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Peace Inducts Third Hall of Fame Class

Twenty-one Peace graduates, coaches and friends were inducted into the third class of the Queen of Peace Athletic Hall of Fame in a ceremony Oct. 7. This year's honorees included the 1998 Volleyball team – regional and sectional champions – and coaches Peggy O'Keefe Meyer, Victor Botwin and Denise Graney. The following alumnae were inducted for their outstanding accomplishments in their respective sports – Colleen Sexton Coddington '97, basketball; Missy Moran '97, basketball and soccer; Beth Ryan '94, softball and volleyball; and Tairisha Sawyer '03, track and field. Nancy Janachowski was inducted as a friend of the Peace athletic department.

The Peace Athletic Hall of Fame was created to recognize players, coaches, entire teams, athletic directors and friends of Peace who have made significant contributions to the athletic program.

"When you read or hear about tonight's inductees, you will realize the role that their experiences at Peace, as students and as athletes, contributed to their successes not just in high school, but in their futures as well," athletic director Darlene Graf told a packed gymnasium of spectators who attended the ceremony, which followed the Varsity volleyball team's Homecoming Game victory over Regina Dominican.

The 1998 Volleyball team, under the direction of head coach Peggy O'Keefe, achieved what only two other teams have accomplished since the GCAC began establishing divisions based on parity in 1987. They defeated Mother McAuley to win the prestigious GCAC Red Tournament and were crowned 1998 GCAC Champions. The only other teams to accomplish this feat in the past 23 years are Resurrection in 1987 and Queen of Peace in 2003.

The 1998 team won their IHSA Regional and advanced to the Sectional Champion-

ship by defeating St. Ignatius and Lyons Township. They finished the season with an overall record of 34-5 after losing to Naperville Central in the Super Sectional.

Inducted members of the 1998 Volleyball team include: Jacqueline Sokolowski Anderson '00, Kristen Anderson '00, Claudia Camarena '00, Elizabeth Gertos '99, Melanie Grabowski '99, Lisa Hennigan '00, Kristen Daly Kennedy '99, Kristin Bortoli Leshinske '00, Molly Mann '99, Liz Nowak-Muniz '99, Jessica Sulkowski '00, Melissa Vandrey '00, Carolyn Zemar '00, assistant coach Victor Botwin, assistant coach Denise Graney and head coach Peggy O'Keefe Meyer.

"The 1998 team was totally driven to win and besides that, they had the commitment as young athletes and the physical ability to put up a strong block," O'Keefe said. "They were enthusiastic."

O'Keefe and Botwin describe the 1998 team as a **(Continued on Pg. 5)**



Top: Kristen Daly Kennedy '99, Molly Mann '99 and Liz Nowak-Muniz '99 listen to opening comments during the 3rd Annual Athletic Hall of Fame on Oct. 7. **Left:** Lisa Hennigan '00, a Peace JV volleyball assistant coach, accepts flowers from her team during her introduction into the Athletic Hall of Fame. **Bottom:** The 1998 Varsity volleyball team, which defeated Mother McAuley to win the prestigious GCAC Red Tournament. "When we defeated McAuley, that confidence went with them and they always had a desire to improve themselves," coach O'Keefe said.



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Queen of Peace, a Catholic Dominicans of Sinsinawa college preparatory high school, educates and empowers diverse young women in an environment that inspires academic excellence. The Queen of Peace community promotes collaboration, moral and ethical leadership, service and a passion for justice.



From the Desk of the Principal



Dear Alumnae and Friends,

It is an honor and privilege to have become the principal of Queen of Peace High School earlier this summer. After serving as a board member, I thought I understood the ways of Peace. Little did I know what "a Peace thing" is.

Faculty, students and staff have welcomed me in the true hospitality of Peace. I hope all of you understand the treasure that is Queen of Peace. During the first quarter of the school year there have been many remarkable highlights.

Academically, the Class of 2010 earned 198 college credit hours through dual credit and Advanced Placement courses. Through our wireless campus, faculty and staff can track down students through e-mail and students can even e-mail the principal to make an appointment. In going "green", tests are on the computer, and because clubs and extra-curricular activities send e-mail blasts, they don't paper the hallways as much with flyers. Our Dominican values are truly a living, breathing active ingredient of the educational day. Peace students' willingness to embrace social responsibility is always evident. The "Volley for the Cure" game against that school on 99th Street is a recent example. Both schools' students worked side by side for Breast Cancer awareness and Peace raised nearly \$2,500.

Prior to coming to Queen of Peace High School, I was President/Principal of St. Benedict, a co-educational high school. I was a product of Catholic single-sex education

but never thought of the impact on my education until I came to Queen of Peace.

I now recognize the advantages I have received from a single-sex Catholic education. When your only high school experience is single-sex, it is hard to recognize the difference. Single-sex classrooms support customized instruction and encourage girls to be more daring and accept non-traditional roles. The development of our students supports this assertion. A recent graduate of Peace emphatically states on our recruitment video, "Peace is the Choice," "I am so confident, it is scary."

Confidence and the assumption of leadership are two benefits not easily pinpointed. Just look at all of you as alumnae. You are continually giving back to the community at-large, the Peace community, and family and friends.

One of your own has agreed to the leadership position of President of Queen of Peace High School. With excitement, I look forward to partnering with Anne O'Malley '75 as she takes on this role. In the tradition of Queen of Peace, she will assume the leadership responsibility and continue the mission of our school and that of the Dominicans of Sinsinawa. We are blessed. Her tenure officially begins Dec. 1. With the Queen of Peace Board and the Dominicans of Sinsinawa, we anticipate a bright and long future.

May Peace be with each of you,

Mary Kay Nickels

Upcoming Events

Visit queenofpeacehs.org for further details.

November 7 Founder's Day Mass & Celebration | 11 a.m.

November 7 Classes of '70 and '75 Reunions | Noon

November 14 Open House II | Noon-1:30 p.m.

November 18-20 "Just Another High School Play" | 7 p.m.

November 20 "It's a Peace Thing" | 4-8 p.m.

December 15 Winter Performing Arts Show | 7 p.m.

January 8 Class of 2015 Entrance Exam | 8 a.m.

January 21 Athletic Booster Candlelight Bowl | 10 p.m.

February 24-27 Spring Musical | 7 p.m. (2/27 @ 3 p.m.)

February 26 Grammar School Leadership Conference | 8 a.m. - Noon

Peace Announces New President

The Congregation of the Dominicans of Sinsinawa, on the recommendation of the Board of Directors of Queen of Peace, is pleased to announce the appointment of Anne O'Malley to the position of President of Queen of Peace High School, effective Dec. 1, 2010. The President Search Committee, as well as the Board of Directors, made a unanimous recommendation.



Anne O'Malley '75

O'Malley, a 1975 graduate of Queen of Peace, worked for "USA Today" in a number of positions - most recently as Director of Advertising Sales - for the past 20 years.

"At this stage in my life, my devotions and interests are more philanthropic," said O'Malley, who received a B.A. in Communications from Marquette University and numerous awards and achievements from "USA Today." "I am very anxious to get started at Peace. The process of coming on board was phenomenal - that experience alone made this opportunity a must-have."

O'Malley points to a number of reasons why she wanted to become President of Queen of Peace - the first being the opportunity to make a difference in the development of Peace and to become involved with

an institution to which she is committed, and secondly, to get the word out about the inspiration of a Catholic and Dominican education for young women through recruitment and raising funds.

"Queen of Peace was the right place for me to be at 13-years-old. A lot of things have changed since I was 13, but young ladies do not change," O'Malley said. "Queen of Peace is a great environment to feel a sense of confidence, inclusion and involvement - opportunities girls may not get in other environments."

She believes her strengths in the corporate world - new business development, recruiting, integrated marketing, creative branding and leadership development - will translate well to the school setting.

"There is a lot of change everywhere, and we are all getting used to that," O'Malley said. "At "USA Today" my skill set in that organization was making the transition from print to digital. I like the challenge of learning something new."

As a graduate of St. Bede the Venerable Grammar School, O'Malley has a strong familiarity with the South Side of Chicago and credits Queen of Peace for her "external, outgoing personality."

"I like the collaborative influence of an organization, school and family," she said. "Nobody does anything on their own; you need a team, so I am looking forward to that part."

Alum Receives 'Heart of the School'

Queen of Peace alumna Mary Pat Pearson '93 was recently named 2010 Heart of the School. She was recognized for this accomplishment at Peace's all-school Fall Spirit Assembly on Oct. 4.

"I've loved Queen of Peace since I attended Open House in seventh grade - so much so, that I was the only girl from Queen of Martyrs to come here that year," said Pearson, Peace's first alum to win Heart of the School. "To this day, I continue to tell people that it was the best decision I ever made. From the first day of school, I felt welcomed by the students, the faculty, everyone. I could not believe how fast Queen of Peace became my second home, and I was thrilled to come back to work at Peace after college."

Pearson graduated from Notre Dame University in 1997 with bachelor's degrees in English and Computer Applications. She began working at Peace in 1998 and has worked in many different capacities, currently as Assistant to the Dean of Students, Athletics Assistant, Assistant Recruiter and JV volleyball head coach.

"Being named Heart of the School is both humbling and meaningful because I was chosen by my peers," said Pearson, who is currently working on a Master's in School Counseling at Northeastern Illinois University. "I work with the most amazing, caring and dedicated faculty and staff, some of whom have been teaching me since I was 14-years-old. It is truly an honor that these people think that I deserve this award, and I am proud to be a part of this inspiring, creative and talented community."



Mary Pat Pearson '93, pictured with principal Mary Kay Nickels, was named 2010 Heart of the School on Oct. 4.

You're Invited

to a spirited celebration commemorating Queen of Peace High School's

48th Founder's Day Anniversary

Sunday, Nov. 7

Liturgy at 11 a.m. in the Chapel followed by a special recognition ceremony and reception.

On Founder's Day, the Peace Community honors individuals who have joined in a common spirit and goal - an unwavering commitment to living out the Dominican values in their own lives, serving as models, and building a holy and just society.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP in order for Peace to accommodate all of our guests.

Call (708) 458-7600, Ext. 253 or e-mail stewartp@queenofpeacehs.org by Nov. 3.

Nurse-Midwife Develops iPhone App

The idea for Sandie Mulcrone's iPhone app was born when her pregnant sister-in-law pulled out a thermal strip of ultrasound pictures.

"I thought, 'Oh my goodness, you need an app for those pictures,'" Mulcrone said.

Soon after Mulcrone had her "lightbulb moment," she scoured the iTunes Application Store. Much to her surprise, the type of application she was envisioning had not been developed.

"It was very, very exciting to be the first," said

Mulcrone, a 1985 Peace alum. "I looked around and received several proposals and found Chicago-based software company Soft Web Solutions who helped me develop my iPhone app.

"It was amazing to me how they could take the idea that I had in my head, my concept, and actually produce the app; it was like they were inside my head. We went back and forth with beta versions until we had a final product; the company actually exceeded my expectations."

iBabySono, which took four months to develop and has been available on the iTunes store since June, is the first iPhone application to allow expectant parents to store, sort, display and share their baby's ultrasound pictures on their iPhone, Facebook, or over the Internet – all while keeping track of the baby's age in weeks and days.



The new mom downloads her ultrasound pictures (2-D, 3-D or 4-D) to a computer, and then uses iBabySono to upload the images, arrange and organize them in virtual scrapbooks according to how far along she is in her pregnancy, calculate the baby's age in weeks and days, upload pictures of her growing belly and post it all to her Facebook page. The application is also customized for multiples, such as twins and triplets – meaning each baby will have an individualized scrapbook.

For more than 25 years, Mulcrone has been anticipating and meeting the needs of expectant mothers as a Labor and Delivery nurse, a certified nurse-midwife and as the owner of Perinatal

Home Medical Supply, the only online supplier of home medical supplies for pregnant women.

"I think that moms really like to be able to share (photos) on their Facebook profile – that is such a hot thing right now," said Mulcrone, who admits she is a bit of a "techy" – devoted to Apple computers and her iPhone. "And when you have family members who live out of state, it's great to be able to share those images and the baby's growth throughout pregnancy with family and friends who are long distance. I think that was a key component that I wanted to include in the app."

In developing her iPhone application - a future version will include a flash player and video - Mulcrone has learned the importance of thinking outside of the box.

"I started out with a bachelor's degree



Sandie Mulcrone '85, a certified nurse-midwife, has been meeting the needs of expectant mothers for more than 25 years. She recently developed an iPhone app, iBabySono.

in nursing and I'm extremely passionate about taking care of women and obstetrics and nursing them through pregnancy and through birth and postpartum and breastfeeding," she said. "It's my passion – I just absolutely love it. My message to young women is to be creative because you just never know what you can come up with and be successful doing it."

iBabySono is available for \$2.99 from the iTunes App Store, or at <http://www.ibabysono.com>. When you purchase the application, you will also receive a \$10 discount for use at Perinatal Home Medical Supply.

Carly Fecht Comiskey '00 Named Volunteer of the Year

Carly Fecht Comiskey '00 was recently named National MS Society, Greater Illinois Chapter's 2010 Community Event Volunteer of the Year. She received her award Oct. 16 at the 15th Annual Fannie & Charles Penikoff Research Symposium.

Each year, the Illinois chapter recognizes outstanding individuals who contribute their time, talents and resources to further the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's mission. More than 20,000 people are affected by MS in Illinois, including Carly's mother Mary Fecht DeFries, who graduated from Peace in 1972 and has had MS for nearly 30 years.

Mary inspired Carly to begin fundraising for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. While a student at Eastern Illinois University, Carly and

friend Tom Berry created a small, annual on-campus fundraiser, which raised \$5,300 during her time in school. When she returned home, she chose Bourbon Street to host a "Raising Awareness" Event, featuring live bands and raffles. With the help of family and friends and the sponsorship of the Young Irish Fellowship of Chicago, the fundraiser is now in its ninth year and will be held Nov. 6.

"To see something as simple as a group of friends and family getting together to raise money and how it has grown is simply amazing," said Carly, who also participates in the MS Walk each year. "I wish I had an award to give them all. But having my mother with me as I received the award was what meant the most."

We want to hear from you!

Do you know someone who should be featured in the Voices of Peace alum profile?

If so, contact Erin Foley, PR Coordinator, at foley@queenofpeacehs.org.

Let us know about the many professional accomplishments of our Women of Peace.

Thanks for 'Chipping In' for the Girls

A dedicated group of alumnae, faculty and staff, and friends hit the links at Oak Hills Country Club in Palos Heights on Sept. 11 to assist Peace's Scholarship Fund. We couldn't have asked for a better group to join us for the 18th Annual Peace Golf Classic.

We sincerely thank those who generously attended and volunteered. A special thank you to our Golf Outing Sponsors: Kay Leonard Otter '71 (breakfast), Mesrow Financial, LLC (luncheon), Martin Whalen Office Solutions (beer), PepsiAmericas (beverage), Burbank Sports (trophies) and Tom Killoran Photography (photos).

Proceeds from this event assist Peace young women in financial need. We look



forward to another exceptional outing next year and hope to see you then.

Thanks for "chipping in for the girls" and continuing the memories of this tradition.

Congratulations to the Winners:

First Place Foursome - Tony Grazutis, John Schneider, Mark Schneider and John Schneider

Women's Closest to the Pin - Megan Gavin

Women's Longest Putt - Kathy France

Women's Longest Drive - Megan Gavin

Men's Longest Drive - John Schneider



Athletic Hall of Fame Induction

What They Said

Jacqueline Sokolowski Anderson '98 Volleyball

"Queen of Peace set me up to be the independent person I am today. I think if I would have gone to a school that was mixed with men and women, I wouldn't have this type of independence and stubbornness about me that I think Queen of Peace instills in women and I think is the best thing that happened to me."



Beth Ryan '94 Softball and Volleyball



"This award means a lot to me, having worked so hard. It means a lot to my parents because this is what they always wanted for me. Going to Queen of Peace gave me all the confidence,

determination and work ethic to move on and compete on another level."

Tairisha Sawyer '03 Track and Field

"Being a college athlete was a great experience. I wouldn't change anything because I learned so much - not only about sports but about progressing as a person. I never really thought about being in the Athletic Hall of Fame but I really do appreciate Queen of Peace for (honoring me). I loved my years here; the induction brought back so many memories."



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positive group who had "great chemistry and great leaders."

The coaches and players best remember the team's GCAC Championship victory over Mother McAuley.

"We beat them in two games; (our) gym was packed, there were tons of people and everybody was going crazy," said Lisa Hennigan '00, current assistant JV volleyball coach at Peace. "It was one of those things where all of our hard work paid off."

The individual honorees inducted Oct. 7 also achieved numerous feats during their athletic careers at Peace. Colleen Sexton Coddington '97

scored over 1,000 points at Peace and was a three-time GCAC All-Conference selection in basketball. In 2001, she broke the free throw percentage record and was named the Female Athlete of the Year at Quincy University.

Missy Moran, Peace's valedictorian in 1997 who earned an academic scholarship to DePaul University, scored 57 career soccer goals at Peace - a record that still stands today.

Beth Ryan '94, currently a police officer, was named to the GCAC All-Conference Team as a junior and senior in softball and garnered Varsity volleyball MVP honors during those two seasons. She earned an

athletic scholarship to Lewis University, where she continued her excellence on the softball diamond.

Tairisha Sawyer '03 showed potential from the moment she stepped foot on the track. As a senior she took first in the 100m, 200m, and 400m dashes at the GCAC meet and was named the GCAC Track & Field Athlete of the Year and finished her career competing at the state track and field meet.

Sawyer continued her education and track career on an athletic scholarship at Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville. She currently holds the indoor records at SIUE in the 55m dash, the 200m and the Sprint Medley, as well as outdoor records for the 100m, the 4x100m, 4x200m, the 4x400m and the Sprint Medley.

Nancy Janachowski, who recently received the Friend of Athletics award from the Illinois Athletic Directors Association and worked at Peace for 20 years, was inducted as a friend of the Peace athletic department for her devotion to the program. Janachowski started the school's concession stand with her own money and works the stand during countless games. She makes prizes for the Candlelight Bowl, assists with Awards Banquets, and much more. Queen of Peace is proud to welcome this year's 21 honorees into the Athletic Hall of Fame.



Claudia Camarena



Kristen Anderson

Anniversary Class Reunions

Photo galleries of the Class Reunions are available on our Facebook page - Queen of Peace High School Alumnae

The Classes of 1985, 2000 and 2005 recently celebrated their Anniversary Reunions at Bourbon Street. There were hugs and smiles as each Woman of Peace reconnected with her fellow Peace graduates. Many milestone moments were shared, including news of graduations, engagements and weddings. Each class had a group picture taken and many of the graduates reminisced together by looking through the pages of their yearbooks.



Class of '85



Class of '00



Class of '05

Buona Sera

A Good Evening for a Great Benefit!

March 4, 2011

-Save the date-

Planning is underway for the 8th Annual Buona Sera Scholarship Benefit. Join the many donors whose gifts support education for young women at Queen of Peace. The theme for this year's event, which will be held at a new location - U.S. Cellular Field Stadium Club, is "Mardi Gras Party."

The Queen of Peace Board of Directors sponsors this annual scholarship benefit, which offers many one-of-a-kind auction items, open bar, hors d'oeuvres, dinner and live entertainment.

To support this event, please consider the following options: become an event sponsor, donate an auction item, buy a program book ad, sponsor a table, share your talents as a committee member or, most importantly, attend the event. For more information, contact (708) 458-7600.

Share your talents at Career Day

Thursday, April 28, 2011

Queen of Peace alumnae and friends are invited to share their career choices, insights, knowledge and expertise with Peace's eager, young future leaders.

If you are interested in participating in Career Day 2011, please contact Guidance Assistant, Mara Weil, at (708) 458-7600, Ext. 262 or weilm@queenofpeacehs.org.

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**Saturday,
November 20**

4-8 p.m.

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MC and DJ

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Soundsations** and former
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will kick off the party at 4 p.m.

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