



THE SHIELD

Volume 10, Issue 2 Winter 2023

LOURDES ACADEMY TRIVIA KNIGHT

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THIS INAUGURAL EVENT!

TOP 3 TEAMS

- 1ST - MEN IN BLACK + FABULOUS FLORAS
- 2ND - NEVER GONNA QUIZ YOU UP
- 3RD - TRIVIA PAC

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS EVENT



TRIVIA TABLE



TEACHER TABLE

Schneider Family

LOURDES ACADEMY
VEGAS KNIGHT

OSHKOSH CONVENTION CENTER
FEBRUARY 10, 2023
5:30 - 9 P.M.

FOR MORE DETAILS, SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT LOURDES.TODAY/VEGAS

CELEBRATING
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
JANUARY 29 – FEBRUARY 4

DAILY THEMES TO CELEBRATE

- Sunday: Parish
- Monday: Community
- Tuesday: Students
- Wednesday: The Nation
- Thursday: Vocations
- Friday: Faculty, Staff & Volunteers
- Saturday: Families

FOR THE COMPLETE #CSW23 SCHEDULE, SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT LOURDES.TODAY/CSW

It's a Great day to be a Knight!

Mary Statue Installed and Blessed

The new Mary statue on the corner of Witzel Avenue and Sawyer Street was installed then blessed by Fr. Tom Long and Fr. Kevin Ripley from St. Raphael, along with class representatives. Thank you to our anonymous donors who funded the project. Thank you also to JP Electric and Mike Kirsch ('98) of Landscape Solutions for preparing the site.



Lourdes Alumnus Creates Cross for Multipurpose Room

Tom Glaeser ('63), a St. Raphael parishioner, created a cross for our elementary multipurpose room addition where elementary students celebrate mass. Fr. Tom Long blessed the cross at school Mass on Sept. 15. Thank you for the beautiful addition, Tom!



*Our Lady's
Wish List*



Lourdes Academy has many projects and programs throughout the year that strengthen our system, protect our children, develop leaders, and help move Lourdes forward in a positive direction. View Our Lady's Wish List to learn how you can support our mission and our vision for the future with a gift today.

If you have questions about Our Lady's Wish List or any of the items listed, please contact Karen Boehm at (920) 426-3626, ext. 546 or kboehm@lourdes.today.

Alumni Spotlights



Tim Crimmins in his full tex covering gown to avoid any dust particles ruining the computer chips.

Macro development at a micro level

Most people do not think of the process that it takes to make something that is used often in our lifestyles. On a daily basis, we start our cars, play music from our phones and check emails on our laptops. The latter of the three, however, may not be possible for you without the work of Tim Crimmins ('91).

"If you have an Intel chip in your computer right now, it probably ran through one of the microscopes that I developed."

After graduating from Lourdes Academy in 1991, Crimmins earned a degree in chemistry from Michigan State University. While at Michigan State, he enjoyed experimenting with different laser systems and optical equipment.

Crimmins furthered his education for the next 5 years at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). While at MIT, he studied physical chemistry, allowing him to take a deeper dive into how atoms are held together in molecules. He also created three patents during this time, all related to optical instruments and functions within the instruments.

Since graduating from MIT in 2000, Crimmins has spent the last 22 years working for Intel in Hillsboro, a suburb of Portland, Oregon.

Through hard work and having a passion for his career, Crimmins worked his way up through Intel and is now a senior principal engineer. He leads a team of software and hardware engineers that are responsible for internal market research to define technical specifications for new products. In layman terms, Crimmins and his team works

with a small number of optical suppliers to better their microscopes.

"Just to give a sense of scale, it's not like a microscope you're thinking of in the science lab, it might be as big as the room you're in," Crimmins said.

The computer chips that Intel sends out typically take three to four months to create. During this time span, Crimmins' team runs trials to fix the optics of the instruments used in the process.

There are two parts to Crimmins' process. The microscopy side looks for problems at a micro level to see what is not working correctly. The other part then looks at a vast amount of data collected and sees what is not working correctly within the data range.

Due to evolving technology, Intel is always looking to create smaller transistors. This allows Crimmins' work to stay fresh and exciting.

"My job changes pretty frequently. So I really have a fresh set of challenges every couple of years," Crimmins said. "You get this new set of challenges you've got to go face."

The Impact of Lourdes Academy

Every alumni has their own unique reason why Lourdes is special to them and what made it a school they enjoyed attending. For Crimmins, it was the teachers that made a big difference.

"I've got a lot of wonderful memories of Lourdes, I really do," Crimmins said. "Thinking back, in hindsight, what I really appreciate is a lot of the relationships with the teachers. If you look across the board, I can think of a ton of them that really cared a lot and that cared about teaching the courses."

He admitted he did not want to leave any teachers out because they were all great in his eyes, but a few that still stick out to Crimmins are Bill Behring, Paul Trader, John Netzer, Ethel Heise and Rich Knobloch.

The lasting impact of Lourdes was also found later on in Crimmins' life. Crimmins and his wife, Michelle, sent both of their children, Tim (20) and Maggie (18), to La Salle Catholic Prep. Crimmins and Michelle both came from Catholic backgrounds and recognized the importance of Catholic education.

"I think Catholic education is something that really means a lot to both of us and we want to make sure our kids have that opportunity as well. Both of my kids went to Catholic grade school and Catholic high school."



Gavin Meyers receives a snap for UW-Madison during warmups.

Meyers excelling on and off the field at UW-Madison

It is a balmy 25 degrees outside with a brisk wind blowing into your face on a Saturday afternoon late in the fall. You are in front of 80,000 inspired fans relying on you to do your job to the best of your ability. The ball is snapped. You have less than a second to catch the ball, turn the laces out and place it in the perfect spot to allow the kicker to make great contact with the ball, sending it through the uprights. Sounds like a pressure situation, doesn't it?

For Gavin Meyers ('20), this is what he does routinely as the starting holder for the Wisconsin Badgers football team. It may sound like a tense situation, but Meyers sees it as an amazing opportunity.

"Playing in front of a packed Camp Randall is exciting and special," Meyers said. "Feeling the crowd after big plays gives you goosebumps every time. There are always nerves on the big stage to begin with, but you have to be conscious of them and shake it off in order to execute your job at a high level with confidence."

Meyers, a junior at UW-Madison, is also the team's backup punter. While at Lourdes, Meyers won a handful of punting awards, including all-conference (2017, 2018, 2019) and all-region (2019). He was also selected to participate in the Blue-Grey All-American game at the Mercedes Benz Dome in Atlanta.

These awards and recognitions only were possible because of the dedication Meyers put into his punting craft. Kicking was something that has come naturally to Meyers. His father, Tim, was quick to notice it.

"My dad had me punting balloons in my living room when I was about 4 or 5 years old to practice, and I fell in love with it," Meyers said. "He has been my punting coach my whole life."

Meyers turned punting into his passion, and dividends paid off. Coming out of Lourdes, he was a 5-star prospect, according to Kohl's Kicking Camp. Meyers ultimately chose to attend UW-Madison for multiple reasons.

"I chose UW-Madison because of the great academics and football tradition. It was my dream school for a long time, so when I got the offer, it was a no brainer."

Often lost in the talks about division 1 student-athletes is the schooling they must complete. In season, it is a lifestyle that is not made for everyone. Your time-management skills must be exquisite and you do not have much down time, if any.

For Meyers, his daily schedule during the season is no exception. Practice starts at 7:30 a.m. followed by classes 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Meetings take place after practice and by the time dinner is consumed, it is 8 p.m. Meyers then will use that time to dedicate himself to any classwork or film study until about 10-10:30 p.m. Once finished, it is time to get some rest and start it all over again.

Although this can be daunting at times, Meyers has found a routine that he feels comfortable with, and it is showing on the field and in the classroom. Meyers was one of 115 Badger athletes to earn the 2021 Big Ten Distinguished Scholar award. To earn this award, a student-athlete must have a minimum GPA of 3.7. Of those 115, 33 student-athletes posted a 4.0 GPA, including Meyers. Meyers also earned the 2021 Academic All-Big 10 award.

"Earning the academic awards meant everything," Meyers said. "To achieve any award at this level is very difficult, so I was honored to be acknowledged for the work I've put into the classroom as well as on the field."

Meyers recently declared himself a marketing major and plans on working in brand management or sales after graduation.

He admitted that the teachers got him ready for life after Lourdes, especially Mrs. Dolan, Mrs. Sorenson, Mr. Heiser and Mr. Dineen.

"What they taught me both with academics and life skills have helped me tremendously to succeed in college."

Upcoming Reunion



LOURDES HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 1973 REUNION
CELEBRATING 50 YEARS ON AUG. 12, 2023

BEST WESTERN PREMIER
WATERFRONT HOTEL & CONVENTION CENTER
1 N. MAIN ST. OSHKOSH, WI 54901

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT NANCY WOLF
REICHENBERGER AT [GPGMREICH2@NEW.RR.COM](mailto:gpgmreich2@new.rr.com)

Future Knights



EJ Mikesell (Class of 2040) is the son of HS principal Dave Mikesell and his wife Abby.



Harper Fisher (Class of 2040) with sister Raya ('29).



Marie Pacita E. Ambas (Class of 2039) is the daughter of Marlo ('01) and Patricia.

Newlyweds



Austin ('12) and Sara Enders got married on Dec. 3 at St. Jude The Apostle Parish. The reception took place at Best Western Premier in Oshkosh.



Brandon and Karley (Bartlett-'14) Lowney joined each other in marriage on Sept. 23 at Brindewood Barn in Hilbert.

Award Nominations

- Outstanding Alumni
- Distinguished Stewardship
- Silver Sword
- Athletic Hall of Fame

To nominate an individual or learn more about the awards, scan the QR code.

(Deadline: January 27, 2023)





Lourdes Academy
250 North Sawyer Street
Oshkosh, WI 54902

Non-Profit
Organization
U.S. Postage
PAID
Oshkosh, WI
Permit No. 104

THE SHIELD

Lourdes Academy Alumni Newsletter

Printing donated by: **CASTLEPIERCE**
EST. 1888 • OSHKOSH, WISCONSIN

Like Lourdes Academy on Facebook; follow us on Twitter @lourdesacademy1; follow us on Instagram at [instagram.com/lourdesalumni/](https://www.instagram.com/lourdesalumni/)



UPCOMING LOURDES ALL-CLASS REUNION



U-Knighted for Life All-Class Reunion

Saturday, June 10, 2023 • 5-10 p.m.

Lourdes Academy High School, 110 N. Sawyer St.

Mark your calendars for a one-of-a-kind reunion for all classes as we celebrate Lourdes Academy's 63rd anniversary! Join us for mass celebrated by alumni and faculty priests, a military fly-over tribute, tasty food by alumni-owned restaurants, entertainment, and plenty of memories and nostalgia! Visit www.lourdes.today/uknighted for more information about the reunion and family friendly events taking place at Lourdes before the event. We are looking for volunteers to be part of this exciting event! If you are interested, please contact Karen Boehm at (920) 426-3626 ext. 546 or kboehm@lourdes.today.

Proceeds from the event will go directly to the Bill Behring Staff Endowment Fund.

Planning a reunion? Contact Brett Baehman at 920-426-3626, ext. 550 or bbaehman@lourdes.today for assistance. Lourdes Academy offers free mailing lists and facilities usage for Lourdes class reunions.