

## From the Desk of Mike Bauer

### Alumni Blast: Learn Lead Serve

In my 47+ years at Regis St. Mary Catholic School a remarkable fact that stands out is the extraordinary number of leaders the small school has produced. From memory, I was able to think of distinguished scientists finding cures for cancer, to military leaders, business leaders, church leaders, agricultural leaders, and leaders in almost every other endeavor possible.

In previous articles, the focus was on the service aspect of Regis alumni and their involvement in their communities. For this installment, I found examples of alumni who emerge as leaders in their communities and their organizations. There are many, many more examples out there, and if you read this Alumni Blast please contact me and let me know what you are doing.

The graduates are organized by career areas. We begin with Medical/Science:

- **Joe Duman '93** is a molecular and cellular neuroscientist with broad interests in neuronal development and injury at the Baylor College of Medicine.
- **Jerry Goyins '74**, as a colonel, served as Chief Medical Officer Abraham Lincoln and notably Naval Operational Medicine Institute Residency, Aerospace Medicine.
- **John Kloucek '77** is a practicing dentist and was president of OHSU School of Dentistry Alumni Board 2018-19.
- In addition, our school has produced innumerable doctors (**Bryan Nokelby '85**), nurses (**Kristi Frith (Coleman '89)**), dentists (**Jeff Gries '82**), eye doctors (**John Rickman '74**), veterinarians and pharmacists (**Mary Gescher Lulay '83**).

Engineering/construction:

- **Craig Gries '93** and **Rick Silbernagel '79** founded Oregon State Bridge Construction, while brother **Jon Silbernagel '93** started BENT LLC.
- **Larry Gescher '84** and **Roger Silbernagel '85** founded HP Civil focusing on bridge construction.
- **Ken Adams '80** heads Mike Adams Construction Company.
- **Tiffany Siegmund (Heuberger '94)** helps run Siegmund Excavation and Construction.

Education:

- **Ryan Meldrum '00** was named a 2019 Florida International University Top Scholar Mentor as a Criminologist.



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- After years as a teacher and administrator at Central Catholic, **Tom Welter '67** was Executive Director of the Oregon State Activities Association for 15 years and served as president of the National Federation of State High School Associations.
- **Andy Oldham '87** is on the administrative team at Marist High School, Eugene.
- **Aaron Persons '92** is principal at Claggett Creek Middle School.

#### Government and Politics:

- **Diane Roark '67** was the House Intelligence Committee staffer in charge of oversight of the National Security Agency after 9/11.
- **Cliff Bentz '70** is a lawyer, rancher and politician currently serving as the U.S. Representative for Oregon's 2nd congressional district.
- **Paul Rauch '79** is the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Director of the Agency's Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program.

#### Agriculture:

- **Dylan Wells '07** is president of the Marion County Farm Bureau President and owner of Autumn Harvest.
- **Kyle Fessler '03** owns St. Christopher Nursery and is president of the Oregon Association of Nurseries.
- **Alan '74 and Steve Keudell '75** own Keudell Farms LLC and Alan is past president of NORPAC Foods.
- **Kent '81, Kevin '81, and Amy Doerfler '85** own and run Doerfler Farms, the world's premier producer of cool-season grass seed.

#### Finance:

- **Dennis Lulay '76, Larry Keudell '77, Todd Gescher '83, Tyler Lulay '04, and Troy Gaul '88** are local leaders in personal finance.
- Nationally, **Jonathan Krautmann '97** is a leading Investment Analyst at Venor Capital Management and received his BS in Biology from Cornell University and his MBA from Harvard Business School.
- **Paul Tiger '94** is a partner in the New York office of Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP focusing on corporate mergers and acquisitions.

#### Corporate:

- **Sean Klosterman '05** is Boeing Sales Director for Middle East & Africa.
- **Kurt Lulay '90** is Director of Apparel Sourcing for Nike.
- **Jonathan Heli '99** is a senior finance Analyst for Adidas North America.



- **Arielle Mudrick Hernandez '06** and **Mary Gries (Rauch '74)** are local real estate brokers.
- **Robin Gillette'80** owns Top Hat Mushrooms.
- **Rob Bruce '92** owns BrucePac Meat Company.
- **Jim Frank '66** is an owner of Frank Lumber Company.
- **Pat Kohls '74** owns Polyform.

Clergy:

- **Fr. John Amsberry '82** is the pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in San Diego, CA and a highly requested nationally recognized speaker.
- **Fr. Mark Bentz '04** is the pastor at St Alice church in Springfield, OR.
- **Fr. Dan Parrish '91** is an Assistant Professor at the Pamplin School of Business at the University of Portland.
- **Jim Tabor '83** is a retired Coast Guard Commander who taught Theology at Regis before heading to Mt. Angel seminary.

Military:

- **Julie Bentz '82** is the first female officer in the history of Oregon Army National Guard to achieve the rank of Brigadier General.
- Major **Emily Brand '01** is a C-17 Globemaster III aircraft commander and instructor who does missions all over the world as well as flying for Alaska Airlines.
- **Lance Davis '84** was a colonel in the US Army.
- **Larry Etzel '74** retired as a colonel in the US Air Force and pilot for US Airways and is military adviser for Regis Aspire.

The Arts:

- Featured Oregon Museum of Science and Industry artist **Christopher Marley '87** uses pristine, unparalleled natural artifacts of all kinds for his three-dimensional original artwork.
- **Elish Gormley '16** is in residence for the Salem Art Association.
- **Andrew Kelley '15, who is** currently studying to be a priest, had the lead role in the opera Don Giovanni performed in Prague at the Estate Theater where Mozart first performed the opera.

Regis St. Mary Schools have produced so many examples of those that put into practice the school's mission to learn, lead, and serve. This is but a small sample of so many who have benefitted from the educational experience they have received from Regis St. Mary. Our graduates have been sustained by a generous community that believes in providing tools that benefit communities wherever our student land.