Fr. Jacob Rouse X09
Third XHS Alumnus to be Ordained in Past Three Years

Congratulations to the XHS Class of 2018!

Parish, Business & Alumni Appeal Updates

Alumni News & More
Elizabeth (Hoffmann) Wright, as our Donor Relations and Appeal Coordinator. Life is full of these juxtapositions and we hope to honor each of these team members below as we say “goodbye” with gratitude, and “hello” with excitement!

You’ll find that this is a page-turner of an issue; packed full of updates, news and initiatives that donors and alumni won’t want to miss. We’re eagerly gearing up for a landmark year with new President Tom Keating taking the helm July 1, selecting three teacher honorariums (one from each LaSalle, Regis, and Xavier) by alumni submissions received by end of June, hosting a Donor Reception on August 7th with Archbishop Jackels, and launching our Parish Appeal with the theme of “Xavier Saints: Celebrating 20 Years of God’s Grace” this September. Please pray for us as we move through this time of transition. Your questions are welcome along the way - our goal is to have clear and transparent communication in all we do. We value your support and thank you for your commitment to Catholic education!

Kindly,

MARY HARKEN
 Director of Development
 Xavier Foundation

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Welcome our new Donor Relations & Appeal Coordinator, Elizabeth Wright X10!

The Xavier Foundation is excited to welcome XHS alumna, Elizabeth (Hoffmann) Wright X10 as its new Donor Relations & Appeal Coordinator! Wright joins the Foundation team after four years at Ruffalo Noel Levitz. While at Ruffalo Noel Levitz, Elizabeth served as a project manager in the fundraising management division. Elizabeth brings knowledge of educational based fundraising, strategy and project management to the team.

After graduating from Xavier, she attended Coe College where she graduated her BA in business administration and public relations with a minor in economics in May 2014. During her time at Coe, Elizabeth was also a four-year member of the varsity women’s tennis team and made three appearances at the NCAA tournament. Elizabeth and her husband, Tyler (X11), are members of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and reside in Hiawatha.

In her new role, Elizabeth’s primary responsibilities will be the day-to-day management for the Foundation’s annual appeals as well as constituent research and database management.

Welcome back to Xavier, Elizabeth! Please send Elizabeth a note of welcome at ewright@xavierfoundation.org!

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Happy Retirement, Lynn Jump!

We wish the Foundation’s Annual Fund Director, Lynn Jump, a fond farewell as she sets sail for retirement! Lynn has served the Foundation since 2000 when she was the Development Assistant under then-Executive Director, Anne Cunningham, and was later promoted to the Fund Director position in 2006 under Jody Ruff Pellerin. Under Lynn’s purview, she has helped grow the Parish and Business Appeals in double digit increases and over her tenure a combined nearly $7 million dollars for the appeals she’s worked on. Lynn and her husband, Mike, are relocating to Albuquerque, New Mexico, where they will be near their daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughter. Thank you for making a difference, Lynn, and may God bless you and your family!

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Current and former leadership honor Lynn at a retirement reception in May. Pictured L-R: XHS Principal/future President, Tom Keating; Foundation Development Director, Mary Harken; Lynn Jump; former Foundation Executive Director, Anne Cunningham; former Foundation Executive Director, Jody Pellerin; and Communications Director, Nick Ireland.
2018 Alumni Appeal Update

This year’s LaSalle-Regis-Xavier Alumni Appeal asked alumni to share their generosity and their stories of a favorite high school teacher/coach/administrator who made a lasting impact on them.

The LaSalle-Regis-Xavier Alumni Board will soon select three of the most powerful and poignant reflections of a high school teacher’s impact (one teacher reflection from LaSalle, Regis and Xavier will be selected). The three teachers who are selected will have $1,000 donated to the department in which they served, so that their impact can continue to be felt directly by our current high school students.

Thank you to all our Lancers, Royals and Saints who helped support this effort by contributing a gift and/or a story! Show your support at XavierFoundation.org/Teachers.

Thank you to our donors and volunteers for connecting our community to a bright future. Your gift of time and treasure demonstrates your commitment to give Xavier students a quality faith-based education that will lead them to be future leaders in our communities. Under the leadership of Dave Wright, owner operator of Dave Wright Nissan and Subaru Dealership, and Brad Joens, Vice President Commercial Banking, Hills Bank & Trust Co., Xavier volunteers raised more than $136,000 for Xavier High School. The Xavier community is forever grateful for your support.

If you would like your business listed with our supporting businesses, send your gift to the Xavier Foundation, P.O. Box 10956, Cedar Rapids, IA 52410-0956. Thank you!

XavierFoundation.org/Supporting-Businesses

Parish Appeal: Celebrating 20 Years of God’s Grace!

It may be hard to believe, but 2018 officially marks 20 years since Xavier High School first opened its doors. We are asking the parishioners of our supporting parishes to join us in “Celebrating 20 years of God’s grace” during the 2018 Parish Appeal on the following dates:

• September 22 & 23
• September 29 & 30
On May 20, 2018, Xavier High School Board of Education president, Lorie Hines, presented diplomas to the graduating seniors from the Xavier High School Class of 2018. This is the school’s 20th graduating class. The invocation was offered by Xavier High School Pastoral Coordinator, Rev. Philip Thompson, of St. Pius X Parish while the benediction was offered by Rev. Dustin Vu of St. John XXIII Parish. Joining for the ceremony was Archbishop Michael Jackels.

Xavier principal, Tom Keating, addressed Xavier graduates for the final time as principal before assuming his duties as president next year ...

“There is still much to be done,” said Keating. “Remember, today is called a ‘commencement’ for a reason. It is a beginning. It is appropriate on this Pentecost Sunday to remind you that as Jesus sent the Holy Spirit unto the Apostles and then sent them into the world to share the Word, we send you into the world to share His Good News. It’s time for you to take your candle and go light your world. And with God in your heart, your light will shine forever. May He bless you and watch over you as you leave Xavier High School.”

Student body president, Sophia Cataldo (X18), delivered the student address. John Pape (X18) was the recipient of the “Outstanding Academic Achievement” award. The four-year combined total of scholarships offered to the Xavier High School Class of 2018 was more than $14 million. Congratulations, Saints!

The Continuing Legacy...

Each spring, we post our annual Legacy Board which celebrates our graduating seniors who are from families that have been a part of LaSalle, Regis and Xavier for multiple generations. The display demonstrates the family commitment to Catholic education and the rich history from which Xavier High School was developed. This year’s board features alumni from LaSalle, Regis, Xavier, St. Wenceslaus, St. Patrick, and Immaculate Conception. The display is posted online and outside of the guidance office at Xavier High School.

To view the online version, head to XavierFoundation.org/Legacy...
On April 20th, Xavier welcomed over 350 grandparents for the school’s annual Grandparents Day Mass! To help commemorate the day, students wrote the names of their grandparents on crosses (blue for the ones who joined us, gray for the ones who could not be with us, and white for the ones who have entered eternal life). The crosses were then placed on trees around the altar, symbolizing the deep roots of faith and love that our grandparents represent! Prior to mass, grandparents were treated to a continental breakfast hosted by Xavier Parents for Xcellence (XPX). Mass was celebrated by Fr. Ken Glaser of St. Ludmila parish with a formal welcome from XHS principal, Tom Keating, and Foundation Development Director, Mary Harken.

On May 2, pastors from several of our supporting parishes attended a Pastor Appreciation Dinner hosted by the Xavier Foundation. This dinner is just a small token of our great appreciation for our pastors and all they do to support Xavier, its students and its mission. We also say “congratulations” to Fr. Phil Thompson, St. Pius X pastor/XHS Pastoral Coordinator/Foundation Board Member, on recently celebrating his 40th anniversary of his ordination!

XHS Boys Tennis’ Jon Lansing X18 recently completed the “grand slam” of state tennis championships by winning the 2018 Class 1A Singles State Championship and the 2018 Class 1A Co-Ed State Championship alongside Nina Marquardt X18. Last season, Jon helped lead the Saints to the 2017 Class 1A Team State Championship and earned the 2017 Class 1A Doubles State Championship with Charlie Esker X17. Jon ends his high school career as Xavier’s most decorated tennis player in school history.

Jon plans to continue his tennis career next year at Coe College in Cedar Rapids.
Congratulations to Xavier High School alumnus, Fr. Jacob Rouse (X09), who answered his calling and was ordained to the priesthood on May 26th at the Cathedral of St. Raphael in Dubuque! Fr. Rouse is the third Xavier alum ordained as a priest in the past three years (Fr. Aaron Junge X08 was ordained in 2016 and Fr. Dennis Conway X09 was ordained in 2017). Fr. Rouse celebrated a mass of Thanksgiving at his home parish of St. Patrick’s in Cedar Rapids on May 27 with a reception afterwards.

On May 11th, alumni and family members of those who have answered God’s call to serve a religious vocation joined us for our Vocations Mass! Fr. Aaron Junge (X08) concelebrated the mass with Fr. Dustin Vu. In his homily, Fr. Junge addressed being successful in the eyes of the world vs. being joyful (and successful) in the eyes of God -- and how serving a vocation (in whatever form) is a life filled with joy. The mass was followed by a short reception in the LMC.

Welcome “Home” Fr. Mark Murphy R98!

The Xavier Foundation wishes to welcome Regis High School alumnus, Fr. Mark Murphy (R98), back to the Cedar Rapids area to serve as the pastor of our supporting parish of St. Jude! Fr. Murphy was officially installed on June 23rd by Archbishop Michael Jackels.

More Alumni News...

Melissa (Kruth) McCarville (X01), pictured with husband, Tyler (X00), was recently named to the Corridor Business Journal’s “40 Under 40” list, which recognizes 40 leaders under the age of 40 in the Cedar Rapids-Iowa City corridor who have made a significant impact in their business, community or both early in their careers. Melissa is the Communications Manager, Cedar Rapids Metro Economic Alliance.

Aaron Lacy (X10), graduate of the University of Iowa’s Carver College of Medicine, was awarded the Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award from the Arnold P. Gold Foundation for demonstrating excellence and compassion in patient care. After completing his MD, Aaron was accepted into the Emergency Medicine Residency Program at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

Megan Lynch (X13) recently accepted a position in the Campus Ministry program at Loyola University. Megan is a recent graduate of Loyola.

Angela Pasker (X13) recently accepted a teaching position for the 2018-2019 school year at LaSalle Middle School in the Holy Family School system.

Drew Scott (X13) signed with the NFL’s Oakland Raiders as a longsnapper in May.

Had a major update in your life recently?

We would love to share your good news in our newsletter!

If you’ve recently experienced a major positive event in your life such as a wedding, anniversary, birth of a child, promotion at work, retirement or other special announcement, please submit it for inclusion in our newsletter by calling us at 319-378-4571 or emailing nick.ireland@xaviersaints.org.
In Memory of Alumni & Friends

The following are the names of alumni and special friends who have recently entered eternal rest.

Rosella “Rosie” Karp - Heritage Society Member
August 15, 1927 - February 28, 2018

Patrick Earley L65
June 19, 1947 - May 21, 2018

James Barta L66
April 20, 1948 - May 1, 2018

Patrick Martin L71
Entered Eternal Rest on May 13, 2018

Michael Pernicka L71
April 26, 1953 - March 13, 2018

John “Johnny” Minor L83
May 24, 1965 - April 2, 2018

Allen McEnany R61
September 11, 1943 - March 15, 2018

Michael “Mike” Wharton R61
November 23, 1942 - May 17, 2018

James Heefner R67
Entered Eternal Rest on May 4, 2018

Raymond Lauderdale R68
September 1, 1950 - May 5, 2018

Mary Jane (Tosh) McConaughy R71
September 24, 1953 - April 26, 2018

Theodore “Ted” Johnson Jr. R76
February 5, 1958 - May 21, 2018

Tom Marbach R76
August 15, 1958 - April 2, 2018

Paul Lis R80
November 3, 1961 - March 2, 2018

Paul Eganhouse R86
October 22, 1967 - April 16, 2018

We remember

Fr. Mark Reasoner & Alrene Erusha

The Xavier family mourns the recent losses of two individuals who have made an immense impact on our community of faith: Fr. Mark Reasoner and Arlene Erusha...

Fr. Mark Reasoner
October 2, 1964 - March 18, 2018

Fr. Mark is survived by his father, Ken, of Iowa City; two brothers, Mike (Margaret) Reasoner of Creston and Daniel (Andrea) Reasoner of North Liberty; three sisters, Elizabeth (Mark) Geis of West Des Moines, Margaret (Joe) Corbin, and Mary Reasoner both of Iowa City; five nephews, William (Allison) Reasoner, Matthew Geis, and John, Christopher, and Benjamin Reasoner; five nieces, Sarah (Jarrett) Bertog, Annette and Emily Reasoner, and Georgia and Lucy Corbin; and his aunt, Joan Roets of West Des Moines. He was preceded in death by his mother Rita in 2016.

Fr. Mark loved to play golf and cheer for the Iowa Hawkeyes and the Chicago Cubs. He was an avid reader, always enjoyed following the life events of his nieces and nephews, and was devoted to his faith. We offer our continued prayers for the Lord’s embrace of Fr. Mark among His heavenly flock.

Arlene Erusha
August 25, 1927 - April 20, 2018

Arlene is survived by her seven children: Gail (Russ) Scott, Cambridge, IA; Dr. James (Denise) Erusha, Cedar Rapids; Vicky (John) Garnsey, Vail, CO; Bruce (Lorrie) Erusha, Cedar Rapids; Dr. Kimberly (John Kunner) Erusha, Basking Ridge, NJ; Robert II (Ann) Erusha, St. Louis, MO; Amy (Steve) Cox, Doylestown, PA; sixteen grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert, of 62 years, her sister Edna Banse, and infant brother, Robert. Arlene was an avid fan of all sports and loved supporting Xavier High School (especially Xavier Softball) and Iowa State University. Arlene is a member of the Xavier Foundation’s Endowed Scholarship Circle, Archbishop’s Circle, Heritage Society and Cornerstone Society.
Parents: If this issue of the Common Thread is addressed to your son or daughter who has established a permanent residence, please notify us of that new address.

**Mary Harken**  
Director of Development

**Lynn Jump**  
Annual Fund Director

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Greg Neumeyer  
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David Schimberg  
David Stoltenberg  
Cynthia Sueppel

**Board Emeritus**  
Michael Stallman  
Gary Streit

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**Regis Class of 1978 Reunion Weekend: July 13 & 14, 2018**

**Friday, July 13 - 8-11 p.m.**  
Knights of Columbus, 1620 E Ave. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA  
Dinner, Cash Bar, The O’Connell Brothers Band | $30/person

**Saturday, July 14 - 6 p.m. to Close**  
Iowa Brewing Company, 708 3rd St. SE, Cedar Rapids, IA  
Drinks, Craft Beer/Wine, Cash Bar, Food Truck - Cash Only

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**Alumni Bike Ride**

The LaSalle-Regis-Xavier Alumni Association recently hosted its first ever “Alumni Bike Ride” in Cedar Rapids on June 23rd. The ride featured stops at the Sag Wagon Deli & Brew, Kickstand, and Thew Brewing Company.

We’re always looking for ways to engage our alumni! If you are a LaSalle, Regis, or Xavier alum, we’d like to hear what you might like to see regarding Alumni Association events! Please contact Mary Harken at 319-378-4571 or mharken@xavierfoundation.org to give us your feedback.