I found my home on 4th and breck
The family I found I didn’t expect
For choosing PRES
I will NEVER regret, I’ll have a long lasting love for
My home on 4th and Breck!
This year’s school theme - Close Knit & Full of Grit – certainly is what our faculty, staff and students exemplified through the pandemic this past semester. I have never been so proud of our faculty for pivoting to high-quality online classes; our staff - security and the cafeteria – for repurposing to deep clean the buildings at 4th and Breck; and our students from all grade levels who sewed face covering masks during Spring Break. As the pandemic continues and information is changing every week, we are working even harder to reopen on time in August. Updates and our reopening plan will soon be available on our website, and we welcome any feedback to keep our community safe and healthy.

Right before the pandemic, freshmen and sophomores walked to Stage One at the Kentucky Center for the Arts and saw “Lawbreakers! (A Fast & Furious History of Women’s Suffrage)” written by Diana Grisanti ’02. In the centennial year of women’s suffrage, we are proud that our students had an opportunity to meet Diana and learn more about her research in writing this thought-provoking play. Juniors and seniors saw a one-woman play on Suffragette Cornelia Beach, sponsored by the Frazier History Museum.

During the winter break in February, staff and faculty had a great professional development day. We all participated in the Racial Wealth Gap Simulation facilitated by Metro United Way’s Director of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Trent Findley and colleague, Yvette Gentry. It led to some great conversations about power and equity in our hallways and classrooms, and, led by Principal Becca Noonan, changes were made in our student handbook. MUW provided a racial equity tool that we are using to evaluate programs and initiatives that will advance racial equity. In the 2019-2020 school year, minority populations represented 30% of our student population, and diversity is one step toward that goal. Presentation Academy is a sisterhood who welcomes and celebrates our students’ differences, including in race, religion, ethnicity and economics. As a community we stand against all racism, injustice and violence, and we believe that non-violent protest can bring about the peace and justice we all desire.

In other highlights, 44% of our seniors graduated with dual credit, Spalding University credit or online credits. Many of these graduates accessed Kentucky Education Excellence Scholarships (KEES) that paid for these classes. These college credits will save our graduates thousands of dollars as they enter college this fall. Pres alumnae should be proud that our seniors earned more scholarship money per graduate than our rivals – Go Toppers!

These have been unprecedented times and we are forging ahead with advancements at the school. You’ll read more about our solar panel installation on page 19. We’re tracking solar energy and savings to our school and the environment. Since installation in November, 2 tons of CO2 were reduced – which offsets emissions from a car for 5,000 miles. It’s a start and be on the lookout for initiatives to install more solar panels in the future. In addition to solar panels, IT Director Paula Samuels led Presentation to secure a technology grant through Catholic Education Foundation of more than $16,000 for the 2020-2021 school year.

Lastly, the 25th annual Tower Awards will be a virtual event on October 8, 2020. With an abundance of caution, we want to keep everyone in our community safe and healthy. There will be an opportunity to learn about our
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **WALKATHON**
  - Friday, Sept. 18

- **TOWER AWARDS**
  - on Great Day LIVE and Facebook Live
  - Thursday, Oct. 8

- **PUMPKIN PAINTING PARTY**
  - Sunday, Oct. 25

- **OPEN HOUSE**
  - Sunday, Nov. 22

- **GRANDPARENTS’ DAY**
  - Monday, Nov. 23

- **HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST**
  - Saturday, Dec. 12, 9 a.m.

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To add a business to the list, email kbeck@presentationacademy.org.

Dills

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eight remarkable women leaders twice on October 8th. Great Day Live on WHAS-11 will host the Tower Awards from 9-10 a.m. and we’ll livestream again that evening on Facebook from 7-8 p.m. Monica Pearson ’65 will be our emcee and assist with our live auction and Tower Treasures and Trove. As you know, the Tower Awards is our largest fundraiser for financial aid. Be on the lookout for a new Alumnae Challenge associated with this year’s Tower Awards. More details will be coming soon!

Thank you for your continued support of Pres!

Laura Dills ’94
President
Jennifer Brown Gusler ‘86 is an advanced critical care specialty respiratory therapist at Norton Audubon Hospital. Her responsibilities involve caring for all aspects of breathing, and with critically-ill patients, she is the team member who takes care of the ventilator when the patient cannot effectively breathe and oxygenate themselves.

Jennifer said they started seeing COVID-19-suspected patients in early March. “To be honest it was pretty scary at the beginning seeing patients who weren’t responding to our normal treatments and dealing with new isolation protocols. The critically ill patients with COVID cannot oxygenate their body effectively which is what causes them to die. Through mechanical ventilation we attempt to give the patient extra oxygen and pressure to force oxygen into the bloodstream and maintain their life until they are able to recover from the virus.

“At the height of COVID we were running about three times more ventilators than we normally do. We never ran out of equipment but it was a fear. I’m super happy our community wasn’t hit as hard as NYC and others.”

As shelter at home became the new normal, Jennifer said her patient population became mostly COVID-related, and the hospital was able to create a new system to care for these patients.

“The hardest part of this pandemic for me has been seeing people who by our old standards should get better, not respond to our treatments. Death has always been a part of my job, but the patients I have lost to COVID have been difficult because it feels like they and their families have been cheated out of time together because of this senseless virus. With the ‘No visitor policy’ as well, it’s been hard to see patients pass away without their loved ones at their bedside. My co-workers and I have all tried to make sure all those we have lost have felt human compassion during their passing. I know the voice or touch of family would have been more soothing for them. That does weigh heavily on my soul.”

Because COVID is so contagious, the hospital’s normal protocols of wearing masks, gloves and gowns have been increased, Jennifer said. If a patient is suspected of having COVID but testing isn’t complete (referred to as Rule Out COVID) or tests positive for COVID, they wear an N95 mask with a surgical mask over that, a hair covering, gown, goggles and gloves. “There are times I may have my N95, goggles, surgical mask and hair covering all on for 2-3 hours straight. This is no picnic. But it really is the new normal,” she said.

Jennifer said her concern about bringing the virus home to her loved ones has created a lot of changes to her personal life. “I babysat my 2-year-old granddaughter two days a week prior to COVID,” she said. “I have missed my time with my grandbaby terribly. I completely isolated myself from all my family and friends except my fiancé for about 10 weeks. I was supposed to get married March 24 but had to cancel.”

Jennifer said she keeps her work shoes and clothes out of the house until they can go directly into the washing machine. She showers and disinfects everything she took to work as soon as she comes home. “All healthcare workers I know did similar things, even though we take extreme precautions at work. You are never quite sure if you may have had an exposure on your last shift.”

As the community opens back up, Jennifer said they are starting to see their previous patients return and the COVID population decrease. “We know this will be a disease we will continue to combat until widespread vaccination is in place,” she said. “I have had co-workers contract the virus; I have had concerns of contracting it myself. I have concerns about long-term effects of potential multiple exposures to the virus. These are all things we will know in time but is a big question mark in our lives today.

“It has been amazing to see the outpouring of love that my profession and all frontline workers have received in the last few months. It is nice to be appreciated.”
COVID-19 EXPERIENCE

Mary Kay Koesters Chadwick ’81

Mary Kay Chadwick will celebrate 35 years in August as a radiologic technologist. She has worked at Norton Brownsboro Hospital for the past 11 years in radiology and works in the general X-ray area.

Her responsibilities include taking X-rays of outpatients, inpatients and emergency room patients. She also works with radiologists during procedures; works the X-ray equipment in the operating room; and in the bone density room in the outpatient room.

“I really enjoy my job because I work with patients and really enjoy the older patients,” Mary Kay said. “I have seen a lot over the years in my career, but the coronavirus pandemic has been very overwhelming to say the least! We have protocols in place for working with infectious diseases, but this has been far worse than ever before. Norton’s has been very proactive to put more procedures into place for the safety of patients and employees and worked very hard to supply us with the PPE we need to do our jobs.”

Mary Kay said the process is to gown up for each patient and clean the equipment afterward. The ER designated a hallway for COVID patients as well as the ICU and one floor of the hospital.

“It was very stressful when it started and throughout the time until the numbers started to decrease,” she said. “We all helped each other through it and were flexible to help with different shifts.”

As of now, Mary Kay said she is going back to Brescia in the fall for in-person classes. “They haven’t said anything regarding us being online again but it can always change.”

Mary Kay said she has noticed more staff wearing surgical caps all the time. “I think the worst was seeing each patient come in by themselves, no family for support, and for some to be so ill that they were admitted to the ICU and to be intubated. As an X-ray tech I perform the portable chest X-rays on each patient. A lot of times I could tell they probably had COVID-19 just by looking at their X-ray. I always try to chat with my patients but even more so during this time because they are all alone. It was stressful at work and then after work seeing the news about New York and Italy was heartbreaking. We were very concerned if our hospital would ever see so many ill patients.”

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Jada Saunders ’19

Jada Saunders ’19 was finishing up her freshman year at Brescia University when COVID-19 hit.

“They sent an email to the whole school that we were transitioning online and that we will have to move back home,” she said. She left school that week, but those who did not have anywhere to go had the option of staying longer.

Online classes started about a week after the email. Jada said online classes weren’t as hard as she thought. “I would have preferred to be in class than online speaking with my teachers because I feel it is easier to learn that way,” she said. Her sister Kayla ’20 was finishing her senior year at Pres online as well, but Jada said it wasn’t a problem.

“We were both in school and focused at the same time, but I ended school earlier than her so it was kind of hard for her to focus sometimes.”

Most of Jada’s professors used Microsoft Teams to communicate with them. “Only a few of my teachers would meet with my class face to face at the regularly scheduled time and the others would pre-record their classes.” Jada said she still had final exams, but the teachers were flexible with schoolwork because they knew some students didn’t have access to computers or any technology. They could also turn in work early which she liked.

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Ashley Leonard Wheeler ’04 is a nurse at University of Louisville Hospital. She has been a nurse for 11 years and currently works as a trauma resource nurse.

“My role at the hospital is to respond to trauma activations in the emergency room,” Ashley said. “I also assist with critical care procedures and supplement staff in the ER and intensive care units. While I primarily deal with trauma patients, I also help with other critical patients such as those with COVID-19.

“COVID has been a unique experience. In the beginning we were venturing into the unknown of this disease process, symptoms and treatment. Things got complicated over time because the typical presentation changed. When testing became more available, we tested every patient that was admitted. A COVID patient would typically come in with respiratory symptoms but over time we would get trauma patients that had no symptoms of COVID but would test positive.”

While COVID has been a scary experience, Ashley said she is glad she has had the opportunity to learn from it. “Treatments that typically work for respiratory issues have not worked for these patients,” she said. “In the beginning it was trial and error. Patients are typically here for weeks at a time and their recovery is a rollercoaster. Just when we think that we have gotten out of the worst of it, they start to decline all over again. It can be truly disheartening for everyone involved.”

Ashley said she and her co-workers wear surgical masks at all times. When they enter a potential-COVID room, they wear gloves and a gown, and with an invasive procedure they also wear a N95 mask and face shield. The staff’s temperatures are also taken daily.

Visitors are restricted. “Initially, no visitors were allowed within the hospital, but eventually one designated visitor was allowed with non-COVID patients,” she said. COVID patients get no visitors, even in death. There are now visiting hours from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. All visitors get screened and are expected to wear a face mask while in the hospital.”

At the beginning of the COVID outbreak, Ashley said she believes people truly feared it and were wearing masks and washing their hands more often, along with other precautions.

“As time passed and numbers have plateaued, the fear has lessened,” she said. “More people out and fewer masks have been worn. Unfortunately, I don’t see the end of this in sight so I’m sure that fear will continue to lessen as time goes by.”

Chadwick
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day at work. “We are required to wear masks all day, and at the end of the day we stand on an infrared shoe scanner to disinfect the bottoms of our shoes.” When she comes home from work, she always takes a shower and washes her work clothes as well to be safe.

Mary Kay said she has noticed a decrease in COVID-19 patients in the hospital, but there are still some who come in the emergency room with possible COVID-19 symptoms. The hospital has provided employees with a serum antibody test to take, and hers came back negative.

“This is a very unusual time in our lives, and I hope in a year it will all be behind us and we can return to what we know is normal,” she said. “Stay safe and keep the faith is Norton’s motto. I tell each of my patients to stay safe and keep the faith; we can get through this!”
Send your fellow Pres Girls a shoutout

I hope you are all well and healthy during the new and uncertain circumstances. Who knew 2020 would be such a unique and turbulent year? Why didn’t they warn me? I jest, but my initiation to the Alumnae & Community Engagement Coordinator position has certainly been a uniquely crazy and interesting start!

Unfortunately, with the stay at home orders in place, our events have been postponed and I did not have the chance to meet more of you. However, I have been blessed with the opportunity to work with the Craft Ladies. You may not realize this, but they are always there, behind the scenes—making moves and getting things done. They are a small but devoted group of ladies who give freely of their time, talent and treasure.

I believe it’s increasingly vital to shine a light on the many brilliant women of Pres like the Craft Ladies, who are diligently working in service to the community. I’m asking you to help me highlight a Topper you admire, one who goes above and beyond to thrive in their field, whatever that may be! Send me a brief description of the work they are doing and I will send them a congratulatory card and ask permission to publish their news so we can all celebrate their achievements.

If you or your classmates have recently become engaged or gotten married, welcomed a new addition, earned a degree or promotion, please let me know! It’s always a brighter day when we can share in the excitement of our alumnae’s milestones.

Generations of Pres Girls witnessed this year’s seniors as they faced postponing so many of their scheduled celebrations. We worried about our treasured traditions and sorrowfully wondered when and how they would be permitted to dance the night away at prom, to add their names next to ours in the Tower and to hold on to one another one last time as they ran down those stairs at Breck. We felt this anxiety even more so because we shared the experience of discovering who we were within the same four walls.

Our current Pres Girls would greatly benefit from interacting with women who have walked the same halls and shared in some of the same experiences. Can you help enhance this community we cherish by volunteering to share your journey as a mentor for current Pres Girls or by speaking at the next Alumnae Career Day? If you are interested, send me an email at cniehaus@presentationacademy.org.

When I started working at Pres in December, I felt that indescribable, yet distinctive sense of home—the familiar characteristic of our beloved alma mater. This sentiment is frequently shared by alumnae, students and faculty alike; Presentation always feels like home. Home is not merely our beautiful historic building. It’s the feeling inspired by our shared love and admiration for Presentation Academy and what we learned within her walls. I am so happy to be at home!

Three cheers for all my Pres Sisters!

Cortney Lewis Niehaus ’01
Alumnae & Community Engagement Coordinator

Continuing the Pres Legacy

Due to COVID-19, the annual Alumnae Pinning Ceremony was canceled. Luckily, our Pres Alumnae Moms were still able to pin their daughters into the Alumnae Association, just from the comfort of their home.

(Katie ’20 and Mary Beth Pape Curtis ’90)

(Emma ’20 and Laura Shaughnessy Kelty ’91)

(From left) Melanie Mahoney Komp ’92, Maggie Komp ’20, Amy Mahoney Richardson ’95 and Mindy Mahoney Ashford ’98
Won an award? New profession? Traveled the world? Given birth? We want to know. Don’t be afraid to brag! Send any news, information and/or photos about yourself or classmates to Cortney Lewis Niehaus ’01 by emailing cniehaus@presentationacademy.org or via mail to Presentation Academy Alumnae Office, 861 South Fourth Street, Louisville, KY 40203.

1970s
Mary Wicker Schroder ’75 opened a new business called Yes U Can Travel, specializing in individual and group travel.

Nancy Maguire Gries ’77 has been a licensed Real Estate Agent/Broker and a member of the National Association of REALTORS for 30 years. She has a Seniors Real Estate Specialist Designation (SRES) and, in April, she earned the Pricing Strategy Advisor (PSA) Certification through the National Association of REALTORS.

1980s
Carolyn Burke Dahman ’80 published an original novel. “Winding Trail” is a thriller and is currently available on Amazon.com in both e-book and print formats.

2000s
Susanne Firestone ’01 and husband, Matt Nash, welcomed their son Logan Firestone Nash on January 25, 2020. His big sister, Future Pres Girl Gracie ’28 and big brothers Luke and Michael (both 7) are so excited.

Erin Maguire-Osting ’03 and her husband, Drew Osting, finalized the adoption of their son Finley, on June 27, 2019.

Katy Sutton ’04 graduated from the University of Kentucky with a PhD in rehabilitation sciences. She joined Creighton University as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Physical Therapy.
Madeline Clark ‘11 graduated with a Bachelor’s of Arts degree in art from the University of Louisville in December 2019. She accepted a position with Springstone, Inc. as a phone counselor.

Elliott Grantz ‘15 graduated with a Master’s of Science degree in sustainability from the University of Louisville in May 2020. She accepted a position with the United Nation’s World Food Program. “My time at Pres definitely gave me the conviction to get my MS and apply for my dream job!”

Mya D. McClain ‘16 (right) graduated with a dual Bachelor’s degree in communication studies and diversity and community studies from Western Kentucky University. She will continue her education this fall at WKU and pursue a Master’s degree in Organizational Leadership.

Katie Flischel Bailey ‘05 and her husband, Drew, welcomed their second daughter, Brooklyn Marie Bailey, on April 13, 2020.

Krista Cannon Riley ‘05 and her husband, Ben, welcomed their daughter, Aria Rose Riley, on September 9, 2019.

Amy Mueller Gordon ‘02 and her husband, Brian, welcomed their first child, Zachary Lee Gordon, on October 6.

Lauren Casada Nolan ‘08 opened a wedding dress boutique called Build-A-Bride™ bridal boutique in Louisville. Her boutique is completely mobile, and she offers in-home and pop-up appointments.

Morgan Babey ‘14 graduated with her Master’s of Arts in teaching from University of Louisville in December 2019. She received the Outstanding Master’s of Arts in Student Teaching in Early Elementary Education award. She is pictured with her grandma, Martha Lauyans Sutt ‘60.
Elizabeth Askew Yates ’99 was awarded the 2020 Excellence in Teaching Award from Campbellsville University. She is pictured with her husband and two children.

Congratulations on winning this award! How do you feel?
My first reaction to the news was tears. I felt simultaneously honored and humbled. It reminded me that I attach a great sense of pride to my job performance, so the validation is pretty gratifying. However, I am one of the many it takes to help make sure students are getting what they need. Education is a team effort.

How long have you been a teacher and where have you taught in your career?
I started teaching in 2006, so we are going on 14 years. Besides volunteering and student teaching, all of my career has been spent in the same school.

What do you enjoy most about teaching at Nichols Elementary School?
Nichols is the smallest elementary school in the county. Anyone that comes to visit is usually shocked at the location and feel of the school. We are a family, and I couldn’t imagine being anywhere else. When you teach the Arts in an elementary school, you see the kiddos over and over again for six years. I would say that being an outlet for them year after year is what I enjoy most. I know each of them very well. Being in the same school this long also means I know most of their parents, siblings, and extended family members.

Did you always know you wanted to be an elementary school teacher? What interested you most about it?
I did not always want to be a teacher. The most prominent personal interest of mine has always been loving art and creative outlets. I also knew I needed to do a job that was not monotonous. It needed to have a bigger purpose. Boom! Pull the curtain back and there’s the perfect job for me...art teacher. Each day is never the same and my helper’s heart is extremely satisfied. I love my job!

Who have been your favorite teachers and how have they helped shape you into the teacher you are today?
I’ve had too many to name. Those who stand out are the ones that wanted to be there. By that, I mean, they had a passion for what they were doing. You have to like what you are doing because students know if you aren’t genuine. If you don’t care about their authentic self, they won’t have too much interest in what you want to share with them.

What lessons did you learn during your time at Pres that have carried with you?
My time at Pres was priceless. I learned it is important to figure out who you are and to be yourself. We were all made to feel unique and powerful for who we were on an individual level. I learned a lot academically, and I also gained a sisterhood and family that is unwavering.

Do you have any hobbies? What do you like to do in your spare time?
Naturally, I love making art. Working with clay is my favorite and I’m lucky to have a kiln at school so my students and I can make big messes together. I also love to cook, and EAT! As a family, we like getting outdoors to swim, kayak, and hike. However, I can’t neglect to mention quiet movie nights at home are my favorite.
Presentation Academy offers its condolences to the family, friends and former classmates of those alumnae who have passed away.

Shirley Duggins Akin ’53
Betty Jean Elder Bayens ’51
Mary “Bo” Dillon Brown ’43
Virginia Camilla Karem Brown ’55
Martha O’Regan Chill ’67
Mary Beth Schoene Cooper ’62
Patricia Strothman Craig ’57
Dolores Kelly Dawson ’49
Brenda Greenwell Day ’69
Dorothy Celebrezze Rolfe Duckworth ’51
Joyce Ann Harris Fields ’50
Helen Haming Fleming ’42
Judith Bushman Flood ’65
Wanda Ruth Hayden Francis ’59
JoAnn Krebs Gilpin ’49
Sarah “Sally” Harrison Hasselwander ’60
Catherine G. Hoormann ’35
Jennifer Hurst ’91
Margaret (Margie) Abell Johannemann ’60
Evelyn Darlene “Dolly” Gish Krebs ’64
Joan McAdam Marchal ’57
Mary Clare Hammer Marin ’42
Sharon Riley McNally ’54
Mary Eloise Lauyns Medley ’51
Patricia McGrath Mucci ’45
Joan Sauer Murtz ’52
Rose Margaret Schianchi Noe ’50
Betty Jean Knorpp Pierce ’47
Suzanne Ratkowski H’06
Joan Marie Ropke ’44
Mary Ann Heil Ruhl ’44
Norma Jean Nau Savage ’49
Mary Frances “Chile” Bloemer Schaefer ’47
Mary Jo Davis Schmidt ’58
Teresa Elizabeth Lusher Schulz ’49
Alice Kaelin Smith ’66
Rita Riley Smith ’40
Mary Yvonne Riddle Snider ’54
Diane Bauer Summers ’74
Patricia Meagher Tierney ’51
Jeanette Edna Franzman Timmering ’50
Sr. Mary Elaine Zehnder, SCN ’49

Presentation Academy offers its condolences to the alumnae who have recently lost a loved one.

Jeanne Carrico Abell ’71 (Mother)
Connie Peterworth Allen ’69 (Sister)
Terri Bauer Alsup ’79 (Sister)
Martha Logsdon Atwell ’67 (Brother)
Veronica Logsdon Barker ’57 (Brother)
Linda Lough Schaefer Barrett ’73 (Mother)
Patti Bauer ’83 (Sister)
Rose Davis Beard ’61* (Sister)
Brandy Peden Bernauer ’98 (Mother)
Linda Lynch Biere ’57 (Husband)
Whitney Blanford ’04 (Mother) (Father) (Brother)
Mary Jo Clark Brady ’50 (Brother)
Julia Brockman ’12 (Father)
Leah Brockman ’15 (Father)
Rose Bayens Brown ’78 (Mother)
Theresa Davis Carpenter ’62 (Sister)
Carmel Carrico ’73 (Mother)
Katie Peden Catlett ’05 (Mother)
Barbara Gish Cecil ’56 (Sister)
Karen Osborne Ceceli ’82 (Brother)
Mary Kay Koesters Chadwick ’81 (Brother)
Martha Bayens Clark ’79 (Mother)
Patricia M. Clark ’61 (Brother)
Monica Louise Clinton (Carrico) ’85 (Husband)
Mary Catherine (Molly) Glauber Coco ’02 (Mother)
Therese Carrico Comstock ’75 (Mother)
Clarice Connelly ’77 (Mother)
Mary Harris Conway ’53 (Sister)
Nancy Wessel Cowell ’49 (Husband)
Beverly Schneider Cox ’82 (Husband)
Madeline Pfister Craig ’54 (Husband)
Therese Givan Crumes ’75 (Father)
Barbara Anne Leamey Dahlem ’56 (Husband)
Candy French Davis ’90 (Father)
Bonnie Dillman ’63 (Husband)
Katherine McGuire Domagalski ’86 (Mother)
Christy Schaefer Dooley ’78 (Mother)
Janet Celebrezze Dosch ’54 (Sister)
Rosetta Freibert Lowry Duke ’46 (Brother)
Patricia Thomas Dumont ’48 (Brother)
Linda Osborne Duncan ’79 (Brother)
Mary Sue Carrico Dunn ’69 (Mother)
Martha Davis Eatherly ’68 (Sister)
Sherry Mattingly Finegan ’68 (Sister)
Dodie Lammers Flaherty ’58 (Husband)
Joyce Zender French ’60 (Son)
Kathleen Finck Gathof ’79 (Husband)
Mary Virginia “Tootsie” Gish S.C. ’61 (Sister)
Ashley Hartung Hagerty ’10 (Mother)
Sharron Pierce Hakola ’67 (Mother)
Amy Dawson Hamm ’73 (Mother)
Lori Burch Hammett ’81 (Father)
Cathy Barrett Hardin ’79 (Husband)
Susan Craig Harrison ’80 (Mother)
Shirley Mattingly Haury ’68 (Sister)
Mary Ann Beirne Heavrin ’62 (Brother)
Jo Ann Brotzge Heichelbech ’58 (Sister)
Nicki Heneman ’04 (Father)
Joan Breckel Herp ’61 (Brother)
Brenda Kays Hoyt ’70 (Brother) (Mother)
Sarah Greenwell Hutchins ’64 (Brother)
Brenda Kenney Kelly ’96 (Brother)
Laurie VanDyke Kelly ’86 (Father)
Patricia “Tish” Harrison Kiely ’54 (Sister)
Kay Frances Kiesler ’75 (Mother)
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Cheryl Powell ’80 Klein ’80 (Mother)
Jane O’Regan Kleinert ’69 (Sister)
Andrea Koesters ’12 (Father)
Sharron Jackson Leahy ’63 (Husband)
Terry Bayens Lenahan ’76 (Mother)
Rita Burch Lewis ’54 (Husband)
Martha “Jean” Sims Liebert ’61 (Husband)
Mary Kimberly Mattingly ’79 (Sister)
Sharon Webb McCullum ’60 (Husband)
Mary Margaret McGuire ’85 (Mother)
Suzanne Meers ’93 (Father)
Diana Meyer ’71 (Father)
Tina Renn Meyer ’02 (Brother)
Janet Schoene Miller ’69 (Sister)
Elaine Bischoff Miszkiel ’66 (Husband)
Diann Rose Kent Mohon ’74 (Brother)
Mary Kim Lauffer Motherwell ’78 (Mother)
Mary Ann George Newton ’51 (Brother)
Rose Schoenbachler Oberlander ’59 (Brother)
Janice Davis O’Bryan ’56 (Sister)
Denise Meyer Paris ’73 (Father)
Rebecca Bushman Patterson ’68 (Sister)
Judy Mattingly Petty ’65 (Sister)
Linda Pierce ’76 (Mother)
Elizabeth Kiesler Poole ’81 (Mother)
Barbara Bradshaw Pridy ’55 (Sister)
Sue Davis Rectenwald ’65 (Sister)
Mary Carmel Griner Renneisen ’59 (Brother)
Joan Harrison Rieh ’49* (Sister)
Kathryn Eckert Risimini ’50 (Husband)
Lynn Miller Roman ’67 (Brother)
Patrice Zehnder Rymarowicz ’51 (Sister) #
Bernice Hardy Sachleben ’69 (Brother)
Mary Logsdon Sennott ’65 (Brother)
Deborah Thomas Shull ’72 (Mother)
Donna Sermersheim Smith-Goodin ’64 (Husband)
Donna Osborne Sparrow ’78 (Brother)
Bridget Dawson Stansbury ’80 (Mother)
Nikki Ashby Stillwell ’03 (Father)
Lucille Wuerth Tangel ’61 (Brother)
Beth Bayens Tetley ’83 (Mother)
Gwenman Thomas ’89 (Mother)
Dee Ann Watson Thomas ’56 (Husband)
Jeanette Franzman Timmering ’50 (Brother)
Joyce Boone Toole ’60 (Husband)
Stacey Flood Topp ’94 (Mother)
Tonya Ledington Truesdell ’93 (Father)
Mary Bacher Tupica ’55 (Brother)
Patty Ray Urton ’70 (Daughter) (Granddaughter)
Jean Hill VanDyke ’55 (Husband)
Kimberly Nutgrass Velez ’84 (Brother)
Ruth Bloemer Viviano ’52 (Sister)
Linda Wahl ’65* (Sister)
Susan Krause Welsh ’74 (Father)
Carolyn Smith Wigginton ’67 (Mother)
Rita Davis Wilkinson ’64 (Sister)
Imelda Kempf Wise ’51 (Brother)
Alice Stober Wissel ’75 (Brother)
Mary Frances Wuerth Wright ’63 (Brother)
Ruth Ann Wuerth ’60 (Brother)
Stephanie Fuchs Yates ’08 (Brother)
Barbara Breckel Zwischenberger ’58 (Brother)

Correction
In the recent Alumnae Directory, Janet Hackett Parker-Pardieu ’64 was inadvertently listed as deceased. We apologize for the error and have corrected it in the online version.

* The Alumna has passed away.
# Alumna’s sister passed away in April 2019.
COVID-19 brings year to unique close

The 2019-2020 school year will go down in Pres history as one unlike any other. Friday, March 13 was the last day of in-person instruction for our Pres Girls, as we were forced to close to prevent the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19). In just two days, our faculty transitioned from teaching their normal lessons in their classrooms to online-only instruction from their homes. Our theme for this school year was “Close Knit & Full of Grit,” and that was certainly evident in how our Pres students, faculty and staff have handled this experience.

Our teachers met with their classes on Zoom at least once a week, and they and the counselors were available for office hours. They used a variety of technological tools and creative projects to engage with their students and ensure they learned the material.

We also made several special deliveries throughout the semester to let the students know we were thinking about them. Our senior class received personalized door hangers, cookies and gifts from the 2001 and 2003 alumnae, while our underclassmen received goody bags and Pres cookies at the end of the year. All students also received handwritten notes from some of our faculty and staff members.

While the school year did not end the way they had hoped, our class of 2020 showed grace and resilience through it all. We are planning to celebrate with them again in mid-July with the important Pres traditions we all looked forward to—Tower Signing, Walk out the Front Doors, Honors Day and Graduation. These activities are completely dependent on the recommendations and guidelines given by our public health officials, but we are confident at this time that these plans will work.

While the last three months were certainly the most unique, there was more to the 2019-2020 school year than just the coronavirus. This year we debuted our 1:1 device program, as the freshmen began using new Microsoft Surface Go devices. This program will expand this upcoming school year with the incoming Class of 2024. The freshmen were also the first to take AP Human Geography, giving them the opportunity to earn college credit. Our juniors and seniors can also earn college credit through classes at Spalding University and in our dual credit and AP courses.

Our volleyball team was runners-up at the All ‘A’ State Tournament, and our cross country team finished in fourth at the Class 1A State Championship. Our theater department performed “Sister Act” and “Twelve Angry Women” at the Top Hat Theatre, and our art students won several awards in the Scholastic Regional Art Competition. Check out more highlights on pages 14-17.

As we plan to return to Fourth and Breck in August, things will not be back to normal just yet. Classes will be held in different rooms; everyone will be wearing masks; and additional safety guidelines will be put in place. But no matter what happens, our Pres Girls, as well as our faculty and staff, will persevere. We can’t wait to start the new year in August!

Sincerely,
Becca Noonan ’00
Principal

Have you seen this year’s SIP projects?

Short for Senior Independent Project, this year’s group includes a design of Churchill Downs in LEGO, a podcast on women in sports and a series of projects throughout the year highlighting diversity. Check out https://presentationsip.weebly.com/ and our social media pages to learn more!
1 The Class of 2023 walked through the beloved, stained glass front doors on their first day of school.

2 Pres Girls cheered through downtown Louisville during the annual Walkathon event.

3 Alice Beatty ’22 won first place in the Edgar Allan Poe Art Competition. Her drawing received the highest score out of 89 entries for the contest. Her artwork was on display at the Frazier History Museum.

4 Archbishop Joseph Kurtz joined our Pres Girls for All Saints Day Mass on Grandparents’ Day.

5 Jaiden Jennings ’22 was selected as a member of this year’s Louisville Girls Leadership.

6 Shelby Hyland ‘21 was selected as a 2019 YMCA Youth Character Award winner.

7 Grace Brewer ’21 and Claire Williams ’21 were selected as Fair Trade Ambassadors at Just Creations.

8 Top Hat Theatre presented “Sister Act” as their fall musical.

9 Maura Maguire ’20, Gisela Martinez ’20, Fernanda Scharfenberger ’20, Tori Simpson ’20 and Carly Gonzalez ’20 attended the “Diplomacy Begins Here” conference.

10 Alice Beatty ’22 won “Best of Show” and first place in the All ‘A’ Art Competition. Her design was featured on the cover of the All ‘A’ Classic program. Her artwork was on display at the University of Louisville Hite Art Institute.


12 Pres Girls participated in the Kentucky Youth Assembly. Their Bluegrass bill passed the House and the Senate, and it was signed by the Lt. Governor. Pres won premiere delegation and received the Honor Level for their service to the community.

13 Maggie Komp ’20 won the outstanding delegate award at Kentucky Youth Assembly.

14 Members of the WE Day Club volunteered at the La Casita Center holiday party before Christmas break.

15 Presentation’s art students earned 14 awards in the Scholastic Regional Art Competition, our school’s highest total to date! Emily Brangers ’21 received a Gold Key award for her photograph of blinds titled “Repeated Light.” Alice Beatty ’22 also received a Gold Key award for her “All ‘A’ Classic” program cover design. Gold Key is the highest award given in the regional competition. Emily’s and Alice’s pieces will be on display at the Kentucky Museum of Art and Craft. Four students earned Silver Key awards: Grace Brewer ’21, Kayleigh Domhoff ’20, Gracie Koesters ’21 and Laura Tinnell ’21. Eight students earned Honorable Mention awards: Emily Wright ’20, Katie Cooper ’20, Shelby Delk ’21, Miranda Sheehan ’21, Grace Brewer ’21 and Alice Beatty ’22. All of the students’ winning artwork was on display at the University of Louisville Hite Art Institute.

16-17 The Academic Team was runners-up in the District Governor’s Cup competition and also won the Katherine C. Hume Sportsmanship award! The following students placed in their respective competitions: Holly Kissel ‘20, 2nd Place - Arts and Humanities; Grace Medley ’21, 3rd Place - Composition; Maura Maguire ’20, 2nd Place - Language Arts and 3rd Place - Composition; Kate Wood ’20, 4th Place - Mathematics; Maia Kuehne-Seeber ’23, 4th Place - Science; and Darcy Komp ’22, 3rd Place - Social Studies.

Pres’ Quick Recall team placed 2nd. The following are members of the team: Darcy Komp ’22, Tori Simpson ’20, Mary P’Oryem ’21, Maia Kuehne-Seeber ’23, Grace Medley ’21, Claire Williams ’21, Holly Kissel ’20 and Jennifer Vong ’21.

18 Maggie Komp ’20 was selected to cantor at the Archdiocesan Mass celebrating Catholic Schools Week at St. Peter the Apostle Church. She is pictured (center) with President Laura Dills, Lilee Harrington ’22, Alex Garcia ’22, Darcy Komp ’22 and Lily Norton ’22.

19 Freshmen and sophomore representatives attended the Young Women LEAD Conference hosted by the University of Louisville.

20 Top Hat Theatre presented “Twelve Angry Women” as their spring production.

21 Wave 3 News Meteorologist Tawana Andrew spoke to the sixth period physical science, ecology, honors pre-calculus and honors algebra 2 students.

22-23 Pres Girls sewed masks over Spring Break. The masks were donated to Norton Healthcare.

24 The juniors picked up their rings from Balfour.

25 Ms. Samuels’ dual credit finite math class used Desmos to study properties of normal distributions over Zoom.

26 The senior class received Chelle Belle’s Tower door hangers on what would have been Honors Day.

27-28 A team of faculty and staff delivered the underclassmen a goody bag on the last day of school.

29-30 A team of faculty and staff delivered the seniors their caps, gowns, stoles and cords, as well as a bunch of goodies.
Discover how Pres Girls made an impact on the court and on the field. Check out the accomplishments of our athletes and teams.

1 The volleyball team won the All ‘A’ 6th Region Championship over Holy Cross, 2-1.

2 Ahmaya Graves-Young '22 was named Louisville Catholic Sports Network’s Girls’ Soccer Player of the Week in August.

3 Addi Croslin ‘22 and Libby Gilliland ‘20 competed in the All ‘A’ State Tournament.

4-5 The volleyball team finished as runners-up in the All ‘A’ state tournament. Leah Cawthon '20, Allie Hoover '21, Avery Hoover '21 and Kailyn Jekel '21 were named to the All-Tournament Team.

6 Addi Croslin ‘22 shot a career-best 90 in the Regional Tournament to qualify for state. She was later named to the All Region Team.

7 Libby Gilliland '20 was named the KHSAA “Female Golf Student Athlete of the Year.”

8 The cross country team finished in second place out of 18 teams at the Hillbilly Run at Thomas Nelson High School.

9 Mary P’Oryem '21 was named to the All-District Tournament Team. She was also named to the 2nd Team All Region Team.

10 Shay Bibbs '22 was named to the Honorable Mention All Region Team.

11 Allie Hoover ‘21 and Avery Hoover ‘21 were named to the 25th District All Tournament Team.

12 Golf seniors: Libby Gilliland and Tori Simpson.

13 Soccer seniors: Gisela Martinez, Kayla Saunders, Tess Prendergast, Hannah Yates and Alex Barthmaier.


16 Kailyn Jekel '21 was named to the Region 7 All-Tournament Team.

17 The cross country team finished in 4th place in the Class 1A State Championship at the Kentucky Horse Park. Olivia Brown ‘20, Sammi Kising ‘20 and Nellie Radke ‘20 were named to the 2019 Cross Country Class 1A Louisville All-Area Team.

18 The step team performed at halftime of the University of Louisville men’s basketball game.

19 The archery team finished fifth in the Ascension Reindeer Shoot. Mary Kate Kelty '22 finished sixth and Makenna Davis '23 and Molly Sharber '22 tied for eighth.

20 Olivia Brown was named to the All Tournament Team in the Villa Madonna Holiday Invitational Tournament and Player of the Game against North Bullitt in the Wesbanco Bank Holiday Classic.

21 Peyton Nauert ‘22 was named the top fan vote-getter in the Kentucky.com Girls Player of the Week competition for the week of Jan. 5-11.

22 Olivia Brown ‘20 and Peyton Nauert ‘22 were named to the All ‘A’ 6th Region All-Tournament Team.

23 The cheerleaders won second place in the High School Small Division in the LIT at Valley High School. They also finished first in the small school category and third place overall in the St. Athanasius Sass and Sting Showdown.

24 The dance team placed first in Small Jazz and second in Small Pom at the 2020 LIT dance competition. They also were named Varsity Grand Champions at Ballard High School’s competition, winning first place and best choreography for varsity jazz and first place in varsity pom.


26 The following seniors signed to play sports in college: Libby Gilliland, golf at La Salle University; Kate Wood, volleyball at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology; Olivia Brown, cross country and track at Bellarmine University; and Alex Barthmaier, cross country at Spalding University.

27 Archery seniors: Tess Prendergast, Sierra Willis, Holly Kissel, Kayleigh Domhoff and Sammi Kising.

28 Dance seniors: Savannah Leigh and Grace Becker.

29 Step senior: Tyia Tobin

30 Basketball seniors: Makayah King, Olivia Brown, Sammi Kising and MacKenzie Conner.

31 Louisville Catholic Sports Network named Kate Wood ‘20 Presentation’s Student-Athlete of the Year.

32 Spring Sports seniors: Sierra Willis and Makayah King (softball); Rachel Flood, Katie Cooper and Maxine Hyland (tennis); Maura Maguire (lacrosse); Olivia Brown, Sammi Kising, Emma Kelty, and Leah Cawthon (track and field).
GOVERNOR’S SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Holly Kissel ’20 and Kate Wood ’20 spent the summer of 2019 at the Governor’s Scholars Program. Established in 1983, the program provides academic and personal growth through the balance of a strong liberal arts program with a full co-curricular and residential life experience.

HOLLY KISSEL ’20

What did you study at GSP and why did you study that particular subject?
I studied Dramatic Expression at GSP. We experienced the entirety of the creative process - from conception to creation. Our final project was a showcase of theatrical pieces - both original and relevant scenes from contemporary plays.

What was the best part about your GSP experience?
The best part of GSP was the community of the students. We all supported each other throughout our classes and events. The community lacked the usual competition that comes in a school setting. I love the friends I made at GSP.

What are some of the most important things you learned and how can you apply those lessons to your senior year at Pres and beyond?
I learned the importance of taking intellectual risks and the necessity of uniting as a group to create something beautiful. I learned about the perspective of rural communities compared to urban communities. I will continue to take risks, support my friends, and use learning to my benefit.

How did your experience influence your thoughts about college and your future?
GSP taught me how to navigate a large college campus and how to balance fun and class time. GSP taught me that I can have a great experience at any college, but I should still look around for a college that feels like home. GSP helped me explore the process of applying to college with a group of like-minded people.

Holly plans to major in theatre and business administration at Bellarmine University.

KATE WOOD ’20

What did you study at GSP and why did you study that particular subject?
At GSP, I studied Modes of Mathematical Thinking, specifically probability. We played a lot of card games and poker, learning how to bet according to the odds. I also studied fear, including types of fears, how we react to fear, and where our fears originated. In this class, we went on a field trip to the Home of Wayward Babydolls in Morehead, Ky., and watched shows like “Black Mirror.”

What was the best part about your GSP experience?
My favorite part of GSP was the college life aspect. I loved being super independent, living in a dorm with super sweet girls, and being responsible of my classes and free time.

What are some of the most important things you learned and how can you apply those lessons to your senior year at Pres and beyond?
From GSP, I learned that time management is extremely important, especially when no one else is in charge of your schedule. Also, I learned the importance of diversity when making decisions and that majorities and minorities all need equal representation. The Kentucky school systems are not as diverse as we believe them to be, and we need to fix this.

How did your experience influence your thoughts about college and your future?
Though I still plan on going to college out of state, my GSP experience helped me realize that I have great backup schools in Kentucky if I need to stay close to home. My experience also helped me solidify my decision of pursuing a degree in a math-based field, probably engineering.

Kate plans to major in civil engineering and play volleyball at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology.
Thinking ahead to the future: Solar panels installed at AAC

Thanks to local environmental youth group OurEarthNow, the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth and local donors, Presentation now has 16 solar panels on the roof of the Arts and Athletic Center.

The panels are 77x39 inches, and the system will generate just over 5.9 kilowatts per hour, according to Tony Sweazy of Solar by Ecos, the installer of the panels. The system is estimated to generate 24 kilowatt hours per day from an average of 3-4 hours of sunlight.

Since its installation in January, the system has generated more than 2,900 kilowatt hours of electricity and reduced Pres’ carbon footprint by 2 tons.

The life of the panels is about 50 years and will save Pres about $40,000 in electricity over that span, said Tim Darst, emeritus executive director and founder of Kentucky Interfaith Power and Light.

OurEarthNow was created in 2010 and is affiliated with Kentucky Interfaith Power and Light. In October 2017, students from Pres, St. Xavier and Assumption chose solar panels as their yearly environmental project and began devising a plan to fundraise and bring solar panels to their respective schools.

The cost to purchase and install the solar panels was $15,000, thanks to a partnership with Solar by Ecos and Kentucky Interfaith Power and Light.

Thanks to Tim Darst and Angela Lincoln; Pat ‘64 and Ken Peet; and the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth for their generous donations.

Pat said she attributes her interest in renewable energy to Sister Bernard Ann who helped her make solar cells in Presentation’s science lab in 1963. Pat and her lab partner finished in third place in a statewide science fair.
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Watch the Tower Awards on WHAS-11’s Great Day Live!
Thursday, October 8, 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Can’t watch then? Check out the LIVE STREAM on Facebook that evening from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Tower Treasure winners will be drawn during the livestream.