

Holy Names Academy

# Columns



NEW ATHLETIC  
COMPLEX AND  
UNDERGROUND  
PARKING GARAGE



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# FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL & PRINCIPAL



Dear Alumnae and Friends,

In a typical year, my letters in spring/summer editions of *Columns* are filled with news of student academic accomplishments, athletic championships, community service, fine-arts performances, and other student achievements. In this challenging time of COVID-19, our students and teachers continue to show amazing—but different—accomplishments.

Pages 8-9 of this edition provide a glimpse into the Academy's virtual-learning strategy. The video-conferencing capabilities of Microsoft Teams and the collaboration application OneNote

provide a platform for the student-teacher engagement that is so important to the learning process. Class discussions, student projects, and teacher presentations continue in this new online classroom. Many student activities also continue online: virtual athletic-team workouts and music recitals, student elections, class retreats, college-application webinars, student contests, and more.

All of this is possible because of the creativity, ingenuity, and resilience of our students and teachers. Most of all, it is the courage that each student and teacher has demonstrated in continuing to move forward and adapt to the new realities of sheltering at home.

One of the most endearing aspects of our students' response to the stay-at-home order is their deep commitment to community service. Challenged by our Campus Ministry Team to pivot from direct service to "Random Acts of Kindness," our students have responded with enthusiasm. A few of the many acts of kindness include grocery shopping for an elderly neighbor, setting up a box for food donations in a front yard for a local food bank, donating to worthy charities, and serenading shut-in grandparents from the sidewalk outside their balcony.

I was also very touched by our alumnae response to a call for assistance. A challenge for our 12th graders this spring as they made final decisions about colleges was not being able to visit campuses in-person. A call went out to our alumnae community to serve as a resource for students on colleges being considered. In less than 24 hours, over 350 alumnae volunteered to be a contact. The personal experiences of our alums helped bridge the gap as seniors made their final decisions.

On another note, the main article in this newsletter focuses on the construction of our new Athletic Complex and Underground Parking Garage. Though paused for five weeks during the stay-at-home order, construction resumed during the first week of May. There is a strictly enforced construction plan in place to ensure a high level of safety in this time of COVID-19. Fortunately, the project was six weeks ahead and under budget. We still anticipate opening the new facilities in November 2020.

Finally, I extend a special thanks to those of you who are keeping our communities safe and healthy. Many in our alumnae community serve in the medical profession, as first responders, or in other essential jobs. Thanks for your courage, resilience, and kindness.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Liz Swift". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Liz Eldredge Swift '71





## HNA'S NEW ATHLETIC COMPLEX AND UNDERGROUND PARKING GARAGE TAKES SHAPE

When, in 1908, the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary opened Holy Names Academy's third school building under an inspiring dome on Capitol Hill, their plan was not to create a beloved and sacred landmark for future generations of Seattle. The Sisters' goal then was more practical and urgent: to ensure the long-term sustainability of their 28-year-old school.

A similar purpose animates the new Athletic Complex and Underground Parking Garage now rising along the Roy Street side of the Academy's campus. As striking and gracious a new companion it will be to the historic structure, the

Academy's largest building project in over a century is...well...to ensure the long-term sustainability of Holy Names Academy.

The garage's five levels of underground parking—accommodating 237 cars—will help HNA remain a viable destination for young women from throughout the growing Puget Sound region, even as the surrounding neighborhood enfolds Seattle's high-density urban planning. The 19,000-square-foot athletic complex will allow Cougar sports and training for healthy lifestyles to continue the growth that has helped make Holy Names Academy a magnet for modern generations of young women.

Above: Students from HNA's leadership team attend the June 2019 groundbreaking. (L-R): Kaili Duane '20, Alex Beard '20, Nia Kendall '20, Elena Kline '20.

For a preview of the Athletic Complex and Underground Parking Garage and to see time lapse photos of its construction, follow this link: [www.holynames-sea.org/news/preview-hna-s-new-athletic-complex/](http://www.holynames-sea.org/news/preview-hna-s-new-athletic-complex/) or scan this QR code.



TIME-LAPSE PROGRESS



**FORMER GYM/GROUNDBREAKING**

The 1990 Jeanne Marie McAteer Lee Gymnasium just prior to the start of demolition in June 2019. Safety measures taken before work began included tree protection, building a barrier around the construction zone, and erosion-control procedures.

**DEMOLITION**

Demolition of the previous gym took about three weeks. Interior wood structures, such as walls and flooring, were cut up and removed, followed by removal of the roof, concrete walls, and finally, the foundation.

In the Academy’s largest building project since the historic original building was completed in 1908, the new Athletic Complex and Underground Parking Garage project has been underway on the south end of the HNA campus since June 2019. Although delayed for a month this spring due to the COVID-19 pandemic, construction is progressing well.



Above: The 1990 Jeanne Marie McAteer Lee Gymnasium pictured from 21st Avenue East in June 2019, days before demolition began.

Right: Rhine Demolition workers sorted and separated all concrete and rebar materials for reclaim/reuse/recycle. Most materials were reused or recycled; two Cougar logos from the gym floor will be incorporated into the new Athletic Complex. The entire north wall of the former gymnasium remains; it will be incorporated into the new Athletic Complex.







### EXCAVATION

With the previous building cleared, excavation for the underground garage began in late July 2019 and lasted approximately 11 weeks. Digging and the shoring process continued through late October.

### THE LOWER DEPTHS

Excavators reached the final, “bottom of the hole” depth—64 feet—in late-October 2019.



**1.** HNA officials closely involved in the project visit the bottom of the excavated site: (L-R): Francis Olson (Business Manager), Jennifer Bosa Sorensen '00 (Trustee and Building Committee Chair), Liz Eldredge Swift '71 (Head of School and Principal), Darren Briner (Director of IT and School Plant), Barbara Dallman (Executive Assistant to Head of School and Principal), Tricia Johnson (Development Director).

**2.** Convoys of trucks, a new one filled every five to 10 minutes, exported over 95,000 tons of dirt from the site, making room for the new five-story underground parking garage.

**3.** On October 12, a 184-foot tower crane was installed. So that it could swing freely, the crane had to be taller than the cross atop HNA's historic Dome.

**4.** The project moves into its structural phase as rebar is erected to hold the permanent, concrete walls of the parking garage.



## UNDER THE DOME

### TIME-LAPSE PROGRESS



### BUILD-UP OF PARKING GARAGE

The bottom concrete slab of the parking garage was completed in mid-November, followed by three months of construction of the five underground stories. To do this, workers poured concrete into elevated decks and columns and placed shotcrete walls. This image captures a snapshot of the process: as concrete on each lower level was completed, construction on the next highest level began. With garage construction nearing completion, structural steel columns began to arrive at the site in late January, marking the start of the above-ground Athletic Complex phase of the project.

### CONSTRUCTION MOVES ABOVE GROUND

Below-grade concrete work concluded in late February, a major milestone for the parking garage portion of the project. Andersen Construction finished the final concrete pours for the parking garage ramp on the 22nd Avenue side of the project, and poured the concrete foundation of the new gymnasium.



1. Pictured from 22nd Avenue East, the outline of the new Athletic Complex takes shape.
2. Andersen Construction crew members smooth concrete on one of the elevated parking garage decks.
3. The first crossbeams were set in place for the new Athletic Complex roof in February. In a new twist on the tradition of signing steel beams in a project, Andersen Construction stenciled the graduating class years of current HNA students atop several crossbeams, and invited students to inscribe their signatures on the steel. Some HNA alumnae on staff did, too! Seniors signing a crossbeam are front (L-R): Lynn Mwongela, Adrienne Johnson, Lizzie Hayes.
4. The top—and final—floor of the parking garage under construction.





**STEEL FRAME**

Construction of the steel frame for the Athletic Complex began in late-February. It will enclose a state-of-the-art athletic facility with more seating, court, and office space than the former gym, a Health & Physical Education classroom, a team meeting room, advanced weight and conditioning facilities, storage, and many other amenities for students' growing focus on healthy living as well as athletics.

**ROOF CONSTRUCTION**

Construction of the roof began in March, and the tower crane was removed. Late in March, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, HNA and its contractor teams paused construction activities, but were able to resume construction in May, following the Governor's orders, with safety measures in place to ensure social distancing. In spite of the delay, Head of School and Principal Liz Eldredge Swift '71 remains highly optimistic about the status of the Athletic Complex and Underground Parking Garage. "The Project has been very well-managed and executed to date, and we are confident it will be a success despite these challenges," she said.

# FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE

## THE CAMPAIGN FOR HOLY NAMES ACADEMY

The total cost of the athletic complex and parking garage project is projected at \$36.4 million. Funding will come from:

**\$28 MILLION** from capital and cash reserves the Academy has saved over years in anticipation of a project of this importance

**\$8.4 MILLION** from *Foundation for the Future: The Campaign for Holy Names Academy*

To date we have raised \$5.7 million through the campaign and are grateful to those who have already contributed to it. Our success will require the commitment and generous support of friends throughout our community, including current parents, alumnae and alumnae parents, foundations, and others who believe in and champion the Academy's mission.

Holy Names Academy extends a special invitation to you to join our efforts to realize our vision and secure the future. There are numerous ways you can support *Foundation for the Future: The Campaign for Holy Names Academy*. Each is designed to offer an opportunity for you to express your particular interest:

**Pledges:** Commitments made in writing can be paid over a period of up to five years.

**Gift of Securities:** Gifts of appreciated securities, publicly traded or from a private company, may provide tax advantages when compared to gifts of cash.

**Estate/Planned Gifts:** Gifts by bequest or other planned-giving methods provide significant tax benefits and are a practical way to support the campaign.

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# ONLINE LEARNING: HNA CONTINUES ITS MISSION DURING A PANDEMIC



Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, HNA closed the school building on March 12 for the remainder of the school year, but HNA's strong academic program for all classes continued online. Thanks to the digital-training emphasis the Academy has continually developed since 2015—a program in which every student carries a digital device and teachers emphasize training in online tools and collaboration—classes are held online daily for a full day of regular school hours. Students and teachers use Microsoft Teams video conferencing, an effective

way to maintain the “in-person” engagement that is so important to the learning process. Teachers and administrators meet virtually to share good practices and assess the program, and teachers regularly touch base with students to gauge their experiences. While the pandemic closure precludes after-school activities and athletics, student activities also continue virtually, resources on wellness and health are provided, and student leaders stay engaged with their classmates through creative social-media posts and messaging.

On the back end, HNA staff continue to keep operations running efficiently. Staff in all offices work remotely and are available to respond to any inquiries.

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Top (L): Vice Principal of Student Life Kim Dawson meets with the ASB Leadership Team; (R): Becca Sager '07 and her Honors English 11 class take a photo break.

Middle (L): Annie Spung solves problems online with her Geometry class; (R): Maureen Coulton and her AP Computer Science classes write code collectively.

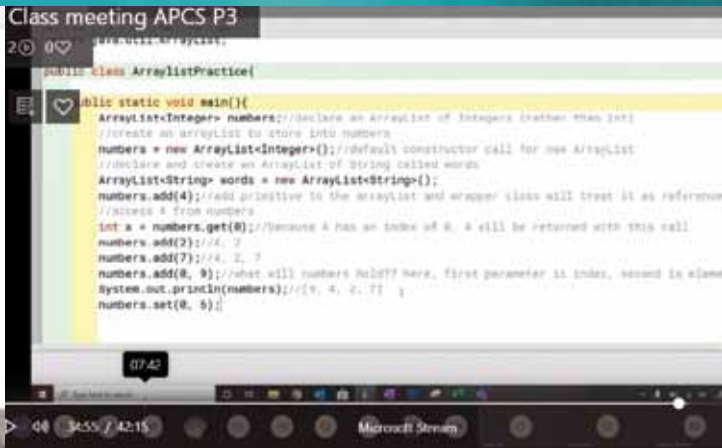
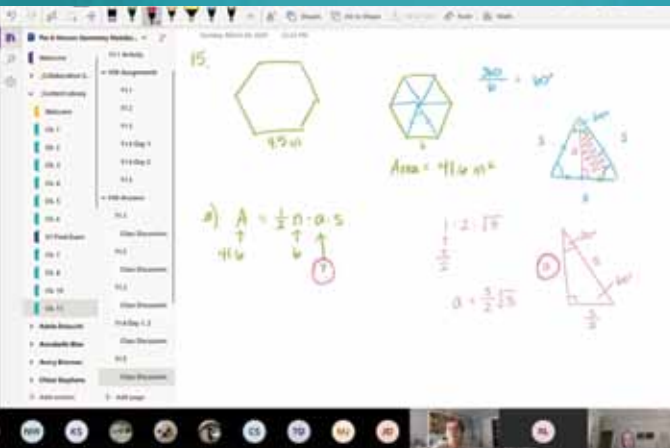
Bottom: The 12th-grade Theology class of Marianne Harris McGah '01 holds a virtual discussion.



# TEACH



# LEARN



# CONNECT



## CLASS OF '19 COLLEGE PANEL

New alumnae from the Class of 2019 returned to HNA in December to speak with current students about their college experiences.

Panelists were: front row (L-R): Maya McDonald (Purdue University), Emily Sundberg (Clemson University), Louise Nelson (University of Utah), Mary-Katheryn Egger (Syracuse University); back row (L-R): Mikayla King (The Ohio State University), Hope Juzon (Tulane University), Clare Tuch (University of British Columbia), Allison McGinnis (United States Naval Academy), Lucy Martinez (Boston College), Kaeli Fisher (Carroll College).



## LEGACY STUDENTS

### CELEBRATING CLASS OF '23 LEGACIES



HNA has a rich history of educating generations of families. Among the current 9th-grade class are 46 legacy students, those with a relative who graduated from the Academy. Of these legacy students, nine students have mothers, grandmothers, or great-grandmothers who graduated from the Academy.

(L-R) Front: Kya Washington (great-grandmother Catherine Drake Blanchette '45), Gracie Larson (grandmother Victoria Nims Larson '61); second row: Riley Bulson (grandmother Kathleen Duex Olliver '68 (dec.)), great-grandmother Sylvia Berens Duex '44 (dec.)), Olivia Lysen (grandmother Antonette Smit Lysen '63); third row: Naiyah Harris (mother Lorraine Patterson-Harris '83), Caroline Crow (mother Lisa Taube Crow '85), Kathleen Raab (mother Megan Flynn Raab '90); fourth row: Kate Kreul (mother Jessica Keuss Kreul '88), Aliyah Dockter (mother Meghan Smith '95).

## HOLY NAMES ACADEMY'S MISSION STATEMENT

Holy Names Academy inspires young women of diverse beliefs and backgrounds to excel in life with confidence and courage, to think critically, act with purpose, advocate for justice, serve with compassion, and lead with integrity.



**HNA LEGACY SOCIETY SPOTLIGHT**

# PAYING IT FORWARD

By Carmel Shaver Camerini '56

As a graduate of the self-proclaimed “best class ever,” Class of 1956, I proudly joined the HNA Legacy Society, along with my husband Don, to pay forward what HNA gave me so many years ago. My family was unable to afford the tuition, and HNA made it possible for me to attend through work study. I answered the phone during study period, worked at lunch, and restored classroom order at the end of the day. I developed a strong work ethic and received an excellent education, for which I am grateful.



HNA also gave me the gift of so many friendships. Keeping in touch with my '56 classmates has been a pleasure. We see each other at the Palisades Retreat Center at our annual summer gathering, which we've been hosting for over 10 years, and I often connect with others as a Phonathon volunteer for the Annual Giving Campaign. Being a part of the HNA community has been so fulfilling, and I hope our participation in the HNA Legacy Society will allow other young women to share in a similar joy.

**PHONATHON** Callers raised more than \$38,000 for HNA during Fall Phonathon this year! We are so grateful to our faithful Phonathon donors and our volunteers.

## SECOND ANNUAL #OneDayForHNA REACHES NEW HEIGHTS



Thank you to every person who made a gift to help us surpass our second annual #OneDayforHNA goals. Right: Student leaders stand in front of the board displaying student responses to the #OneDayforHNA question: “What is the greatest gift HNA has given you?”

On October 9, 2019, HNA hosted its second annual Day of Giving, #OneDayforHNA. Around the world, HNA trustees, current parents, alumnae, alumnae parents, and friends joined together to make a lasting impact on current and future students by sharing the many ways HNA has changed their lives for the better and making a gift. As

a result, more than 300 members of the HNA community gave to support our Day of Giving, raising over \$100,000 in 24 hours. Current students celebrated #OneDayforHNA by answering the question: “What is the greatest gift that HNA has given you?” and their heartfelt answers continue to inspire us. Overall, #OneDayforHNA demonstrates

the generosity and support from our community that makes a difference in the lives of young women and allows us to advance our mission. Thank you to all who donated and shared their stories. Watch for announcements for #OneDayforHNA 2020!

# DECK THE DOME: OH, SO MERRY!

The Academy was transformed for the annual Deck the Dome holiday celebration on December 7. This festive event heralds the start of the holiday season for our community. With jubilant guests, sparkling wine toasts, great food, and holiday musical performances from HNA students, it's THE event of the season.

In addition to enjoying a fantastic party, the evening's generous revelers and event underwriters helped raise more than \$169,000, a record amount, to fund technology equipment and infrastructure for the new gymnasium.

Jackie Kotkins received the Dorothy McBurney Fouty '50 Volunteer of the

Year Award for her years of service to the Academy as the musical choreographer for the annual spring musicals. Sarah Wahlen, HNA Director of Theatre and Film, paid tribute to Jackie's boundless energy, care for her students, and ability to make musical productions come to life.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS !

**Deck the Dome 2020 / Saturday, December 5**  
Registration will begin in September.



1. Jackie Kotkins was honored with the Volunteer of the Year award from Liz Eldredge Swift '71, Head of School & Principal.
2. Alumnae Board member Keli Nelson '12 enjoying the festivities with her date.

3. HNA Jazz Ensemble members perform their holiday setlist.
4. Sasha Rothstein '20 assumed the role of auctioneer for an item, selling the naming rights for HNA's 2020 Team Reign Robot.

5. (L-R): Emily Almeda '15, Riley Peterson '15, Madison Thomas '15, and Marianne Harris McGah '01 catch up in the parlors.



# VIRTUAL CHEER! AUCTION PROVES HNA COMMUNITY'S VIRTUE

**H**oly Names Academy's largest annual fundraiser, the CHEER! Auction, was transformed on short notice into a virtual event this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In the HNA tradition of adapting, responding, and thriving, the school community—near and far—rallied to help raise more than \$350,000 in

support of the new Athletic Complex & Underground Parking Garage.

Many months ago, "Celebrating Your Inner Super Hero" was chosen as the 2020 event theme, which proved to be extremely fitting for this year's unique, all-virtual event. More than 250 supporters cast 1,300+ bids, while more than 180 separately donated to

the Funded Item, which will underwrite an array of security features in the new garage. These numbers, as well as the feedback, were exceptional. Thank you to our amazing community for lively bidding, donating to the Funded Item, underwriting, and sponsoring CHEER! 2020. We are humbled and inspired by your generosity!

## THANK YOU, 2020 CHEER! SPONSORS!

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## IF YOU COULD HAVE ANY SUPERPOWER, WHAT WOULD IT BE?



# ALUMNAE NETWORKING EVENT



The Alumnae Board’s inaugural Alumnae Networking Event in February at the Insignia Towers drew a wonderful turnout of alumnae from a broad range of class years and professions. Featured speaker Diane Irvine, past President of HNA’s Board of Trustees and mother of Laura ‘09 and Jessica ‘17, shared stories and wisdom from her extraordinary career. Diane currently serves as

Chairperson of the Board of Directors of Yelp Inc. and Board member of D.A. Davidson Companies and Funko, Inc. She previously was CEO of Blue Nile, Inc.; Vice President and CFO of Plum Creek Timber Company; and in public accounting with Coopers & Lybrand LLP (now PricewaterhouseCoopers).

The Alumnae Board created this event to give alumnae an opportunity to connect

with and mentor each other, and expand their professional networks. Keep an eye out for future networking events.

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1. Sisters Joy Apostol Aquino ‘85 (L) and Melanie Apostol ‘88.
  2. (L-R): Sydney Meany ‘15, Natalie Platt ‘14, Carly Ledbetter ‘15, Lauren Meany ‘15, Ingrid Robaidek Degginger ‘08.
  3. Diane Irvine (R), and her daughter, Laura ‘09.



**SAVE THE DATE!**

## REUNION CELEBRATION

**September 12, 2020 | 10:00 a.m.**

For milestone class-reunion years: ‘75, ‘80, ‘85, ‘90, ‘95, ‘00, ‘05, ‘10, ‘15

If you are celebrating a milestone class reunion between five and 45 years, save the date for a Reunion Celebration on September 12, 2020! Whether we host this event in person or virtually, you’ll have the opportunity to hear about the exciting happenings at HNA and see new building updates since your time under the Dome. Watch your e-mail or check out HNA’s website and social-media accounts for updated information about this event.



Alumnae Board members volunteering at the Clothing Drive.

## CLOTHING DRIVE

The Alumnae Board hosted its ninth annual Clothing Drive benefitting Jubilee Women’s Center, and collected a record-total of 203 bags of clothing.

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED!**



# YOUNG ALUMNAE HOLIDAY SOCIAL



ALUMNAE FROM THE CLASSES OF 2010 THROUGH 2019 CELEBRATED THE HOLIDAY SEASON WITH GREAT FOOD AND FRIENDS AT THE YOUNG ALUMNAE HOLIDAY SOCIAL IN DECEMBER.



Above left: Tayah Carlisle '15 received the 2019 Young Alumnae Community Service Award.



# HNA ALUMNAE: LEADING WITHOUT LIMITS

**DENISE DONAHUE JOHNSON '65**



Photo credit: Robert Crawford

**Background:** I earned a B.A. in French Literature from the University of Washington in 1973 and spent my career working as a paralegal/office administrator for large Seattle law firms. When I was 64, I took up powerlifting; for the past eight years, I have competed locally, regionally, nationally, and abroad in powerlifting.

**Late Athletic Bloomer:** Growing up—and at HNA—I didn't consider myself an athlete. I was 5 feet tall, and the few sports in which I knew girls participated didn't

really match my skills. Yes, I cycled, ran, and participated in dragon boat races, but who knew that at 72, I would be invited to participate in powerlifting competitions throughout the world as a member of Team USA! Powerlifting has three lifts: Squat, Bench, and Deadlift. I earned American and Washington State records in the Deadlift in 2014 and again in 2017. Of course records are made to be broken, and you know I'm still going for them again!

**Travel:** I have always been an adventurer; I taught French in Liberia, West Africa, with the Peace Corps and took a trip around the world, including camping overnight in Kandahar and driving through Khyber Pass. Luckily, powerlifting is great for travel. I won the Silver medal last year in Tokyo in the World Master Bench Press Championship and won my division recently at the Panama NAPF Bench competition. Right now, I'm coming off a shoulder impingement and training for future meets—hooray! I have competed in Finland, Lithuania, Estonia, Czech Republic, Costa Rica, Belarus, and Sweden—such amazing opportunities.

**How Did HNA Help?** I was so excited to start at Holy Names—made many friends and learned how to coordinate with others. I was an only child so that skill was necessary! I learned discipline and caring and how to stand up for myself. I'm thrilled to read now how many more athletic opportunities are available to HNA students. Fantastic. I urge anyone who wants to follow a new passion, be it athletic or not, to do so. Through powerlifting, I not only reversed bone-density issues but brought added joy and stimulation to my life. *Onward to future adventures!*

## ALUMNAE UPDATES

### 1960s

Former NFL player Steve Gleason, son of **Gail Matthiesen Gleason '63** and nephew of **Maureen ("Mo") Matthiesen Weber '65**, received the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest civilian honor Congress bestows, in a Capitol Hill ceremony hosted by Speaker Nancy Pelosi on January 15, 2020, for inspiring those living with ALS and their families to live productively and purposefully. Steve is the first former NFL Player to receive this historic honor. Other recipients include Pope John Paul II and Mother Teresa. Steve was the first person to drive his power wheelchair with his eyes, the result of a collaboration with Microsoft to create Eye Drive. Team Gleason has donated over \$10 million dollars to assist others with ALS.

In February, **Susan Carmody Burdett**, **Lynn Banchemo Lagreid**, **Eileen Geraghty Ball**, and **Kathy Sargent Kindell**, all from the **Class of '67**, attended a Women's Day of Prayer and Reflection at Holy Rosary Parish, Edmonds. Focusing on Scripture and Prayer, Susan led the group in planning for a purposeful Lent. Her expertise from her years as a teacher, principal at Our Lady of Fatima, and now Pastoral Assistant for Faith Formation at St. Luke Parish in Shoreline aided her.

### 1970s

**The Class of 1979** had a casual reunion on September 22, 2019, at the Redhook Brewlab on Capital Hill. Due to the success of this event, they plan to do it again on September 26, 2020 (pandemic permitting).

### 1990s

**Gwendolyn Payton '90** is a partner with the Seattle office of Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton. She has an active trial practice in both state and federal courts with a focus on complex commercial cases. She has been recognized as one of the top women in litigation and been named a Washington Super Lawyer. Additionally, in 2018, Gwendolyn was awarded the John Paul Stevens Guiding Hand of Counsel Award from the ABA Death Penalty Representation Project for her pro bono work in advocating for death-penalty clients. *Seattle Business* interviewed Gwendolyn for one of its Daring Women profiles: [www.seattlebusinessmag.com/daring-women-profiles/daring-women-gwendolyn-payton-kilpatrick-townsend-stockton-says-great-leaders](http://www.seattlebusinessmag.com/daring-women-profiles/daring-women-gwendolyn-payton-kilpatrick-townsend-stockton-says-great-leaders)





**Candice Pascua Hamilton '93** joined the Board of Birthday Dreams, a wonderful nonprofit organization providing birthday celebrations to homeless and needy youth. For more information, you can visit [www.birthdaydreams.org](http://www.birthdaydreams.org).

The lyric essay collection, *Just an Ordinary Woman Breathing* by **Julie Marie Wade '97**, was published by The Ohio State University Press on February 27, 2020, on their 21st Century Essay Series. Details can be found here: <https://ohiostatepress.org/books/titles/9780814255674.html>

## 2000s

**Larkin Philbin Temme '00** was honored at the Fulcrum Foundation's Celebration of Light Gala. She is the principal at Holy Family Bilingual Catholic School and has grown the school to 171 students. Search "2020 Celebration of Light" on YouTube to see a video of the amazing work Larkin is doing.

**Jennifer Smith Ensign '02** runs a successful home bakery business, specializing in custom sugar cookies for all occasions. She started Jenn's Cookie Jar in 2018 following the 1st birthday of her second son and hasn't slowed down since, doing custom work for family, neighbors, and local small businesses, as well as

Nordstrom and The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. You can see her work on her website: [www.jennscookiejar.com](http://www.jennscookiejar.com).

**Alyson Palmer '02** is Associate Corporate Counsel on the Global Employment Legal team at Google in San Francisco. She supports Google's Employee Engagement, Search, Ads, and Geo organizations. She also provides counsel on Google's global diversity and inclusion efforts. Alyson received a B.A. in Political Science from Seattle University and her J.D. from the University of Washington School of Law, where she served as Associate Editor-in-Chief of the *International Law Journal* and Alumni Coordinator for the Black Law Students Association. Previously, she practiced law in Seattle with the firms Miller, Nash, Graham & Dunn and Stoel Rives. During the Obama Administration, she worked in the White House Office of Management and Administration and for the General Services Administration.

In March, **Margie Thirlby '02** opened her coaching and consulting business after leading nonprofits for 12 years (most recently as Executive Director of Reading Partners Colorado, and previously at Rebuilding Together Seattle). Margie works with a diverse group of individuals and organizations nationally, using a

**1.** (L-R): Susan Carmody Burdett '67, Lynn Banchemo Lagreid '67, Eileen Geraghty Ball '67, Kathy Sargent Kindell '67.

**2.** The Class of 1979 reunion in September.

**3.** Beautiful cookies by Jennifer Smith Ensign '02.

**4.** Gail Matthiesen Gleason '63 and Maureen ("Mo") Matthiesen Weber '65 at the Congressional Gold Medal ceremony for their son and nephew, Steve Gleason. Gail is seated in the row behind Steve, and Maureen is seated on her left.

**5.** Alyson Palmer '02.

**6.** Margie Thirlby '02.

value-driven and outcomes-based approach to help individuals and teams experience joy and discover their full potential. Learn more about Margie's work at [www.thirlbyco.com](http://www.thirlbyco.com) or follow her on Instagram: @coachmargie.

**Lindsey Whitford '05** was named the first-ever Managing Director of Programs at Soccer Without Borders, for whom she will oversee program quality, capture innovations and best practices, and steer the organization's collective impact through programming in the U.S. and internationally. Lindsey has been an integral part of Soccer Without Borders for nine years.

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## 2010s

**Annica Mae Mattus '11** passed the District of Columbia Bar and was sworn into the bar in July 2019. She serves as a Judicial Law Clerk at the Superior Court of the District of Columbia—clerking first for the Honorable Brian F. Holeman, and then for the Honorable Jennifer M. Anderson, addressing complex civil litigation and post-disposition criminal matters. Annica completed her judicial clerkship at the end of 2019 and joined a law firm, Hollingsworth LLP, in Washington, DC.

**Madelein O'Mahony '13** and **Allisia Rangel '13** both teach at Dolores Mission School in Boyle Heights Los Angeles. They had not kept up with each other after high school but both began working at the school last year; they are now teacher co-workers and value their HNA connection!

**Kendall Valenzuela '14** worked at the Super Bowl this year as a digital host and online content creator for 104.3 The Fan ESPN radio.

**Wendy Donier '15**, graduated in spring 2019 from Regis University, where she played lacrosse and was Regis' nominee for the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Woman of the Year award! Established in 1991, the NCAA Woman of the Year award recognizes graduating female college athletes who have distinguished themselves in academics, athletics, service, and leadership throughout their collegiate careers.

**Olivia Roberts '15** joined the news team at KXLY in Spokane. She started as an intern and is now helping produce and report on the morning show. **Erin Robinson '12** also works at KXLY as the Digital Content Manager. There are now two HNA grads on the team! Olivia and Erin also both attended Gonzaga University.

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1. Madelein O'Mahony '13 (L) and Allisia Rangel '13 at Dolores Mission School.
2. Erin Robinson '12 (L) and Olivia Roberts '15 on set at KXLY in Spokane.
3. Members of Alumnae Board enjoying happy hour together.
4. Kendall Valenzuela '14 working at this year's Super Bowl.
5. Annica Mae Mattus '11.
6. Hannah Cole '17 (L) and Kristen Andersen '17 at Loch Ness in Scotland.
7. Molly Whitson '16 conducting a workshop at HNA.



**Racquel West '16** is a senior at UW, double majoring in geography and history. Beginning in March 2019, Racquel served as assistant outreach coordinator for the Burke Museum's Bill Holm Center for the Study of Northwest Native Art. Twice a month she traveled to the Port Madison Indian Reservation to volunteer and conduct research in the archives of the Suquamish Museum. She volunteered for the UW Pipeline Project's storytelling project with children in Neah Bay. She was an officer for First Nations @UW, a

campus student organization; performed in a musical for the UW's Undergraduate Theater Society; and was editor-in-chief of the undergraduate geography journal *Plenum*. Racquel's achievements were spotlighted in the November 2019 UW College of Arts and Sciences newsletter.

**Molly Whitson '16**, who was active in theatre during her time under the Dome, is now a professional makeup artist in Los Angeles. She returned to HNA in February 2020 to conduct a special workshop for HNA Theatre & Film students, teaching

students how to age a performer's face, among other makeup skills. You can follow Molly's work on @mollymarieartistry.

**Kristen Andersen '17** and **Hannah Cole '17** studied abroad in fall 2019, Hannah at the University of Glasgow and Kristen at La Sorbonne in Paris. They met up in Glasgow in late October and spent time in the Highlands and London.

Members of the **Alumnae Board** ranging in **class years from '94 to '11** met for happy hour before a fall meeting.

## IN LOVING MEMORY

The Holy Names Academy Alumnae Association prayerfully remembers these alumnae and their families:

**Betty McConnell Paxton '33**  
**Mary Florence Hughes '39**  
**Barbara Gabbert-Malinski '40**  
**Margaret Mading Sullaway '40**  
**Rita Brandmeir Daubenspeck '41**  
**Barbara Maguire Veith '42**  
**Virginia Dorgan '43**  
**Colleen Floyd Hurson '43**  
**Mary Louise Walsh Heiser '45**  
**Loretta Bosanko Krupp '45**  
**Marilyn Brand Beezer '52**  
**Mary Kay Schaaf Randall '52**  
**Annette Catherine "Kay" O'Neill Wood '52**  
**Mary Maurice Manley '54**  
**Mary June Morrison Cain '55**  
**Joanne Shannon McDevitt '55**  
**Barbara Gordon Pethick '56**  
**Myrna Earley Turnipseed '57**  
**Margaret Mickley Filtz '58**  
**Shirley Ashby Mallonee '61**  
**Betty Murphy '65**  
**Kate Osterfeld '68**

**Janet Alfieri**, mother of Gia Alfieri '84; aunt of Lisa Alfieri '81 and Sophia Postle '12

**Judy Barnes**, mother of HNA Trustee Nancy Barnes Schoeggl '82; grandmother of Jacquelynn Schoeggl '13 and Christine Schoeggl '15

**Richard Cormier**, husband of Angela Brooks Cormier '56 (dec.); father of Teresa Cormier '77, Diane Cormier Crompton '81, Carolyn Cormier Banks '82, and Rita Cormier '84; grandfather of Abigail Cormier '15

**Thomas Craig, Jr.**, husband of Patricia McCullough Craig '49; father of Leslie Craig Kunde '81

**Robert Cross**, husband of Veronica Gilroy Cross '60

**Kim Dahmen**, father of Callie Dahmen '05

**Richard ("Dick") Ferguson**, father of Rosemary Ferguson Hutchinson '66

**Leonard and Ouida Garrett**, parents of Debra Garrett '72, Diane Garrett Miller '73, Danette Garrett '76, Donna Garrett Metcalf '84; grandparents of Marissa Garrett '05

**Harriet Goins**, mother of Eileen Goins Gray '68 and Kathleen Goins Campbell '72; grandmother of Anna Gray '01

**Earl Hanley**, father of Lisa Hanley Turpen '90

**Marian Hueffed, IM '49**, mother of Linda Hueffed '78 and Theresa Hueffed '86; sister-in-law of Marilyn Gedda Hueffed '53; aunt of Jean Hueffed Causbie '79, Julie Hueffed '81; great-aunt of Katherine Causbie '10, Jacqueline Causbie '13, and Julia Causbie '21

**Elizabeth Hutt**, daughter of Katie Mrkwicka Hutt '00

**Jean Jacobs**, mother of Mary Jacobs Juarez '66 and Linda Jacobs Bentler '67

**Ronald Keilbart**, husband of Colleen O'Brien Keilbart '60

**Robert King**, husband of JoAnne Messmer King '57; brother of Patricia King '53 and Christine King Plummer '54

**William ("Bill") Lagreid**, past HNA trustee; father of Maureen Lagreid Buley '78; cousin of Lynn Banchemo Lagreid '67 and Laura Lagreid '94

**Tony LaRussa**, son of Gloria Romeo LaRussa '43 (dec.); brother of Monica LaRussa Wooton '70, Theresa LaRussa Banton '71, and Mary Kaye LaRussa '73 (dec.); uncle of Amanda LaRussa '06

**Robert Lynch**, father of Erin Lynch '87 and Eileen Lynch '89

**Charles Maehren**, husband of Katherine Kain Maehren '46; brother-in-law of Wilma Kain Routt '41 (dec.) and Frances Kain McJannet '42 (dec.); cousin of Kristina Favero '00

**Joseph Navone**, brother of Helen Navone Gleason '59 and Catherine Navone Mullally '64; brother-in-law of Patricia Hogan Navone '54

**John Noel**, father of Katie Noel '13

**Jeffrey Zadra Nolan**, son of Jacqueline Rose Zadra '56 (dec.); nephew of Carrol Zadra Vizzare '59 (dec.); uncle of Olivia Nolan Shafer '20; cousin of Anna Vizzare '15 and Grace Vizzare '17

**Thomas ("Tim") Paul**, husband of Debbie Sheehan Paul '67

**Beverly Peterson**, mother of Riley Peterson '15

**Nick Pizzello**, father of Jo-Ann Pizzello Kelly '66

**John Pringle**, husband of Ellen McDevitt Pringle '45 (dec.); father of Sara Pringle Leekley '84; grandfather of Siobhan Corrigan '09 and Clare Corrigan '11

**Margaret ("Peggy") Read**, mother of Anne Read '66, Claire Read Weiss '68, Joan Read Reynolds '69, Kathleen Read Smith '73, and Caroline Read Morgan '78; sister-in-law of Barbara Read '70; cousin of Mary Fran Read '72, Stephanie Read '75, and Anne Read-Andersen '82

**Hazel Shea**, mother of Sister Joan Shea, SNJM '54; Kathleen Shea Martin '57 (dec.); Sharon Shea Coyle '60

**Denton Sherry**, husband of Marilyn Gibbons Sherry '49 (dec.); brother-in-law of Patricia Gibbons Coogan '54

**Edward Sima**, husband of Carole Sloane Sima '57

**Norma Smoczyk**, mother of Jacqueline Smoczyk Wrye '71 and Jeanene Smoczyk Bernert '74

**Allen Spiering**, husband of Margo Hanni Spiering '68

**Jerome ("Jerry") Spring**, husband of Joan Freeman Spring '62

**Mary Kay Swift**, grandmother of Mary Swift '03; mother-in-law of Liz Eldredge Swift '71

**Katherine Taverniti**, mother of Nancy Lowe Taverniti '81

**Marilyn Trueblood**, mother of Cassie Soden '04

**Rocco Ursino**, father of Leanne Ursino Maas '78 and Elizabeth Ursino '80

**Sheila Welch**, sister of Mollie Welch '69, Theresa Welch Boggs '71, Cecelia Welch Davison '74, Monica Welch '79, and Anne Welch Hawksford '83; aunt of Taylor Davison '10, Montana Hawksford '13, Ivy Hawksford '18, and Olivia Welch '19

# BRIDES AND BABIES



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1. Claire Bonaci '11 married Philip Sheridan (O'Dea '11) at St. James Cathedral on July 20, 2019, followed by a reception at the Seattle Tennis Club. Claire and Philip were high school sweethearts! Amina Kapusuzoglu '12 was her Maid of Honor.
2. Charley Button '11 married Sam Deffenbaugh in Deer Valley, Utah, on December 14, 2019.
3. Natasha Li '11 married Kyle Alexander in Boise, Idaho, on November 8, 2019.
4. Dana Anderson Lubovich '04 and her husband, Michael, welcomed their third child, Leonidas Pierce, on May 24, 2019. He joins his sisters, Zoey (7) and Alyssa (5).
5. Kristin Tan '10 married Phillip Sit at Sahalee Golf & Country Club in Sammamish on August 31, 2019. Kelly Neelson '10 was her Maid of Honor.
6. Sheila Lane '85 welcomed her two sons, Finnen Michael (L) and Dashel Martin, AKA Finn and Dash, on September 30, 2019.
7. Amanda Turpen O'Neill '03 and her husband, Brian, welcomed their daughter, Lynn Rebecca, on October 18, 2019.
8. Amina Kapusuzoglu '12 married Raymond Leighton at Semiahmoo Resort in Blaine, Washington, on September 14, 2019. Amina's grandmother, Suzie Burke '61, walked her down the aisle, and Claire Bonaci '11 was her Maid of Honor.
9. Anna Wiggs Sebree '01 and her husband, Daniel, welcomed their daughter, Penelope Jude, on August 31, 2019.
10. Liz Fawthrop '04 married Michael Black at the Hotel Sorrento in Seattle on October 5, 2019. Liz works in graduate medical education at the University of Washington, and the couple lives on Capitol Hill. (L-R): Kristin Rosengren Isaacks '04, Kady Glessner Shumway '04, Valerie Carson '04, Liz, Julia Reed '05, Nathalie Curtis '04, Monica Fawthrop '80.
11. Alyssa Jensen Hemming '08 and her husband, Nick, welcomed their daughter, Riley Elizabeth, on January 30, 2020.
12. Kristin Egbert Andrew '07 and her husband, Kevin, welcomed their son, John Dominic, on November 9, 2019.









- 13.** Elizabeth Johnson Davis '08 and her husband, Chasen, welcomed their son, Jackson Drew, on February 3, 2020.
- 14.** Michele Cusick '12 married Jason Neiberger in a little barn outside Missoula, Montana, on September 14, 2019. (L-R): Rayna Stackhouse '12, Tempeste Lewis '12, Erin Robinson '12, Julia Guerette '12, Michele, Lauren Lane '12, Camille Burkhardt '12, Rachel Austin '12, Erika Guerette '13.
- 15.** Molly Stickrod '89 married Steve Urlacher at their church, Bellevue Presbyterian, joined by their family and close friends, on March 2, 2019, with a reception following at Willows Lodge in Woodinville.

**SHARE YOUR NEWS**

Did you graduate, move, study abroad, receive an award, get married, change careers, have a baby, start a business, get together with your HNA classmates, or do anything else of interest?

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# WHERE IN THE WORLD ARE HNA ALUMNAE?



1. Karen Tanler Fleming '74 in Olivenhain, Calif., with her mighty-wonder Icelandic horse, Atgeir.
2. (L): Trish McCullough Craig '49 and Mary Pluemer Walter '49 came to Deck the Dome in December 2019. Mary flew all the way from Wisconsin to attend. Trish and Mary have been friends since their time together at HNA. (R): Trish and Mary in 1948 in downtown Seattle!
3. Alumnae from the Class of '86 met to enjoy the music of classmate Celia Chavez at Sleight of Hand tasting room in Seattle.
4. Members of the Class of '80 reunited at a classmate's home. (L-R): Renee Sinclair-

5. Sisters Patsy '67 and Barbara Read '70 on the Ile de la Cité, Paris, during a trip to France, Ireland, and England.
6. Jo Anne Marchitto Earnheart '60 and her husband, Paul, visiting Busselton, Australia —part of the Margaret River Region—in February 2020, a stop on an Australian cruise. They also visited friends they had met on a previous cruise and spent the day touring Adelaide with them.
7. Classmates from the Class of '17 at the top of the Duomo in Florence: (L-R): Roisin

Bruce, Julia Panelli, Elaine Frank. Elaine and Julia spent a semester at Gonzaga Florence, and Roisin traveled for the weekend from the National University of Ireland, Galway.

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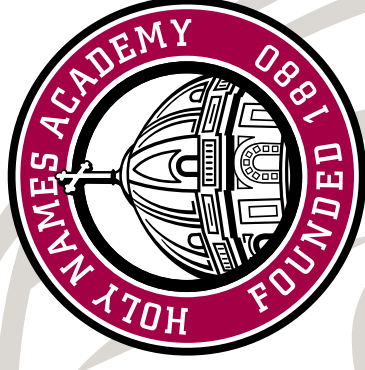


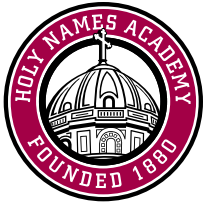


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