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and benefactors of Rosati-Kain High School



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On the Cover: Students enjoying a beautiful spring day at Rosati-Kain.

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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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Letter from the VICE PRESIDENT



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Dear Rosati-Kain Family and Friends,

Over the past year and a half, I have had the honor of speaking with many of our alumnae about their connection to Rosati-Kain High School. I have found these conversations to be inspiring, moving, and touching. I have spoken with women who graduated from Rosati-Kain from the early 1940s to 2018, and the overwhelming message is one of gratitude and transformation.

Women talked about lifelong friends, about teachers who discovered their strengths, and about challenging classes and experiences that led to their current vocation. The stories of empowerment, transformation, achievement of goals, and commitment to service convince me that the Rosati-Kain experience is a gift that should endure for future generations.

As a result of a generous challenge gift to benefit our Tuition Assistance Program, this opportunity is a reality. Rosati-Kain has been given a gift from the Brown Sisters Foundation for \$20,000 that has the potential to transform our students and our mission for years to come. The challenge from the Brown Sisters Foundation is to raise an additional \$80,000 with individual gifts between \$1,000 and \$5,000 – for a total of \$100,000 in our new *Women for Women Society*. We are excited to share that we are more than halfway to our goal!

These funds will provide a reliable source of income for Rosati-Kain's Tuition Assistance Program, while giving alumnae and other supporters a framework for coming together to support their younger sisters as they move through their journeys of education and empowerment at Rosati-Kain.

Each year presents a growing need for financial assistance for girls who desire a Rosati-Kain education. Roughly 65% of our current students receive some level of financial aid, with the average grant per student of \$4,100, totaling over \$800,000 for the 2018-2019 school year.

Our Tuition Assistance Program changes the educational trajectory of many of our young women like Rukmina, class of 2019. Rukmina came to the United States from Nepal, and recently expressed that “as an eight-year-old living in a refugee camp, I had no idea that my life would bring me to St. Louis, and to the supportive friends and teachers at Rosati-Kain. I never imagined that I would be on the other side of the globe, playing bocce or applying to universities like UMSL, SLU, and Xavier. I am very grateful that my journey brought me to Rosati-Kain.”

We are grateful for the opportunity to walk with our young women as they journey through Rosati-Kain with the faith and knowledge that the women who came before believe in them, champion them, and support them. At Rosati-Kain High School, we are truly *Women for Women*.

A handwritten signature in purple ink, which appears to read 'Melissa'.

Melissa Brickey '90
Vice President of Advancement

Auction NEWS

R-K hosted its 2nd Annual Kaleidoscope Auction on Saturday, February 16, 2019. The event was a wonderful success! We hosted nearly 300 guests, including alumnae, teachers, and charitable friends. The gymnasium's fluorescent lighting was dimmed to allow the glowing kaleidoscope of colors to shine throughout the evening. Student artists painted canvases as guests walked the halls of Rosati-Kain and listened to the beautiful music of our R-K Voices. Alumnae attending the auction were given special pins to proudly represent their alma mater throughout the event.

The Live Auction was led by the charismatic Dan Buck, an Emmy-winning TV personality and St. Louis native. This year's event also included a \$50 Golden Ticket, which gave the winner the ability to choose ANY Live Auction item before the bidding began. This year's winner was R-K teacher and alumna, Abby Faron '11. She chose the NYC Package, which included tickets to "Hamilton" on Broadway, where she received a backstage tour plus a meet and greet with the cast! Our Silent Auction boasted just over 100 items, from staycations and horse races at Fairmount Park, to spa days and Yeti coolers. There certainly was something for everyone in our silent auction!

This magical night also celebrated a woman of great esteem. This year, R-K honored Sister Judith Schulte, CSJ with the Legacy Award. This award is given to an individual who assists Rosati-Kain to fulfill its mission to cultivate the individuality, faith, talent, and aspirations of young women who will one day lead and serve the

world. Sister Judith was a dedicated teacher at R-K for over four decades and continues her good works throughout St. Louis today. Join us in congratulating Sister Judith for her many accomplishments!



Sister Judith Schulte, CSJ received the Legacy Award at the 2019 Kaleidoscope Dinner Auction.

The magic of this evening was humbling with the outpouring of love and support from our guests. Rosati-Kain was able to raise over \$220,000 for our Tuition Assistance Program. This program directly benefits the young women of Rosati-Kain, ensuring access to quality education for all young women. R-K works tirelessly to offer all future leaders an invaluable education. Without our generous and kind-hearted donors, this would not be possible for many of the young women of Rosati-Kain.

We look forward to seeing you at our 3rd Annual Kaleidoscope Auction on February 15, 2020!



Abby Faron '11 enjoyed a quick trip to New York to see "Hamilton" thanks to her winning Golden Ticket!



Holland States '20 runs to thank her relatives after they raised their paddle to purchase her a coveted parking spot for a year!



Student SPOTLIGHT

Did you know that native bee populations all over the world are declining at a rapid pace? However, big cities such as St. Louis are proving to “bee” excellent homes for diverse populations of bees to thrive.

Alexis Robles '19 and **Morgan Schindler '19** are members of Rosati-Kain's Eco-Act Club and have been working all year on an action project focused on educating the R-K community about the importance of native bees, as well as finding new ways to support the bee populations. The young women have hung posters and signs around Rosati-Kain to educate the student body about this important issue. In addition, they have brought in a speaker to a Science National Honor Society meeting to discuss pollinators. They also assisted with the raised garden bed build at the SSND motherhouse by leading the group in a prayer for bees and by providing the sisters with some educational gifts so they too can continue to spread the message of the importance of bees.

Alexis and Morgan encourage you to learn more about the impact that bees have in our world and to help in any way that you can. Shop organic! Plant a garden of native flowers! There are so many ways to help and anyone can make a difference.



Alexis Robles '19 and Morgan Schindler '19 have been supporting the populations and educating the R-K community about the importance of native bees.



R-K students, parents, and staff came together to help with the SSND Garden Build Project.

Who's DOING What?

*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 of
600 x 600 pixels or greater to rkdevelopment@rosati-kain.org*

Alumnae

Alicia Hunt Muhm '69 and her husband, Yale, live on a farm in Warren County, Missouri. Alicia is the chairperson for the local FSA county committee. Alicia and Yale were recently honored by the State of Missouri Natural Resource Soil and Conservation Service, and the Soil and Water Conservation District as "Earth Member" volunteers of the year. This puts the two of them in the running for the national award. The Muhms volunteer at many activities that are designed to educate the local children and their families on conservation. Their farm is under a conservation easement, which means it can never be developed and it must adhere to strict conservation regulations. They are enrolled in many programs such as Wildflower Pollinator Fields and Wildlife Habitat Improvement Practices. Their five grandchildren are growing up with a wonderful appreciation of the outdoors and protecting the environment that surrounds them.



Patty Cleary '80 will deliver the annual James Neal Primm Distinguished Lecture in History at the Missouri History Museum, Monday evening, September 9, 2019. The topic is "Mound City: The Place of the Indian Past and Present in St. Louis." A professor of US History at California State University, Long Beach, Patty is researching the history of the mounds for a forthcoming book with the University of Missouri Press.

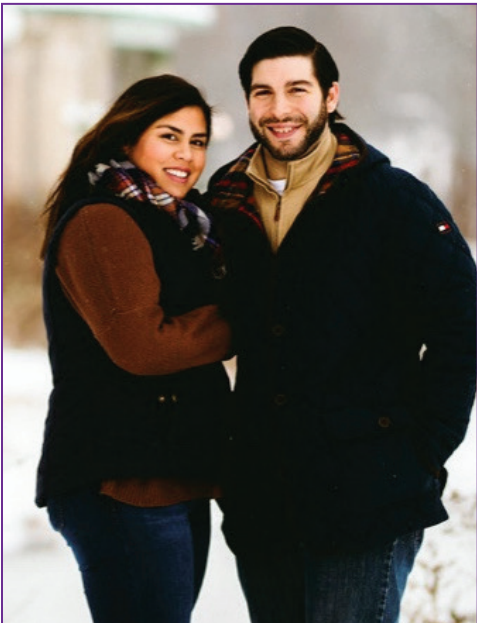
Over two dozen mounds once

stood on the site of downtown St. Louis, most of them just to the north of the Arch. Constructed by Mississippian peoples almost one thousand years ago, these monumental earthworks dominated the city's early skyline. For the Primm lecture, Patty will be exploring the life, death, and afterlife of the mounds, examining the importance of ancient and contemporary Native Americans in the history of St. Louis. The lecture is free and open to the public, and Patty hopes to see some fellow Kougars there.

Teri Brickey '88 and her husband Tony recently visited **Carol McClellan Morley '88** and her husband James in Melbourne, Australia. They had a wonderful visit and attended events at the Flemington Racecourse.



Kelly Baker Tyson '91 of LEARN 6 was recently named the 2018 Illinois Charter School Principal of the Year. Under Tyson's leadership at LEARN 6, she has led her staff in implementing and owning best learning practices for her students. LEARN 6 is an ethnically diverse K-8 elementary school located on Naval Station Great Lakes in North Chicago. A majority of the students come from military-connected families. Tyson understands that demographics play a part in the education of children and has implemented programs within the school's curriculum to meet the needs of the learners they serve.



Nika Cafazza '08 was recently promoted to being a member of the Social Response Team at Square in the Coretex in St. Louis, Missouri. In this new position, Nika will be working closely with the Square Support Team and engineers to provide problem-solving solutions and updates to customers. She began her career at Square in February 2018 and loves it. Nika and her fiancé Cory Spradling are planning an October 2019 wedding.



Maggie McCarthy '13 works as a Senior Academic Advisor for the UMSL Bridge Program where she prepares high school students for the transition to college. By encouraging and motivating students to develop strong academic, personal, and professional skills, she is equipping students with resources for life during and after college. Maggie is set to tie the knot to high school sweetheart, Will Brickmeyer, in October 2019.



Lizzie Geerling '14 is working on her PhD in Biomedical Sciences at Saint Louis University with a focus in Immunology and Virology. She was recently published for the first time for her work on improving laboratory methods to detect Zika Virus infections.

Faculty SPOTLIGHT

Susan Faron, R-K Librarian

Tell us a little something about yourself.

I have a BS in Elementary Education from Middle Tennessee State University. I taught 4th grade before taking time off to raise my three children. When my children's grade school was losing their librarian, another mom and I began filling in and I fell in love with the job. I then decided to earn my Master's in Library Science from Mizzou.

My family is originally from St. Louis, but I grew up mostly in North Carolina and Tennessee and moved back to

St. Louis after college. I was surprised when people kept asking me where I went to high school! However, I do have several family members who attended R-K (including my daughter and my daughter-in-law). My children like to tell me that my accent comes back after I've talked with my sister, who still lives in NC.

When did you come to R-K and what brought you here?

The 2005-06 academic year was my first year at Rosati-Kain, so this is my 14th year teaching at R-K. Honestly, I was expecting to work in a grade school after finishing library school, but the opportunity to come to R-K arose and I just couldn't pass up the chance—it came highly recommended from a friend who sent her daughter here.



What is your favorite part of working at Rosati-Kain?

Every day is different and NEVER boring! It's just not possible when spending time with hundreds of teenage girls and their unique personalities. Then throw in traditions like October Day, Hot Dog Day, Roar Week, Kougapalooza...

What did you want to be growing up?

I think I always knew I would be a teacher. I remember "playing school" as a little kid, and there have been other teachers in my family.

Which authors or books have influenced you the most?

Fairy tales and historical fiction got me hooked on reading, and it grew from there. The worlds you visit, the characters you meet, and the adventures that become possible when you get drawn into a well-written story allow you to live so many different lives.

What is the most helpful advice you've received?

The best advice I received was "Every child is a reader. Some just haven't found their favorite book yet."

What is the most challenging part of your job?

Part of my job is to help students "find their favorite book" and to encourage them to become lifelong readers. One problem is that our students, due to homework/sports/clubs/work, often don't have the time to just enjoy a novel for their own pleasure. Then there are the reluctant readers, who have the time to read, but not the interest. Getting the right book into the right hands is an ongoing challenge, but a real reward when it happens.

If you could travel anywhere, where would it be?

I've been to many places in the US, but have not traveled much outside of it. I would love to go to Ireland and Scotland. New Zealand is gorgeous, I hear. And the London-Paris-Rome trio is on my bucket list also. So many places from so many books!

Where would you rather be – stuck in a blizzard or on a desert island?

I could easily withstand being homebound in a blizzard if I had a stack of books and a supply of hot chocolate!

Name one R-K student that has left a memorable mark on you and why.

I will always remember the girls who get excited when they see a new shipment of books, those who want to open the box so they can get that "new book smell," the ones who squeal when the book they've been waiting for is released, and the ones who can't wait to tell me all about the book they just finished.

Several years ago, I was considering allowing the girls to check out books for the summer for the first time. I asked one student, who I knew to be an avid reader, if that was something she would be interested in doing. After I got the go-ahead, she told me that she had emailed her mom, IN ALL CAPS, that she was going to be able to bring home a stack of books for the summer. She was so thrilled. That didn't just make my day, it made my whole week!

R-K Ring Konnection

Rosati-Kain class rings are forged in tradition and memory, bonding alumnae to R-K and their graduating class.

Rings donated to the R-K Ring Konnection, however, are even richer in history. Decades-old rings that may be forgotten about in a jewelry box or left after an R-K alumna passes away are re-connected to current R-K students.



Allison Kendall '19 shows off her legacy ring given to her by Sr. Mary Frances Flynn '65.

Alumnae who would like to donate their class rings or those rings of a loved one can do so by contacting Jen Shephard Guidici '87 at rkarchives@rosati-kain.org. The alumna ring is then paired up with a current senior who was unable to purchase a ring. The program's process for choosing the perfect match of giftee to gifter is both private and particular.

This year we had two seniors receive rings and the matchups were perfect. Each ring is given during a small intimate gathering at Rosati-Kain with staff, alumnae and family to witness.

There is usually not a dry eye during this event and everyone involved walks away touched by that R-K spirit.



Rukmina Pyakurel '19 receives her legacy ring from Jeanne Edwards Hevesy '63.

Alumnae ASSOCIATION

The newly re-formed Alumnae Association has been working to create an organization that connects all alumnae to each other as well as back to Rosati-Kain. As alumnae, all of us are automatically members of the Alumnae Association. You are welcome to attend any meeting or event that you wish!

The most rewarding part of the Alumnae Association is connecting and collaborating with all of the fantastic women who have graduated from our school. This year in particular, our alumnae have helped with Career Day, the Kaleidoscope Dinner Auction, Kougat Konnection, Alumnae Mass & Brunch, and Graduation. We have also created a database of our alumnae jobs and workplaces so that current students are connected to alumnae in their respective fields of interest for chances to shadow and to learn more about potential careers.

Within the Alumnae Association, we have formed four central committees that propel the mission of the association forward:

1. **Community Advancement and Engagement:** This committee is tasked with planning and hosting social events for the alumnae as well as service projects and the recruitment of new students.
2. **Alumnae Involvement and Communications:** This committee works to connect with each class through a "Klass Kontakt," submits information to the alumnae newsletter, and attempts to keep up-to-date contact information for as many alumnae as possible.
3. **Funding and Resources:** This committee is charged to collect alumnae resources including time, treasure, talent, and ties for the betterment of Rosati-Kain.

4. **K-Networking:** This committee is designed to help connect current students to alumnae through job shadowing, mentoring, recruiting alumnae for ASK Sponsorship, and providing the formal induction into the R-K Alumnae Association at graduation.

If you have an interest in learning more about getting involved with the alumnae association, serving on a committee, or giving back to the community – you are welcome to contact Jen Guidici at rkarchives@rosati-kain.org.

Look for these upcoming Alumnae Association meetings and events:

- **Monday, May 20th, Graduation at 5:30 pm:** Alumnae Senior Konnection (ASK) Sponsors and Class of 1969 Honor Guards will be in attendance to celebrate another milestone of R-K women becoming alumnae. If you have an interest in serving as an ASK Sponsor, please contact the Advancement Office.
- **Wednesday, June 19th at 6:00 pm:** R-K Night at the Ballpark! Alumnae will be gathering in Ballpark Village to watch the St. Louis Cardinals take on the Miami Marlins. For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit www.rosati-kain.org.
- **Sunday, November 17th at 11:00 am (tentative):** The Unique Boutique is back! If you are interested in serving as a vendor for this event, please submit your proposal to Maggie McCarthy at margaretmccarthy2017@yahoo.com. This event is a great opportunity to gather with old friends for drinks and appetizers and to peruse local R-K vendors' crafts and goods.



The Class of 1950 gathered for the annual Alumnae Graduation Breakfast.



R-K alumnae from many different years gather each month for the Alumnae Association meetings.

Reunion GUIDE

When it comes to planning your R-K high school reunion, it's normal to feel some of that pre-exam pressure rushing back. But don't worry – we've got you covered. In the last two years, Rosati-Kain has hosted over a dozen reunions and tours. Just follow this handy how-to guide and get ready to plan a reunion that'll go down in class history.

1. Email Jen Shephard Guidici '87, R-K Alumnae Relations Coordinator at rkarchives@rosati-kain.org, to help connect with your classmates and set a date.
2. Let R-K do the work for you! Plan a Happy Hour Reunion or Sit-Down Dinner at R-K. A payment link will be set up to share with your classmates.
3. Show up for your reunion and have fun! No hassle and no cleanup involved! It doesn't get any better than that.

If you are planning your reunion outside of R-K, consider scheduling a tour of R-K beforehand. These are offered free of charge and can be a great prelude to your evening's events!

CLASS REUNIONS

Currently Scheduled for 2019

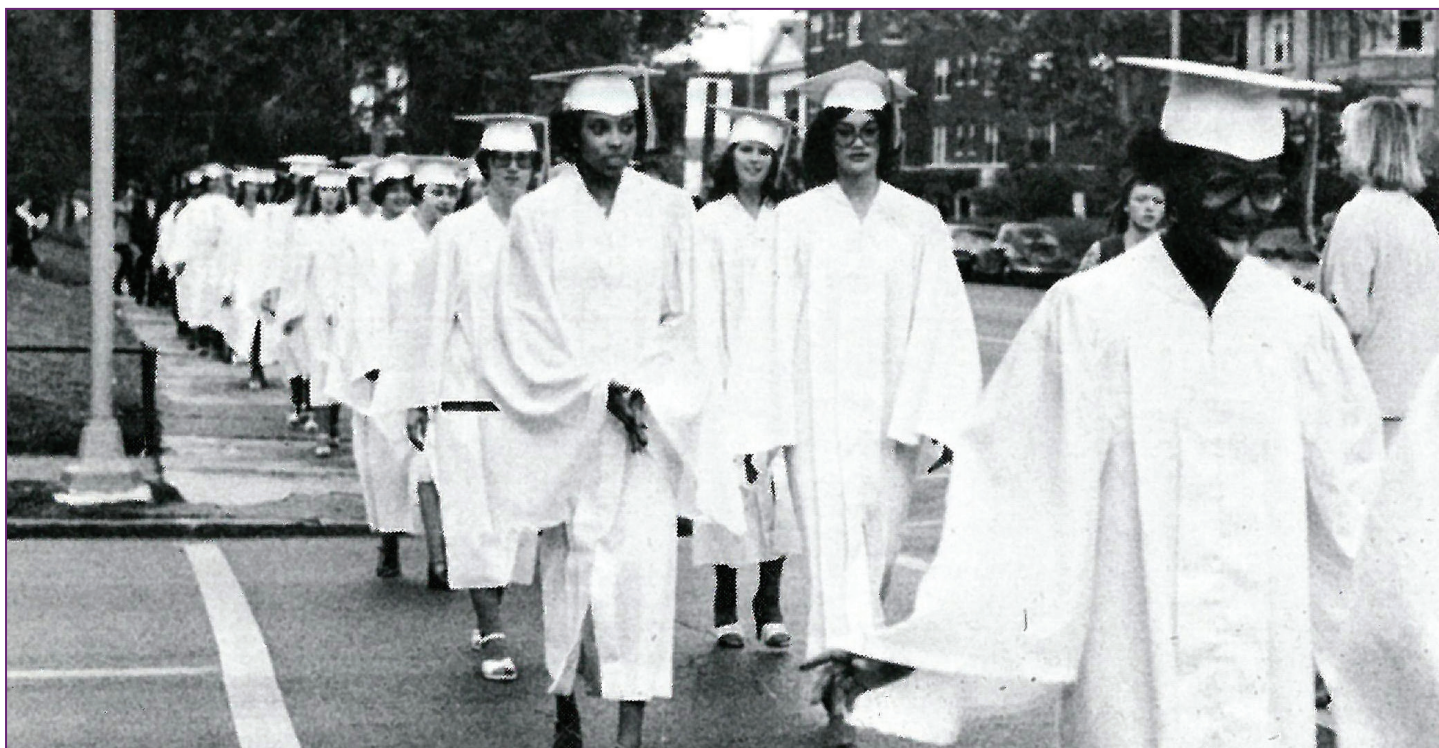
CLASS OF 1994 - 25th reunion: Saturday, June 15th - Tour at R-K at 5 pm.

CLASS OF 1999 - 20th reunion: There will be additional plans for that weekend. Kougat Classic Happy Hour is set for Friday, June 28, 4 pm - 6 pm at R-K.

CLASS OF 1979 - 40th reunion: Saturday, September 14th - Dinner at R-K - 5:30 pm doors open, dinner at 6:30 pm. Cost of the evening is \$60 per person, There is an option to attend 5 pm Mass at the Cathedral before dinner.

CLASS OF 1969 - 50th reunion: Friday, September 20th - Happy Hour at R-K - 6 pm - 9 pm. Hosted in the Learning Commons/Courtyard. Cost is \$40/per person. Wine, beer, soda, and heavy appetizers are included.

CLASS OF 1984 - 35th reunion: There will be a dance held in the R-K gym on Saturday, September 21st from 8 pm - 11 pm.



The Class of 1984 processing to the New Cathedral on graduation day.



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UPCOMING *Events*

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DENVER KOUGAR KONNECTION

June 17, 2019



Save the
date for
our 1st
Kougar

Konnection Night in
Denver. For more
information, please
email Melissa Brickey
'90 at [mbrickey@](mailto:mbrickey@rosati-kain.org)
rosati-kain.org.

ST. LOUIS KOUGAR KONNECTION NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK

June 19, 2019

R-K alumnae
will be
meeting
at the
Budweiser



Brew House atop Ballpark
Village to watch the
Cardinals take on the
Marlins. To purchase
your tickets, please visit
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KOUGAR KLASSIC

September 2019

Get your
classmates
together
to win the
2019 Kougar



Klassic. Donate during the
month of September to
get your class on board.
This competition is all
about class participation,
not dollar amount!
The winning class wins
a happy hour in the
Coughlin Courtyard!

KALEIDOSCOPE DINNER AUCTION

February 15, 2020



Celebrate all things
Rosati-Kain at the 3rd
annual dinner auction
to benefit our most
important asset – our
students! Tickets go on
sale November 2019.