetime experiences taking in professional quality workshops and gaining valuable inspiration by attending a spectacular performance by the LA Philharmonic.

This year's Spring Concert offered exhilarating performances from the entire music program. One especially notable piece was the Concert Band's epic rendition of "Mars, the Bringer of War"

with an accompanying light show and fog machines, which unfortunately, but quite memorably, set off the gym's smoke alarm.

This year's Wildcat Band was the strongest we have seen in years with a big, energetic sound. The ensemble demonstrated much spirit in a triumphant full return in the post-covid era supporting our football, basketball, and volleyball teams.

The choir and orchestra combined ensembles, performing beautiful music for the Christmas and Spring concert. Both

ensembles performed in the Drama class performance of *Stations of the Cross*, where the choir acted and sang, and the orchestra played a haunting rendition of Mozart's "Ave Verum Corpus".

The Choir performed at Benaroya Hall in Seattle. The annual Archdiocese of Seattle, Catholic festival of high school choirs, participated all together for the first time since covid. Hearing the choirs sing together was an amazing experience, not only for the students but for friends and families in the audience.









# Give Respect

## Principal's Letter: The Healing Pole

AMHS launched an Artist-In-Residence program as an extension of the school's experiential learning efforts. The inaugural artist Mr. James Madison, who is a Tulalip Tribal Member, master woodcarver, and current AMHS parent to Jayden ('24) and Jevin ('25), is leading AMHS through a community-wide carving project. Since this past spring, students and staff have had the unique opportunity of working alongside Mr. James Madison and getting directly involved in carving, while learning more about Coast Salish artwork and Tulalip culture. Not only are our students and staff creating something beautiful together as a school community, but we hope to build a cultural bridge that promotes deeper understanding and appreciation for Native American traditions and communities.

Nearly two years ago, Mr. James Madison and I started discussing what an artistic collaboration could look like. Over time and through many conversations within the AMHS community, we landed on the current project "The Healing Pole." The goal of this project is to create an educational opportunity that serves as a source of healing for students and staff as the school focuses on intentional community building efforts given the unique impact of the pandemic on schools. Although schools faced many challenges as a result of the pandemic, one of the most difficult was the disruption to simply spending time together and being around each other in-person as a community.

Students and staff continue working on this project throughout the 2023-2024 school year and are on-track for completion in

May 2024. At that time, we plan to install the pole in the courtyard on campus in a dedication ceremony. This will coincide with the Class of 2024 commencement activities and provide a special and memorable dimension for this year's graduating class, who started high school as 9th graders fully online during statewide school closures in the Fall of 2020. We look forward to our alumni coming back to visit in the years ahead and eventually being able to show their children and grandchildren this beautiful carving that they helped create.

The project is an excellent reflection of the school's mission in action. As a Catholic college preparatory school, we welcome students of all faiths and value diversity. Over the past two years, as part of our professional development, school leadership has coordinated visits to the Tulalip Hibulb Cultural Center and even hosted Dr. Stephanie Freyberg as a keynote speaker. These experiences inform the lens faculty and staff bring to their work at AMHS. As a result, the school wanted to go even deeper by bringing this experiential learning opportunity to the entire community through the arts. The carving itself is a wonderful representation of what it means to be part of Archbishop Murphy High school – there are many unique individuals, with different talents and gifts, working together as a community. The design itself was originally created by Mr. Madison, complete with a wildcat, which is the school's mascot. We feel so blessed and appreciative of the many people who made this possible, including the generosity of the AMHS community and the Snohomish County Arts commission, who awarded AMHS an Arts and Culture Grant. The best part is that so many students and staff have been able to play a role in creating this carving, which will be on our campus for future generations.





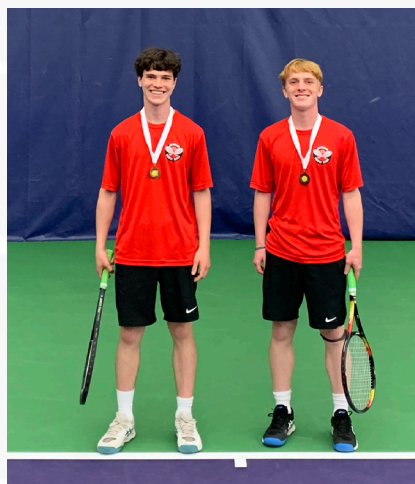


# Boys Tennis

In the fall of 2022, brothers Sean ('23) and Cole Balen (pictured middle left) made AMHS tennis program history by becoming the first players to qualify for state when they won the 2A District 1 doubles championship in straight sets! In May 2023 they earned 7th place medals at the state tournament.

After playing varsity AMHS soccer since his Freshman year and captaining the team to the state tournament last year, Sean is now starting on Carroll College's men's soccer team. His cousin Ryan Kenny ('20) is also a college athlete with Western's track team. Cole had a 10-3 season in Wesco as our #1 singles player and captain, won the second annual 2A District 1 doubles tournament with his teammate Ethan Welter.

In October 2023, Cole accomplished his second historic feat by becoming the first AMHS singles player to qualify for state after winning the 2A District 1 singles championship in straight sets! Their aunt, French teacher, and coach, Kathy Kenny, has been coaching Wildcat tennis since the program began in 2013, and she is very proud of their achievements in sports and their 3.9 GPAs. Good luck Cole in May 2024 and Our Lady of Victory, Pray for us!





# Co-Curricular Highlights: Sports

## Fall Sports

### FOOTBALL

Matthew Faulk - 1st Team All NWC Punter; 2nd Team Kicker  
Issiah Smith - 1st Team All NWC OL; 2nd Team DL  
Jayden Madison - Honorable Mention All NWC DB  
Diontaye Moorman - Honorable Mention All NWC WR and DB  
Jack Sievers - Honorable Mention All NWC DL

### CROSS COUNTRY

Brooks Salopek - 2A/3A South Honorable Mention

### GIRLS SOCCER

2A/3A Player of the Year - Cameron Bourne  
Claire Esping - 2A/3A First Team Defender  
Brie Coté - 2A/3A First Team Defender  
Cameron Bourne - 2A/3A First Team Midfielder  
Ava Marr - 2A/3A Honorable Mention Defender  
Kylie Hendry - 2A/3A Honorable Mention Forward  
Chloe McCoy - 2A/3A Honorable Mention Forward  
Georgia Franck - 2A/3A Honorable Mention Midfielder  
Lilia Echols - 2A/3A Honorable Mention Midfielder

### BOYS TENNIS

Sean & Cole Baen - 1st Team Doubles  
Sean & Cole Balen - District 1 2A Doubles District Champions,  
Finished 7th in State for 2A

### VOLLEYBALL

Coach of the Year - Allie Sinex  
Alishia Nichols - 2A/3A First Team  
Lauren Fogliani - 2A/3A First Team  
Natalie Russell - 2A/3A Second Team  
Tatum Gill - 2A/3A Second Team  
Caroline Burns - 2A/3A Honorable Mention  
Laura Esping - 2A/3A Honorable Mention

### GIRLS SWIM & DIVE

2A State Academic Champions  
Sami Mandeville - 2A District Champion for Girls Diving  
Sami Mandeville - 4th in State for 2A Girls Diving  
Emily Olson - 2A District 1 3rd Place for 100m Backstroke  
400 Free Relay - 2A 10th in State (Natalie Pena, Laura McVickar,  
Emily Olson, Ava Jobe)

## Winter Sports

### BOYS BASKETBALL

Luke Blachly - 2A/3A Honorable Mention  
Jack Sievers - 2A/3A Honorable Mention

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Ava Marr - 2A/3A First Team  
Brooke Blachly - 2A/3A Second Team

### BOYS SWIM & DIVE

Evan Wold - 2A District Champion in the 200 Yard IM and 100 Yard Breaststroke  
Trevor Abramson - 11th in State for 1A/2A Boys Diving  
200 Yard Medley Relay - 2A 12th in State (Noah Tran, Evan Wold, Hayden Burgess,  
Steven Locke)  
Evan Wold - 7th in State for 2A 100 Yard IM  
Evan Wold - 3rd in State for 2A 100 Yard Breaststroke

### BOYS WRESTLING

Shae Burke - WESCO All-League 2A 195 lbs. - State Qualifier  
Hakeim Smalls - WESCO All-League 2A Heavyweight - State Qualifier

## Spring Sports

### BASEBALL

Lost in the State Quarterfinals; 2A District 1 Champions (2nd Year in a Row)  
Henry Gabalis - Wesco 2A/3A North Second Team OF  
Reese Logsdon - Wesco 2A/3A North Honorable Mention  
Tommy Zook - Wesco 2A/3A North Honorable Mention  
Max Rodabaugh - Wesco 2A/3A North Honorable Mention

### SOFTBALL

Bella Bombach - Wesco 2A/3A First Team  
Gabby Cummings - Wesco 2A/3A Second Team

### BOYS GOLF

3rd Place Team in State  
Nick Ennis - Wesco 2A/3A South First Team - Tied for 6th overall 2A State  
Eric Leonon - Wesco 2A/3A South First Team - Tied for 4th overall 2A State  
Jack Duffy - Wesco 2A/3A South Honorable Mention - Tied for 36th overall 2A State

### BOYS SOCCER

Made it to the First Round of the State Tournament  
Gabe Herrera - Wesco 2A/3A First Team Forward  
Sean Balen - Wesco 2A/3A First Team Midfielder  
Matthew Faulk - Wesco 2A/3A Honorable Mention Defender  
Ryan Hall - Wesco 2A/3A Honorable Mention Defender  
Solomon Perera - Wesco 2A/3A Honorable Mention Midfielder  
Zach Mohr - Wesco 2A/3A Honorable Mention Midfielder

### TRACK & FIELD (STATE RESULTS INCLUDED BELOW)

Diontaye Moorman - Wesco 2A/3A South Honorable Mention 100M; 10th in 2A State  
for 100M Dash  
Jayden Madison - Wesco 2A/3A South Honorable Mention 400M  
Anna Moeller - Wesco 2A/3A South First Team Pole Vault; 2A District 1 Pole Vault  
Champion; 2nd in State for 2A Pole Vault  
Jack Sievers - 11th in 2A State for High Jump



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# Do Good



## Endowments

An endowed fund provides a permanent source of funding for AMHS. These endowed funds may be established by bequest for many purposes, such as:

- » Tuition assistance
- » Faculty and staff professional development
- » Support of programs such as those in the arts, athletics, and clubs

An endowed fund can carry your name or the full name of a family member or other person you wish to honor. A gift to AMHS can be designated to any of these endowments.

Are you interested in establishing an endowment fund or remembering AMHS in your estate plan? Let us know so we can ensure your philanthropy is honored.

These community members have chosen to establish endowment funds at AMHS.

### **BARNES FAMILY ENDOWMENT**

Tim and Connie Barnes have a passion for those who answer the call to serve their community. This stems from Tim's service as a member of the Seattle Police Department. Connie and her eight siblings all attended Catholic schools so she has a special connection with the mission of Catholic education and the teachers who inspired her faith formation. Tim and Connie valued the Catholic education their son, Brandon, received at St. Brendan's Parish School and at AMHS.

Tim and Connie have established the Barnes Family Endowment to provide need-based tuition assistance to families who wish to give the gift of Catholic education to their children. This endowment will inspire future Christlike leaders to consider a vocation of service in the field, in the community, and in the classroom.

### **KRISTI BARTZ ENDOWMENT**

Kristi Bartz '15 challenged herself to make a difference in the lives of the people she met and to continue to grow in her own relationship with God. Her strong faith was evident in the way that she loved and cared for others. This endowment was established in her memory through an outpouring of support by community members, students, family, and friends.

Each year an outgoing senior is honored with the Kristi Bartz Scholarship for their excellence in leadership, academic achievements, and involvement in campus, co-curricular and community activities.



### **BOB AND JANE BRAUKUS ENDOWMENT**

Bob and Jane Braukus were married for 50 years and raised their children, Susan and Greg, with a Catholic education. They lived their lives in the STEM fields as an electrical engineer and a lab technician. Bob and Jane shared their time, talent, and donations with many community organizations. Their regular demonstrations of kindness, joy, love, integrity, generosity, strength, mentorship, and philosophy are sorely missed.

The Bob and Jane Braukus Endowment was established to continue Bob and Jane's legacy of service and commitment to Catholic education. They were involved grandparents on the AMHS campus supporting band, liturgy, assembly programming, and STEM.

### **TIM BLAIR ENDOWMENT**

Tim Blair was a product of Catholic education at DeSales High School in Walla Walla. Tim arrived at Holy Cross High School in 1998 following a career in education as a teacher at St. Paul school in Yakima and as a teacher and principal at Holy Rosary school in Edmonds.

Tim moved from the classroom into the counseling office at AMHS in 2002 and for the next fifteen years, he helped students navigate the challenges of high school and matriculate to college. As the head of the counseling department, Tim established a college counseling program that propelled AMHS students to the finest colleges and universities in the US and around the world.

For many of our families, Tim was the go-to person. For our adult community, Tim brightened our day with his genuine kindness and friendly manner. Tim and his wife Rena blessed AMHS with their attendance at countless events over the years—always in support of his beloved students.

To honor his legacy and his many contributions to AMHS, the Tim Blair Endowment will support tuition assistance for students matriculating from our partner parish schools.

### **CARLSON FAMILY ENDOWMENT**

The Carlson Family Endowment was founded by Lon and Joan Carlson. This endowment provides financial aid to female students who are involved in a variety of school activities. Lon and Joan's children, Megan ('10) and Beth ('13), are AMHS alumni.

### **DEMERS ENDOWMENT**

Don and Millie DeMers believed in Catholic education. After hearing about AMHS from a friend, they graciously established an endowment and included AMHS in their estate plans. This incredible gift provided the impetus and wisdom that pushed AMHS to create the structure for named endowments moving forward.

The DeMers Endowment partially funds the tuition of up to four students annually, who demonstrate financial need and maintain good academic standing.

### **EBERLE ENDOWMENT**

Michael and Cecile Eberle were residents of Everett, WA for over 70 years. They were fixtures in the community. Mike and Cecile left a lasting impact on AMHS by creating this endowment in 2000 to support the AMHS athletics program.

Although Mike and Cecile are no longer with us, their legacy lives on through their six children, 13 grandchildren, and growing group of great-grandchildren—many of whom have chosen an AMHS education.

### **TERRY ENNIS ENDOWMENT**

The Terry Ennis Memorial Endowment Fund was founded by the AMHS Board of Trustees in June of 2008 to honor our late coach, teacher, mentor, and friend.

Terry's love for nurturing young student-athletes changed the lives of thousands of athletes, peers, and friends. The Ennis family, in conjunction with the AMHS leadership, annually choose recipients of the proceeds from the fund who would not otherwise be able to afford an AMHS education.

### **MARY HENDERSON ENDOWMENT**

Mary Henderson and her husband Dick dreamed of a Catholic high school in Snohomish County. In the early 1980s they helped this dream become a reality. Alongside the other "kitchen table" families, Mary and Dick founded Holy Cross High School which opened in 1988. In 1999 the school was renamed in honor of Archbishop Thomas J. Murphy and moved to the current campus in south Everett. Throughout the entire history of the school, Mary and Dick have been active leaders in the community, attending events, serving in board positions, and supporting school programs. They were blessed to send three grandchildren to the school—Brady ('16), Ryan ('17), and Max ('19).

The Mary Henderson endowment was founded to honor the memory of Mary and provide a tuition award each year to an AMHS student.



### **HOLY CROSS ENDOWMENT**

One spring evening in 1981, a couple of families gathered around a kitchen table to discuss the possibility of a Catholic high school in Snohomish County. The reality that it might be too late for their own children to attend this school didn't deter them. Soon, dozens of local families partnered with them, and the Northsound Association for Catholic Education was formed, and board members were selected.

This endowment was created as a way to honor the beginning of AMHS, Holy Cross High School. The Holy Cross Endowment fund supports the continuing Catholic education of Latino students who matriculate from our partner parish schools.

### **JOHN MARTENS ENDOWMENT**

The John Martens Endowment was founded by fellow Holy Cross alumni of the late John Joseph Martens IV, class of 1996, to honor his life cut far too short.

This merit-based scholarship is awarded to a minimum of one qualifying student per year in his memory. The student selected demonstrates high acumen in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and/or Math.

### **ROMAN MILLER ENDOWMENT**

Roman Miller spent his life in Catholic schools, from his early childhood at St. Alphonsus Parish School in Ballard, to his high school years at O'Dea, and college at Seattle University. Following his service in the Army Air Force during WWII (where he was assigned to the Manhattan Project) Roman attended Seattle University and later worked in their athletic office.

Roman was a high school teacher and coach at O'Dea before embarking on a career which included political advising, serving as the executive director of the Washington State horse racing commission, and scouting for the Houston Colt .45s Major League Baseball team.

Roman Miller has served as an athletic adviser and board member at AMHS for over 15 years. In 2009, the school named the baseball field Roman Miller Field in his honor. This endowment was created by AMHS as a way to honor our longtime friend, colleague, and mentor.

### **MURPHY SCHOLARS ENDOWMENT**

Bart and Carolyn Murphy established a scholarship program in the memory of Bart's brother, Archbishop Thomas J. Murphy. The recipients of these awards are recognized by the high school as Murphy Family Scholars. Priority in the selection of Murphy Family Scholars is given to students who have a strong academic record, demonstrate financial need, and express a commitment to continue to complete the sacramental process of initiation through confirmation.

### **NUESSENDORFER SCHOLARSHIP**

Motivated by a desire to recognize his parents' commitment to their children's education and the Catholic faith, Roland and Josephine Neussendorfer's son, Joseph, started this scholarship in their honor in 2000.

Roland and Josephine demonstrated their Catholic faith through prayer, stewardship and unfaltering trust in God. When their children were in high school, Roland was laid off from his job after 29 years. Despite this setback, they never wavered from their goal to pay for their children's college education. During those difficult times, they were steadfast in their prayers and made sacrifices to ensure their son and daughter would go to college.

Years after leaving college, Joseph recognized that much of his career success was attributable to the college education generously financed by his parents. As a tribute, Joseph Neussendorfer established scholarships in his parents' name to thank them for these lifelong gifts and to support the educational goals of Catholic teens.

### **Mardy Paschke School Service (LINK) Scholarship**

Jane Brown, long time counselor at AMHS established a fund in memory of her late mother, Mardy "Grandma Cookie" Paschke. Mardy lived 86 blessed years in Everett until her death in September 2011 after fighting a courageous battle with cancer. Mardy graduated from Everett High School and earned a BA in Business Administration from the University of Washington. Her passion and career led her to the travel industry where she worked for over 47 years.

The Mardy Paschke School Service (LINK) Scholarship is presented to a graduating senior who has shown outstanding service to the AMHS community and is a participant in LINK. The LINK program was started in 2005 through her daughter Jane, who was very passionate about its success. LINK is the orientation program encouraging community and camaraderie amongst students prior to the first day of school. LINK establishes mentor relationships between seniors and freshmen. Mardy helped raise money for the program, by selling delicious cookies during lunches. It is here where she established relationships with students, faculty and parents.

### **SIMMONS FAMILY ENDOWMENT**

Preston and Jill Simmons are models of giving back to the community, not only for all of the expertise and volunteer hours they have poured into AMHS, but in the Greater Snohomish County region.

Preston and Jill Simmons started the Simmons Family Endowment to support student access to an AMHS education. They witnessed first-hand the impact of an AMHS education through the experience of their two sons, PJ ('12) and Connor ('14).



### **CHET WILKERSON ENDOWMENT**

Cheston Wilkerson was Salutatorian as well as ASB President of Holy Cross High School's first graduating class in Everett. He earned an A.A. from Edmonds Community College and attended the University of Washington, Reed College and Seattle University. Chet was an avid skier and racer and was owner/director of Sno-Cap Ski School at Stevens Pass. Chet loved sports and created and produced music. He was an avid fan of the Seattle Thunderbirds, UW Huskies, Nascar Racing, and Hydro Racing.

Chet passed away in March 2003. This endowment was founded to honor all that he gave to this school as its first official student leader. Each year a scholarship is given to a current junior in his honor who demonstrates superior leadership qualities.



# Planned Giving/ Year End Giving

AMHS is excited to partner with Beresford Booth PLLC Lawyers to serve our alumni parents, students, and current families for Estate Planning. With changing tax laws and capital gains rate increases we recommend staying current on your estate planning. With the guidance of Beresford Booth, families can ensure care for their investments and assets within their estate plans.

**PLANNED GIVING** is a powerful way to establish a lasting perpetual message of financial and benevolent support for our school, students and future generations. At AMHS, your gifts make a profound difference in the lives of the young people who study, worship, and learn here as we mentor them to become Christlike Leaders. Your planned gift will be a legacy of giving that reflects your support of Catholic education and our mission of striving for academic excellence, spiritual enrichment, and Christ-like leadership for the transformation of the world. Not only will your gift make a lasting impact on AMHS, the type of gift you make may have considerable tax advantages to you and your family. There is no minimum requirement for gift size.

A charitable bequest in your will or trust is one of the easiest and most flexible ways to leave a gift to AMHS that will make a lasting impact. The charitable bequest can be a percentage of your estate, a specific dollar amount or a specific asset from your estate, or the balance or residue of your estate after all other bequests have been met.

#### **BENEFITS OF A CHARITABLE BEQUESTS INCLUDE:**

- Supporting a cause you care about.
- Your estate may be able to receive credit for charitable deductions, reducing or even eliminating the burden of estate taxes to your family, potentially increasing the amount of legacy you leave to them.
- Benefits can be seen prior to a donor passing, so they can see the benefits of the gift during their lifetime, while still benefiting the family at their passing.
- Funding of a public legacy that you can be known for, showing that you've made a positive difference in the lives of others and your community.





# Do Good

## ALUMNI OF THE YEAR: Holy Cross & AMHS First Responders

**Rich Albo ('02):** Cle Elum PD (Sargent)

**Peter Barrett ('98):** Arlington PD

**Ryan Fenton ('12):** Shoreline PD

**Livia Haynes ('18):** Registered Nurse

**Brett Hawkinson ('97):** Oregon PD

**Andrew Hewitt ('04):** Firefighter

**Rory Krueger ('15):** EMT

**Dustin Miller ('15):** EMT

**Kacey Moore ('16):** EMT

**Paul Ryan ('00):** Monroe PD

**Patrick Spak ('12):** Kirkland PD

**David Sinex ('07):** Everett PD

**Doug Sparacio ('04):** Everett PD

**Wes Taylor ('04):** Firefighter

**CeCe Vaughn ('20):** Firefighter in USAF







## STAR Breakfast Keynote: David Sinex ('07)

At the May 12, 2023 STAR Breakfast, we honored the alumni of the year. This year we named all Holy Cross and AMHS alumni who serve as first responders.

David Sinex ('07) was the keynote speaker for the event. He was introduced to the stage by AMHS campus security and retired SPD Kevin O'Neill. Kevin read the following introduction which was written by David's wife, Allie (Gotz) Sinex ('07).

David Sinex is a man of high integrity, has a heart for serving his community and is a charismatic and dedicated family man. He grew up in the city of Everett, attended Northshore Christian Academy and then went on to attend high school, here, at AMHS. At the age of 15, David knew he wanted to be a police officer. He has been described by one of his teachers at AMHS, as "the personality of the classroom." David thrived when he was in a physical, fast paced environment where he is able to

work "hands on." No matter the environment, he always strives to serve and protect those around him. At AMHS he lettered in football, track & field and Mock Trial. He was also a senior class officer and graduated in 2007.

Following his time at AMHS, he went on to play football at Western Washington University and earn a degree in Public Relations with a minor in Psychology. While in Bellingham, he had the opportunity to play semi-professional football as well. Following college, David worked as a counselor at Echo Glen Children's Center working with incarcerated youth sex offenders and gang members.

In 2016, David was hired by the Everett Police Department. During his time with EPD, he has served as a night patrol officer, a Gang Enforcement Officer and now as a night patrol Sergeant. David has received the EPD Brian Debucci Award, which recognizes one officer annually for an outstanding performance in the field, and also has been awarded a Certificate of Merit for running a multi-agency investigation, including the FBI, which led to multiple arrests across the state for unsolved cases. Most recently, David was presented the Medal of Valor by the City of Everett Chief of Police, Dan Templeman. David was one of the first responding officers to the murder of Everett Officer Dan Rocha. David was honored because he was swift to take action, perform CPR on Officer Rocha, provide crucial information to dispatch, secure the scene to ensure the public's safety and provide a comforting presence to witnesses.

As mentioned previously, David is first and foremost, a family man. He currently lives in the city of Everett with his two future wildcats, five year old son, Maxwell, and two year old daughter Emerson and his wife, Allie, whom he met at AMHS during their freshman LINK day in 2003. You may know her as Mrs. Sinex, AMHS counselor and volleyball coach. We are so blessed to have David as a member of our AMHS community.



# Class of 2003 Reunion





# 2023 Homecoming





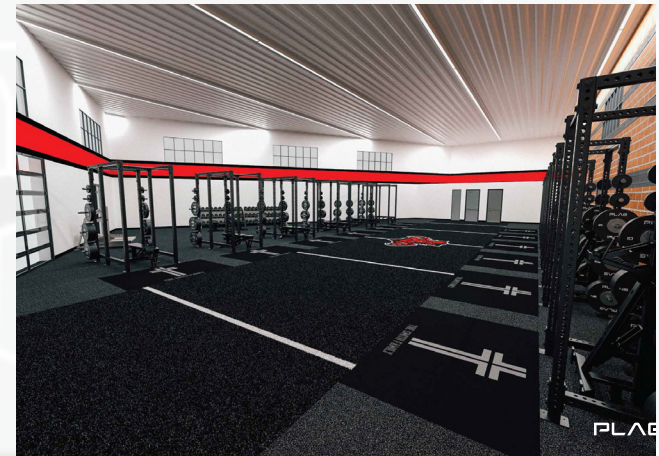
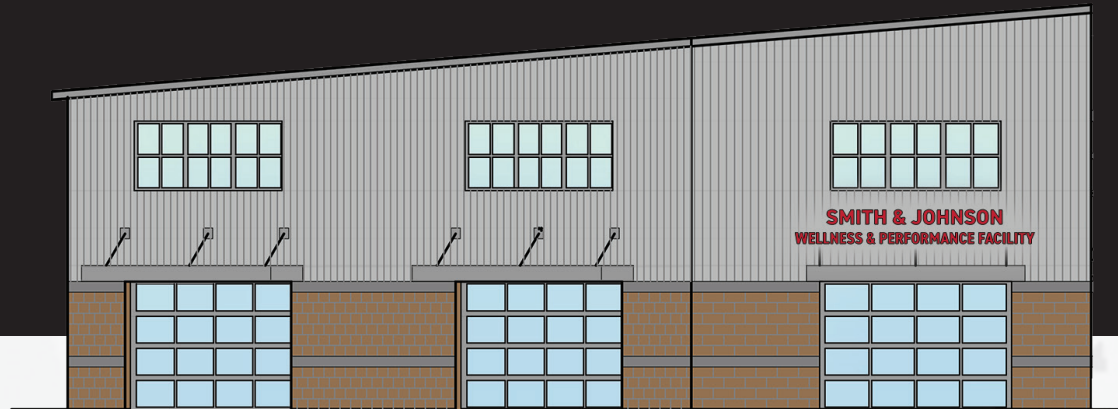
# Fund a Need 2023: Wellness & Performance Facility

We are excited to introduce a groundbreaking facility that will transform the educational experience for your children at our high school – the AMHS Wellness and Performance Center.

This state-of-the-art facility will provide a safe and nurturing environment where students can prioritize their health, fitness, and overall performance. By making a gift to this project, you're not just investing in a building; you're investing in your child's future. Your contribution will enable us to offer comprehensive wellness

programs, cutting-edge fitness equipment, and expert guidance to help our students thrive in mind, body, and spirit.

Together, we can empower our youth with the tools they need to excel in all aspects of life. Your support matters – join us in shaping a healthier and more successful future for our students. To learn more about this exciting project please contact Steve Schmutz (sschmutz@am-hs.org).







## Financial Report (Unaudited)

### REVENUE

Net Tuition & Fees	\$6,625,621	74%
Special Event Income	\$273,035	3%
Annual Fund	\$196,113	2%
School Programs Fundraising	\$397,970	4%
Contributions	\$132,180	1%
Other Revenue and Support	\$847,091	9%
Grant & Relief Funds for Covid Support	\$196,377	2%
Investment Income, Net	\$146,127	2%
Unrealized Gain on Investments	\$(191,153)	2%
<b>Revenue &amp; Support</b>	<b>\$9,005,666</b>	<b>100%</b>

### EXPENSES

Academics	\$6,016,310	62%
General & Administrative	\$1,863,450	19%
Athletic Programs	\$809,730	8%
Student Services	\$460,197	5%
Fundraising	\$385,912	4%
Net Assets Released from Restriction	\$31,323	0.3%
Building Loan Interest	\$122,518	1%
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$9,689,440</b>	<b>100%</b>

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# Live Faith



## Kevin O'Neill Reflection

Two of the most influential people in my life in relation to my faith have been Pope John Paul II and Archbishop Thomas J. Murphy.

I was in the presence of Pope John Paul II in 1980 at Madison Square Garden where the leader of the Catholic Church shrugged off his security detail as they attempted to help him out of His PopeMobile. He proceeded to jump from the back of the truck – the crowd went crazy! His response to the crowd of mostly youth chanting “JP II, WE LOVE YOU!” was “JP II, HE LOVES YOU!”

Archbishop Murphy, our school’s namesake, was much the same. After whatever events he was at or ceremonies he presided over he would be surrounded by the young people. He would share his love for his nieces and nephews. I remember one event we were at as a family. My son Conor walked up to the Archbishop and the Archbishop asked his name as he bent down to make eye contact with this five year old. Conor replied “Conor” then asked “what is your name?” The Archbishop, without missing a beat, said “TOM” and Conor replied with “Hi Uncle Tom.” The Archbishop looked at me with that broad Irish Smile.

I remember one day while on patrol on Capitol Hill I saw the Archbishop walking to one of his treatments. I stopped to say hello and to this day was amazed that he remembered my name. He asked that day for me and my family to pray for him.

What brought me to Archbishop Thomas J. Murphy High School? I’m not sure. But like you, this isn’t just a job. It’s a ministry, a calling to be for God’s children and community. From my very first day hearing the St. Thomas Chapel Bell ring to observing all of the staff sharing their



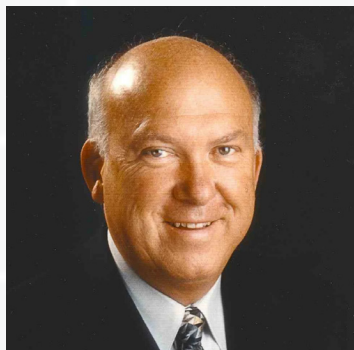
talents – teaching and ministering to our community – I knew I was drawn here to be part of this community in my retirement.

When I was in Ireland this past summer, I visited and sang at a few pubs. The one pub that was very special was Archbishop Murphy’s family bar: Murphy’s Bar and Farmhouse in Boolteens. I brought some AMHS swag and I, along with those at the bar, sang Archbishop Murphy’s favorite song: Lord of All Hopelessness.

*Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,  
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord,  
At the break of the day.  
Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
Be there at our labours and give us, we pray,  
Your strength in our hearts, Lord,  
At the noon of the day.  
Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
Your hands swift to welcome, Your arms to embrace.  
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
Your love in our hearts, Lord,  
At the eve of the day.  
Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,  
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord,  
At the end of the day.*



# In Memory



## Cary Halpin

**JULY 26, 1939 - DECEMBER 26, 2022**  
**FOUNDING MEMBER OF HOLY CROSS**  
**HIGH SCHOOL**

Remembrance:

*Cary Halpin died peacefully on December 26, 2022 surrounded by his family after a courageous battle with Parkinson's Disease.*

*He was born on July 26, 1939 in Indianapolis Indiana, the only child of Marian Henderson Halpin and Theodore Halpin.*

*At age seven, his family moved to Omaha, Nebraska where he attended Catholic grade school and Cathedral High School. For his senior year, his family moved to Kansas City where he attended St. Agnus. His outgoing and gregarious personality made it easy for him to establish friends quickly and he was awarded Captain of the football team and Prom King.*

*After high school, his family moved again to Milwaukee, WI. He enrolled at Creighton University to study pre-dentistry and graduated in three years. His mother died his junior year and he returned home to be with his father in Milwaukee, where he attended Marquette University School of Dentistry. It was in his first year at Marquette where he met the love of his life, Maureen (Mo) DeCabooter, who was studying dental hygiene and they were married a year later. After graduating from dental school, Cary, Mo and their two oldest children moved to Athens, Greece, where he served as an officer in the Air Force working as a dentist for four years. Cary loved his time in Greece and he made several return trips with his family to visit friends. Upon returning to the US, he was sent to Everett, WA which became home for the family. He started a private dental practice in Seattle, while continuing his education at the University of Washington in the specialty of Prosthodontics. He eventually became faculty at the University of Washington Dental School, teaching Prosthodontics for many years. Cary loved his dental community wholeheartedly and he thought of his office, students, colleagues, and patients as his extended family. All enjoyed visiting the office and were*



*entertained by his humor and always warmed by his compassion. Many became close friends and after-office hours frequently became a time of social gathering.*

*Cary was passionate about dentistry and practicing his craft was never something that he considered a job. No doubt he would still be practicing today if his health had allowed.*

*Education was highly valued by Cary, and he and his wife felt that a Catholic high school was missing within their community. Along with a couple friends, they founded what is now Archbishop Murphy High School in Everett. He also served on the Parent's Board at Seattle University.*

*After retiring from dentistry, Cary was able to spend much more time at his favorite place, his home on Guemes Island. Time spent here was cherished with family and friends, often boating around the San Juan Islands.*

*Cary was heartbroken when his wife of 56 years, Mo passed. He missed her dearly but continued to find joy from spending time with his children and grandchildren who brought him much happiness.*

*Cary is preceded in death by his parents, Marian and Theodore (Ted) Halpin and his wife Maureen Halpin. He is survived by his four children, Michael Halpin (Debbie), Charie Crisler (Mike), Craig Halpin (Liz), Christie Grove (Jason), and his seven grandchildren, Bryce and Bret Halpin, Jalen, Cali, and Jensen Crisler, and Blakely and Kellen Grove, his cousin, Trudie Crigler, his sister-in-law Madeline Josoff and brother-in-law Michael Josoff, nieces and nephew and many dear friends.*





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