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Dear Friends:

The Christmas season came to a close with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord on January 11. With this joyful and festive holiday behind us, we now enter into 'Ordinary Time' in the Church's liturgical calendar—a time to grow in our realization of the grace we received at our own Baptism.

The term Ordinary Time comes from the Latin word ordinal, and refers to the manner of counting the days between the two great feasts of Easter and Christmas. The term can be confusing since the everyday, colloquial sense of the word ordinary is plain, routine, and uneventful. I once heard it remarked that there is never anything 'ordinary', in the usual, colloquial sense of the word, about the Christian life! Every day is, for the faithful Christian, a new day to hear and heed the Word of God.

At McGill-Toolen Catholic, we have started back to the ordinary time of the school year, but I am happy to report that there is nothing 'ordinary' about this new semester! As I write this column, our men's basketball team is ranked #5 in the state, and our women's team is right behind, with a #9 ranking. Our Physic team is preparing to defend its 2 year rein as Champion at the University of Alabama Physics Competition and our men's and women's swim and dive teams finished #2 the state (as did our women's cross country team). We led the city in National Merit scholars, with six semifinalists.

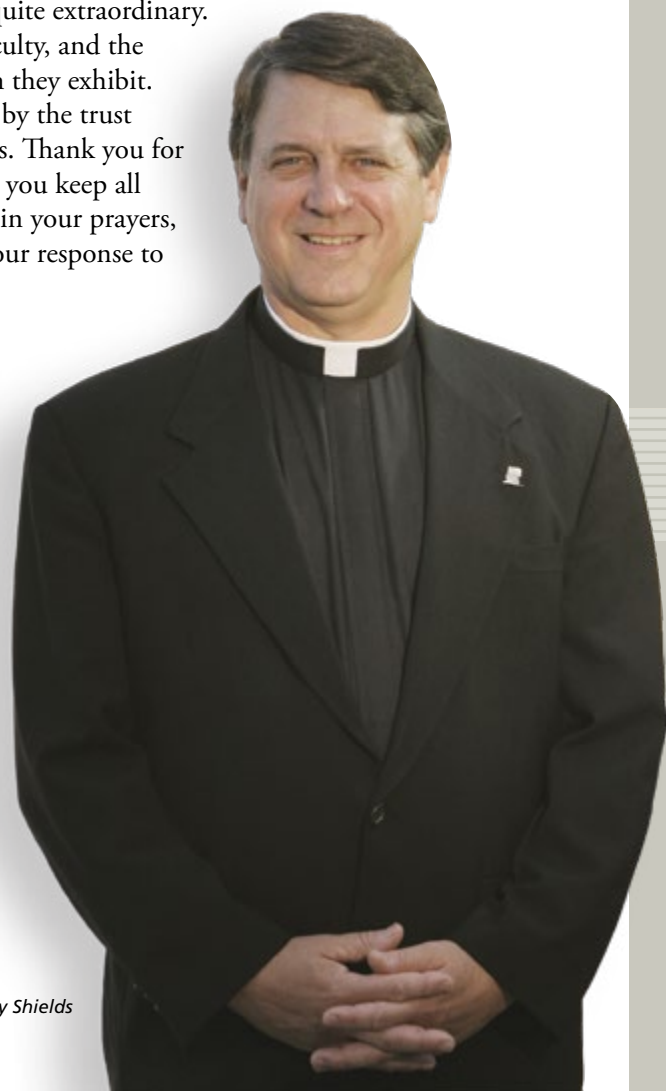
Just as our students' achievements were far from ordinary, so our capital campaign, Scientia Pro Amore Dei—Knowledge for the Love of God, has gone beyond our highest expectations. At this time, we have received over \$10 million in pledges, with more than \$4 million in cash already received. Due to this remarkable and extraordinary generosity, we are now prepared to go out for bids on the new parking areas and the new Student Center. We anticipate being able to start construction on the Student Center by the end of this school year.

As you peruse this issue of the Link, you will see that the ordinary life of McGill-Toolen is indeed quite extraordinary. We are very proud of our students and faculty, and the remarkable dedication to excellence which they exhibit. We are humbled and filled with gratitude by the trust and confidence shown in us by our donors. Thank you for your support of our school, and I ask that you keep all of our faculty, staff, students, and parents in your prayers, as we all continue to strive to advance in our response to the extraordinary graces of our Lord.

Sincerely,



Fr. Bry Shields



Fr. Bry Shields

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Student Spotlight

By Blaize Naman



The following is an excerpt from Student Government President, Blaize Naman's speech at our Preview Night for prospective parents. He did a wonderful job of articulating what his time at McT has meant to him and we wanted to share it with our Link readers:

I am here to tell you that, from a student's point of view, there is not a better school in the city than McGill-Toolen Catholic High School. I love McGill-Toolen. I wouldn't trade the memories I have made, the relationships I have created, or the strengthening I have had in my faith for anything else in the world.

The friendships that I have made here are friendships that are going to last a lifetime. Kids are not going to flourish in High school if they aren't happy. McGill is so unique from other schools in the sense that everyone really seems to get along with each other.

Every student will find a group of people they feel comfortable around. Groups here are not exclusive. We really are a family at McGill Toolen. It's hard to put into words the bonds we have, you really have to come here and experience it for yourself.

I have been a Catholic all my life. I was baptized as an infant, attended St Mary's grade school for nine years and I went to Mass with my family every Sunday. But I realized soon after I came here that I had so much more to learn about my faith. McGill has shown me that loving God is truly a cool thing to do. It's really something that all McGill students are taught to believe. I have also learned that it takes a little more than just being a Christian. It requires genuine sacrifice, kindness, and above all else- service to others. And I think McGill sets a wonderful example for its students in this way.

Of course academics are important and McGill does an outstanding job of educating its students. An education from McGill not only helps us succeed in high school and college, but it molds us to be the just, powerful and intelligent young men and women that our world so desperately needs right now.

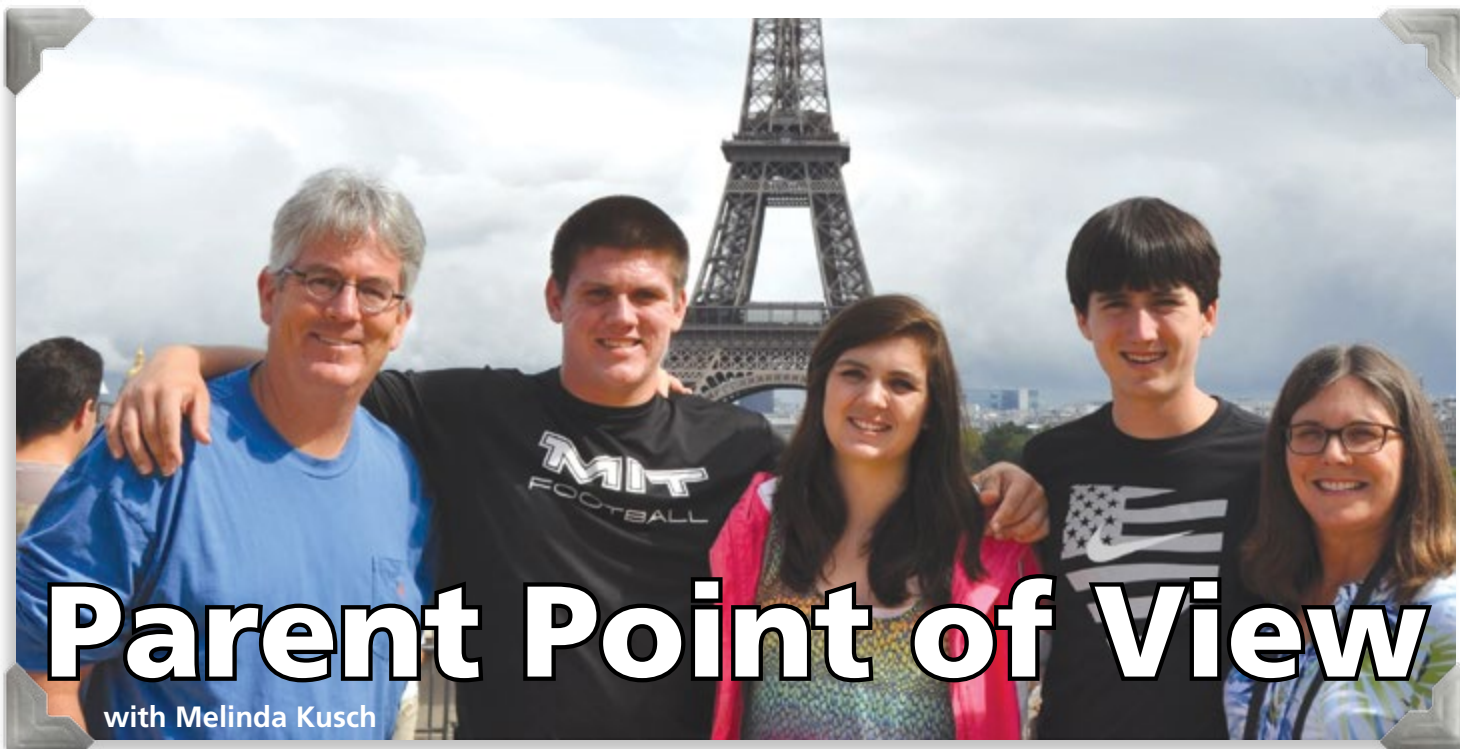


It's hard to really summarize the impact that being a McGill-Toolen yellow jacket has had on my life, but I guess I could try to explain it to you in a recent story....

It was Senior Night at the football game and we played Theodore (and won... GO JACKETS). It was also the last home game we would have all season. I honestly had dreaded that game the entire week. I knew that when that final ball was snapped and that clock hit its last second, win or lose.... that was it for me. That would be my last game as a student at McGill-Toolen. I was so down and I don't even play football. Something as simple as a Friday Night high school football game had been such a huge part of my life for four years, and it was coming to an end. So I walked out of the stadium, got in my car and just sat there. For the first time in my life, [and this is something I thought I would never say].... I wished I was a freshman again.

Then I got a call from my buddies and they said "hey we are going to go back to McGill and storm the field house, tell everyone you see to be there". This is one of many traditions that we do after a big win at McGill. So I pepped up and got there as fast as I could and we packed that locker room out. All the football players and literally a third of the student section were packed in and we turned the speakers to max volume and just rocked out. You would've never thought that we were a 3-6 team. Someone who didn't know any better would've thought we just won a State Championship. We are all about having good, innocent fun and it's something I'll miss most when I leave. It is incredible how much these little traditions affect the students here. We have this sense of school pride that is unlike any other school in the state.

This is just one example of the many ways in which our passion for McT brings all of us together. Whether it be marching down the streets of Washington DC to stand up for life with the Pro-Life Club, taking a fan bus to watch the Basketball team go to the State Championship, or even coming together as a school to attend Mass every month...there is nothing that can compare to the McT experience.



Parent Point of View

with Melinda Kusch

Melinda and her husband Henry have three children. Their daughter Kate graduated in 2011 and attends Georgia Tech; Kevin was the valedictorian of the class of 2013 and attends MIT where he also plays football; and Connor is a Junior in the Aquinas program and is a member of the Physics Team and the Cross Country and Track teams. The Kusch's had lived in California and Texas prior to moving to Mobile in 2009.

Q: Why did you choose McGill-Toolen Catholic High School for your children?

A: The children and I are converts to the Catholic faith (I guess you could call my husband a “revert”), and we wanted our children to get appropriately catechized in order for them to fully appreciate and adequately practice our faith.

We toured the area private schools before moving to Mobile. We saw schools that were very impressive with new facilities and a polished presentation. I was quite dazzled by the whole thing, even envisioning my children walking down the halls of the complexes. When we left, my husband said the decision was easy – it would be Catholic education because we are Catholics! The outside of building did not matter. What mattered was that they would have the opportunity to learn in a Catholic environment. Now McGill's new capital campaign has raised \$10M to improve and unify the look of the campus as well as add a student center with a dedicated chapel at the heart of the campus!

Q: How do you feel about your decision?

A: We feel it is one of the best choices we ever made. All three of our children practice their faith proudly and knowledgeably. They are able to defend their faith when challenged. I feel this has been one of the most important

gifts that we have given them to prepare them for the world we live in. We have given our children the “armor” St. Paul speaks of, and we have made sure that it is strong.

Q: Do you feel that you have sacrificed anything educationally?

A: Absolutely not. We feel that God has us placed in a perfect place to grow in our faith. Because of my husband's career, our children had been in several types of schools before we moved to Mobile. McGill-Toolen is considered a large school. It is set up for up to 4 levels in any major subject (CP1, CP2, Honors, and AP). Students at McGill-Toolen are competitive with those at the best private and public schools in the state. We have award winning sports teams and award winning extra-curricular clubs like the Physics Team, which has won the state championship for the last two years. We just started a Debate Team. There is plenty of camaraderie and something for everyone.

Q: What were you most surprised about?

A: The two things I think that most surprised me about McGill-Toolen are the excellence of the Theology Department and the number of seminarians and priests who have graduated from McGill-Toolen. It is just wonderful to have friends of your children and children of your friends who are studying to be priests. What fabulous role models! My friends in other states cannot believe that we have young men entering the priesthood from our high school. In many other parts of the country most new priests come from other countries, not from the neighborhood.

I have been inspired by every Theology teacher my three children have had. I know that they each cared about the soul of my child. The knowledge my children have gained about

the Catholic faith during their years in Mobile has been vast, both deep and wide! They correct me all the time. I have to listen to Catholic Answers to catch up! My children have been superbly prepared to go into the world and defend and proclaim the Catholic faith! Thank you to the teachers of the McGill-Toolen Theology department.

I also feel that they have a much greater zeal for service from living here. They have discovered the true reward of helping others—joy! There are so many opportunities within our parish and the school to get involved. I am always amazed when my youngest bounds out of bed early on Saturday to go to St. Mary's Home or run off on Sunday afternoon to help with cooking for McKemie Place. Now that makes me joyful!

Where else do you get a course titled “Morality”—that's so awesome! Mr. McDonald really knows how to make this course real for the children. He brings in current events and pop culture to make the children really think about the world they live in and the choices they make. He is a movie buff and I have seen many of the movies based on his recommendation (He reviews the summer movies for WNGL). I never planned on watching the Dark Knight, but my sons told me how Mr. McDonald thought it showed serious moral dilemmas and choices. I really enjoyed it.

Q: How has McGill-Toolen affected you as a parent?

A: I have a friend in northern California who went to Catholic school all her life and whose children went to Catholic school. Because Catholic education is notoriously expensive in that area, I asked her how they could afford it. Surprisingly, it was her husband (a public school attendee) who replied that Catholic school was not merely an education, it was a way of life – a community of friends around which your life focused. He said it was a great investment not for just the children, but for the whole family.

Now that we are here, I completely understand. I have made so many friends through our parish and through McGill-Toolen. I have become involved in activities that have really “stretched” and enhanced my faith. I think I have become a better parent because I have so many additional role models in those with older children and grandchildren. Community and tradition are two of the benefits of a Catholic education. Attending McGill-Toolen is very much a tradition in our community. Can you believe that on “Generations Day” there are some children wearing a number six indicating that they are the sixth generation from their family to attend McGill-Toolen? And you will get your diploma from the Archbishop when you graduate!

I am so thankful that God led us to Mobile, Alabama and that we decided to have our children attend McGill-Toolen Catholic High School.



By Mark Tenhunfeld

Debate is back at McGill-Toolen!

After a many-year hiatus, McGill-Toolen once again has a debate team and, despite its inexperience, the team already has notched some impressive successes.

The team is co-captained by Caspian Roberts and Bret Arata. They recently were joined by seniors Erin Blake, Merideth Cazalas, Mat Thames, and Isabelle Rutens and juniors Marian Wacker and Druhan Cummings at a tournament at a school just outside of Atlanta. Erin and Merideth won their division, beating out 32 other teams. Erin placed first individually, followed closely by Merideth who had the second highest speaker points. The team of Caspian and Bret finished in a tie for fifth.

The team participates in an event called “Public Forum” debate, where the topics change each month. So far, the teams have debated whether public subsidies for professional sports teams benefit communities and whether the benefits of genetically modified foods outweigh the harms. In January, McGill-Toolen will be sending several of the team's members to a tournament in New Orleans, where they will debate whether United Nations peacekeepers should have the power to engage in offensive operations.

Several other students recently have joined the team as their other extracurricular activities have permitted. Going forward, the team will be joined by seniors Drake Wakefield and Matthew Michael and juniors Kellie Barrett, Nick West, and Ethan Andrews.

The team is moderated by Mark Tenhunfeld, who currently teaches government and economics at McGill-Toolen and who was on the McGill-Toolen debate team back in the 1970s. Reflecting on the team's experience this year, Mr. Tenhunfeld said, “It is an honor and a privilege to be able to work with such terrific students. And it's a whole lot of fun! I really appreciate all the support the administration has given to the team, and I look forward to building on the team's successes in the months and years to come.”

SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Bill Griffin
Athletic Director

2014 MCGILL-TOOLEN

Fall of 2014

McT Sports: Some Things Change. One Thing Will Stay the Same.

The fall of 2014 brought several changes to McT Athletics. To begin, two new head coaches took over programs. Coach Caleb Ross was promoted from Offensive Coordinator to Head Football Coach and Kate Wood was hired as our new Volleyball Coach. The AHSAA expanded the number of classifications to seven and McGill-Toolen Catholic became part of the new Class 7A. McT Athletics is also taking advantage of technology and social media to promote the Athletic Department. The one thing that will always stay the same is McGill-Toolen's commitment to excellence.

Football

Boys Football

After graduating a very talented Senior Class that saw several players sign scholarships to play in college, Coach Ross and his staff knew there would be several key positions to fill this season. The season began with wins over UMS-Wright and Vigor. After struggling through losses, injuries, and some inexperience the Yellow jackets finished strong. On Senior Night, the Theodore Bobcats came to the LIP hoping to keep their play-off chances alive behind their strong running game. After falling behind 10-0, the Yellow Jackets rose to the occasion and the defense had one of its finest performances of the year. After several lead changes, McT stopped Theodore on a 2 point



Coin toss at the McT vs Theodore Game at the Lip

conversion to preserve a 25-23 victory and eliminate the Bobcats from the play-offs.

One week later, the Yellow Jackets traveled to the eventual state semi finalist, Foley Lions, for the season finale. In a game which Foley was heavily favored, the scrappy yellow jackets fought toe to toe, swapping scores. In the 3rd quarter, McT began to pull away when Paris Chambers hit Terrell Kennedy for 50 yards for a 28-17 lead and an upset in the making. But the Lions roared back and took the lead with under a minute to go apparently ending the upset minded Yellow Jackets. On the next play from scrimmage, Marlon Williams took a reverse and hit Alex Davis for a 76 yard TD and a 35-31 lead. The defense held. The band and student section chanted, "It's Great to be a Yellow Jacket"!

Spencer Ruggs and Alex Davis were recognized by the Crichton Optimist Club as Players of the Week. DeAnthony Philon was named WNSP Defensive Player of the Week. Tripp Cobb earned 2nd Team All Region Honors as well as 2nd Team All State. the Year. He will play golf for the University of Alabama next year.

Swimming / Track & Field

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The following athletes have signed National Letters of Intent during the Early Signing period. We are certainly proud of them as they will join the over 60 current college athletes that are graduates of McGill-Toolen Catholic.

- Sean Collins - University of South Alabama Track & Field
- Ebie Douglas - University of Alabama Cross Country/Track & Field
- Russell Noletto - Auburn University Swimming
- Chris Taylor - University of South Alabama Track & Field



Signing day

Volleyball

Girls Volleyball

Coach Kate Wood came to McT all the way from Arlington, TX. She was lured to McT by the reputation of the Dirty Dozen as one of the premier programs in the state. She was faced with the daunting task of replacing a state semi finalist team that lost 8 seniors. She immediately instituted a new strength and conditioning program that challenged the players and produced results. Coach Wood also saw a need to increase the volleyball staff. We added Olivia Mohler, Lauren Gavin, Nicole Orso, and Caitlyn Cox to our staff that already included Lauren Pritchett.

Our team, led by seniors, Lindsay Farnell, Abby Hutchens, and Katherine Still, bought into Coach Wood's new philosophy immediately. The Dirty Dozen opened play against Bayside Academy and although we lost in 5, it was a hard fought match and showed the determination that this team was going to have. Just a few weeks later, the dirty Dozen wins the Bayside Invitational beating Bayside in the Finals 19-25, 25-14, 15-10. For the first time in years, our area in volleyball was extremely competitive. Peaking at the right time, McT wins Area 2

defeating Murphy 3-0 and Fairhope 23-0. By winning the area, we headed to Montgomery for Super Regionals and won, defeating Baker in the finals 3-1.

At the State Tournament, the Dirty Dozen advanced to the semi finals by beating Grissom 25-17, 25-23, 25-14 ending the season in the Final Four. During the season, Elizabeth Burnett was recognized as Kiwanis Club Player of the Week. Elizabeth, along with Kirsten carter, Lindsay Farnell, Abigail Hutchens, Elizabeth Murphy, and Katherine Still were selected to the Mobile All County Volleyball Team. Abigail Hutchens was selected to the AHSAA 7A All State Volleyball Team for



Coach Wood and the Dirty Dozen

her performance at the state tournament.

Cross Country



Cross Country Team at Jesse Owens Meet

Another successful Cross Country season under the direction of Coach Drew Bentley and the awards were plenty for our athletes. The teams opened the season with the Warrior Classic at the Fairgrounds with our Girls winning and our Boys placing 6th. From there our teams traveled to Moulton for the Chickasaw Trails Race and our Girls placed 6th out of 46 teams and Grace Jensen finished 14th in a field of over 300. In the Azalea City Classic, our Girls Team swept both divisions. Claire Frazier Bolton won the Jaguar Division. From there, our Girls win the Spring Hill College Invitational. At Jesse Owens, a strong performance by Ebie Douglas puts her in the top 10 in

Class 7A and Grace Jensen wins the Junior High Division. At the County Cross Country Meet, McT wins the varsity Girls, Jr. High Boys, and Jr. High Girls Divisions. Grace Jensen wins the Individual Championship and Claire Frazier Bolton wins the Jr. High Girls Individual Championship. McT Girls win the 52nd Annual McT Relays at Municipal Park before sectionals. Girls win sectionals and Boys finish 3rd to qualify for State . McT Girls finish 4th at the State Meet.

7A Mobile Optimist Club Cross Country Runners of the Week include: Grace Jensen, Fia Rose Carlos, Ebie Douglas, Andrew Dunne, Julia McDermott, Frieda Kickliter, Christian Steiner, John Williams, Anna Fouty, and Claire Frazier Bolton. Claire Frazier Bolton, Fia Rose Carlos, Ebie Douglas, Grace Jensen, Frieda Kickliter, and Christian Steiner were all selected to the All County Cross Country Team. Grace Jensen finished 3rd in the State Meet and earned her All State Honors! She was also selected the 7A Mobile Optimist Club Female Cross Country Runner of the Year.

Swim & Dive

The Swim & Dive Programs under the direction of Coach Geoffrey Hart had another tremendously successful year. Recognized as one of the top programs in the state, this year lived up to that billing.



Girls take 2nd place at State Meet

They kicked off the season by hosting their annual invitational where the boys finished 3rd and the girls upset Louisiana's current 4-time state champion St. Joseph's Academy. Traveling to Huntsville for the Patriot Invite the momentum kept rolling and our Girls won and Boys finish 2nd giving us a good indication of how things might match up for state. Throughout the championship season, momentum kept building and the Jackets rolled.



Boys finish 2nd at State Meet

At the County Championships, both boys and girls swept the competition and led straight into a sweep at the newly established Sectional Championships.

In Auburn, AL the boys and girls competed hard and finished the weekend as Alabama's runner-up in both men's and women's competitions. They arrived on campus as Alabama's top swimming and diving program for the 3rd time in the past 5 years. The girls team broke every single swimming team record and the boys broke 4 of 11 records. The Jackets were led by a number of All-State athletes in many competitions including the following:

All-State Individual Performances

- Jillian Dominick (Sr.)- 7th Diving
- Madison Kelly (So.)- 8th Diving
- Austin Carnesi (Sr.)- 5th Diving
- Ben Smith (So.)- 6th Diving
- Russell Noletto (Sr.)- 2nd 200 Free, 1st 500 Free
- Margaret Carey (So.)- 2nd 200 IM, 4th 100 Fly
- Patrick Dunne (So.)- 3rd 200 IM, 4th 100 Fly
- Jackson Algiers (Sr.)- 6th 200 IM, 5th 100 Breast
- Anna Rose (Jr.)- 8th 100 Free, 4th 100 Back
- Ellis Glass (Sr.)- 7th 100 Back

Automatic All-American

- Russell Noletto (Sr.)- 500 Free

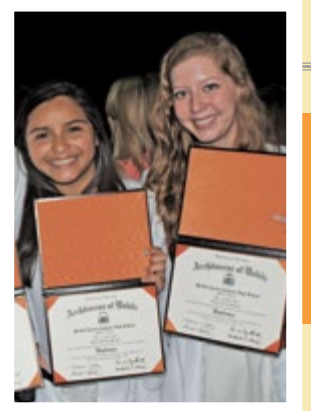
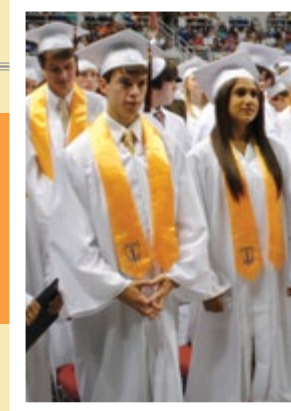
All-American Consideration

- Russell Noletto (Sr.)- 200 Free
- Men's 200 Medley Relay: Patrick Dunne, Jackson Algiers, Russell Noletto, Sean Collins

Academic All-Americans

- Ellis Glass (Sr.)
- Russell Noletto

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE at McGill-Toolen



Pardon the cliché, but we truly began the 2014-15 school year with a bang when we received the great news that our ACT scores had risen once again, but this time in all four academic areas of math, science, English and reading. We continue to outpace the state average – our composite score is 24.2 compared to the state at 21. To enhance that good news, we graduated a class in which 19% of 255 students scored a 30 or higher on the college entrance exam. As a testament to our rich academic program, the Class of 2014 received approximately \$26 million in scholarship offers.

The good news continued the fall semester when six members of the Class of 2015 were named National Merit Semi-Finalists, and two were named Commended Scholars. The former are Taylor Mahoney, Brennan Smith, Bret Arata, Burke Moore, Matthew Davis, and Austin Taylor. The latter are Charlie Seiter and Collin Fogarty. The Finalists will be announced in March.

Our Academic teams continue to grow with the addition of the Debate Team, which had two members, Erin Blake and Merideth Cazalas, win top honors and an invitation to compete in the state tournament in Georgia. The Scholars Bowl team placed second this fall, and the Physics team is preparing for its third run on a championship performance at the University of Alabama.

Our physics team's success is partly due to STEM-related activities taught in various courses, beginning with Physics First at the freshmen level. Students participate in various projects and learn to use advanced equipment to think critically and develop skills for future careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. For example, physics and chemistry students use the latest interfacing technology, Vernier Lab Quest II, to obtain and export data to their computers for analysis and presentation. Biology students use spectral analyzers to determine the optimum wavelength of light for plant growth and gel electrophoresis to examine DNA patterns.

To better prepare themselves for teaching in the 21st century, several teachers in the Science Department have attended STEM-related training. Dr. Lisa Griffin and Drew Bentley attended Physics Modeling Training. Betsy McDermott, Rebecca Hyre and Dr. Tim Burgess participated in a Chemistry Modeling workshop. Last fall, Kerry Goff was selected to participate in the Excellence in Teaching Conference at the University of Notre Dame, which included project-based learning. Marie Bader, Kerry Goff and Kirsten Patterson have all attended STEM workshops at the National Science Teachers Convention. Finally, Department Chair Dr. Tim Burgess is a national trainer for the American Modeling Science Teacher Association.

Along with STEM activities, the McGill-Toolen Science Department continues the Faith and Science initiative begun several years ago. Teaching students that science knowledge and the Catholic faith exist in harmony is always a primary goal. Biology and Genetics teacher Kerry Goff best explains it: "Our students learn that they never have to try to "reconcile" their faith with science. That would imply that there was some inherent disconnect between the two, which is not the case! From the examination of physical, chemical, and biological laws, our students are exposed to the awesome wonder of the logical universe that God has created for us. Some topics are explicit, such as the discussion of the creation stories with a geological lens in Earth and Space Science, the examination of ethics in Genetics, and developing the awareness of the stewardship we must exhibit for our planet in Biology. Many more faith-filled moments are simple ones— sharing the awe of the complex inner workings of the cell, the intricate beauty of being able to predict how elements will react with each other, and the satisfaction when a projectile launches perfectly once all the variables have been accounted for. Learning science as one of the true miracles that God has given us deepens not only our students' faith, but also our faith as teachers. Every day we are able to share in that faith and wonder."

McT Athletics - Technology and Social Media

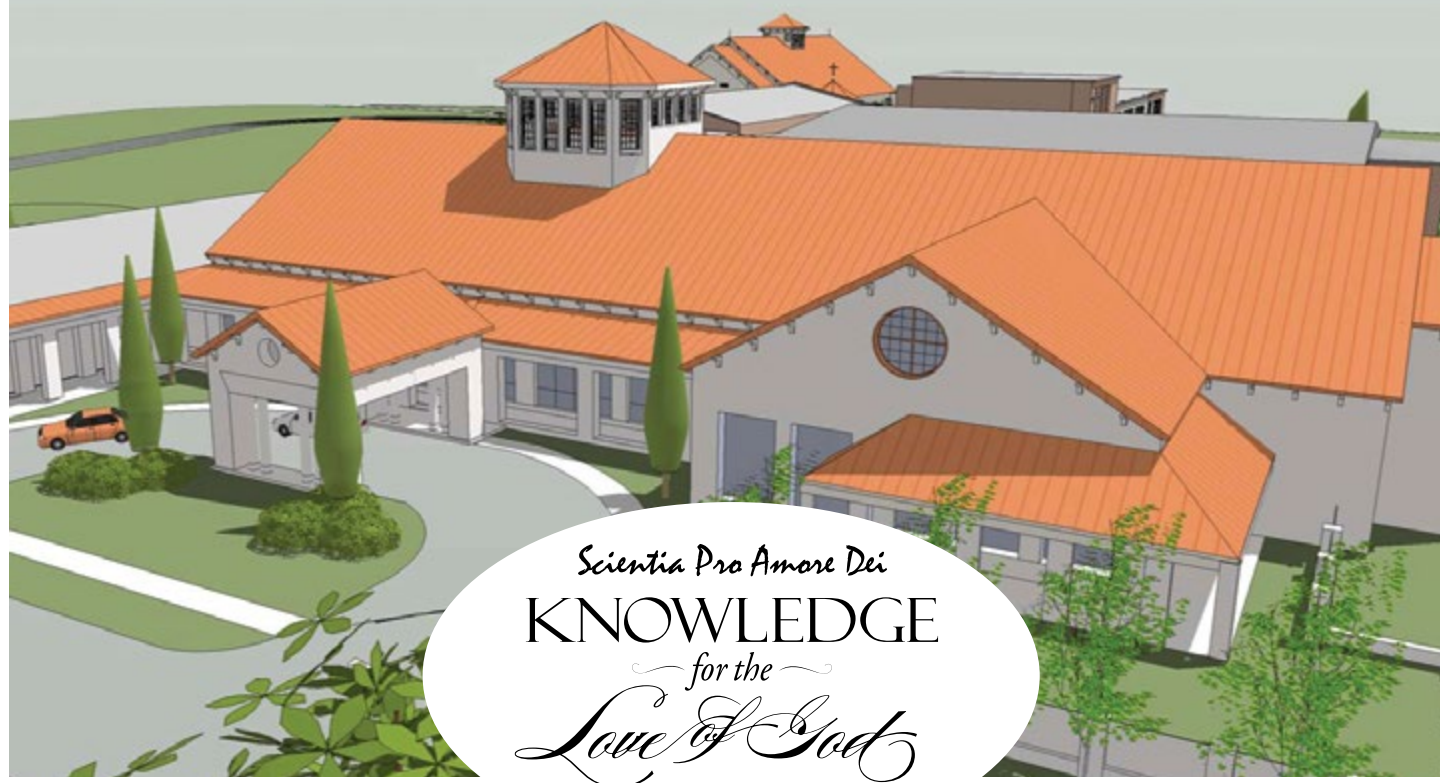
Visit the McT website www.mcgill-toolen.org and click on the Athletics tab. Check out the latest edition of "In the Arena". Follow me on Twitter @McTCoachGriffin. These are things that I thought I'd never say. But as I have found out, technology and social media is a very important tool in promoting athletics and McGill-Toolen Catholic High School.

Our Video Journalism Department under the direction of Mr. Herb Conaway has done an exceptional job of producing

"In the Arena", which can be found on the website. We are now using drones to capture many unique camera shots for videos.

We will soon begin live streaming of our athletic event through Play-On Sports. We will use students to broadcast these games. They will run the cameras, input the data from the computers, and even provide the on-air commentary. Look for a link coming soon on our Athletic Webpage.

Capital Campaign



Scientia Pro Amore Dei
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It is an exciting time at McGill-Toolen Catholic High School and we invite you to be a part of our success. It is thanks to our many generous donors that we have been able to raise \$10million towards phase II of Scientia Pro Amore Dei...Knowledge for the Love of God Capital Campaign and more than \$200,000 for the Annual Fund. Both of these campaigns are critical to securing a high-caliber Catholic education for the students of Mobile.

Phase II of Scientia Pro Amore Dei...Knowledge for the Love of God capital campaign will complete our Master Plan that was begun in 2005.

- Monies raised in Phase II will provide for:
- A New Student Center Building, which will serve as McGill-Toolen's main entrance on Lafayette Street.
 - The Lipscomb-White Chapel that will seat up to 120 people, allowing for daily Mass and adoration, special devotions for classes, sports teams, faculty and staff.
 - A new dining hall that will accommodate 1200 students in three lunch waves.
 - The Sharp Family Private Dining Room to be used for special conferences and meetings.
 - A bookstore that will carry textbooks, novels, school supplies, as well as apparel and specialty items with McGill-Toolen insignia.

- New technology and communication infrastructure to improve connectivity and safety for the entire campus.
- Parking: McGill-Toolen is acquiring additional property on Lafayette Street that will be converted into parking.
- Two additional Locker Rooms will be constructed for athletic programs.

Completion of the projects of Scientia Pro Amore Dei will give us the competitive edge and ensure stability of our enrollment and our campus will aesthetically reflect the high-quality education that we provide. The White-Lipscomb Chapel will serve as a physical reminder that our faith is at the heart of all we do. We hope to begin construction this spring and we ask you to consider being a part of making history at McT by making a pledge. A pledge card is included for your convenience or you can visit www.mcgill-toolen.org and click the Capital Campaign Link for an on-line pledge form.

Annual Fund

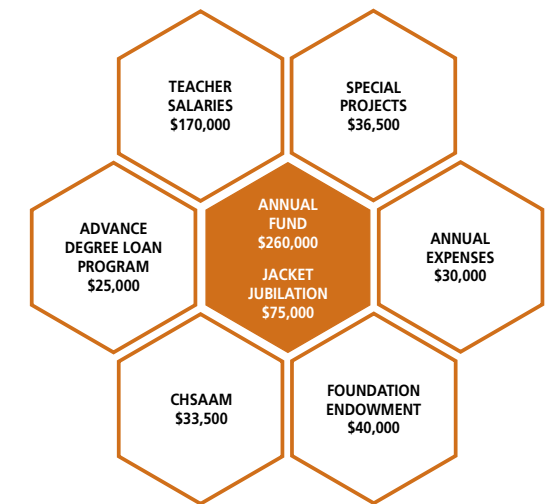
McGill-Toolen Annual Fund Goal \$300,000

The Annual Fund appeal is crucial to the future of our school as well because it funds many programs and projects that fall outside of the school's operating budget each year including the Advanced Degree program which provides interest free loans to faculty members seeking an advanced degree. Your support of the Annual Fund allows us to keep our teacher's salaries more competitive, fund our alumni efforts and support the McGill-Toolen Foundation, our nest egg for long-term financial stability. This past year's contributions provided funding for a portable acoustical shell for our Choral Company, seed money for "Ingenium", our new annual literary magazine and our Debate Team, see page 5.

Donors who contribute \$250 or more receive a Gold Pass good for admission for 2 to all campus sporting events, excluding Varsity Football. The 2014-2015 Annual Fund Goal is \$300,000 and will close June 30th. Please consider helping us reach our goal by making a gift or pledge using the enclosed form or visit www.mcgill-toolen.org and click the Annual Fund Link to donate or pledge on-line.

2013-2014 Annual Fund Grand total \$335,000

● = TOTAL INCOME - \$335,000
○ = TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS - \$335,000



Gift Categories

PORTIER CIRCLE (\$2,500 and above)

- Gold Pass
- Invitation to Founder's Dinner
- Invitation to Homecoming Thank You Party
- Listing in Annual Report

FOUNDER'S SOCIETY (\$1000 - \$2499)

- Gold Pass
- Invitation to Founder's Dinner
- Invitation to Homecoming Thank You Party
- Listing in Annual Report

ARCHBISHOP'S SOCIETY (\$500 - \$999)

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- Invitation to Founder's Dinner
- Invitation to Homecoming Thank You Party
- Listing in Annual Report

PRESIDENT'S CLUB (\$250 - \$499)

- Gold Pass
- Invitation to Homecoming Thank You Party
- Listing in Annual Report

McT ALUMNI NEWS

Formerly Omega

Homecoming is a very special time of year at McGill-Toolen Catholic. The seniors are still "Back in Black"; the school walls are covered in colorful paper and acrylic paint; and the school spirit from the entire student body at the Friday afternoon pep rally is unparalleled. Homecoming also brings our alumni back to campus, and we were able to celebrate with two very important events in 2014.

The Hall of Fame induction luncheon has solidified itself as a McT Homecoming tradition. The McGill-Toolen Hall of Fame inducted four new members, and they were honored in a beautiful ceremony led by Fr. Shields in the Eleanor Marston Benz Library. Family, friends, current Hall of Fame members and staff were on hand to celebrate their achievements.

That evening brought Homecoming Under the Tent to Lipscomb Field, which could arguably be the best fish fry in town! A lot of love goes into planning this event each year, and HUTT 2014 could not have been possible without the following:



Martin Andrews MT '81; Tommy Ankerson MT '96; James Bronold; Riley Copeland MT '81; Laura Cunningham MT '00; Trey Hutchisson MT '87; Brad Marston MT '87; Bo McClinton MT '88; Eddie McLean MT '83; Roberta Mullek; Tim Mullek MT '88; Bo Muscat MT '86; Jeff Muscat MT '92; Kevin Muscat MT '88; Russell Riley MT '85; John Vulevich MT '88; Bill Wolfarth; and Mitzi Wolfarth BT '59.

2015 looks to be a great year to be a McGill-Toolen Yellow Jacket, and we look forward to welcoming our alumni back to campus at our upcoming reunions this summer. Please continue to send us your updates as well as any newlywed, anniversary and new baby pictures; we want to feature your special moments in upcoming issues. Happy New Year and 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 with any updates or questions. **Go Jackets!**

Name _____			
Address _____	City _____	State _____	Zip _____
Phone _____	Email _____		
High School _____	Class _____	Employer _____	
Hobbies _____			
Spouse _____	Children's names and ages and alum year _____		
Events/Achievements _____			
Comments _____			

What's New with You?

Colleen Merinkers Jennings BT '43 will celebrate her 90th birthday this February. She currently lives in Columbia, Missouri.

Leo F. Denton, Sr. MI '49 is a USS Essex Korean War Veteran who currently lives in Mobile. He is very proud of his 6 children and their spouses; 20 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren. He was the number one ranked tennis player during his time at McGill Institute and Springhill College, and is still an avid tennis player today. He also gives tennis lessons, and invites anyone interested to contact him or the Advancement Office for more information.

John Penick MI '59, is a retired Auburn University instructor who currently lives in Kennesaw, Georgia. He has appeared in a total of three stage productions over the last two years, namely Arsenic and Old Lace and I'll Be Home for Christmas. He also served as the MC for the annual Senior Shenanigans show at the Grand Theatre in Cartersville, Georgia. As a result, he has been nominated for an award for the best supporting actor in a 2013-2014 play.

Stafford Betty MI '60 is a professor of world religions at California State University, Bakersfield. He recently published his eighth book entitled Heaven and Hell Unveiled: Updates from the World of Spirit, which is the product of his research into the nature of the afterlife. He and John Crosby MI '62, a prominent Catholic professor of philosophy, are collaborating on a book on the uniqueness of the Christian God; St. Augustine Press will publish it in about a year. Stafford is regarded as one of the world's leading experts on secular (non-biblical) afterlife research. More importantly, he and Gene Ferrell MI '60, a golf professional who played in the Master's, led McGill's golf team to a state championship in Birmingham in 1960. Today he is married, and the grandchildren just keep coming.

Alan Hinds MI '63 graduated from Auburn University in 1967. After 35 years in Indiana, he has retired from the telecommunications industry and returned to Auburn where he enjoys the warmer weather and all the University has to offer.

Sandra Sumrall Bennett BT '66 currently lives in Culpepper, Virginia teaching AP Chemistry and Ecology at Culpepper County High School. She recently received the honor of Outstanding Chemistry Teacher of the Year for the Virginia Region by the American Chemical Society. She is married to Ray Bennett, and they have a daughter, Victoria Reilly.

JuJu Sullivan Lopez MT '79 is currently living in Mobile and enjoys keeping in touch with classmates, especially through Facebook. She attended her nephew's wedding (Kevin Sullivan, MT '97) in Seattle this past October, and enjoys keeping some of her great nieces and nephews.

Laura Cunningham MT '00 works for the Archdiocese of Mobile in the Office for Development/Catholic Charities as the Database Administrator. She has been in this position since November 2013.

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Please Pray For
Our Deceased
Alumni and Staff



- Emily Friend Bayle BT '53
- Evlyn Agnes Brady ME '39
- Mary Ellie Smith Brown VA '49
- Elizabeth Lou Burnett MT '85
- George "Skip" Eugene Carl MI '65
- James Patrick Conner, III MI '59
- Olga Merinkers Cordeiro BT '49
- Vivian May Cunill ME '38
- Constance Altice Dalton BT '57
- Mignon Morrill Denton BT '51
- Michael Watts Esfeller, Sr. MT '75
- Norman H. Foster, Jr. MI '59
- Patrick Leslie Goff MT '94
- Erin Vella Hinkle MT '86
- Sally Holt Ingalls BT '60
- Lois Altice Kountz ME '50
- Dolores Oberkirch Beckelic Link BT '48
- Jack L. Lowrey, Sr. MI '50
- James B. Martin, III MI '51
- William J. Martin MI '50
- Robert E. McDonald, Jr. MI '52
- Gerald "Jerry" Thomas McQuillan MI '60
- Eugenia Victoria Michael ME '61
- Michael Thomas Moody MT '97
- Michael P. Nettles MI '59
- Charles Fred Oberkirch MI '42
- Winston C. Patterson MI '58
- John Brett Pechuls MI '58
- Jean Hieronymus Purvis ME '56
- Olivia Annette Rehm BT '64
- Pauline Vella Richey BT '47
- William Bradley Saint MT '88
- Beverly Lambert Schubert BT '72
- Beatrice Ogden Sheldon BT '55
- John Theodore "Ted" Sierke MI '63
- Harold Lee "Buddy" Smith, Sr. MI '58
- Robert Bernard Smith MI '59
- Marie Vogtner Soutullo BT '42
- Robert "Bob" Tomlinson MI '64
- Frannie Bender Tonsmeire BT '66
- Arthur Werhan Williams, Jr. MI '48
- Ann Catherine Smith Williams BT '51
- Denise Wolcott BT '72
- Christina Merinkers Zwatschka BT '46

Faculty and Staff

- Eleanor Marston Benz VA '34
- William M. Kelly

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord.

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



The 2014 McGill-Toolen HALL of FAME Inductees



William "Billy" John Cox
McGill-Toolen '81

"I consider him a great friend, a great philanthropist, and a shining example of the great leaders that McGill-Toolen can and has produced."
- Vincent P. Arata, DMD

William "Billy" Cox came to McGill-Toolen from St. Pius X. While in high school, Billy began his career in pharmacy working as a delivery person and pharmacy tech at his father's drug store, Cox Pharmacy. He received his BS in Pharmacy from Auburn University in 1988 and went on to write his own nuclear protocol at the University of South Alabama to earn him a position as a nuclear pharmacist. Upon completion of his nuclear studies, Billy worked at both his father's retail pharmacy, as well as Nuclear Pharmacy, Inc. After 5 years with NPI, Billy decided to open his own nuclear pharmacy, Cox Nuclear Pharmacy; by the year 2000, he had opened as many as 14 different locations around the southeast and Puerto Rico. In 2006, Billy joined with two other independent nuclear pharmacies to create the nation's second largest nuclear pharmacy chain, which still exists today. Due to his success at Cox Nuclear Pharmacy, he sold Cox Drug Store on Marine Street. Since selling his business, he has opened several different businesses, including Tropical Smoothie Café, Island Wing Company, and Legacy Bar & Grill. In 2011, Billy returned to nuclear pharmacy when he established IonSouth Diagnostic Pharmacy, which employs his son, John Cox, as a nuclear pharmacist.

Billy and his wife, Tammy Elmore Cox, have 5 children: Carrie Stuart (Bry Stuart), John Cox (Abbey Ankersen Cox), Emily Bloodworth (Kane), Camille Cox and Claire Hope Cox (deceased). After the birth and short life of their daughter, Claire, who was born with a genetic disorder, he and Tammy founded the Claire's Hope Foundation providing education and support to and celebrating the Sanctity of Life. He has graciously given back to both Saint Pius X parish and McGill-Toolen Catholic High School, playing an important role in Phase II of Scientia Pro Amore Dei...Knowledge for the Love of God Capital Campaign.



Rick Crozier
McGill-Toolen '86

"My dad always quotes the famous runner Steve Prefontaine in stating, 'To give anything less than your best, is to sacrifice the gift.' I believe my dad treasures the gift of his family every day and does whatever he can to never let us down and help us realize we are truly blessed. In my opinion, that is an indescribable role model"
- Quint Crozier

Rick Crozier attended St. Dominic Catholic School and began his McGill-Toolen Catholic High School career in 1982. Rick focused on excelling in the classroom and on the football field; by the time he was a senior, Rick was a 2 year starter and team captain. At the football team banquet his senior year, he received a number of awards for his outstanding play including the Practice Award and Defense MVP. Upon graduation from McT, Rick attended Tulane University where he earned a Bachelor of Business Administration (Finance) in May 1990. He also decided to walk-on the Tulane football team. After his junior year on the team he was awarded a scholarship, and in his senior year he was named a team captain. Rick lettered three years in football, and was the starting defensive back and captain on special teams his junior and senior year.

Rick is currently the Branch Manager / Senior Consultant for the Greater New Orleans Market at Primary Residential Mortgage. He manages a branch that funds over 50 million annually and started the first Louisiana branch for Primary Residential. Rick also loves giving back to the community, and he is the founder of "makethebankpay.org" and "JayFest.org", the latter of which is an annual fundraiser for his brother-in-law who also played football for Tulane and was diagnosed with ALS three years ago. Additionally, Rick has helped care for and raise money for former New Orleans Saints football player Steve Gleason who is battling ALS as well. Rick and his wife, Lynn, have been married for twenty-four years and have 6 children: Quint, Julianna, Cameron, Millie, Bella, and Georgia.



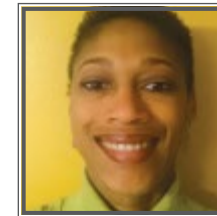
Patricia Donaghey Vallée
McGill-Toolen '80

"Tricia has excelled in life as a student, athlete, Catholic, friend, wife and mother. She is a competitor and a perfectionist. Everything she did was done right and at the highest level."
- Mary Courtney Cane

Patricia Donaghey Vallée ran both Cross Country and Track for the Yellow Jackets all 4 of her high school years under the coaching of Edie Santoli Peters and Angelo Harris, and was a 3-time state champion. In cross country, she never placed lower than 5th in state competition. As a junior, she won the individual State Cross Country Championship, the first McGill-Toolen female to do so. Tricia was selected for the All County Cross Country Team all 4 years of high school, and the All State Cross Country team for 3 years. On the track, Tricia was a 2-mile runner. She was the first female in the state of Alabama to run a sub-12 minute 2-mile. Her record breaking time of 11:52 shattered the existing state record by 15 seconds. Tricia was a two time State Champion in the 2-mile run, and also a member of McGill-Toolen's first Girl's State Champion Track Team. She was All County and All State in Track for 3 years. As a junior, Tricia qualified for and ran in the 2-mile run in the National Junior Olympics held in Lincoln, Nebraska. Her senior year, she was a finalist for the Coca-Cola Mobile Athlete of the year award. She was chosen McGill-Toolen Class of 1980's Most Valuable Athlete her senior year, and was also the recipient of the inaugural Toolen Award. Tricia attended LSU on a track scholarship, running her first 2 years before being sidelined with injuries. She graduated from LSU with a degree in Journalism.

Tricia and her husband, Joe, have 4 children. Zachary, Patrick, and Sandy are all graduates of McGill-Toolen; Teresa is currently a junior at McT. Tricia has served McGill-Toolen as a Parent Ambassador, a member of the Jacket Jubilation Committee, a volunteer for the Annual Fund Drive, and a volunteer for the football booster club, the boys basketball booster club, the girls basketball booster club, the track booster club, and the volleyball booster club. Tricia co-chaired McGill-Toolen's reception/mass honoring Angelo Harris' induction into the Alabama High School Sports Hall of Fame, and was on the committee for the Banks-Harris Track Resurfacing project. Tricia and Joe are members of St. Ignatius Parish, where she is a Eucharistic Minister, a member of the Backpack Ministry, the Daughters of Mary and also a driver for Meals on Wheels.

Inductees to the McGill-Toolen Catholic High School Hall of Fame represent outstanding local Catholic high school alumni who have been nominated by their peers for distinguished service to the school, the community, or their profession.



Monique Adams Williams
McGill-Toolen '88

"Studied is a good way to put it. I was the teacher and she was the student, one of the best. Monique had all the gifts and the intelligence to use them all in the right way."
- Becky Dickinson

Monique Adams Williams came to McGill-Toolen from Christ the King Catholic School. Monique played in 187 games as a Yellow Jacket, and was a two-sport letter winner in both volleyball and basketball. The Dirty Dozen compiled a four-year-best 222-9 record including a 51-0 undefeated season in 1985, a 70-2 record in 1988 and captured four 6A State Volleyball titles. An All-State basketball player as well, Monique helped lead the Lady Jackets to state twice and in 1988 won the State Championship with a 29-0 record, USA Today # 6 national ranking, and an average 29 point margin of victory. In volleyball, Monique was named to the All-State team three times including MVP honors her junior season. Her career totals at McGill-Toolen include a .810 attack percentage and 1,100 kills.

Monique's athletic success continued at Louisiana State University where she helped lead LSU to three SEC Championships and two Final Fours. Monique was named to the All-SEC team in 1990 and '91 and was a 1st team All-American in 1990 and '91. She made the NCAA All-South Regional team in '89, '90 and '91 and was named to the NCAA Final Four All-Tournament team. She only played three seasons, but still ranks 6th on the LSU all time kills list with 1,481 including 618 in 1991 which is 3rd all time in LSU history. She holds the LSU single match record for kills with 43 in four sets which is 7th in NCAA history. She was also one of only three players from LSU to be named to the AVCA All-American First-Team. Monique went on to play professional volleyball overseas for 17 years (1992-2008) earning numerous accolades. She returned to Daphne and is currently a PE teacher, Assistant Varsity Volleyball Coach and Head JV Volleyball Coach for Bayside Academy. Monique is married to Brian Williams and has been a member of the Shrine of the Holy Cross parish for 43 years. Her daughter, Gabrielle "Gabby" Deshotel, is a sophomore volleyball player at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. She also has four step-children: Brian Williams, II; Jasmine Williams; Precious Williams; and Amber Williams.

What's New with You?

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Captain Heidi A. Fleming MT '85

was welcomed as the new commanding officer of the Naval Air Station (NAS) Patuxent River, MD on September 18, 2014. Commanding Officer Heidi Fleming (Captain, United States Navy) is the first female commanding officer in the 71-year history of the base. She has spent more than 25 years in the Navy, including a stint from 2006-2008 as Executive



Captain Heidi Fleming MT '85 with her mother.

Officer and Commanding Officer of the Squadron (VXS) at NAS Patuxent River and the Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs. Captain Fleming has been serving as the Executive Officer of the NAS Patuxent River since April 4, 2013. Her father, Bill Fleming, was a two star Major General in the United States Marine Corps.

Michael Cunningham MT '02 moved from Fort Worth, Texas to Chicago, Illinois in August with his company RJ Corman Railpower. He is a Field Service Engineer and has been with the company for five years.

Dr. Dianna Thomas Gurich MT '04 graduated Medical School in 2012. She is in her 3rd year Residency in OB-Gyn in Greenville, South Carolina. She is married to Dr. Trey Gurich and enjoys travel, reading, and spending time with their dogs.

Catherine Hicks MT '05 lives in the San Francisco Bay area and works for Pixar Animation Studios. One of her first projects was "Toy Story 3" when she was hired by the company in 2009. Her latest project, "Toy Story That Time Forgot" aired on December 2, 2014 on ABC.

Kristen Gilreath MT '06 is a 2010 graduate of Auburn University with a BS in Marketing. She is currently employed as a Sales Associate with Jerry Pair and Associates, ADAC in Atlanta, Georgia.

Chelsea Lipford Wolf MT '06 is the host of a brand new web show titled Checking in With Chelsea. This show is part of Today's Homeowner with Danny Lipford. You can find her at "checkinginwithchelsea.com".

William Cunningham MT '07 has been an Accounts Representative for Continental Motors since May 2013. He also coaches two soccer teams for Mobile Bay Soccer Club.

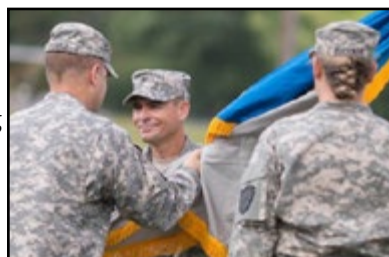
Kelly Gilreath MT '09 is a 2013 graduate of Auburn University with a BA in Chemistry. She is currently in her first year in the College of Medicine at the University of South Alabama.

Caroline McDonald MT '10 graduated from Auburn University Honors College majoring in Political Science and Spanish with a 4.0 GPA, Phi Beta Kappa.

Devon Samantha Dekle MT '11 was a debutante in the 2014 Nutcracker Charity Ball.

Keenan McDonald MT '12 is attending Auburn University majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

Colonel William J. Hartman MT '85 was welcomed as Commander of the 780th Military Intelligence Brigade at Fort George, MD on July 17, 2014. The 780th MI supports combat operations; enables signals intelligence and computer network operations; and supports the DoD, Army and interagency operations worldwide. It is the Army's only computer-network operations brigade. Col. Hartman comes to the 780th MI after serving as commander of U.S. Special Operations Command's Joint Communications Integration Element since 2010. During his two decades of service, Col. Hartman has served with the 505th Parachute



Colonel William J. Hartman MT '85

Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division during Operation Desert Storm; the Southern European Task Force; 165th MI Battalion; 1st Ranger Battalion; and 524th MI Battalion. Col. Hartman was deployed several times in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Iraq and to Afghanistan.

**Please complete the "What's New with You?" form in this magazine or email your updates and photos to tolberj@mcgill-toolen.org. Let us know about births, deaths, marriages and any newsworthy information. We would also love to hear about your awards, achievements, careers, etc. as we begin an alumni monthly e-newsletter this spring. We want to include you!*

UPCOMING REUNIONS

Class of 1955

Bishop Toolen

60th Reunion – April 18, 2015

Saturday, April 18th: Felix's Fishcamp

1530 Battleship Parkway, Spanish Fort, AL 36527

*Order from menu, cost by individual check

Contact: Agnes Baxley James, 732-341-4710;

agnesjames@comcast.net

Class of 1960

Bishop Toolen, Convent of Mercy, McGill Institute

55th Reunion – April 17-18, 2015

Friday, April 17th: Knights of Columbus, Daphne

Pulled Pork BBQ, chicken, cole slaw, drinks, music

Saturday, April 18th: Heron Lakes Country Club,

Mobile, Buffet style dinner plus cash bar. Cost will be

\$70 per person for the entire weekend *Reunion

Committee is looking into an activity on Saturday

daytime. Contact:

Matt Avinger, mmahomes4u@yahoo.com,

251-583-5458

Peggy Cooper Bridges, peggybridges42@hotmail.com,

251-583-5593

Barbara Brooks Rancour, banktiger424242@att.net,

251-344-4772

Class of 1962

Bishop Toolen, Convent of Mercy, McGill Institute

53rd Reunion – May 2, 2015

Saturday, May 2nd: Original Oyster House

6:00 – 9:00 PM

Tickets are \$40 and may be mailed to Diane Perez

Muscat; your check will serve as your reservation.

Contact: Dianne Perez Muscat, 251-476-5781;

2753 N Grafhill Dr, Mobile, AL 36606

Class of 1965



Bishop Toolen, Convent of Mercy, McGill Institute
50th Reunion – Saturday, June 13, 2015 (Tentative)

Tentative plans include lunch, late afternoon Mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church and possible evening event at McT.

Contact: Theresa Romanick Orrell, 251-340-8123;

tmrorrell@aol.com

Committee: Dell Stuardi Gwatkin, Angele Calametti

Balthrop, Julie Lott Bagwell, Ginny Egan Johnston,

Gretchen Kaemmer Kirk, Joan Brown Siegwald and

Theresa Romanick Orrell.

Class of 1985

McGill-Toolen

30th Reunion – July 17-19 2015

Tentative Schedule:

Friday, July 17th: Moe's BBQ, 701 Springhill Ave,

Mobile, AL

Saturday, July 18th: McGill-Toolen Catholic High School

Courtyard Contact: Kathy Helton Kennedy at 2kathykennedy@gmail.com for more information and follow the official

Facebook reunion page at "McGill-Toolen c/o 85."

Class of 1995

McGill-Toolen 20th Reunion – June 26 - 28, 2015

Friday, June 26th: Moe's BBQ, 701 Springhill Ave,

Mobile, AL

6:30 pm - Meet & Greet

Saturday, June 27th: The Battle House, 26 North

Royal Street, Mobile, AL

6:00 pm - Heavy hor d'oeuvres, beer and wine provided

for those who register, *Cash bar available.

Sunday, June 28th: St. Mary's Catholic Church

11:30 am - Mass

McGill-Toolen Catholic High School

12:30 pm - Tour of the school following Mass

Contact: Victoria Carter McNeil, 251-648-4292,

vcwiik@hotmail.com

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Find your reunion information online at
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 for more information

and a **free** reunion packet.



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Alumni" facebook page!



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[@McTCoachGriffin](https://twitter.com/McTCoachGriffin).

Homecoming 2014



McT Football Team Runout



Geri Portella Burnett BT '66,
Eva Patrick Burnett MT '80,
and Claire Burnett MT '07



Jimmy O'Rourke MI '60



Anne D. Galloway, MT '83
and her husband David



Azalea Trail Maids and Homecoming Queen,
Ann Bowab



Billy McAtee MI '61 and Mabel Lee
Griffin BT '60



McT Fry Guys



McT Fry Guys

Babies, Weddings & Anniversaries

Miracles – Alumni Babies:

Todd LaCour MT '98 and wife Libby Amos LaCour MT '05 welcomed daughter Margaux Elizabeth LaCour on September 14, 2014.

Megan Killion Klein MT '04 and her husband Ted welcomed son James Loosbrock Klein on May 4, 2014. Grandparents are **Fred MT '74 and Kathy Killion MT '75**. Big sister Mary Kathleen is 2.

Weddings – Alumni Marriages:

Sarah Boetig MT '97 and Justin Shiflett were married on November 7, 2014.

Kevin Sullivan MT '97 and Amy Siemback were married in October 2014.

Bryant Clifton Thompson MT '05 and Karen Kathleen Reber MT '06 were married on September 13, 2014.

Chelsea Anne Lipford MT '06 and Brandon Wolf were married on March 29, 2014.

Davanne Piccini MT '07 and Michael James O'Sullivan were married on October 18, 2014.

Philip Meador MT '11 and Elizabeth Pomierski were married on February 1, 2014.

Chase Taylor MT '13 and Anne Garstecki MT '13 were married on December 14, 2014.

Wedding Anniversary Congratulations:

William G. DeMouy MI '47 and his wife Patricia Anthony DeMouy BT '47 celebrated their 65th Anniversary with family on a Caribbean Cruise.

Donald Clinton MI '51 and his wife Mary Lou celebrated their 60th Anniversary on April 3, 2014.

Dr. William J. Wilhelm MI '53 and his wife Patricia Zietz Wilhelm ME '54 celebrated their 57th Anniversary in August 2014.

Tom Fitzpatrick MI '60 and his wife Sue celebrated their 50th Anniversary on September 12, 2014.

Rev. William C. Tuite MI '61 and his wife Jerry celebrated their 50th Anniversary on August 15, 2014.

Linda Burkett Robinson BT '64 and her husband John Carlton Robinson celebrated their 50th Anniversary on September 26, 2014.

In Loving Memory

of Eleanor Marston Benz

December 10, 1916 - January 2, 2015



We would like to dedicate this Alumni section in memory of Eleanor Marston Benz, Visitation Academy '34 and Librarian Emeritus of McGill-Toolen Catholic High School. Eleanor came to McGill Institute in 1955 to work in the library, and for a time was the only woman on the faculty. In 1971, she combined the McGill Institute and Bishop Toolen libraries prior to the merger of the two schools in 1973. She developed the floor plan and masterminded the entire undertaking, managing what came to be known as one of the finest high school libraries in the state. In May of 1989, Archbishop Lipscomb named the library in her honor and in 2001 she was inducted into the McGill-Toolen Hall of Fame. She remained to be Head Librarian until 2002.

During the "Finding Roots, Gaining Wings" capital campaign in 1994-1995, Eleanor oversaw the temporary move of the library to the Toolen Auditorium—a 6 month project. The Catholic High Schools Alumni Association of Mobile (CHSAAM) raised money to fund the inclusion of a large conference room when the library was expanded. As a result of the campaign, the library saw a new windows addition and resource area, the CHSAAM meeting room and the upstairs "Moorer Technology Center". Each year, the CHSAAM Board gives the proceeds from the Joe Perez Memorial Golf Tournament to the library to fund technology needs and to purchase books.

Always in pearls, Eleanor was loved and respected by those who knew her and had the pleasure of working with her. McGill-Toolen Catholic High School honors her for her life's work and dedication to Catholic Education.

MCGILL-TOOLEN'S
**jacket
jubilation!**



Thursday, March 26
6:30 pm Portier Center

Tickets:
\$25 advance / \$30 at door

- Includes:**
- Silent auction • Live auction •
 - Raffles • Fabulous trips •
 - Food, beverages and live entertainment •

www.jacketjubilation.com
251.441.0809



**Calendar
of Events**

Senior Prom
March 14

Jacket Jubilation
March 26

Sippin at the Lip
April 18

Founder's Dinner
April 28

Spring Choral Production
Pirates of Penzantes
May 1 -2

Graduation
May 15



For more information visit
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or call 445-2900