Alumni Bulletin Board

How do you sum up “30 Years of Empowering Dreams”? St. Mary’s Jean Stetson, SND was charged with designing a bulletin board display that would “celebrate the families and the kids” of Metro Catholic School. So she dug through newsletters, an alumni page on the web, Facebook and Google to track down the best of the best post-grad success stories. With 1,900 graduates, there were plenty of candidates for this wall of fame. “Kids leave here with such a good feeling about their education,” she said. “We help them develop their whole selves spiritually, intellectually, physically, and socially.”

Here are a few samples of what St. Mary Jean found:

Sarah Javor, class of 1993, is a resident physician at Bowes-Lebanon Hospital Center in New York. She received her BMD from Case Western Reserve Dental School. Sarah, a native of Lebanon, spoke Arabic when she arrived in Cleveland and benefited from Metro Catholic’s ESL program.

Khoi Vo, class of 2001, is a PhD student in cognition and cognitive neuroscience at Duke University. He completed his undergraduate work at the University of Pennsylvania.

Jiyoung Kang, class of 2012, joined Metro Catholic from the Aukui Province in China. Today, he attends the Juillard School. His favorite musical experience was touring China as part of the Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra. Arikli and Luis Mullins, class of 2003. The Mullins, who graduated from Metro Catholic, both work at the Cleveland Clinic. Arikli is a surgical nurse and Luis is a medical technician. They have two children.

Maria Cecilia Daniel, class of 1992, received a Bachelor of Science degree from Kent State University and Master of Science from Northwestern University. She earned her medical degree from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland and benefited from Metro Catholic’s ESL program.

School of Medicine. Today, Maria is an ENT doctor in Billings, Montana.

Stephanie Stathos School and see who else is on the bulletin board display of outstanding graduates. Or take a closer look throughout our website’s alumni tab.

With some of our graduates now in their 40s, we know that so many more success stories are out there.

ALUMNI SHARE YOUR STORY!
Send a photo and a summary of how Metro Catholic empowered your dreams to Metro Catholic School, Advancement Office 3555 West 4th Street Cleveland, OH 44113.

The Metro Catholic School Humphrey Reach Fund

Our annual operating fund approved to be of critical importance. Formerly referred to as the Patience and George Humphrey fund, the Metro Catholic School Humphrey REACH FUND supports every aspect of a Metro Catholic education. This school’s annual tuition, primarily paid into $6,000. ($1,000 per family). This leaves only 46.5% of the cost to educate a student. This leaves many gaps in our budget which needs to be filled by donations each year. Restoring this enormous financial challenge back in 2009, Patience & George Humphrey motioned an effort to raise much-needed annual operating revenue. They founded and made a huge difference. Be among the first to make a gift to the 2018-19 Metro Catholic Schoo- Humphrey REACH FUND by returning the enclosed envelope or donating online at www.metrocatholic.org.

Thank you for your generosity!

St. Julie Billiart sought the first slaves of Mary Durrant in 1849. Jesus Christ raised the sun over some of our latest graduates are accepted into College Preparatory High Schools.

Help us meet our goal of $900,000.

What’s been raised so far $85,000.
Dear Friends,

Where were you 30 years ago? What were you doing? Around here a lot of dreaming was happening:

• 1986, Bishop Anthony Pilla called leaders of the Cleveland Catholic schools together and urged them to “think outside the box.”

So, the principals of West Side schools St. Michael, St. Boniface and St. Stephen did just that. Over coffee, they came up with a plan to merge their schools and charted their course on a simple paper napkin. The next two years were anything but simple.

Sr. Regina Davala of St. Michael, Sr. Virginia Reesing of St. Boniface, and Sr. Grace Corbett of St. Stephen first secured the blessing of the Diocese. Then they got started with the first of 200 planning meetings. Yes, 200 meetings while they continued to lead their schools.

“When you have everybody supporting you, it’s a sign of God’s presence,” said Sr. Regina. “People told us the school wouldn’t last,” said Sr. Regina. “But this school year marks Metro Catholic’s 30th anniversary.”

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Since that day, Metro Catholic has graduated 1,900 students. Some early grads are now sending their own children. Now under the guidance of Co-Directors, Sr. Anne Maline, SND and Mrs. Mary Lou Toler, there is a Learning Center for students with special needs, art and science labs, after-school and sports programs, and an extensive program to assist immigrant and refugee children.

Students represent 14 countries of origin, and the school has been named a National Blue-Ribbon School of Excellence as well as a Step up to Quality 5-Star Preschool. While 85% of their families live below the poverty level, an impressive 80% of the graduates go on to attend Catholic college prep high schools.

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Tuition was set, along with an innovative plan for parents to earn tuition credits selling candy bars, and the recruitment of students began, especially for the new pre-school program.

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