



# Celebrating Success!

## **New Addition to the Link – Alumni News**

The Link and Omega have merged to provide readers with a publication that truly bridges the past, present and future.

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## Dear Friends:

One of the best known American musicals is the 1935 opera by George Gershwin, *Porgy and Bess*. The lyrics of one of its arias are evocative of an idyllic season of rest and delight:

“Summertime, and the livin’ is easy,

Fish are jumpin’ and the cotton is high”

Every school year, I dream of such a summer, but it proves to be elusive! While there are no bells or classes at McGill-Toolen at this time of year, there are plenty of fish jumpin’, in the form of students actively engaged in athletic and artistic pursuits. Our football team, under the leadership of new Head Coach Caleb Ross, can be found on the field every day, practicing drills, and lifting weights. The same is true of the basketball and volleyball teams, as well as cheerleaders, the middle school band, the cross country team, and others. For many of our students, summertime is much more enjoyable than school time, but often just as active.

Helping with our cheerleaders is our new, full-time Director of Alumni and Enrollment, Jennifer Davis Tolbert (MT ’97). Jennifer was a cheerleader during her student days, as well as an Ambassador. We are very happy to have her be an ambassador for the school in a new way, as she reaches out to prospective students, and to our alums.

Our administration is also busy at this time of year, overseeing preparations for the fall, and bringing new faculty and staff on board. We feel very blessed with the professional competence and dedication of the coaches who have joined us this spring. Coach Kate Wood, former Coach of the Year in Texas District 4, is already challenging her volleyball players to add new luster to the already excellent reputation of the Dirty Dozen. Coach Nate Nicholas, who earned great respect at UMS-Wright, is preparing to make a serious run at a state championship, and Coach Tim Becker, who has lead teams to four state championships during his career, is looking forward to the challenge of developing a championship baseball program at the 7A level.

If you drive by McGill-Toolen during the summer, you will see visible evidence of the hard work of our Maintenance crew, who have been busy giving both the exterior and interior of the school a much needed facelift. Under the direction of Mr. Randy Townsend, our school plant has never looked better or functioned more efficiently.

The continued excellence and vibrancy of our school is obvious not just to us, but to many others as well, who continue to support us with their prayers and efforts, as well as their generosity. We have been tremendously successful in our capital campaign, which began last August, and continues in earnest this summer. With God’s continued blessing, it looks like we will reach our goal of \$8.5 million by this fall, and I pray that next summer, the livin’ will still not be easy, but instead filled with the happy sounds of construction workers, busy erecting a new student center.

Thank you for your support, and may God bless you and your family this summer.

Sincerely,



Fr. Bry Shields

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## About The Cover

Grad caps fly at the Mitchell Center as the class of 2014 celebrates their graduation. Graduating 255 students is just one of the many successes we are celebrating this year. Read on to learn more!



# Oh, What the Future Will Bring!

## 2014 Graduates Were Accepted Into the Following Colleges:

University of Alabama	Florida State University	Louisiana State University	Syracuse University
Alabama State University	Franciscan University	Manhattan College	Rhodes College
Auburn University	Full Sail University	Merchant Marine Academy	Troy University
Auburn University Montgomery	Huntingdon College	Mississippi State University	Tulane University
Baylor University	Jacksonville State University	University of Montevallo	Tuskegee University
Birmingham Southern College	Jefferson Davis Community College	Nichols State University	University of Alabama Birmingham
Catholic University	Kennesaw State University	Northern Illinois University	University of Houston
Concordia University	University of Louisiana Lafayette	University of Notre Dame	University of South Alabama
Embry-Riddle	Lawson State Community College	Samford University	University of Tennessee Chattanooga
Aeronautical University	Lipscomb University	University of Southern Mississippi	University of West Alabama
Faulkner State Community College	Loyola University	Spring Hill College	

# GRADUATION STATS

**255**  
Graduates

**16.9**  
Million  
in scholarships  
offered to the  
class of 2014

**48**  
19% of students  
scored a 30 or  
above on the ACT

**16**  
Seniors received  
athletic scholarships  
in the following:  
Football    Track & Field  
Volleyball    Swimming  
Basketball    Baseball



Class of 2014



Salutatorian Leslie Marie Devoe, Salutatorian Cameron Robert Schaerfl, Valedictorian Erin Elizabeth Hannahan, Salutatorian Jake Vincent Piccici and Salutatorian Jordan Page Ankersen



Mathew Kyle Edeker will be attending Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University this Fall as a proud member of the Army ROTC Eagle Battalion.

Our Ideal Graduate Award Winners, Ben Waddell and Annie Duffey, were also our featured speakers at our annual Founders Dinner. They were the highlight of the evening as they shared what their experience at McGill-Toolen Catholic had meant to them and we wanted to share it with all of you...

*Letter from*  
**Ben Waddell**



I am grateful to Fr. Shields for inviting me here tonight to talk about what my time at McGill Toolen Catholic means to me because it gives me the opportunity to publicly say thank you to Archbishop Rodi, my parents, Fr. Shields, the administration, the staff and teachers at McGill, and each of you for making a McGill education

possible. I always knew that I would attend McGill for high school because my parents believe in the value of Catholic education. What I didn't know or understand until now when I am about to graduate, is how much I would come to appreciate everything that is a part of a McGill education.

When I was a frightened freshman, I gathered up the courage to run for class president and I was elected by my classmates to serve in that role. I am also honored to have been chosen to serve as sophomore and junior class presidents and president of the Student Government Association this year. Each time that I ran for office and had to give a speech, I always talked about what a great school McGill is and encouraged my classmates to make McGill even better. I talked about the traditions that are a part of a McGill education-tailgating at the Lip, attending First Friday Mass, rivalries between other schools, painting the cannon when we beat Murphy, and all of our very loud and rambunctious pep rallies. These traditions make McGill more than a school, we are a family. I feel that although this family is being spread out across the whole country as we head off to college, we will never forget the relationships that have formed. Everyone is willing to help each other at McGill no matter the grade difference, level in society, or what you enjoy. This is why someday when I have kids, I will not hesitate to do anything I can to make sure they receive a McGill education because I feel that it is truly an amazing one that you cannot receive anywhere else.

McGill Toolen is truly a place where everyone can find their own niche and leave prepared to find their future. My own family is a good example. My sister graduated from McGill in 2007. School never came easy for her and she

struggled with taking standardized tests. While she was at McGill she received the help and support that she needed to have the confidence to further her education. She went on to college and is now an ICU nurse. For me, on the other hand, school work and taking tests is much easier. What I needed and found at McGill was teachers and work that challenged and inspired me. Through the Aquinas program and SGA, I have been mentored and encouraged to develop leadership skills that will last me a lifetime. Just as my sister has been successful in finding her way in life, I am confident that McGill has prepared me for college and beyond.

I would also like to tell you about some things that were accomplished during my time at McGill that mean the most to me.

We dedicated a statute to remember our classmates-Andre Colletti, Claire Briggs and Thomas Harlan who died during our time in high school.

We installed special water fountains to refill water bottles to help reduce the number of plastic bottles being thrown away.

Through the yearly Lenten Campaign, McGill-Toolen students donated tens of thousands of dollars to different organizations helping the poor and disadvantaged.

Intramural basketball was started back up and quickly became a student's favorite thing to watch after a school day.

Those are just a few of the countless accomplishments that have meant the world to me while at McGill.

I am not sorry to be leaving McGill Toolen because McGill has done its job. It is time to move on and I am ready. Having attended McGill Toolen is truly one of the greatest blessings I have ever received. Every morning I would hop out of bed as my alarm clock rang at 6:15 and get to school 45 minutes before classes actually started in order to talk with friends, teachers, and just enjoy every possible second at McGill. My mom hopes that this promptness continues as I begin the next phase of my education at Auburn University's College of Engineering. I will always be grateful to McGill and to each of you for helping me become the person that I am today. I promise to work hard, live by the lessons I have learned at McGill, and make McGill proud. Thank you.

Letter from  
**Annie Duffey**



Good Evening Archbishop Rodi, Archbishop Lipscomb Emeritus, Father Shields, Mrs. Haas, members of the faculty and honored guests. My name is Annie Duffey and it is my absolute pleasure to speak to each and every one of you tonight. I have been invited here to speak about my time at McGill- Toolen Catholic High School.

My four years at McGill- Toolen seem to have flown by. It feels like only yesterday I put on my too stiff oxford shirt and drastically long plaid skirt and began my first day at McGill- Toolen with apprehension. However, in reality, yesterday was the final time I would don my worn, polyester, black shirt and my now too short skirt that miraculously evaded the eagle eyes of Coach Stein and Ms. Neese. The time between these seemingly simple costume changes has been a journey to cherish.

### **How do I measure these years?**

As I began this journey I measured it in how many classes I had left, how many exams I had to study for and how many cross country races were left before I crossed that finish line forever. There was a theme: I was always focused on the end.

But as time progressed and I got more involved in my studies, campus ministry, sports and student activities, I realized that I did not journey alone; the faculty, staff and fellow students were all part of my journey.

I realized McGill was helping me enhance the talents I already knew I had, but more importantly it helped me discover talents I had not yet discovered. My years at McGill- Toolen cannot to be measured in hours or days or weeks (although I have been known to record the days until the end of the year on the back of my hand...)

Rather, my journey through McGill Toolen is measured in friendships, academic challenges, spirited pep rallies and football games, retreats and pilgrimages and even the disappointments I have encountered and overcome.

It is here I found an art teacher, Ms. Harlan Toole that challenged me in developing my artistic talents, inspired my creativity and demanded my best. The lessons she taught me will stay with me as I attend the University of Notre Dame to pursue a major in design and architecture.

It was here that I cultivated an incredibly strong faith-faith that will be tested for sure – but a faith I am confident will survive the rough waters of our secularized society because of the foundation built through theology teachers and through our Campus Ministry program led by Dan Johnson, Jen Winkle and Father Dan. Through Campus ministry and

theology classes (particularly Mrs. Reilly's) I grew to love St. John Paul II and his teachings, and last year was privileged to join in a pilgrimage to Poland to not only walk in our newest saint's footsteps but to visit Auschwitz- Birkenau and contemplate the injustices of war. There I realized that the same talents I hope to develop in college, those of design, could be used for not only for good, but sadly, for evil as well.

It is also here at McGill that I learned about leadership. Whether assisting SGA president, Ben Waddell, working with Mrs. Robertson on the Aquinas program, designing the stage for prom, emceeding the pro-life banquet or helping an exceptional child play baseball, I learned about teamwork and the need to help each other. At McGill-Toolen we cheer for our football team, our soccer team and our fellow runners – but even more we cheer for the exceptional child, our fellow classmates going through hard times, and those marginalized by society – like the unborn who call us to Washington each January for the March for Life.

It is McGill-Toolen that offered me the opportunity to serve as an ambassador to our city as an Azalea Trail Maid- and while it will be interesting to explain the “big dress” to new friends up north – I have grown from my experiences traveling to other cities representing Mobile and expanding friendships by working with young women from other schools. Tonight marks the end of that journey as well, as this is the final appearance for this year's Azalea Trail class.

It seems these past few weeks I have gone back to measuring the number of classes left but really I was cherishing the number of mornings I would walk through the doors to be welcomed by Mrs. Haas, Ms. Morgan and Mrs. Pritchett; the number of songs left to sing with Miss Haley and the Chamber Singers; the last few Irish Blessings Brother Lee would offer; the number of opportunities to make fun of Coach Repoll's lack of hair; or the too few opportunities I had left to challenge Coach Stein's “authority.” I savored the last piece of candy from Mrs. Dunne's office and perhaps the most bittersweet, the last Mass with my fellow seniors.

I have learned at McGill-Toolen to live my faith and to be who God calls me to be.

I have learned to follow my passion and try my best- and I have learned to “Be Not Afraid.”

I thank the administration, faculty and staff and you, the generous benefactors of our school for giving me the opportunity for this journey through McGill-Toolen and for helping me discover the person I am proud to be today. John F. Kennedy once said, “as we express gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them,” – and that is what I plan to do.

Go Jackets!



# Introducing our new Coaching Staff!

By Bill Griffin, Athletic Director

## Football: Caleb Ross, Head Football Coach



Ross, 34, joined the McGill-Toolen staff last summer as offensive coordinator and assistant head coach. Under his direction, the offense scored 548 points – an average of 39.1 points

per game – and reached the state semifinals. Ross is a 1997 graduate of Prattville and a 2002 graduate of Samford. He started his coaching career at Clinton, Miss., where he spent four years before returning to Prattville. He left the Lions in 2011, taking the job as head coach at Thompson. Ross will guide McGill-Toolen into the first season of Class 7A football starting in the fall. “I can’t even start to say how blessed I am and how thankful I am to have this opportunity,” he said. “It took me about one week last summer to realize the type of program we have, the type of kids we have and the mission of this school. This is a special place. I’ve been saying that for a long, long time.”

## Volleyball: Kate Wood, Head Coach



Though she grew up in Texas, Wood started her college career at Troy University – then Troy State. She played two years there and met her future husband, Brent, before moving back to Texas. She finished her college career at the University of Texas at Arlington. She has been

in coaching for 15 years, all at her alma mater, Lamar High. She has been the team’s head coach for the past five seasons. Wood said the couple’s connections to Alabama – Brent is from Fairhope – eventually led them to McGill. Looking to make a change, Brent saw the McGill job opening posted, and Kate applied and interviewed.

“The rest is history,” she said. “We are so excited as a family, and I am so excited to be at McGill-Toolen. The success of the program kind of sells itself. It’s a very impressive school with a lot of tradition, and I’m just proud to be a part of it.”

## Boys Soccer: Nate Nicholas



After eight successful seasons at UMS-Wright, Nate Nicholas has decided to try his hand at the highest classification in Alabama. Coach Nicholas led UMS-Wright to a pair of state championships in eight years as the coach. “It’s just a nice step,” Nicholas said. “I’m moving up classifications. I know there is a nice tradition here. I like the family

atmosphere. I have four young boys and wanted to find the right fit for them financially and in school. It all kind of fit for me here.” Nicholas won 127 matches and two Class 1A-4A state championships (2010 and 2011) with the Bulldogs. His team went 10-8-4 this past season after losing a large crop of seniors in 2013.

## Baseball: Tim Becker



This veteran baseball coach just finished his 13th year overall as a head coach. He coached eight years at UMS-Wright, winning state titles in 1997 and 1999. He just finished his fifth year at

St. Luke’s where he led the Wild Cats to the last two Class 1A state championships and won his 300th game earlier this season. He was the Press-Register’s Coastal Alabama Coach of the Year and the ASWA Class 1A Coach of the Year in 2013.

“I think the biggest thing is I’ve always wanted to coach college baseball and coming to a bigger school – coming to McGill-Toolen – it kind of brings that in a way,” Becker said. “You are going to be playing the best of the best. You are going to play the Hoovers and teams like that, and that is a huge challenge. I thought, ‘If I am going to do this, I better do it now.’”

# 16 of our student athletes will go on to continue competing at the collegiate level:



Elbert Robinson – Track & Field – Birmingham Southern College  
 Katelyn Bobinger – Volleyball – Springhill College  
 Jordan Ankersen – Swimming – Rhodes College  
 Ashlyn Simpson – Cheerleading – University of Southern Mississippi  
 Earen Robinson – Track & Field – Birmingham Southern College  
 Katie Orr – Track & Field – Birmingham Southern College  
 William Carroll – Track & Field, Walk on Football – Jacksonville State



Andrew Mahoney – Baseball – Mississippi State University  
 Autumn Trimble – Volleyball – Alabama State University  
 T.J. Lang – Basketball – Auburn University  
 Victoria Young – Volleyball – University of Alabama Birmingham



## Signing Day

Greg Thomas – Football – University of West Alabama  
 Breland Massey – Football – University of West Alabama  
 Wil Young – Football – University of Tennessee at Chattanooga  
 Herlandez Corley – Football – Northern Illinois University  
 Tony Bridges – Football – Nicholls State University  
 Ito Smith – Football – University of Southern Mississippi

**Our spring sports season was filled with some outstanding team and individual performances. We are very proud of the dedication and commitment of all of our student athletes.**



## Golf

### Girls Golf

The Girls Golf Team had an outstanding season this year, finishing 24-9 for the regular season and 6-6 for the post season. The team placed 3rd at the Sectional Golf Tournament, thereby securing a bid to the Substate Golf Tournament. In addition, rising freshman Mary Shannon Kelley finished 4th individually at sectionals. In one of the most competitive Substate competitions in recent years, the girls played extremely well, shooting a season low 260 and placing 5th overall. At the end of the season, Mary Shannon Kelley and junior Gabi Bradley were named to the MCCA All-County Girls Golf Team. Bradley was also named to the Coastal Alabama All-Region Girls Golf Team, and Kelley was given honorable mention. Bradley was named team MVP, and senior Rachael Martin was awarded the Yellow Jacket award.

### Boys Golf

The 2014 Jackets competed for The State Tournament for the thirty-first time in a row finishing third. The team was led by Steven Setterstrom, Dave Engerson, John Racciatti, Brent Wright, Luke Nicholas, Forrest Fontenot, and Chris Doehring. Steven was the 6A State Medalist. He shot 67-69 eight under par. The Team had an outstanding year and finished with a 85-25-2 record. Steven was also the Medalist at The Bradley Johnson Memorial Tournament. He was All-Tournament at Bomb, Blue-Gray, and the Joe King Memorial. He was The Rotary Club and Mobile Press Male Golfer of the Year and the AL.com High School Athlete of the Year. He will play golf for the University of Alabama next year.



*6A Golf State Medalist and Al.com Male Athlete of the Year Steven Setterstrom*



## Tennis

### Girls Tennis

Our Varsity girls played a 12 game schedule with an 8-4 finish. They dominated our section with no losses and then won the sectional tournament with a perfect 63 out of a possible 63 points. The girls went to the State Tournament and finished in 7th place. Hallet DeMouy and Merideth Cazalas were both named to the All County Tennis Team.

### Boys Tennis

The 2014 boys' tennis team claimed its 13th straight sectional title winning 8 of the 9 draws at the Sectional Tournament. For the 6th year in a row, the boys' team finished in the top 10 of 6A placing 7th for 2014. Brooks Green and Justice Dismukes led the way at the State Tournament advancing to the semifinals at #1 and #3 singles respectively. Brooks Green also teamed with Nathan Bartz to win 2 rounds at #1 Doubles at the State tournament. The strong play of Brooks Green was acknowledged by the Sunrise Rotary Club, who named Brooks the Area Player of the Year.



## Softball

The Lady Jackets softball team enjoyed a tremendous amount of success during the 2014 season. Led by five seniors, Mary Kate Casteel, Kelly Cruthirds, Kendall Coleman, Paige Elliot, and Hannah Schexnailder, the Lady Jackets advanced the Southern Regional Tournament in the AHSAA playoffs for the first time since the state went to the current playoff format. The Jackets finished 4-2 in 6A Area 2. Along the way they defeated Mary G. Montgomery who would eventually go on to win the Southern

Regional Tournament and rival Murphy. The Yellow Jackets finished second in the Area 2 Tournament, defeating Murphy twice to advance to the Region Tournament. In addition to the five seniors, the Lady Jackets were also led by two sophomores, Sarah Brooks and Lauren McKee who was awarded a spot on the All-County Softball team. Three newcomers, freshmen Maddie Ragona and Sarah Mecom and seventh grader Corinne Stein also contributed greatly to the season's success.



# ROUNDUP

## McGILL-TOOLEN



### Soccer

#### Boys Soccer

The Varsity Boys Soccer Team went 16-7-3 this year and lost in state quarterfinals to Fairhope 1-0. They were Mobile Metro finalists (1st year in the tourney). Joseph Pelham made this year's All-Star South team. Jack Rehm was selected to the All Region Boys Soccer 1st Team and Erick Risco, Gavin MacWilliam, David Blake and Bradley Schuler were Honorable Mention.

#### Girls Soccer

The Varsity Girls Soccer Team was 23-6 (Area 2 champions) and lost in the AHSAA 6A semi-finals (first time in the history of

the program to make it to the semi-finals in consecutive years) losing to state champions Oak Mountain. The following awards and honors were bestowed on the following players: Molly Addison - Mobile Player of the year (al.com & sunrise rotary club); All County - Molly Addison, Kate Eubanks, Eva Knapstein, Geri Langham, Maggie Pierce; All State First team - Molly Addison, Eva Knapstein, Maggie Pierce; All State second team - Kate Eubanks; Al.com All Mobile team - Molly Addison, Kate Eubanks, Eva Knapstein, Maggie Pierce; Al.com All Mobile HM - Abby Boucher, Mary Catherine Cazalas, Chloe Martin; AHSAA North/South All-Star - Maggie Pierce



### Track & Field

The Boys Outdoor Track Team had another great season. The 2014 jackets were undefeated in Mobile County and the regular season. The boys went on to be Mobile County champions and region 1 champions. Senior William Carroll finished runner up in the 800m at state and was MVP of the Region 1 championships. Junior duo Sean Collins and Chris Taylor ended the year ranked 1-2 statewide in the pole vault with impressive personal bests of 16-2 and 16.00.25 Each set state records; Sean

at the AHSAA State Meet and Chris at the AHSAA decathlon. McGill-Toolen is the only high school in the country with two 16 foot pole vaulters returning. Chris Taylor was also the number 2 hurdler in the area, a scorer at the state meet in the 110 hurdles, and finished runner up

at the state decathlon. Chris Taylor (pole vault), Tony Bridges (100m), William Carroll (800m) and Sean Collins (pole vault)

were chosen for the Press Register/Al.com All County Outdoor Track Team. Sean was named the Press Register Male Track Athlete of the Year.

The lady Jackets dominated mobile track this season, winning all but one meet in region 1. Lead by a distance duo of Ebie Douglas and Grace Jensen, the girls were able to rack up wins at all the relay meets as well as the Region 1 championships. Sophomore Margaret Ollinger finished the season ranked #8 in the country with a personal best in the pole vault of 13-2. She set new state records indoor and outdoor and is now the number one all-time Alabama high school vaulter. Ebie Douglas (800), Erin Robinson (shot put) and Margaret Ollinger (pole vault) were selected for the Press Register/Al.com All County Outdoor Track Team. Margaret Ollinger won the Golden State Classic setting the meet record with a 13 foot vault.



Golden South record breaker Margaret Ollinger



State Pole Vault Champ Sean Collins and Coach Drew Bentley



### Baseball

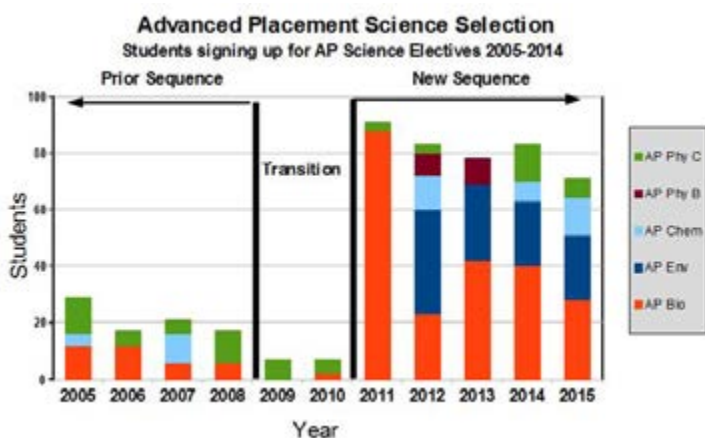
This season we started 8 new players and had 19 new lettermen that earned impressive victories over rivals Baker, Murphy, and Davidson. The Jackets traveled to Walt Disney World earning a spot to compete in Disney's Spring Training at the Wide World of Sports. The Jackets defeated teams from both North and South Carolina. Seniors Harry Satterwhite, Andrew Mahoney, Ben Spotswood, Jack Murphy, Kelly Buck,

Tyler Drinkard, David Zakrzweski, and Murray Blankenship provided great leadership for the team. McGill-Toolen baseball has a promising season ahead of them with Coach Becker.

# McT Students Succeed in Science

By Dr. Tim Burgess, Science Department Chair

Back in 2006, the Science Department investigated and proposed a change in the traditional curriculum sequence. "Physics First" was implemented in 2009 and requires all students to take Principles of Physics their freshman year, Chemistry their sophomore year, Biology (which requires knowledge of Chemistry and Physics) their Junior year and gives Seniors the option to take a science elective, including AP Physics. The new sequence required new facilities and The "Scientia Pro Amore Dei" campaign provided, at precisely the right time, our state of the art science facility. Six years after implementing the new science sequence, students are reaping the benefits.



## 400% increase in enrollment in AP Science Classes:

The highest measures of student achievement and interest in science at a college preparatory school are enrollment and performance on the Advanced Placement Science courses and exam. We have seen a 400% increase in participation in AP Science since 2006 with a 262% increase in students scoring qualified (3) or higher on AP Science Exams. We have also seen significant and sustained increases in the Science and Reasoning Section of the ACT exam. (See chart below).

**1st Place at University of Alabama Physics Competition 2 years in a row:** This past year we entered 2 teams in the 38th annual University of Alabama High School Physics Competition and for the second year in row took home top honors, The McGill-Toolen A-Team won 1st Place in the Private School Division AND 1st Place over All teams in ALL divisions. The A-Team members included Sophomore Chris McDonald who had a perfect team round, Junior Matthew Davis who had all items correct and Seniors Collin Phillips and Jacob Jagiello both with perfect team rounds. Their score tied for the highest team score earned by any team at the competition in 38 years!

Our success is a direct result of the implementation of the new science sequence, the impressive new facilities, the dedication of our faculty and the caliber of our students. We are proud to offer a curriculum that provides our students with the opportunity and skills to advance in the sciences.

## McGill-Toolen Catholic High School Fine and Performing Arts Programs Receive National Recognition



The McGill-Toolen Catholic High School Choral Company Chamber Singers takes top honors at the Heritage Music Festival in San Antonio, Texas. The singers participated in three different divisions, Chamber Choir, Women's Choir, and Men's choir, and earned a Superior score in all three. The Chamber Singers and Men's choirs were awarded first place, while the Women's Choir received a second place ranking. Maestro awards were given to Logan Anthony and Isabel Rutens as the top soloists in the Mixed Choir and Women's Choir divisions, respectively.



The McGill-Toolen Catholic High School Band takes top honors at the State Band Competition. They earned the Superior with Distinction Award for the 2nd year in a row. Superior with Distinction is reserved for bands that earn all A's in every category from every judge. This places our band in the top 2% of band programs in the entire state of Alabama. Shortly after their success at State, the band traveled to Ireland to perform in Dublin, Blarney Castle and with the Rahfuranham Band. It's been a fabulous year for the more than 100 members of the McT Band.

# McT Capital Campaign

Lynn and Bob Clapper

Chairmen, *Scientia Pro Amore Dei*... Knowledge for the Love of God

\$8 million  
of 8.5 goal

While it can honestly be said that every year is a banner year at McGill-Toolen Catholic High School, the

2013-2014 year must certainly be considered a record breaker... especially if you are talking about capital campaigns. Phase II of *Scientia Pro Amore Dei*... Knowledge for the Love of God kicked off its Leadership Phase last August, and the pace of the campaign, and the gifts and pledges it has raised in the span of a school year, have broken all records set by the historic Phase 1 campaign of 2005. With a goal of \$8.5 million, the campaign has raised \$7.9 million in gifts and pledges in just ten months.

Phase II is designed to finish the work of the Master Plan that *Scientia Pro Amore Dei*... Knowledge for the Love of God began in 2005. Phase I raised \$11.2 million over a three year period that financed the construction of the Science Center building and the Kaitlin Marie Overstreet Memorial Courtyard, renovations that created the Kenny and Anna Crow Fitness Center and the Charles Porter Band Hall, the creation of the Pope Benedict XVI Institute for Science, Faith, and Ethics, the Master Teacher incentive program, a \$500,000 technology upgrade, and new HVAC throughout the campus.

Phase II will raise the monies that will put in place the final pieces of that Master Plan. Campaign funds will finance the construction of the long-awaited Student Center Building, a new main entrance for the high school that will marry the Bishop Toolen and McGill Institute campuses. Located in the very center of our campus, and architecturally styled to reflect the historic mission look of the Bishop Toolen and St. Mary's buildings, the Student Center Building will replace the Lafayette Street parking lot outside McGill's Portier Center. It is designed to serve not only as a main entrance to the high school, but also as a gathering space in the two-story entry plaza, or agora, that will be the heart of the new building. On the south side the agora, and of tremendous importance for a Catholic school, the Student Center Building will house the new Lipscomb-White Chapel, which is designed to accommodate a worship congregation of 120. The new dining hall, a cafeteria that will seat 400 students for lunch per lunch wave, and the private Sharp Family Dining Room, will be located on the north side of the building. The Student Center Building will also house a new bookstore that will not only sell books, but will also stock the orange and



black spirit paraphernalia that is so important to the McGill-Toolen Yellow Jacket spirit. Additionally, there will be a much needed renovation to gym locker rooms.

Construction costs for the Student Center Building are estimated to total \$6.5 million. The campaign has also earmarked \$1 million for parking develop-

ment to replace the 120 spaces lost by the construction of the new building in the gym parking lot. We have been quite successful this year in acquiring available properties along the Lafayette Street and Old Shell Road perimeters of the campus that will be developed as McGill-Toolen parking areas. Another \$1 million will underwrite the design and installation of a new campus wide communications and security system that will also provide for enhanced technology capabilities as we move closer to e-education at the high school level.

The \$8.5 million campaign has been tremendously successful in raising the necessary gifts and pledges that will make these last pieces of our Master Plan a reality. Once again, Bob and I have been overwhelmed by the spirit and generosity of our donors as we have asked each of them to prayerfully and sacrificially consider gifts to the campaign at the leadership level. Even more important, however, is the excitement that we feel in 2014 among members of the McGill-Toolen family for the future of McGill-Toolen Catholic High School.

As the new school year begins in August, we will be asking everyone at McGill-Toolen Catholic High School to prayerfully consider a gift to *Scientia Pro Amore Dei*... Knowledge for the Love of God. We are blessed to have a tradition of over 118 years of dedication to Catholic education to guide us as we strive to shape McGill-Toolen's future as a high school that provides an excellent high school education that is grounded in the Catholic faith. It is the legacy of those who have walked McGill-Toolen's halls before us that makes us bold in our determination to provide for the generations that will walk these same halls long after we are gone.

Please join those who have already allowed their names to be listed in the annals of McGill's history, and have set the pace for our future in this campaign. We continue to reach higher and go farther at McGill-Toolen Catholic High School. Fr. Shields joins Bob and me in offering our heartfelt thanks for all you do for McGill-Toolen. We are proud to be counted among you.



# McT ALUMNI NEWS

Formerly Omega

“Welcome back!”

This was the phrase that echoed through the halls of McGill-Toolen Catholic High School when I returned to campus. It is with a humble heart and pride in this institution that I serve as the Director of Enrollment and Alumni Affairs. During my four years at McGill-Toolen Catholic I was a member of the Concert Choir, National Honor Society, Ambassador Club, Student Government, and a Varsity Cheerleader. The Class of 1997 is very special to me, and I hold the friendships and memories I made here very near to my heart. I am honored to represent over 118 years of excellence in Catholic education and serve as the bridge between the past, present and our future.

I hold a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Auburn University and a Master of Arts degree in Counselor Education from the University of Central Florida. While a student at Auburn, I was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority and the “Tiger Paws” dance team. I danced for the NBA’s Orlando Magic for three seasons during my graduate studies, as well as the Atlanta Hawks Dancers for one season. I have worked as both a middle and high school Guidance Counselor, including Montgomery Catholic Middle School



in the Archdiocese of Mobile. I also served as the Donor Relations Manager in the Office of University Advancement at Coastal Carolina University in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Upon my family’s return to Mobile, I served as the Career Services Coordinator at the University of South Alabama and have spent the past three years as the National Field Director for Distinguished Young Women, formerly “America’s Junior Miss”.

My husband, James “Jimbo” Tolbert, and I met at Auburn University and will celebrate nine years of marriage this fall. We have been blessed with two beautiful and charismatic children: Bryson (7) and Clare (11 months). Both will attend St. Ignatius in the fall, and are so excited to be Impalas. I am truly grateful for all of their love and support as I embark on this new adventure.

I look forward to connecting with our alumni and building relationships with the faculty and families of McGill-Toolen Catholic and our partner schools. Go Jackets!

Sincerely,  
Jennifer D. Tolbert ‘97

## We Want to Know What’s New with You?

Please use this form to help keep us up-to-date with your recent adventures and contact information. You may also contact Jennifer Tolbert, Director of Enrollment and Alumni Affairs, at 251-445-2913 or [tolberj@mcgill-toolen.org](mailto:tolberj@mcgill-toolen.org) with any updates or questions. **Go Jackets!**

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# What's New with *You?*

**Mary Trigg Scully, COM '67**, wrote a romance novel with her daughter, Helen, entitled "The Willing Widow". The novel was written under the pen name "Ursula LeCoeur" and is now available on Amazon.com.

**Lawrence J. Harrison, Jr. '68**, named one of 15 Best Landman at the 2013 Texas Top Producers Awards Banquet sponsored by the Texas Independent Producers & Royalty Owners.

**John W. Richardson, MT '90**, wrote the screenplay for the movie "Non-Stop," starring Julianne Moore and Liam Neeson, about an air marshal who must spring into action aboard an international flight. He is the grandson of Eleanor Marston Benz, VA '34.

**Alexander Stewart, MT '99**, married Lilli Carree in June 2013 in Mineral Point, WI. He is currently on sabbatical from his position at DePaul University in Chicago, where he is an assistant professor and teaches animation. He and Lillie are enjoying a year of art-related travel.

**Elizabeth Stewart Nava, MT '04**, and her husband Joe announce the arrival of their first child, Thomas Joseph, born October 26, 2013. They live in Dallas, TX, where Joe teaches at Dallas Jesuit College Preparatory and Elizabeth is retired from teaching to raise their family.

**William Stewart, MT '08**, earned a master of arts in German studies from Middlebury College in August 2013. He lives in Berlin, Germany, and works at Studio Olafur Eliasson.

**Carolyn Ann Backes, Jessica Lauren Bessonon, Allyson Hughes Cooney, Elizabeth Ann Davidson, Shannon Michelle Donaldson, Taylor Lynn Fesenmeier, Faith Ann Lowe, Caroline Eileen Delores Manas and Katherine Ellen Setterstrom, MT '10, and Rachel Catherine Mayberry and Marie Ellen Vollmer, MT '09**, were presented at the 2013 Nutcracker Charity Ball.

**Zachary Stewart, MT '11**, is halfway through his bachelor's degree at Auburn University in Software engineering with a minor in Spanish. He is a member of NROTC with the rank of 3/C midshipman and also belongs to Tau Beta Pi, national engineering honor society. His hobbies include tennis, bowling and Netflix.

**Timiya Marzett, Estella Taylor and Alexandria Thomas, MT '12**, made their debut at the 80th annual ball of the Strikers Club Inc., on December 27, 2013 at the Greater Gulf State Fairgrounds.

**Philbert Martial, MT '13**, was named Gulf Coast Conference Defensive Freshman of the Year. He plays for the University of North Alabama.

## Please Pray For Our Deceased Alumni and Staff



George Michael Allegrì Sr., MI '58  
Rosalie Ankerson, BT' 36  
Betty Mae Salva Bradley, BT '64  
James Martin Bray III, MI'66  
Edward A. Collier, Jr., MI'70  
Marjorie Patterson Comeau, VA  
Ronald Michael Cunningham, MI '67  
Admiral Jeremiah Denton Jr., MI '42  
James R. Diamond, Sr., MI'48  
Mary Francis Doolittle, BT'57  
Donald Edward Drey Sr., MT '77  
Rufus Hilary "Buzzy" Ducote III, MI '73  
Helen Duggan, BT '36  
Kathleen Ellis, COM' 52  
Vincent T. Ford, MI'66  
Norman J. Godbold, MI'42  
Hannon S. Hairston, MI '53  
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Bettye Houck Hebert, BT '48  
John M. Hughes, MT'89  
Guy Robert Jackson Jr., MI '70  
Mary Margaret Ollinger Kelliher, BT '49  
Maida J. Kelly, BT'49  
Fred Kendrick, MI '48  
Kyneky K. Knight, MT'88  
Leo E. Kopf Jr., MI '54  
Joseph R. Llewellyn, MI'49  
George Lyndall, MI'  
Erika Buschmann Lynam, MT '88  
Helen Duggan Martin, COM '38  
Edward T. McCaffery, MI '60  
Mary Carolyn McDonald, COM '41  
Henry M. McPhillips, Jr., MI'40  
Thomas M. Mingus, Jr., MI'55  
Thomas S. O'Connor, MI '61  
Pritchard A. Partridge, MI '59  
Paula Lynn Lloyd Pugh, MT '81  
James Arthur Rodriguez Sr., MI '53  
George Leo Rooney Jr., MI '46  
Sandra Reinhart Simmons, BT'60  
Allyn Ross Skelton III, MT '81  
Gordon "Buddy" Smith III, MI '44  
Nancy Carroll Stanton, BT '58  
Wayne Allen Travis, MI '57  
George Anthony Tremer, MI '48  
John T. "Donnie" Wagner, MI '49  
James A. "Jimmy" Weichman, MT '80  
Dorothy Dean Zak, BT '51

### Faculty and Staff

Reverend Brendan J. Keller  
Bill Kelly  
Faustin Neff Weber, Jr.

### Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord.

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Families, please let the Alumni Office know in the event of the death of our alumni or staff members at [tolberj@mcgill-toolen.org](mailto:tolberj@mcgill-toolen.org).

## Members of this year's Junior Class are carrying on family traditions

Class Ring Ceremony – A McGill-Toolen Catholic rite of passage: The rich tradition of families at McGill was represented with the passing of rings from generation to generation.



Erin Blake and her mom Shannon Ollinger Blake ('83) with Erin's grandmother's ring from Bishop Toolen class of 1961.



Like Father Like Son: Russell Noletto with parents, John (class of 78) and Tanya and John in 1977 with his parents Herbert (MI '44) and Mary Lou Sheffield Noletto (BT '49)



Class of 1984



BT, COM and MI 70th Birthday Celebration

### Wedding Congratulations To:

Anna Katherine Phillips and Frederick Ryan Frost, MT '98  
Ashley Murphy Ankersen, MT '06, and William Davidson McCravey  
Clarke Kelly Marie Phillips, MT '07, and Jared Michael Rehm, MT '04  
Brittany Rickert, MT '07 and Miller Callaway

Newlyweds, please send your correct contact information to [tolbertj@mcgill-toolen.org](mailto:tolbertj@mcgill-toolen.org) or Alumni Office, 1501 Old Shell Road, Mobile, AL 36604.

### Golden Anniversary Congratulations To:

Eleanor Magruder, ME '61, and Dan Garraway, MI '60  
Sandi and Patrick Zimlich, MI '60

## RECENT REUNIONS

### Class of 1960

Bishop Toolen, Convent of Mercy,  
McGill Institute

55th Reunion • Late April 2015

Contacts: Barbara Brooks Rancour: 251-344-4772;  
Matt Avinger 251-583-5458;  
Peggy Cooper Bridges: 251-583-5593

### Class of 1962

Bishop Toolen, Convent of Mercy,  
McGill Institute

70th Birthday Party • May 3, 2014

Original Oyster House (Reservations required)  
Contacts: Diane Perez Muscat 251.476.5781;  
251.591.5013; Terri Ford Banks 251.591.2077

### Class of 1984

McGill-Toolen • June 20, 2014

Moe's Original Bar B Que; History Museum of Mobile

### Class of 1989

McGill-Toolen • June 21, 2014

The Brickyard  
Contact: Alice Leigh Barnawell;  
Seibert, [mctco89@gmail.com](mailto:mctco89@gmail.com)

### Class of 1994

McGill-Toolen • June 14, 2014

Contact: Jennifer Davis Allbritain,  
[mcgilltoolen94@gmail.com](mailto:mcgilltoolen94@gmail.com)

### Class of 2004

McGill-Toolen • June 7, 2004

Moe's Original Bar B Que  
Contact: Emily Otto Kaplan,  
[mctclassof04@gmail.com](mailto:mctclassof04@gmail.com)

Find your reunion information online at [www.mcgill-toolen.org](http://www.mcgill-toolen.org)

### Let us help plan your class reunion!

Please contact Jennifer Tolbert, Director of Enrollment and Alumni Affairs, at 251-445-2913 or [tolbertj@mcgill-toolen.org](mailto:tolbertj@mcgill-toolen.org) for more information and a **free** reunion packet.

 Follow us on Facebook and now on our NEW "McGill-Toolen Catholic Alumni" facebook page!

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Applications are due **July 28th** to the Alumni Office

Please visit our website: [www.mcgill-toolen.org](http://www.mcgill-toolen.org)

Click Alumni Page, Hall of Fame Tab for application and instructions

Membership in the McGill-Toolen Hall of Fame shall be open to any person who is a voting member of the Catholic High Schools Association of Mobile (CHSAAM) and meets the following criteria:

- must have been graduated at least 10 years from one of the Mobile Catholic high schools, or
- must have been employed at one of the Catholic high schools of Mobile for at least 5 years, and
- be a practicing Catholic.

Please call the Alumni Office with any questions at 445-2913



## Homecoming 2014, Sept. 19

Hall of Fame Lunch – 12:00 P.M.

Pep Rally – 1:30 P.M.

Homecoming Under the Tent – 5:30 P.M.

Lipscomb Complex – Baseball Field

Game vs MGM • 7:00 p.m.

For More Information Call 441.0809



## Calendar of Events

**August 13**

First Day of School

**September 19 & 20**

Homecoming

**October 15**

Toy Bowl

**December 4-6**

Boar's Head



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