

# AFTERWARD

Summer 2018



## BISHOP WARD HIGH SCHOOL

### The Spirit of Bishop Ward



The Spirit of Bishop Ward Scholarship Dinner was held April 7<sup>th</sup> in the newly resurfaced Bishop Ward Gymnasium. Thanks to our 35 sponsors and 280 guests, we were able to raise more than \$50,000 for the Student Scholarship Fund - our most successful year to date!

Three outstanding friends of Bishop Ward, two alumni and a former administrator, were honored and inducted into the Bishop Ward Hall of Fame. This year's inductees were Blake Mulvany and Robert '69 and Denise *McCoy* '71 Beaman. A video, produced by Sistine Films, introduced each inductee. They shared memories from their times at Bishop Ward and their hopes for the future of the school.



After the of Hall of Fame induction ceremony, and a three course meal provided by Brancato's Catering, our student speakers Carlos Florez-Ortiz '19 and Andrea Leon-Madrigal '18 took the stage. Carlos and Andrea each shared

their story of how their time at Bishop Ward High School has positively impacted their lives. Both students have overcome adversity in their lives and high school careers; they shared their stories of how the Bishop Ward community had helped them face these obstacles.

Following the heartfelt stories of these two students, keynote speaker Nate Bukaty '94 took the stage. Nate is one of the hosts of "The Border Patrol" morning show on Sports Radio 810 WHB, in addition to serving as the television and radio play-by-play voice of Sporting Kansas City. Nate spoke of how his time at Bishop Ward shaped his future radio career.

To wrap up the evening, we heard from outgoing Interim President Mark Madsen and incoming President Jay Dunlap. Mark reflected upon his year spent at Bishop Ward, and passed the baton to Mr. Dunlap who expressed his enthusiasm to begin and to cast his vision for the future of Bishop Ward High School.



Thanks to the generosity of the event sponsors and attendees, as well as the dedication and hard work of the Spirit of Bishop Ward committee led by event chairs Richard Sambol '64 & Helen *Gray* Skradski Sambol '63, this was an outstanding success for the Student Scholarship Fund. The evening was a spirited testament to those who have done so much to carry on the legacy and tradition of Bishop Ward. Their commitment to build a future for Bishop Ward students was an inspiration for all who gathered.



To view the photos and videos from the event, please visit [wardhigh.org/spiritofbishopward](http://wardhigh.org/spiritofbishopward).

## Farewell to Two Bishop Ward Teachers



### Margaret Fay '34

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Miss Margaret Fay '34, a dedicated alumna and beloved teacher of Bishop Ward High School. Miss Margaret Fay was best known for her high standards of English grammar, journalistic integrity, and devotion to Catholic education.

She taught at Bishop Ward High School for 38 years. Her love of family, faith in God, and passion for teaching influenced generations of Bishop Ward students to do their best in life. Truly, teaching was the joy of her life and, as Miss Fay said herself, she would not have had it any other way. A wonderful blessing was read at her Memorial Mass:

### An Irish Blessing

*May the road rise up to meet you.  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face;  
the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again,  
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

### Robert E. Soptic '55

Robert passed away July 7, 2018. He was an admired teacher and counselor during his 40-plus years in education.



Robert was the president of the North American Croatian Relief. This charitable organization was a passion of Robert's for many years. His other passion was working with his students at St. Joseph High School, Bishop Ward High School, Shawnee Mission East High School, Blue Valley High School, and Shawnee Mission North High School. Robert enjoyed volunteering at St. Agnes Church and substitute teaching at St. Agnes School where he entertained and educated students for many years. He served in numerous volunteer roles at St. Agnes as the parish community was very precious to him.

## Graduation 2018



At Memorial Hall, 68 proud students joined the ranks of Bishop Ward High School alumni when they accepted their diplomas on Tuesday, May 8th. The Class of 2018 had 10 students recognized as scholars of distinction maintaining a GPA of 4.0 or above and 15 were National Honor Society members. The entire 2018 Class earned over \$1.7 million in college scholarships.

"The lessons we learned from Bishop Ward are ones the Class of 2018 will carry for a lifetime," said Valedictorian Adam Wilson

in his address to the crowd. Adam is a legacy student of Bishop Ward, with all but one of his siblings attending. He will be attending Creighton University in the Fall and plans to study pre-medicine.



Bishop Ward graduates will be attending the following institutions this coming fall: Missouri Valley College, Upper Iowa University, Kansas State University, Avila University, University of Kansas, Creighton, Loyola – Chicago, Fort Hays State, Donnelly College, UMKC, Rockhurst University, Kansas City Kansas Community College, Pittsburg State, and Johnson County Community College.



## Save the Date

40<sup>th</sup> Annual Auction –  
Black, White, & Ruby

### 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL AUCTION *Black White & Ruby*

Registration for Bishop Ward's 40th Annual Auction, *Black, White, & Ruby*, is now open! Book your tickets today to ensure that you have a spot at the Ruby Anniversary of the largest Bishop Ward event of the year.

Enjoy a night of entertainment, food, drinks, and silent and live auctions on September 29th at the Uptown Theater. Doors open at 5:30 PM. Sponsorship opportunities available! To purchase tickets, please visit [wardhigh.org/auction2018](http://wardhigh.org/auction2018).

#### Auction Gathering

Join us for an auction gathering to



support our Annual Auction right in your neighborhood! We'll be accepting item donations and sponsorships, selling Raffle tickets for our \$5,000 cash prize, and best of all... we'll have Buy-One-Get-One admission tickets for sale!

Join us September 13<sup>th</sup> - Breit's Stein & Deli 6:00-8:00 PM  
No cost. Food will be provided.

For more information about sponsorships, ticket sales, or item donations please visit [wardhigh.org/auction2018](http://wardhigh.org/auction2018) or contact the Development Office at 913-371-6901.

## Baseball State Runners-up



On May 25th at Dean Evans Stadium in Salina, KS, the Bishop Ward baseball team played in the final round of the KSHSAA 4A Division 2 tournament, losing to Iola, 11-6, to bring home the 2nd place trophy. Bishop Ward finished the season 14-8 overall, winning the Kaw Valley League title at 9-4 in their second year under head coach Matt Carpenter.



*Junior pitcher Vincent Esparza got some encouragement before the final inning.  
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This was the final year of the Kaw Valley League and all Bishop Ward athletic teams will be competing in their new conference this season, the Crossroads League. In the crossroads league, Bishop Ward will compete against: Heritage Christian Academy, Kansas City Christian, Maranatha Christian Academy, Sherwood Cass R-VIII School, University Academy, and Van Horn High School. The baseball team will open

their 2018-2019 season against former Kaw Valley League opponent, Turner Middle School, on March 21<sup>st</sup>, and will make their Crossroads League debut at Kansas City Christian on March 28<sup>th</sup>.



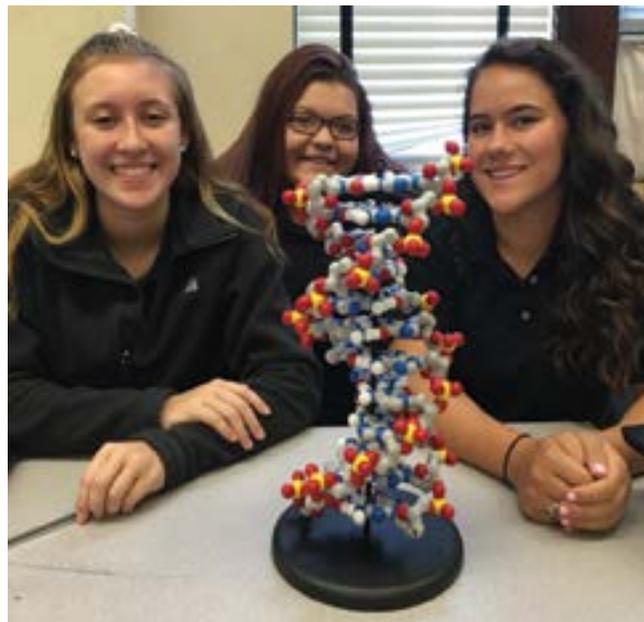


# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI STEAM CENTER



Work has begun in earnest this summer on the St. Francis of Assisi STEAM Center. We are excited about the progress we have made on construction, and are looking forward to getting it fully operational for students over this Fall term.

Saint Francis of Assisi, the Patron Saint of Ecology, is the inspiration for this new Laboratory promoting the integration of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics (STEAM). In accordance with Next Generation Science Standards, the St. Francis STEAM Center will provide a modular environment for: Project Lead the Way (biomedicine and engineering tracks), microbiology, zoology, anatomy and physiology, as well as our new Vex Robotics curriculum.



So far most of the cosmetic changes to the laboratory have been completed, including the removal of walls to increase the floor space by 85%, as well as air condition and ventilation upgrades to make the room a comfortable and safe environment for experimental learning. We will complete the refitting of the upgraded room with mobile lab benches, cabinets and portable sinks for modular spaces. Finally, we will install a Biosafety cabinet for demonstrations as well as a new 3D printer to support Computer Aided Design and Vex Robotics curriculums.



If you would like to find out more information, request a tour, or donate toward the outfitting of the St. Francis of Assisi STEAM Center, please visit our website at [wardhigh.org/fan2018](http://wardhigh.org/fan2018).

## A New Endowment Established at Bishop Ward High School:



A recent, anonymous gift of \$60,000 was given to Bishop Ward High School to be named in honor of the Most Reverend James P. Keleher, Archbishop Emeritus in the Diocese of Kansas City in Kansas. This gift to the Endowment will provide a quality Catholic education to students for generations to come. Archbishop Keleher recently celebrated his 60th anniversary as a priest, and served as Archbishop in the Diocese of Kansas City in Kansas for 11 years. Archbishop Keleher has been a faithful and steadfast supporter of Bishop Ward High School for years, admired by many, and a true shepherd of God's people.

To donate to the Archbishop Keleher Endowment Fund contact Kerry Stein at [kstein@wardhigh.org](mailto:kstein@wardhigh.org) or 913-229-3819.

## 2018 Reunions

**Class of 1958** - 60<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion  
October 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 2018  
\$75 per person by September 1, 2018

Friday, October 5, 2018  
The Village Cooperate of Shawnee  
(12830 Johnson Dr. Shawnee, KS)  
7:00-11:00 pm  
Cocktail party, liquor and beverages served,  
hors d'oeuvres provided.

Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
The Village Cooperate of Shawnee  
6:00-11:00 pm Dinner served at 7:00 pm  
Dinner catered by  
the Hereford House of Shawnee  
Complimentary drinks will be served.  
For information contact Herb Schnieders at  
Herbschnieders58@gmail.com  
Mail \$75 per person payment to  
Herb Schnieders  
11224 W. 66<sup>th</sup> Terr.,  
Shawnee KS 66203

**Class of 1966**  
Saturday, October 6, 2018  
Johnny's Tavern in Shawnee, KS  
*Check the Class of 1966 Facebook page for details.*

**Class of 1967** - Annual Reunion  
September 14, 2018  
More details coming.

**Class of 1973** - 45<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion  
September 15, 2018  
Breit's Stein & Deli  
412 N. 5th Street, Kansas City, KS  
5:00 Mass at St. Jon the Baptist  
Deli sandwiches and snacks will be provided.  
Cash bar. RSVP Text or call:  
Cathy Miller-Scherzer 913-231-4811

**Class of 1978** - 40<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion  
September 15, 2018 at The Nigro Barn  
For more information, please contact:  
George Berberick - 913-221-7487  
Kevin McCrary - 816-805-6026  
Melissa Wiber - 913-226-0590

**Class of 1983** - 35<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion  
Join us for an evening of reminiscing and laughter  
from 6:00-11:30 pm on Saturday, October 13,  
2018. At St. John's Social Club. You'll enjoy  
dinner, free bowling, and more. Cost and more  
details to come. Contact Kathleen Deaver  
McKinley, kathleenmckin@gmail.com and follow  
us on our Facebook page.

**Class of 1987** - 31<sup>st</sup> Class Reunion  
October 6, 2018 at St. John's Social Club.  
Planning a casual and fun evening. More coming  
soon. Contact Albert DeLeon at  
albedeleon@gmail.com for more information.

**Class of 1968** - 50<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion  
September 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 2018

Friday, September 7, 2018 at Bishop  
Ward

(Party on the Front Lawn)

6:30-8:30 pm

Casual Dinner Buffet served with wine  
and soft drinks.

Dress Casual (watch the weather)

Tours provided and Open House  
(bring photos)

Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018

at 2016 Main Event Space

(2016 Main St., KCMO 64108)

4:00 pm

Mass at St. Anthony's

5:30-7:00 pm

Social/Cocktail Hours

7:00-8:30 pm

Dinner

\$65.00 per person

RSVP by July 15, 2018

Contact Kathy Overcash Favrow with  
questions and payment information at  
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## EDUCATION OF THE BODY, MIND AND SPIRIT THROUGH CHRIST

### Day of Service and Prayer



On March 26th, students, teachers and administration gathered in prayer before boarding buses and heading to the following sites: Harvesters-The Community Food Network, Wyandotte Pregnancy Clinic, Hope Faith Ministries, reStart Inc., Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas, and Shawnee Community Services for our second annual Day of Prayer and Service.

This day emphasized Bishop Ward's belief as a school that volunteering can have an incredible impact on a young person's life now and in the future. Every Bishop Ward student is required to complete volunteer service projects throughout their high school careers. They must earn 32 total legacy points to graduate. The points are determined based on the impact of the project and how meaningful it is to the community.

