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**Empowering Education:**  
How Beaumont's Teachers' Growth Fund Transforms Learning and Relationships

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**The only all-girls' school in Northeast Ohio to offer the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme.**

# Message from the President




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*“Doing what’s best for young women is in our DNA at Beaumont, going back nearly 175 years to our Ursuline Sisters. That is manifest in how we educate the whole girl — mind, body and spirit.”*

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## Dear Alumnae and Friends,

As I write this, our beautiful campus is awash in fall colors, casting a warm glow throughout our classrooms and common spaces that lights Beaumont from within. That glow is also felt among our students, faculty and staff this year as we have a renewed and intentional focus on building community wherever we go.

We made a bold decision this year to prohibit the use of cell phones throughout the school day. Reading the research about the harmful effects of social media and constant notifications on student learning and mental well-being, we felt we must act. Many other schools are making similar decisions to ensure that during the school day, students have the freedom from the internet to focus on their learning and build relationships with one another. I am proud that Beaumont is leading in this effort. Even students have admitted that they feel a sense of relief.

Doing what’s best for young women is in our DNA at Beaumont, going back nearly 175 years to our Ursuline Sisters. That is manifest in how we educate the whole girl – mind, body and spirit. To do that, we must ensure that our faculty have the best training available in their content areas, our International Baccalaureate curriculum, and how girls learn best.

I am thrilled to share a story I’ve long wanted to tell about a gift to our endowment that supports Teachers’ Growth. Alumna **Susie Brooks Murphy ’64** made the gift more than 15 years ago and it has given us the freedom and flexibility to support our teachers in ways that ultimately benefit student learning. We see evidence of that success in the NINE students recognized this year by The College Board for academic achievement! I hope you’ll take a moment to read the cover story.

This issue also includes our Donor Impact Report, focused on the essential support our endowment and annual scholarships provide Beaumont students. The stories behind these endowments are beautiful, quintessential Beaumont stories. Gifts that were established as a memorial to a beloved mother, sister, friend, teacher. Or, most recently, they support the daughter of a first responder made possible by an alumna whose own Cleveland Police Officer father sacrificed for her to have a Beaumont education.

These gifts serve as a powerful investment in the future of young women. They are the key to sustaining our Ursuline education at Beaumont. They embody the values, experiences, and foundation that Beaumont instills, and are crucial in empowering the next generation to follow in your footsteps.

Standing united in heart, as St. Angela says, we also reinforce the importance of women supporting women, cultivating a strong network of empowered leaders who will make a difference in their communities and beyond. Together, we strengthen this nurturing environment where young women flourish, grow in their faith, and prepare to become the next generation of women who will change the world.

Thank you for reading and for supporting Beaumont in the many ways that you do! As always, please drop me a line, let me know how we’re doing. You can call me at 216.325.7324 or email me at [whokey@beaumontschool.org](mailto:whokey@beaumontschool.org).

Yours in St. Angela,

Wendy A. Hoke  
President



# NEWS AND NOTES FROM NORTH PARK



## NINE SENIORS EARN TOP HONORS FROM COLLEGE BOARD

We are proud to recognize nine Beaumont School seniors earning top honors from the College Board for the 2024-2025 school year! Four students were named **National Merit Semifinalists**, two named **Commended Scholars**, and three received the **National African American Recognition Award**. Congratulations scholars!



**Maya Blazer**  
National Merit Semifinalist



**Elisa Moulthrop**  
National Merit Semifinalist



**Clare Salem**  
National Merit Semifinalist



**Bridget Thomas**  
National Merit Semifinalist



**Lucy Furjanic**  
Commended Scholar



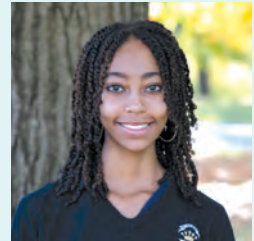
**Avalon Woconish**  
Commended Scholar



**Kylie Gibbs**  
National African  
American Recognition  
Program Award



**Keyshonna Haywood**  
National African  
American Recognition  
Program Award



**Olivia Rogers**  
National African  
American Recognition  
Program Award



## ▲ SENIOR TRADITIONS

There were signs, songs and even bubbles as our **Class of 2025** warmly welcomed students back on the first day of school. Seniors also enjoyed the traditional Senior Sunrise! They gathered as a class on St. Angela Merici Field to celebrate this special morning.



## ▲ FRESHMAN WELCOME

The **Class of 2028** began the year with orientation hosted by **Beaumont Bridges** and families were officially welcomed at Freshman Induction.



## ▲ FALL ALL-SCHOOL LITURGY

We gathered in the Meadow to celebrate our first all-school liturgy.



## ▲ UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS HARRINGTON DISCOVERY INSTITUTE

For eight weeks this summer, **Maya Blazer '25**, **Maggie Richter '25** and **Madison Willoughby '24** worked with mentors on research led by Dr. James Reynolds and team leaders from HDI/University Hospitals and Case Western Reserve conducting hands-on research in the lab.



## ▲ SERVICE DAY

Students and faculty embraced our school theme of “**United in Heart**” as they served the greater community both on and off campus. From sewing Capes For Cancer to painting canvases for hospital rooms and working in the Cultural Gardens to volunteering in local schools, all students pitched in to make a difference.



## ▲ BEAUMONT SPIRIT WEEK

Beaumont spirit filled the halls during **Spirit Week 2024**! This year's themes included Pajama Day, Adam Sandler and Sunday Best, and Meme Day. Beaumont students used their creativity and humor to make it a memorable week. Friday included the traditional "Class Dance" where seniors ruled the dance floor. Students and guests crowded campus Saturday night and danced the night away at the annual Fall Fling!



## ▲ CITY CLUB

Beaumont students, along with **President Wendy Hoke** and Assistant Athletic Director and Social Studies teacher **Ms. Courtney Young '06**, attended The City Club of Cleveland forum featuring Supreme Court Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson. They left inspired by her wisdom, leadership, and extraordinary life story.

# #GOBLUESTREAKS

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



## ALL-DISTRICT HONORS

(ALL-GREATER CLEVELAND):

Taryn Kozak '26  
Alaina Longmeier '26  
Julia Beard '25

## ALL-DISTRICT HONORABLE MENTION

Mary Kate Klug '25  
Cassidy McDonald '26  
Emily DelaCruz '26

Congratulations to the Blue Streaks varsity soccer team ending the season as district runners-up! **Tristan Lyles** (shown in first photo, far right) joined the Blue Streaks soccer team this season as Head Varsity Coach recording a successful first year finishing with a record 12-5-3. First team North Coast Conference **Julia Beard '25**, **Taryn Kozak '26** (shown in second photo) and **Alaina Longmeier '26**. Second team honors were awarded to **Emily DelaCruz '26**, **Mary Kate Klug '25** and **Cassidy McDonald '26** and honorable mention to **Amelia Clary '27**.



## ALL-DISTRICT HONORS

### First Team

Aria Payne '25

### Second Team

Tori Brown '25

### Third Team

Maya Miklowski '25

### Honorable Mention

Ella Shaughnessy '25  
Theresa Angert '28

The volleyball team advanced to the district finals this year. Congratulations to the following student-athletes who received North Coast Conference accolades. **Aria Payne '25** (right in second photo) earned first team all-conference. Payne recorded her 500th career assist and was also named News Herald Player of the Week in August. **Tori Brown '25** (left in second photo) hit the 500 mark for kills and was named second team all-conference. Honorable mention was awarded to **Maya Miklowski '25**.



The Blue Streaks finished 8th at the 2024 district meet. **Josephine Holody '26** (left in second photo) finished 10th with a personal record time to qualify for the regional meet as well as **Cecilija Dautovic '25** (right in second photo) finishing with a season best time in 26th place. **Holody** had an outstanding third place finish at the North Coast Conference Championship Meet. Her third-place finish earned her first team all-conference. **Dautovic** and **Ella Wheaton '27** earned second team all-conference.



**Lauren Conochan Smith '00** (first photo, far left) was named Head Varsity Coach this season. For the first time since 2010, a Beaumont doubles team, **Maya Blazer '25** (second photo, left) and **Nina Bramhall '26** (second photo, right) played in the District Tournament. Congratulations on a successful season! All-conference second team honors were awarded to **Blazer, Bramhall, Emma Wolf '25** and **Lucy Wolf '25**.



The golf team wrapped up the postseason at the Division II Sectional Tournament after a solid regular season. **Kylie Gibbs '25** (right) and **Caroline Spitznagel '26** (left) earned second team all-conference. Way to go Blue Streaks!



Mrs. Hamrick leads hands-on lab in Honors Chemistry.

# EMPOWERING EDUCATION:

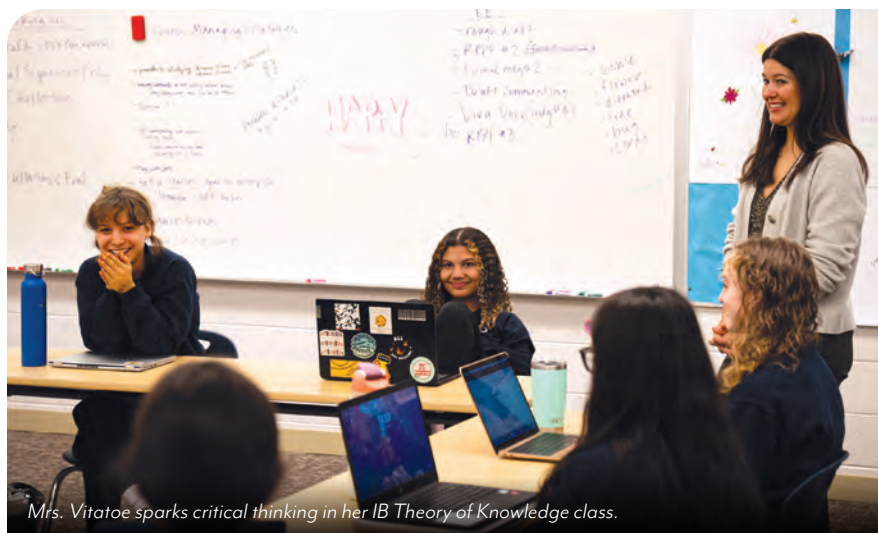
## HOW BEAUMONT'S TEACHERS' GROWTH FUND Transforms Learning and Relationships

By Barbara Brown



“I see Beaumont as a Community of Learners – both students and faculty. The Growth Fund enables teachers to grow and learn, enhancing their capacity to share with students the wealth of knowledge that is available to them through this fund.”

—Susan Brooks Murphy '64



Mrs. Vitaoe sparks critical thinking in her IB Theory of Knowledge class.

It's Thursday morning in **Anna Foti's** new Digital Imagery and Ideation class at Beaumont, and an air of excitement buzzes as students put the final touches on their digital products, preparing to launch them for the first time. Bright screens glow with vibrant designs of planners, calendars, wallpapers, and other products to market while animated discussions fill the room as students share ideas and offer feedback to one another. For many, this is more than just a project; it's a real-world experience that connects creativity with entrepreneurship.

Across the campus in **Rebecca Hamrick's** Honors Chemistry class, the atmosphere is equally charged with discovery. Students are immersed in hands-on experiments, using Bluetooth-enabled digital sensors and DNA analysis equipment to collect data in real-time. The lab is alive with focused concentration as students engage with innovative technology, applying the same tools they'll encounter in college and STEM careers. This isn't just a typical science lesson, it's an opportunity for students to step into the world of modern scientific research, bridging classroom learning with real-world applications.

All this engaged learning is made possible through the support of a Teachers' Growth Fund that was generously created more than 15 years ago by Beaumont alumna **Susan Brooks Murphy '64**, whose vision was to empower faculty to deepen their

expertise, innovate their teaching methods, and create transformative learning experiences for students. This unique fund has not only elevated the quality of education at Beaumont but has also fostered an environment where both students and teachers can thrive.

“I see Beaumont as a Community of Learners – both students and faculty,” says Susan. “The Growth Fund enables teachers to grow and learn, enhancing their capacity to share with students the wealth of knowledge that is available to them through this fund.”

## STRENGTHENING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND TEACHER RETENTION

**Principal Ann Hoelzel** underscores the pivotal role the Teachers' Growth Fund has played in advancing Beaumont's mission and enhancing the school's academic standing. “The fund has empowered our teachers with extensive IB and academic training, allowing them to take on leadership roles, present at conferences, visit other schools, and design forward-thinking courses that keep Beaumont at the forefront of education.”

She highlights the significance of Beaumont's recent academic accolades, noting that 13 percent of the senior class earned top honors from the College Board, including four National Merit Semifinalists, two Commended Scholars and three National

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*Mrs. Emch challenges her math class with interactive lessons.*

African American Recognition Program awardees – for a total of nine seniors receiving national recognition. “These achievements are a direct result of the sustained academic excellence supported by the Teachers’ Growth Fund,” she explains. “The fund has allowed our educators to continuously elevate their teaching practices, and that’s reflected in the success of our students.”

An unexpected bonus of the fund has been its impact on faculty retention. “We’ve achieved the lowest teacher turnover rate in over a decade,” Principal Hoelzel notes. While its primary goal is to fuel academic innovation, the fund has also played a key role in helping Beaumont attract and retain top-tier educators by offering them opportunities for growth and leadership. This dual benefit has strengthened the school community in ways that go beyond the classroom, ensuring long-term stability and continued excellence in education.

### IB COMMITMENT: A FRAMEWORK FOR CRITICAL THINKING AND INQUIRY

“One of the most exciting outcomes of the Teachers’ Growth Fund is seeing how our teachers, through fellowships and ongoing training, have transformed our academic programs. Our transformation into an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School is directly tied to the Teachers’

Growth Fund,” says Principal Hoelzel. “The ability for our educators to continue to fully immerse themselves in the IB framework has resulted in not just new and creative course offerings but also enhanced critical thinking and inquiry-based learning throughout the school. Students are learning to make meaningful connections across subjects in ways that are deeply transferable beyond Beaumont.”

Research supports this idea, showing that when teachers engage in professional development tied to their instructional context, student outcomes improve. “Teacher training has a strong connection to student success,” Principal Hoelzel emphasizes. “Our commitment to the IB framework has been a significant factor in that.”

“Programs like the IB require a long-term commitment to see the full range of benefits. Initially, schools often face an ‘implementation dip,’ as Beaumont did, while adapting to new methodologies and expectations. Through patience and dedication to the program, Beaumont is now reaping the rewards, as demonstrated by our high success rates in IB courses and national recognitions, including the IB Diploma Programme, where **83-100% of full diploma students consistently earn the prestigious IB Diploma**,” says Principal Hoelzel.

### HOW THE TEACHERS’ GROWTH FUND WORKS

To access the fund, teachers at Beaumont apply for fellowships by submitting proposals that align with their professional development goals and the school’s mission. This strategic process ensures that the funds are used to enhance teaching quality and drive meaningful curriculum innovation.

As one of the first educators to benefit from the Teachers’ Growth Fund, **Kristen LoPresti**, Fine Arts Department Chair, embarked on a three-year fellowship that transformed Beaumont’s Visual Arts program. Through her fellowship, which included visits to universities, interviews with alumnae, and participation in workshops, Mrs. LoPresti set out to ensure that Beaumont remains at the leading edge of arts education.

Building on Beaumont’s highly regarded and long-established four-year Studio Art Program, Mrs. LoPresti sought to extend that same level of excellence to a bold new initiative: Beaumont’s Emerging Media track.

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—Principal Ann Hoelzel

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**—Rebecca Hamrick**

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Designed to prepare students for the rapidly changing intersections of art and technology, this program equips students with the skills they’ll need to succeed in the digital age. Thanks to Mrs. LoPresti’s vision and leadership, Beaumont now offers courses like Digital Imagery and Ideation and 3D Tinkering, introduced by Ms. Foti, a full-time visual arts educator hired specifically to bring this groundbreaking curriculum to life. The Emerging Media track represents a forward-thinking approach to art education, positioning Beaumont students at the forefront of creative industries that blend traditional fine arts with advanced digital technologies.

In addition, she initiated workshops led by an outside professional videographer, with plans in place to offer specialized classes like Digital Photography.

“With these new classes, our focus is on preparing students not just for the job market they’ll enter after graduation, but for the world they’ll navigate five, 10, or 15 years down the road,” Ms. Foti explains. Mrs. LoPresti echoes that, “We are preparing our students for careers that don’t even exist yet. Our goal is to help students bridge the gap between traditional fine arts and the rapidly growing field of digital design. With the knowledge they gain here, they’ll be ready to tackle whatever the future holds.”

Mrs. Hamrick has also seen the benefits, bringing new academic improvements to her Honors Chemistry, AP Chemistry, and Genetics classes after attending conferences like ChemEd and Biotech: The Basics. “The fund has elevated the learning experience in

ways that genuinely benefit my students, and that strengthen my connection with students. When they see how committed I am to bring state-of-the-art knowledge and resources into the classroom, it motivates them to push themselves further. It’s inspiring to see them thrive.”

### **BEYOND ACADEMICS: FOSTERING DEEP LEARNING AND STRONG RELATIONSHIPS**

The Teachers’ Growth Fund at Beaumont isn’t just a nice-to-have – it’s a strategic investment. It equips teachers with the resources they need to innovate, push boundaries, and bring the latest educational approaches to their students. More importantly, it strengthens the bond between students and teachers, resulting in an environment where students feel supported and challenged by fully engaged, empowered educators.

A prime example is the collaboration between **Christina Vitatoe**, IB Core Leader and Instructional Coach, and **Erika Emch**, Math and Instructional Coach. Through a fellowship supported by the fund, they expanded upon Beaumont’s Learning Lab – a space where students learn to think critically about their own learning to enhance their skills. The goal isn’t just to close knowledge gaps, but to empower students to take control of their learning through reflective, self-directed strategies. “Our students are learning to approach challenges with a growth mindset, which helps them develop both academic resilience and self-awareness,” explains Mrs. Vitatoe.

Research consistently shows that students who feel known and trusted are more willing to engage fully in their learning. At Beaumont, it’s working: “Teachers here make us feel like adults and create a deeper relationship,” shares one student, while another notes, “Once a teacher knows you as a person, they are able to help you individually.”

The Teachers’ Growth Fund is an engine driving both academic success and stronger teacher-student relationships. It’s helping Beaumont become the kind of school where teachers want to teach, and students want to learn. Ultimately, that’s an investment that pays off – for everyone.



*Mr. Campbell guides students through new math concepts.*

# ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP DONORS

Over the years, many alumnae, parents and friends have chosen to support Beaumont and leave a lasting legacy through a named scholarship in the Endowment.

## BEAUMONT SCHOLARS FUNDED ANNUALLY

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The St. Angela Scholars

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## SCHOLARSHIP SPECIAL AWARDS

The Reilly Girardot '16 Award  
The Eileen Drage O'Reilly '86 Writing Award

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## BEAUMONT'S INVESTMENT COMMITTEE PRESERVING BEAUMONT IN PERPETUITY

Beaumont's Investment Committee was formed in 2007 through the recommendation of the Finance Committee and with the approval of the Board of Directors. A subcommittee of the Finance Committee, the Investment Committee is charged with overseeing the Beaumont Endowment Fund in accordance with the board-approved Investment Policy Statement and as managed by an outside investment advisory firm.

In 1996 the then titled, F.J. O'Neill Charitable Corporation provided a foundational \$1,000,000 Endowment gift to then President Sister Margaret Ann Kelley '49. Since then, generous

donors have fueled the Endowment's growth, preserving a Beaumont education for each new class of Beaumont students and ensuring the school's long-term sustainability.

Beaumont has been well served by the professionals who have served on the Investment Committee over nearly 20 years, including alumnae, parents and friends. They have carefully stewarded the Endowment with a long-term vision to withstand periods of volatility while providing a stable revenue stream to provide support for faculty and scholarships.



# SAVE THE DATE APRIL 28-30, 2025!

Once again, we are going head-to-head with Magnificat High School and Saint Joseph Academy in a friendly competition in support of all-girls Catholic education during the Cleveland Rivals Unite Alumnae Giving Challenge. Each school will be raising money for their respective Annual Funds from April 28 until April 30.

With over 7,000 living Beaumont Alumnae, we are sure to have the highest participation and earn the bragging rights of being the best all-girls Catholic high school in Cleveland! Rally your classes and be ready to support Beaumont!

# DAY OF GIVING UPDATE

## Thank You, Beaumont Supporters!

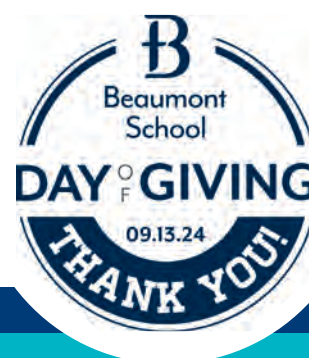


This year's Day of Giving was the most successful to date! **Over 350 donors from 23 states came together to raise a record-breaking \$159,000 in support of Beaumont's Annual Fund.** You helped us secure all three matches ranging from the Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland's \$5,000 to the Beaumont Board of Trustees' \$15,000 and a \$35,000 match from a continuing supporter. Beaumont's alumnae enjoyed a friendly class competition with 79% of our graduating classes from 1948-2024 participating.

What a great way to close out Beaumont's Heritage and Mission Week on September 13 by coming together as ONE Beaumont community to make a direct impact in the lives of the students and faculty of Beaumont. All gifts to the Annual Fund help further the mission to educate young women for life, leadership and service. These gifts make it possible for us to provide meaningful educational experiences inside and outside the classroom, support visual and performing arts, and dynamic faith-based opportunities.

Not only were we blown away by your generosity but more importantly by the love, gratitude, and stories you shared on the giving page. You gave in honor of daughters, granddaughters, faculty, the Ursuline Sisters, and your Beaumont sisters. There were also messages in memory of loved ones and classmates who have passed away. Your love for Beaumont, each other, current, and future Blue Streaks shines brightly in the messages you left. We encourage you to view the comments by visiting the link at [beaumontschool.org/give](https://beaumontschool.org/give).

Thank you for your unwavering belief and investment in our mission.



### HIGHLIGHTS

**Total amount raised: \$159,603**

**Total amount of Matching Gifts: \$55,000**

**Total Donors: 370**

**Class Participation: 79%**

**Greatest Class: Tie 1971 and 1993**

# MERICI CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP DONORS

Thank you to these generous donors who have contributed to the Merici Challenge thus far. **Rita Murphy Carfagna '71 and Peter Carfagna** have once again sponsored this \$50,000 matching gift challenge.

## 1954

Renée Corso Rogers

## 1959

Patricia Londregan Yuska

## 1964

Connie Hughes Brady  
Mary Echle  
Gail Eovito  
Colleen Prosser Fitzgerald  
Kathleen Smith Hummel  
Mary Moriarty Lynch  
Sue McVay Mancino  
Susie Brooks Murphy  
Mary Ferrara Supler  
Mary Pat Kelley Zirpolo

## 1969

Patti DiRenzo Anderson  
Martha Rampe Whitbeck

## 1974

Nora Burke Beach  
Anne Marie Ford Blank  
Marylou Barrett Bongorno  
Grace Carroll  
Gina Restifo Dalessandro  
Suanne Miller Drees  
Meg O'Donnell English  
Jenelle Foote, M.D.  
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Maureen Victory Newlands  
Janet Witbeck O'Driscoll  
Laura Parran  
Carol Kovanda Peck  
Eva Szabo  
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## 1979

Jane Cunin  
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Kim Trivison Laurello  
Judy Barrett Mahoney  
Kathleen Walton Monahan  
Carol Becka Prendergast

## 1984

Elvira Dunai Baron  
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Felicia Broady  
Carla Chylik Cameron  
Louise Hurley Clemens  
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## 1988

Tonya Pye

## 1989

Rana Jenkins Brown  
Miechelle Luna Javitch

## 1997

Susan Dernyar Perry

## 1999

Molly Kohut Kometiani  
Jenny Martin Thomas

## 2000

Tanisha Wilburn

## 2002

Analiese Tremaglio Hinchcliffe

## 2004

Dr. Chelsea Dieck Brannan  
Carla Maragaño  
Lauren Mazanec  
Sue Nickol-Webb  
Anne Carfagna Parris  
Kate Daprile Sima

## 2006

Mel Lauer

## 2009

Bridget Monahan Anter  
Liz Walton

## 2012

Liz Dolinar

## 2014

Jen Straniero

## 2019

Julia Foliano

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[beaumontschool.org/reunionmatch](https://beaumontschool.org/reunionmatch).**

# REUNION 2024

Beaumont Reunion for classes ending in 4s and 9s was celebrated on Friday, September 20. Alumnae gathered for a memorable weekend of reconnecting, reminiscing, and celebrating lifelong friendships. From shared stories to special moments, the spirit of Beaumont was alive as we honored our cherished traditions.

**A special congratulations to the Class of 1974 as they celebrated their milestone 50th Reunion!**





## HIGHLIGHTS FROM REUNION 2024 *(Continued)*



# Celebrating Our History

## GET READY BEAUMONT!



On Founders Day September 9, 2025, we will kick off a year long celebration commemorating 175 years of Beaumont School and honoring our rich history as the oldest school in the Cleveland Diocese.

On September 9, 1850, four Ursuline Nuns and a lay woman, newly arrived from France, first opened the doors of their school at 50 Euclid Avenue to welcome 300 eager girls. With that the foundation was laid for this amazing community which now boasts over 7,000 alumnae. We can't wait to celebrate 175 years of Beaumont and Ursuline history!

## << BACK THEN...

Midway on the Ursuline nuns' journey to Cleveland, a fierce storm arose at sea. After several hours it became obvious that the ship could not withstand the gale winds and pounding seas. The sisters unpacked their small statue of Our Lady of Boulogne, which had stood in the convent chapel at Boulogne-Sur-Mer. Confidently this storm-tossed band of Ursulines recited the Rosary and the Litany of the Blessed Mother asking her to calm the storm. As they prayed, the winds and waves subsided. This is the legacy of faith which the sisters of Boulogne-Sur-Mer brought to Cleveland.



## ...RIGHT NOW >>

### Join the 175th Celebration: Share Your Beaumont Memories!



**Tracy Washington Enger '82 and Kristina Lechner Esposito '99** never expected to find themselves as neighbors in Alexandria, VA – but they did! In this special video, they share how Beaumont forged lifelong friendships, taught them the power of female connection, and inspired their commitment to servant leadership. Their story is a testament to how Beaumont's values live on well beyond graduation.

We're thrilled to announce that Beaumont is turning 175 next year in 2025, and we want YOU to be a part of this incredible milestone! As we reflect on the past and celebrate our vibrant community, we invite you to share your most cherished memories and the special friendships that blossomed during your time at Beaumont.

Think back to those unforgettable moments – whether it was a memorable class, a fun event, or the lifelong bonds you formed. Your stories are the heartbeat of our school's legacy, and we can't wait to hear them!

We have an easy way for you to share your amazing memories with us. Go to our 175th Anniversary page on our website, [beaumontschool.org/175](http://beaumontschool.org/175), or use the QR code and we'll walk you through doing

a quick video from your phone and sharing it with us as part of a Memory Capture Project. We'll showcase the videos we receive throughout our year-long anniversary celebration. You can share photos as well.

Your experiences matter, and together, we'll create a tapestry of memories that celebrates the spirit of Beaumont!

Don't miss out – share your memories today and help us make this celebration truly special! Let's make this anniversary a celebration of YOU!



**LOOK FOR UPCOMING EVENTS THAT WILL COMMEMORATE THIS MILESTONE YEAR!**



# NEWS AND NOTES ALUMNAE



## Fabulous '50s and Sensational '60s

Our alumnae of the 1950s and 1960s enjoyed a luncheon filled with community and sisterhood. It was wonderful to see so many long-time Beaumont friends reunite back on campus.



**Amy Schwabauer '07** was awarded with an "Individual Artist Premiere Grant" through the Cleveland Public Theatre. This award is given to individual artists who demonstrate artistic excellence and innovation. She also performed her new solo show "I Wear My Dead Sister's Clothes" at the BorderLight Theatre Festival and received the "Char and Chuck Fowler Audience Choice Award".



**Donna Morris Norris '01** assumed the role of Assistant Principal at Kenneth Clement Boys Leadership Academy, which is a school in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District. This role also makes her the first female to hold the position of Assistant Principal at the Kenneth Clement Boys Leadership Academy!



Left to right: Sydney Smith '18, Adriana Gildone '18

**Adriana Gildone '18** and **Sydney Smith '18** co-founding owners of Sogno Sweets, a unique dessert catering business shared, "Making the decision to pursue this business was definitely a risk, considering we were working our full time careers, however, with our all-girls education and values instilled in us through our time at Beaumont, we knew that, together, we would be able to create a business that we are super proud of!"



Congratulations to **Cassie Perlatti '19** who made her directorial debut with the **Beaumont Drama Club's** presentation of *Decision Height*, a story about friendship and the essential role of women in wartime. Cassie returned to Beaumont this fall after graduating from Otterbein University with a B.A. in Theatre and serves as the Director of Beaumont Drama Club, "Being able to walk through these halls and feel the energy from the students and teachers again, I have felt at home. I am truly so blessed to have the opportunity to continue Beaumont Drama Club, a program that was so special to me and my friends when we were students."



## SAVE THE DATES

# CAREER DAY 2025 APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup>

We would love to see you back on campus for our annual Career Day.

If you are interested in joining us on **Friday, April 11** please email, Kathleen Egan, Alumnae Relations Manager [kegan@beaumontschool.org](mailto:kegan@beaumontschool.org).

# RIVALS UNITE 2025 APRIL 28-30

Join the friendly competition in support of all-girls Catholic education during the Cleveland Rivals Unite Alumnae Giving Challenge.



## WHERE ARE YOU NOW?

Scan the code and update your information to ensure you are kept up-to-date on all that is happening at Beaumont School!

# LEGACY CORNER



We caught up with **Sylcilee Barnes '93** and her daughter, **Syniah Barnes '28**! Sylcilee is glad that Syniah made the decision to follow in her footsteps and attend Beaumont, "The challenges and educational experiences at Beaumont will prepare her for success in college and beyond. Beaumont had a positive impact in my life and I know it will do the same for her."

To read more legacy stories, check out Legacy Corner on our webpage at <https://www.beaumontschool.org/alumnae/legacy-corner>.



Sisters, Emmy Herberth holding photo of their Mother, **Kate Fitzgerald Herberth '95** and Maddy Herberth '27 holding photo of their Grandmother, **Colleen Prosser Fitzgerald '64**.

## DID YOU KNOW?

25% of our current students are a Legacy! What a tribute to our grandmothers, mothers, aunts and sisters. And just this past recruitment season we welcomed over 150 shadows of whom over 45 had a legacy relationship.

**We love our legacies!**



## JOIN US FOR BEAUMONT ENRICHMENT!

### Coming this Spring:

Taste of Mardi Gras  
BeauTech Boot Camp  
Athletic Youth Nights  
Athletic Clinics  
and More!

Save the Date!  
Summer Enrichment  
and Athletic Camps  
Summer 2025.  
Registration coming  
in February!

[beaumontschool.org/enrichment](https://beaumontschool.org/enrichment)

# CLASS NOTES

Please find Class Notes online at [beaumontschool.org/beaumontnews](https://beaumontschool.org/beaumontnews).

## IN MEMORIAM

**As of 10/21/24**

**Beaumont Alumnae:**

Sister M. Valentine Delfino, O.Ss.T '41

Terry Gesualdo Vance '47

Jacqueline Rouquier Murphy '48

Sister Mary Benedict Badzik, O.S.U. '50

Marilyn McKay Horning '51

Lenore Curran Richards '51

Mary Jo Vince Rourke '54

Kathleen O'Neill Dunn '56

Karen Bauer O'Hara '56

Barbara Post '56

Helen Bordonaro Parisi '58

Judith Grace Hayes '59

Patricia Bambrick '60

Johanna Circillo Hart '60

Tara Coughlin Joyce '64

Elizabeth DeFino Wilson '65

Rosemary Pae '65

Faith Anderson Reed '72

Ann Schneider Lee '74

Jasmin Davis-Maddox '97



## Redirect your Ohio tax dollars into tuition assistance to help young women of Beaumont.



### Beaumont Scholarship Granting Organization (SGO)

Ohio taxpayers have the opportunity to make a gift to the Beaumont Scholarship Granting Organization to receive a dollar for dollar tax credit up to \$750 annually per individual or up to \$1,500 annually if married filing jointly.

For more information, call **216.325.7374** or go to [beaumontschool.org/sgo](https://beaumontschool.org/sgo).

*\* The does not constitute legal or tax advice. Always consult with your tax professional for information on the impact of any charitable contribution.*

### Three Easy Steps to Redirect your 2024 Ohio Taxes

#### 1 Estimate Your Tax Liability

Review your tax liability from last year (Line 8c on your Ohio IT 1040) to estimate your current year Ohio tax liability.

#### 2 Contribute to Beaumont SGO

Make your gift on our website, by scanning the QR code to the right, or by check to the "Beaumont Scholarship Granting Organization" to benefit our students in becoming young women who will change the world.



#### 3 Claim Your Ohio Tax Credit

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