

We all seek the truth – and God is truth President's Perspective

By Fr. Chad Arnold

It is fitting that near the beginning of the school year we celebrate the feast day of St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (August 9). Sister Teresa was born in a Jewish household in 1891 and given the name Edith Stein. By the age of 14 she had become an atheist.

She was also brilliant, and after years of study she would become a university professor. It was through her intellectual pursuits combined with the examples of those around her that she once again came to know God. She would be baptized in 1922, become a Carmelite nun in 1934, and die a martyr in the gas chambers of Auschwitz in 1942.

During her life she wrote many insightful and beautiful

things. I was struck particularly by this quote, "All who seek truth, seek God, whether they are conscious of it or not."



There is a reason Catholic education is so successful. God is truth. Education is truer when God is a part of it.

Here at SMC, we strive to educate our students, which means leading them to truth, and that is God. It is good work. It is necessary work. I am excited for a new school year, for new opportunities to teach truth, to teach God. Thank you to all who help us in this mission, through their prayers, their gifts, and their sacrifices. How blessed we are!

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, pray for us.

Gallagher Promoted to Brigadier General

By Gordon Van Vleet (www.army.mil/article/105008/)

Pete Gallagher (1981) was promoted to the rank of brigadier general during a ceremony June 3, 2013, at the Network Enterprise Technology Command (NETCOM) headquarters in Fort Huachuca, Arizona.

Pete, NETCOM deputy commander general, was promoted in front of his family, friends and coworkers,

including two life-sized cardboard cutouts of his sons who could not make it to the event. Matt Gallagher, a Reserve Officer Training Corps cadet, is currently training at the Army Air Assault School at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Sgt. Jake Gallagher is attending the Noncommissioned Officers Academy Warrior Leader Course at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.



The cutouts of Matt and Jake were placed behind the podium overlooking the proceedings. Pete's wife

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Emily Swearingen 1971-2013



Emily Swearingen (1989) was born in 1971 to Jim and Eileen (McNally) Swearingen (1959). She was born with

multiple heart defects rendering the right side of her heart non-functioning. Her parents were told her life expectancy would be five years. She definitely proved those predictions wrong! She attended St. Mary's and graduated from Colgan. She went on to graduate from Kansas State University and the Denver Paralegal Institute. She had worked at South & Associates as a paralegal for the past 10 years.

She always had a love of sports, and when she found she couldn't play became the team manager while at Colgan. She loved the KSU Wildcats and was still going to the games when she found it difficult to

walk due to her heart's worsening condition. When she was in high school a fellow Colgan student, Travis Newton, received a heart transplant and went back to playing football. Emily was inspired by this and wanted nothing more than to have a new heart too.

In 2000 as her health started to decline she was placed on the wait list for a heart at St. Louis Children's Hospital. She always had a deep desire to go to Ireland and the transplant team agreed that she could go. So, her whole family went to Ireland to play golf and visit family. There are no golf carts in Ireland – everyone walks – so with her siblings carrying her clubs she played 36 holes of golf! When she returned to the States the transplant doctor decided that because her golf game was better than his, she was well enough to be taken off the list that she had been on for two years.

She enjoyed an active life for the next 12 years and in September 2012 she was relisted at the Mayo

Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, for a new heart. After only 40 days in the hospital, she was the recipient of a new heart on November 5. Because of her complicated anatomy from birth, her recovery was difficult and prolonged. After 243 days in the hospital, most of it spent in ICU, she was discharged on May 26, 2013. Her main goals were to have a transplant and get out of the hospital, both of which she reached, but her body just finally had had enough and she died on May 27 at 41 years of age.

She lived life to the fullest and enjoyed all sporting events. She loved her family, especially her three nieces and one nephew who dubbed her their Awesome Aunt. She was proud of her Irish heritage and referred to herself as the "World's Tallest Leprechaun." She was very active as a volunteer with Gift of Life, whose mission is to educate students about the value of organ donation.

Crescino to be inducted into the PSU Hall of Fame

Frank Crescino, a 1951 St. Mary's graduate, and a former teacher and coach, will be inducted into the PSU Hall of Fame for Meritorious Achievement. Hall of Fame ceremonies will be held on the Pitt State campus November 2, and the inductees will also be recognized at halftime of the PSU football game that afternoon against Northwestern Oklahoma State.

After being a standout athlete in high school, Frank continued playing football at Pitt State, where he was a four-year letterman, from 1951-1954. Frank's highly deco-

rated coaching career at SMC spanned the years 1961-1979. Coach Crescino compiled 416 combined victories in the sports of football, basketball, and baseball. In football, he fashioned a 153-37-4 record, leading the Panthers to consecutive Kansas Class 1A state titles in 1974-75. He led SMC to 33 straight wins from 1973-76, earning 1975 Kansas Coach of the Year honors. In baseball, Coach posted a 218-60 record from 1961-75, winning state titles in 1964, 1967, and 1971, and finishing as state runner-up six times between 1965-1975. In basketball, Frank posted a 45-23 record from 1961-64, including a 23-2 record and a state runner-up finish his second season.

2002 Graduate Earns Ph.D. at Washington U.

Justyna Dobrowolska (2002), received her Ph.D. from the Neurosciences Program of the Division of Biology & Biomedical Sciences at Washington University in St. Louis on May 17, 2013. Justyna began her graduate training in August 2006.

In January 2007, she officially joined the laboratory of Dr. Randall J. Bateman from the Department of Neurology



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and thereafter conducted her doctoral thesis work under his supervision. Her thesis work focused on the pathophysiology of certain proteins associated with Alzheimer's disease. The title of her dissertation is "The Processing of Amyloid Precursor Protein in the Central Nervous System of Humans and Rhesus Macaques." Dr. Justyna Dobrowolska has begun a training position as a postdoctoral research associate in the laboratory of Dr. Jeffrey Leonard of the Department of Neurosurgery, also at Washington University in St. Louis. Her upcoming postdoctoral work will revolve around understanding the protein pathophysiology involved in pediatric brain tumors. Pictured is Dr. Justyna Dobrowolska, after her doctoral hooding ceremony, with her fiancé, Mohammed Zakaria, who will be receiving his Ph.D. in Physics in several months.

Sister Meyer Celebrates Milestone

Sister Ann Meyer (1956) recently celebrated 55 years as a Sister of St. Joseph. Sister Ann grew up on a farm south of Pittsburg, but her devout parents sent her to school at St. Mary's Colgan. After high school, Sister went to college at St. Mary's in Leavenworth. While at college she felt she should consider becoming a nun and wrote to the Sisters of St. Joseph. They encouraged her and after six months of study she assumed the habit on March 19, 1958. Sister Ann taught 30 years in California and Kansas including one year at St. Mary's Elementary. She then spent 20 years working in pastoral care, working with those in the later stages of their life. Sister Ann has lived in the Pittsburg area for the

past 10 years. She now does electronic scanning for medical records at the Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas. She is guided by a statement made by Sister Bernard Sheridan. "Mother Sheridan said to do all the good you can for all the people you can in all the ways you can for as long as you can," Sister Ann said. "That's what I hope to do."

Russell to the Naval Academy

2013 SMC graduate CJ Russell has traded his school uniform for a different uniform. CJ has been accepted to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. After a very extensive application and interview process, CJ was informed of his acceptance. More than 20,000 applied for the Academy and approximately 1,100 were accepted. On the stage of the SMC Auditorium, flanked by his parents, Lisa (Dellasega) ('82) and Randy Russell, CJ signed his letter of acceptance in front of the SMC student body, family, and friends as well as an official with the office of U.S. Representative Lynn Jenkins. CJ reported to the Academy on June 27. "To go to the Academy is a great honor and I'm very thankful and grateful for it," says Russell. "I hope that when I'm there I can be the best midshipman I can be and to end up serving my country and protecting those who stay here."

Farmer Receives National Science Foundation Fellowship

Erin Farmer, senior biology major from Arma, Kansas, and 2009 graduate of St. Mary's Colgan, was

recently awarded a 2013 National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) Fellowship. Selection was based on outstanding abilities and accomplishments, as well as potential to contribute to strengthening the vitality of the U.S. science and engineering enterprise. Fellows benefit from a generous three-year annual stipend, cost of education allowance for tuition and fees, opportunities for international research and professional development, and the freedom to conduct their own research at any accredited U.S. institution of graduate education they choose. Erin is attending the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City, Kansas, in pursuit of a Ph.D. in Cancer Biology.

Cichons at Boston Marathon

Scott Cichon, a 2003 graduate of SMC and current SMC junior high math teacher and coach, ran a very good time, a personal record, in the Boston Marathon April 15. Fortunately, Scott finished the race well before the Boston bombing tragedy. Here are Scott's reflections on the event.

"I finished in 2:43:43 and was 420th out of 23,336 who began Monday's race. Unfortunately, roughly one quarter of the runners were not allowed to finish the race due to the events that unfolded. I finished around two hours prior to the explosions and by the time I had navigated the finish area and reunited with Mom and Dad, we were back at our hotel in South Boston more than an hour prior to the explosions. We learned of the bombing via television while watching WBZ's (local CBS station) all-day coverage of the race.

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Looking Back... compiled by Chris Flood

...10 Years **JEFF SCOTT**

Jeff Scott graduated from St. Mary's Colgan in 2003. He then attended Central Michigan University on a full-ride ROTC scholarship. While there, he was selected as a Leadership Advancement Scholar and worked extensively volunteering both on and off campus. Jeff graduated in 2007 with a bachelor's degree in History and minors in Leadership and Military Science. Upon graduation, he was commissioned into the Army as a Second Lieutenant in Air Defense Artillery.

After commissioning, Jeff was a platoon leader in a Patriot Battery at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. He spent a year in South Korea defending an airbase from North Korean ballistic missiles. Upon returning to the States, Jeff went back to Ft. Sill where he earned a master's degree in Human Relations at the University of Oklahoma on nights and weekends, while also attending Officer Advanced Course (OAC) during the week. After completing OAC, Jeff attended and passed the very challenging Missile Defense Top Gun course and is one of less than 50

Top Guns in the entire U.S. military.

In 2011 Jeff was hand selected to move to Hickam Air Force Base in Hawaii and manage the Army Space and Missile Defense for the entire Asia-Pacific region. He manages and plan for capability, force modernization, and interoperability between not only U.S. defense systems, but also those of our Allies in the region.

Jeff says, "I love my job most days. It's hard to believe that I get paid to do what I do and live where I live!" Jeff and his wife Michelle were married in 2009. Michelle is a Physician Assistant at a community health center in Waikiki that serves the underprivileged and homeless in the area. Jeff and Michelle live in Kaneohe, Hawaii, and attend St. George's Catholic Church in Waimanalo. They usually go straight from Mass to the beach for a Sunday snorkel!

...20 Years **JASON MARIETTA**

Jason Marietta graduated from St. Mary's Colgan in 1993. He continued his education by attending Pittsburg State University, where he graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor's degree in Accounting in 1997. Jason is the Retail Sales Director for Jake's Fireworks, Inc.

Jake's is the Mariettas' family-owned business headquartered in Pittsburg. The business recently moved into the former Superior building in the Pittsburg Industrial Park. Jake's has nine wholesale warehouses across the United States along with 49 permanent retail buildings and more than 400 seasonal tent locations. Jason and his wife Crystal have 9-year-old twin daughters, Ashley and

Allison, who are in the fourth grade at SMC, and baby boy Matteo who was born in March of 2013.

Crystal is a 1998 PSU graduate in Accounting and a 2001 graduate of the Notre Dame School of Law. Jason says, "The ability for our children to receive a Catholic education from SMC is a blessing for our family. This environment is something that is hard to duplicate. Our children are being given the chance to live their faith every day because of St. Mary's. Many of our closest friends are classmates from my days at SMC with our children now going to school together."

...30 Years **KAREN (WILBERT) McCORMICK**

Karen (Wilbert) McCormick graduated from St. Mary's Colgan in 1983. After high school she attended Pittsburg State University and received a bachelor of science in Nursing. Following nursing school, she worked at St. John's in Joplin, Missouri, on the medical-surgical floor, then moved to the surgery department.

In February 1988, Karen married Jon McCormick and they made their home in Pittsburg. Karen and Jon recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. They began a family in 1990 with the birth of Adam. After a quick job experience at a nursing home, Karen was fortunate to become a stay-at-home mom.

Sometime between Adam and child number two, Allison, Karen was asked to "fill in" at a local physician's office. This was a great fit as Karen was able to be at home with her kids, yet keep her foot in the door of her nursing career. Alexandria was born in 1996, and Karen continued to be involved in the kids' school activities and to participate in school and parish ministries at St. Mary's Colgan and Our Lady of Lourdes and work part time.

In 2005, Karen accepted a position at Mt. Carmel, now Via Christi-Pittsburg, in the operating room. This career move has been very exciting and challenging.

In November 2012, she was asked to further her operating room experience and began the process of obtaining RNFA (Registered Nurse First Assist) of the operating room. This whole process should be completed by the end of 2013.

Adam (2008) earned his bachelor's degree from Tabor College in the spring of 2013 and was a member of the Blue Jays' baseball team earning All-American Honors his senior year. He will return to Hillsboro in the fall to student teach and receive his elementary teaching certification. Allison (2010) is a senior at Benedictine College majoring in nursing and playing on the Ravens' softball team. Both Adam and Allison were on the Dean's Honor List for the spring of 2013. Alex is a senior at SMC and is the captain of the dance team, recently being awarded All-American status at camp. Karen says her time at SMC was made of great memories, game Mass, friendships, pep club bus rides, sports, CYO, and teachers who really cared about who you were and not just what your grade was. Mostly, though, she has loved the traditions, including some of those her own children experienced while at SMC!

...40 Years **DOUG DELLASEGA**

Doug Dellasega graduated from Colgan High School in 1973. He earned his bachelor's degree from Pittsburg State University in Business Administration with dual majors in Accounting and Finance. Following graduation he earned his Certified Public Accountant status while employed in the Wichita, Kansas, office of the accounting firm Grant Thornton, LLP. In 1980, he returned to Pittsburg to work for McNally in internal auditing and finance. Doug was named Vice President of Finance for the McNally subsidiary, Kennedy Van Saun Corporation in Danville, Pennsylvania, in 1984.

Once again, he returned to Pittsburg in 1987 when he and his brother Joe (SMC 1979) purchased the family business, DELLetters. Now known as US Awards, the company manufactures chenille award letters that are distributed to schools nationwide.

Doug married Julie (Burton) in 1990 and they have three children: Drew (2010), a senior at Concepcion Seminary College; Caleb (2011), a junior at KU; and Jonah, a junior at SMC. Doug has served on the School Advisory Council, Parish Finance Council, and Memorial Fund Committee of Our Lady of Lourdes.

...50 Years **ROGER FLEMING**

Roger Fleming graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1963. He continued his education at Pittsburg State University where he was a member of the Pitt State football team. While at Pitt he met his future wife, Leta Jean (Jeanie) Hawkinson from Baxter Springs. Roger graduated with his bachelor's in Business Administration in 1967. Jeanie also graduated from Pitt with her bachelor's and master's in Business Education.

Roger and Jeanie were married in December of 1968. They moved to Joplin where Roger took a job with the Missouri Department of Transportation as a Right-of-Way agent. He worked as a Real Estate Appraiser for MODOT, and eventually became the Head of the Right-of-Way Department for a 10-county region.

The couple have two children: Ryan born in 1972 and Kristen born in 1974. Roger became very active as a youth soccer coach and coached Ryan in competitive tournaments throughout the country including Notre Dame, St Louis, Kansas City, Tulsa, Colorado, and Texas. Ryan competed in the under 12 division, then moved up to the under 19 age bracket. Twice they won the state tournament.

Roger retired from MODOT in 2003. Jeanie followed his lead and retired after more than 30 years of teaching at Joplin High School. Ryan is an engineer living in Overland Park, Kansas, with his wife and two children. Kristen has bachelor's and master's degrees in health administration. She lives in Ballwin, Missouri, a suburb of St. Louis, with her husband and four children. Since retirement, Roger and Jeanie spend as much time as they can with their kids and grandkids.

...60 Years **JOANN (RUCINSKI) BRAY**

JoAnn (Rucinski) Bray graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1953. She then attended Mt. Carmel School of Nursing from 1953-1956 and became a registered nurse. JoAnn went to work at St. Francis Hospital in Wichita for 1-1/2 years, before returning to Pittsburg in 1958. In 1959 she and Robert Bray were married at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, and they made their home in Pittsburg where Robert worked for the Gas Service Company and JoAnn worked at Mt. Carmel Hospital.

They were blessed with three children: Robert Gregory II (Greg) in 1960, Shelley in 1963, and Rebecca in 1965 who were all baptized at Our Lady of

Lourdes. In 1972, Robert was offered a job as a salesman in Overland Park, and even though they hated to leave Pittsburg, the family moved north. The Bray family has made its home in Overland Park ever since. JoAnn worked for the Shawnee Mission School District for 20 years. In 1996, she retired to take care of her grandson. All three of their children are married and they have three grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Greg and Shelley continue to live in the Overland Park area and Rebecca lives in La Jolla, California. JoAnn is proud to have gone to St. Mary's High School and has wonderful memories of the school and the town of Pittsburg.

...70 Years **LORENE (GERANT) SPARKS**

Lorene (Gerant) Sparks graduated from St. Mary's High School 70 years ago, in 1943. After graduation, she continued her education for a short time at the Pittsburg Business College. Lorene then attended Airline Training School. She put that education to work when she landed a job with Mid-Continent Airlines in Shreveport, Louisiana. Lorene was trained to do a variety of jobs at Mid-Continent, including calculating the weights on the planes and flagging in the plane. Whatever was needed to be done on the ground crew, Lorene did.

While in Shreveport, she met her future husband, Max Sparks. Max worked in the oil field industry. He served in WWII in the European Theater as a bombardier. After the war ended, Max returned to the oil industry and he married Lorene in 1948. The young couple moved to Corpus Christi, Texas, where they made their home. Lorene worked for a few years as a ticket agent in the downtown

Corpus Christi office of Eastern Airlines. Max continued working in the oil field industry until his retirement, including more than 30 years with Terrell Hardware and Industrial Supplies where he served as president. The two did some traveling after retiring but have settled back in Corpus Christi where they recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary.

Lorene and Max have been blessed with four children: daughters Cecilia, Jean, and Susan, and son Steve. Three of their children live in Corpus Christi and the fourth lives in Texas City, Texas, near Galveston. They also have two grandchildren. Lorene is deeply into crafting. She and her daughters work year round together on craft projects. She also loves to quilt and has made many baby quilts. Lorene's family is the focal point in her life. She loves to spend time with her children and grandchildren.

Recently Deceased Alumni

May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Agnes Ryczek (1934 8th grade) January 30, 2013
Ron Mishmash (1966) February 18, 2013
Susan Crandon (1957) March 1, 2013
Fred Schiefelbein (1932 8th grade) March 5, 2013
Philip "Stan" George (1974) April 27, 2013
Emily Swearingen (1989) May 27, 2013
Nick Meyer (1954) July 6, 2013
Bob Blancho (1944) July 21, 2013

Alumni Wedding Announcements And Two Shall Become One

Kylie Klenke (2008) & **Tanner Couvelha**
February 9, 2013

Joseph Taylor (2001) & **Kristina Bortmes**
July 19, 2013

Johnna Pesavento (1998) & **William Norton**
July 13, 2013

James Compton (2006) & **Jamie Shaffer**
July 13, 2013

Alumni Birth Announcements Welcome to the Baby Panthers

Nicholas & Ashley (Naylor) Long (2002),
Pittsburg, announce the birth of a daughter
Emerson Elizabeth Long, January 20, 2013

Jason (1993) & **Crystal Marietta**, Pittsburg,
announce the birth of a son **Matteo Jett**,
March 30, 2013

Jurji (1997) & **Melissa Lomshek**, Tacoma,
Washington, announce the birth of a daughter
Maja Ming Chi Lomshek, April 24, 2013

Craig & Jessica (VanBecelaere) (2005) **Hellwig**,
Bentonville, Arkansas, announce the birth of a
daughter **Brynlee Lorraine Hellwig**, May 9, 2013

Roger (1986) & **Rebecca Lomshek**, Pittsburg,
announce the birth of a daughter **Ella Marie
Lomshek**, May 11, 2013

Carey & Ann (Elder) Malone (2006), Ft. Scott,
Kansas announce the birth of a daughter **Elliette
Lou Malone**, May 16, 2013

Jesse (2002) & **Erica Hudson**, Pittsburg, announce
the birth of twin sons, **Keaton Andrew & Karter
William**, July 8, 2013

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of 29 years, Donna, participated in the ceremony by placing the one-star shoulder boards on Pete's jacket. Pete's brother, retired Lt. Col. Mike Gallagher (1984), presented him with a beret bearing Gallagher's new rank.

The ceremony was marked with many historical references including the presentation to the new brigadier general with the general officer belt, the general officer pistol, a M9 9mm, which is known for its finer finish, and a serial number beginning with the letters GO for general officer.

A one-star general officer flag was unfurled and posted in Gallagher's honor. The oath of office was administered by Maj. Gen. Alan Lynn, NETCOM commanding general. The final item presented to Pete was a cannon round casing as a symbol of the honors rendered to him at the beginning of the ceremony.

"Being promoted to brigadier general is a rare thing, and it is a real blessing and an honor to be a part of this process," said Lynn. "Thousands upon thousands of people enter our military each year and only less than one percent makes it to the rank of general officer, so it is a huge step forward for Pete Gallagher."

Pete said he was humbled and honored to be the Army's newest brigadier general. He thanked his family and especially his wife for their support during his 27 years of service to the Army and the nation.

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Due to the uncertainty of the nature of the attacks at that time, we were essentially confined to our hotel room the remainder of the trip. We had planned on attending the Bruins game Monday evening, which was quickly cancelled. The events of Monday certainly inspired feelings of anger, sorrow, and confusion. It was difficult to see an event that offered such great vitality to both participants and spectators marred with death and terror, and to know that Patriots' Day, a great day of celebration of Boston and its history, will forever be viewed in a different light. Despite what has happened, I definitely plan on returning next year to run again in what has and will continue to be the world's greatest road race."

Pat Forbes Receives Service Award

Pat Forbes was inducted into the Catholic School Hall of Heritage for Service and Sacrifice to Catholic Education in the Diocese of Wichita. Pat served as principal, teacher, and coach in the Catholic schools of the Diocese of Wichita for 45 years, from 1960-2005. This is the longest tenure of any lay educator in the history of the Diocese. Forty-one of those years were spent at St. Mary's Colgan, and he served as principal for 32 of those years. The award was presented on March 13, 2013 as part of a special Diocesan Faith Rally at Hartman Arena in Wichita. About 70 students and adults from Our Lady of Lourdes were at the presentation in addition to Pat's wife, Carolyn, and other family members. More than 5,000 Catholic school students, teachers, and supporters were at the Faith Rally when Rev. Ivan Eck, former pastor at Our Lady of Lourdes, and Tom Compton, SMC Principal, presented the award.

Erik Yoakam to be Head Coach

Erik Yoakam has been named head football coach at Nevada (Missouri) High School. Erik graduated from St. Mary's Colgan in 1999 and then played football at Pitt State for five years. While he was finishing his degree, Erik helped coach football at SMC. "Being around Coach Smith and Coach Cichon gave me a great opportunity in my career," Erik says. He then went on to coach at Fort Scott High School. This was followed by one year of teaching special education at Labette High School. Erik then moved to Leavenworth to teach high school PE and be the strength and conditioning coach for six years. In a move to be closer to home, Eric returned to Fort Scott to teach PE and be the strength of conditioning coach at Fort Scott High School. Then Nevada High School gave Erik the opportunity to become the head football coach as well as teach high school strength and conditioning. This season will be Erik's first year as a head coach.

2003 Graduate Completes Degree from Newman

Alicia (Raymond) Evans (2003) completed her studies in May from Newman University. She has accepted a position with Freeman Hospital, Joplin MO as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA). Alicia is married to Nate Evans. They own Evans Motors in Pittsburg and Girard.

Conrad Leads Kansas City Piper School District

Tim Conrad (1982) has been named Superintendent of Schools for Kansas City-Piper. Tim had served the

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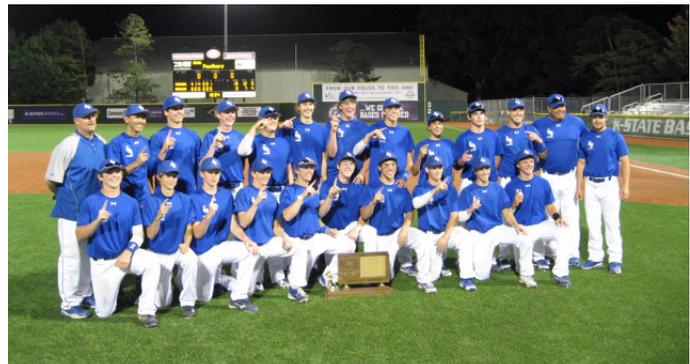
last five years as Principal of Piper High School. Overall, he has spent 27 years in education with nine of those as a superintendent, nine as a principal, and nine as a teacher and coach. Piper High School was recently named “Top Performing High School in the Kansas City Area” and ranks in the top 1% of high schools in the state of Kansas for math and reading performance.

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