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The only all-girls' school in Northeast Ohio to offer the
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Message from the President



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***The Heart of Beaumont** capital campaign focused on renovating our student experience spaces. The projects include a regulation-sized turf field, a new kitchen and dining hall and a new student learning commons in the library space. We know how important these spaces are for our current and prospective students."*

Dear Alumnae and Friends,

Spring has arrived with God's creation on full display at this beautiful place we call Beaumont. Trees are blooming, the fountains have been turned back on in Lake Garda, and the end-of-the-year buzz of another school year is evident throughout the campus.

The four seasons of the school year each have their distinct mood, but spring is particularly joyful as we anticipate college acceptances, prom, Baccalaureate Mass, graduation, and summer vacation. The Class of 2022 is another distinguished group of scholars. They are headed to the University of Notre Dame, Boston College, Northeastern University, St. Louis University, Coastal Carolina University, The Ohio State University, Clemson University, and many others throughout the country. I've met with them to talk about what it means to join the network of 7,000 Beaumont alumnae around the world! I know Beaumont women everywhere join me in congratulating the Class of 2022 and welcoming them as they transition from Beaumont student to alumna!

On page 22 of this issue, you'll read the obituary and celebration of life of Ann DeCain Blackham '45, who passed away last July. Ann is one of those alums I had planned to visit but had been postponed due to COVID. When you read this remembrance, so beautifully penned by her son, Bill, you'll see why I had hoped to spend some time with her. Like so many Beaumont women before and after her, she led a trailblazing life.

With the support of more than 600 donors, we raised an astounding \$126,000 on our Beaumont Day of Giving in support of our annual fund and the Merici Scholarship Challenge! Thank you!

The joy continues looking ahead to the summer. As you will read, beginning on page 10, the big news is that we've been quietly working on an \$8.2 million **The Heart of Beaumont** capital campaign focused on renovating our student experience spaces. The projects include a regulation-sized turf field, a new kitchen and dining hall and a new student learning commons in the library space. We know how important these spaces are for our current and prospective students. The spaces, programs, and mission are all connected to our success.

We're still fundraising, of course, and I look forward to meeting with more of you throughout the summer to talk about the campaign as we close in on our goal. Thanks to the extraordinary support of our donors, the new St. Angela Merici Field will be available for the fall soccer season and the renovated kitchen and dining hall should be completed in October. The student learning commons project will be completed over the summer of 2023.

If you would like to discuss a gift to **The Heart of Beaumont Campaign**, please give me a call or email me at whoke@beaumontschool.org.

Yours in St. Angela,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Wendy A. Hoke". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "W" and a stylized "H".

Wendy A. Hoke
President

NEWS AND NOTES FROM NORTH PARK



▼ NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLAR FINALIST



Beaumont School proudly recognizes senior **Yaryna Kurdoba '22** named a 2022 National Merit Scholar Finalist. Approximately 7,500 National Merit Scholarship winners are selected from the group of more than 15,000 finalists. Merit Scholar designees are selected on the basis

of their skills, accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies. Every finalist competes for one of National Merit \$2,500 Scholarships that will be awarded on a state representational basis. Yaryna was accepted at Boston College and plans to major in Finance.

▼ WORLD FORWARD FELLOWSHIP PRESENTED BY LEARN WITH LEADERS



Grace Salata '22 is part of the World Forward Fellowship presented by Learn with Leaders, a 6-month virtual fellowship that also collaborates with Harvard College Project for Asian & International Relations, MIT Solved, and the Leadership

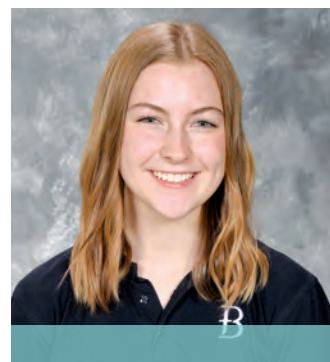
Institute at Harvard College. The fellowship prompts critical thinking, creative problem solving, and collaboration among fellows from around the world to work towards sustainable solutions for real-world issues. Grace was accepted at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana and plans to major in Pre-Health.

▼ A.I. SCHOLARS 2021



Mariyah Washington '23 recently participated in A.I. SCHOLARS 2021, (Artificial Intelligence) an intensive 10 session program for high school students in artificial intelligence that combines

technology education with social good. This program is developed and taught by Stanford and MIT alumni and graduate students.



▲ LOOKUP TO CLEVELAND PROGRAM

Brooklyn Roulette '23 and **Josie Smyser '23** have been selected to participate in this year's LookUp to Cleveland program! A seven-month program for high school students, LookUp focuses on developing valuable leadership skills and forming lasting connections with other local students from diverse backgrounds.

▼ SR. DOROTHY KAZEL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE



On December 2, we honored and celebrated the life of Ursuline Sr. Dorothy Kazel who was martyred in El Salvador 41 years ago. Her life of faith and service is an inspiration to us as we remember that she once walked the halls of Beaumont. Her nephew Jamie Kazel

joined us to share several inspiring stories of Sr. Dorothy. Read more: beaumontschool.org/Dorothy

▼ COMMUNITY OUTREACH



As part of Beaumont's mission for global awareness and advocacy, our community came together in collaboration with longtime partners Heights Refugee Response and the Cleveland Catholic Charities' Office of

Migration & Refugee Services to assemble over 50 "Just Add Water" meal kits for Afghan Refugees in the Cleveland area. These kits consisted of a pot, utensils, and all the ingredients needed to make an ethnic meal for our newest neighbors. Cleveland welcomed nearly 400 Afghan refugees in 2021, and our students were grateful to serve these new families and welcome them to our city.



▲ PRE-ENGINEERING PROGRAM AND BE@UTECH CLUB

Students in our **Pre-Engineering Program** and **Be@utech Club** worked with Motogo to deconstruct two motorcycles this past semester. This included removing the engine, then working together to reconstruct the motorcycles. They shared the success of their program with a "Kickstart Day", where they all started the motorcycles they rebuilt.

▼ JUNIOR UNITY CEREMONY



Our Class of 2023 gathered for their Junior Unity Ceremony in November, a beloved tradition sharing friendship and unity of the Beaumont Sisterhood.

SCHOLASTIC ART AWARDS

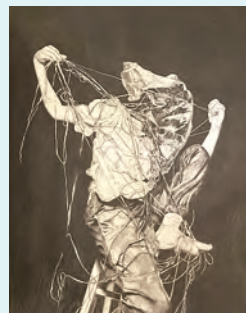


GOLD KEY WINNER

Lucy Sanders '23

Family Portrait
(Sculpture)

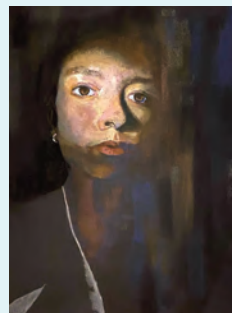
*Winner of The Janey Award



GOLD KEY WINNER

Emma Schoeffler '23

Arachne's Victory
(Graphite)



GOLD KEY WINNER

Emma Schoeffler '23

Self-Portrait
(Chalk Pastel)

SILVER KEY

Reese Brady '22 *The Sedimentary Prism Tryptic* (Painting)

Reese Brady '22
Statue (Ceramic & Glass)

Marissa Hanicak '23
rorriM (Chalk Pastel)

Samantha Minder '23
Strung (Graphite)

HONORABLE MENTION

Isabella Cerimele '22 *Mirror, Mirror on the Wall* (Sculpture)

Emily Coviello '25
Scribbly Days (Ink Drawing)

Monica Harmat '23
Irony (Painting)

Emma Schoeffler '23 *Cleveland Botanical Garden* (Painting)

#GOBLUESTREAKS

#GOBLUESTREAKS Highlights from some of our Beaumont Blue Streaks. Follow our sports teams on social media on **Twitter** @BlueStreaksAD, **Facebook** and **Instagram** @beaumontbluestreaks, and online at **beaumontathletics.org**.



(Top photo) Congratulations to the Blue Streaks swim team on winning the team title at Arnold Relays at Cleveland Heights High School. Beaumont broke the meet record in the 400 IM relay.

Beaumont's 200 free relay team went to States! (Bottom photo left to right): **Cecilija Dautovic '25**, **Mateja Rudmann '22**, **Ellie Hanna '22**, and **Majdi Rudmann '24**.



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BLUE STREAKS SIGNINGS

- 1) Patricia O'Neill '22**
St. Louis University, Track & Field
- 2) Alycen Radolovic '22**
Gettysburg College, Volleyball
- 3) Madyson Treharne '22**
Westminster College, Track & Field



(Top photo) The Beaumont basketball team is a young team that started two sophomores and three juniors after losing seven players from the 2020-21 season to graduation. As **Coach Derrick Russell** continues to build the program, highlights for the Blue Streaks include a Crown Conference win against Padua as well as defeating cross town rival Cleveland Heights High School. Congratulations to our recently named **Crown Conference Award recipients: First Team: Sophia Boes '23, Second Team: Avery Carr '24, Maeve Sommerfeld '23, and Honorable Mention: Makenzie Callender '24.** (Right photo) **Sophia Boes '23** was named *News Herald* Player of the Week in the final week of the season.



Congratulations to our volleyball team on capturing the District Title in one of the toughest leagues in the state!

INDOOR TRACK

Beaumont indoor track and field finished strong by placing 4th as a team at the OATCCC Division II/III Championships. The 4x400 relay team finished first with a season's best time of 4:04.09. Congratulations to **Deasia Washington '23, Candace Johnson '23, Mariya Washington '23 and Patricia O'Neill '22!** **Maddy Treharne '22** placed 4th in the pole vault with a new personal best and new school record of 12 feet.

Crown Conference Fall Sports Award Recipients

CROSS COUNTRY

First Team

Cecilia Dautovic '25
Ava Hartman '24

Second Team

Lucy Sanders '23
Alexa McDade '23

GOLF

First Team

Lauren Bangasser '22
Sophia Vitantonio '23

Second Team

Claire Brazalovics '24

SOCCER

First Team

Nicolette Rand '24

Second Team

Sophia Boes '23
Mary Kate Klug '25
Ellie Olack '23

Honorable Mention

Lexi Patton '23

VOLLEYBALL

First Team

Molly Bradley '22
India Williams '22

Second Team

Alycen Radolovic '22
Grace Salata '22

Honorable Mention

Gabby Thomey '22

In Loving MEMORY

It was with great sorrow that the Beaumont community learned of the passing of **Dr. Lisa Litteral** on December 9, 2021. Dr. Litteral, a Beaumont treasure, served our community for 26 years. She was an incredibly accomplished educator, musician, vocalist, and director. She loved all things Beaumont, from the atmosphere of the campus, to the friendships she forged, to the students she taught for many years.

As we grieved her loss, **Sister Cheryl Mentkowski, OSU** shared these comforting words, "With great sorrow, we remember the life of our friend and teacher, Dr. Lisa Litteral. Whenever someone good, kind, and gifted dies before their time, we ask why. Why would God take such a good woman, who gave so much, taught so well, and loved her family, her friends and her students, be taken? Maybe

that is the answer. Dr. Litteral was a positive force for good in the world. She was a teacher of music, of grace and of harmony. These are precisely the blessings which the world needs today. How better for the Lord to show us what is needed than to draw our attention to all the good which can still be accomplished in her name. The message of this heart-breaking loss is that we need to follow her example; to endure hardships, overcome setbacks, to pursue excellence and beauty and to set high standards for ourselves. The lesson which this amazing teacher leaves with us is to do as she did."

In her honor, **Kate Bernardo** and the Beaumont Drama Club, presented a musical review paying tribute to Dr. Litteral, titled "Litteral-ly: A Life in Music". It featured selected songs from the 17 musical productions



for which she served as music director and included students currently in Voices of Harmony, Choristers, Jazz Ensemble, and her ukulele classes.

Dr. Lisa Litteral will be missed by all!

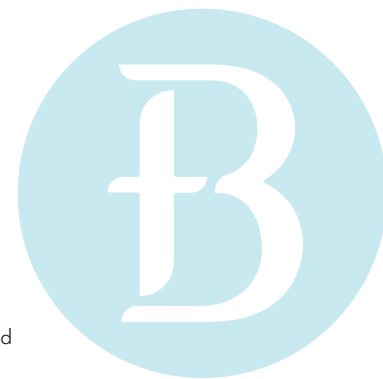


Dedication by Lillian Irizarry '22, student of Dr. Litteral

Under Dr. Litteral's steady, guiding hand, my fellow musicians and I performed to the best of our abilities. With every piece, I always noticed something: she never once bowed. After lowering her arms and releasing the audience from the awe-filled stupor they were in—she had a way of commanding such attention—Dr. L would always turn and proudly motion back to us as if to say, "Aren't they great?!" She truly poured her whole heart into every single moment she spent with us. I will forever be grateful that I had the pleasure of knowing and loving Dr. Litteral.

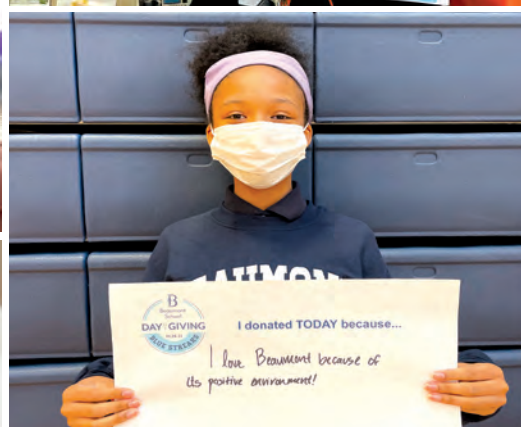
There was something so genuine and pure about her love for music. You could hear the excitement in her voice as she rambled on about solfege or chord progressions—she never tired of it. Despite being absolutely swamped with work, concerts, and lessons, she would always walk around with a smile on her face. Whenever I asked her why she took on so much, Dr. Litteral would just chuckle and say "Well, it's worth it. Isn't it?"

BEAUMONT DAY



The Beaumont community was truly inspired by the gifts and talents of St. Angela Merici as we came together to celebrate her Feast Day and continue the tradition of Beaumont Day. Our students began the day with a delicious coffee and cocoa bar and went on to create art, enjoy a magic show, square off in Family Feud all while enjoying fun carnival treats. FAME organized a spectacular talent show that showcased the amazing gifts of our students to end this special day.

With over 600 donors, this year's Beaumont Day of Giving set a new record by raising more than \$126,000 which supports both Beaumont's Annual Fund and the Merici Scholarship Challenge. Of this total, \$40,000 was raised through matches from **The Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland, Ray and Eleanor Smiley Family**, and in honor of **Anne Duffy Bendann '65**. With contributions from faculty, staff, board of directors, students, alumnae and friends of Beaumont, the community came together to support our mission to educate women for life, leadership, and service. Thank you!





Steve Klug and President Wendy Hoke



Parent Dan Moulthrop, Event MC



Justice Melody Stewart '80, Brien Shanahan, Roger Stewart, President Wendy Hoke



Lauren Merdes '23 & Grandparents Nick and Ruth Pellecchia

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\$8.2 Million Upgrade of Student Experience Spaces



Dr. Jonathan Emery and Mary Curran '81, Pierre and Lena El-Hindi



Tim McDonald and Suzanne Hanselman, Roger Stewart, Eliot Kijewski



“When you invest in Beaumont, you get a young lady that you are proud of forever.”

—Sister Ritamary Welsh, OSU '63

Last June, **The Board of Directors of Beaumont School** and **President Wendy Hoke** welcomed a group of generous donors and stakeholders to campus to announce **The Heart of Beaumont Campaign**, its most ambitious building project since the school opened in Cleveland Heights. The initial phase of the \$8.2 million campaign will redesign the student experience spaces, including a new turf athletic field, a state-of-the-art kitchen and dining hall and student learning commons.

The event gave guests the opportunity to engage with one another and hear from President Hoke about the exciting plans for Beaumont's future, bringing into harmony our physical space, including our gorgeous grounds, along with our excellent academic and faith-based programming that places our students at the center, “Our magnificent campus tells a story about our culture and values. Educational facilities must be places and not just spaces, they should foster and reinforce our culture of community. **The Heart of Beaumont Campaign** will help to build a robust and modern student experience.”

Lead by a talented team from Bialosky Cleveland Architects, our project began with input from many stakeholders over the course of nine months in 2020: alumnae, parents both past and present, students, faculty, and staff.

Dorothy Russo Moulthrop '91, Board Vice Chair and parent, shared the need for our buildings to be conducive to 21st century learning and skills, “We need spaces where



the environment lends itself to that type of learning. Spaces where our students can think together, plan together and dream together.”

Board Member, **Roger Stewart**, reflected on our campus, “As beautiful as our campus is, our facilities are starting to get dated and need an upgrade. Our girls are owed that. We must provide them with the absolute best.”

Steve Klug, a longtime benefactor of Beaumont, encouraged those gathered at the event to support the campaign. “There has never really been a better time to support Beaumont. We know what's needed to keep the school competitive and it's just a matter of all of us getting together to support it.”

“We are about to embark on something huge and this is the time to get involved. This is the moment. Don't hold back. We should support our girls right now.” echoed Dorothy Moulthrop '91.



Sister Ritamary Welsh, OSU '63, President of the Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland and past President of Beaumont summarized it best, “When you invest in Beaumont, you get a young lady that you are proud of forever. This is the place to send them if you want them to become a leader in society and that investment is so important.”

Beaumont School Receives \$2 Million, Single Largest Gift in School History

Beaumont School President Wendy Hoke announced that the school received a \$2 million gift from **Steve and Debbie Klug**, past parents, grandparents and long-time benefactors of the all-girls Ursuline high school.

This is the single largest gift in Beaumont history and serves as the lead gift of **The Heart of Beaumont Campaign** for which the Klugs serve as co-chairs. The initial phase of this \$8.2 million campaign will redesign the student experience spaces, including a state-of-the-art kitchen, dining, student learning commons, and athletics facilities. The capital improvements are designed by Bialosky Cleveland Architects. Construction begins in Spring 2022.

"It was about 30 years ago that I joined the Beaumont board and met this wonderful person named **Sister Margaret Ann (Kelley, OSU, Beaumont Class of 1949)**," said Steve Klug. "I was so awed by her energy and determination that I said if I was ever able to support Beaumont that I would. Debbie and I have quietly done that over the last 20 years and this year we decided to make our support public in the hope it would encourage others to join us."

"This transformational gift from Steve and Debbie Klug is a testament to the value of our Ursuline mission of educating young women for life, leadership and service," President Wendy Hoke said. "Student daily life has changed and so must schools. Learning and space must be linked to support culture, communication, collaboration, creativity, connectivity, and critical thinking. With Steve and Debbie's leadership support, the new spaces will open endless opportunities for our talented students right in the heart of our campus."

"We're delighted with the Klugs' leadership in advancing our students' academic and total school experience. Because of their commitment and investment in the legacy and mission of Beaumont, future generations of young women will continue to receive a well-rounded education and be prepared to change the world," said **Board Chair Suzanne Hanselman**, partner at Baker Hostetler.

Steve Klug served on the board in the early 1990s. His daughter is a Beaumont alumna, **Kristin Klug Krebs '93**, and he currently has two granddaughters attending Beaumont, with four more to come.





KITCHEN AND DINING HALL

Walk in on any given day and you'll find Beaumont's kitchen and dining hall teeming with activity. This important space is buzzing with student life from breakfast and lunch, studying and collaboration, and as a stopover after classes and before sports at the end of the day. Faculty and staff also gravitate here for lunch and coffee. It is an important space for our community.

For this reason, as part of our campus upgrades beginning this spring, we will be replacing our vintage 1965-style dining space with a state-of-the-art kitchen and modern dining hall with more and updated seating options, including an outdoor dining area and air conditioning.

"When you come back to your high school, you want somethings to be the same. But there are somethings about your high school that you think maybe should have changed. The dining hall is one of these places. It's time," shares **Dorothy Russo Moulthrop '91** as she looks forward to these upgrades.



One thing that will remain the same is Chef Bo's amazing and varied menus and the beloved Beaumont cookie!



CHEF BO MUELLER



Chef Bo, tell us what you are most looking forward to with the kitchen redesign?

There is so much to look forward to and I am so excited about the future of our food program. The kitchen is designed to enhance our sense of community and gathering. One of my favorite new features is the addition of a Chef's Table – a bumped-out section with seating that will allow students to interact with the kitchen team, watch us cook, and enjoy our freshly made food prepared right in front of them. This section will live up to the saying “the eyes eat first.”

This sense of community will continue into the design of the dining room that features a variety of new tables with comfortable seating and the addition of an outdoor dining area.

We are also adding a café with a coffee bar, comfortable seating and warm lighting. I am really looking forward to the “feel” of the new kitchen. Our design will be sleek and will optimize current trends and ultimately it will allow us to offer a wider variety of options on a daily basis – soups, hot entrées, a pizza kitchen, salad bar, pre-order options with food available after school, and built-in coolers for our grab and go items.

What role does technology play in the new kitchen?

We are looking forward to using new technology to help make the dining experience easier, faster and more efficient. Our upgraded POS (Point of Sales) system will allow our students to get their orders faster and made to their specifications. Students will be able to pre-order their salads or sandwiches right from their tables and then receive a text message when it is ready for pickup. They can use their smart devices to see the menu and then “tap and pay” with their phones as they come through the line. With this new speed and efficiency, we will get our students through the line and enjoying their lunch time with their friends faster than ever.

Can you share a little more about sustainability for the new space?

Sustainability is an important goal for us. The entire remodel will focus on efficiency – with our lighting, appliances, and our waste disposal area which will offer the option recycling, composting, and landfill.

Recently the Beaumont kitchen teamed with local composting company, Rust Belt Riders, and has already begun composting in the kitchen and diverting food scraps from the landfills. In time we will be able to chart tangible results from our composting. This

will include the number of materials kept from landfills and the amount of metric tons of CO2 we keep out of the atmosphere.

Our composting is turned into nutrient dense soil which is then donated to inner city gardens to help grow sustainable food for people who may be struggling to buy fresh fruits and vegetables.

What's the first meal you plan to prepare in your new kitchen?

It's funny as a couple people have asked me what we will serve when the kitchen firsts opens. Truth is, I don't know! I am just so excited about the potential that this kitchen brings that I can't wait to dive in and come up with new menus.

Executive Sous Chef Samantha Schwab

and I are already working on new recipes that we can incorporate daily. We are very excited about our new pizza section of the kitchen. We are currently working on our “secret sauce” and coming up with a house pizza that will be served daily. We are also working on rotating our grab and go options. From takeout charcuterie boards and healthy snack boxes, to yogurt parfaits with fresh fruit and our ever popular hummus with grilled pita. Our students will have all of their favorites and then some.





BEAUMONT SPIRIT STORE



Beaumont's tremendous school spirit will soon have a new home on campus. You'll find the new **Barone Spirit Store** located near the gymnasium and dining hall. This new location will be convenient to guests during athletic events and to our community during the school day.

In recent years, the store has outgrown its current space as we have worked to keep up with the increased demands of our community. Our Beaumont spirit is visible on any given day when you'll see faculty and staff wearing Beaumont gear in the halls and on Spirit Wear Fridays when our students show off their school spirit.

The enlarged footprint of our new store will allow us to accommodate more customers and to display a variety of items. For the first time, storage space will be adjacent to the store creating better efficiency and allowing more inventory to be housed in close proximity to the store.

We are excited for this expansion and the opportunity to better serve our Beaumont community.





NEW TURF FIELD WILL BE ST. ANGELA MERICI FIELD

With more than half of Beaumont's student body involved in athletics, our facilities are important for us to be competitive in recruiting and supporting our students. This spring we will install a new regulation-size turf field to replace the non-regulation size grass field we currently have. The new field will provide a much-needed space for practice, games, summer camps, and clinics.

President Wendy Hoke sees athletics as an important part to a balanced student life, "Athletics are important for so many reasons, not just the life lessons it teaches but the focus it places on our girls' physical well-being."

Rita Murphy Carfagna '71, and her husband **Peter**, have been long time supporters of Blue Streak sports and of the Merici Scholarship Challenge which they helped initiate in 2019. Their leadership gift made the renovation project of Conway Field

possible. The new field name will be St. Angela Merici Field, inspired by St. Angela's Fourth Counsel, "You need not be anxious, if you do your best."

"Athletics is such a strong part of the Beaumont experience. It can only be made stronger and better by improving the athletic facilities," Peter shared. "I think that it's really important to put our best foot forward in athletics. Not simply to win and be competitive, but because Beaumont student athletes deserve the best facilities to help them achieve at their highest levels."

Beaumont Athletic Director **Tim Ertle** and our athletic committee held an extensive search for the best type of turf field to meet the needs of our female athletes. "We toured schools all over Northeast Ohio and we were able to physically walk on the different surfaces to



see what we liked. From our research, we chose what best suits the needs of our female athletes. Merici Field will be a state-of-the-art field for years to come," said Ertle.

Construction will begin in Spring 2022.



COURTNEY YOUNG '06, ASSISTANT ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AND TRACK & FIELD COACH

Beaumont has been fortunate to have you as an Assistant Athletic Director, Cross Country coach, Track & Field coach and as an outstanding athlete. What drew you back to Beaumont and what have you enjoyed most about being on the coaching side of athletics?

What drew me back is that I love Beaumont! I truly enjoyed my time here as a student and athlete. Beaumont is a special place and I wanted to give back in some way and was fortunate enough to have the opportunity initially through coaching and now as a full-time member of the athletic department.



TIM ERTLE, BEAUMONT ATHLETIC DIRECTOR



What do you enjoy most about being a part of Blue Streak Athletics?

I have been at Beaumont for five years now, so I have been able to see a few classes from start to finish. I have witnessed how their high school sports experiences impacted them, whether it was by challenging them to step outside of a comfort zone, trying something new, persevering through an injury, or working through tough times with coaches and teammates.

What I have enjoyed most about coaching is celebrating with our athletes when they reach a goal that they have worked hard for, whether it is related to the sport or the classroom. Seeing the excitement after running a personal best time, getting a good grade on a test that they were worried about, winning a scholastic art award, being inducted into an honors society; being able to share those moments and see their growth as young women is what I love most.

What was a favorite memory for you as a student athlete?

My favorite memory as a student-athlete is the time spent with my teammates. Bus

The reality is that only one team gets to end their season with a state championship, so athletic careers usually end on a tough note. I surely enjoy seeing the wins and deep tournament runs, but what I really enjoy the most is seeing what the girls become.

I meet a lot of students on Day One as freshmen and maybe they're a little unsure of themselves, and as you get to know them over the years they walk away as confident young women who will go on to do great things in the world.

What advantages do our student athletes have at an all-girls school?

I think we're fortunate that we get to do everything with the best interests of the girls in mind. I think at a lot of schools, there is probably a misconception that the weight room belongs to the boys or the football team.

We don't have to deal with any of that here: the fitness center and our strength and conditioning are geared towards making our young women the best student-athletes they can be. Our soccer team doesn't have

rides, making up silly songs and nicknames (that we still use today!), trying to distract each other during races, crazy outfit days, being there to pick up a teammate if they had a bad performance, and celebrating with each other after a good meet. Those are my favorite memories as a Blue Streak.

How would you describe our student athletes today?

I would describe Beaumont's student-athletes today as versatile. Often athletes are placed in a box and their identities are defined by their role as athletes. Beaumont student-athletes do not check just one box and do not limit themselves in what they choose to pursue. There are many varied interests

to share field time with a boys team, nor does our basketball team split the gym with anyone in the winter. All our resources go towards the girls.

Describe the school spirit at Beaumont.

It's really cool how the student-athletes at Beaumont support one another. We often hear about the Beaumont sisterhood, and it really is exemplified by our school spirit.

In the fall, we had coaches letting their teams out of practice early so their kids could go support Senior Night festivities for another sport. They thought it was important to be there for their classmates.

Even during the pandemic when we had ticket restrictions, we had kids begging to get their hands on a ticket because it was important for them to be there for one another. I have had a few officials mention that they got a kick of our mighty student section. The girls are clever and respectful. They love to bring the energy and support their classmates.

among our student-athletes and they pursue those interests in addition to their commitment to athletics.

What characteristics of a Blue Streak athlete highlight who we are as a community?

The characteristics of a Blue Streak that highlight who we are as a community would be fearlessness, confidence, courage, faithfulness, compassion, and leadership. Blue Streaks are always looking for a way to make the world around them a better place, to be fair and just to all, and to be the catalyst for change. This is a testament to the Ursuline tradition which continues to shape Beaumont's community.

ENRICHMENT UPDATE



Enrichment Activities Entice 5th – 8th Graders to Beaumont Campus

We had a great turnout at the annual Friendsgiving where **Chef Bo** and students put their culinary skills to the test preparing cinnamon pancakes with spiced apples, duchess potatoes and gingerbread cookie truffles in white chocolate, just to name a few.

Santa's elves were at work at our Jingle and Mingle decorating cookies for Christmas with the help of **Bridget Thibeault '91**, owner of Luna Bakery and her Design Master, Grace. Students learned cookie design tips, enjoyed cocoa, and got into the holiday spirit.

With the help of our Blue Streaks athletes and **Dr. Carol Ferkovic Mack '00**, Blue Streaks Performance Coach, students improved their strength and conditioning skills. Dr. Mack highlighted the importance of good health and nutrition at the clinics, while keeping it fun in the training room!

Check out our Enrichment opportunities including Summer Camp registration at beaumontschool.org/enrichment.

Do you want to learn more about Beaumont Enrichment?

Fill out a prospective student profile at beaumontschool.org/admissions/prospective-students



Welcome, Class of 2026

Beaumont welcomed prospective students back on campus for in-person events including, Open House, Beaumont Showcase, and Shadow Days during our recruitment season this fall. The "Blue Crew" hand delivered acceptance packages to the Class of 2026 – we are excited to embrace them into the Beaumont sisterhood.



WELLNESS AT BEAUMONT



Student wellness continues to be a top priority for the Beaumont Administration. As a teenage mental health crisis grows across the country, we are aware of the important role we play each day in our students' lives. With intention this year, we adjusted our students' schedules to set a later start time, accommodate for additional down time with wellness days and daily breathers, and time with our supportive student groups and events to emphasis friendships and connections. Our work for our students' well-being is ongoing. Look for more about what we are doing to address this important topic in future issues. Here are a few highlights from this year:



BEAUMONT BRIDGES

Beaumont Bridges (formally known as Link Crew) is a leadership and mentoring program made up of juniors and seniors to help with the transition to high school for freshman as well as transfer students to Beaumont. Built on the belief that students can help other students succeed, Bridges leaders meet for monthly check-ins with students to ensure they are making connections within the Beaumont community. Beginning with new student orientation in the fall, our Beaumont Bridges leaders continue with events throughout the year including, Dinner and a Show to support the drama club, athletic events to cheer on the Blue Streaks, Cocoa and Cram study sessions before exams (seen above), and many touch points throughout the year just to make sure they are adjusting to life as a high school student at Beaumont.



SOPHOMORE CLASS PARTY

Our sophomores got into the Christmas Spirit with a class party, and had a blast decorating cookies, singing along to their favorite Christmas songs, and watching holiday movies.



OUR FRIEND BILLIE

Meet Billie, an emotional stability service dog, who comes in during exams to provide our students stress relief.



FALL MIXER

Beaumont hosted a Fall Mixer for freshmen and sophomores with St. Ignatius and Benedictine. It was a perfect night for bonfires and s'mores and meeting new friends in the courtyard!



LATE START MONDAYS

Every first Monday of the month our classes start an hour later, giving our students a chance to sleep in or grab a coffee with a friend.

NEWS AND NOTES

ALUMNAE



Annie Walton Keller '03 successfully ran for Judge in the Shaker Heights Municipal Court. "I made the decision to run for judge because it is important to me that people who experience our justice system perceive that experience as one that is filled with integrity and impartiality," said Annie. "I'm so proud of being a Beaumont alumna and I was touched by how many of my Beaumont sisters stepped up to help me and to spread the word about my candidacy".

Annie and fellow classmates pictured from left to right: **Claire Walton '06**, **Sarah Repasy '06**, **Ronni Garofoli '06**, **Jenny Grassi LaPerch '03**, **Annie Walton Keller '03**, **Annie DePaul Zaratsian '03**, **Kelly Jamieson O'Conner '03**, **Melissa Murphy Albin '03**, **Kristen Holler Bacon '03**, **Shannon Hawkins Holz '03**



Beaumont Beau-tique

Over 250 alumnae and friends of the Beaumont community joined us on December 2, 2021, for our annual Beaumont Beau-tique. Guests "sipped and shopped" with over 45 vendors including Beaumont alumnae, **Suzanne DeGaetano '75** – Mac's Backs-Books on Coventry, **Morgan Jochum '17** – Positively Stitched, **Laurie Klopfer '88** – Blush Boutique, **Hannah Manocchio '09** – Snakes and Acey's, and current Beaumont students, **Madeleine Carter '22** – Upcycle MGC, **Marykate Kessinger '24** – Marycakes Delights, **Nicole Kresock '22** – Designs by Nicole, and **Bethany Pugh '24** – Elogical.

A special thank you to our Mothers' and Fathers' Clubs as well as faculty members who volunteered to make the event so successful! Additional thanks to alumnae, **Joan Pistone '71** of J. Pistone One World Market and Café for providing the food for the evening, and **Abbey Hammer Lane '98** of The Traveling Wine Merchant for supplying the wine.

Legacy Mass

We welcomed many alumnae to our first Legacy Mass celebrated during the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8. It was wonderful to honor the family tradition of so many of our current students who have followed in the footsteps of their mothers and grandmothers. We look forward to hosting another Legacy mass this spring!



Meghan Sommerfeld '22, Patricia Gilmore Kearney '63, Maeve Sommerfeld '23



Arianna Skowronski '23, Melissa Luna Skowronski '93



Fabulous '50s and Sensational '60s

Our alumnae came back to campus for an afternoon of rekindling friendships and reminiscing about special Beaumont memories. Chef Bo prepared a delicious meal for everyone to enjoy!



Congratulations to **Eileen Drage O'Reilly '86** who was recently elected Vice President of the National Press Club, the world's leading professional organization for journalists and a place where news happens and press freedom is defended. She was recently promoted to Managing Editor of Standards and Training at Axios, a digital media company that offers fact-based news and analysis.



Beaumont Alumna **Faith Metlock '17**, a nurse-scientist in training at The Ohio State University College of Nursing founded Black Health Explained, a health promotion platform striving to increase access to health information for the Black community through engaging social media posts and blogs.



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BEAUMONT CALENDAR

For event details, go to
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- › **MAY 23**
Beaumont
Baccalaureate Mass
- › **MAY 25**
Beaumont Class of 2022
Commencement
- › **JUNE 20-29**
Summer Enrichment
Program
- › **SEPTEMBER 22**
Beaumont Hall of Fame
Award Ceremony
- › **SEPTEMBER 23-24**
Beaumont Reunion

SAVE THE DATE

Alumnae Happy Hours

Look for more details at
beaumontschool.org/events.

- › **Wednesday, June 22**
Columbus, OH
- › **Wednesday, July 13**
Chicago, IL

Trailblazing Alumna:

ANN DECAIN BLACKHAM '45 (1927-2021)



The Honorable **Ann R. DeCain Blackham '45** was a proud and outstanding graduate of Beaumont School and earned her BA in 1949 from the College of St. Mary of the Springs, now Ohio Dominican University, in Columbus, OH. She passed away peacefully on July 25, 2021.

Ann embarked on what would become an amazing journey that resulted in numerous outstanding contributions to so many, but, in particular, women.

Her career covered her passions of real estate, business and politics.

After the birth of her two children, she began a real estate career in 1961 that would span 50 years. By 1966 she was the top selling realtor and sales manager of a Winchester based company before she founded her own highly successful real estate agency named Ann Blackburn & Company in 1968. In 1985 she was named New England Business Owner of the Year.

Every Beaumont student and alumna stands on the shoulders of those Beaumont women who came before them. Occasionally, we pause to remember a trailblazing alumnae who lived our mission and changed the world. Special thanks to Ann's son Bill Blackham for letting us share this life story.

During this same time, she elevated her political career by running against incumbent Massachusetts Senator Philibert Pelligrini and establishing herself and becoming highly visible in the Republican Party.

Between 1966 and 1975 she was extremely active in the National Federation of Republican Women serving as Secretary and then Vice President. In 1969, she began an over four decades long role of serving and advising Governors of Massachusetts and Presidents of the United States, becoming a member of the Board of Economic Advisors to the Governor of Massachusetts and a member of the President's task force on Women's Rights and Responsibilities.

This led to her co-authoring "A Matter of Simple Justice" written to further the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) effort. She took on numerous other state and national appointments in the 1970's such as Co-Chair of the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women, Regional Director of the Interstate Association of Commissions on the Status of Women, and to the National Defense Advisory Commission on Women in Service for the U.S. Department of Defense.

Over a period of 28 years she was appointed seven consecutive times to the Massachusetts delegation for the Republican National Convention. In conjunction with a Presidential advisory role, she was pivotal in the installation of the first childcare facility in a U.S. Government

building ironically constructed in the basement of the U.S. Department of Labor.

Ann was a finalist candidate to become Treasurer of the United States, a position that even today has been held by few women. She was included in the publication "The 2500 Women Who Changed the Face of America" and was individually identified for her accomplishments in the New York Times best seller "Common Ground."

All the while, she continued to experience success as a businesswomen. She became a rare woman director of a bank in 1974, serving 13 years as a trustee of Charlestown Savings Bank and its successor. In 1984 she began her service as Chair of the Board of the Massachusetts Registration of Real Estate Brokers and Salespeople having been reaffirmed to that role by four Massachusetts Governors, serving until 2011.

Despite all the demands Ann always made time for providing advice to women, donating her time and resources to enhance her community, and was a constant contributor to an extensive list of organizations she believed made a difference.

She always changed her schedules for the chance to spend time with her grandchildren and later in life loved to sit and observe her great-grandchildren for whom she had so much love and aspiration for their journey in life.



CLASS NOTES

Please find Class Notes online at beaumontschool.org/beaumontnews.

IN MEMORIAM

As of 3/9/2022

Beaumont Alumnae:

Rosanne Donohoe '48
Patricia Monroe Lapham '50
Anne Davidson McBride '51
Carolyn Zak O'Toole '51
Ann Devitt Tobbe '52
Elizabeth Scully Uston '52
Rosemary Paradise Lemmo '52
Margaret Dolf '52
Anne Mandel Link '53
Mary Ellen Winters McGarry '54

Patricia Koehn '54
Kay Horten Thomas '55
Suzanne Nadeau Seifert '55
Joanne Zack Beal '55
Joan Dowling Trivison '56
Annamarie Tomaro '56
Marsha Corlett Sarakaitis '57
Marcia Carmosino Deegan '58
Felice Armstrong Van Domelen '58
Mary Jo Pfeiffer Steltmann '59
Cathy Ziegler '59
Inez Connors Llamas '61

Kathleen Wall Casey '62
Susan Hoenigman Castor '62
Barbara Noel Martin '63
Barbara Shekleton Hegele '64
Sue Regner Allmendinger '67
Barbara Patterson '76
Florence Cooper '85
Sharmaine Hayward Marshall '89
Ebonita Williams '90
Andrea Cirino Kjelgaard '95
Ari Lazzara '13

2022 HALL OF FAME AWARDS NOMINATIONS

Do you know of an extraordinary
Beaumont athlete, team, or
coach deserving of induction into
our Hall of Fame?



Submit your nominations in the Alumnae section of our
website: beaumontschool.org/alumnae.

2022 Hall of Fame Award recipients to be announced this Fall.

SAVE THE DATE

Reunion Weekend

Classes Ending in 2s and 7s

September 23-24, 2022

Beaumont Awards Night

September 22, 2022



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