



Hall of Fame

On Sunday, February 8, 2009, two members of our community were inducted into the Vandebilt Catholic High School Hall of Fame. The honorees are Mrs. Brenda Felger and Mr. William Clifford Smith. The induction ceremony took place at the Vandebilt Brothers' Hall.

Those chosen to the Hall of Fame must be deserving long-time supporters, faculty, staff, alumni, parents, or others who have served Vandebilt faithfully and well. Up to four individuals may be chosen each year. Decisions are rendered by a committee of administrators, faculty, and alumni.



Mrs. Brenda Felger has served the Catholic Church since she was a Confirmation candidate during her high-school years. She worked with music ministry at St. Lawrence the Martyr

Church in Metairie in her early years and later supervised the CYO program at St. Louise de Marillac in Arabi along with her husband, **Mark**. The Felgers relocated to Houma in 1984, and Brenda immediately began working with music ministry at St. Bernadette. Brenda's affiliation with Catholic schools began when she enrolled her children at St. Bernadette Elementary School. She joined St. Bernadette's School Advisory Council in 1989 and remained a member of that body until 1995. Her tenure there included service as secretary, vice president, and president of the council. In 1995 Reverend Wilmer Todd, pastor of St. Bernadette, appointed Brenda to represent that parish on the Vandebilt Advisory Council, on which Brenda served until 2008. As a member of Vandebilt's School Advisory Council, Brenda served in all executive positions, including president from 1998 until 2002. During her time on the board, Brenda was instrumental in the adoption of Vandebilt's new administrative structure, the president-principal model.

Brenda's dedication to enriching the quality of Catholic education at Vandebilt directly resulted in beginning the strategic planning process for constructing the Brother Alfred Kolb Center. As Brenda worked tirelessly for the Vandebilt School Advisory Council, she simultaneously served on the Diocesan School Advisory Council from 1996 until 2003. She served as both president and vice president of the diocesan council during her tenure. Brenda continued her work in music ministry as the music director for the LIFETEEN program at St. Bernadette since its inception. In addition to involvement with the Catholic Church and Catholic education, Brenda has had active membership in Delta Zeta Sorority, National Shoe Retailers Association, National Federation of

Independent Businesses, and the Houma-Terrebonne Chamber of Commerce. Brenda ended a twelve-year career with the Internal Revenue Service to take over the family business, Felger's Footwear. Brenda and her husband, Mark, are the parents of two daughters; **Shaun** (1998) and **Rebecca** (2001) are both Vandebilt alumnae. Brenda and Mark are also the proud grandparents of one granddaughter, **Allie Belle**. Although Mark and Brenda's children no longer attend Vandebilt, the Felgers still continue to support the school's annual fund drives, and they were donors to the most recent capital campaign. Brenda's foresight and dedication to Vandebilt have tremendously aided its advancement program. She still devotes her gifts of time and talent by serving as a member of the advancement committee for Vandebilt's strategic plan. Brenda's experience with strategic planning has proven to be quite a valuable asset to Vandebilt Catholic High School, and the institution is truly blessed to have her working in its interest.

Mr. William Clifford Smith has distinguished himself as an expert in engineering and surveying with more than half a century of experience in the field. He has spent these years making many contributions in areas such as bettering the environment and



improving the state's infrastructure. He is regarded as one of the most knowledgeable professionals in the area on coastal erosion and wetlands restoration. Clifford, as he is better known, began working at his father's engineering and surveying firm upon completion of

a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil
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A Note from the President . . .

Dear Alumni,

To say that the 2008-2009 school year has been challenging would be an understatement. Serving as a "healing place" for victims of Hurricane Katrina three years ago, we were able to provide a new home for more than two hundred young people whose homes and/or schools were devastated by the storm. At that time we were in a position to hire new teachers; to rent portable classrooms; and to give each student free tuition, books, school uniforms, school supplies, free lunches, etc. Through the generosity of donors all over the country and through government reimbursements, the school fared well financially.

Gustav, although not as devastating as Katrina, wreaked havoc on Vanderbilt facilities. Left without power for more than two weeks, nine class days and the Diocesan Educators Conference all had to be cancelled. We returned to a school that to this day is still feeling the effects of this storm. Our administration and classroom buildings suffered from water intrusion as windows were blown out. Luckily, our library and computer labs were left fairly well intact. The Kolb Center also had some water intrusion, requiring cleaning and drying procedures. The hardest hit building on the campus was our gymnasium/cafeteria. Damage to the roof allowed considerable water to get into the gym, ruining the new gym floor and seeping into the cafeteria dining and kitchen areas. The first several days after we returned, students ate their lunches in a tent rented to house them.

Athletic facilities took quite a hit by the winds and water of Gustav. Scoreboards for baseball and football were damaged, as were both of our marquees. Much of the baseball and softball

field fences were downed and had to be either straightened or replaced. Our new track was damaged by debris thrown onto it during the storm. Both the baseball and softball fields had damage to dugouts. The athletic field house had considerable moisture damage, as did the weight room building. Lights on the baseball and football fields were damaged. Awnings over the entrance to the field house and over the baseball bleachers were blown off. The gym roof, decking, and floor all must be replaced.

Despite these disruptions and problems, the year has seen quite a number of successes. We boast two National Merit Finalists, the only students in a tri-parish area to earn this honor. Our band placed second in the Showcase of Bands Festival at ULL, the most elite festival in Louisiana. We have had many athletic successes, including state championships in girls swimming and girls soccer. And our enrollment has remained over 900 all year, with a possibility of being over 950 for next year.

For many of us living along the Gulf coast, Vanderbilt's story sounds like a larger version of our own personal property story, with damages exceeding the insurance coverage. We ask all alumni to offer their prayers for our recovery as well as for all the victims of Hurricanes Gustav and Ike. And as always we ask that you keep in touch with us and feel free to visit our campus whenever you would like.

Sincerely,

David Keife '67
President

Reunion News...

Alumni Reunion

The Vanderbilt Catholic High School family would like to invite all our Baton Rouge area alumni to a reunion and dinner on Friday, March 20, 2009, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Drusilla Place, 3482 Drusilla Lane, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. R.S.V.P. requested (985) 580 - 1868.

Class of 1989

The class of 1989 will be hosting its 20th reunion on Saturday, June 20, 2009, at Southern Oaks Golf Club. For more details you may contact Angie B. Kappel at VCHS1989@hotmail.com.

Yearbooks from 1958 and 1961

The Alumni Office is looking for yearbooks from 1958 and 1961. If you have one that you would like to donate to the school, please contact us at (985) 580-1868.

Mission Statement

Vanderbilt Catholic High School, founded by the Marianite Sisters of Holy Cross in 1870 and continued by the Brothers of the Sacred Heart, is a diocesan coeducational institution for grades 8-12 in the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux. We are committed to spiritual formation and academic excellence in an environment rooted in Catholic values and in the teachings of Jesus Christ.

We primarily serve Catholic students of Terrebonne Parish in a caring and orderly atmosphere. We offer a college-preparatory curriculum and stress a personal spiritual approach to the education of the whole student through diverse academic, athletic, and cocurricular programs.

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Terrier Tales...

60's

Jeannie Wurzlow Domingue '69 has been working with Continental Airlines for ten years. She recently won a 2009 Ford Mustang GT convertible from Continental as part of an annual awards program for employees with strong attendance records.

70's

Trudy Piper '72 and husband, John, have moved back to Louisiana from Plano, Texas. Trudy is a certified financial planner with Merrill Lynch in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. They reside in Saint Francisville and are elated to be nearer family and friends.

80's

Kirk Meche '80 was recently promoted to president and chief operating officer at Gulf Island Fabrication.



John Clune '82 was in New Orleans on Saturday, December 6, for a book signing of his book *Historic Pensacola*. This book describes the everyday life of our earliest settlers and includes traditional recipes.

Kenneth Fakier '84 and his wife, Libby, live near Atlanta and have started a company called Bayou Barq. This company was created so that Kenneth could launch his award-winning vinegar-based mustard sauce, tomato sauce, and meat rub. If you are interested in purchasing any of these three sauces, you may locate them at any Cannata's grocery store as well as Outside and In.

Father Scott Circe '89 has recently been transferred within the Diocese of Orlando to the Cathedral of St. James in downtown Orlando, Florida. He says, "It is truly an honor to be assigned as an associate priest to the cathedral, and I look forward to serving the community for years to come."

90's

Amy Hipp Nolan '91 and her husband, Marty, currently reside in Baton Rouge with their two daughters. Amy has recently been named Development Director for St. Jude the Apostle School in Baton Rouge.

Bryan LeBoeuf '93 received a bachelor of fine arts from Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado, and a master of fine arts from the New York Academy of Art. He currently owns his own art studio in Brooklyn. His work has been exhibited in group shows in San Francisco, New York City, Houston, and Thibodaux. The Forbes Collection has acquired several of his paintings, and the Flint Institute of Arts in Michigan could soon acquire one of his early works. This summer, he kicked off his first solo museum exhibit at the Morris Museum of Art in Augusta, Georgia, a prominent site dedicated to southern art and artists.

Chris Berry, M.D. '94 recently joined the team of doctors at Bayou Surgical Specialties in Houma, Louisiana.

Erin Rinehardt '96 is an interior design honors student planning to graduate this March. She was selected to work as a design intern at Aquirre Roden, Inc., an architectural firm in Dallas, and has worked on many projects. She maintains a 3.8 GPA and is currently a member of the student chapters of International Interior Design Association and Network of Executive Women in Hospitality. Erin looks forward to staying with Aguirre Roden after graduation and contributing to a company that prides itself on its can-do spirit.

Jacob Gabriel Lipari, III '97 is enrolled in the pre-theology program at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans. He is studying for the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux with his home parish being the Cathedral of St. Francis de Sales. He is currently discerning Holy Orders and cannot wait to have the opportunity to be back at Vanderbilt celebrating Mass with its student body.

Jennifer Clare Foret '98 graduated from Penn State University in May with a master's degree in music education. She attended school there on a two-year scholarship and credits her musical experience at VCHS for getting her so far.

Matthew Toups '99 is currently serving in the U.S. Army Infantry. During his last seven years of service, he has done two tours in Iraq, including January 10, 2004 – February 25, 2005, with the 1st Calvary Division based out of Ft. Hood, Texas; and April 7, 2007 – June 14, 2008, with the 4th Brigade 2nd Infantry Division based out of Ft. Lewis, Washington. On November 10, 2008, he reported to Hohensfel, Germany, where he serves with the 1st Battalion 4th Infantry under the command of the 7th Army Training Command, acting as opposition forces to train soldiers for tours in Iraq and Afghanistan.

00's

Rebecca Williams '00 was the recipient of the 2008 Age Group Coaching Merit Award at the U.S. Age Group Synchronized Swimming Championships in Binghamton, New York, in July 2008. This national award is presented by the United States Synchronized Swimming Association to a coach who for the first time places swimmers in finals at the national meets and has made a significant contribution to the sport of synchronized swimming.

William Ladd '00 has completed Tulane Law School and has accepted a position with the Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein & Fox Law Firm in Washington, D.C., where he plans to specialize in intellectual properties and patent law.

Chris Yandle '00 is residing in McGregor, Texas, with his wife and daughter. Chris was named the assistant director for athletic media relations at Baylor University in Waco, Texas.

Ryan Leonard '01 is currently a member of the United States Marine Corps. He continues to fight a global war on terrorism while being stationed at NSA, New Orleans. He is also pursuing his bachelor of science in business management.

Ross Ledet '03 graduated from Louisiana State University with a bachelor of science in business administration in May 2007. While at LSU, Ross was a member of the Tiger Band and the LSU Bengal Brass Band for four years. Ross is currently attending Tulane Law School.

Erin Buxton '04 is a member of the 2008-2009 Saintsations dance team.

Lindsey Bueche '04 graduated from Nicholls State University with a bachelor of arts in mass communications with a focus in public relations. While at Nicholls she was a member of Phi Mu sorority, in which she held various positions such as PR committee head, secretary, and vice president. She was also a member of the Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity Sweetheart Court. She is currently working at Terrebonne General Medical Center in the Marketing and Planning Department.

Andrea Bonnette '04 is graduating from LSU in May with a bachelor of science in apparel design with minors in business administration, communication studies, and theatre. While

at LSU she participated in several fashion shows and design competitions and was selected as one of the designers to be featured at the Dallas Career Day Apparel competition. She has also enjoyed working on costume designs for the LSU theatre program. She currently works at Barbara's Workroom, a custom drapery and bedding construction firm and is a member of Hemline, where she served as secretary in 2008 and currently serves as vice president. She plans to move to New Orleans or Dallas after graduation to assist local designers and to further her own experience in custom design.

David Ladd '04 will receive his biomedical engineering degree and has been invited to pursue his PhD in biomedical engineering at the University of Auckland, New Zealand.

Beau Himel '04 graduated from Nicholls State University on December 13, 2008, with a bachelor of arts degree.

Mark Duhé '05 completed his senior recital on February 12, in Talbot Theater at Nicholls State University. Mark will begin student teaching in the fall and will graduate from Nicholls School of Fine Arts in December 2009.

Greg Rodrigue '07 attended boot camp from January to March 2008. He was then sent to training school, where he finished second in his class. As second in his class, he was one of the first to choose orders. He chose to be stationed in San Diego on the amphibious assault ship the USS *Peleliu*, where he works on aviation maintenance administration and is a gunner. His ship is currently on deployment doing operations in the Middle East.

Monique Lefort '08 was named the Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Week for the week ending October 26, 2008. She has collected three gold medals in her first two races with Duquesne University. She won the 200-yard individual medley and 200-yard breaststroke on October 18. She also captured the gold medal in the 200-yard individual medley on October 24, 2008.

Evan Mistich '08 is currently attending Tulane University on a four-year full-paid baseball scholarship.

Jacob Allen '08 was recently awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from Gulf South Pipeline Company, LP. This scholarship is awarded each year to outstanding students who have been accepted to an accredited college or university. Recipients of this scholarship program are selected competitively on the basis of their academic and personal achievements.

Rachel Laurent '08 placed first at the 2008 USATF Junior National Meet held in Columbus, Ohio. Accomplishing a meet record of 13'10" in the pole vault competition, she qualified to be a member of the USA Junior National Team. Her winning height also qualified her to represent the United States at the IAAF World Junior Championship in Bydgoszcz, Poland, where she placed fourth. This is the highest finish by an American female ever. She currently attends LSU, where she broke the school's indoor record and matched her indoor personal best with an NCAA automatic qualifying mark of 13 feet 9 ¼ inches at the Tyson Invitational in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Rachel made history during the 2009 SEC Indoor Track and Field Championships by becoming the first Lady Tiger to be crowned conference champion in the pole vault with another record-setting performance by clearing 14' ½".

No Place like Home

Vandebilt has seen an increase in alumni returning to work at their alma matter. This school year there are twenty-two alumni who help to make up the Vandebilt faculty and staff. They range from the graduating class of 1964 - 2002, with 2002 alumni making up the largest number returning "home." These alumni attribute their return to developing a lifelong union with the school and a desire to continue the charism of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart. It is a charism that dates back to 1870. They enjoy the memories of their years in school, the lessons they were taught, and the friends that they made. These twenty-two alumni are a versatile group, and each supplies the school with something unique and special. Being both alumni and faculty, they express a love for the school that is evident on campus both inside the classrooms and out.

Our alumni have always been an important source of support for our school - serving on committees, planning alumni events, and addressing our current students. We hope to see a continuous increase in the number of alumni returning "home" to continue the mission of the school.

Robert Rougeau '64	Janitor
David Keife '67	President
Maureen Doyle Keife '67	Secretary
Shirley Gautreaux Cunningham '68	Secretary
Steve Shaw '82	Math Teacher
Margaret Haydel Johnson '83	P.E. Teacher, Softball Coach
Laurie Calhoun Robichaux '84	Art Teacher
Julie Charpentier Hebert '85	English Teacher
Doug Hamilton '87	Assistant Athletic Director, Social Studies Teacher, Boys Soccer Coach
Erin Wilder Hemstreet '88	General Business and Religion Teacher
Michelle Ledet Hansen '92	Social Studies Teacher
Rhonda Ledet '93	Latin and Psychology Teacher
Matthew Falgout '97	P.E. Teacher, Junior High Football Coach, Assistant Track Coach
Desiree' Christen Bartlett '98	P.E. and Rel. Teacher, Assistant Volleyball Coach, Track Coach
Ami Fazzio Bourgeois '99	Spanish Teacher
Kristin Chabert Son '99	Rel. and P.E. Teacher, Volleyball Coach
Bethany Oubre '01	Science Teacher
Angelle Couvillon '02	Social Studies Teacher
Lanie Griffin '02	Rel. Teacher, Assistant Girls Basketball, Track and Volleyball Coach
Christina Torres Lasserre '02	Alumni Director, Assistant Advancement Director
Samantha Schexnayder '02	Math Teacher, Assistant Softball Coach, Junior High Basketball Coach
Katherine Stiel '02	Science Teacher

Weddings.....



Cherrie Nini '85 exchanged wedding vows with Chansé Lombes on October 4, 2008.

The couple resides in Patterson, Louisiana.

Kimberly Elizabeth Trahan '93 married Robert Wayne Scholz on September 6, 2008, at St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Austin, Texas.

Angelle Monique Poincot-Duplantis '94 exchanged wedding vows with Dale John Blanchard on November 15, 2008, at the Bayou Black Recreation Center in Houma.

Claire Catherine Ellender '94 married Peter LeRoy Grumbles on April 26, 2008, at St. Edward's Catholic Church in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Jake Matthew Scott '97 and **Leah Elizabeth Viator '99** exchanged wedding vows on June 21, 2008, at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Brennan Paul Moss '97 married Erin Louisa Fanguy on March 7, 2009, at Grand Bayou Noir in Houma, Louisiana.

Lindsay Anne Whitman '97 married John Christian Yeates on October 4, 2008, at Broadmoor Baptist Memorial Chapel in Shreveport, Louisiana.

Patrick John Kane '97 exchanged wedding vows with Vanessa Leah Zeringue on November 8, 2008, at St. Francis de Sales Cathedral in Houma, Louisiana.

Lauren Bernadette Babin '97 married Henry Adam Andrews on January 10, 2009, at the Cathedral of St. Francis de Sales in Houma, Louisiana.

Shelley Lynn Bergeron '99 exchanged wedding vows with Michael Jacob Niette on December 12, 2008, at the Cathedral of St. Francis de Sales in Houma, Louisiana.

Alyce Claire Tabor '99 exchanged wedding vows with William Blackburn Barton III on February 14, 2009, at the Cathedral of St. Francis de Sales in Houma, Louisiana.

Lauren Eliabeth Cazayoux '99 married Jeffrey Craig Morvant on October 24, 2008, at St. Francis de Sales Cathedral in Houma, Louisiana.

Maggie Maria Evans '00 exchanged wedding vows with Lt. J.G. Colby Joseph O'Quin on September 12, 2008, at Southcoast Winery in Temecula, California.

Kellie Marie Hutchinson '00 married Casey Eugene Walters on June 7, 2008, at St. Louis Catholic Church in Houma, Louisiana.

Christopher Prejean '00 married Renee St. Pierre on December 19, 2008, at Maria Immacolata in Houma, Louisiana.

Drew Himel '01 married Mandy Knight on December 5, 2008, at St. Hilary Catholic Church in Raceland, Louisiana. The couple will reside in Gray.

Jeffrey Etienne Tipton '01 married Krystal Ann LeBoeuf on November 14, 2008, at St. Bernadette Catholic Church in Houma, Louisiana.

Ryan James Leonard '01 married Kara Misty Cross, on May 31, 2008, at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral in Thibodaux, Louisiana.

Katherine Marie Watkins '02 exchanged wedding vows with Bruce Paul Champagne, on October 24, 2008, at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Houma, Louisiana.

Ashley Suzanne Vice '03 married Blake Anthony Tabor on December 5, 2008, at St. Eloi Catholic Church in Theriot, Louisiana.

Robin Clair Davis '03 exchanged wedding vows with John Elliott Beducian on July 5, 2008, at Lee Chapel on the Washington and Lee University campus in Lexington, Virginia.

Lindsey Guidry '03 married Brady Allen in October 2008, at St. Francis de Sales Cathedral in Houma, Louisiana.

Katie Elizabeth Courrege '04 exchanged wedding vows with Kevin Kirk Baye on October 25, 2008, at St. Francis de Sales Cathedral in Houma, Louisiana.

Precious Pups...



Kelly Williams Gavin '89 and husband, Matt, welcomed their first child, William James Gavin, on April 7, 2008.



Kenny King '91 and wife, Stacy, had another son, Grant Michael, on December 8, 2008. He was welcomed by siblings Rebecca, William, and Matthew.

Gina Blackwell Trahan '94 and husband, Michael, would like to announce the birth of their son Hunter Paul. He was born on February 11, 2008, and joins his 3-year-old twin sisters Hannah and Kaylee. The proud grandparents are **Barry and Debbie Maricelli Blackwell '70** and Jack and **Martha Haydel '69**.



Jeremy Meacham '96 and wife, Christian, welcomed their baby boy, Jackson Louis Meacham, on November 5, 2007. He weighed 8 pounds 2 ounces and was 20.5 inches long.

Marisa Ellender Wittmann '97 and her husband, Thomas, welcomed their second daughter, Maren Amelia, on June 18, 2008.



Nicholas Hebert '98 and wife Heather welcomed their baby girl, Mackenzie Elyse, on May 1, 2008. She weighed 6 pounds 11 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Chris Yandle '00 and wife, Ashleigh, welcomed their first child, Addison Elizabeth Yandle, on July 3, 2008. She weighed 6 pounds 14 ounces.



Ryan Leonard '01 and wife Kara welcomed their daughter, Alyssa Brook Leonard, on March 12, 2007.



Christina Torres Lasserre '02 and husband, Jared, welcomed their first child, Charlie Paul Lasserre, on November 12, 2008. He weighed 7 pounds 13 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Ashley Strickland Voisin '03 and husband, Andy, welcomed their first baby girl, Jovi Neaveh, at 5:33 p.m. on September 8, 2008. She weighed 6 pounds 3.8 ounces and was 18 ½ inches long.





Endowment Fund Donations

We thank the following, who made donations to the Endowment Fund in honor or memory of the persons listed, since the Annual Report was compiled.

- In honor of Mrs. Ruth Robichaux:
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- In memory of Mr. Mark Harper:
Dr. John Dagate



The large window in the front of school was blown out as a result of hurricane Gustav.

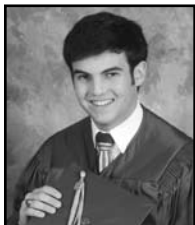
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- In memory of Mrs. Felicie Walker:
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- In memory of Mrs. Nan Fakier:
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National Merit Finalists



Julie Cronan



Charles Gyer

Two Vanderbilt seniors have been honored as National Merit Finalists. **Julie Cronan** and **Charles Gyer** have been deemed by the National Merit Scholarship Program as individuals who show exceptional academic ability and potential for success in rigorous college studies. Cronan and Gyer joined more than 1.5 million juniors in the United States in entering the 2009 National Merit Program by taking the 2007 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT), which served as an initial screen of program entrants. Finalists are the highest scoring entrants in each state and represent less than one half of one percent of the nation's seniors. To become a National Merit Finalist, a semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by the high school principal, and earn SAT scores that confirm the student's earlier performance on the qualifying test. National Merit Scholar designees are selected on the basis of their skills, accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies, without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin, or religious preference. Mr. Jack Becker of the Vanderbilt Guidance Department affirms that this recognition is the highest a student can achieve at this stage of a student's educational career. He also added that Julie Cronan and Charles Gyer "are the only named students in the tri-parish region as well as in the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux."



The Varsity Girls Basketball Team played hard this year and earned the title of State Runner up for the 2009 basketball season.



The 2009 Girls Varsity Soccer Team takes a time out to pose with the championship trophy after winning the state title.

Art Room Dedication – A Gift of Gratitude

The Vanderbilt Catholic High School Art Department has received a generous gift as a token of gratitude from the family of Mr. Dane, Sr., and Mrs. Louise Ledet. The Ledet family financially supported renovation of the Vanderbilt Art Studio and construction of a graphic design studio. This was done in honor of the families of Frank Sagona, Sr., and Leland Ledet, Sr. Mr. and Mrs. Ledet were able to honor their loved ones while doing something special for Vanderbilt. They chose to do this as a way of thanking the school for the guidance given to and the compassion shown for their children.

Brother Eldon Crifasi, who was principal of Vanderbilt from 1980-1988, saw promise in their son, Dane, Jr., and personally tutored him so that he could achieve academic success. Their daughter, Becky, also experienced success at Vanderbilt, especially because of the encouragement of her art teacher, Mrs. Jean Donegan. She gently nudged Becky to reach her potential in the field of visual arts. Wendie Kemp, a niece of Mr. and Mrs. Ledet, became part of their immediate family at the tender age of three months. Wendie was reared by the Ledets, who provided her the opportunity of having a Catholic education as their other children had. Brother Carl Evans, who is still at Vanderbilt today, was supportive of the entire family and has remained a close friend to them. He has a special place in the Ledet family, who treats him as one of their own.



Mr. and Mrs. Dane Ledet and family

Now that all three children are grown and married and have their own children, Mr. and Mrs. Ledet have reflected on how blessed they are to have such a wonderful family. They acknowledge Vanderbilt, its teachers, and particularly the Brothers of the Sacred Heart for being instrumental in their children's formation.

Mr. and Mrs. Ledet are experiencing Vanderbilt once again, but in a new light as grandparents. Their oldest granddaughter graduated from the school in 2007, and they have two other granddaughters who are currently attending Vanderbilt. Their five younger grandchildren attend St. Francis and will one day become Vanderbilt Terriers. The facilities that have been made possible by the generosity of the Ledet family will not only benefit their grandchildren but also thousands of students in the future. Vanderbilt is extremely grateful to have the Ledets as part of the Vanderbilt family. They are responsible stewards of the treasures that God has given them.

Bishop Sam Jacobs celebrated the official blessing of the facility. Sr. Immaculata Paisant, superintendent of Catholic schools for the diocese, also joined with the Bishop for the special occasion.



Bishop Sam Jacobs is pictured with Mrs. Laurie Robichaux, Vanderbilt art instructor, and Louise and Dane Ledet, Sr.



Brother Ray Kuhn Endowed Scholarship

A social was held on January 17, at the Vandebilt Brothers' Hall to officially announce the **Brother Ray Kuhn Endowed Scholarship**, which has been established as a way of honoring the life and ministry of this fine Vandebilt teacher. If you would like more information or if you would like to contribute to this fund, you may contact the Advancement Office at 580-1868 or e-mail Lisa Vegas at lvegas@htdiocese.org.



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Engineering from LSU in 1958. In addition to his many professional associations, Clifford has been an active member in the Intracoastal Company, the Mississippi River Commission, the State of Louisiana Board of Regents, Entergy Board of Directors, and American Bank and Trust Company of Houma. He remains a member of the following civic organizations: the Houma-Terrebonne Chamber of Commerce, the Terrebonne Historical and Cultural Society, and the Terrebonne Association for Retarded Citizens. Clifford has earned recognition for his contributions by receiving honors such as the LSU Civil and Environmental Engineering Hall of Distinction, Louisiana Legends Award, *Houma Courier's* Most Useful Citizen Award, South Central Industrial

Association President's Award, Terrebonne High School Alumni Award, and Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana Stewardship Award. In addition to making significant contributions to his profession, to the state, and to the local community, Clifford Smith along with his wife, **Jo-Anne Toups Smith**, has been very supportive of Catholic education. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have seven children, all of whom are graduates of Catholic high schools. **Celeste** (1977), **Annette** (1979), **Kenneth** (1980), **Suzanne** (1981), **Baker** (1983), and **Julie** (1987) are Vandebilt graduates; **Stephen** (1984) is a graduate of St. Stanislaus, a Brothers of the Sacred Heart school in Mississippi. Three of the Smiths' grandchildren have also graduated from Vandebilt, while one other grandchild currently attends. Clifford and Jo-Anne

Smith have generously given financial support to Vandebilt during annual fund drives and capital campaigns, which has aided the school in construction of the science lab project and the Brother Alfred Kolb Center. They continue to assist *Terrier Tracks*, Vandebilt's yearbook publication. Clifford's philanthropy is also demonstrated through the assistance of his company, T. Baker Smith & Son. The firm has aided Vandebilt with engineering needs upon commencement of the construction of the Kolb Center. The corporation has also given assistance to Vandebilt by providing illustrations for the future reconstruction of the Hollywood Road driveway. The charity and service that Clifford Smith has continued to offer to Vandebilt for so many years makes Mr. William Clifford Smith well deserving of induction into the Vandebilt Hall of Fame.

In Memory:

In loving memory of Augustine Taylor, St. Francis de Sales Class of 1933.

In loving memory of Jacqueline "Jackie" Theresa Guidry Crochet, St. Francis de Sales Class of 1958.

In loving memory of Robert "Bobby" Aycock, St. Francis de Sales Class of 1959.

In loving memory of Mary Lynn Millet Bernard, St. Francis de Sales Class of 1961.

In loving memory of Cecil Ann Cenac Broussard, St. Francis de Sales Class of 1963.

In loving memory of Marcia Rhodes Porche, St. Francis de Sales Class of 1967.

In loving memory of Craig Cunningham, St. Francis de



Sales Class of 1969.

In loving memory of Paul Kosior, Vandebilt Catholic High School Class of 1973.

In loving memory of Margaret Perry Tarpley, Vandebilt Catholic High School Class of 1978.

In loving memory of Chris Patterson, Vandebilt Catholic High School Class of 1980.

In loving memory of Mark Harper, Vandebilt Catholic High School Class of 1980.

In loving memory of Chapman "Bumper" Burguieres, Vandebilt Catholic High School Class of 1994.

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The Alumni Office would like to begin e-mailing everyone a monthly news brief. Please update your e-mail address with us so that we can continue to send you information regarding the school and what alumni events are coming up. You may e-mail us at vchspawprint@htdiocese.org, or you may call the office at 985-580-1868.

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