



NOLAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

March 2021



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FROM THE ALUMNI RELATIONS COORDINATOR

Dear Alumni,

Despite the short month that February is, it was a long week for many who had to deal with the cold and snow, no heat or electricity, so no internet and then the water problems. It felt like Coleridge's comment in "Rime of the Ancient Mariner": "Water, water everywhere nor any drop to drink." If you are having issues with anything mentioned, Nolan Catholic is here to help. You'll find other alumni who can help you with your needs on the [Facebook Nolan Alum Biz Page](#).

The annual auction and dinner, themed "Heart & Soul" this year, successfully raised (net) over \$112,000. Thank you for all your support before and during the auction. Many alumni responded with auction items and there were many who participated in the virtual auction. In addition to the monies raised, everyone had a good time.

Black History Week was celebrated at Nolan Catholic. Members of the Culture Vikes club educated us on the influence of the Black culture past, present and future.

Our Alumni Business Spotlight this month is **dbaileygroup** owned by **Denice Galier Bailey '84**. Denice invites you to have a cup of coffee with her to discuss strategic marketing and public relations for your business.

If you'd like a personal tour of the new and the improved facilities at Nolan Catholic, please contact me.

Windy and warmer days are in the forecast. Spring Break and Easter are not too far away. I'm looking forward to all of that and imagine that you are, too.

Stay in touch! Continue the relationship!

Pat

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ALUMNI BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: dbaileygroup, llc

Join fellow alumni in registering your business on the [alumni web page](#) of the [Nolan Catholic website](#). Send your name, class year, the name of your business and a link to your site. You can also join the [Nolan Alum Biz page](#) on Facebook. The e-news would like to highlight your business. For information on all of these, contact [Pat Pierret, Alumni Relations Coordinator](#).

dbaileygroup, llc

Denice (Galier) Bailey, Class of 1984

Businesses today need to define their target audience and present a solid brand coupled with a strategic marketing direction - and they need it done in a timely, cost-effective way. That's where I come in.

Whether my clients need support for their existing marketing departments or an entirely "off-site" marketing team; I'm here to bring a wide range of resources and years of expertise to the table. Ours is a customized - not an off-the-shelf - marketing strategy that never fails to exceed expectations.

Currently living in the greater Dallas/Fort Worth area and a member of the class of 1984, I'm the founder and principal of dbaileygroup, llc. As a full-service marketing and public relations firm of over 20 years, I offer clients a wide range of solutions to ensure their needs and objectives are met.

Whether your needs are to identify and secure new clients, deepen your current client relationships, or to stand-out from the competition, I will listen to you and partner with you to define your goals and objectives, then strive to develop solutions that don't just reach these goals, but exceed them.

My experience in marketing research, traditional and digital marketing, public relations and graphic design solutions will be the foundation for your success. Because the true measure of my success lies not in the recognition and awards received, but in the effectiveness of the solutions developed and executed for your specific requirements and your continued satisfaction.

Want to learn more? How about a cup of coffee, via virtually? I'd welcome the opportunity to visit with you in greater detail.

I'll get the coffee brewing.

Denice (Galier) Bailey

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EVENTS

March 6 - Spring Preview for Admissions

March 11 - Engineering and Robotics Open House

March 15-19 - Spring Break

March 24 - 4H, Culinary Arts, and Sailing Club Open House

March 28 - Palm Sunday

April 1-4 - Easter Triduum

April 10 - Athletics Open House

April 17 - Fine Arts Open House

Click [here](#) to see the Nolan Vikings Athletics Sports Schedule.



EN MEMORIAM



May perpetual light shine upon them

Mrs. Joan Mooney, NCHS Counselor – Feb. 8, 2021

Patrick Shaw '65 – Feb. 25, 2021

EXPERIENCE THE POSSIBILITIES

Now enrolling and accepting applications for all grade levels for the 2021-2022 school year

SPRING PREVIEW

March 6 1 - 3 p.m.

Please join us for a student-led, in-person tour of our campus! Tours are by appointment only and are limited to 6 people in each tour. Masks, social-distancing and temperature check/screening will be required upon arrival.

[Click here to register for Spring Preview](#)



SCHEDULE A TOUR

Our hourlong tours are offered in person or via a live virtual tour. An admissions representative will answer all questions and provide a customized experience that is tailored to you and your student's interests.

DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSES

- March 11 Engineering & Robotics
March 24 4H, Culinary, Sailing
April 10 Athletics
April 17 Fine Arts

[Click here](#) for details and to register

VIRTUAL TOUR

[Watch our virtual, student-led tour of the Nolan Catholic High School campus. Get an overview of the Truth, Beauty, and Goodness that permeates every corner of our school.](#)

For more information, or to schedule an on-campus tour, contact Donna O'Malley, Executive Director for Admissions & Enrollment, at domalley@nchstx.org, or at 817-395-0245. Visit <https://www.nolancatholic.org/application-process> for application assistance.

AROUND THE CIRCLE



CSW HONOREE

As a part of the celebration of Catholic Schools Week, the faculty and staff nominated one of their peers to be selected as the Catholic Schools Week Honoree from Nolan Catholic. This year's honoree is committed to the formation of not only our students but also our faculty. Mrs. Lester has the knowledge and skills that makes for an outstanding servant leader. The Nolan Catholic community is truly honored and blessed by the amount of time she dedicates to the details it requires to keep our school moving forward.



NATIONAL SIGNING DAY

This year, Nolan Catholic is proud to announce that we have fourteen more studentathletes who signed to continue to compete in their sport and pursue their academic dreams. Congratulations and Esto Dux!

Football

J'Dan Burnett - Louisiana Tech University

Michael Carter - Midwestern State University

Eric Franco - University of Texas Permian Basin

Tyler Kpossirignon - Midwestern State University

DaTrell Mitchel - Southern Arkansas University

Kendall Newsom - Air Force Academy

Irene Ngabonziza - Villanova University

Jimmy Taylor - Cornell University

Soccer

Madison Ginani - University of Dallas

Ethan Partida - University of Central Lancashire / Macclesfield FC

Track & Field

Abby Geiser - Duke University

Baseball

Griffin Kopp - University of Dallas

Tennis

Ricardo Carvajalino - Dallas Baptist University

Softball

Colleen McAvoy - Colby College

AROUND THE CIRCLE

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

As we celebrate Black History Month, we focus on loving our neighbors and understanding how cultural diversity is a beautiful part of God's plan. Our Black History Week was organized by Culture Vibes, a club that celebrates how our diversity enriches our lives and reminds us that we are united as a universal Catholic Church. We will donate the proceeds from our Jeans Day on 2/25 to the MLK Committee to celebrate the annual Diocesan Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Mass and to the Knights of Peter Claver Unit #89.



Nolan Catholic High School

Virtual Mardi Gras Dinner & Auction



Heart & Soul

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HEART & SOUL DINNER & AUCTION

From the bottom of our HEARTS to everyone who participated in our "Heart & Soul" auction! Shout out to our friends and alumni in Nebraska, Florida, Virginia, and all across the country who made our first VIRTUAL auction a success!

Because of your generosity, we exceeded what we netted last year!

- \$112,000 in support of our Nolan Catholic students
- \$63,200 from Paddles Up for Tuition Assistance

If you are interested in making a donation for tuition assistance - your support is greatly needed and appreciated.

AROUND THE CIRCLE



NCHS Alumni Spirit Gear

Alumni Spirit Gear is here for you to purchase. Go to [this site](#), pick out your favorite and pay online. Your purchase will be mailed to you.



Tuition only covers 80% of the cost to educate a student at Nolan Catholic. Gifts to the Nolan Catholic Fund help to bridge this critical gap in the operating budget and touch nearly every component of school life, thereby benefiting each and every Nolan Catholic student. Our goal is \$150,000 and we have raised \$130,000! Please help us reach our goal!

Join us today by going online to [www.nolancatholic.org/give!](http://www.nolancatholic.org/give)



PRAYER REQUESTS

During these uncertain times, especially, but at any time, Fr. Moon, NCHS Chaplain, will include your prayer requests in daily and weekly NCHS Masses. Submit your prayer requests to [Pat Pierret](#).

MARCH 2021



March 2021 #1



March 2021 #2



March 2021 #3

FEBRUARY 2021



February 2021 #1



February 2021 #2



February 2021 #3

Jason C. N. Smith '86

Erin Mackey Coleman '95

Bae Yoon '19, Angelica Castro '19, Drake Varga '20

March 2021 Class Notes

ACROSS THE YEARS

A few Fort Worth Firefighters who are Nolan Catholic alumni visited campus during Catholic Schools Week and took a tour with President Leah Rios. Pictured below, l. to r.: **Mark Puente '03, Mike Salas '81, Mrs. Rios, David Tompkins '86, Christine Fischer Tompkins '85** and Ric Rios. If you are a firefighter or police officer, please contact us at alumni@nchstx.org (*Photo 1*)

Michael Davidson, Laneri '60 continues to generously support the Nolan Catholic library. He is pictured here on the left, Therese O'Herron, librarian, on his right, with students displaying the books he purchased for the library. This donation was in honor of his parents, Oma and Leonard Davidson. (*Photo 2*)

1980s

Janae Greene Tinsley '80 is pictured here (l. to r.) with her husband, her granddaughter, Michelle, who is a current Viking, her son and her granddaughter, Breanna. (*Photo 3*)

Denise Galier Bailey '84 is the owner of dbailey group, a full-service marketing and public relations firm. Her business, dbaileygroupt, is highlighted on page 2.

Willa Johnson '85 is the organizer behind Feeding Kids Right, Inc., a non-profit organization that supports the needs of children in Athens, Texas. Feeding Kids Right, Inc. feeds children in the rural areas during times when they do not get meals from school. The organization is also hoping to create a safe haven for the children. Read more about [Feeding Kids Right, Inc.](#) and how you can help.

2000s

In Florida, **Matt Walusimbi '03** and his wife, Heidi, welcomed their son, Rémy Charles, on Feb. 3. (*Photo 4*)

While husband **Nick Rew '05** is working as a senior manager for Bain & Company, **Lauren Power '05** is busy working with global organizations for the future of our youth. A simple “congratulations on your work anniversary” on linked-in brought a wealth of information as to what Lauren is accomplishing in Asia where she and Nick live. She's found that the servant-heart that was instilled in her at Nolan Catholic keeps her pushing forward for the youth of the world in representative positions at the table of forums like the G20 Summit. Read more about Lauren's feats [here](#).

Brandon Torres '07 and his wife, Kristin, are the proud parents of Genevieve Ruth who was born on Jan. 22.

Robert Deck '07 and his wife, Alicia, added a daughter, Ryan Avery, to their family on Jan. 28. Big brothers, R. J. and Ryder are excited. (*Photos 5*)

Olivia Joy Smith was born into this world on Jan. 26. She is the daughter of **Kyle Smith '08** and his wife, Christine. (*Photo 6*)

Anne Conover '09 can be the first American to ride a zero-emissions vehicle on a month-long expedition across Greenland in May, as part of a 6-person team of international researchers/explorers. [Click here](#) to see how you can help make that happen!

2010s

The amazing Ms. **Erin Bury '10** is the 2020–2021 Campus Teacher of the Year at [Daggett Montessori School](#). Erin was elected as an outstanding classroom educator by her fellow teachers. (*Photo 7*)

Michael Ingram '10 is in his first year of seminary for the Diocese of Dallas. Prior to entering the seminary last fall, he served as a Youth Minister for three (3) years at St. Jude Catholic Church in Allen, TX.

Maggie Sutton Kuhl '11 and her husband, Jerad, welcomed Lucy Frances on Jan. 25 in Omaha, Neb. (*Photo 8*)

Mark Zimmer '16 graduated from Baylor University with a degree in Biochemistry and is now a first year Medical Student at UTSouthwestern in Dallas. (*Photo 9*)

March 2021 Class Notes



1. Firefighters



2. Michael Davidson, Laneri '60



3. Janae Greene Tinsley '80



4. Matt Walusimbi '03



5. Robert Deck '07



6. Kyle Smith '08



7. Erin Bury '10



8. Maggie Sutton Kuhl '11



9. Mark Zimmer '16