

# The Pilot

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*The mission of Roncalli High School is to educate in the Catholic traditions of spiritual growth, life-long service, and academic excellence.*



# One Year Later - Life After High School

By Jamie Hoban, Mariah Zahn, Mallaidh Mleziva, Christine Lohr and  
Emma Patek, Class of 2016

Last year, in the Spring issue of the Pilot, five members of the class of 2016 wrote about their friendships that had developed and grown over their four years at Roncalli. This year, we have invited them to share some insights into what a year away from high school has provided them.



September, 2014

Jamie:

The most valuable lesson that I learned at Roncalli is to stay true to yourself. Whether this is through faith, family, or friends, stick to it! At Roncalli our whole grade was close and I found a group of best friends who made my experience great. In college, it's so important to get involved and find your friend group. There are tons of different clubs for all types of interests, so get involved right away. The more you do, the better! It's definitely a change, but getting involved and having a new group of friends helps make a great college experience.

Mariah :

Some may see starting out at a small two year university as a negative thing but my experiences could not be farther from negative. By using the skills I obtained from being so active and involved around the Roncalli community and campus I have been able to get involved in my UW campus as well. Being confident in my faith and who I am allowed me to step out of my friend group and into new clubs to get involved. I have learned that getting involved is extremely important when starting out at a new place, whether it's a University -- or not. Although, when it is a small campus and you are very involved, you have a greater opportunity to not only participate but also facilitate what happens in and around your campus. Roncalli not only taught me to be active and involved in my campus, but now in my college experience I have learned that my Roncalli experience also taught me to be kind, respectful, and helpful toward others. Go the extra mile to help someone, and it will pay off.

Mallaidh:

For many young adults, college is the first step toward their dreams. To be successful in this great stage of life, it is essential to have the proper mindset and work ethic. I established mine at Roncalli. By balancing homework, clubs, sports, and work in high school, students must be efficient, organized, and focused. With these skills, the transition to college is simple and even easy. It is important to start off strong in college. Whether you know what you want to pursue or not, focus on your academics, become involved in student organizations, volunteer, and make new friends! Do not fall into the trap of being swept off of your feet with your newfound freedom. You can have an amazing time in college and prepare yourself for a successful life at the same time. Begin healthy habits in high school, continue them in college, and enjoy a life paved with success, happiness, and purpose!



Christine:

When I first decided that I would be attending UW Madison in the fall, my heart was racing with excitement and apprehension. I did not know what to expect or how to prepare myself for college. Luckily Roncalli did a significant amount of work towards preparing me for college. One of the greatest aspects about Roncalli is that it forced me into becoming a responsible student. This expectation of being a responsible student at Roncalli, through the help of all the teachers a faculty, has greatly helped me conquer my first year of college classes. Another lesson that Roncalli taught me was to get involved in activities that you enjoy. Extra curricular activities was a huge part of my high school experience and I did not want it to be the last. My first mission when I moved to campus was to find an organization or two that I would enjoy. Being part of an organizations is where you will find friends with similar interests. I also discovered that organizations you participate in will help make the campus feel smaller and more like a community. I'm grateful for the great high school experience I had, but now I'm ready to make an even greater college experience.

Emma:

Embrace the new, explore the unknown, and don't be afraid. Things change when you get to college, inevitably so. When college came around the corner there was nothing I was looking forward to more. And it did not disappoint. The most important thing when starting at a new place is finding friends. Get involved and find people you get along with. Meet new people, but at the same time never forget the ones you already have. My high school experience was filled with great friends and a lot of laughs. That is something I was lucky enough to find early on at Roncalli. Having people you can call friends makes any new situation better, especially college. It's not so bad, just trust in what you already know.



Christine, Mariah, Emma, Jamie and Malliah home for Christmas break, December 2016.

# What's for Lunch?

We asked the 'Kitchen Ladies', Mrs. Schetter, Mrs. Bushman and Mrs. Schmitt for some insights into how they provide our daily lunches.



Mrs. Schmitt, Mrs. Bushman, Mrs. Schetter

*How is the menu planned each month?*

Usually we try to have a variety of meals throughout the month. However, we also have to incorporate government commodities which vary, depending on what is available in the market.

*The menu seems to have more healthier items in recent years. Is that your decision or another requirement?*

It's a little of both. As moms ourselves, we like to see students healthy and happy. But through the government's "Healthy Food for Kids Act", the guidelines have become more strict and leave us with very little wiggle room to do our own thing.

*What is the favorite lunch menu among our students?*

Definitely pizza, with the Oriental bar and spaghetti coming in close after that.

*Do you know most of the students' likes and dislikes?*

Yes, over the course of the school year, we get to know the students better and are open to suggestions within our limits.

*Which students are easier to please: freshmen or seniors?*

I would say the seniors, as they are more open to trying new foods.

*Do you have any interesting stories to tell us?*

There are always fun and interesting things going on in the kitchen. It is always amusing when students do not recognize us outside of school without our hairnets on.

*Do you mind being called "Kitchen Ladies"?*

No, not at all. It's who we are!

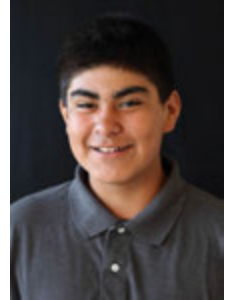


# Freshman Memories



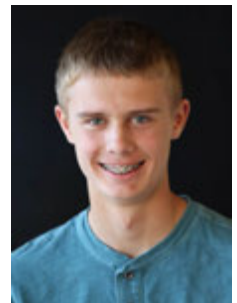
"I like Roncalli because it feels like a big family. Being a part of sports also makes the feeling of family stronger. I love all the new friends I've made here." - Nikita Pasterski

"The most interesting thing in my Freshman year has been the football season because I met many upperclassmen and I really enjoyed playing. I know our team did not do well but I still enjoyed the experience and I cannot wait for next year." - Marcos Hernandez



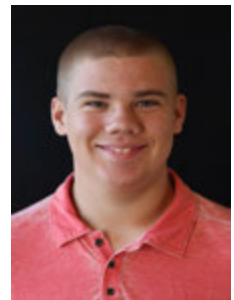
"My favorite Freshman year memory was when I went to the Whiteout football game. It was my first game I went to, and I did not know the chants and all the upperclassmen were yelling at us. Once we learned the chants we had a lot of fun because we were all just having a good time. Next year, lets hope we are better and we will be the ones yelling at the "Freshman." - Destanee Huntington

"One of my favorite memories from Freshman year was suiting up for a varsity football game and getting to play. It was also really cool to see all of the Roncalli fans cheering the team on and showing so much support." - Brady Norell



"My favorite Freshman year memory was getting to be a part of the student section at games and being a part of the chants is fun. My favorite theme was school Spirit." - Nick Welnetz

"My Favorite Memory was playing kickball against the Seniors and we won. The teams were very different sizes, but still fun. The freshmen did not have a lot of people but we won. The two teams both had lots of fun though. One of my favorite parts was listening to our favorite music during the games." - Cooper Fellows



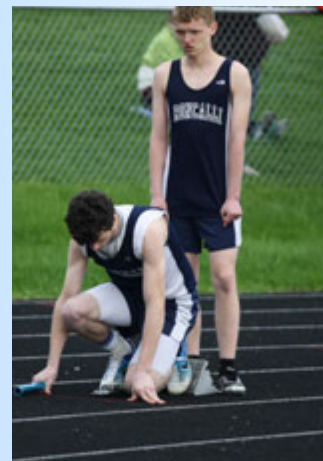
# THE JOURNEY

BY: JUSTIN POLZIN & GARRETT GLEICHNER

To some athletes, athletics is more than just a game, a practice or simply putting on a Roncalli jersey. Most players have bond with their teammates that will last much longer than the four years of sports. Believe it or not those four years will seem like the fastest years of your life. Although the memories you make in those years will last a lifetime.

Both of us decided to share what our sports journey was like here at Roncalli, and also to give glimpse of what is expected.

Garrett: “Coming into high school sports I didn’t know what to expect. When I took part in football camp the July heading into freshman year, it seemed like everything had become much faster than what I used to at the middle school level. The upperclassmen were on a whole new level compared to me. I had the privilege though of learning from some great seniors that has prepared me for what my varsity experience was like. Plus, it didn’t hurt to have the experience of making a deep playoff run. The frosh/soph games were enjoyable because for one, we never lost a game and the time spent with my teammates and coaches are something I’ll never take for granted. Becoming an upperclassman meant that I had to take more responsibility for helping the team reach its potential. Since one of the seniors was out indefinitely with an injury, I had to step into a starting role. That year helped me a lot of my senior year. Starting on both offense and defense, I had to be a leader, know what was going on and give 110% every play. The stage was bigger than frosh/soph games and I enjoyed pressure that came with it.”





Justin: “ Ever since around 4th grade I’ve always been excited to play high school sports. Just going to games and seeing all the fans there made me wish I could on court. Coming in as a freshman I was kind of scared to play football since I’ve never played before but as soon as the practices started I knew I was going to do just fine because of all the help I got from my teammates and coaches. With all the help over the years with football I was able to secure a starting spot on offense and defense my senior year. Basketball for me was a lot different because as a team we spend countless of hours at summer ball tournaments. Those were the best summer days I could of asked for because I knew that after 4 years there wouldn't be any more staying up till 2 A.M. and then playing 4 games the next day with the guys. Even though my senior year consisted of only 6 football games due to an injury ,I will never forget my teammates for football or basketball just because of all the hard work and dedication we had to succeed. All though it was hard to watch people play games that I should have been in, I knew at the end of the day that my teammates were basically family and would help me with anything I needed.”

For most people high school sports are the last sports they will play in, which you really do have to cherish every game, every practice, and every minute that you step onto a court/field. You never know when your last practice may be so always give 110% in everything you too because you have to make quite a bit of memories during these years. *“Have faith in your journey. Everything had to happen exactly how it did to get you where you're going next.”*- Mandy Hale

Everyone always tells you that high school will be over in a blink of the eye, and coming from 2 seniors....it really is.



# Roncalli Fighting Environmental Issues

By: Alicia Meyer

“Then the Lord God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to cultivate it and guard it.”

(Genesis 2:15)

We are called through faith to care for creation. Not only that, but the earth is our home that should be taken care of for future generations.

Students show care in the many acts of service they do; whether it be raking leaves or cleaning up trash.

Together we should be proud to say we are doing our best to make a difference.

I decided to discuss with some students and teachers why they believe it is so important to be stewards of the earth.



Interviews



Q: What is one of the most shocking facts about the environment that you've read? What was your reaction to this fact? What action did it make you take?

A: "I would say one of the most touching facts I have read about the environment is that if the whole world lived like an average American, we would need five planets to provide enough resources. This fact really opens my eyes to see how much stuff we all really waste without thinking twice about it. It's many people's second nature to just throw away plastic, paper, or aluminum instead of recycling it, or leaving the lights on and never turning them off. I don't think people really think about the good that can come from recycling these things. I will take action by becoming more aware as to where my resources are coming from, and the good that comes from recycling them." -Isa Diaz

A: "I was quite surprised when I found out that we use over 300 million tons of NEW plastic every year. Half of this we use just once and usually for less than 12 minutes. 8 million tons of plastic waste end up in the ocean every year. A good amount of plastic thrown away carries toxic chemicals such as BPA, phthalates, pesticides and PCBs. Over 600 marine life species are suffering directly from plastic pollution, this includes species that are on the IUCN red list such as the Hawaiian monk seal, loggerhead turtle and sooty shearwater.

Pretty shocking to know that the plastic water bottle that I drank out of 5 years ago could break off into pieces and be inside a fish. Ever since then, I tried to stop using plastic. Not only did I stop drinking out of plastic, but also bring my own reusable bags at the grocery stores or any store. It is difficult to avoid plastic since it is everywhere, it'd be ideal if it was all gone, but unfortunately that could take a long time to happen. Baby steps, avoid plastic water bottles, take your own reusable bag to the stores, and try to avoid anything that can only be used once." -Gabby Kuechmann





Mr. Schweigl:

Q: Why is it important as a school to be caretakers of the earth?

A: “Anything a school does policy wise has the potential to reverberate down through the future because a school is an institution of education. So, if through our policies we not institute but also cultivate amongst our students the idea that the earth is our common home and something given to us by God. It is important to take steps to protect our God given home. This can have a long lasting impact. A school is a particularly important venue for practicing good stewardship because it can cast a very long shadow in the lives of our students. Any good practices or values pertaining to stewardship a school instills can have a very significant ripple effect.”

Q: Why is it important to our faith life to be stewards to the earth?

A: “A big part of Christ’s social program is that this is God’s world, and in God’s world all of God’s creations are supposed to have enough. One of the most haunting questions that I think is ever posed to Jesus is “Who is my neighbor?” Our neighbors aren’t limited to those who live next to us but there is potential for our neighbors to be not only everyone in the world right now but even future generations. They are every bit as much entitled to God’s creation as we are. So I think if we take the greatest Commandment, “Love your neighbor” seriously we also have to exercise charity to the generations not here yet. The most tangible way to do that is to protect this world that will be their home as much as it is currently our home.”



Mr. Mack:

Q: What are some positive actions you have seen at school regarding care for our environment?

A: “Some teachers have moved to using Google Docs as a way to avoid using paper for every worksheet, paper, handout etc. As well as some areas of the school utilize motion detection lighting so the light turns off when not being used. I utilize scrap paper so that the unused side may be utilized in class for students to write out their essays for Advanced placement United States History so the paper is fully utilized before it is discarded.”

# Our Trip to Costa Rica

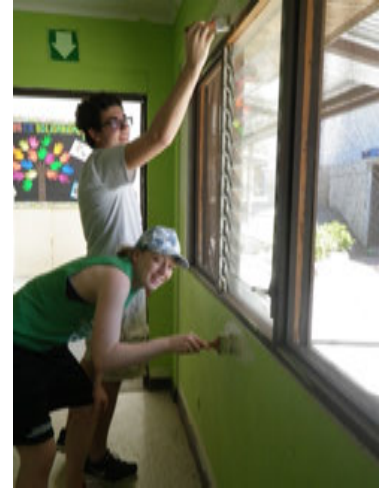


"Costa Rica was an unbelievable experience. We explored the jungle, swam in volcanic springs, and made lots of memories." - Kelly Jacoby

"I really enjoyed the whole trip. We got to see lots of new places and things. I like how all the activities let us explore things we usually do not get to at home." - Seth Giesen



"This trip was a cultural experience with fun adventures that will not come often. I greatly enjoyed the trip." - Josh Koss



"I enjoyed staying in Costa Rica very much. My favorite thing we did was going ziplining and going to the Pineapple tour. My least favorite thing was the chocolate tour." - Zach Schroeder

"Costa Rica was a lot of fun. We got to see and try a lot of new things. It was by far the best school trip I have ever been on. It was a once in a lifetime trip with a lot of friends." - Cole Schramm



"I enjoyed the trip very much. It provided me an insight of what life really like in Costa Rica. It also made me thankful to live in the United States." - Billy Fox

"My favorite part of Costa Rica was helping the babies and mothers at the orphanage. It was nice to be able to do some fun activities while also doing service." - Kerry Kiel

"I enjoyed this trip very much. I would go on this trip again. It showed that we had to help and offer ourselves to those who are less fortunate. I had fun and wish I could have stayed longer." - Ian Wagner



"The best moment of all was when we finished painting the rooms and the girls got extremely happy when they saw them." - Hannah Meidl

Article by: Matthew Pawlowski





"Even though I was sick for most of the trip, I enjoyed the Costa Rica trip. The things I experienced there were very unique and they immersed me in the culture. Plus, it was nice to reconnect with old friends I have not talked to in a while." - Ian Sczygelski



"This was a great cultural experience that made me enjoy the whole Costa Rican experience." - Katie Grant

"I'm glad I decided to go on this trip. I would tell anyone who is indecisive (like how I was) to go for it. I was able to see so many things you only hear about in stories or see in movies. I took a cultural dive, and it was amazing." - Melissa Pajula



"The Costa Rica trip was very fun. We got to experience a different part of the world in an educational and fun way." - Alex Jirikowic



"My favorite parts of the trip were ziplining and the snorkeling. I also enjoyed the volcano hot springs!" - Szasha Hack

"The trip to Costa Rica was an amazing experience. I always had a lot of fun and there was never a dull moment. It was the best school trip I have ever been on." - Tanner Blanke



"Costa Rica was so much fun. We got to experience a lot of this culture, which is so much different than ours. It was an awesome way to spend spring break, relaxing and learning." - Connor Angst

"I enjoyed getting to experience new things such as the Spanish language/culture, food, pineapple plantation, etc. It made me realize how different my life in United States is to the lives in Costa Rica. I'm glad I had the opportunity to experience all of these things." - Kate Patek



"I really enjoyed my time in Costa Rica. It was fun to travel around the country for a week. I have no regrets about the trip." - Jarod Glander

"I really enjoyed this trip. I liked how there was always something to do, but yet we got time to relax when we needed it. I think the trip was structured and executed very well and I had a lot of fun along the way." - Mitchel Schneider



# Prom 2K17





# "Hall-Crossed" Lovers

## THE STORY OF RONCALLI'S SWEETHEARTS, MR. BILL & MRS. KRAEMER

Story by: Clara Damm  
& Anthony Brady

Roncalli hasn't changed much since the school was established in 1965, with the same mascot, the same hallways, and the same values to name a few things. But something that is a little bit different is the dating lives of the students. In the 1960s, there was not a lot of dating, according to Roncalli's Mrs. Kraemer, who was a student here at the time. People hung out with big groups of friends instead of as couples, though they always went to dances as couples.



Above picture taken at graduation in 1970. Bottom picture taken in exact same spot almost 47 years later.

This unity between male and female students at Roncalli is unique because, when Roncalli opened in 1965, boys and girls were segregated. They had no classes together. The only time they saw the opposite gender was at lunch in the cafeteria or in the hallway between the current Junior and Senior halls during passing time. This time was special for students with a boyfriend or girlfriend because they could see each other. For a couple to date in this situation, it could be a big deal. Mr. Bill and Mrs. Kraemer were one of these special couples who started dating during their senior year and have been high school sweethearts ever since.

Cyndi Meyer (now Mrs. Cyndi Kraemer), moved to Manitowoc when she was in fifth grade. Cyndi and Bill knew each other at St. Paul's grade school in Manitowoc, but they were never in the same class so they never got to know each other until junior year of high school when they hung out as a group with other friends from school. Mr. Bill became interested in dating Cyndi once they started hanging out as a group. "I already wanted to take her out our junior year, but she had all these boy-friends," Mr. Bill said. "I thought she was absolutely gorgeous and she still is!" (Look's like the joke is on all those boyfriends now!)

Cyndi worked as a car hop at the Penguin in high school, and one of her coworkers had a crush on Bill. One day, it was senior year and Prom was near, Bill went to the Penguin when Cyndi and her coworker were working. Bill had come to ask Cyndi to Prom! She was totally caught off guard and didn't know what to do because her friend wanted him to ask her. Cyndi asked her mother for advice. "You have to talk to your coworker and tell her what happened," she said. "You can't say no. He's such a nice boy and I think you should go to prom with him." It was really hard for her to tell her friend that Mr. Bill had asked her to prom, but she understood...eventually. To this day, Cyndi's mom still says, "I'm so glad I picked you" to Mr. Bill.

Bill and Cyndi both agreed that Prom shouldn't be their first date so they went on an official first date of bowling followed by ice cream. Mrs. Kraemer remembers the date as being awkward! "When we went bowling I remember thinking, this is so weird because it's just us and not all of our friends," different from how students usually hung out. "But he was so funny so that really helped," she said. Bill remembers being scared, but he says the most important thing about the first official date was that he would never let go after that!



A couple dates later, it was Prom. Tickets were \$10.00. The dance was held in the gym with a live band and the whole dance floor was packed. Cyndi remembers that the boys would rather slow dance than do the fast dancing. "They felt awkward during the fast dance!" (Looks like this part of Roncalli hasn't changed...) Bill, however, liked all the dancing. Cyndi says, "Mr. Bill was a very good dancer and he was not intimidated by what people thought. He just had fun and didn't worry about what people thought which is something I still admire him for." After the dance, they went with another couple to the lake. Mrs. Kraemer remembers seeing the most beautiful sunrise. Bill remembers that Cyndi fell asleep on his lap. "I was looking at the lake and then I looked down and said, 'Oh my gosh, what a gorgeous girl!' I wouldn't move because I didn't want to wake her up."



It took Cyndi a while to like Bill because they were such good friends originally. "It was awkward at first. Little by little it happened and I didn't even realize it. I began to think 'He could be a wonderful partner in life.'" Bill was thinking that too a year and a half later when he proposed to Cyndi. "Tonight's the night that I'm going to get engaged," he thought on November 22, 1971. He still gives her flowers every year on this date.

That day, Cyndi remembers hearing his car in the driveway and heard the front door open, but she didn't hear Bill come downstairs to her room in the basement. She actually heard the door open and close a couple times, and was still confused why he hadn't come down to see her. "When I came to her house, I suddenly thought, 'What if she says no?' I chickened out a couple of times," Bill said, which explains why the door kept closing. Finally he came down to her room. "He wasn't himself. He was always such a jokester, but not when we were talking that day," Cyndi said. All of a sudden, he got down on one knee with the ring and her reaction was, "Is this from a gumball machine?" She saw his face and she started crying. She still feels bad to this day! But of course she said "yes" anyways and ran upstairs to tell her mom. "She had absolutely no idea," Mr. Bill says about the proposal.



Mr. and Mrs. Kraemer's wedding was at Saint Paul's which was special for them because they went to grade school and got confirmed there. They had a live band at the reception, and everybody stayed so long dancing that they asked them to play another hour. After the wedding, they went to Hawaii for their honeymoon.

Forty seven years later, Mr. Bill and Mrs. Kraemer are happily married as Roncalli's sweetest couple. Even in separate interviews, they almost had identical answers for advice they would give to high school students that are dating or want to date. Mr. Bill said, "You have to talk and you to have to be honest. You will never have a problem if you do that. Never keep secrets." On a similar note, Mrs. Kramer said, "Be friends first to get to know the person in a different capacity. Always be honest with each other. Just tell them. Don't be mad and not talk. Always talk." Follow this advice and you and your sweetheart will have a happily ever after, just like the Kraemers!

# Q&A

## w/ Mr. Mack

**Article by: Clara Dramm**



### **What inspired you to be a teacher?**

Getting out of college, the belief is, to be happy, you need to make significant amounts of money. You get into that field [where you make money] and you realize that if you're not good at what you do, you need to find something you have a passion for. I've always had a passion for history and if I could find a way to communicate that with others, education was for me.

### **When did you know that you wanted to be a teacher?**

I thought about it in high school. A couple of my teachers had mentioned that I should go into education. (Initially) I scoffed at that idea because one immediately assumes that education will be a life of lower income and less maneuverability throughout the world. I always had an inkling that I would enjoy getting into education.

### **What were your relationships with teachers at Roncalli when you were a student?**

I had pretty good relationships with the majority of my teachers. Being on student government, you got to know them pretty well. Having teachers who were also your coaches allowed for sometimes very close relationships and mentorships.

### **Do you have special relationships with any teachers?**

Mr. Jahnke and Mr. Baranczyk, through football gave me the opportunity while I was student teaching to help coach. They taught me everything they know about the game, in case I wasn't able to get a job at this time as a teacher. Mr. Berkhout, who was my best friend's father, gave me the most opportunities while I was doing clinical observations which were required through the graduate certification program to become a teacher.

He would allow me to do more than simply observe. He would show me his lesson plans, allow me to help and take over class. When I was hired, he was truly a great mentor.

### **Did any teacher inspire you to become a teacher?**

Mr. Juckem (my freshman football coach, World History teacher, and varsity basketball coach who was a former teacher at RHS) approached everything with the most energy and passion I've ever seen in a person, so he inspired me to get into education.

### **How do you see teachers differently now that you are a teacher?**

I understand why they're upset with students a little bit more, that things certainly can happen during the school day that no matter how much education or training you have, it can throw you for a loop...

### **What advice do you have for students who are aspiring teachers?**

Do it. It's a great job. You will never have the same day twice. There will be moments of great frustration but moments of absolute joy with relationships that will hopefully last a lifetime.

# ANDY LEMBERGER—SPEED SKATER

By David Heinzen & Matt LeVene

Roncalli has numerous sports that people can partake in, but one Roncalli does not have is speed skating. Andy Lemberger, a Roncalli student, speed skates competitively around the country. We caught up with him and asked him about his skating.

*Q: How old were you when you started skating? And why?*

A: I've been skating since I was just over a year old, but I first started speed skating competitively in 2014.



*Q: Where are some of the places you have traveled to skate? Which is your favorite?*

A: I have traveled all over the United States and am now getting ready to do more international racing. My favorite place to travel to for skating is Colorado. In the upcoming months, I will be in Colorado for a few weeks for training and competitions, and I hope to travel to Berlin and Belgium yet this year. I also plan on attending the 2018 Winter Olympics in South Korea.

*Q: What are your goals for skating?*

A: I'm hoping to qualify for the U.S. World Team this year and be able to represent my country at the World Championships.

*Q: How often do you practice skating?*

A: I train 5-6 days per week, not only skating, but also cycling and strength training.

*Q: What's the farthest you have skated at one time?*

A: I have completed several marathons, which are 26.2 miles. My personal best time is 1 hour and 15 minutes.





# *Pole Vaulting is a Rush!*

By Kelly Jacoby

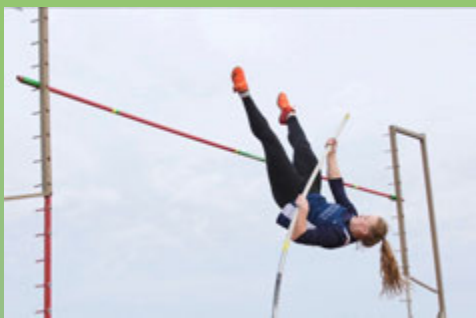
Pole vaulting is a rush. This is what got me hooked on the sport. There is no better feeling than falling into the pit, knowing you cleared a height that is higher than most houses. It is the strangest thing to run as fast as you can towards a stationary object while holding a pole in hopes of clearing a bar. Pole vaulting is a very simple concept! The objective is to jump over a bar with a pole. That's all it is, yet it is so technical. I have been in gymnastics for as long as I can remember, and I love it, but it is so subjective, whereas pole vault is completely objective. You either clear the height or you don't. My favorite thing about pole vault is the measurable success. It is like a puzzle that you get to figure out every single time. There is technically no limit as to how high the bar can go, so you can just keep shooting!



Pole vault is a combination of many athletic skills. It is the combination of gymnastics, weightlifting, sprinting, and jumping. It is very physically demanding. Pole vaulters must be fast, powerful, strong, agile, and brave in order to succeed in this challenging and occasionally dangerous sport. Pole vault competitions have been around since 500 B.C. and became a full medal event at the Olympics in the year 1896 for men, but not until 2000 for women.

I have become incredibly obsessed with this sport since I started vaulting my junior year. I made it to 2016 Track and Field State last year with my personal record of 9 feet. This year, my original goal was to beat Roncalli's school record of 10' 3" and go 11 feet, but as the year went on, my goals became bigger. I now plan on vaulting 12' or higher, and win state. So far, I have surpassed my original goals and gotten a new personal record of 11' 6" with hopes of going 12 feet within the next few meets. I have great coaches and great supporters to thank for this! I would not have been able to improve so much without them. I have five meets left this season, ending with the 2017 Track and Field State Meet in La Crosse on June 3rd. Next year, I will be pole vaulting at Marquette University.

Everyone says we pole vaulters are crazy, and I would have to agree. This sport may seem insane, but it is also quite humbling. Even when you win, you lose to the cross bar. Even when you win, you finish with three misses. Pole vault is not a competition between you and another competitor, it is a competition between you and the cross bar.



“Pole vaulters must be fast, powerful, strong, agile, and brave ...”



Sophomores Nathanial Lohr and Hunter Borys



Freshman Anna Tarnowski



Junior Jade Treadway



Senior Ryan Roethle



Freshman Anthony Klein

# What is to Come?

Post-High School for Seniors  
Class of 2017

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## What Colleges are the Seniors Planning to Attend?

- ◇ Carthage College
- ◇ Carroll University
- ◇ Concordia University
- ◇ Embry– Riddle Aeronautical University
- ◇ Loyola University Chicago
- ◇ Marquette University
- ◇ Northeast Wisconsin Technical College
- ◇ Saint Louis University
- ◇ Saint Norbert College
- ◇ Silver Lake College
- ◇ University of Minnesota– Twin Cities
- ◇ University of Nevada Las Vegas
- ◇ University of Saint Thomas
- ◇ University of Wisconsin
  - ◇ Green Bay
  - ◇ Manitowoc
  - ◇ Milwaukee
  - ◇ Eau Claire
  - ◇ Madison
  - ◇ Stout
  - ◇ Whitewater
  - ◇ Stevens Point

Some Seniors are also going to work and  
others are going into the military.



## Course of Study?

- ◇ Accounting
- ◇ Aeronautical Science
- ◇ Applied Physics and Mathematics
- ◇ Business
- ◇ Chemistry
- ◇ Computer Engineering
- ◇ Computer Science
- ◇ Dental Hygiene
- ◇ Drama
- ◇ Education
- ◇ Electrical Engineering
- ◇ English
- ◇ Environmental Science
- ◇ Exercise Science (pre-physical therapy)
- ◇ History
- ◇ Kinesiology
- ◇ Marketing
- ◇ Music Education
- ◇ Nursing
- ◇ Political Science
- ◇ Pre-med
- ◇ Psychology
- ◇ Physical Therapy
- ◇ Speech Pathology
- ◇ Theatre Arts
- ◇ Theology
- ◇ Undecided

Best of luck in everything you do, Seniors!



# Advice from the Seniors

"Try everything and take a variety of classes in high school, so you can find what you're really interested in!"

"Do what you love, love what you do, and all that."

"Effort will never betray you."

"Sophomore and Freshmen year, those years are very crucial and you have to get good grades-which can only be attained through hard work."

"Don't procrastinate."

"Appreciate everyday because it ends faster than you can imagine."

"Just do it."

"Never give up on yourself. No matter how hard school or life may seem to be, you have the potential to do great things."

"Share smiles with your friends and learn something new! If you cherish these things, you will be able to have a wonderful high school experience. Do not feel stressed if you are not certain about your future!"

"Do not be hasty about making a career choice. Find out what you love and consider shadowing your future occupation if this opportunity is available to you."

"Listening is just as important as talking"

"Always have a positive attitude!"

"Don't worry if you don't know what you want to study, you still have a long way to go and a lot of time. Also, college isn't for everyone, it's okay if you don't go."

"Get involved, but if you don't like it, don't force it. Challenge yourself and have fun. These years pass quickly so enjoy every moment."

"Be yourself and be true to yourself. Do what you love and get involved in it, or you will regret it in the future."

"Stay to the right in the hallway, single file on the right side of the stairwell, use the right door in the hallways."

"Don't be afraid to try something new."

Life is not a race, but a journey. Go to Church, take time for prayer. The Lord will give, but accept that He will also take. Love your life and what you've been given, it is not accidental. Dreaming does matter, it allows you to become that which you aspire to be. Appreciate the little things in life, enjoy them fully. Forgive, it frees you. Some of the best things in life really are free. Do not worry, do not stress, it will all work out. Judge less and strive to be more accepting. No one is perfect, everybody makes mistakes. Make the most of what you have, ALWAYS. Enjoy the moment, volunteer, make things permanent with pictures. We all say, "it goes by faster than you think", and that is not a lie. Do not graduate with regrets. Participate and try something new. But most importantly, BE YOU. Love yourself first, make yourself happy, and challenge yourself to be better.



# Class of 2017

Roncalli High School



Chmura Albright  
Maya Andrastek  
Connor Angst  
Garrett Arneson  
Cory Bahrs  
Dean Bartel  
LaNea Bartel  
Katelyn Berrend  
Luke Bettag  
Tanner Blanke  
Emerson Boettcher  
Leah Brey  
Charles Buchmann  
Alexa Cook  
Claudia Dunn  
Nicole Frauenfeld  
Nicole Froelich  
Allison Gill  
Garrett Gleichner  
Adriana Gomez  
Briana Gomez

Anna Gottshall  
Justin Gottshall  
Jennifer Grajek  
Katie Grant  
Galilea Higuera  
Kelly Jacoby  
Evan Jagemann  
Conner Jensen  
Kerry Kiel  
Michaela Klein  
Gabrielle Kuechmann  
Heather LeClair  
Maya Ledvina  
Madison Lewandowski  
Monserrat Luna  
Jacob Mollen  
Erin Orhekowski  
Cadee Osterloth  
Melissa Pajula  
Kate Patek  
Justin Polzin

Ryan Rank  
Ryan Roethle  
Joshua Schmaling  
Katie Schmitt  
Allissa Schramm  
Cole Schramm  
Ian Sczygelski  
Marissa Sorge  
Colton Swetlik  
Megan Taddy  
Dashurie Tahiri  
Matthew Tess  
Elizabeth Truckey  
Elizabeth Tulachka  
Paulina Vaca  
Marcella Van Eyck  
Brandon VanDeurzen  
Arisa Wallander  
Olivia Wheelis  
Michelle Wilson

*“Don’t let anyone think less of you because you are young.  
Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live,  
in your love, your faith, and your purity.”*

*1 Timothy 4:12*