

Voices of Peace



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A Catholic Sinsinawa Dominican Community celebrating 45 years of educating Women of Peace

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'There's No Place Like Home'



A magical tale of new beginnings, challenges, and tearful good-byes. An adventure to far off places with characters as witty, quirky, and varied as any you would find in a larger than life fairy tale. A true coming-of-age story. No, it's not the story of Cinderella, Alice in Wonderland or Dorothy in *The Wizard of Oz*. It's a familiar journey most have taken. It's high school.

Thanks to the remarks of commencement speaker Ms. Colleen Cichon-Mulcrone, the 2007 Heart of the School honoree, we all can reflect on our high school journeys in a way only an English teacher could encourage.

The mantra for frosh year: *If I only had a brain*. A tornado-like whirlwind scooped you up and plopped you into a whole new world of people, coursework and responsibilities. By sophomore year, you grew more graceful - like the Tin Man after his first oil. You developed your interests, found your place and beamed with excitement at the thought of a driver's license in your pocket.

By junior year, you found your nerve and summoned courage - just as the Cowardly Lion did. You had the freedom to take different classes. You began to think about life after high school, where you would go to college or how you would get your first job. By senior year, you were comfortable with your responsibilities. You knew every nook and cranny of the school. You watched a fresh group of frosh begin their journeys and couldn't help but think yours was nearing completion. You had found your home, and there was no place quite like it.

Cichon-Mulcrone encouraged the 2007 graduates to be like the Scarecrow. "In a world of quick fixes, dive into the complexity of a problem. There are no band-aid solutions. Like the Tin Man, live from your heart and use your gifts of compassion to aid others."

"Like the not-so-cowardly Lion in the end, be bold. You come from a long tradition of bold Christian women. In a changing world, we are all called to action."

With eyes welling with tears, Cichon-Mulcrone closed with the same words Glinda,

The Good Witch, spoke to Dorothy right before she clicked her ruby red slippers to leave a world she grew to love. "The power has been in you all along."

"Whether you choose yellow brick roads or otherwise, you will succeed because you are Women of Peace."

As Peace served as a home to many over the past 44 years, the tears from faculty, students and parents on the night of May 25, 2007 proved that you can take the student out of Peace, but never can you take Peace out of students.

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Purposeful Past in Preparation for a Fruitful 45th

While the school year perhaps commenced with uncertainty, it concluded with one thing being certain - where we have been and what we have done undoubtedly has shaped where we are going.

Caring Community

This year, students lent helping hands more than ever. From repairing homes at Nazareth Farm, to providing a Christmas to St. James Parish, to making monthly trips to the Greater Chicago Food Depository, to collecting Easter baskets for foster children, to saving the environment, students used body, mind and spirit to build an even stronger community.

Artful Abundance

The arts indeed flourished! Over spring break, Peace Chamber Singers sojourned to Nashville, Tennessee to hold a joint concert with other Dominican high schools. They were also once again golden, earning 50 gold medals for stellar performances at the Illinois Ensemble and Solo Contest. And of course, Peace theatre stars wowed the crowds with *Dear Edwina, Jr.* and *Grease*. The annual *Step Up and Dance* and Art Fair extravaganza received rave reviews.

Making a Mark

Students honed leadership skills this year by participating in an outdoor adventure activity and the Bradley Leadership Conference. They were national achievers, team captains, Daily Southtown students of the week, and award-winning journalists.

With such a strong year of group and individual academic and co-curricular achievement, Peace can't help but look forward to a bright 45th year! Stay tuned for celebration details in our next issue!

College Credit

Beginning August 2007, Peace will introduce even more options to students. Students will have the opportunity to get a jump on college. Peace announced its partnership with Moraine Valley Community College for a dual enrollment program, which will allow students to take college-level general education courses at Peace.

College faculty and Peace instructional staff will review, revise and align curriculum so that designated courses are deemed equivalent to college-level courses. If a student earns an A or B, she will receive MVCC credit. Because MVCC is a participant in the Illinois Articulation Initiative, Peace students can transfer this credit to the more than 100 participating Illinois colleges and universities, thereby satisfying college freshman/sophomore general education requirements.

A participating student is not required to attend MVCC after high school graduation in order to take advantage of the credit. Armed with this credit, students entering college now have the opportunity to sample a broad swath of college courses and explore subject areas they may not yet have studied.

"This program not only presents students with the opportunity to get a head start on their college education, but also encourages a smooth transition into the demands of post-secondary education," Dr. Hanlon noted.

Engineer a Career in High School

Peace will introduce its young scholars to the possibility of an exciting career in engineering this fall. Juniors and seniors who have completed at least one lab science will be able to take part in the Infinity Project, a nationally recognized pre-engineering program.

With cutting-edge technology kits installed on their laptops, students will take math and science concepts to a whole new level as they design a variety of new technologies that focus on the Internet, cell phones, digital video, movie effects, and electronic music.

The objective of the project is multi-fold. Introducing students to this field will connect them directly to 21st-century technologies, improve their technical literacy, increase the number of students pursuing engineering degrees in college, and create educational opportunities for young women.

According to the National Science Board, there has been a 14% decline in engineering degrees awarded to U.S. students over the last 10 years. To put it more concretely, in a high school graduating class of 400 students, only eight will become engineers: 5 white males, 2 women, and 1 minority. The need for this program for an all-female student body is here and now!

Alumnae Susan Brauer '66 and Donna Gailus '77 have been gracious enough to help Peace get this project off the ground. Fundraising efforts are underway. If you want to know more, email susan@dreamerstapestry.com or donna_gailus@hotmail.com.

As the only all-female high school in the state of Illinois to implement the Infinity Project, Peace leaps into the future with high hopes and boundless opportunity! Thanks to the generosity of our donors, faculty, staff, students, families and alumnae, our 45th year educating young Women of Peace will, in fact, be bright!

??Did you know??

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From One Opportunity to Another: 'What a Wireless World This Will Be'



(Back left
to front right)

Rana Abdellatif, Annabella Vidal-Ruiz, Mandy Moore and Victoria Jordan simulate what classes will be like next year. With the help of generous donors, Peace committed to the 1:1 program in December.

As a student sitting in your American history classroom in August 2007, imagine watching right before your very eyes the moment President Gerald Ford announced his pardon of former President Richard Nixon for his role in Watergate.

One hour later in your biology class, you hear breaking news on Congressional decisions to expand stem cell research, which in turn sparks a rousing debate with research only fingertips away.

You come to your final class of the day - Advanced Algebra. No longer do you sit idly waiting for the instructor to finish drawing the complicated graphing systems only to have the bell ring before the teacher's explanation is complete. Rather, a 3-dimensional graphing system of equations with three variables is produced in mere seconds, allowing time for visualization, explanation, practice and questions.

This school day sounds a lot different from the ones many of us are accustomed to. The day flies as historical moments become a vivid reality in the here and now, as news and research are discussed on the spot, and as

learning becomes an engaging, interactive adventure - which, of course, is impossible without modern technology in the hands of our students. For this reason, the Queen of Peace High School campus became wireless in January 2007.

Imagine diagnosing technical problems, troubleshooting, ordering parts, honing customer service skills, and running a business - at the age of 16!

their own mobile technology for the past four years, teachers have continued to participate in a series of professional development in-services, which train them to better integrate technology into their courses and curriculum.

Peace's wireless laptop program is a continuation of the school's goals: (1) To totally integrate technology and media into the classroom so that problem solving and critical thinking skills are approached through different avenues; (2) To prepare students for the paperless college environment; (3) To give our Women of Peace the tools necessary to become leaders in this increasingly global, technological society.

In just three short months, each student will have leased a laptop, attended an orientation, and will be able to integrate that technology into their school work. While faculty has been equipped with

With Peace's 1:1 wireless laptop program in place, parents will have greater access to and engagement in their daughter's learning. We are implementing the use of **Edline**, a software program that allows parent-teacher relationships to prosper by keeping parents updated on their daughter's grades, homework assignments, teacher pages and school activities throughout the year. By opening the channels of communication, a tighter bond and a more engaged approach to student learning is cultivated, translating into an increased motivation and love for learning.

Take a moment now to imagine one last option: the opportunity to take an **entrepreneurial class** in laptop and technology repair! As a teenager, you would have been able to begin diagnosing technical problems, troubleshoot, order parts from vendors, hone your customer service skills, and learn how to run a business by actually running a business! In addition to receiving academic credit for the class, students will open themselves up to a world of career possibilities that they perhaps never knew existed for them.

Currently at Peace, the laptops have been ordered, projectors have been installed in classrooms and student orientation sessions are being planned.

Hold on to your keypads! Next school year will prove to be a thrilling educational adventure.

CANSTRUCTION Can Do



(From left)
Physics teacher Karen Amador, art teacher Linda Vorderer and frosh Julia Amador work on a practice build at Trump Tower in Chicago.

This semester, Peace teamed up with the architectural firm Bovis Lend Lease to participate in the national charity of the design and construction Industry - CANSTRUCTION. Junior Christina Malinowski and frosh Julia Amador presented ideas from Peace students at multiple brainstorming sessions.

From these sessions grew more ideas. Students worked with architectural professionals to engineer an 8-foot sculpture of a laptop. Through participation in this project, students learned the engineering and architectural principles of building and design as well as sharpened their sense of creativity. It was the perfect blend of art and science.

Trademarked by the Society for Design Administration and working in tandem with the American Institute of Architects and other members of the design and construction industry, CANSTRUCTION makes a significant contribution to the fight against hunger.

CANSTRUCTION combines the competitive spirit of a design/build competition with a unique way to help feed hungry people. Competing teams, led by architects and engineers, build their giant sculptures entirely from canned foods. With this project goal in mind, Peace and Bovis titled their canned food laptop *Searching for Ways to Give*. This title illuminated the screen of the laptop and played on the competition's philanthropic focus as well as the use of technology for searching and finding answers.

Bovis and Peace showcased their sculpture at the Museum of Science and Industry during the first week of June. At the close of the exhibition, all of the food used in the structures will be donated to the Greater Chicago Food Depository.

Visit www.canstruction.org to learn more and see the amazing can structures.

A Standing "O" for Seniors



Nicole Paprocki



Samantha Saracco

On May 14, Peace teachers presented the 2007 graduates with class honors. Of the 30 award categories, special honors went to class valedictorian and 2007 Woman of Peace Nicole Paprocki. Paprocki was met with a standing ovation as she received the 2007 Woman of Peace award, the school's top most honor. Woman of Peace is a prestigious award bestowed on one graduating senior who, throughout her four years at Queen of Peace, best exemplifies the

rare spirit of selfless giving in service to others.

In her announcement of the award, Peace President-Principal Kathleen Hanlon commented, "This young woman holds all of the characteristics we hope for in our graduates. She is a faith-driven, creative and reflective scholar. She uses her confidence and talent to reach out to others. She is an advocate for justice and has proven this through her dedication to raising money for numerous causes."

At Peace, Paprocki was a Dominican Preacher, a St. Catherine of Siena Scholar, a Eucharistic Minister, Student Council Vice President, and a member of the National Honor Society, the Spanish National Honor Society and the Human Rights Task Force.

Paprocki plans for coursework in biology so that she can become a pediatrician, helping children in underdeveloped countries.

Peace also announced the 2007 Salutatorian, Samantha Saracco. Saracco will attend Michigan State University in the fall to study biochemical

engineering in preparation for a career in pharmaceuticals. In addition to her stellar academic work, Saracco was active in dance, gymnastics and cheerleading.

In her address at Senior Awards Night, Saracco commented, "High school was like reading my first good book. From the moment I entered the building, I began to turn the pages. I was excited, nervous and up for the challenge. Sophomore year was like chapter two's rising action. We joined clubs, navigated through coursework, met new people and there was no closing this book. During junior year, we took the ACT and began making plans for life after high school. The resolution started to take shape. In this final chapter of high school, we must savor every day, begin to say goodbye, and look ahead to new challenges." Saracco reminded her classmates to take their "2007 bookmarks" with them. "Your bookmark is the ultimate compilation of lessons learned, friends made and morals strengthened. Get ready, because we are all about to start a brand new book."

A Year of Harmony for the Soul



Senior Mary Rybicki chops a wooden board in half as Joseph Nardi, the owner of TAO Martial Arts Academy, instructs Peace students on self defense.



As part of Wellness Day, students were able to participate in an activity of their choice. Here students learn the art of yoga.

A healthy body makes for a healthy soul was the motto this second half of the semester as Peace celebrated its third and final Harmony Day of the school year. As part the day's activities, representatives from community healthcare organizations spoke to students about the importance of taking care of their bodies, minds and spirits.

Students began the day hearing from Lisa Hardekopf, a senior health counselor at Linden Oaks Hospital, and Ari Carlson, a local high school student who struggled with and recovered from a body image disorder. During the presentation, Hardekopf asked students to visualize themselves standing in front of mirrors. The objective was to recognize and take note of the kinds of feelings that arose when one thought about her own body.

Carlson showed students where most young women get ideas about their bodies. "You can see from magazine clippings that the media has made us believe that skinny and tall are the characteristics that make a body perfect. The

media shows us parts of one woman's legs, another's arms, and yet another's face to make us believe that all of these parts come from the same woman. By denying the beauty and naturalness of the female body, the media objectifies and dismisses women."

The presenters concluded by showing students inspiring commercials from one company campaigning for real beauty. The girls watched the powerful, now-famous commercials produced by Dove.

In addition to learning about healthy body image, students also enjoyed a skin care presentation. Liz Carey and Eileen Cowan, medical students from Loyola University, talked to students about the importance of applying high SPF sunscreen daily and avoiding the temptation to frequent tanning salons. The presenters shared startling statistics with students. Using tanning beds before the age of 35 increases melanoma risk by 75%, while the occasional use of tanning beds almost triples the chances of developing melanoma.

During this full-day event, students were able to ask questions about women's reproductive health and stress management, how to resist peer pressure and how to eat healthily.

Not to worry! This mind, body and spirit Harmony Day did not conclude without students taking action as well. Students participated in half-hour sessions on martial arts, yoga, aerobics, dance, and much more. The Wellness Committee at Queen of Peace coordinated the day in an effort to improve the Peace community's awareness of several issues in the areas of health and wellness and to inspire all to live more well-rounded, healthy lives.

**Want to get your mind, body, and soul into shape for next school year?
We've got the answer...**

SUMMER ATHLETIC CAMPS!

To see what camps are available, call 708.458.7600, ext. 236 or visit www.queenofpeacehs.org. Click on athletics.

A CALL FOR UNIFORMS...

If any alumnae has a uniform and would like to donate it to the school, please contact Cindy Kmetty at 708.458.7600, ext. 250 or email kmetytc@queenofpeacehs.org.

First Peace Principal Invites You to Celebrate 45th Anniversary



On November 4, 2007, the Peace Community will celebrate Peace's founding 45 years ago. Everyone is invited!

Greetings!

It has been such a long time between greetings. This November 4, 2007, the Founder's Day celebration will be made all the more special as we rejoice in Peace's 45th Anniversary.

When I let my memory travel back to the years when I was at Peace, I realize what a different time that was - what a different world that was! Somehow things seemed simpler then - even the education process itself.

The first freshman class numbered 400 young girls from more than 30 parishes. On June 5, 1966, Queen of Peace graduated 360 young women. And during those years at Peace, tuition averaged about \$200 a year! The shuttle bus from 79th and Cicero to school cost five cents a ride. Yes, it was a different time, a different world.

The event that stands out most in my mind occurred on November 21, 1963. The cornerstone of the school was blessed. Into that cornerstone we placed a sealed copper box with names and memorabilia for future historians to unearth. Obviously, the names of civil and church leaders were placed therein. President John F. Kennedy was listed as President of the United States at that time. His assassination took place the very next day, November 22, 1963. I remember sadly announcing his death

over the PA system. It was our first experience of violence so close to us. Little did we know how those seeds of violence would fester and grow in our world right up to the present day.

On November 4, 2007, the Peace Community will gather for a liturgy and reception to celebrate the 45th anniversary of when that expansive sunflower prairie in southwestern Chicagoland promised a plentiful educational harvest. The Community invites you to be among honored guests including former and current administration and faculty, alumnae, students, families and friends.



Peace to you and love,
Sister Jeanne Flanagan
(Sister John Dominici)

Planning is underway for our 45th celebration on November 4. Special honors will be awarded for the

Spirit of Peace and Hall of Fame. More information regarding this event will be available in August on our website and in your September issue of Voices.

The Peace Community looks forward to seeing you at this joyous occasion!

Peace Open Houses Slated



Open house for junior high students will be held Thursday, October 18 at 7 p.m.

A second open house will take place on Sunday, November 18. Tours begin at 12 p.m. and 1 p.m.

Don't let the junior high girls in your life miss out on seeing why Peace is "A" number 1!

A Buona Sera to Remember

The setting sun streaking across the sky. Tables set. Quiet guitar strumming filling the air with sweet sound. Over 100 auction items awaiting owners. The scene was set for what was sure to be another successful board-hosted Mazzuchelli Scholarship Benefit, the school's largest annual fundraiser to benefit students at Peace.

Since its inception four years ago, the Mazzuchelli Scholarship Benefit has raised more than \$175,000 in scholarship dollars for Peace students in need of financial support. Peace students received over \$358,000 in financial aid last year. Of that, Queen of Peace granted over \$191,000 in direct tuition assistance to 204 students and was able to assist an additional 44 students by partnering with outside sources and administering aid of more than \$160,000.

The purpose of this benefit is to provide assistance to students and their families who are experiencing financial hardship. This year the benefit raised over \$43,000. The Board thanks

all of the individuals and businesses that have generously supported this year's event. Their efforts will enable many young women to continue receiving a quality academic and spiritual education at Queen of Peace.

While some guests walked out raffle winners or the highest bidders, everyone walked out with new memories and an overwhelming feeling that Queen of Peace High School and its commitment to providing assistance to young scholars will endure well into the future. Thank you to the event committee, all the parents, students, alumnae, faculty, staff and volunteers who helped support, plan, and attend this year's benefit. Truly, a *Buona Sera* was had by all!

Fiscal Success!

We thank those of you who have contributed to our growth and furthered our mission. Your generosity will play a major role as Peace begins many exciting new programs this fall.

Your unwavering commitment to all of our fundraising efforts has allowed us to reach an all-time high as of June 15th over \$400,000. This capital represents unrestricted funds used to supplement school expenses and restricted funds toward scholarships and technology.

This year, our alumnae, faculty and staff, parents, and friends went above and beyond. We are grateful!

Alumnae Rally Together for Career Day



Speech-language pathologist Maureen Schmitt '74 shows a student the possibility of a career in healthcare during Peace's annual Career Day. The goal: to open up a world of possibilities for students.

Opportunity, choice and the meeting of multiple worlds crowded the halls of Peace this past semester. During the school's annual Career Day, 45 professionals ranging from police officers, to doctors, to pilots, to computer technology specialists -many of whom are Peace alumnae- shared their time and expertise with students. In addition to perusing the tables and asking

representatives questions, Peace juniors also enjoyed career panel discussions.

During the panel on healthcare, registered nurse Deborah Lazzara, speech-language pathologist Maureen Schmitt, physical therapist Kathleen Tegtmeyer - all Peace alumnae - and dentist Sharon Malinowski discussed how competitive the healthcare field has become and the importance of getting good grades in high school and post-secondary education.

"As more and more people - especially women - enter the medical field, it is important to have a strong background in science," Dr. Malinowski noted. All four women agreed that studying hard, volunteering, interning, and having that desire to learn new skills over the course of one's life would allow the students to turn their passions into professions.

The panel also encouraged students to pursue career paths that had for a long time been considered male dominated. "Over 40% of dentists are now women, and many more are entering the field," Malinowski shared. As a

dentist who owns her own practice, Malinowski encouraged the girls to seek out their passions and build their skill levels by collaborating with others. "You cannot be afraid to ask others for help, especially in areas that are unfamiliar to you. That's how I became a businesswoman and the owner of my own dental practice."

Throughout the afternoon, students explored a vast variety of career opportunities and the education needed to obtain a job in a particular field. If there was one truism that the girls took home with them, it was that they can help others in the community, make the world a better place and follow their passions all the while becoming strong, professional women.

Coming Soon!

Alumnae Association

We are in the process of forming a Queen of Peace Alumnae Association in an effort to better reach out to our alumnae and enhance the image of Peace in the community.

Would you like to serve as an Alum Ambassador? We're looking for Peace alumnae to serve as representatives for all classes. These ambassadors act as points of contacts in planning and communicating alumnae activities. Contact Cindy Kmetty at 708-458.7600, ext. 250 or email kmetyc@queenofpeacehs.org if you're interested.

Music, Memories, and Mingling! Anniversary Classes Reunion

Spread the word members of the classes of...

1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997

Mark you calendars for Saturday, October 6, 2007!

The festivities begin at 7:00 p.m. at Queen of Peace.

Enjoy a dinner buffet, bottled spirits and the perfect opportunity to catch up with your friends.

Personal invitations will arrive in August. Visit www.queenofpeacehs.org for more information.

Click on *Alumnae*.

Swing Away for the Girls! 15th Annual Peace Golf Classic

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2007

PALOS COUNTRY CLUB, 13100 SOUTHWEST HIGHWAY, ORLAND PARK

Join friends and former classmates on Saturday, September 15, 2007 for the 15th annual Peace Golf Classic. Registration and breakfast begin at 8 a.m., followed by a 9 a.m. shotgun start. Golf nine holes with a cart and enjoy snacks, beer, buffet luncheon and prizes, while supporting the girls at Peace. Visit www.queenofpeacehs.org and click on Alumnae to download a sponsorship and/or registration form.

Invitations will be mailed in July. Tickets are \$75.

Reunion Chairs/Committee Volunteers needed!

Peace staff will assist volunteers by helping to plan and provide class lists, invitations and mailings. If you are willing to help create a successful reunion for your class, call Cindy Kmetty at 708.458.7600, extension 250 or email kmetyc@queenofpeacehs.org. Visit the alumnae page at www.queenofpeacehs.org to gather more info. Updates will be available in July.

Don't Miss Out! Keep In Touch

If you have moved or live at college, you can still receive news about Peace! If you have not had the chance to update your profile on our website, please take a moment and share your news. Fill out the questionnaire below and return it to us so that we can share our news with you.

If you are going away to college this fall, don't forget to send us a forwarding address. Updating is available online too.

Visit the alumnae page at www.queenofpeacehs.org.

First Name

Current Last Name

Graduation Last Name

Year of Graduation

Date of Birth

Home Street Address _____

City/State/Zip Code _____

Home Telephone/Cellular _____

Secondary/College Address _____
(date applicable) _____

Other Telephone Numbers _____

School/Work Email _____

Are you attending College/Trade/Other? _____

Name of School _____

What's the latest? Family, Hobbies, Occupation and More

Remember, there are many ways to stay involved in Peace:

Alumnae Focus Groups, Career Day Speaker, Mazzuchelli/Buona Sera Event Committee, Golf Classic, Mentor, Career Reunions, and Class Reunions just to name a few! Let us know if you are interested in becoming involved in any of these activities.



Queen of Peace Athletic Hall of Fame Nomination Form

Please fill in as much of the form as you can and return it to Queen of Peace High School, 7659 S. Linder, Burbank, IL 60459. Contact athletic director Darlene Graf with any questions: 708.458.7600, ext 236 or email grafd@queenofpeacehs.org

Your Name (Nominator) _____

Nominator's Information

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____ Class Year: _____

Name of Nominee _____

Please circle nominee's category:

Athlete (must be 5 years out of high school)

Athletic Director

Coach

Friend of Peace Athletics (ie: volunteers)

Team/Other _____

Nominee's Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____ Class Year: _____

Sport _____

Academic Achievements:

Athletic Achievements:

Personal Awards:

Records/Statistics:

What's New With You?

Class of 1967

Pam (Nestor) Crawford has been a social worker for 30 years. She and her husband, Bob, live in Wisconsin.

Class of 1972

Gail (Turner) Day is a social worker for Youth Guidance. She and her husband, Michael, have two children. Gail has participated in Peace's Career Day.

Class of 1973

Claudia (Prendergast) Gunderson is a legal secretary. After her husband passed away, she and her son moved to Downers Grove to be closer to her family.

Class of 1977

Wendie (Zimmerman) Graczyk has her BA from Marquette University. Wendie is a marketing manager for Comcast.

Class of 1981

Karen Moody earned her master's degree and is a teacher in a Chicago public school. She and her husband, Steve, have one child.

Class of 1982

Karyn Miller is a research manager for the NBC show Access Hollywood. She lives in Burbank, California.

Cheryl (Duszynski) O'Brien earned her BS in computer information systems and works as a software engineer for Alcatel-Lucent.

Class of 1983

Rene (Vinci) Schroedle earned her BS and Certification in paralegal studies. She and her husband, Richard, have three children.

Class of 1984

Jeanett (Lettiere) Voltolina opened her own hair salon in 2005. With over 20 years experience, she is a member of the National Cosmetology Association.

Class of 1987

Melissa (Beckman) Smith has been a homemaker living in Indiana and married to John for 12 years. She and John have three children.

Class of 1989

Lisa (Leckner) Marcotte earned her BA in culinary arts from the Art Institute of Houston. She is a director of catering and a chef.

Class of 1991

Traci (Sullivan) Rivera is a marketing coordinator for National Welders. She and her husband, Jose, have three children.

Class of 1992

Alexandra (Stolis) Panagiotopoulos earned her MBA in new product development and currently works as a product manager for Abbott Laboratories.

Class of 1993

Jill (Rusnak) Patrianakos and her husband Steve have two children. Vasili is 14 months, and Foti is 2 months.

Class of 1994

Elise Covic is completing her Ph.D. Elise is a neuroscientist at the University of Chicago.

Class of 1996

Karen (Griebel) Bedore is a band director. Last year, she married Adam.

Class of 1997

Nicole Dragozetch earned her BA in management from DePaul University. She is a business manager at Saks Fifth Avenue. Nicole has a three-year-old child.

Dari Hotzfield currently works for School District 109 and the Burbank Animal Hospital. She has two children, ages 8 and 4. Dari has been involved in Peace's annual Career Day and is part of the Reunion Committee.

Class of 1999

Jacqueline (Milbratz) Aldrich graduated from John Marshall Law School and works as a criminal defense attorney. She and her husband, Adrian, have one child.

Monica (Radecka) Jackson earned her BA from The University of Chicago. She is an insurance agent for Hallberg Commercial. Monica is married to Travis.

Crystal Kirk earned her BS in animal science and is now pursuing a MS in ELED. She currently works as a technical recruiter for TAC International.

Elizabeth Saucedo earned her psychology degree from Roosevelt University. She is a youth care worker for the Girls and Boys Town National Organization. She has two children, ages 2 and 1.



Sister Marguerite Zralek, OP Dec. 3, 1923-March 19, 2007

Sister Marguerite Zralek, OP (Etienne) died March 19, 2007 at St. Dominic Villa, Sinsinawa. She served as Peace's principal from 1966-72. The Mass of Resurrection was held in Queen of the Rosary Chapel at Sinsinawa March 23, 2007, followed by burial in the Motherhouse Cemetery. Sister Marguerite was born in Chicago and attended Visitation Grade School and graduated from St. Casimir Academy. She was an elementary teacher for eight years, a high school English teacher for 24 years, and the second principal of Queen of Peace High School. Sister Marguerite also served in pastoral ministry for 15 years at the University of Chicago Medical Center. She ministered with the Chicago Lighthouse and the Blind Service Association by reading for the visually impaired. She moved to Divine Providence, Des Plaines, IL to live in that community. She came to the Sinsinawa Mound in 2006.

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Best of Luck to Peace retirees, Nancy Tegtmeyer and Darlene Kulpa-Jablonski!



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