

# REUNION



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## QND ALUMNI

Dedicated to Service and Tradition

QND is blessed to have 22 graduates serving their alma mater. In total, they have provided over 150 years of service to QND students and families. Together with the other teachers and staff, they live their vocation on a daily basis through their commitment to and in celebration of Raider Pride. Pictured from top to bottom, left to right:



**Beth Lask '98** Math Teacher

**Erin (Liesen) Stegeman '02**

Director of Communications & Marketing

**Jack Cornell '07**

PE & Health Teacher/Head Football Coach

**Kurt Stuckman '91**

QND Foundation Executive Director

**Mike Young '98** Director of Christian Formation

**Sarah (VonderHaar) Harsell '02** Cafeteria

**Jenny Terstriep '98**

Visual Communications Teacher

**Amy Kaiser '89** History Teacher

**Joe Obert '87** Spanish Teacher

**Jacob Bottorff '14** Maintenance

**Mark McDowell '95** Principal

**Katie (Terwelp) Bailey '96**

Learning Specialist Coordinator

**Bill Schlegl '83** Math Teacher

**Zach Robb '98** Theology Teacher

**Kelly (Bozarth) Klauser '91**

Administrative Assistant

**Jenny (Whicker) Willingham '02**

Digital Art Teacher

**Jen (Hippis) Deters '90** English Teacher

**Ashleigh (Douglas) Wisslead '03**

Theology Teacher

**Stacey (Spring) Staff '87**

QND Foundation Administrative Assistant

**Lyn (Funke) Strieker '83** Math Tutor

**Tracy (Uhlenbrock) Grant '78** Cafeteria

**Natalie (Craven) Genenbacher '99**

Director of Enrollment

Founded on Catholic values, QND educates lifelong learners for lives of service.

## Greatest Fund Drive Success in School History

The Quincy Notre Dame Foundation announced that the 2024 QND Fund Drive raised \$607,370 in gifts and pledges, surpassing its goal by more than \$132,000. This remarkable achievement marks the largest amount ever raised since the Fund Drive began in 1977. The effort was led by co-chairpersons Brian Dreier '89 and Dr. Jason Knuffman '93. "The QND Fund Drive continues to be our most important annual fundraiser. The historic support we received this year is a testament to the education



that QND provides," stated Kurt Stuckman, executive director of the QND Foundation. "Supporters from all over the country made the conscious choice to invest in our school, and we are very grateful."

The QND Fund Drive keeps tuition affordable by paying a portion of the

school's operating expenses to close the gap between the cost to educate and student tuition. The campaign also provides financial assistance to students. Over the past 47 years, the QND Fund Drive has raised more than \$18.5 million.

### FUND DRIVE HIGHLIGHTS:

- The Foundation received over \$17,000 in new gifts and collected over \$59,000 from donors who increased their gifts from the previous year.
- The 2024 Fund Drive saw 69% of all gifts come from alums.
- There were 166 donors who were part of the Ray Heilmann Legacy Society (gifts of \$1,000 and above).



## New College Opportunity for QND Students

QND is committed to investing in the future of its students by partnering with VU Scholarships, an online platform that informs students about scholarship opportunities at two-year and four-year institutions across the country.

Junior and senior student data (GPA and class rank) is uploaded to the VU Scholarships system. Each student has a profile on the system, and based on the established information from the colleges, this system will display scholarship opportunities they could qualify for at the institutions.



In October 2024, QND counselor Bob Sheffield announced that juniors and seniors at QND could be eligible for more than \$359 million in scholarships available from various colleges nationwide. This is an incredible achievement for QND students and highlights scholarship opportunities they may not have been aware of before.



## SENIOR SUNRISE

The Class of 2025 began a new tradition called Senior Sunrise to kick off the school year. Seniors arrived at 5:30 a.m., the first Friday of school, to set up and grill breakfast. Students enjoyed food, fellowship, and music with their classmates in anticipation of their final year of high school.



QND is excited to welcome **FR. PAUL LESUPATI** as a co-chaplain along with Fr. Leo Enlow. Fr. Paul is the Parochial Vicar at St. Peter Church in Quincy. He has been a blessing to the QND students and staff with his infectious laugh and jovial personality.



QND recently held its 3rd annual **CANSTRUCTION** event, where each house contributed food items to create a unique structure. The 2024 Food Drive raised over \$8,000 to purchase these non-perishable food items to benefit Quincy Catholic Charities.

## LONG-RANGE STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

Over the past 15 months, QND staff, board members, key community stakeholders, and student leaders have been working diligently to shape the school's future. In collaboration with the Tracy Family Foundation and Partners in Mission, QND developed a comprehensive long-range strategic plan. This process evaluated eight key areas: Academics, Advancement, Catholic Identity, Enrollment, Facilities, Finance, Governance, and Student Life.

Several objectives emerged from this initiative, including assessing course offerings, building strategic local alliances, deepening and growing the school's Catholic identity, clearly articulating its value proposition, ensuring sustainable cash flow and reserves, fostering stronger student connections to enhance community, and establishing a governance framework.

These priorities, along with many others, will be reviewed, researched, and addressed at the committee level over the next three to five years.

### 2023 UPDATES

- SEPT** Climate survey was conducted
- OCT** Survey feedback was analyzed and summarized
- NOV** Kick off for the public phase of the LRSP

### 2024 UPDATES

- JAN** 80 attendees participated in roundtable discussions
- FEB** 50 conversations were held with individual stakeholders
- MAR** Steering Committee completed 50 prioritization surveys
- APR** Retreat held with 40 attendees to review and refine vision statements and create objectives
- JUN** QND Board of Directors ratified the LRSP
- SEPT** Objectives for 2024-2025 were determined
- OCT** Domain committees established to define and implement SMART goals

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“After being blessed with four sons, we knew we had to move back to Quincy. We wanted our boys to receive the same solid faith-based academic excellence that we received at QND. It was God’s way of guiding us in the right direction to help fulfill critical family values and was one of the best decisions we have made.”

– Larry '78 and Kelly (O'Hara) '78 Weiman



## Alumni Spotlight

### Rick Gengenbacher '84

Rick graduated from QND in 1984, attended John Wood Community College, and received his Bachelor of Science from Culver-Stockton College. While at Culver-Stockton, Rick was a student worker at the Illinois Veterans Home in Quincy and joined the Illinois National Guard, serving eight years and earning an officer’s commission.

Rick went on to work for the Veterans Home for 36 years before retiring in 2023 and was proud to serve those who served our country. At his retirement, Rick was serving as the Home’s adjutant, supervising the admission process and several departments, including activities/volunteer services, chaplains, social services, housekeeping, and laundry. He also oversaw the employee appreciation program, planned all special events such as Memorial Day and Veterans Day programs, served as editor of the Home’s publication, *The Bugle*, and the in-house television station. Before serving as adjutant, Rick served as director of marketing and public information officer.

Post-retirement, Rick continues to volunteer at the Veterans Home, stays active at his parish, officiates high school

basketball for the IHSA and MSHSAA, and serves on several community boards. Rick remains invested in QND, where he coaches the junior high softball team, is a substitute teacher, and continues to cook at the QND Pancake and Sausage Breakfast with his brothers.

Of all these undertakings, Rick’s favorite activity is being a grandparent. He and his wife Becky have four daughters, all graduates of QND, and seven grandchildren, with one on the way.

Rick admits that his high school years were challenging, but looking back, he is thankful his parents were committed to having their seven children, of which Rick is the oldest, receive a Catholic education at QND. “While I was oblivious to it at the moment, the tough times built character, and I wouldn’t change any of it. Those struggles and my QND Catholic education are a big part of who I am today,” states Rick.

“Becky and I also gave our daughters the gift of Catholic education. Their time at QND was a wonderful experience for each of them and truly a blessing for our family. Sending your children to QND is an investment in their future. Likely the best money we ever spent!”



### ILLINOIS STATE SCHOLARS

QND had 12 students from the Class of 2024 recognized as 2025-26 Illinois State Scholars. This award is given annually by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission to those who rank in the state’s top 10 percent of high school seniors. Selection is based on a combination of ACT or SAT scores and class rank at the end of junior year.

Front row (L to R) **Benjamin McDonald, Elena Mast, Adelin Schuster, Alyssa Ley, Avery Larson, Christopher McDermott**  
Back row (L to R) **Avery Kapp, Grace Marner, Harrison Miller, Brody Jones, Allison Vranjes, Morgan Zanger**

### ALL-STATE MUSICIANS

Two Quincy Notre Dame students were named 2025 Illinois All-State Musicians. Auditions took place in October 2024 across the state. The selected students will perform in Peoria during the Illinois Music Educators Association Annual Conference January 30-February 1, 2025.



**Cayson Peters** Senior,  
*All-State Honors Chorus, Bass*  
**Elizabeth Strieker** Senior,  
*All-State Chorus, Alto*

# Students Thrive in CEO Program



The Adams County CEO (Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities) program was established in the fall of 2023 to create experimental learning opportunities for students. It is a part of the national network of CEO chapters. Through the program, students gain firsthand entrepreneurial education from local businesses and community leaders.

Applications for the class are submitted to a committee of Adams County CEO Board Members. This school year, six seniors from QND are participating, along with 14 other seniors from high schools across Adams County. These students meet daily throughout the school year at John Wood Community College.

“The CEO Program provides a unique opportunity for us to gain real-world experience,” QND senior Daniel Strudwick states. “I love meeting business

owners and hearing their stories; this program allows me to do just that.”

During the first semester, students collaborate on a class business, and in the second semester, each student develops their own business. They also visit local businesses and meet with a mentor who assists them through the process of creating their own business. Ultimately, the CEO program aims to provide students with real-life experiences, foster business relationships, and build future leaders for our communities.

“Quincy Notre Dame is blessed to have a number of students involved in the CEO program,” said QND Principal Mark McDowell. “Students gain authentic knowledge through their engagement with local businesses in Adams County. We believe those experiences will translate into success beyond high school.”



## SPAIN TRIP March 2024

QND students pose while in Seville, Spain, with the Cathedral of Seville in the background, the third largest cathedral in the world.



## ST. CECILIA TRIBUTE

QND band director Jill Steinkamp commissioned the talented QND art teacher Amanda Strudwick to paint this beautiful tribute to the patron saint of musicians. In November 2024, QND Chaplain Fr. Leo Enlow blessed the striking painting during a school Mass. The painting is displayed in QND’s music wing. This meaningful addition serves as a source of inspiration for students and staff, celebrating the harmony of faith, art, and music at QND.

# NOTRE DAME STUDENT LIFE



3D Design Class



Catholic Heart Workcamp



Christmas Concert



Eighteenth Century Era Day

# Alumni Spotlight

## Tom McElyea '68

Tom credits the extracurriculars he was involved in at Christian Brothers to his success as an engineer. "While at CB, I held leadership roles in several clubs, including Key Club Treasurer and Science Club President," says Tom. "These positions gave me the chance to work with others in group discussions and meetings that later benefited me in engineering management positions."

Tom graduated from Christian Brothers in 1968 and attended the University of Missouri at Rolla, earning a bachelor's

degree in mechanical engineering. After graduation in 1972, Tom worked for Texaco at its oil refinery in Port Arthur, Texas, while working to achieve his Master of Engineering degree from Lamar University.

Tom worked for Jacobs Engineering, a consulting engineering firm, for 16 years in Texas. He held the positions of project manager and manager of the mechanical engineering department. He worked on engineering and construction projects for chemical plants and oil refineries along the

Gulf Coast of Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi.

Tom then moved on and became director of engineering for Sid Richardson Carbon and Energy company in Fort Worth, Texas. He led engineering and construction projects for natural gas processing plants in Texas and New Mexico and carbon black plants in Texas and Louisiana. After 22 years at Sid, Tom retired in 2013 and lives in Fort Worth.

During his career, Tom became a licensed professional engineer in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, New Mexico, and West Virginia.



"The Brothers and lay teachers maintained a disciplined and respectful atmosphere for everyone at Christian Brothers," says Tom. "I had excellent math teachers throughout my four years. Everyone helped me develop relationships to work with people from different backgrounds."



COMMUNITY OF MARK 2023-24 Raider Cup Winner



2023-24 House Winners: Gryphos



## House System Logos

Former art teacher and alumni Josh Wittler '19 designed vibrant new logos for the House System, featured on t-shirts, banners, etc.



"What impacted me the most at QND were the Christian role models I saw every day in the faculty and staff of QND. I was learning through their example, even though I didn't realize it at the time, and I'm forever grateful. There is just something special at QND that you don't find elsewhere." – Scott Siebers '91



Homecoming Parade



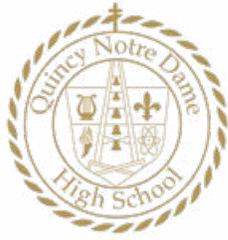
Pep Band IHSA Basketball State



QCES Olympic Day



Sophomore Service Day



# REUNIONS AND CELEBRATIONS



Have a reunion or event you'd like to share?  
Email Stacey Staff '87 at [sstaff@QuincyNotreDame.org](mailto:ssstaff@QuincyNotreDame.org).



“QND was instrumental in inspiring a solid foundation to our sense of family and faith, which are two values that are alive and well within the tight-knit community of Raider Nation. It was where we met and where we hope to send our kids in the future. There is so much that has occurred in our lives that we contribute largely to our experience at QND and the amazing Raider Pride culture of faith, family, and excellence!” – LTC Ray '02 and Janae (Volm) '03 Koenig





**2024 QND Foundation GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
Steve Grawe '82, Jerry Grawe '56, Brandon Miles '08, and Reggie Craven '05

**GRANDPARENTS MASS** celebrated the Feast of the Immaculate Conception with grandparents and other special guests in December 2024.

### Class of 2024 Accomplishments

- 100% Graduation Rate
- 81 Graduates
- 12 Illinois State Scholars
- 43 National Honor Society Students
- 20 Academic Excellence Awards 4.0 GPA or higher
- 15 President's Award for Educational Excellence Based on GPA and Percentile in Math & Reading
- 61 Society of Academic Achievement 3.5 GPA or higher
- 13 Student-Athlete Signings
- 40 IHSA Scholastic Achievement Award Varsity athlete with a 3.5 GPA or higher
- 2 All-State Musicians
- 6 Eagle Scouts

The Class of 2024 qualified for more than \$7M in academic, athletic, performing arts, and trade scholarships. They provided nearly 6,000 hours of volunteer work and community service during their four years at QND.



QND hosted its annual **AREA-WIDE MASS** on September 24, 2024, with Quincy's four Catholic elementary schools and St. Mary's of Mt. Sterling. Bishop Thomas John Paprocki was the celebrant, joined by local priests and deacons.

## HALL OF FAME 2024

Congratulations to the newest Hall of Fame members! To submit a nomination, contact Bill Connell at: (217) 223-2509 or bconnell@qndhs.org.



**Cassidy (Foley) Walker '14**  
Soccer, Volleyball, Basketball



**T.J. Kistner '04**  
Baseball, Football, Basketball



**Greg Hellhake '06** Baseball



**Rick Day**  
Assistant Football Coach



**Steve Havermale '67**  
Meritorious Service



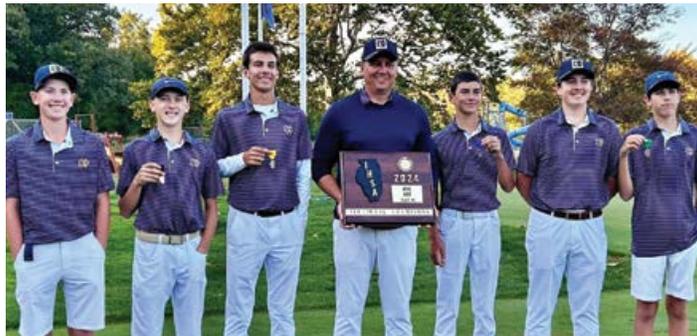
**2001 Volleyball Team**  
IHSA Class A 2nd Place Team

# NOTRE DAME SPORTS HOME OF THE RAIDERS

2024 IHSA Class 1A State Tournaments (winners and qualifiers)



2023-24 **POM PON** Squad, 3rd in State  
Illinois Drill Team Association Competition



2024 **BOYS GOLF** Team, 6th in State



2024 **GIRLS GOLF** Team, State Tournament Participant



**QND RAIDER TRAP SQUAD**

Formed in 2021, the QND Raider Trap squad has grown in numbers and success ever since. The co-ed squad participates in the Illinois State High School Clay Target League with a fall and spring season.



**BOYS GOLF**  
2nd place, Individual  
**Beau Eftink '26**



**WRESTLING** Qualifiers  
**Bradi Lahr '26**  
and **Taylin Scott '25**



**BOYS TENNIS** Qualifiers  
**Alex Strong '25**  
and **Daniel Dyer '25**



**GIRLS TENNIS** Qualifiers  
Singles: **Alyssa Ley '25**  
Doubles: **Kaitlyn Brown '25**  
and **Morgan Zanger '25**

# QUINCY NOTRE DAME FOUNDATION

Providing the Means to Keep Tuition Affordable



## Message from Executive Director

The QND Foundation has been busy! In addition to the momentous amount raised through the 2024 Fund Drive, we have accomplished several significant projects this year.

- We are providing our teachers a historic compensation increase beginning with the 2024-25 school year.
- We are in the final stages of replacing the video board on Advance Physical Therapy Field and the scoreboard on Ferd Niemann Jr. Memorial Ballfield.
- We have started several new scholarships this year and are closing in on 200 scholarships managed by the QND Foundation.
- We continue to work with the classes of 2010-2018 to reconnect them back to the school and begin to build a culture of philanthropy with our younger alums.
- We have finalized our Long Range Strategic Plan and have begun the implementation stage.

- We have contracted a grant writer to assist us in searching the market for state and federal grants to benefit our students.
- We continue to experience growth in the Raider Pride Planned Giving Society from those who wish to create a lasting legacy through a planned gift to support QND.
- The growth in our financial assets is a testament to our donors who continue to invest in our students. We are committed to investing wisely those funds and making a difference in the lives of QND students.

If you wish to learn more about the recent QND Foundation projects, please feel to reach out to me. Thank you for your continued support of QND!

**Kurt Stuckman '91**

*QND Foundation Executive Director*

KStuckman@QuincyNotreDame.org | (217) 224-2598

**“Quincy Notre Dame is a place of learning, growth, and support. The importance of service and faith instilled in us while attending QND has been such a blessing in our lives. We are grateful for the impact it continues to have on our family.”**

*– Bo '92 and Susan (Laws) '97 Peters*



## RAIDER PRIDE PLANNED GIVING SOCIETY

*The Raider Pride Planned Giving Society was established in 2016 to honor individuals who have shown uncommon commitment to Quincy Notre Dame in the form of a planned gift. Donors who arrange to benefit QND through planned gifts provide transformational support, enabling our high school to continue secondary Catholic education to future generations.*

John Anderson '55\*  
Tom '69 & Jo Arnold  
Esther Baker\*  
JoAnn Bauer '69  
Mary Jane Bauer '66  
Paul Bauer '76  
Reverend Roy Bauer\*  
Betty Bernzen '36\*  
Mark Blickhan '75\*  
Fred (Herr) Bloss  
John Bunting\*  
Patrick '02 & Brooke Cook  
James '50\* & Dorothy (Geise) '50\* Costigan  
Kent '81 & Chriss Cudney  
Isabella Daly\*  
Alice V. (Musholt) Dempsey '40\*  
Rita Eberle '48\*  
Florence (Mast) Ehrhardt '34\*

Monsignor Leo Enlow  
Jim '58\* & Connie (Kuhlman) '58 Fischer  
Melvin Frericks '63\*  
Catherine Gerding '37\*  
Kenneth Gibson '56\*  
Jim Goerlich '85  
Virginia Greving '45\*  
Martha Habben\*  
Henry & Alice Hagedorn  
Kenneth Heinze '53\*  
Ed Hinkamper '57\*  
Ric '81 & Monica (Bridle) '82 Hinkamper  
Michael & Sue Holbrook  
Mary (Michel) Keefe '45\*  
Jean Killelea\*  
Dorothy Kinscherf\*  
Al Knepler '67

Reverend Don Knuffman\*  
Monsignor Michael Kuse '59  
Jerry '64 & Betty LeSeure  
John '45\* & Connie\* Liesen  
Charles Lugo\*  
Leo\* & Irene\* Mast  
Mike '81 & Patty McCaughey  
Michael '65 & Lucinda (Awerkamp) '67 McClain  
Arlene Middendorf '45\*  
Dr. Robert\* & Shirley Murphy  
Eric & Tracy (Zuspann) '92 Orne  
Mary Prior\*  
Kathleen (Klues) Putnam '65\*  
Sam\* & Pat\* Rinella  
Mark & Susan (Howell) Schmitz  
Herman Schneidman\*  
The Honorable Richard Scholz '46\*  
Alois Schulte Jr.\*

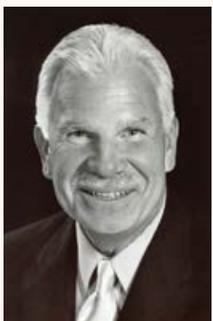
Jeanne Smith '71 & Deborah Franke John\* & Karen (Jansen) '66\* Spring  
Drs. Jim '71 & Susan Stegeman  
Byron Stickler\*  
Roger '71 & Kathy (Ohnemus) '71 Stuckman  
Grant\* & Georgeanne\* Sturhahn  
Larry '53 & Mary (Behrensmeyer) '54\* Talken  
Frederick Thomas '42\*  
Joann (Pape) Thrasher '50\*  
Anna Mae Timpe\*  
Reverend Kenneth Venvertloh '57\*  
Steve Volm '59  
Jean Walton\*  
Ruth Welchert\*  
Irma Winter\*  
Lester Zwick\*  
\*deceased

# QUINCY NOTRE DAME SCHOLARSHIPS

The QND Foundation manages over 195 scholarships. Endowed scholarships last in perpetuity and are a great way to continue the legacy of a loved one, class, or family. Contact Kurt Stuckman in the Foundation office at (217) 224-2598 for more information.

Peter V. Affre	Class of 1973	Francis & Alma Haugh Family	Luke Mayfield	Herman & Venita Schneidman
Steve Akers	Class of 1974	Judy & Rick Haugh	Don & Kay McCaughey	Scholz
Tom & Joyce Alford	Class of 1975	Ray & Lenore Heilmann	Rev. Gerald McCaughey	Charles A. & Nancy Scholz PMO
Vickie Arnold	Class of 1976	Heintz Electric Company	Elmo "Mac" and Marge McClain	Ed & Carolyn Schuering Family
Thomas and Bette Awerkamp	Class of 1978	Merle & Joan Hellhake	Michael ('65) & Lucinda	Don Schutte
Daniel R. Barry	Class of 1979	Donald & Mary Ann Henke	Awerkamp ('67) McClain	Gene & Becky Siebers
Mike Barton	Class of 1980	Laura (Schuering'77)	Thomas E. McElyea Science	Steve Siebers
Father Roy Bauer	Class of 1981	Henke Nursing	Henry P. & Frederick	Jeff & Theresa Spear
Harold & Marilyn Bertrand	Class of 1984/Joe Hoebing	Patrick Hibbele	A. McLaughlin	John A. Spring Teacher
Joseph M. Blickhan	Class of 1987	Edward C. Hinkamper	Daniel J. & Maxine McLaughlin	John & Dode Spring
Mark A. Blickhan	Class of 1989	Ronald W. Hinkamper	Bishop Joseph McNicholas	Karen (Jansen) Spring Healthcare
Becky (Postle) Bliefnick	Class of 1990	Alex J. Hoffman	Messick Family Foundation	Stadler Family
Memorial Nursing	Richard & Elizabeth Cox	Good & Faithful Servant Award	Brett A. Miller Memorial	David & Patricia Stegeman Family
Fred G. & Wilma E. Bloss	Sherrie Craven	in memory of Allison Holbrook	Robert J. & Helen L. Miller	Leo & Marilyn Stegeman
Frederick W. Bloss	Ron & Dorothy Cudney	Hopkins-Zwick Book	Monroe	Lawrence F. & Anita Virginia
Mark E. Bocke	Isabelle Daly	Albert "Butch" & Evelyn Jansen	Mary A. (Wiemelt) Moore	Steinkamp & Family
Bodley Lodge #1 Masonic	Robert & Dorothy Deters	Lawrence & Anna Jochem	Mother Dennis Foundation	Byron C. Stickler
Kathryn (Koehler) Bollack	Willard R. Detrick	Johannes/Lammers Family	Jane (Siepker) Nolan (1955)	Thomas & Barbara Strieker Family
Bozarth Family	Charles DeVilbiss	Jerome & Wilma Kalmer	David Adam Oakley	Don & Joan Sturhahn
Charles R. & Carolyn A. Bridle	Mandi Dickerman	Wilfred & Connie Kaltenbach	Lisa Oakley Endowed	Sturhahn Jewelers
Herschel W. & Mary	Dickson/Koester	Richard W. & Nancy A. Kamphaus	Susan (Peters) O'Connor	Robert Terstriep Family
Nancy Brooks	Dittmeyer-McElyea Engineering	John & Deanne Keating Family	Marjorie Ott	Frederick "Fritz" L. Thomas
Paul Brown-Janise Denton	Dreier Family (in Honor of Vince)	Jill (Hull) Kelly Nursing	Martin (Marty) E. Peters	Fr. Augustus Tolton
Albert & Nelle Bruce	Roger & Leola Ehrhardt	Norman Kemner	Dean & Dee Phillips	Town & Country Midwest Annual
John Bunting	John & Jeanette Ehrhart	Ted Kemner Architectural Award	Emily Powers Berryman	Dr. James & Norma Tushaus
Class of 1946	Richard & Betty Ehrhart	Mary Lou Kent	Howard & Joanne Powers	Dick & Paula Tushaus
Class of 1947 Korean	Madonna Eversman	Don S. & Marian F. Kesler	Jean Powers	Derek J. (DJ) Venvertloh
War Veterans	Jim & Peggy Finigan	Beverly and William Killen	Rachel Powers Stuckman	Ferd & Betty Venvertloh
Class of 1957	First Generation Raider	Donald & Mary Klapprott	Maude Jarboe Pratt	LeRoy Venvertloh
Class of 1959	Jerome C. Fischer Fine Arts	Roy & Verda Klues Raider	Doc & Regina Preston	& Family Science
Class of 1960	Robert G. & Louise A. Fischer	Pride Award	Kathy Ann Klues Putnam	WCU/John A. Spring Award
Class of 1961	Jim Freiburg	Fred W. Koch Lions Club Fund	QND Legends	for Excellence
Class of 1962	Albert & Pauline Frericks	Katie Kroeter Memorial	Melvin & Lucille Rakers	Sharon Waterkotte
Class of 1964	Eugene "Grover" Frericks	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas J. Kuhn	John T. & Mildred Reardon	William & Margaret Weckbach
Class of 1965	Terri Frericks Memorial	Greg & Joyce Kuse Family	Richard K. Reis	Eric Weiman Passion for Life
Class of 1966	Richard (Dick)	Msgr. Michael Kuse	Sam & Patricia Rinella	Connie Niemann Wheeler
Class of 1967	& Mary Lou Gengenbacher	Larue-Cavanaugh	Mike and Laura Rokita	Keith A. Wiemelt QND Band
Class of 1968	Ben & Phyllis L. Giannell	Thomas "T. J." Lavery	Kyle David Russell	Mark A. & Karen J. Wiewel Band
Class of 1969	Lawrence H. & Thomas L. Gramke	Erudite Student	St. Dominic Academic	Ted and Pat Willer
Class of 1970	Timothy L. Haley	Jack & Sharon Mackenzie	Fred C. & Norma Scharnhorst	Bob & Judy Winking
Class of 1971	Don & Carol (Schildt) Harvey	John Maguire Family	Robert & Joanne Schlepphorst	Karen Zopf
Class of 1972	Zak Haubrich	Walter Mast	Dorothy Schlipman	Dale & Shirley Zuspahn

## In Memory of John Spring



The QND community mourns the loss of the legendary John Spring, who passed away on December 2, 2024. John began his teaching and coaching career at Quincy Notre Dame in 1976. During that school year, he was appointed as the first full-time executive director of the QND Foundation, a title he held for 29 years.

In 1977, John launched the inaugural QND Fund Drive to raise money for the school. Since its inception, the Fund Drive has raised over \$18.5 million. John left QND in 2005 and went on to serve two terms as the mayor of Quincy.

At the time of his passing, John was a Life Director on the QND Foundation Board and held the position of Secretary of the QND Athletic Hall of Fame. He was also inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2018 in recognition of his outstanding service.

John was a passionate advocate for Catholic education in Quincy. The success of Quincy Notre Dame High School and the Quincy Notre Dame Foundation can be largely attributed to John's visionary leadership. His impact on QND and the entire Quincy community was profound. John was a kind, faithful, and compassionate man who dearly loved his family, QND, and the city of Quincy.



# Scholarship Highlight: The Class of 1974

The Class of 1974 recently celebrated their 50th reunion and held a fundraising campaign to build their class scholarship. They raised nearly \$12,000 through diligent work in a few short months. The 1974 Class Scholarship is worth over \$20,000 and is the 8th largest of the 29 class scholarships managed by the QND Foundation.



Bob Knepler '74, Class of 1974 Reunion Committee Member states, "When our 50th class reunion committee formed and started the planning process, we knew a part of our plan was to come up with something that we could pay tribute to our school and all those that helped in making us the people we have become. Gifting back to the school enables us to be part of the future of QND and show the respect and privilege our parents gave us when we attended the school 50 years ago. We want to ensure that any child who wants to attend QND can do so, no matter their situation. The faith-based education we received made us strong, respectful contributors to our communities and we want that legacy to continue.

To all alumni discussing how their class can give back and make a difference for the future of QND, reach out to Kurt Stuckman in the QND Foundation and get his assistance on starting or contributing to a class scholarship. It was a simple process. It is such a great way to show your Raider Pride today and in the future."



**"We made lifelong friendships with both classmates and teachers. Notre Dame has changed in many ways over the years; however, the core values have remained the same. We are blessed for the gift of QND in our lives and in the lives of our children and grandchildren!"**

– Dan '67 and Sharon (Grawe) '69 Terwelp

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