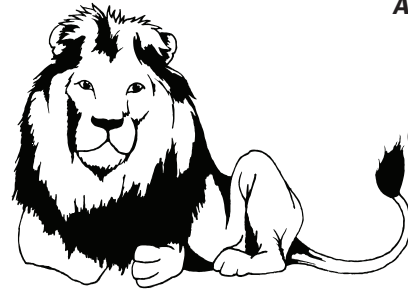


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Fifty-three seniors to say goodbye

By Ivy Schmid

On May 19, 2019 at 4:30pm, fifty-three seniors will graduate from Aquinas Catholic Schools. This is the fifty-eighth graduating class of Aquinas Catholic Schools. Following is a list of the graduates and their future plans.

Students marked with an “+” are National Honor Society members and students marked with a “-” are members of the four year honor roll.

Dulcie Rose Archuleta* Nebraska Wesleyan University, Biology. **Morgan Rhea Birkel*+** University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Biology.

Valerie Michaela Bohuslavsky*+ University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Agribusiness. **Vanessa Marie Bohuslavsky*+** Morning-side College, Business.

Kathryn Marie Brezina*+ Wayne State College, Elementary Education. **Jacob Joseph Cech** University of South Dakota, Computer Science.

Zachary Joseph Chromy* Wayne State College, Mathematics Education. **Emily Marie Dalton*+** University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Computer Science.

Jacqueline Marie Drozda Central Community College- Columbus, Elementary Education and Vocal Music. **Matthew William Duke*+** University of Nebraska-Omaha, Biology.

Miles Anthony Eggleston University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Agriculture Education. **Laura Helen Eickmeier*** Wayne State College, Pre-Health. **Jaryed Alvin Fountain** University of Nebraska-Kearney, Biology.

Alexandria Josephine Frasher* University of Nebraska-Kearney, Pre-Veterinary

Medicine. **Josina Marie Hain*+** University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Early Childhood Education.

Nolan Michael Hartman*+ University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Accounting. **Logan**

Biology. **Jadyn Ann Kraffka*+** University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Biosystems Engineering.

Simon Marcus Krenk University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Agribusiness. **Andrew Clark Lyons*+** Concordia University, Occupation Therapy. **Sierra Rae Meysenburg** Wayne State College, Elementary Education.

Zachary Leander Miller Northeast Community College, Diesel Technology. **Hannah Rose Moravec*+** University of Nebraska-Kearney, Biochemistry. **Tad Lucas Naiberk** Nebraska Wesleyan University, Education.

Lindsey Rose Nickolite, Concordia University, Business. **Suzanne Loraine Oborny*+** Bryan College of Health Sciences, Nursing. **Audra Darlene Pflum+** University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Dental Hygiene.

Creighton Thomas Redler Northeast Community College, Building Construction.

Joseph Patrick Reimers*+ University of Nebraska-Kearney, Undecided. **Elias Zachary Reiter*** Wayne State College, Pre-Law.

Michael Joseph Rerucha Wayne State College, Social Studies Education. **Kloeresa Loisrose Ruth*+** Bellevue University, Business Administration. **Hayden Matthew Schawang*** University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Counseling Psychology.

Ivy Jo Schmid*+ Kansas State University, Pre-Veterinary Medicine. **Larissa Lou Sellers*+** Nebraska Wesleyan University, Elementary Education.



The senior Class of 2019 poses for a group picture on the steps of Dwight Assumption parish during the annual fall retreats. Bishop James Conley will be the guest of honor at the fifty-eighth commencement ceremony on May 19. Photo courtesy of T. Pokorny.

David Helgoth South Dakota State University, Natural Resources Law Enforcement. **Caitlin Ann Hoefer** Wayne State College, Psychology. **Loren Faith Hoelscher*+** University of South Dakota, Health.

Jack Samuel Jakub University of Nebraska-Lincoln Mechanized Systems Management. **Kael Thomas Jakub** University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Architecture. **Nya Marie Jakub*+** Northeast Community College, Graphic Design.

Reilly Tate Kahler University of South Dakota, Business Finance. **Faith Anne Kozisek*** College of Saint Mary, Human



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Natalie Helena Semin Morningside College, Accounting and Agribusiness. **Bridget Nicole Sisco**+ Wayne State College, Medical Laboratory Science.

Katherine Marie Slama* Nebraska Wesleyan University, Occupational Therapy. **Brandon Matthew Soward** Northeast Community College, Criminology. **Daniel Patrick Stara***+ University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Computer Science.

Luke Nathaniel Stara* Wayne State College, Secondary Education. **Breanna Hope Stouffer*** Northeast Community College, Nursing. **Sydni Paige Sylvester** Wayne State College, Pre-Health.

Micaiah Jean Vrbka*+ Chadron State College, Human Biology. **Jill Connie Witter** Concordia University, Pre-Social Work. **Zachary Ian Zavodny***+ University of Nebraska-Kearney, Pre-Health.



Senior Katie Brezina accepts the Class of 2019 Cardinal Neumann Award from Chief Administrative Officer Fr. Sean Timmerman at the annual awards banquet on May 6. In addition to Brezina, senior Suzanne Oborny was chosen as Music Person of the year. Seniors Katie Brezina and Zachary Chromy were chosen as Thespians of the Year. Junior Libby Aschoff was chosen as the Butler County Arts Co. Fine Arts Person. The Kevin Sloup Spirit Award Winners were seniors Larissa Sellers, Michael Rerucha and Tad Naiberk. Seniors Vanessa Bohuslavsky and Nolan Hartman were chosen as the Athletes of the Year. Freshman Ella Moravec was awarded the Angelic Doctor Award for the highest GPA of the 2018-19 school year. The Bausch and Lomb senior and junior awards were given to Hannah Moravec and Isabel Coufal, respectively. Katie Brezina was also honored as the OWLS Club Award Winner.

Photo by J. Brown.

A growl... or a roar. Monarchs sound off.

What is your favorite memory from Aquinas? Why?



Senior Caitlin Hoefler
"Going to homecoming dances and prom, all the while getting to hang out with friends."



Senior Zachary Zavodny
"When Jack Jakub air balled a three point shot and turned around and said, 'Someone dap me up.'"



Senior Morgan Birkel
"Watching a friend interview her grandma via air pods in the library and almost getting caught."



Senior Ivy Schmid
"My first visit to Aquinas in sixth grade, where Katie [Brezina] showed me around, and then accidentally left me stranded in the hallway."



Senior Suzanne Oborny
"The first day of my junior year when we had the day off because it had rained so much."



Senior Jadyne Krafka
"The 3:22 bell."



Senior Miles Eggleston
"Friends and football, because I made some life-long connections and I've always loved football."



Senior Faith Kozisek
"Making headbands out of masking tape during biochemistry, and then wearing them to class."



Senior Jaryed Fountain
"Witnessing a toilet exploding during middle school and smelling the scent of firecrackers fill the new addition."



Senior Josina Hain
"Winning state one-acts because all of the stress from previous years paid off in the end."



Senior Simon Krenk
"Watching a fellow football player run until Coach Horacek got tired."



Senior Natalie Semin
"My favorite high school memory was going out to eat Chinese food in Seward after the Monarch Track Invite with a bunch of people I didn't know."



Work or vacatation? Take your pick!

By Hayden Schawang

"Summer lovin', had me a blast!" Summer vacation is a time for Aquinas students to relax and enjoy life. More freedoms, more leeway in decisions, and less responsibilities let students thrive.

According to senior Morgan Birkel, summer relieves students of a set schedule and reduces stress. Junior Gabrielle Oborny said, "[During summer], you don't have to worry about homework all the time. People get to enjoy themselves and do a lot of things they can't do during the school year." Sophomore Kolby Baer added the many freedoms and fun times allow the season to be enjoyable.

The rise in temperature has a significant positive impact during the season. Baer said, "The best part about summer, to me, is having parties or bonfires with beautiful weather. Just relaxing and having a good

time is what makes the time special." Birkel added warm weather and concerts are her favorite aspects of the season.

While summer jobs keep students busy, the time for fun is not severely affected. Oborny said, "[Work] does not affect my summer too much because there will always be a balance between work and friends." Conversely, Baer said work cuts into his schedule of fun times, but he works because he enjoys the activity.

Summer vacations are an important annual family tradition according to both Birkel and Oborny. Birkel said, "[My family] takes an annual trip to Table Rock Lake in Missouri or Arkansas. I've gone there every year for as long as I can remember." Oborny also enjoys spending time with her family while taking a yearly vacation.

Friends are a "must-have" during sum-

mer to keep joy in the season. Oborny said, "From bonfires to zoo trips and fairs to cabin parties, friends will always bring joy. Baer agreed friends are what make summer an enjoyable time.

Summer vacation does not necessarily mean students linger around at home all day. Baer said, "I'm going to be working this summer, and with a lot of time with baseball and friends; I will not have a lot of time to spend at home." Birkel added she hangs around at home, but she does work part-time which takes up some of her schedule.

No matter the plan, everyone's summer is unique in some way. Oborny said, "[I have] work, weights, different camps, vacations, time to hang out with friends, and a Colorado mission trip to go on."



Sudoku

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Summer Calendar

- May 23- 27th Aquinas Band Trip
- May 28-30th Youth Volleyball Camp
- May 28-30th Youth Wrestling Camp
- June 3-6th HS BBB Camp
- June 3-6th MS/HS Wrestling Camp
- June 3-6th Youth BBB Camp
- June 3-4th Youth Softball Camp
- June 3-7th HS Volleyball Camp
- June 10-14th Drivers Ed
- July 14th Girls Physicals
- July 15th Boys Physicals
- July 29-31st Art Camp
- July 29-31st Youth Football Camp
- July 29-31st HS Football Camp
- August 5-8th HS Band/Flags Camp
- August 12th Fall practices begin



Earning their spot

By Emily Dalton

Scholarship, Service, Leadership and Character. The requirements for new honor society members have changed for future members. Members must meet higher standards including ten hours of work on a single service project.

To be considered for honor society, students must have a GPA of at least 93%. Junior Maria Buresh is applying for honor society. She said, “[Honor society] looks good for college applications. They see I keep my grades up and look after my studies.”

In previous years, final membership was decided based on a teacher vote. However, there will be a few more requirements for next year’s senior class. Along with the academic requirement, students must also complete a total of ten hours for a service project. According to honor society moderator, Mr. John Svec, “[A project] makes [honor society] more service oriented, and also attempts to improve objectivity.”

The recent changes were agreed upon by Svec and the principal of Aquinas High School, Mr. Dave McMahon. After completing the service project, students will also be assessed in their classes by their teachers to help make the final decision. Svec added, “[The selection process] gives us more data to work with.”

The Junior Class has a total of 17 students working on service projects, hoping to join the elite society. Many of these projects help the student’s local parish or other organizations in their community. Junior Alex Lyons is helping the Dwight Assumption grotto committee. He helps clean the grotto and handles accounting for the committee as well. Lyons said, “It’s a leadership role. It always helps to be seen as a leader.”

Previously, the initiation ceremony took place at the beginning of the second semester of student’s junior year. The ceremony will now take place during the beginning of the student’s senior year. Buresh and Lyons agreed this was a change they did not care for. Lyons said, “Other schools are in [honor society] for three years, but we only are for one.” Buresh added, “Two years look better than one.”

Dancing, playing and acting



Juniors Elizabeth Aschoff and Travis Roh perform in the show choir at this year’s salad luncheon. Both Roh and Aschoff are active in several of the arts related activities at Aquinas Catholic Schools. At the annual awards night, Aschoff earned Fine Arts Person of the Year, and Roh was honored with best actor of the year. Photo by I. Schmid

By Hayden Schawang

The Nebraska Young Artists Awards celebrates high school artists at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) in early April. The awards celebrate artists for their successes in the arts, and many plan to incorporate their talents into their college experience.

The Aquinas juniors Travis Roh, Maria Pytlik, and Elizabeth Aschoff attended the ceremony for honorees. Roh said, “[The day] was basically like a college visit for our area of interest, so for me, I toured the theater. We first had a banquet meal, followed by demonstrations in categories of vocal music, instrumental music, acting, and dance.” Roh qualified for the honor in theatre arts, Pytlik qualified in instrumental music, and Aschoff qualified in vocal music.

Each of the three performing artists discovered the opportunity from different sources. Aschoff said, “UNL sent me an email. My mom found out about the day on the internet, and I got to apply for it.” Roh discovered the event through Aquinas vocal teacher Mrs. Catherine Mimick, and Pytlik was told about the day by her private trumpet instructor.

The UNL vocal music department gave the vocal honorees a look on what college classes were like for vocal majors. Aschoff said, “I [attended the day] in vocal music. When we got there, everyone who qualified

in the vocal music category got to sit in on a Master’s class of the UNL chorus. Now days, [employers] look for individuals who have creative skills and qualify for the job because those people can think outside-the-box.” Aschoff plans to major in theatre and vocal music performance, as well as education.

The instrumental music department allowed the

award winners to converse with each other while viewing the symphonic band practice. Pytlik said, “I went for instrumental music. [The event] was a nice experience to interact with others. My group got to watch the symphonic band perform.” Pytlik plans to major in performance music in college.

Roh learned in-depth theatrical choreography with the theatre arts group. Roh said, “The theatre group received a tour of Carson theatre, the costume rooms, the dressing rooms, and the stage. We got to see the choreography for a fight scene.” Roh plans to major in the theatre arts in college and hopefully be a presence on the stage after college.

College fine arts, much like high school arts, allows students to advance in learning their chosen art. Pytlik said, “[Fine arts] are a good experience to be a part of, even if you are not planning to major in music. You get to interact with a lot of cool people and be part of something big.” Roh added the arts create relationships and connections with similar people.

With their newfound knowledge, the Aquinas artists have the intention to go forward in their respected fields. Aschoff said, “Arts help to expand the mind, so next year, I hope to encourage newcomers and current high school students to join the fine arts.”



Superior performances

By John Dalton

Aquinas set a new school record at district music with 22 events receiving a superior rating. Aquinas students prepared for the competition at the salad luncheon.

The salad luncheon is held every year at Aquinas to give students a chance to perform their pieces for district music. The salad luncheon also helps to raise money for the arts programs at Aquinas. This year the choir received the profits of the event. "The funds will go to replacing the choir robes. We no longer can fix and replace the current robes," high school choir director Mrs. Catherine Mimick said.

The salad luncheon has been tradition for 26 years according to Mimick. "Carol Pohl started when there wasn't funds for some events to fund trips to district." Mimick added. Pohl was the music teacher previous to Mimick at Aquinas.

District music allows students to demonstrate their talents in musical events. "[The contest] is an event for our students to perform for a judge, to learn and to see how to improve," Mimick said. This year Aquinas set a new school record, out of the 29 in-

strumental and vocal events sent to district music, 22 received superior ratings, and the rest received excellent ratings according to Mimick.

The concert band this year played two songs, "Kentucky 1800" and "Encanto". The band earned a superior rating at district according to sophomore oboe player Terrance Wachal. The jazz band played "Feeling Good" and "Seven Nation Army" and received an excellent rating. Wachal also performed a solo with his oboe and believes he did well, receiving an excellent rating.

Additionally the choir performed at district music and received a superior rating. "We sang 'Amazing Grace' and 'The Old Mill,'" senior choir and show choir member Jackie Drozda said. Drozda believes that the choir did well this year.

The show choir this year also received a superior for their performance featuring four songs. "We started off with 'Jet Set,' then 'Fly Like an Eagle,' 'Fly Away Home,' and 'Defying Gravity,'" said Drozda.

Other superior ratings include, Hannah Moravec/vocal solo, Ben Shonka/piano

solo, Maria Pytlik/trumpet solo, Elizabeth Aschoff/saxophone solo/vocal solo/saxophone quartet, Dan Stara/saxophone quartet, and Joshua Uhrmacher/saxophone quartet.

Jude Yindrick/barbershop quartet/saxophone quartet, Travis Roh/vocal solo/barbershop quartet Eli Reiter/barbershop quartet, and Hayden Schawang/drum solo/drum ensemble/barbershop quartet.

Jacqueline Drozda/vocal solo/drum ensemble, Katherine Slama/vocal solo /drum ensemble, Creighton Redler/drum ensemble, Noah Burwell/drum ensemble, Gabrielle Oborny/ drum ensemble, John Dalton/drum ensemble, Simon Kelly/drum ensemble, Hailey Woolsey/drum ensemble, Hannah Woolsey/drum ensemble, and Hunter Stutzman/drum ensemble.

Matthew Vrbka/drum ensemble, Emily Dalton/clarinet quartet, Valerie Bohuslavsky/clarinet quartet, Katheryn Brezina/clarinet quartet, Jill Witter/clarinet quartet, Micaiah Vrbka/flute quartet, Kylee Thompson/flute quartet, Julia Nemecek/flute quartet, and Jayden Bollig/flute quartet.

Olympiaders take science to state

By John Dalton

The middle school science olympiad team competed with other schools in science related events. Competing at Omaha and Bellevue, the team also prepared for state competition.

Science Olympiad is an activity students are able to participate in every year with competitions beginning in the fourth quarter. Science olympiad coach Mrs. Shelly Mayo said, "[Science Olympiad] is taking science related events and experimenting to improve science related events." The program allows students to learn about various science topics and compete with each other.

The competitions in science olympiad consist of several team events in which students in groups of two will compete in their given events to earn points for the team. "They follow the rules given, and they either build an apparatus, or they research a topic and get ready to take a test." The students prepare for the competition by gath-

ering information and building their contraptions throughout the year to practice for the real competition.

The students help each other to solve problems and things one person might not be able to do themselves. "[Science olympiad a great experience; listen to people and you will learn a lot," eighth grade science olympiader Noah Grady said. Grady competed in experimental design, heredity, game on, and density lab.

For state science olympiad at the University of Nebraska Lincoln, the team placed eighth out of 31 teams. They placed second in crime busters, third in circuit lab, fifth in density lab water quality, battery buggy, and sixth in poisons and potions.

At the Bellevue competition, the middle school team placed in nine events. The team placed in first in physics. The young competitors also placed second in life science, herpetology, earth science, engineering, and inquiry. They placed third in chemis-

try, game on, and boomilever. "[The team] learned from their mistakes, and they were able to ask the judges about the rules and how to get better," Mayo said.

At the first competition of the season the team went to the Henry Doorly Zoo. After the event was postponed a week due to weather conditions, the young scientists competed and managed to have nine events place. The team placed second in crime busters, disease detective, dynamic planet, elastic launcher glider. They placed third in fossils, herpetology, and water quality. They placed fifth in meteorology, and anatomy and physiology.

Science olympiad teaches students about a broad range of sciences. "[Science olympiad] has taught me how to work as a team, patience when things don't go your way and to be creative," seventh grade science olympiader Josiah Brezina said. Brezina competed in water quality, heredity, and battery buddy.



Breaking through to the big screen

By Morgan Littlefield

Twentieth Century Fox and Fox 2000 Pictures brought to life the impossible true story of John Smith's brush with death in the 2019 film *Breakthrough*. The cinematography brought to light different aspects of his story and his mother's struggle with her faith during the aftermath.

Director: Roxann Dawson

Cast: Chrissy Metz, Dennis Haysbert, Topher Grace, Josh Lucas, Mike Colter, Marcel Ruiz, Isaac Kragten, Ali Skovbye, Taylor Mosby

Synopsis:

The movie begins by showing John Smith's struggle with his adoptive parents Joyce and Brian. John receives an assignment in school focused around his family; John explains to his teacher that he will not do it because he does not feel like he is part of their family. After the trouble in school, John and his friends head out to the frozen lake in St. Louis. A local sees them and tells the boys to get off the lake, for the ice is not strong enough. He leaves to call the police, and the boys fall through the ice. John's two friends get out immediately, but John is lost.

Rescuers arrive and struggle to find him. They give up, knowing that John could not

survive the dangerously cold temperatures. While leaving, one of the first responders hears a voice that tells him to go back. He returns to the lake and finds John's body. On route to the hospital, they fail to start John's heart and ask his family to start saying their

goodbyes. Joyce holds her son's body and sobs, and John's heart starts to beat.

Doctors explain that John has a very small chance of recovering from his coma, and he would most likely have severe brain damage. Joyce begins to blame herself and God for what happened. She shuts out all of her family and friends and refuses to leave John's side. After weeks of resenting everyone, Joyce realizes she is in the wrong. She goes to confession and begs for God's forgiveness and intervention.

Review:

Breakthrough is a beautifully written heart-wrenching story. Chrissy Metz portrays Joyce Smith's struggles perfectly, but falls a little flat during the scenes with the Smith family as a whole. Metz and Josh Lucas (Brian Smith) fail to have much chemistry on screen. Despite this flaw, the narrative was intriguing and kept the viewers glued to their seats throughout the film.

The film highlights the importance of family and faith during hardships and shows God's everlasting forgiveness and love. This reviewer believes that those aspects are important in a film shown in today's world. This reviewer would recommend *Breakthrough* for anyone who likes a beautiful faith-filled story.



Another year of Aquinas bowling success

By Keegan Lavicky

Gutter balls galore! Students and staff from Aquinas High School competed in the annual bowling tournament at Boulevard Lanes in Columbus, NE on May 10.

Aquinas principal Mr. David McMahon has been organizing a bowling tournament for students and staff at Aquinas since the 1980s. McMahon said, "At first [the tournament] was just for letter winners, but that changed right away." McMahon was the "A" Club moderator at that time.

McMahon creates a 32 team bracket composed of 4 person teams of students and faculty. Once teams are eliminated, the open lanes are used for open bowling.

The winners of the 2019 tournament was the team composed of Fr. Sean Timmerman, Fr. Ben Holdren, Mr. Kevin Andel, and Mr. Ken Polacek. The best team of students was seniors Andy Lyons, Zach

Chromy, Reiley Kahler, and Loren Hoel-scher.

Senior Tad Naiberk competed in the bowling tournament for the third year. Naiberk said, "I saw it as a great way to hang out with friends doing something fun." McMahon added, "[Students and staff] enjoy it together; it's a fun time not in a classroom."

Costumes for the tournament are a highlight of the event. Naiberk said, "I've seen other people have great costumes, like the 'party animals.'" McMahon added his favorite costume over the years has been teenage mutant ninja turtles.

According to McMahon, the bus drivers usually win for the adult teams. Naiberk said, "We've never placed high. I think the most games we ever won was one or two." Naiberk's team went 1-2 in this year's tournament.



Junior Gabrielle Oborny poses with seniors Micaiah Vrbka, Suzanne Oborny and Ivy Schmid. The girls chose a beach theme to represent their team at the annual Aquinas bowling tournament.



Tracksters deliver personal records

Twenty-one individuals qualify for state with 22 events

By Hayden Schawang

Hurdle, jump, run, and throw! Aquinas boys' and girls' track teams competed at meets to consistently improve and earn hardware before a chance at a state title.

The district track meet was hosted at Centennial High School and both the boys' and girls' teams championed their competition. The girls' team head coach Mr. Tony Smith said, "There were a lot of highs and a lot of low lows. The girls' positive response to those lows led to a sweet team victory." Senior sprinter Andrew Lyons added the boys' team suffered some injuries which held them back, yet did not prevent them from being district champions.

The Bergen Invitational was the last regular season meet to prepare tracksters for districts. Senior distance runner Faith Kozisek said, "Bergen was a small meet with large teams, yet the girls' team pulled through and won with 31 personal records (P.R.)" The boys' team placed second overall with champions in the 1600, pole vault,

and high jump.

The Centennial Conference meet held at Pawnee Park Stadium on a day with less than ideal conditions for the tracksters. Kozisek said, "The weather and our performances were polar opposites - and we won the meet overall." Lyons added the meet had tough competition for the boys' team, however, they placed third overall.

Lakeview hosted their track meet during Easter vacation; both teams rose victorious. Smith said, "Lakeview's meet was on a beautiful day for a meet. We had 28 P.R.s that day. Both [the girls' and boys' teams] had great marks." The boys' team also won the meet with champions in the 100, 200, and 400 meter races.

Schuyler was another day of success for both the girls and boys - both teams left the track as champions. Lyons said, "We won a bunch of relays at the end of the meet and beat Blair, a tough class B school, which won us the meet." Kozisek noted though



Junior Braden Smith hands off the baton to senior Daniel Stara during the 4x800 meter relay at the Aquinas invite. The 4x800 team consisted of Smith, Stara, and sophomores Keegan Lavicky and Brian Cech. Due to a science competition, Stara will be replaced with sophomore Payton Davis at the state tournament. Photo by J. Roh



Senior vaulter Bridget Sisco begins her sprint down the runway. Sisco, along with 10 other girls, qualified for the state tournament in 13 events. Ten members of the boys' team qualified for the state tournament with nine events. Photo by J. Roh.

the day was windy, the girls' team won seven out of the seventeen events.

The Scotus Knights of Columbus Invite produced tough competition early in the season. Smith said, "We beat Pierce by a comfortable amount and won nine of the events - and the meet." The boys' team placed third overall against six other tough teams according to Lyons.

The Wisner-Pilger Invitational

took place at the beginning of April. Lyons said, "We preformed really well. Everybody had nice time bumps because of the warm weather and good competition." Both the girls' and boys' varsity teams reigned as champions of the meet.

According to Smith, the girls' track team has several interesting characteristics much like last year's championship team. Smith said, "The surprising thing is how similar this year has been to last year. The team is pushing to possibly have another state championship." Kozisek added her team has improved consistently throughout the season by earing P.R.s and top ten placements.

According to Lyons, the boys' track team proves the team is dependable time and time again. Lyons said, "We did very well for how young the team is. We do not have many upperclassmen, so the underclassmen had to will in - they did a great job this year."



So long, it's been fun

By Emily Dalton

Many of the seniors have been together for 14 years. Before they part ways, this editor would like to look back on the time spent together as a class.

While our class is made up of individuals, our shared experiences gave us something special. From singing at the capital in fourth grade, having gym with Mr. Pipal, to cleaning the tarp together after prom and working on the Gaza Strip project, the Class of 2019 has been through a lot, both good and bad. Every experience made our class unique.

The Class of 2019 is one of the largest classes in recent Aquinas history with 53

graduating seniors. With a senior class that is almost double the size of other classes, one might expect that the senior class would have double the drama. But strangely, that was never the case. Everyone could, at the very least, act civilly towards one another. We could always work together when we needed.

Yet, our graduation would not have been possible if it were not for our teachers. Because of them, we have gone from $2+2=4$ to the Pythagorean Theorem and from Magic Treehouse books to Shakespeare... and actually understanding it. Although I would like to believe we were always a "treat" in

class, the truth is, sometimes we were not. Yet, our teachers put up with us, day after day, and some teachers, year after year. Thank you for always sticking with us, even when it was not easy.

To my fellow classmates, in truth, I am ready to move on to the next phase of my life, as I know many of you are. However, I am going to miss everyone so much. It is sad to think that soon, some of us may never see each other again. After we receive our diplomas, we will all go our separate ways. Yet, for better or for worse, we will always have the time we spent together at Aquinas as the Class of 2019.



THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES

TOP RIGHT: Freshmen volleyball players Sydni Sylvester, Jadyn Krafska, Loren Hoelscher, and Suzanne Oborny watch the action during the game. **RIGHT:** Eighth grader Creighton Redler makes a long jump attempt. **BOTTOM:** Juniors take a break from religion class to build a snowman after a late spring snowstorm. **BELOW:** Athletic director Mr. Ron Mimick presents the Kevin Sloup spirit award to seniors Tad Naiberk, Larissa Sellers and Michael Rerucha at the annual awards night.



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