# The R-K Today

A publication for the alumnae, friends and donors of Rosati-Kain High School.

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### Ceremonial Groundbreaking



Rosati-Kain celebrated the groundbreaking of its new facility on June 16, 2014. Speakers for the ceremony included, above from left, science faculty member Karen Daues; Archbishop Robert Carlson; President Sr. Joan Andert, SSND; Superintendent of Catholic Education George Henry; and Kathleen Palumbo of R-K's President's Council. [1] From left, Joan Burtelow Lipic, '55, Mary Beth Schmid Daniels, '63, and Kathleen McCann Palumbo, '65 were honored for their unwavering dedication to the project. [2] Guests received flower seeds to plant and a tin to remove "convent dirt" as symbols of R-K's future growth. [3] The convent demolition is underway. *To see more groundbreaking photos and video, visit www.rosati-kain.org.* 







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# PRESIDENT'S LETTER



ear alumnae, families and friends of Rosati-Kain,

What exactly makes a Rosati-Kain student or alumna a "Rosati girl"? This is not a question that is easily answered but you certainly know one when you meet one. There are many components not the least of which are the four traits on our school crest. *Scientia*, a Rosati girl is well educated for whatever opportunity or challenge comes her way. *Humilitas*, a Rosati girl is secure in knowing that she is grounded in God and can always draw on the gifts God gives so generously. *Virtus*, living in a way that is true to the best we are invited to become and finally, *Caritas*, knowing that the gifts we are given are meant to be shared. These are the traits of Rosati-Kain women. In recent educational

publications, there has been a focus on making sure students have grit. Grit isn't dirt; grit is the ability to be great and do great things despite obstacles—another hallmark of a "Rosati girl."

Little did we know that one of Rosati-Kain's key traits would become the talk of education. Whether describing the long commute on three buses common among alumnae or the carpool that was an adventure every day, the women of R-K display grit. As I took a close look at the graduating class of 2014, I gave thanks for the accomplishments that surpassed expectations. The life of a teenager is not always easy and the success achieved is due to determination, stamina, grit and the grace of God. The Kicking Kougars soccer team that goes to state competition three consecutive years without the benefit of a field on campus and the success of the music students who share performance space with other gym functions exhibit grit. The student who deals with family illness or financial setback shows a special kind of personal grit. Even when all looks easy from the outside the quintessential questions of identity and purpose are challenging enough. It is my hope and prayer that the loving support of the Rosati-Kain community has helped all these young women along the way.

Two of our staff members have made an exceptional impact on the lives of Rosati-Kain's students. As we say good bye to Judy Mohan and Barry O'Keeffe, I express my gratitude to them for sharing in the mission of our school. As principal for the past six years, Mrs. Mohan has established direction for instructional enhancement through technology and curriculum development as well as having helped us articulate our core values. Mr. O'Keeffe has grown our athletic and media programs from infancy to maturity as well as making his own mark on history at Rosati-Kain for the past 45 years. We wish each of these fine educators happiness and fulfillment in their future endeavors.

As you read this letter, work is in progress on the addition to our beloved school. The success of this project is another example of grit. All of us coming together are making this miracle happen. In the same way, it is your prayer and support that makes every year successful at Rosati-Kain. One year at a time, we are building our next century of success. I am grateful for your care, your prayer and your investment. I hope that whenever you think of Rosati-Kain, you are reminded of the gifts this school has brought to you and the power of grit and grace all through your life.

In Notre Dame,

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Sister Joan Andert, SSND, '69 *President* 





The R-K varsity soccer Kougars placed fourth in the 2014 Class 2 State Tournament.

# ROSATI-KAIN IS UP FOR THE CHALLENGE

### As we blossom into our next 100 years... How can you contribute toward our growth?



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GE GIFT

ear Alumnae and Supporters of Rosati-Kain,

I am thrilled to announce the R-K community has exceeded the match of the Cathy Coughlin, '75 Challenge Gift of \$250,000 for the Build the Dream...Live the Legacy Campaign!

This spring, Ms. Cathy Coughlin, Class of 1975, put Rosati-Kain alumnae, students, faculty, parents, and friends to a challenge. She asked, "Can we raise \$250,000 to support the Build the Dream...Live the Legacy Campaign in a short amount of time for our new facility?" She pledged to match every dollar of this tremendous challenge gift.

Rosati-Kain completed this challenge, and it was only possible through a fantastic showing of support to the campaign. As of May 19, R-K supporters have raised or pledged an additional total of \$271,170 - One month before the goal date of June 16, 2014. R-K also received a generous gift of \$150,000 from an anonymous donor who loves our school and wants us to move forward to fund the entire project of \$4.5 million dollars.

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WE CONQUERED THE CHALLENGE, BUT THERE IS STILL A \$1 MILLION GAP! LET'S DO THIS! Together, we can make this a reality. As of June 13, 2014 we have raised \$3.4 million! This campaign has been successful based on gifts of all sizes. Your gift matters. Your support matters. Rosati-Kain matters.

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Antonia M. Ponder, J.D., '93 Director of Advancement



"Congratulations to all the many alumnae, parents and friends of Rosati-Kain who contributed to the Challenge Grant. You not only met the challenge grant but you beat it - but whoever doubted that we could do it? Are you up for one more challenge? We are \$1 million short of completing the capital campaign. If you haven't already given to Build the Dream...Live the Legacy, please consider giving today. Each of us was lucky to be part of R-K's first 100 years - now let's do our part to build R-K for the next 100 years. Hey Class of 1975 – let's go!"

~Cathy Coughlin, '75



### MEETING THE CHALLENGE

### Gifts from the R-K Community

R-K couldn't have met the Challenge without the support of our entire community. As one alumna noted: *"I am unemployed at this time and have gone through lean* 

times, but R-K will always be in my heart. Thanks for giving me an excellent education."

- Melinda Burroughs, '71

### Monday Meter

As every gift was matched by the Cathy Coughlin, '75 Challenge, the Advancement Office kept the R-K community informed of giving totals by displaying the Monday Meter on Facebook each week. Every student in the photos represented \$10,000 (shown at right, top).

### Challenge Phone-a-Thon

R-K held a phone-a-thon April 3, 2014 specifically targeting alumnae to encourage participation in the Cathy Coughlin, '75 Challenge.

### GiveSTLday



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Rosati-Kain raised over \$44,293 during the 24-hour, GiveSTLday on May 6, 2014. This 24-hour period of giving included more than 500 St. Louis area non-profits. Rosati-Kain had the second highest total on the leader board. We received 332 gifts, also the second highest. Our

students were rewarded for their outstanding participation (over \$7,000) with a FroYo ice cream social (shown at right, bottom).





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# NEXT STEP: CLASS CHALLENGE

### **CLASS CHALLENGE LEADER BOARD**

Top Classes by Donation:		Top Classes by Participation:	
1.	1975	1.	1963
2.	1963	2.	1955
3.	1955	3.	1972
4.	1965	4.	1962
5.	1961	5.	1978
6.	1966	6.	1974
7.	1969	7.	1970
8.	1972	8.	1980
9.	1964	9.	1969
10.	1976	10.	1964

\*The Class Challenge leader board is current as of June 13, 2014. Visit www.rosati-kain.org, or the R-K Facebook page for further details.

Donate today at www.rosati-kain.org



Now is the final rally for our alumnae and friends to push R-K over the top to reach the goal of \$4.5 million for the Build the Dream...Live the Legacy capital campaign. We are almost there. Let's keep our momentum going and close the gap of only \$1 million.

R-K is challenging our alumnae, and will throw the winners a party! The R-K Class Challenge will continue until Sept. 1, 2014. Let's keep our momentum going!

Highest Class by Participation = Winner (\$10 minimum gift per person or in honor) Highest Class by Dollars = Winner

### NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

R-K is excited to offer the Laura (Byrne) Coughlin, '46 Plaza pavers that can be inscribed with a message or name for your loved one, alumna, beloved faculty member or in recognition of your class. More details can be found on our website or by contacting Antonia Ponder at aponder@rosati-kain.org. These paver naming opportunities begin at \$1,500. More information is forthcoming to those who have already donated for naming options at that level and above.











R osati-Kain senior Julia DeVoto, '14 was paired with alumna Carol Tiemeyer Wilbur, '65 as her sponsor for the 2014 Alumnae Senior Konnection (ASK) Program. In its second year, the ASK Program paired graduating seniors with alumnae who served as mentors and who welcomed the seniors into the R-K sisterhood upon graduation.

Julia Devoto, 14

### On the ASK Program:

Q: How would you describe the ASK program?

A: It's a way for alumnae to welcome future alumnae into their community in a more personal way. A lot of people know their alumna, but I liked being paired up with someone. It keeps the connection to Rosati and keeps alumnae informed of what's going on.

I liked that I could see all the alumnae and their success after they graduated and aspire to be like them. I can see a bright future ahead of me and see others have had success in their lives.

Q: What are some things you've learned about your ASK sponsor? A: We've talked about college plans and going into engineering. Her daughter is in the Peace Corp and is a civil engineer. I've learned she's on the President's Council.

### Thoughts on R-K:

Q: What are some things you'd highlight about the R-K experience? A: The teachers – they've been incredible with the way they strive to provide an appropriate learning environment for the skills they teach. They care about the success of the students and strive to help you succeed. You get more attention and you aren't just a number.







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Q: What do you think is the best part about the plans for the new facility? A: The updated chemistry and science labs will improve the quality of science and chemistry education especially because the updates in technology will keep up with modern technology. We need to do this especially in science and medicine to benefit students at Rosati. The STEM fields are reaching out to women, and if we can better prepare girls for those fields of study, that will be great.

Q: What are some of the most important qualities of an R-K graduate? A: Being independent, strong willed and intelligent.

Carol Fiemeyer Willour, 45

### On the ASK Program:

Q: How would you describe the ASK program?

A: The ASK program is an opportunity for an alumna to connect with a senior at R-K and for a senior to reach out to an alumna for advice, mentoring, or just friendship. Hopefully, the relationship will continue as the senior has now become an alumna. The ASK program is important because sometimes this simple networking leads to future opportunities. It's about making a connection. Julia didn't know any alumnae. It's welcoming her into that sisterhood of Rosati-Kain.

Q: What are some things you've learned about your senior?

**A:** I learned Julia dances at the COCA Studio. I am excited she is going into engineering. Women in science are important to see.

### Thoughts on R-K:

Q: What are some things you'd highlight about the R-K experience? A: It has to be the people... from the excellent faculty and the diversity of students, to the variety of other staff employees who are there for you with smiles and a willingness to help. I'm excited for the new building expansion, especially the new science labs, and the curriculum opportunities it will bring for each and every student who will enter its doors.

### Q: What is your favorite aspect of Rosati-Kain?

A: They are creating the women of the future and are very successful doing it. I am constantly amazed at the young girls. Rosati is doing things right, and this will hope-fully continue into the next 100 years.

I want to keep our class together and get them involved. I am the designated person with our class to keep them updated and together. We are always praying for each other. It's amazing that these R-K girls will respond and want to stay connected. I've also enjoyed the last year-and-a-half on the President's Council and working with Sister Joan and the other members. I'm ready to see this new addition.

Q: What are some of the most important qualities of an R-K grad? A: Rosati empowers students to be themselves. It's an all-girls' education and helps them become young women who are ready to go out into the world.

### Read the full interview online at www.rosati-kain.org

Photos clockwise from top left: Carol and Julia at R-K's graduation on May 19, 2014; Carol and Julia attending the 2014 Alumnae Brunch; Julia on the R-K front lawn; Julia with Mrs. Lauren Lester, who was an influential science teacher; and Carol and Julia outside the cathedral at graduation.



Congratulations to the Class of 2014! Here's where they're headed next year\*:

Alyssa Kathleen Alberti, Spring Hill College Megan Marie Anderson, Benedictine University Tomaris Chautel Baker, Alabama A & M University Lillian Geneva Baur, University of Missouri-Columbia Lauren Nicole Beeman, Quincy University Elise Marie Blanke, University of Missouri-Kansas City Katelyn Elizabeth Bradford, Truman State University Samantha Lee Braun, Florida Southern College Meagan Christine Burwell, University of Missouri-St. Louis Emma Christine Chmelir, Missouri State University Taylor Rhyann Cook, Butler University Julia Claire DeVoto, Temple University Brookelyn Marie Doherty, Loyola University-Chicago Kathryn Elisabeth Eisele, Murray State University Madeline Rose Emerson, Saint Louis University Kathleen Nicole Endicott, The University of Tulsa Nicole Marie Evans, St. Louis College of Pharmacy Jennifer Marie Faller, St. Louis Community College-Meramec Anna Teresa Flynn, Saint Louis University Monika Katherine Flynn, University of Missouri-Columbia Jillian Elizabeth Franks, Rhodes College Miranda Renee Fulton, Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville Jessica Marie Gang, Southeast Missouri State University Maria Emilia Garozzo, Rockhurst University Elizabeth Catherine Geerling, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale Sarah Elizabeth Gerwel, Truman State University Miranda Ellen Giblin, Webster University Sydney Nicole Giles, Undecided Alyssa Anne Goeddel , Maryville University Danielle Patricia Goodman, Saint Louis University Libby Marie Graef, Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville Emily Nicole Graves, University of Missouri-Columbia Rosemary Joan Griffin, Knox College Alexandra Marcy Hall, University of Virginia Gabrielle Elizabeth Hantak, Spring Hill College Julia Catherine Heath, Truman State University Mary Colleen Higgins, Missouri State University Alisabeth Maryrose Hilker, Southeast Missouri State University Alexandra Nicole Holzum, Truman State University Hannah Elizabeth Jackson, DePaul University Ketorah Somon Jones, Howard University Mary Ellen Kelly, Marquette University Nicole Marie Kelly, Blackburn College Tessa Ann Killingsworth, St. Louis Community College-Meramec Veronica Tyesha Butler Smith Knighten, Hampton University Victoria Nicole Kramer, Missouri University of S & T Taylor Renee Kristicevich, Quincy University Emily Nicole LaFentres, Missouri State University Allyson Marie Lahnar, Bellarmine University Elizabeth Anne Laury, Bradley University



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who you are for anyone or anything." - Josephine Zink-Duda Excerpted from her Salutatory Address

\*Information is current as of May 12, 2014.

# **CLASS OF 2014**

"We must remember to face each

situation we encounter with bravery and perseverance. Whether our new experiences are fun or challenging, we



should learn from them. We also need to be supportive of our families, friends, and our communities. Whatever path life takes us on, we

should cherish every moment of it." - Elizabeth Geerling Excerpted from ber Valedictory Address

# SPECIAL AWARDS & RECOGNITION

#### Rosati-Kain Service Award: Miranda Fulton

The Rosati-Kain Service Award is given to a student who goes "above and beyond" the ordinary call to serve her classmates and her school community.

#### Chris Harris Award: Alexandra Holzum

The Chris Harris Award honors a student or students who display exemplary sportsmanship throughout their time at Rosati-Kain.

Valedictorian: Elizabeth Geerling Salutatorian: Josephine Zink-Duda

Post-Dispatch Scholar Athlete: Gabrielle Hantak

Archbishop May Service Award: Margaret McMurran

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Model of Justice Award: Priscilla Rivera

The Class of 2014 earned **\$16.5 million in scholarships** and grants.

14% of the class scored a 30 or higher on the ACT.

# WHO'S GOING WHERE

Caroline Anne Lipic, Saint Louis University Jesse Carron Louis, University of Missouri-St. Louis Rebecca Colleen Lynch, Lake Forest College Caroline Ann Macek, The University of Mississippi Anna Christine Marshall, St. Louis Community College-Meramec Jenessa Lauren McCoy, Avila University Haley Christine McCubbins, University of Missouri-Columbia Margaret Kurtz McMurran, Millikin University Margaret Catherine Meyer, Truman State University Haley Noel Miller, University of Missouri-Columbia Sierra Alyce Mitchell, University of Missouri-Kansas City Kathleen Therese Mohrmann, Maryville University Taylor Nicole Morgan, Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville Emily Margaret Nelson, Quincy University Madison Bridget Nieder, The University of Mississippi Diva Lucia Norton, Webster University Ashton Rose Perniciaro, The University of Mississippi Anna Rosalie Pitti, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities Madeline Marie Redohl, Fontbonne University Leah Elizabeth Reinarman, University of Missouri-Columbia Hannah Kathryn Richard, Truman State University Priscilla Teresa Rivera Robles, Saint Louis University Bayley Marie Roberts, Truman State University Erika Renee Cartwright Roberts, Kansas State University Julianna Cecilia Rogers, Maryville University Sarah Jessica Ross, Missouri State University Melia Elizabeth Schnefke, University of Evansville Sarah Brooks Schott, Western Kentucky University Rachel Ellen Schreier, Blackburn College Anne Caroline Shelton, Missouri State University Christine Noell Sholy, University of Missouri-Columbia Paige Renee Sipe, Murray State University Moira Jane Smith, Webster University Samantha Marie Snyder, Webster University Christina Renee Soltysiak, St. Louis Community College-Forest Park Judith Anne Sommer, University of Dallas Aliana Pearl Eng Souder, University of Kansas Emily Marie Starkey, Truman State University Lydia Anne Stroube, University of Missouri-Columbia Hannah Rose Suarez, St. Louis Community College -Meramec Blair Amelia Sundhausen, William Jewell College Anna Simone Sutcliffe, St. Louis Community College-Meramec Skylar Elizabeth Trankle, Murray State University Samantha Zoe-Rose Vierling, Missouri State University Rebecca Elizabeth Watson, Bellarmine University Elise Marie Webster, Truman State University Anne Marguerite Weis, Truman State University Erin Rose Wiley, University of Missouri-Columbia Mary Emily Wilhelm, Southeast Missouri State University Brittany Nicole Williams, Bellarmine University Haley Alexandrea Wilson, Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville Claire Christine Witte, Rockhurst University 9 Josephine Amanda Zink-Duda, Vanderbilt University

# Barry O'Keeffe: Celebrating 45 years of dedication



A fter 45 years of continuous, wholehearted service to Rosati-Kain, Mr. Barry O'Keeffe has retired.

Among his many accomplishments, O'Keeffe most was most known for his work with Media and Publications as well as coaching both soccer and tennis. However, O'Keeffe might best be known as being R-K's resident comedian and trouble-maker, as he fondly calls himself.

"I'm also the chocolate treat and Cheez-It provider," O'Keeffe said. "I take things with a grain of salt. I try to add humor to events such as faculty meetings. I try to bring enjoyment to the masses."

#### BOK AT ROSATI-KAIN

O'Keeffe served as the yearbook moderator for 31 years. He primarily taught Social Studies and Media and Publications. During his time at R-K, O'Keeffe noted he has taught Today's Issues, Behavioral Science, ACC Western Civilization, World Geography, American History and World History.

In the Athletic Department, O'Keeffe served as director for 33 years, from 1980-2013. He helped start the first R-K soccer team as its coach in 1980. He coached varsity soccer for 29 years until 2009, and also coached JV soccer from 2010-2011. O'Keeffe also founded the first tennis team and has been the only varsity tennis coach for 26 years, from 1988 to 2014.

O'Keeffe noted how much he admires R-K's students and offered advice.

"I want them to work beyond the best of their ability. Don't be satisfied with where you are today. Know you can always do better. Respect each other."

During retirement, O'Keeffe said he would be spending time with his family. He has been married to his wife, Mary Ellen, for 43 years and has two children, Micaela and Timothy, and four grandchildren.

"I would like to go to New England. I haven't been that far north. I plan to spend time with the grand kids. I would like to get back into painting. I used to paint a couple pictures a year."

Before O'Keeffe could officially retire, he was lauded during special farewell celebrations by his students and colleagues as well as alumnae and friends.

#### **BOK CELEBRATIONS**

On May 2, R-K held "Barry O'Keeffe Day" and students, faculty and staff gathered to bid Mr. O'Keeffe a happy retirement.

President Sr. Joan Andert, SSND presented O'Keeffe with proclamations from St. Louis Mayor Francis Slay; Superintendent of Catholic Education George Henry; and Archbishop Robert Carlson.

THE MAN...THE LEGEND

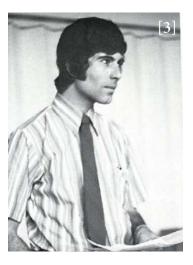
[1] Mr. O'Keeffe is known for attending R-K's senior prom every year. He could always be found dancing to "Sandstorm."

[2] Always the man behind the camera, Mr. O'Keeffe took pride in his photography and videography while teaching media and perfecting the yearbook.

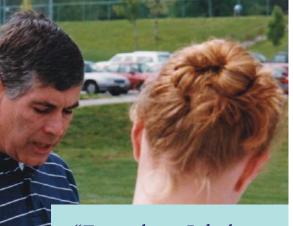
[3]Mr. O'Keeffe is shown teaching at R-K in 1975.







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"Everything I do here is a *JOY*." - Barry O'Keeffe





Clockwise from top: Barry coaching soccer; Barry as a young boy; Barry is presented with the media production studio certificate from Sr. Joan; Barry shares his Cheez-Its with students; Barry's U.S.A. map in Room 39.





Students and faculty voiced heartfelt messages to their teacher and co-worker. The seniors presented gifts of Cheez-Its and dark chocolate.

Sr. Joan presented O'Keeffe with a special plaque in his honor.

"Barry, Mr. O'Keeffe, BOK - To say you will be missed is an understatement. We hope you will visit us often and remember these 45 years fondly," Sr. Joan said.

On May 29, alumnae, present and former faculty, and family and friends gathered at R-K to celebrate O'Keeffe's career.

Sr. Joan presented O'Keeffe with a certificate proclaiming the dedication of the new Media Production Studio to be named in his honor.

O'Keeffe also received a booklet of well wishes including one from Sarah Shehata Basler, alumna, who said:

"You may not remember me, but I will always remember you, your wisdom, and your uncanny ability to make history considerably more fun than it should have been. I am really going to miss you, and so will untold future generations of Rosati girls. You changed my life."

Nancy Mueller and Bryan Kasten, faculty members, paid tribute to O'Keeffe with a special slide show highlighting his life and career.

"Barry dedicated his life to R-K," Mueller said. "In the classroom, Barry has helped to inspire so many students over the years. But it is outside the classroom where Barry has taught students to help them find their passion. It was through his coaching, photography, yearbook and media that he had the biggest impact."

But in the end, Mr. O'Keeffe had the last word as he addressed his audience of Rosati-Kain alumnae and friends.

"The one thing that really hasn't changed all these years is the quality of the girls who come to R-K, and the quality of the education they receive. You are the reason for my success and the continued success of R-K. Keep up the great work you all do and be sure to contribute to the Capital Campaign, so the dream will be fulfilled and shared by future Kougars."

# WHO'S DOING WHAT

### **STUDENTS**

### R-K PLACES SECOND IN 30-DAY Entrepreneurial challenge



Congratulations to **Caroline Lipic**, **'14** and **Rebecca Mulvaney**, **'16** who won second place and \$500 in the 30-Day Entrepreneurship Challenge for their Sealed Lips company and product. Lipic and Mulvaney competed in the Final Showcase of the challenge on April 12, 2014, at Lab1500 downtown. Seven schools competed for a \$1,500 first-place prize and a \$500 second-place prize. The Entrepreneurs' Organization of St. Louis, Arch Grants, Lab1500, and Independent Youth hosted the event.

Lipic and Mulvaney's company, Sealed Lips, sells lip balm with 20 percent of the proceeds sent to Queen of Peace Center. To learn more about Sealed Lips, visit them on Facebook, follow them on Twitter, or visit www.sealedlips.net.

Special thanks to the R-K team mentor, Sam Longstreth of Brentwood Plastics; faculty moderator, Nancy Mueller; and the event's sponsors.

**Tomaris Baker**, **'14** received full tuition to Camp Neuro for summer 2014. Camp Neuro serves as an ideal introduction for any high school student interested in exploring a career in medicine or psychology.

Kathryn Eisele, '14 and Sam Veerling, '14 represented R-K at the spring meeting of the National Catholic Education Association in St. Louis.

**Miranda Fulton, '14** was one of 10 4-H members in the State of Illinois to receive the Illinois Farm Bureau LCP Award for leadership, citizenship, and professionalism. **Gabby Hantak, '14**, was named one of the 2014 St. Louis Post-Dispatch's Scholar Athletes for her accomplishments in track and field and cross country as well as her many academic accomplishments.

**Caroline Lipic**, **'14** has a paid internship for summer 2014 with iU Creative in St. Louis. She will assist with their new website, uploading portfolio work, and learning about Photoshop.

Anne Shelton, '14, was named an Honorable Mention student in the Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals' Missouri Scholars 100 program. This statewide program honors 100 of Missouri's top academic students in the graduating class of 2014.

**Emily Starkey**, **'14** received a \$1,000 scholarship from Health Care Family Credit Union.

Congratulations to the R-K musicians who participated in the State Solo and Ensemble Music Festival on May 3, 2014, at the University of Missouri – Columbia. The trios of **Ally Lahnar**, **'14, Carmen Roberson**, **'15** and **Mary Naumann**, **'15** and **Maggie McMurran**, **'14 Miranda Giblin**, **'14** and **Molly Higgins**, **'14** received a "2" rating, or outstanding. Miranda Giblin, Molly Higgins, and **Christine Siampos**, **'15** received a "1" rating of exemplary, the highest rating possible.

Lucie Barrios, '15, recently had artwork displayed at Mad Art Gallery. Barrios has been part of New Art in the Neighborhood at the Contemporary Art Museum since the beginning of second semester 2014.

**Shyanna Street, '15** has won three consecutive 'superior' ratings for piano in the National Federation of Music Club, 2012, 2013, 2014.

Ariel Hall, '16 won first place in the Serra Club of St. Louis' essay writing contest for the high school level. Hall received a check for \$1,000 and Rosati-Kain received \$250.

Ellie Hoerner, '16 recently completed the eight-week Teens Make History Academy at

the Missouri History Museum. The academy is a work-based learning program that encourages teens to develop professional skills and explore history.

Ellie Hoerner, '16 and Claire Kruep, '16 volunteered their time for the St. Angela Merici fundraiser auction.

Abby Kenyon, '16 was accepted into the 2014 Missouri Scholars Academy. Kenyon was one of 330 students selected from 455 nominated students who met the criteria. The Academy was held in June at the University of Missouri in Columbia.

**Lydie Drake**, **'17** is participating in the Summer 2014 Junior Internship and Leadership Experience Program at the Saint Louis Science Center.

**Christine Gates, '17** was accepted into the Missouri Botanical Garden's Youth Garden Program, which is an intensive summer program for students interested in exploring urban agriculture.

**Rachel Goldkamp, '17** was accepted into the Zoo Alive Volunteer Program at the St. Louis Zoo.

**Michaela Jones**, **'17** was accepted into the First Tee Golf Program Leadership Academy, which will take place in July in San Diego, CA.

### FACULTY & STAFF -



Rosati-Kain High School welcomes **Laura Schulte**, **'86** as the new director of enrollment management. Laura was employed as the program director of St. Stephen ECD and Preschool, Inc. Laura founded this non-profit

early education program, which is specially designed for children ages 2-5 with food allergies, asthma, or other health issues.

R-K welcomes our new receptionist, **Lisa Chassaing** and our new director of informational technology, **Paul Antonacci**.

**Karen Daues** participated in the Spring Sing of the Opera Theatre of Saint Louis on May 13, 2014 at Kiener Plaza.

### ALUMNAE



**Clare Kosta**, '31 celebrated her 100th birthday on March 16, 2014. She resides at Mother of Good Counsel Home. She has worked in the Civil Service and for Cardinal Glennon hospital in the office. She is a Third

Order Franciscan and a past member of the Mother of Good Counsel Home quilting club.

Joan Whittemore, CSJ, DMA, '62 has recently published A Guide to Ospedali Research, Pendragon Press; So you want to learn to sing! an e-book; Porpora's Magnificat in A Minor, Boosey & Hawkes and Maestra—The Legacy of Fiora Corradetti Contino, Starry Night Publications.

**Ellen Foley, '69** released her album, About Time, which marks the first studio release for the vocalist in more than 30 years. Foley is the female vocalist featured on Meat Loaf's track "Paradise by the Dashboard Light" from 1977. She also can be seen starring in the recent film Lies I Told My Little Sister.



Irene Gottlieb Hannon,

'73 has garnered a stellar Publishers Weekly review for her new novel, One Perfect Spring. She is the author of more than 45 award-winning romance and suspense novels.



Robin Jacobi Shively, '76, owner of Corners Frameshop and Gallery in Ferguson, Mo., has become president of the Mid America Chapter of the Professional Picture Framers Association.

**Courtney Richardson-Young, '88** currently serves as the director of Speech Services at an early intervention agency called The Chatter Box. Her specialties are speech production/apraxia, early language development and hearing impairment issues.

**Emma Hand**, **'92** was featured in the spring 2014 issue of *Splendid* magazine. Hand was noted for creating her St. Louis business, Indie Mats. **Jean Lopez**, **'74** is *Splendid*'s publisher.

Melissa Nelms Liszewski, '97 received the Cardinal Raymond L. Burke Excellence in Teaching Award at a special ceremony on May 6 at the Cardinal Rigali Center. **Christina Crowe**, **'03** was selected to work in a two-year rotation, spending the first year as an Executive Officer of the National Weather Service in Silver Spring, MD. The following year, she'll be working in downtown Washington, D.C., serving as a Program Coordination Officer.

Mary Kate Clodius, '06 has graduated from the University of Louisville with a Master's Degree in Social Work. She passed her boards and will be employed by Lifesprings in Jeffersonville, IN as the substance abuse specialist therapist.



Erin Majchrzak '06 graduated from Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in May 2014 with her Doctor of Osteopathy. She begins her Pediatric Residency in July at Niswonger Children's

Hospital through East Tennessee State University.

Abby Dapron, '09 has ministered 12 months in four countries in the last year-and-half and will travel to South Africa again for an indefinite period of time for her ministry.

**Elizabeth Brennan**, **'10** received the Leadership Excellence Award through Omicron Delta Kappa, the National Leadership Honor Society at Fontbonne University in St. Louis.

Stephanie McAtee, '10 recently graduated from Rockhurst University with her Bachelors of Science in Nursing (BSN) and is taking a RN position at a Cardiac Telemetry Unit in Kansas City.

**Caitlin Heine, '12** is a sophomore at the University of Wisconsin— Madison in the Chemical Engineering program.

Ariana Bartolotta, '13 was spotlighted on the Avila University website for singing and acting as a musical theatre major and for her participation in campus ministry.

Laura Brusati, '15 and Katie Contratto, '15 were chosen as finalists in the National American Miss Pageant in Missouri.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS -



Katie LoRusso Militello, '03 and husband, Matthew Militello, welcomed their first child, Vincent Angelo, on April 14. Vincent weighed 6 pounds, 4 ounces and was 18-and-ahalf inches long.

Libbey Berry '06 and her fiancé, Mark Joiner, recently announced their engagement. They met shortly after she graduated from the University of Kansas in 2010. They have set a date for October 2015 for a St. Louis wedding.

Amy Green, '06 is engaged to Patrick Shelton. Amy received a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Murray State University, and a Master's of Physician Assistant Studies from Bethel University in 2013. She is a physician's assistant with Ferguson Medical Group in Sikeston, Mo. A May 31 wedding is planned in Benton.

# In Memoriam

- 1929 Anna Rose Kraus
  1931 Mary Helen Rogers
  1932 Hazel Pott
  1937 Bernice Bostick
  1938 Mercedes Finnegan
  1938 Estelle Wienstroer
  1940 Margaret Cantrell
  1941 Catherine C. Poelker
  1941 Sr. James Lorene Hogan, CSJ
  1942 Virginia Riemann
  1943 Marion Baker
  1943 Mary Ann Thole
  1944 Laverne Frederich
- 1946 Mary Jane Crowley
  1947 Eileen Gallagher
  1949 Carla H. Schenk\*
  1951 Frances Sciuto Pedroli
  1952 Sally Reinhardt
  1956 Betty Anita Robinson
  1959 Janet R. Mecey
  1962 Sr. Jean Meier, CSJ
  1963 Pamela Beggs Johnston
  1964 Diane Gorrell
  1964 Deanna Woods
  1974 Joan E. Bohn\*

Caritas Society (Remembered R-K in will) \*Directed memorials to R-K

Please keep these and all those who have passed away in your thoughts and prayers. Have you remembered R-K in your will or directed memorial tributes to R-K? Memorial gifts may be made to Rosati-Kain by mailing your check along with the name of your friend on level one to Jachia Jongs. Pecati

name of your friend or loved one to Jackie Jones, Rosati-Kain High School, 4389 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108, or you may go online at www.rosati-kain.org.

Send your news, accomplishments and updates to rkdevelopment@rosati-kain.org. 13

# R-K Principal Judy Mohan: Creating an outstanding academic foundation



It is with great sadness and gratitude that the R-K community says good bye and thank you to Principal Mrs. Judy Mohan, '75. The R-K community wishes her all the best as she pursues her lifelong passion for teaching.

During her six years as principal, Mrs. Mohan served R-K well, strengthening and leading our instructional programs as well as enhancing our rich traditions. Mrs. Mohan worked diligently to accomplish the following, among many others:

- Implemented a 1:1 digital device program, infusing our curriculum with 21st century learning skills.
- Created a strong platform for our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) initiative.
- Articulated and created a four-year, rotating plan that promotes the vision of the school through our Charisms (core values of *humilitas, virtus, scientia*, and *caritas*).
- Increased and promoted alliances within our Central West End community and the central corridor which have created cultural and educational learning opportunities for our students.
- Provided leadership throughout our Centennial celebrations.

Mrs. Mohan has been a tremendous asset to R-K as she led faculty to implement these innovative programs with our students, further strengthening the R-K foundation and pointing us toward a bright future.



"Under Judy's leadership, Rosati-Kain was strengthened. Her vision for our enhanced technology, our STEM platform, and the articulation of our core values, has inspired our faculty and served our students well for the 21st century."

- Sr. Joan Andert, SSND President



Mrs. Mohan was an integral part of R-K's centennial celebrations.

# UPCOMINGEVENTS Mark your calendar today! Be sure to check Facebook & the R-K website for changes and updates!

August 1, 2014 Ice Cream Social R-K invites the community to attend an ice cream social at 5:30 p.m. on Aug. 1, 2014.



August 17, 2014 R-K Day at the Ballpark



It's time again to cheer on the Cards for R-K Day at the Ballpark! Game day is Aug. 17, 2014 at 1:15 p.m. Students and alumnae are welcome to sing "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" on the field. Tickets are \$20 each and come with a hot dog and soda. Tickets are on sale online at *www.rosati-kain.org*.

October 24, 2014 Donors' Reception R-K is hosting a special reception for its donors on Oct. 24, 2014, in the gymnasium. Invitations to follow.



### November 5, 7-8, 2014 Fall Musical

Rosati-Kain announces the fall musical, "Meet Me in St. Louis," which will run Nov. 5, 7-8, 2014. The musical helps mark the 250th birthday celebration of the City of St. Louis. Watch for tickets to go on sale this fall!

### November 14, 2014 Unique Boutique

Save the date for R-K's second-annual Unique Boutique Girls' Night Out on Nov. 14, 2014. The evening includes shopping, food and drinks and the chance to win amazing raffle baskets. If you are interested in volunteering on the committee, please contact Antonia Ponder at aponder@ rosati-kain.org. R-K is currently accepting donations for raffle baskets. Applications/registration for vendors will be online by Aug. 1, 2014 at *www.rosati-kain.org*.





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Principal Judy Mohan; science faculty member, Lauren Lester; Patrick Sly of Emerson; and science faculty member Karen Daues.



R-K students surround science faculty members Lauren Lester, left, and Karen Daues.

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### R-K RECEIVES EMERSON GOLD STAR GRANT

Rosati-Kain High School recently received the 2014 Emerson Gold Star Grant for \$15,000 to enhance its STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics + Art) initiative research program. R-K was the only Catholic, Archdiocesan school to receive this honor.

Through this program, students will have the opportunity to use collaboration and creativity in project-based learning in hand with 21st century learning skills. The program will encourage students to "think outside the box."

Patrick Sly, executive vice president of Emerson, presented the grant to students and faculty on April 25, 2014, at R-K. Principal Judy Mohan was among those accepting the grant as well as Dean of Students Terence McNamee, who helped craft the proposal.

"We are so very pleased to receive an Emerson Gold Star Grant, which will provide us the opportunity to continue to support our students and their "world ready" attitude," Mohan said. "This grant will allow us to address head-on the growing disparity between the percentage of women in science and engineering technology and the number of men."

The STEAM initiative would also broaden students' academic pursuits and better prepare them for innovations of the 21st century. **Read more online at** *www.rosati-kain.org*