

The Broadcaster

Art Sculpture Installed On Campus



As part of the Celebration of Education Sculpture Series, "Reaching for the Sky" was unveiled on QND's campus on February 28.

According to the artist Hilde De-Bruyne, "It takes a village to raise a child. They are all in it together."

That is what the QND sculpture represents. One side of the blue ribbon represents how important parents are in supporting their child and his or her growth. The other side of the blue ribbon



represents the school, teachers, and staff who help develop the child into lifelong, independent learners. The gold ribbon represents the students who grow and become independent young people.

As part of the sculpture, a plaque will be added with information about the sculpture and the artist. Part of this plaque will include a medallion created by Adriana Rajagopal. The medallion's design incorporates a cross with the QND logo.

A Play Never Bothered Me Anyway

By Erica Frankenhoff

There were some QND students who not only had to focus on schoolwork this semester; some had the pressure of putting on 8 performances of the Disney musical *Frozen, Jr.*

The musical was directed by Mindy Holthaus. Noah Klauser played Pabbie, Sammy Strieker played Queen Iduna, James McReynolds played King Agnarr, Brennan Cook played Sven, Ryan Cafun played Kristoff, and Ava Jacobsen was in the ensemble. Lots of the students had to make several sacrifices to ensure that all their schoolwork got completed along with making it to rehearsals. Noah said that he had to miss out on HAFOC and even some quiz bowl matches and practices in place of rehearsals. James said he had to miss out on a lot of pep band games. Sammy had to miss a lot of swimming opportunities due to the performances. All three agreed that their health and sleep schedules were not at their peak over the last few weeks of practices and performances. Overall, these students agreed they would do it all over again if they could.

For Noah and Sammy this experience was a first for them. James on the other hand has been in a few other productions (Adamms Family and Godspell). All three have partaken in QND's Spring Show.

Learning More About Mrs. Feldner

By Hailey Skinner



SayhellotoQND's new guidance counselor, Mrs. Feldner! Mrs. Feldner has been an excellent addition to the QND faculty and staff this year.

Before she worked at QND, she was a

guidance counselor at Liberty High School. Mrs. Feldner had many reasons for making the move to Quincy Notre Dame: the first being she lives in Quincy, so working closer to home and her kids was always a positive. She also wanted to grow in the community, especially the faith community.

When she is not at school, she is at home taking care of her three children. Two of them are currently at Blessed Sacrament and one is three years old.

Mrs. Feldner has loved her time here.

When asked what her favorite part of being a Raider was, she said, "The students 100 percent. We have really great kids. QND does truly feel like a Raider family, and I love being a part of that."

She played basketball during high school and eventually played in college. She played at Quincy University where she also met her husband. After countless years on the court, she has mastered the art of dunking.

Polar Zonohedron Puzzle



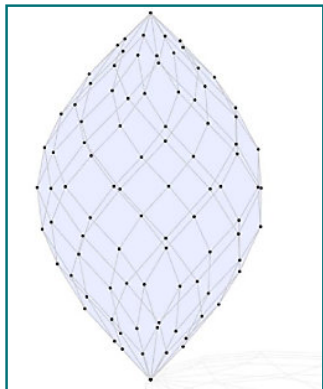
By Hannah Dreier

This last semester, Mr. Klauser's analysis and calculus classes had the opportunity to build a polar zonohedron in the science lab. A polar zonohedron is a giant shape used in math. The shape was built using pieces of red and white aluminum and connected at certain points. Many days were spent planning calculations before students built the zonohedron.

These classes were tasked with building the ornament for fun. Each piece also had analysis behind it. Mr. Klauser incorporated this to show a real life situation when students would need math.

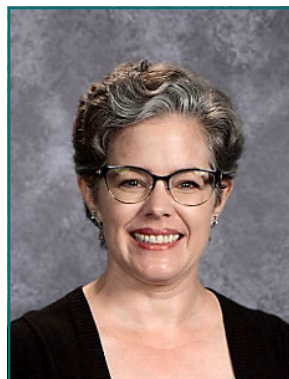
People always ask, "When will I use this in the future or in real life?" This is a perfect example of using math in a fun way. Mr. Klauser says it is important because when the students can build something with math they have learned and see that the shapes and formulas actually work; it makes it more interesting to students. It helps them understand the subject more in the real world setting.

To the left compare a picture of what the end goal was and how the student's masterpiece turned out.



Getting to Know Mrs. Loyd

By Katie Hummel



Mrs. Loyd, QND's junior English teacher, has been a teacher for 20 years and this is her second time teaching at QND.

She grew up in St. Joseph, Missouri, and is an only child. She is married to David, and they have been married for over 25 years. They have two daughters. Rachel is 23 and Rebekah is 27. Rachel is married to Zac and is the current art teacher at Quincy Notre Dame. Rebekah is married to Chris and lives in Memphis, Tennessee. She is also a teacher and teaches English to people in China.

When asked what her favorite part about teaching at QND is, Mrs. Loyd said "the students and the feeling of the family atmosphere here at QND." She said that if you would have told her she was going to be a teacher, let alone an English teacher when she was younger, she would not have believed you.

Here are some fun facts about Mrs. Loyd. Her oldest daughter has lived in 8 countries in the last two years. Both of her daughters got married within six months of each other. Last, but not least, she used to have a pet bird, but it now lives with her daughter.

Frozen, Jr., Snapshots



Sammy Strieker and James McReynolds



Brennan Cook and Ryan Cafun



Noah Klauser

Advanced Art Final Projects Feel Authentic With Real-World Clients

By Tori Felde

QND art teacher Mrs. Roundtree provides her advanced art students with real-life experiences in place of art school.

Mrs. Roundtree has a couple of her advanced art students, Morgan Frankenhoff and Adrianna Rajagopal, working on a giant commission project for their last part of their high school career. This project includes the artists creating a piece of artwork for a staff member and drawing up a contract to go with it. The contract covers hypothetical prices and terms and conditions that protect the artist and the client from legal interactions. The artist and their client have a few meetings to finalize the contract before any work begins to make

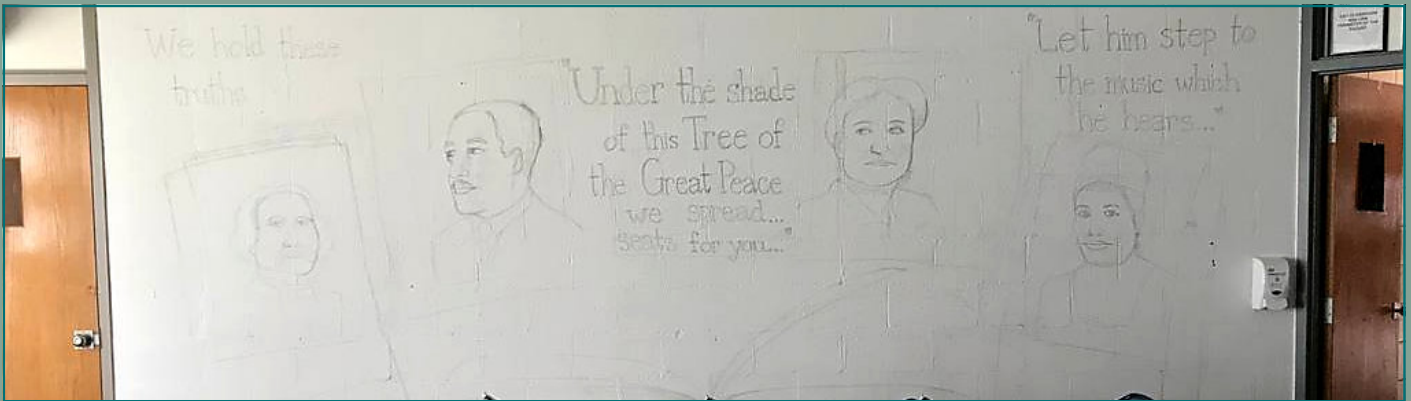
sure everyone is on the same page. Mrs. Roundtree supervises those meetings and will provide advice when asked, but that is her only involvement in the project.

Morgan Frankenhoff is painting a mural on Mrs. Loyd's wall of different authors that her students are reading about in their English classes such as Maya Angelo and Martin Luther King, Jr. Morgan's current design for the mural is an open book with pages flying out of it with a picture of the author and maybe one of their famous quotes. She closed the contract with Mrs. Loyd in February. She will complete her project some time this summer.

Adrianna Rajagopal is drawing a picture

of Saint Hubris for Mr. Klauser. Her biggest obstacle with this piece is having no pictures to go off of. She said that there are only a few pictures of this saint recorded throughout history, so she is going to use real life inspirations. The only thing Adrianna could find out about Saint Hubris was that he was a ginger and a hunter, so her drawing is going to resemble Robin Hood.

Morgan and Adriana believe that Mrs. Roundtree is having them do this project to get real-life experiences before doing commission work in the real world. The girls said that they appreciate having to do this project even though it may be stressful because now they aren't going into the real art world blind.



Guy Gal Cheer & Pom Routines Enjoyable Tradition

By Sophie Jones

Cheer and Pom's annual "Guy Girl" routines are a fun way for the boys of Quincy Notre Dame to step out of their comfort zone and perform at a basketball game.

Each boy is paired with a girl to learn an entertaining cheer or pom routine. They get an idea of what these girls do every practice and might have some difficulty doing so. According to Ian Cawthon, "The hardest part of being a pommer was doing a high kick and a solo. Sometimes I forgot steps in the dance." On the other hand, the easiest part for Ian was "Just dancing in general. I'm a great dancer."

This year, the theme for the Pom's routine was "80's Work Out." The boys and girls all dressed up and used songs from this time period. Cheer did not have a specific theme this year but had a very fun routine with entertaining music. "I love the songs in my



cheer routine," says Mason Perrine, "I also get thrown in the air, which is a plus."

These two routines are both very different, but both have an upbeat and exciting mood. The Guy Girl routines are always a crowd favorite at games. It is



always fun to see the students at QND take a risk and try something new. The cheer and pom guy girl routines are a perfect example of the fun loving and close environment of Quincy Notre Dame.

Catholic Schools Week: More Than Fun

By Ariel Thomas

Whether it was dressing up as our favorite Disney characters or celebrating Community Pizza Day with our friends and family, it's safe to say that this year's Catholic Schools Week was a great week, but have you ever stopped to think about what it takes to plan it all?

"To start, it takes a tremendous amount of teamwork," Brennan Cook, junior class president, stated. "Victoria Bickhaus, Mr. Klauser, and I had to collaborate many times at lunch to come up with ideas."

This year the student council team decided to try something different: a school wide version of the game Clue. "Planning the game was pretty crazy.. so to say," Mr. Klauser said. "We just didn't really know what would happen. There were some aspects that we planned months back while some things we were scrambling to add into the game last minute."

Brennan added, "In all honesty, that's how most of everything went while we were planning. We had certain ideas that we thought could be perfect, but as time went on they became more and more irrelevant until we had to take it all out. It was quite annoying."

"And not only do the Catholic Schools Week events have to be fun and enjoyable, but they also have to be appropriate," said Brennan. He mentioned that while picking a certain event or theme, they had to be careful in order to make sure it couldn't be taken too far.

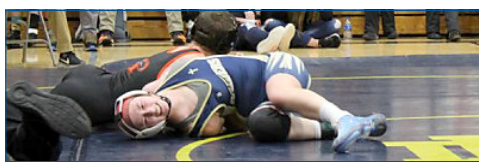
"All in all, we're still a Catholic School - that's what we pride ourselves in. So while we may think something could possibly be a good idea, we have to really take it all into consideration, just to be safe," Mr. Klauser said.

While this Catholic Schools Week may have been pretty similar to the previous years, there were also a lot of differences. "This year, along with the Clue game, we also added the art mural, thanks to the help of Mrs. Roundtree. This ended up being WAY better than we thought," Brennan laughed. "We honestly thought that it would be a disaster, but we ended up being extremely happy with the results. It ended up looking pretty fabulous, I'd say. But it could not have been done without the help of Mrs. Roundtree and the art students. They helped make this whole thing possible."

Overall, Catholic Schools Week was a fun way to relax and grow closer as a school. But it was also a great reminder of our strong faith-filled beliefs and foundation of this school.



Winter Sports And Their Fans



Kindness Club Connects To Community Through Various Projects

By Grace Dodd

QND supports various organizations in Quincy like Transitions and the Adams County Down Syndrome Support Group to help disabled people. QND's Kindness Club also shows the true meaning of giving back to their community by involving themselves in things that can bring kindness to others.

This past December a dance was sponsored by the club to support and have fun with special needs people. Mrs. Altmix was unsure of where the idea of the dance originated from, but it had great intentions. The dance was an attempt to give relief and free time to parents to get stuff done like Christmas shopping at that time of the year. The dance has been going on for about three or four years and has been very successful.

Mandy Thompson is an avid member of Kindness Club who also volunteered at the dance. Mandy joined the club in hopes of getting to know kind people at QND and to give back to her community by helping where she could around the school.

Mandy said her favorite part of Kindness Club is the special needs dance because it was a good way to step out of her comfort zone. At the dance, she said it took a little time for everyone to get situated and to get to know each other but eventually everyone was up dancing around. Mandy said that the guests were very open and showed lots of love and appreciation towards them.

Mandy's main takeaway from this experience is to love people as they are and that kindness can be spread in many ways in our community.



Competitive Cheer Leads to Leadership Role



By Liz Robertson

QND students take part in many extracurricular activities in school and outside of school. One particular group that a student takes part in is the Gem City All Star Cheerleading Squad. Liz Robertson has been a member of the squad for four seasons and plans to continue into her freshman year of college.

This cheerleading squad has traveled throughout the country to places like Orlando, Florida; Las Vegas, Nevada; Virginia Beach, Virginia; and other big cities to compete. The squad has competed at Nationals for the past several years and has qualified again this year with their second place finish in Kansas City, Missouri. This year's national competition takes place in Virginia Beach on the weekend of May 2nd.

Liz has put many hours of work into this sport. It takes incredible endurance and lots of energy to put on a performance. She goes to practice every Tuesday evening and Saturday morning. On top of that, she also spends hours outside of practice perfecting her skills and dance. Many of her fellow squad members would consider her a leader in the group.

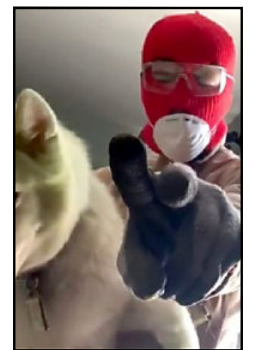
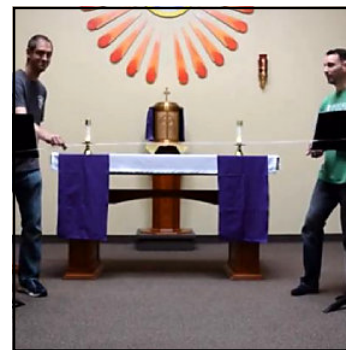
"Liz is determined to succeed and is a great example of a team leader. She helps guide and encourage others," says team coach Ashley Schralla.

"She's the backbone of the whole team," one squad member says. Liz hopes to continue to win competitions and bring her squad to victory at Nationals.

HAFOC Continues During Stay-At-Home Order



Despite Gov. Pritzker ordering all schools closed through the end of the school year, HAFOC has found a new way to reach QND students who want to participate. Mr. Young and Mr. Robb along with those from the HAFOC team have made Wednesday nights available through YouTube.



Showing Cattle Not Just An Agricultural Hobby

By Sydne Stinnett

Many students at QND have unusual hobbies. Senior Tori Allen wants to pursue a career in agriculture.

In her free time, she shows cows along with her brothers. "I show cows because my whole family is involved in it," Tori says.

The Allen family goes to multiple different events in the summer along with a few in the winter. "Showing cows has impacted our family because it's brought us closer to each other and let's us work together every day," says Heather Allen, Tori's mother.

The National Western Stock Show in Denver, Colorado, is one of the



biggest shows the family attends. "My whole family influences me because they push me to do better and try to work harder to achieve what I want to do," Tori said.

One of her biggest achievements was being crowned Hereford Queen this past summer. After being interviewed by a few judges and being the crowd's favorite, Tori was surprised to earn the title. In the future she hopes to educate others about the agricultural industry.

Football Has Exceptional Season

By Tori Allen

The football team went from a 3-6 team last year to a 9-4 semi finalist team this year. With practices in the summer, two a days, and finally cold practices to finish out the year, the football team ended the year with the third semifinal berth in program history, first semifinal game ever played at QND, and six victories against teams with winning records.

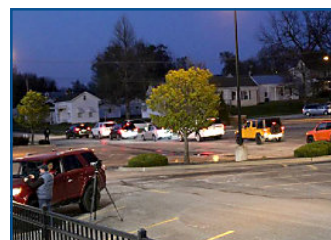
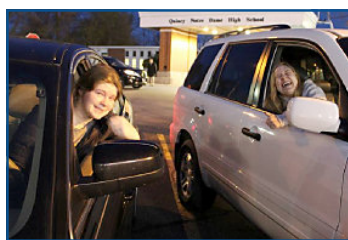
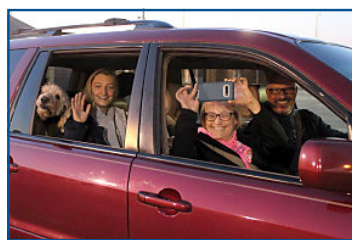
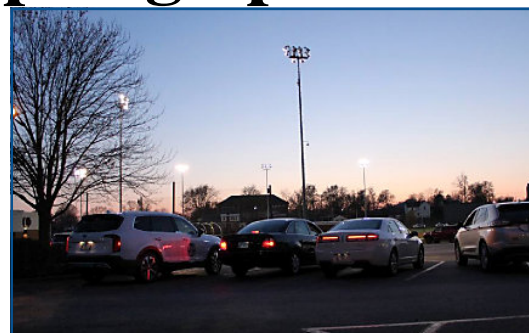
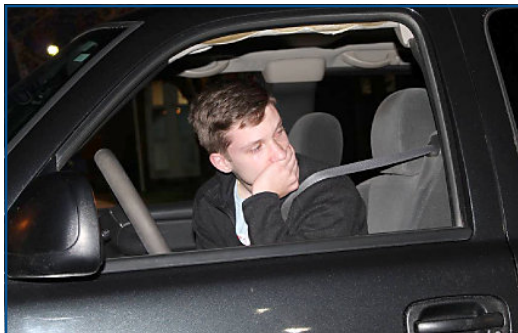
Zac Becker said, "I think after the first week, I knew we were a special team, and we were going to make it far in the playoffs."

Seniors Zac Becker and Johnny Ohnemus both agreed that the time they put in in the weight room and the dedication from everyone made this team excel this year.

"I'll say brotherhood was a huge part but also the dedication and time we put into working out and making ourselves better," Johnny said, "along with the amazing coaching staff because of the passion they had and the devotion to the team."



Be The Light - Celebrating Seniors and Spring Sports



Pommers Claim 9th Win In A Row At IDTA State



In Quarantine Famous Art Reproduction



As part of an art class project for Mrs. Roundtree while adhering to the stay at home order, Taylor Dietrich recreated *The Last Supper*. Each student was tasked with recreating a famous painting using things they have at home.