



## Welcome Class of 2008 Our Newest Alum



## The Science Renovation is a Reality and You Can Be a Part of It

The science renovation continues to be a priority. Included in this issue of the Shamrock is information regarding some of the anticipated costs for items that are part of the renovation. Please, prayerfully, consider a donation to this worthy project. Your contribution will help Hackett Catholic Central continue our mission of providing a quality, Catholic education to the students, both current and future.



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## 2008 Distinguished Alumni Award



The Irish Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Award was created to recognize alumni from Kalamazoo's Catholic high schools who have made significant contributions to society. This annual award is an attempt to say "thank you" to those individuals who take the best of what Catholic education has to offer and share it with others.

**Tony LaScala, Class of 1952**, has been selected as "Distinguished Alumni of the Year" for 2008.

Tony attended St. Augustine from first through twelfth grade, graduating in 1952. He was very involved in athletics at St. Augustine. He played football for 4 years, as quarterback and running back. He played basketball all four years, and led the team in scoring. He played tennis all four years and was a state tournament finalist in doubles with Vic Marcon. He participated in track for four years. He played baseball and was one of two players selected from St. A's for the American Legion team that advanced to the Michigan State Finals. (St. A's did not have a baseball team). Tony was Junior class President, basketball king and was in the senior play.

After graduating from St. A's, Tony continued his education at Kalamazoo College, participating in tennis and baseball. He served in the United States Navy for two years. He attended Western Michigan University where he received his bachelor of Arts and Teaching Certificate. Tony received his Masters of Education and Counseling at Michigan State University.

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## Class of 2008

**Students  
received  
\$3.9 million  
in  
scholarships**



**ACT  
Average  
23.8**

**98% are  
attending  
college**

**Top 10%**

Front L to R: **Jordan Boniface, Ahreum Lim, Alita Caldwell, Julie Hamilton**

Back L to R: **Brenna Field, Gretchen Baldwin, Brett Birch, Alex Dombos, Eoin Condon, Mary Campos, Rebecca Sutton**





# Alumni Spotlight

## Jonathan Jilek - Class of 1995



Kalamazoo attorney and Hackett graduate **Jonathan N. Jilek** has recently been awarded the 2008 Regeana Myrick Outstanding Young Lawyer Award. This award is presented annually by the Young Lawyers Society of the Michigan State Bar Association to one lawyer in the State of Michigan. The award recipient is one who displays outstanding service to the public. Attorney Jilek was recognized because of outstanding service to the public and outstanding achievements in the practice of law. Attorney Jilek's service includes coordinating and participating in programs with the Ministry With Community, Habitat for Humanity, and engaging in pro bono work. Attorney Jilek has also demonstrated commitment to the Kalamazoo County Bar Association and the Kalamazoo Young Lawyers Society through events honoring bar affiliates, recruiting members outside of Kalamazoo, setting up a network referral system, and spreading the Young Lawyers Society message of service, camaraderie, and professionalism. For example, Attorney Jilek, along with Attorney Shaun Willis of the Willis & Willis law firm, have for a number of years coordinated a "Lunch With a Judge" program. Through this innovative program, judges are provided an opportunity to share their wisdom, insight, and courtroom experiences, as well as their expectations of the lawyers who present before them.

Through his creativity and experience, Attorney Jilek continues to expand the knowledge base and opportunities for young lawyers in southwest Michigan. Attorney Jilek has separated himself from the crowd as an outstanding and talented attorney who provides excellent service to his clients, the community, and the public. He is a partner in the law firm of Koning & Jilek, P.C. He concentrates his practice in the areas of injury law, civil rights, liquor licensing, and business formation.

Attorney Jilek is happily married to his lovely wife, Carrie, a Portage school teacher. The couple are proud parents of two children, Caroline and Charles. Attorney Jilek looks forward to continuing his thriving practice in Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, and Ohio.

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## 1968 Class Reunion



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# Alumni Jottings

**Mary Jean Pawloski (Havenaar) Lamoreaux, 1959**, is retired from the Postal Service after having been District Manager of Marketing, Post Master of Battle Creek, Big Rapids and Comstock Park. She is currently the Village Clerk in Middleville, and represents Barry County in the marketing of Trails. She survived open heart surgery and is physically active with dancing and hiking. She still plays the piano and organ for multiple churches in the area.

**Paul Donaldson 1986, and Jen (Christie) Donaldson, 1988**, had a new addition to their family. Paxton Jax, joined brother Parker and sister Lexy on August 1, 2007.

**Patrick Franzio, 1986**, announced his marriage to Dana Kryszak on Saturday, April 19th. Patrick is a Clinical Sales Consultant with Phadia Diagnostics with a Grand Rapids territory and Dana is a Senior Business Analyst with Steelcase Inc. in Grand Rapids. They are residing in Byron Center, MI.

**Erin Wright, 1990**, married Gary Wright in 2005 and have a son, Drake. They live in Beaver Falls, PA

**Veronica Barcelona, 1994**, recently moved to New Orleans, LA with her family as her husband will be doing a post-doc in Political Science and Latin American Studies at Tulane. They have two children, Marco and Sophia.

## Wedding Bells

**Bryan Dall, 2004**, and Carrie Haulenbeek on 10/11/08

**Matt Weishaar, 2002**, and Sarah McClintic on 10/25/08

**Sarah Nicole Bakos, 1999**, and Nicholas Owens on 10/25/08

**Jennifer Brand, 1997**, and Mathew Henning on 10/25/08

**Brian Bourgeois, 1996**, and Alicia Yoder on 8/30/08

**Tara Kneeshaw, 1997**, writes: since graduating from HCC in 1997, I have kept very busy and had a lot of fun while greatly expanding my horizons! I graduated from Albion College in 2001, where I was able to expand on my Hackett swim team experience. I competed on the Albion swim team for 4 years while obtaining a B.A. in Geology and Biology. I left Albion and headed west to Santa Cruz, CA where I worked for the U.S. Geological Survey for a couple of years. I decided I hadn't gone to school long enough and headed to Texas A&M University where I will be graduating this summer with a PhD in Geology. My research has focused on understanding how environmental issues impact water quality. I will head out west again this fall where I will continue my research as a Professor of Hydrogeochemistry in the Earth Sciences Department at California State University at Fullerton.

**Jacob Bolton, 2000**, has been running for 12 years and recently set a personal record of 17:59 in the 5K. He is a member of the New York Road Runner Club.

**Caroline Kuhlman, 2002**, graduated from Bryn Mawr College in 2006. She traveled to Uganda and taught English and basic hygiene. Currently, she is a 6th grade English teacher at Graceland Park for Baltimore City Schools. Caroline is also a graduate student at John Hopkins University. In the belief that we all can contribute, Caroline has organized her students, most of whom are disadvantaged, to work at local food banks. Caroline will compete in the Miss Maryland/Miss America pageant in June. She currently holds the "Miss Burtonsville, Maryland" title.

**Nicholas Bolton, 2004**, was awarded the Carl O. Basel Outstanding Senior Award, the Clare and Myrtle Hendee Scholarship and the Forestry Alumni Association Senior Award at an Honors Banquet on March 14, 2008 at Michigan State University College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.



**J.D. Dobratz, 1994**, and his wife, Laura, welcome the newest addition to the family, Thomas James. He was born on June 4, 2008 and evens out the girls and boys in the family to 2 each.

## Recent Hackett Grads on the Grid Iron

**Jezrel White, 2008, #28** is running back for Saginaw Valley State College

**Ben Thayer, 2006, #81** is tight end for Eastern Michigan University

**Mike Fish, 2006, #51** plays line-backer and is a walk on for University of Michigan.

**Joel Nitchman, 2006, # 65** plays center for Michigan State University



# MEMORIALS

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE FOLLOWING RECENTLY DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE IRISH ALUMNI FAMILY

**William (Bill) Hurley**, father of Anne (1980), David (1982), Susan (1983), Linda (1985), Robert (1987) and Marcia (1989).

**Dr. Norbert Reisterer, 1930**, father of John (1958), Michael (1959), Jim (1962), Thomas (1965), Nib (1972), Peter (1974), Rich (1976)

**Michael McKinley, 1968**, brother of Pat (1963), Carolyne (1965), Tom (dec) (1965), and Kathleen (1970)

**Timothy Stersic, 1986**, son of Tom and Brigid, brother of Chris (1984), Andy (1989), Stephanie (1987), and Matt (1994)

**Shirley Byrne, 1944**, wife of Joe Sr., mother of Kathryn (1968), Susan (1969), Shirley (1970), Joe (1972), Michael (dec) (1973), Bill (1974) and John (1977)

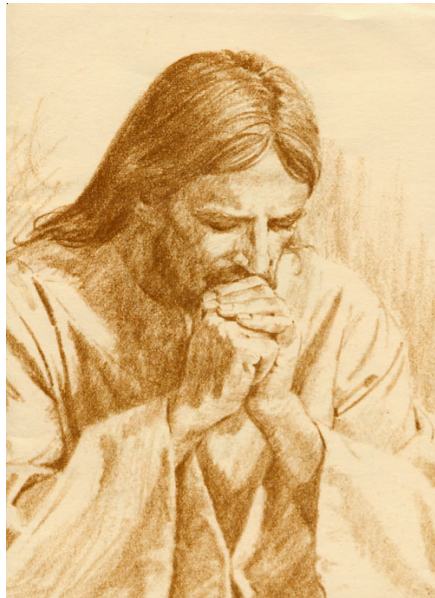


The late Michael McKinley with classmate Beth Gilmore at their 40th class reunion



Chuck Caldwell, Sue Chandler, Jim Warner and Tom Butine at their 40th reunion

# All Souls Day



In accordance with a long cherished tradition in the church, the Hackett Catholic Central Community invites you to remember our faithful departed during the month of November. This "All Souls Remembrance" is a way for each of us to remember and celebrate family and friends who have gone before us to share in the resurrection of Jesus.

Please remember these departed loved ones in daily masses during November.

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**Please accept this donation in memory of my loved ones**

\$10 \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_



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# Irish Class Reunion Information

Don't Miss Your Reunion Classes of '58, '88, '98!

Check the Hackett website for updates on reunion plans. Go to [Hackettcc.org](http://Hackettcc.org), select Alumni and then reunions. This site will list upcoming reunions and helpful information on reunion planning.

We can help you get the word around. Ask us how! Please inform us of your plans so that we can help publicize!

## CLASS OF 1958

Reunion: **September 12 and 13, 2008**

Look for pictures in the next Shamrock.

## CLASS OF 1969

Attention Hackett and O'Brien grads of 1969. Interest is developing for a 40<sup>th</sup> class reunion in 2009. We would love to hear from you and start gathering ideas, dates, places...We need to update our files in order to send information out to everyone. All ideas and suggestions are welcomed to make this a weekend that will be memorable for everyone. Please send your e-mail address to one of the following:

Sandra Steffler Spencer: [s.spencer@juno.com](mailto:s.spencer@juno.com)

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Thanks to all Alumni  
for donating \$120,000  
towards the  
2007-08 Annual Fund

Your support is awesome!

### Save a Tree

Would you like to receive the Shamrock via email? Please forward your e-mail address to [alumni@hackettcc.org](mailto:alumni@hackettcc.org)

## CLASS OF 1988

The date has been set for **Friday November 28, 2008**. Please call **Erin Gallagher 269-488-4584 (W) , 269-381-3650 (H)**, email [egallagher@sebertans.com](mailto:egallagher@sebertans.com) or **Timm Sturgeon 269-321-0042(H)**, email [trsturgeon@sbcglobal.net](mailto:trsturgeon@sbcglobal.net) for more information and to offer help in the organization of the reunion.

## CLASS OF 1998

**Friday, November 28, 2008** will be the date of the '98 class reunion. The site is to be determined. For additional information contact **John David Gardiner at [gardinej@bronxda.nyc.gov](mailto:gardinej@bronxda.nyc.gov)**, **Michael P. McAfee at [mpm19@daimlerchrysler.com](mailto:mpm19@daimlerchrysler.com)**, **Barry M. Sims at [barrymsims@yahoo.com](mailto:barrymsims@yahoo.com)**

### Don't Miss Your Reunion!

Please keep the Alumni Office informed of a change of address. Contact the Irish Alumni Office: (269) 381-2646 or you can e-mail [alumni@hackettcc.org](mailto:alumni@hackettcc.org)

We can help you get the word around. Ask us how!

Classes of 1934, 1939, 1944, 1949, 1954, 1959, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, 2004

Please inform us of your plans so that we can help publicize!

# HACKETT SCIENCE WING RENOVATION

Below is a list of needed equipment, furniture, and cabinetry for the Science wing renovation. We are aiming for the students to be using the new science rooms in the Fall of 2009. We need your help, please consider helping with this important project.

Classroom Items	Total Needed	Cost per item	Number Donating	Total \$ Donation
Student Desk	60	\$ 120.00		
Teacher Desk	3	\$500.00		
Teacher Chair	3	\$200.00		
A/V Solution	3	\$5,000.00		
Projector Screen	3	\$150.00		
Data Cam	3	\$1,200.00		
Tackboard	2	\$250.00		
Student Stool	50	\$100.00		
Instructor Demo Bench	3	\$3,600.00		
Dishwasher	1	\$600.00		
Icemaker	1	\$600.00		
Mobile Demo Table	3	\$1,490.00		
Student Lab Table(Physics)	16	\$1,063.00		
Whiteboard	8	\$1,300.00		
Casework--Biology		\$47,000.00		
Casework--Chemistry		\$55,000.00		
Casework--Physics		\$39,000.00		
Casework -- Science Prep		\$12,000.00		
Casework -- Physics Prep		\$9,000.00		
Vernier Lab Pro System Bio	1	\$16,000.00		
Vernier Lab Pro System Physics	1	\$16,000.00		
Vernier Lab Pro System Chemistry	1	\$16,000.00		

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check payable to Hackett Catholic Central.

I pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Send reminders (circle) monthly quarterly semi-annually

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I have enclosed a matching gift form from my (my spouse's) employer

Parent  Alumni  Parent of Alumni  Grandparent  Current Faculty/Staff  Former Faculty/Staff  Parishioner

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## ALUMNI - LET US HEAR ABOUT YOU!

Please send us any news or information you would like us to include in a future Shamrock alumni magazine. Sending us your new address will keep you informed of upcoming alumni activities, class reunions as well as news of your former classmates. . You can also send information to us via [alumni@hackettcc.org](mailto:alumni@hackettcc.org)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ including maiden name

Grad Year \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address\* \_\_\_\_\_

\*if you would like to be included in the alumni directory on the web site

News to share:

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