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Cover photo: R-K students in Mr. Kasten's Photoshop class.

Inset photo on cover: Students working on the yearbook in 1949.

IN MEMORIAM

Please keep these and all those who have passed away in your thoughts and prayers. Rosati-Kain was notified between September 1, 2016 and February 28, 2017 of the passing of the following alumnae. Memorial gifts may be made to Rosati-Kain by directing your gift along with the name of your family member, friend or loved one to: Advancement Services, Rosati-Kain High School, 4389 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108.

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1947 Mary Hutchison Ryan

1948 Patricia Cleary Kelly

1948 Mary Ann Potzmann Emmendorfer

1958 Marian Volmert Shymanski

1965 Patricia Kieffer Bradley

1983 Nina Kimbrough McNeely

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Through a vibrant Catholic education, we cultivate the individuality, faith, talent, and aspirations of young women who will lead and serve the world.

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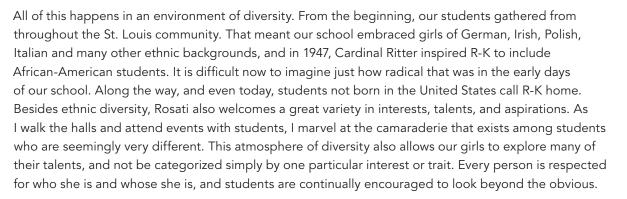


Dear Friends,

When I think about Rosati-Kain High School, which I do quite often, I come to a very important question: what is so great about Rosati to make the efforts of so many committed people worthwhile? What is it that Rosati-Kain contributes to our community that no other school does? Sometimes the answers vary, but there is a consistent theme.

Rosati is so great because of the people that make up our heritage, our present and our future. Somehow, by doing what we have done for over one hundred years, our graduates have acquired the knowledge and attitude needed for the future, that of "I belong to God, and that makes me quite good enough for anything. I am smart enough and clever enough and prepared enough that I can make meaningful

contributions, even if I am not an expert quite yet. I am here not just for me but for beyond me—to build up others as individuals and as members of local and world community." So, creating exceptional women for over 100 years is why Rosati-Kain is great. It is in our collective DNA.



Today, more than ever, seeing each person as a unique and wonderful gift from God is the attitude we need. It is a global need that is met on an individual basis and Rosati-Kain plays an important part.

Thank you for your prayerful support. Spreading the good news of R-K and investing in our future is a gift not just to our school and our students but to our local community and the world. God bless you for all your gracious generosity.

In Notre Dame,

S. Joan Andert, SSND

President

Dionne D. Peeples Jones '86

YOU HAVE THE CAPACITY TO CARE

Some R-K girls practiced their signature, complete with MD, JD or Esquire at the end. I practiced typing my name as it would appear in newspapers because I dreamed of becoming a journalist.

Dionne D. Peeples.

My name looked good that way.

My junior year set me on a road to pursue that passion, and to eventually understand God's purpose for my life. During R-K's annual junior retreat, I expected a nun, who led the event, to agree that I was on the right road. On the last day of the retreat, girls emerged happy from their meeting

with Sister. She affirmed many of their career choices. I entered the room excited, but I left that room angry. "Dionne, you have the greatest gift of all," she began slowly. "You have the capacity to care." I rejected her words.

That year of high school, I sat inside a cardboard box interviewing a man left homeless because he didn't earn enough money to afford a place to live. His dream had been to become a truck driver. A woman at a homeless shelter had a similar story. She had unfulfilled dreams, too.

After that story, a writer at the *Post-Dispatch* told an adviser at MU about me and the story I'd written about homelessness. I received a guaranteed spot at the University of Missouri and a scholarship pending graduation. MU is the top journalism school in the country. They saw what Sister had seen that same year.

I still rejected their words. Journalists were not revered for that. I ran from Sister's words for decades as I collected journalism awards and accolades. But I never forgot what

left to right: Dionne and Simon with Shrell Cain, one of their first employees. Shrell is now enrolled in a film studies program online.



Dionne D. Peeples '86

she said. Most of the award-winning stories I wrote left me weeping at my desk. Editors gauged a story's power by my tears. "You write with your heart," one editor said as we drove to collect my first place Associated Press Award. I later threw the plaque in the trash.

Writing about racism, gang violence, poverty and urban decay shattered my heart. From Missouri to Pennsylvania to Michigan to Oregon to Missouri again, I wrote about the same issues year after year. Sometimes, my writing impacted change. But often it did not. Eventually, I left journalism to mentor youth. But that career did not impact poverty,

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which I deemed the core problem within the communities I had covered as a reporter.

In 2011, Simon and I were married and opened Peace of Mind Cleaning Services, Inc. here in St. Louis because we realized employment and empowerment were keys to change lives. In the summer of 2016, I was driving and I began to cry. I realized Sister had been right all along. I called Rosati-Kain because I needed to let the girls know that career and compassion go hand-in-hand. The school's core values are intertwined with each career we choose.

Interestingly, I spoke with Laura Sestric Schulte, who was my classmate from 1986, and I learned that R-K was looking for a janitorial service. Our company was awarded the contract in the summer of 2016. Having our team members work at Rosati has been a blessing for them, and for me.

Often, I work alongside our team at Rosati and I have an opportunity to speak to the young women as they pass through the halls. Sometimes, it's just hello. Sometimes, it is a word of encouragement or a conversation about plans after high school. Sometimes, it's just a nod because I remember what finals week felt like. I am always amazed by their kindness toward me and the cleaning team. Many of them had no idea I was an alumna until our company was

featured on the Alumnae Spotlight Board near the gym thanks to the Diversity Club.

I admire the girls' compassion and care for each other and for the less fortunate in our community. I have watched quietly as they collected coats for the poor and planned service projects. And one day, I watched Lydia and Sage write tons of encouraging notes that they placed throughout the school. I saw those uplifting notes on lockers and even on bathroom mirrors the following day. I am proud because these students understand what I did not. We should never separate compassion from a vocation. Instead, we are more powerful when we bring that capacity to care to our careers.

I am proud of our R-K girls and the R-K family. And I am proud that I bring the capacity to care to our company. Our company pays above minimum wage and we move people from poverty to their God-given purpose. All of our employees are headed in positive directions. One team member graduates in May and is preparing to fulfill his dream of becoming an engineer. Another is enrolled in college, something he never thought possible. Arin, who works at Rosati, plans to attend Michigan State University in two

years. Her dream is to major in engineering and we will work to help that dream become a reality.

Our company produces the results my spirit has desired since I was a junior at R-K. The work is not easy. And owning a company has its challenges. But it is worth it. I am nearly 50, and I finally understand my purpose. These days, I use my writing skills to help our team members with term papers and college applications. I've found the solution I've longed for most of my life. The core of that solution is the capacity to care, my greatest gift. It is a joy to put R-K's core values into action every day. I am content knowing I may have taken the road less traveled by, but it truly has made all the difference in my life, and the lives of many others.



Simon and Dionne Jones

Barb Richter Henderson '84

R-K FOR A LIFETIME



Barb Richter Henderson '84, Anna Henderson '12, Grace Henderson '21, and Sue Richter Curran '72

Rosati-Kain isn't just for four years; for my family it is for a lifetime. My sister Sue and I grew up in a very Catholic family of seven children. Our family attended Holy Trinity parish in North Saint Louis, and our parents had children in Catholic schools for 30 years from 1954 to 1984. At various times, they had six children in six different schools; while at other times, they had six children all in the same school. Our parents grew up in a farming community in Southern Illinois,

and neither had the opportunity to go to high school, nor did they know much about Catholic high schools in St. Louis. The nuns at Holy Trinity referred my parents to McBride and DeAndreis high schools in North Saint Louis for my older brothers. In 1968, it was time for my sister Sue to start high school and R-K was the natural choice for her, as it was McBride's sister school back then. Her decision made my choice pretty set in stone when I started Rosati-Kain in 1980.

When my oldest daughter Emily was in 6th grade, we began the process of looking at high schools. Because we were living in Oakville, R-K wasn't the easiest choice for us geographically; however, once we visited my alma mater, the decision for her to attend Rosati-Kain was a simple one and proved to be very much worth the drive. My middle daughter Anna started in 2008 and was a part of the 100-year graduating class of 2012.

When we walked through the doors at 4389 Lindell, I felt as if we were coming home. It was the perfect choice for my daughters. They met girls from all over the St. Louis area, and this experience made their world bigger and better. Now, my youngest daughter Grace will be a part of the class of 2021, all stemming from the decision my sister Sue made in 1968.

Over the years and through the decades, many things have changed. When Sue was at Rosati-Kain, she was taught mostly by the sisters of St. Joseph or Notre Dame. In the 80's, only about a third of our teachers were sisters; and, during my daughters' time at R-K, there were only a few sisters left, including Sister Judith Schulte and Sister Mary Denis Curran. Barry O'Keeffe was hired during Sue's time at Rosati as the first male teacher who was not a priest, and his tenure lasted

through both of my older daughters' years at R-K. Although most of the teachers changed during our respective times at Rosati, what remained the same through the decades was the level of care and encouragement shown to Rosati girls by their teachers.

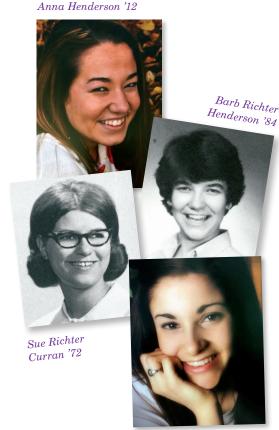
My sister Sue and I both wore a plain navy skirt and any collared shirt with sleeves. During Sue's time, the students wore colored ties, representing their respective years in school. My sister and I both rode the city bus to school, and people knew we went to a private school when they saw the navy skirt. When I toured with Emily for the first time, I was surprised to discover the navy skirt was no longer a part of the uniform, replaced by a plaid skirt that remains current today. Although Emily and Anna's transportation was by carpool and not by city bus, many recognize the plaid skirt as the Catholic school identity in St. Louis. I will admit that each of my daughters made it through her four years with only one skirt. We definitely got our money's worth out of those uniforms.

During the late '60s, the six-day rotating modular schedule was introduced to R-K, a feature that we all enjoyed during our time at Rosati. We never had the same class on Monday morning, a benefit to everyone. Although the typewriter

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from Sue's days at Rosati gave way to the keyboard, the schedule has been a staple in the education of Rosati girls and has been in place for over 45 years. Both of my daughters spent little time adapting to a college-like schedule because they were taught from the very beginning the importance of time management while balancing their studies.

The Rosati-Kain values instilled in my sister and me and then in my two older daughters are attitudes that will never change. R-K is a part of who we are and who we were meant to be. I am excited to be able to witness my youngest daughter as she begins her R-K legacy. As my daughter Anna stated in her 2012 salutatorian speech, "No matter where we go or where we end up in the world, we have been undeniably shaped by the four years we spent at the corner of Lindell and Newstead." That is true for all the women of Rosati-Kain, past and present, and it will always be for future generations of Rosati girls.



Emily Henderson Colona '10

THE OCCASIONAL, YEARBOOK AND MEDIA CENTER: Through the Years

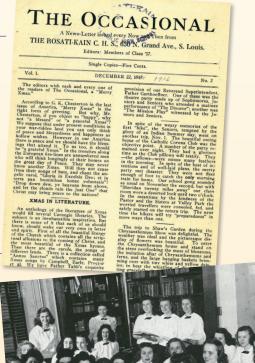
December 22, 1916

The first edition of the *Rosati-Kain Occasional* was published and distributed to the students.

Traditionally, *The Occasional* came out once in the fall, winter and spring, but it was never set in stone, thus the name *Occasional*. The spring edition was always dedicated to the senior class.

1920's

The last publication for 1925 was in June and it started to look like a yearbook and so the separation of The Occasional, the newspaper, and The Occasional, the yearbook, began to evolve. This was strictly an R-K tradition that confused new faculty and students for decades to come. The Occasional, the newspaper, would go on to win First Place in the Quill and Scroll International from the Catholic School Press three times during the 20's and 30's.



top: The first edition of the Rosati-Kain Occasional publised on December 22, 1916 above: 1946 Occasional staff

1930's

With each decade, the format of *The Occasional* changed. In 1935, the staff met with an editor of the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* and decided a more newspaper-like layout would be fun.

1940's

Due to the war effort, *The Occasional* was stopped in the 1941-42 school year and only graduation editions were printed for the classes of 1942 and 1944. The class of 1943 is the only Rosati-Kain class that did not publish any *Occasionals* or have a senior edition.

1950's

At the start of the 1954-55 school year, students changed the layout to a magazine format with an advice column including fashion, music and an amazing magazine-like cover.



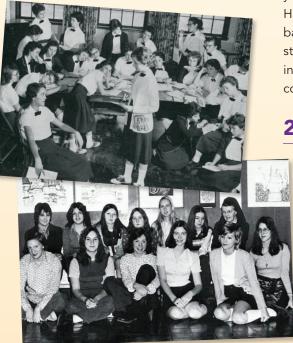
left: 1986 Yearbook officers with Barry O'Keeffe right: May 2016 issue of the Occasional

1960's

The 1960's edition appeared as a handout and first mentioned a moderator for the paper. The year-book moderator during this time was Sr. Gerold, who brought out the artistic abilities of the girls and first suggested a Media Department, two of the many contributions she made to R-K. This also marked the time when the yearbook and newspaper officially separated.

1970's

In 1976 Sr. Sheila became the moderator of the newspaper. The format changed to legal size colored sheets. Sr. Sheila was a beloved moderator for almost 20 years, ending in 1995.



top: Occasional staff writers working on the next issue in 1960

above: 1975 Occasional staff with Sr. Shiela.

1980's

Mr. Barry O'Keeffe became moderator of the yearbook in 1982. The staff of students developed all of the pictures in R-K's very own darkroom. Mr. O'Keeffe enlisted the help of Mrs. Connie Williams to assist with the production.

1990's

In 1995, Sr. Sheila handed over the newspaper to Mrs. Betsey Anderson. She moderated *The Occasional* for two years before passing it to Mrs. Barb Hacker in 1997. This time also brought back the mini-newspaper format and started new fun columns like Person in the Hallway (PITH) and continued to cover daily life at R-K.

2000's

With the arrival of Media class at Rosati-Kain came another media source, the morning broadcast. Mr. O'Keeffe supervised and directed the morning announcements on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Each semester a new set of seniors hosted the announcements. At the same time, the yearbook staff worked in the media room

on layouts, pictures and fact-gathering. In 2008, *The Occasional* newspaper became a part of the Publishing, Photoshop, and Media class.



The Occasional is sent out digitally to students under the supervision of faculty member Ms. Laura Govero-Yann '69. The Occasional yearbook staff is still gathering information throughout the year and hounding seniors to return their layouts all under the guidance of R-K Theology teacher, Miss Julie Anderson.

Since the addition of the new wing, the Media department has achieved its full potential: presenting live newsroom broadcasts to students with state of the art digital equipment three mornings each week. The Barry O'Keeffe Media Center is an actual media studio where students can record, edit and produce films under the tutelage of Mrs. Sarah Morris, head of the R-K Drama department.



Broadcast students with Helen Guenthal '42

Dear Friends of Rosati-Kain,

As I finish up my third year as principal at Rosati-Kain, I find it curious as to why I continue to be asked, "How do you like it at Rosati-Kain?" I am guessing this is because I was a complete outsider when I came to Rosati-Kain and others are interested in my perspective that began without any bias. I easily respond with much radiance, "I love it!" Then, of course, comes the obvious follow-up question, "Why do you like it so much?" With even greater ease than before, I respond, "I love the people. It's the people that make Rosati-Kain such a special place to be."

I find it not just heartwarming, but a rarity to see a community with members that so deeply love one another as at Rosati-Kain.

I have frequently referenced the distinctiveness of the teachers' dedication to the students. In the past, I have often addressed how the students not only accept one another but, more significantly, cheer on their classmates as each girl pursues her gifts. It is simply a delight to be with the alumnae. Whether they be recent or not so recent graduates, seeing how their faces "light up" as they recount their fondest Rosati-Kain memories is inspiring for me. Additionally, I am now getting to know more of the parents. I see that many of them are making sacrifices to send their daughters to Rosati-Kain, but they would not have it any other way. They understand that the high school experience is more about formation and transformation than any other time in life. How humbled we are that they entrust their daughters to us during these influential years. I regularly commit and recommit to them our greatest effort.

At this time, I also want to express gratitude for those of you who continuously remember Rosati-Kain in your prayers and in your financial contributions. We certainly need both. Whether you may be a grandparent, past parent, neighbor or friend, know of our appreciation for the many kindnesses you share with us. Good things are happening at Rosati-Kain. We are indeed a vibrant community, driven by our mission, fortified by you and blessed abundantly by God. May Christ's peace be with each of us.

Sincerely,

Dr. Elizabeth ann Goodwin

Principal

On Wednesday, January 25, 2017, Rosati-Kain High School sent 56 students and eight chaperones to Washington, DC to participate in the Annual March for Life. The Archdiocese of St. Louis sent over 2100 young people as part of its Generation Life Pilgrimage with the purpose that "Each of us has an important and distinct mission to build a culture of life. Our actions as individuals and a community change the world." Each member of our community had different reasons for why they marched and made a positive impact towards empowering each other and working together to create a culture of life within our society.

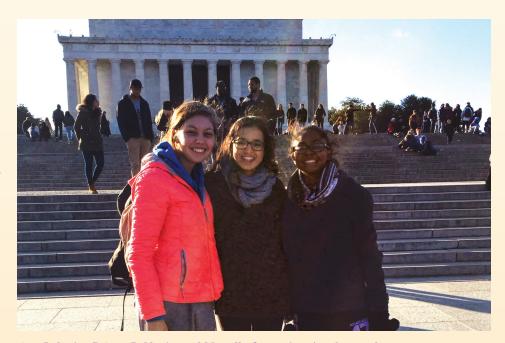
I MARCH FOR YOU

Briana Robles '17

Every human life is equally dignified and worthy of love and respect.
Period. Nevertheless, everywhere
I turn, I see atrocities that contradict how individuals ought to be treated.
During Generation Life 2017, I marched for the endless millions of victims of: abortion, the refugee crisis, suicide, human sex-trafficking, abuse, homelessness, euthanasia, systemic poverty, xenophobia, sweat-shops, ableism, colorism, militarism, racism, sexism, bullying, and for anyone who feels afraid or forgotten.

The bitter cold gusts of wind were almost unnoticeable as I shuffled alongside fellow Kougars and thousands of complete strangers standing for life. Many people cheered, chanted, and prayed, yet I had no words. I walked quietly trying merely to grasp the number of people who are fighting just to **survive**. I want nothing more than to see those people **thrive**.

For me, the Pro-Life March was more than an opportunity to explore Washington, DC; it was more than



Amy Luley '17, Briana Robles '17 and Marcella Owana '17 after the march.

the discomfort of an 18-hour bus ride; it was more than an exciting chance to hang out with old friends and make new ones. The Pro-Life March represented a challenge I made to myself about how I want to live the

life I was given. I want to live in such a way that I can confidently look every marginalized human being in the eye and say, "I march for you," not just in January, but every day.

Caroline Lipic '14

ENKOSI ROSATI-KAIN

Molo! Molo is translated as hello in Xhosa, one of the 12 national languages of South Africa. Although I am currently a student at Saint Louis University in the six-year Physical Therapy Program, I spent five months participating in the South Africa Service Learning Program through Marquette University.

During this journey, I took courses at the University of the Western Cape, the first university in South Africa to oppose apartheid. Two days out of each week, I participated in service projects at the Sinako After School Program and Tembaletu, the only Xhosa-speaking and mainstream curriculum school for the differentlyabled in Cape Town. At Tembaletu, I assisted the physio-therapists with treatments, fixed wheelchairs, and chaperoned students on visits in the Orthopedic Center. The children were so enthusiastic and motivated despite a variety of conditions, including spina bifida, cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, and gunshot injuries. They



Caroline and her class with Archbishop Desmond TuTu

loved to "jika jika" (twist) during therapy sessions, and could crank out push-ups like no other!

As part of this program, two other students and I conducted an advocacy/ research project on the need for wheelchair cushions at the school.

"Do your little bit of good where you are; it is those little acts of good put together that overwhelm the world." -DESMOND TUTU

Wheelchair cushions are in high demand, since they are recommended to be replaced every six months in order to prevent pressure sores, infection, and deformed posture in patients. Through our outreach, we were able to raise \$645 to go towards future wheelchair cushions and to develop a relationship between wheelchair cushion distributor, Comfort Company, and Tembaletu in which it will provide extra wheelchair materials to the school. I continue to work as the liaison between Comfort Company and Tembaletu. We assess what needs Tembaletu has, including calf protectors, cushions, lateral rolls, and back supports.

I was also excited to volunteer at Sinako After School Program, where I helped coach a soccer and volleyball team with kids from Nomlinganiselo, which is a primary school in Nyanga. The children had a hard time learning how to set the ball at first, but then I used verbal cues to aid in their learning experiences. Before using the ball I told all the students to place the tips of their fingers to the tips of their thumbs, then extend their fingers up and say, "Pop!" The smiles on their faces were priceless when they cheered, "Pop! Pop!" I am so very grateful to have had this experience.

Part of my time in South Africa also included a speaker series with antiapartheid speakers every Friday. Through this series, I had the privilege to meet former Anglican Archbishop of South Africa and 1984 Nobel Peace Prize recipient Desmond Tutu. He was



Caroline working with children at the Sinako After-School Program.

dignified, yet not afraid to be human and, at the same time, gentle yet powerful. It was amazing that the former Archbishop of South Africa took the time to have all the guests stand

up and say their names. I would like to say, "Enkosi (Thank you) to Rosati-Kain," for sparking my interest in exploring South Africa. During my theology classes at Rosati-Kain, I was introduced to the Reconciliation Theory and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission that grew my curiosity about South African culture. Though this sounds cliché, this experience has truly changed my spiritual, academic, and personal life. I'm going to continue my service locally in Saint Louis. As Desmond Tutu said, "Do your little bit of good where you are; it is those little acts of good put together that overwhelm the world."



Caroline and her mom, Mary, at the R-K graduation ceremony in 2014.

WHOS WHAT?

DOING

Do you have some news you'd like to share with the R-K community? Please send a short announcement along with a digital photo (from your phone is fine!) of 600 pixels or greater to rkdevelopment@rosati-kain.org.

ALUMNAE

Angela Dorn '83 was featured in the November issue of *Real Simple Magazine*. Angela earned her law degree from Harvard and had a successful practice in New York when she decided to leave the field. In 2006 she became a cofounder of *Single Stop*,



a nonprofit that connects people with the resources they need to escape poverty. *Single Stop* has since helped more than a million U.S. households, with \$3 billion in support.

Jen Schlueter '91 is the latest recipient of The Ronald and Deborah Ratner Distinguished Teaching Award. The Ratner Awards recognize faculty for developing new courses, original materials, and/or innovative methods and venues for delivery, as



well as for making a difference in students' educations, lives, and careers. Jen is an Associate Professor and Associate Chair for Curriculum at The Ohio State University. She is also an accomplished playwright and is leading a team of students in creating performances that engage with the history and legacy of Black Mountain College as part of the Wexner Center for the Arts' Leap Before You Look exhibition.

In addition, her new play,

Patience Worth, created in collaboration with The for/word Company and ACCAD, premiered in March at the Kranzberg Center in St. Louis.

Karilyn Ashley Surratt '00 and her sister Nora Elizabeth Williamson '12 started their own jewelry line, Vicki+Pam this year, kicking off sales at Rosati's Unique Boutique. Karilyn, still acting and dancing in New York City, has been making jewelry for years, and Nora, an account representative for



Amazon and recent graduate of the University of Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business, couldn't think of a better time or a place to launch than in their hometown at a place close to their hearts. The sisters drew the brand name from their nicknames for each other. Karilyn designs and hand crafts each piece, keeping in tradition with her Native American heritage, and Nora manages the social media and marketing for Vicki+Pam.

What does Rosati-Kain mean to you? We'd love to share your thoughts with the R-K community. Send your response (50 words or less please) via email to rkdevelopment@rosati-kain.org. If you want to include your photo, please send a digital photo (from your phone is fine) of 600 pixels or greater.

Melissa Fenske '12 earned her undergraduate degree at Rockhurst University. Melissa graduated with a double major in Applied Mathematics and Medical Physics and is a member of Sigma Pi Sigma, the physics honor society. She has accrued teaching experience from her participation in inquiry-based



learning during her Medical Physics Capstone, being a supplemental instructor at Rockhurst and a volunteer tutor at the Newhouse Women's Shelter. During her time at Rockhurst, Melissa was a Global Ambassador for International Studies, was the Vice President of Alumni and Heritage for Alpha Sigma Alpha, and studied abroad in Prague during the summer of 2015. Melissa will be teaching Mathematics at Saints John Neumann and Maria Goretti Catholic High School in south Philadelphia and is pursuing her Master's Degree at St. Joseph University.

Caroline Macek '14 was recently inducted into Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines. Membership is by invitation and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors with 72 semester hours are eligible for membership. Caroline is in the Pre-Pharmacy Early Entry Program at Mississippi University.

STUDENTS

Vivian Garcia-Cruz '17 recently received the Archdiocesan Martin Luther King Jr. Model of Justice Award at a ceremony in January. Vivian is deeply involved in the R-K Diversity Club and is always looking for new ways to bring



people together. The ceremony honored 31 people from Archdiocesan parishes and schools that are an inspiration to us all to continue to make positive changes in our world.

STUDENTS (CONT.)

Shayla O'Donnell '17 was named a finalist in the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program. Shayla is one of 15,000 academically talented students who represent less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors and are among the highest-scoring entrants in Missouri.



Meghan Delaney '17 and Allie Kennebeck '17 signed letters of intent to continue their academic and athletic careers in college. Meghan will be attending the University of Illinois-Springfield, where she was recruited to play soccer for the Prairie Stars. Allie signed



her letter of intent with Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri, and will be playing volleyball for the Blue Jays.

REUNIONS

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Class of 1967. A celebration has been planned for the second weekend in June, beginning with a "Meet & Greet" on Friday, June 9, an optional tour of the school, and a luncheon at the Sheraton Westport Lakeside Chalet on Saturday, June 10. If you are a member of the R-K Class of 1967, don't miss this very special event. It will be a wonderful way to reconnect with your high school friends. If you have not received your invitation to this 50-year reunion, please contact Donna Maniscalco Koska at dkoska@suddenlink.net or (832) 259-0796.

The Class of 1987 is in the planning stages for its 30th class reunion. If you are interested in helping with this event, please email Jen Shephard Guidici '87 at dutchg@sbcglobal.net.

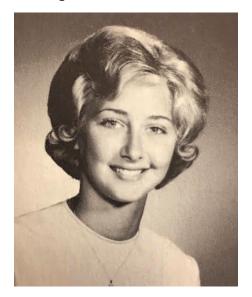


Mary Rohan Gentry '64

WHY I GIVE

I am proud to be a graduate of Rosati-Kain High School. I am grateful for the many wonderful memories and the valuable lessons that I learned during my four years there. That is just part of why I think it is important to support R-K and its mission to prepare young women to lead and serve the world.

Even though I live out of town, I am asked frequently where I went to school when the conversation indicates that I am from St. Louis. When I say "Rosati- Kain," there is often recognition and a hint that the person asking knows the high academic standards R-K has enjoyed. It is rewarding to hear and I tend to go on a bit about R-K and its



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many positive attributes. It is always a tremendous feeling to know that people recognize our school as a quality institution and respect our scholastic achievements. Rosati-Kain has a long-standing reputation of distinction and is known as a school that attracts highly motivated students from diverse backgrounds from all over St. Louis. Students accepted to Rosati are achievers who know their education will give them the foundation for greater success in their lives.

I continue to keep up with all of the latest news about my high school through the publication of the R-K Today and I enjoy reading about many of our alumnae that attend and participate in the numerous worthwhile activities offered at R-K. Since I can't be at these events, I choose to support my high school through a yearly contribution. It is rewarding to know that my donation is an investment in

the students and provides a legacy for future generations. My donations, along with countless others, are invested where they are needed: to assist the needs of students and to enhance programs that make a difference. The personal touch of receiving thank you calls from the students, development staff, Principal and President builds a connection to R-K long after I graduated.

It is the responsibility of the alumnae, family and friends to support
Rosati-Kain and continue the tradition of academic excellence. I have been fortunate in my life and in my career and R-K is in many ways a contributing factor in this success. Giving back is the right thing to do. Knowing that my good fortune can help other women achieve their goals is important to me.

Caritas-

GENEROUS LOVE



Ruth Reiss Class of 1931

In the past few months, Rosati-Kain High School has received several new scholarship endowment funds established at the Roman Catholic Foundation to benefit R-K students.

One of the largest is being created in memory of **Ruth Reiss Pratt '31**. Her family now lives in the Denver area and established a Donor-Advised Fund with the Catholic Foundation of Northern Colorado. The family has committed \$200,000 to this memorial scholarship endowment fund, which will provide approximately \$9,000 in annual scholarships to students at Rosati-Kain High School.

Another scholarship comes from the graduating class of 1969. As an

integral component of their Golden Jubilee celebration, the class leadership has elected to create an endowed scholarship fund as a way to acknowledge the strong Catholic foundation they received during their years as students at Rosati-Kain. Their hope is that, by 2019, they have collected at least \$30,000. This fund will be used to provide ongoing scholarship assistance to Rosati-Kain students.

Each of these funds is being created for different reasons, but share the same end-goal: to provide an ongoing source of scholarships to Rosati-Kain students, thus ensuring the long history of student assistance will continue for generations to come.

Caritas Society

The Caritas Society honors those alumnae, parents and friends who have left a planned gift to Rosati-Kain High School.

Margaret Baumann Audrain '47 Margaret McMahon Baumann '40 Carolyn Nicholson Bloom '63 Marion Huss Bohn '37* Sherron Carroll Brinker '57 Rosina Bachhuber Campbell '29* Marie A. Casey '75 Mary Reinhardt Colombo '54 Amy Fister '77 and Cathy Soete '64 Mary A. Whalen Flotron '49
Veronica Schleper Furrer '31*
Irene Hannon Gottlieb '73
Caroline Markel Hammond '87
Josephine Hanlon '27*
Jean Vallentine Harris '52
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Joan Herbers, PhD '70
Dolores Eoff Heytman '51*
Cecilia Margaret Kelly '55
Anne Marie Kimberley '36*
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* indicates deceased

Do you have a PLANNED GIFT FOR R-K?

A planned gift is a wonderful way to show your enduring support for Rosati-Kain High School. If you have not considered a plan to become part of the Caritas Society, won't you please do so today? This type of gift can impact the lives of R-K students and ensure the mission of this special place for years to come.

Some planned gifts provide a life-long income to the benefactor. Others use estate and tax planning techniques to maximize the gift to charity and other heirs, while also helping to minimize the impact on the benefactor's estate. In other words, a planned gift is any major donation made in a lifetime or at death as part of one's overall financial and/or estate planning.

All gifts to Rosati-Kain have an impact. Giving to The Fund for R-K (our annual fund), tuition assistance or supporting our yearly fundraisers are gifts that are made from discretionary income, and while they may be budgeted for, they are not planned. Anyone, regardless of income level, can make a tremendous investment in the future of R-K by simply initiating a planned gift. Whether one uses cash, appreciated securities/stock, real estate, a will,

R-K students volunteering at a donor reception held in January.

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artwork, partnership interests, personal property, life insurance, a retirement plan, etc., the benefits of funding a planned gift can make this type of charitable giving very attractive to both you and to Rosati-Kain.

With the guidance of the Roman Catholic Foundation and consultation

of your attorney and financial planner, you can identify the planned giving strategies that best suit your needs and those of our school.

If you have initial questions, please contact Liz Christman at 314-533-8513, ext. 2216 or email echristman@rosati-kain.org.





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UPCOMINGEVENTS!

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ALUMNAE MASS & BRUNCH April 30, 2017

Join your fellow alumnae for Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis at 8 a.m. followed by a brunch in the R-K gym.



Each year, R-K gives special recognition to the classes celebrating milestone anniversaries and honors one alumnae with the Charism Award.

SPRING CONCERT May 5 and 6, 2017

Our spring concert theme is "Hold On to Your Dreams." We hope that you can attend this inspiring evening featuring music from around the world. The band and choirs will ignite the dreamer in you!

GIVE STL DAY May 11, 2017

R-K is excited to make this our best year ever for the 24-hour giving event, sponsored by St. Louis Community
Foundation. Mark your calendars and stay tuned to social media for this year's event.



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KOUGAR KAMPS June 2017

R-K Kamps are back and better than ever!

We offer five weeks of full or half-day summer programs from Monday through Thursday during the months of June and July. More information can be found at www.rosati-kain.org.