

# TOLTON

SUMMER 2023

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## Message from the President and Principal

Dear Friends,

What an amazing year we've had! Every day at our school, I'm blown away by the incredible things our students are doing and by the ways we keep growing together as a community. With that said, I think that this coming year is going to be even better!

We have some big plans for our upcoming school year. Our community is growing! We anticipate our student body expanding to over 350 students in the coming academic year. As more students join us, we're adding additional positions in English and Math. We will also be welcoming a part-time Praise and Worship Leader to our team, who will be helping out with our weekly masses and student retreats. We believe this will add even more depth and richness to our spiritual life together.

Tolton offers many dual credit classes through MACC and Truman University. In the classroom, we're continuing to expand our dual credit class offerings this coming year to include Psychology and Philosophy. This gives our students even more chances to earn college credits.

In addition to this, we're making some changes to how we grade, too. The Diocese of Jefferson City will be making a diocesan-wide shift to a 10-point grading scale. This change will benefit Tolton specifically in that it will help our students remain even more competitive and in the best position possible when they're applying for college admissions and scholarships. Alongside this, we're changing our grading to a semester-based system. Instead of dividing the year into quarters, we'll now have two longer grading periods. This is intended to more accurately reflect a student's overall performance, accommodate large scale projects, and provide an opportunity for grade improvement throughout the semester.

When you read through the following pages, I hope you feel connected to all the wonderful things happening here. It's a joy to see our students grow, learn, and succeed, and we're grateful to you for being a part of this journey with us.

Thank you for your belief in our mission and your continued support. Here's to another fantastic year ahead!

Take care and God bless,  
Dr. Dan Everett  
President and Principal

## MISSION STATEMENT

*Inspired by the life of the Venerable Fr. Augustus Tolton, Fr. Tolton Catholic High School is committed to providing a college-preparatory education rooted in the Catholic faith and designed to develop each student in Spirit, Heart, Mind, and Body. Its diverse, Christ-centered community seeks to ensure that all students are encouraged to blaze a unique trail in service to God, the Church, and the world.*

## ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

**Dr. Daniel Everett** | President and Principal  
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## 2022-2023 Class Retreats - Seeking Freedom In Christ

The Tolton Retreat Committee dove into a new adventure this year by bringing in a well recognized retreat team, the Marianist Outreach Retreat Experiences (MORE) group, to lead our student retreats. We were blessed to have the MORE group lead retreats for each of our freshmen, sophomore, junior and senior classes. The theme was "Freedom in Christ", and it focused on real-life scenarios and applications for how to have, and choose, freedom in Christ.

This information was presented through several different platforms including skits, video clips, and personal testimonies throughout the day. Each presentation was then followed by time for small group chats to process and discuss the content, as well as how to apply it to their lives moving forward. Even with the heavy topics that were discussed (peer pressure, body image, emotional health and well-being, etc.), the students remained engaged and gave their full attention during the more serious parts of the day. However, like in years past, we couldn't let the day pass without throwing in some fun and games. Inclusion and team-building were promoted through games such as "God Says" (similar to "Simon Says"), and Musical Hot Potato. The MORE team's focus was on laughter and the retreat days were filled it.

In addition to the games and content, there was also time for personal reflection during Adoration and Reconciliation, and each retreat concluded with Mass. The junior and senior classes also had the opportunity to partake in a "forgiveness rock exchange activity" that allowed them the opportunity to exchange rocks with a peer that they felt they needed to reconcile with. There were also designated spaces to exchange rocks if the students felt the need to reconcile with a family member or peer that was not present, or if they were holding onto something personally that they wanted to release. This exercise was a great segue into Reconciliation, and was a very powerful and moving time. You could sense tension being lifted, see relationships being restored, and feel the power of the Holy Spirit moving.

Through a survey given to all students following the retreats, the overwhelming majority felt that it was insightful. They were glad to have the opportunity to discuss real-life issues that may not directly pertain to school, but certainly affect their lives as a whole. This reflects Tolton's motto of Spirit, Heart, Mind and Body. We are hopeful that the MORE team will be able to continue to work with our students in years to come as they have many other retreat programs to share and more wisdom to offer.



## Spotlight: Jillian Andrews

### Class of 2024

#### Why was it important to you to attend a Catholic high school?

Attending a Catholic High School is important for me for many reasons, such as the religious aspect of school and receiving a more personal education. Teachers at Tolton devote their time and energy to helping their students grow as individuals in their knowledge and in their faith.

#### What have you enjoyed most about being a part of the Tolton community?

I have enjoyed getting to know my teachers, friends, teammates, and fellow classmates on a more personal level. Tolton is a smaller school, which means that it is easier to get to know everyone better.

#### What clubs and activities are you involved in at Tolton?

I am involved in Key Club, the Pro-Life Club, and Blazer Athletics Running and Fitness (BARF), and I am also an Executive Leader.

#### What have been some of your favorite classes at Tolton and why?

One of my favorite classes at Tolton has been Latin class with Mr. Henderson. Not only have I learned the dynamics of a new language, but he also teaches us about the ancient Roman Empire and other interesting things about history. I have also enjoyed College Comp because I really enjoy writing, and having a set topic to write about helps spark my creativity and enthusiasm when it comes to writing essays.

## CLASS OF 2023 AWARDS

The Bishop John R. Gaydos Award and Fr. Augustus Tolton Award winners are elected by the Tolton Faculty and Staff for best exemplify the ideals of Fr. Tolton Catholic High School.



Bishop John R. Gaydos Award

**Molly Gibson**



Fr. Augustus Tolton Award

**Ashley Wilkerson**

The Fr. Mike Coleman Award winner is elected by the senior class for exemplifying the spirit of Fr. Tolton Catholic High School. Both a male and female are chosen.



Fr. Mike Coleman Award

**Ava Lawless**



Fr. Mike Coleman Award

**Luke McBee**

The St. Paul Service Award is given to the senior who served the most hours of community service in their high school career at Tolton Catholic.



St. Paul Service Award

**Ashley Wilkerson**



## #BlazersForever

Ten years ago I took the plunge. I turned in my old flip phone for my first smartphone. Not only could I now check my phone for the Cardinals baseball scores, I could even listen to them on the radio! Then I discovered the world of Twitter and hashtags. Anytime I send a message to any person in Blazer Nation, particularly birthday greetings, I always end with #BLAZERSFOREVER.

As Tolton kicks off its 13th year, I find that hashtag has become a reality. I have been blessed not only to share four years of these wonderful teenagers' lives, I find myself continuing to share in their life adventures. I have been blessed to celebrate several Blazer weddings, including three that have included both Blazer brides and grooms. The most recent such wedding was a couple months ago in Martinsburg, Missouri at the beautiful St. Joseph's Church. Matt Sexton and Lydia Hale, both Class of 2016, became husband and wife. I was so touched to see so many Blazers of all ages in the congregation that day. Even coaches and teachers from Tolton Catholic were present.



Matt Sexton '16 and Lydia Hale '16 were married recently in Martinsburg, Missouri at St. Joseph's Church by Fr. Mike Coleman.



Chase Freidel Manes '15 and her husband, Taylor, celebrate the baptism of their daughter.

The next morning, I was honored to celebrate my first Blazer baptism. Chase Freidel Manes (Class of 2015) and her husband Taylor drove from Ohio to Holy Spirit in Centralia, Chase's home parish, for the baptism of their infant daughter.

In a few weeks, I will be celebrating the nuptials of Cody Knudson and Emily Lloyd, Class of 2020, (daughter of our beloved Rose Lloyd). In the past two years I have been so honored to be present at some special Blazer moments -- 2022 State Baseball Championship, 2023 State Girls Soccer Championship for the Lady Blazers and two trips to the Final Four for Blazer Boys Basketball (2022-23). Sandwiched around those have been these marriages and baptisms in Blazer Nation.

I have the wonderful realization of knowing the special Blazer moments don't end with graduation. My hashtag is a reality. Once you are a member of the Tolton Catholic family, you truly are #BLAZERSFOREVER!



Fr. Iggy and Fr. Merz celebrating Fr. Iggy's first mass at Tolton in August of 2022.

## FR. IGGY'S IMPACT



### Fr. Iggy's First Year As A Trailblazer!

We've been grateful to have Fr. Ignitius Nimwesiga serve as a full-time Chaplain along with Fr. Mike this past year. He began Wednesday and Friday morning masses before school and continues Tolton House Masses and All-School Mass during the school day. Additionally, he offers Confessions and Eucharistic Exposition weekly and assists in planning our student retreats.



# GRANDPARENTS DAY



Grandparents Day at Tolton is always such a fun and special day! We were honored to once again welcome more than 300 grandparents to our halls.

Grandparents spent half a day in our school building joining their grandchild in the classroom for two class periods and spending a little time touring the building and being together. They also enjoyed presentations from school leadership, all-school Mass, and a chance to shop the Team Store to purchase Blazer spirit wear. When lunch time rolled around, grandparents were able to take their grandchildren off campus for a special lunch.

Our next Grandparents Day will be held on April 12, 2024. Save the date!



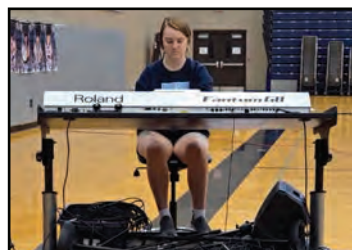
# TALENT SHOW



The Battle of the Houses Talent Show was hosted by the Executive Council. Seniors Summer and Hailey were the lead organizers of the event and coordinated one of the largest and most wonderful talent showcases in recent years.

The talent show was a two-day House event with students and faculty members sharing their gifts. Performances included Boy Band lip-syncing (some with and without faculty), amazing instrumental and vocal solo performances, multiple live bands, live experiments, beautiful vocal duets, demonstrations of athleticism, and so much more.

Everyone is already looking forward to next year. Start practicing, Trailblazers!



HEART



# HOUSE



House Cup display case, a gift from the Class of 2023.

Tolton's House program serves as a way for students to build community as the six different Houses compete for House points throughout the year. Led by senior members of the Executive Council, students are able to flex their creative muscle in planning activities. During House there are club meetings, House Masses, All-School Mass, and many opportunities for fun activities.

Highlights of the House program this year included several energetic Pep Rallies, senior class musical chairs, two successful Blood Drives, Dodgeball and Flip Cup Tournaments, activities during Homecoming and Courtwarming week, and much, much more. Ultimately, the House of Ethelbert came out on top this year with 4,422 points. They received the House Cup Trophy, and were treated to a dress down day and a fun morning out at Midway Golf and Games including Chick-Fil-A for lunch. They will forever be remembered on a new plaque that hangs in the Commons.

Place	House	Points
1st	Ethelbert	4,422 points
2nd	Xavier	4,350 points
3rd	Sebastian	4,250 points
4th	Gonzaga	3,725 points
5th	Blaise	3,372 points
6th	Maximilian	2,894 points



Anything But A Backpack Contest



Senior Class Musical Chairs



Halloween Costume Contest



Blood Drive Trophy



Flip Cup Tournament



Pep Rally!





## Spotlight: Caleb and Logan Sanders Class of 2025

### Why was it important for you to attend a Catholic high school?

Caleb - A Catholic school is important because it gives me a fantastic education and brings me closer to God.

Logan - Attending a Catholic school is important to me because it acts as a constant reminder for me to reflect on God. I definitely can't say that about every place I've been.

### What activities are you involved in at Tolton?

Caleb - I ran Cross Country

Logan - I ran Track

### What have you enjoyed most about being a part of the Tolton community?

Caleb - The community is extremely welcoming and kind. Everyone knows each other and it is a very relaxed atmosphere.

Logan - What I enjoy the most about the Tolton community is that everyone is so nice here. I don't know how, but I love it!

### Obviously, service hours are a big component of the Tolton education – what have been some of your favorite volunteer opportunities?

Caleb - I like to go and work at the Food Bank as well as clean up sidewalks and streets.

Logan - My favorite volunteer activities are the Food Bank and picking up trash around parks.

## DAY OF SERVICE

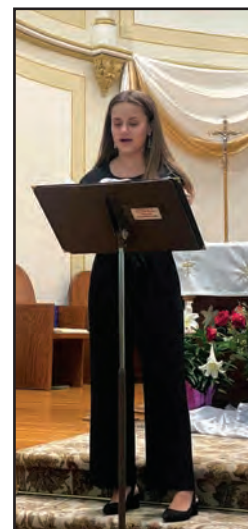


Our students did so much great work for the community during the Day of Service at the end of April. At the Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri, a group of students worked a shift and sacked over 6,600 pounds of elbow macaroni into smaller, family portion sized bags.

At Tolton, another group helped with jobs around the school including cleaning and organizing. Others picked up litter at American Legion Park, Perry Phillips Park, and Gans Creek Park helping to prepare the spaces for spring and summer use. Students also assisted at Coyote Hill, Tiger Place, The Bluffs, Woodhaven, and CMSE Giving Gardens. Praise God for the beautiful weather for all of the outside work!

## GOD GIVES US EACH A SONG

Anna Clapper could often be found practicing in the Music Room or singing at Mass. Mr. Parks, Tolton Band and Music Director, in collaboration with Ellen Williamson worked with Anna on a beautiful Senior Voice Recital which was held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church.





# TOLTON ITALY TRIP 2023



Tolton students at the Forum of Pompeii, Italy

During Spring Break, Mr. Henderson escorted 55 Tolton students, parents, and teachers on a 10 day "Grand Tour of Italy". The group touched down in Milan and headed to Verona to see Juliet's balcony and sample their first gelato and cappuccino. Next they ventured on to Venice, where they toured St. Mark's Basilica and Square, as well as the Rialto Bridge, and enjoyed a gondola ride through the Grand Canal.

They also visited the historic cities of Bologna and Florence in the region of Tuscany, the birthplace of the Renaissance, sampling food that even most Italians would rank as some of the best in the country. Junior student Gwen said, "I'm a big Renaissance Art fan so seeing all the Botticelli paintings in Florence and the Sistine Chapel... everything, just everything. It was a great experience for learning about other cultures."

In the quiet mountainside town of Assisi, the birthplace of St. Francis and St. Clare, the group visited the beautiful respective churches and tombs of each of the saints. In the city of Naples, they toured the ruins of ancient Pompeii, before heading further south to the picturesque seaside town of Sorrento. The culmination of the trip was a comprehensive tour of the Eternal City, Rome, which included the Vatican Museum, St. Peter's Basilica, the Colosseum, the ruins of the Roman Forum, the Pantheon, Piazza Navona, the Trevi Fountain, and the Spanish Steps. Our Tolton travelers did not miss the Gelateria Della Palma with its 150 flavors of gelato, which must be seen, and tasted, to be believed!

When asked about her most memorable moments of the trip, junior student Margot replied, "Mass on Palm Sunday in Florence. The whole mass was in Latin so I couldn't understand it but it was so beautiful. Everyone was passing palm branches and the singing was beautiful. And Rome at night was also one of my favorite times. We had time to sit at the fountains, enjoy gelato, just hang out and experience Rome. It was more young people like us. It felt like a truly genuine experience."

While the trip was fast paced and busy most days, the good food, abundance of history and Italian culture, and wonderful company was enjoyed by all!

## Spotlight: John Glaude Class of 2025

**What were some of your most challenging classes and how do you think they will prepare you for college?**

One of my most challenging classes has been AP World History, I think it prepared me for college through its various lengthy tests, including the AP Exam at the end of the year.



**Why was it important to you to attend a Catholic high school?**

It was important to me because I grew up a Catholic, and wanted to receive a Catholic education. My religion is important to me. I attended a Catholic middle school and Theology classes have always been some of my favorite in school.

**What clubs and activities are you involved in at Tolton?**

I participate in Varsity Track and Varsity Cross Country. I am also a part of the Scholar Bowl Team. I believe Tolton can benefit from adding new clubs, some of which I would definitely join such as Chess Club or Debate Club.

**What have been some of your favorite classes at Tolton and why?**

I really liked Dr. Hausam's Theology class my sophomore year, especially because of the philosophy aspect, and I look forward to taking Philosophy my junior year. I also really liked Latin 1 and 2, as I like History and Foreign Languages. Finally, I really enjoyed AP World History with Mr. Rose, because I felt like it challenged me and I like to debate, which I had the chance to do frequently.

**What do you enjoy most about your Tolton experience?**

I thoroughly enjoyed the trip to Italy my sophomore year with Mr. Henderson. I also enjoy my entire running experience at Tolton, as we have experienced coaching for both Track and Cross Country.

**What are your future plans?**

While I don't have a University picked out yet, I obviously have my sights set on college. I would like to pursue a career in Law.





## Faith and Science

When you step into Mrs. Baratta's Theology class - Faith, Science, and Reason Theology - you step into a special space where students, typically seniors, are asking some big questions and having open and honest faith and science-based discussions about them. When asked about the class, there is no hesitation on how much they enjoyed the class and want to discuss it. One student said, "I get to think about other options and opinions along with my own beliefs. For example, evolution, the Big Bang, free will, animal versus human brains and so many more topics! I got to see how science and faith can go together." Another stated, "You don't always stop and really think about some of these big topics or how those topics work with your faith. It really made me think, it really made me consider things."

To continue to expand on their studies, and in turn teach their students, Tolton teachers Dr. Hausam and Mrs. Baratta attended the Notre Dame Foundations Seminar which is part of the McGrath Institute for Church Life's Science and Religion Initiative this summer. The goal of the conference was to equip high school teachers with the knowledge and tools to enhance the dialogue between science and religion. They spent a week on Notre Dame's campus attending lectures by scientists, philosophers, and theologians, and participating in collaborative discussions. The presenters were all experts in their area and truly passionate about integrating faith, science, and reason.

Mrs. Baratta stated that the Catechism of the Catholic Church offers the following perspective on faith and science: "Though faith is above reason, there can never be any real discrepancy between faith and reason. Since the same God who reveals mysteries and infuses faith has bestowed the light of reason on the human mind, God cannot deny himself, nor can truth ever contradict truth. Consequently, methodical research in all branches of knowledge, provided it is carried out in a truly scientific manner and does not override moral laws, can never conflict with the faith, because the things of the world and the things of faith derive from the same God. The humble and persevering investigator of the secrets of nature is being led, as it were, by the hand of God in spite of himself, for it is God, the

conservator of all things, who made them what they are."

Yet, the idea that faith and science must be in conflict is increasingly prevalent and accepted. The Faith, Science, and Reason Theology elective aims to address this perceived conflict. Students study the work of both scientists and theologians on topics such as epistemology, cosmology, evolutionary biology, and consciousness and discuss the consequences for their own worldview. This class is a chance for students to examine their own beliefs and assumptions so that they are better able to understand, explain, and defend their worldview.

For example, when considering questions about the beginning of the universe, students studied scientific theories such as the Big Bang Theory (first proposed by Catholic priest Georges Lemaître!), calculations of the probability of a life-supporting universe, the creation accounts in Genesis, and some writings by Pope John Paul II and other Saints on creation.

"My hope for this class is that by exploring the complexities underlying these questions, we can move past the false dichotomy of 'science versus religion' and instead start to develop a fruitful dialogue between the fields," says Mrs. Baratta.

There was not one student who didn't have something insightful to say about this class. Molly said, "There would be times it was a weekend and I'd find myself thinking about what we talked about in class. And not just thinking about it but I'd be totally lost in thinking about it. One time I realized, wow, this is really occupying my thoughts right now."

One student stated, "There are topics in our faith that you just go along with because that's what you've been taught your whole life. But this is more to the why and not only that but it gave me reasons and answers to be able to defend it on another level." Aden shared, "This is the most interesting religion class I've ever taken. I thought about so many things. I learned so much." Another student summed it all up sharing, "I would definitely take the class again... and I'm a senior!"

Mrs. Baratta finished her thoughts by saying, "I am very thankful to Dr. Everett for making this class happen. I am looking forward to incorporating new material from the seminar to make next year's class even better!"



Dr. Hausam and Mrs. Baratta at Notre Dame campus.



# CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2023!

						
<b>Olivia Andrews</b> <i>Texas Christian University</i>	<b>Samuel Andrews</b> <i>Southern Methodist University</i>	<b>Katelyn Ankenman</b> <i>Truman State University</i>	<b>Evens Appolon</b> <i>Central Methodist University</i>	<b>Isaiah Baker</b> <i>Columbia College</i>	<b>Isabella Barnes</b> <i>University of Mississippi</i>	<b>Jacob Barr</b> <i>Bradley University</i>
						
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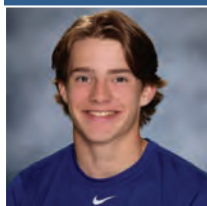
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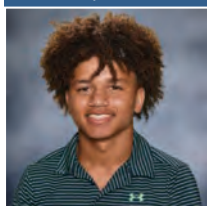
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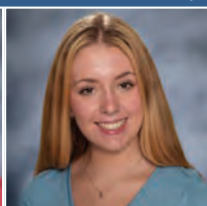
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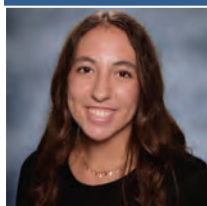
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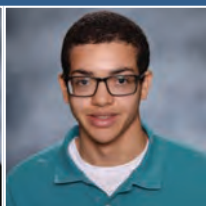
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University of Missouri



## WHERE WILL THEY BLAZE THEIR TRAILS NEXT?

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### ALABAMA

Auburn University

### ARIZONA

Arizona State University

### COLORADO

United States Air Force Academy

### ILLINOIS

Bradley University  
Greenville University

### IOWA

Southwestern Community College

### KANSAS

Benedictine College  
Ottawa University  
University of Kansas

### MISSISSIPPI

University of Mississippi

### MISSOURI

Central Methodist University (3)  
Columbia College (6)  
Culver-Stockton University  
Link Year Prep  
Merrell University  
Missouri State University (3)  
Moberly Area Community College  
Northwest Missouri State University  
St. Louis University (2)  
State Fair Community College (3)  
State Technical College of Missouri (2)  
Truman State University  
University of Central Missouri  
University of Missouri - Columbia (18)  
William Woods University (4)

### NEBRASKA

Creighton University (2)

### NEW YORK

SUNY University at Buffalo

### OKLAHOMA

University of Oklahoma

### SOUTH DAKOTA

Mount Marty University

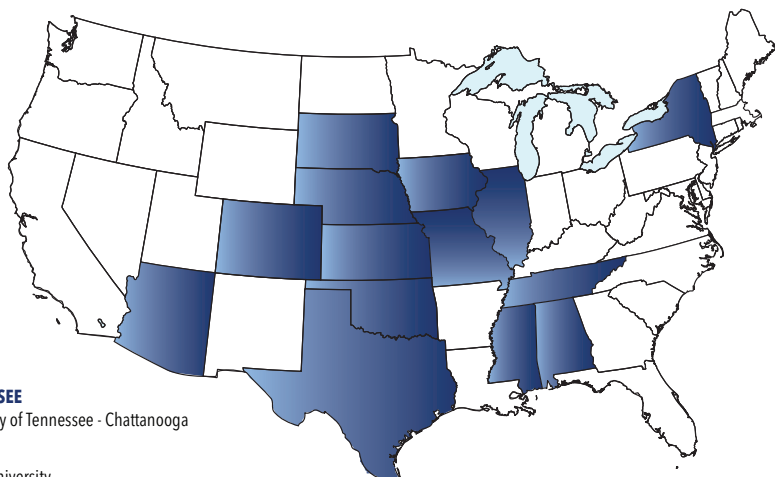
### TENNESSEE

University of Tennessee - Chattanooga

### TEXAS

Baylor University  
Southern Methodist University  
Texas Christian University

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS - 2**





# NOTES FROM THE ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR



**PAT KELLY**  
*Athletic and  
Activities Director*

Last Spring, I was honored to be offered the position of Fr. Tolton Catholic Athletic and Activities Director. Coming off several successful years as a department, I enthusiastically accepted the position eager to help build upon past successes with a vision towards the future. Having just completed another successful year, I am happy to report that the future of our Athletic and Activities department is as bright as it has ever been!

While we do not base our success as a department purely on accolades won by our students, coaches, and teams, the 2022-2023 school year was filled with several such accolades. In total, our Athletic Department finished the year with an amazing eight teams finishing in the Final Four, with two more missing out by only one game. Tolton ended up with Individual State Champions in Girls Golf, Boys Wrestling, Girls Swimming, and Girls Track (in 4 different events in Girls Track). There were two new State records set by Tolton Athletes in Girls Track. Our Boys Cross Country, Girls Cross Country, and Girls Soccer teams all finished as State Champions. Over a dozen Tolton Seniors have signed on to continue their Athletic careers at the Collegiate level. In addition, our Athletic Department finished second in the MaxPreps Cup standings which recognizes the top overall Athletic Departments in each state. This is the third Consecutive year we have finished in the top 3 as an Athletic Department.

In addition to the successes of our Athletic Department, we had a great year of Activities as well. Our Scholar Bowl team continued to compete at a high level, we had two wonderful music concerts and were able to hire a new Theater Sponsor and put on a successful Spring Play. Our clubs continued to grow, with our service organization Key Club reaching its highest numbers in school history and an overwhelming majority of our student body participating in at least one Club or Activity.

As we look towards the future, there is a lot to be excited about. We will once again be welcoming a large Freshmen class who have already begun having an impact on our programs through summer participation. We have invested in our storage facilities to help each program have a usable space for their uniforms and equipment. We have added HUDL cameras to our Gym and Football/Soccer fields to help coaches with their programs and to allow us the ability to more easily livestream our home contests. As our programs have grown in numbers, we have added coaches to ensure we are well staffed in all our programs. We are bringing back the Tolton Catholic Live Club, adding a STEM Club, and a Student Host Club that will help us create an even more hospitable atmosphere at our home contests. We have brought back Youth Summer Camps to introduce the next wave of Blazer athletes to our programs and we have taken steps to better compensate our coaches for the time they put in with our student-athletes.

As I have stated previously, my goal for the Athletics and Activities Department is for us to be great at everything. Whether it is winning a State Championship in Soccer, putting on a music concert, or setting up a new fish tank in the building, I take pride in seeing our students have success in their chosen sport or activity. We have accomplished so much in our school's short history, and I am excited to see what we will be able to accomplish in the future with the help of our dedicated students, teachers, staff, coaches, and all others who help make our programs great.

## CLUBS & ACTIVITIES



Congratulations to this year's Scholar Bowl Team, who finished the season with a winning record and made it to the Semifinals at Districts. Tolton junior Solomon Canoy regularly received honors at each tournament as the player with the highest number of individual points scored. Great season, Scholars! Remember your Latin motto: Memento Omnia! "Remember Everything!"



Our Mathletes have competed several times this year at area competitions. At Cole Camp, Margot Mills received 3rd in Word Problems for 11th grade, 3rd in Random Science, 3rd in Probability and Statistics and 2nd Place for top junior. Riley Dycus received 3rd in Calculus, 3rd in Mental Math for 11th-12th grades, 7th in Algebra 11th grade. Lizzy Lutz received 10th in Probability and Statistics. Margot, Riley and Lizzy got 2nd place as an 11th grade team. We're very proud of the academic success of our Blazers!

## MUSIC ACTIVITIES

Two outstanding Trailblazers competed at the 2023 MSHSAA State Music Festival. Anna Clapper received a Silver Medal on her Vocal Solo and Autumn Hentges received a Bronze Medal on her Violin Solo! Additionally, soloists Catelyn Weise (vocal), Ella Gartman (piano) and Riley Dycus (snare drum) all received Silver at Districts.



## Spotlight: Audrey Rischer

### Class of 2024

**What have been your most memorable experiences on the Tolton Golf team?**

My most memorable experience was winning State individually for Golf my Junior year and having my whole team there with me and supporting me!

**It can be difficult to keep up with homework during fall sports season. How do you balance school with athletics?**

It can get very difficult to balance school and athletics. I usually do my best to just keep up by going in early or staying late to get extra help. If I really find myself in a bind I am always able to talk to my teachers regarding my class work. The most important thing is to just stay proactive and try your best because it can get really busy during the season.

**Why was it important to you to attend a Catholic high school?**

It is important to me because I am able to grow in my faith each and every day as well as encourage and watch my peers to grow in their faith. I love that we all have our faith in common and are able to grow in our relationship with each other and the Lord because of it!

**What clubs and activities are you involved in at Tolton?**

I am a golfer and a leader of the Alpha Phi Zeta Girls Bible Study Club. I am also a member of the Executive Council, The Hooves and Key Club.

**What have you enjoyed most about the Tolton community?**

I have enjoyed all of the sports events because I feel like it brings us all together as a community. I also love the size of Tolton because we are able to make friends outside of our grade and know all students across the school.

**What are your plans for the future?**

I will be attending the University of Oklahoma to continue my academic and golf careers!

## TEAM STATE CHAMPIONS



**GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY:** Class 4 Champions



**BOYS CROSS COUNTRY:** Class 3 Champions



**GIRLS SOCCER:** Class 1 Champions

## INDIVIDUAL STATE CHAMPIONS

**AUDREY RISCHER:** Girls Golf

**CHRIS ANKENMAN:** Wrestling, 113 lbs.

**LINDSEY HERVEY:** Girls Swimming - 500 yards

**ELYSE WILMES:** Girls Track - 800M

**ELYSE WILMES:** Girls Track - 1600M

**OLIVIA ANDREWS:** Girls Track - 3200M

**ELYSE WILMES, OLIVIA ANDREWS,  
MADISON TAYLOR,  
AND JILLIAN ANDREWS:**  
Girls Track - 4x800M Relay



# ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS



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## 1. CHEER

Cheer won the Regional Championship earning the team another trip to the State Championships. This was the Cheer team's 8th Regional Championship in a row! Cheer finished 4th at the State competition.

## 2. CROSS COUNTRY

Both the Boys and Girls Cross Country teams finished as State Champions! Boys were the 2022 Class 3 State Champions with Quentin Hermann finishing 6th and Owen Hartline finishing 18th. Hermann's time of 16:31 is a new school record! Girls were back to back State Champions winning the 2022 Class 4 State Championship! Olivia Andrews finished 19th, Makaylin Viet finished 10th, Madison Taylor finished 8th, and Elyse Wilmes finished 7th.

## 3. DANCE

The Blazer Girls Dance team competed at the State Competition finishing 4th in Division 1 Pom and a 2nd place in Division 1 Jazz. The entire team qualified for Academic All-State honors! At Nationals in Florida, they came home with 5th in Jazz!

## 4. FOOTBALL

The Football team finished 7-3 on the season, the third best record in program history! They advanced to the first round of Districts.

## 5. GIRLS GOLF

The Girls Golf team finished as AAA Conference Champions, took 2nd in Districts, and finished 3rd at the Class 3 State Championships! Audrey Rischer took first place overall at State making her the first ever Tolton Girls Golfer to win the title.

## 6. BOYS SOCCER

Boys Soccer had a great season finishing the year with a 17-6-1 record. The team beat Fatima in the District Semifinals 2-0, but lost a 2-1 nail-biter on penalty kicks to St. Francis Borgia in the District Championship.

## 7. SOFTBALL

Softball finished the season at 25-12 and as District Champions, beating Centralia. The win marks the second District Title in three years for Tolton.

## 8. GIRLS TENNIS

The Girls Tennis team finished up its most successful season in program history with a record of 9-7. They finished with the most team wins they've ever had, and largest roster of players, in the history of the program.

## 9. VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Blazers finished their season with a record of 16-10-2. Senior Samantha Wright achieved over 1100 career assists and the team won the AAA Conference!

## 10. BOYS BASKETBALL

The Boys Basketball team had a great season making it all the way to the Final Four in back to back seasons! The team finished with an overall record of 21-11 including big wins against top teams in the state. The team finished 4th at State.

## 11. GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Girls Basketball team finished with a 9-16 record, making it to Round 2 of the Class 3 District 7 Championships. This win total is the highest for the girls program since the 2018-2019 season.





## 12. GIRLS SWIMMING

The Swim Team made State with Summer Ryan competing in the 100 Fly and the relay team of Sarah Seda, Brooke Willmeth, Lindsey Hervey and Summer Ryan with Anna Clapper, alternate, competing in the 400 Free. Lindsey Hervey competed in the 200 Free and 500 Free, taking 2nd place in the 200 and 1st place in the 500 - her third straight State 1st place finish in the event.

## 13. WRESTLING

Tolton sent six Wrestlers to the Class 1 State Championships with the team finishing 4th overall. Freshman Brady Narron took 6th place, seniors Justus Martin and Frank Reuther each finished 5th, sophomore Frank Hazelrigg took 2nd, and freshmen Chris Ankenman finished off an undefeated season by taking 1st place at 113 lbs.

## 14. BASEBALL

The Baseball Varsity team finished with an overall record of 13-9 while the JV finished with a record of 12-5, and the Freshmen team finished at 15-3.

## 15. BOYS GOLF

The Boys Golf season ended with a third place finish at Districts. Individually, Garrett McIntosh finished as District Champion and Andrew Fallis took 7th, qualifying both for State. Andrew took 5th place at State.

## 16. BOYS TENNIS

The Blazing Aces finished the season with a 17-4 record (the best in program history), finishing the season as District Champions and making it all the way to the Quarterfinals before falling one match shy of a trip to the Final Four. Brady Farnan competed at the Individual State Meet.

## 17. GIRLS SOCCER

With a record of 18-8-1, Girls Soccer ended their season with a 1-0 victory over Villa Duchesne to clinch the 2023 Class 1 State Championship, the first ever in program history! Ava Martin was credited with the championship winning goal midway through the second half and Goalie Rachel Tipton led the Blazer defense to a 6th straight shutout and 14th on the season.

## 18. TRACK AND FIELD

Girls Track finished 2nd place overall at the Class 2 State Meet. Tolton won four events: the 4x800M Relay (Olivia Andrews, Jillian Andrews, Madison Taylor, and Elyse Wilmes), the 800M (Elyse Wilmes), the 1600M (Elyse Wilmes), and the 3200M (Olivia Andrews). Elyse Wilmes 800M and 1600M times were both new Class 2 State Records. Olivia Andrews took 2nd in the 800M, Makaylin Viet took 6th in the 800M and 2nd in the 3200M. The 4x400M relay of Elyse Wilmes, Aimi Zimmerman, Madison Taylor, and Jillian Andrews took 2nd. In the 1600M, Tolton accomplished the rare feat of finishing 1st - Elyse Wilmes, 2nd - Olivia Andrews, 3rd - Makaylin Viet! Boys Track competed at the Class 3 State Meet with Lucas Boyer finishing 6th in the 200M dash and Quentin Hermann added new school records to the 1600M and the 3200M, he took home 6th in that event. In total Tolton had nine new school records this season with some being broken several times.



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This fall, we will once again welcome a record number of students, growing our Tolton family. Our commitment to ensuring a nurturing and inclusive environment, rooted in Catholic faith, remains at the core of all that we do.

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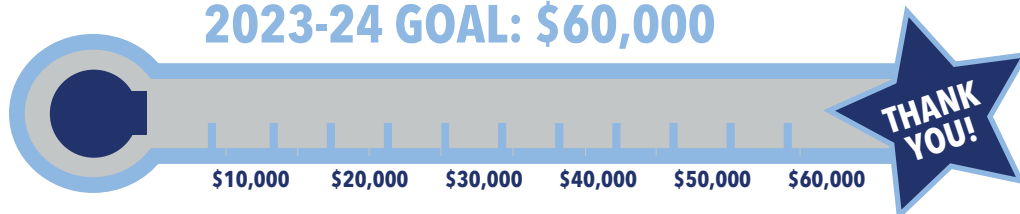
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Class of 2027!

## Note from the Admissions Director

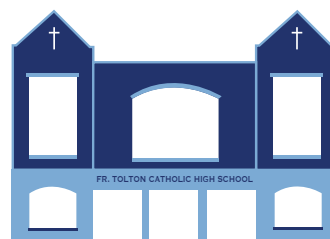
At Tolton Catholic High School, our purpose is steadfast to provide our students with the best whole person education in the area. To be a Trailblazer is to be a part of a community of students, parents, faculty, and staff that supports each other to help students succeed. Students grow in spirit, heart, mind, and body while at our school. Students develop a professional relationship with the faculty and staff, which helps them be successful.

We attract a variety of students and families, and we are a regional Catholic high school serving our parishes in Columbia, Boonville, Moberly, Mexico, Fulton, Martinsburg, Macon, and Glasgow. Students choose Tolton Catholic over closer-to-home options and when they arrive as a Trailblazer, they dive in head-first to all we have to offer. You will not find a closer community than Tolton Catholic or a more special family-focused environment. Whether it's academics, athletics and student involvement, or spirituality, you will find something that brings you to Tolton Catholic High School.

For the second year, we had a waitlist for applicants to the Class of 2027. It's important to be sure to apply as early as possible in the future – our application for current 8th graders/ rising 9th graders opens up each fall. The early deadline is January 15.

If you want to join our family of Trailblazers, contact me to setup a visit or tour. Call me anytime at 573.445.7700 to schedule a personal tour or email me at [lsasser@toltoncatholic.org](mailto:lsasser@toltoncatholic.org) with any questions.

Sincerely,  
 Laura Sasser, Admissions Director



**OPEN HOUSE**  
**October 4,**  
**6-8 p.m.**



# Notes from the Advancement Office



Hello friends!

Once again, the advancement team is privileged to share that we've been blessed abundantly by the engagement of so many partners in this mission of Catholic education.

To our families, benefactors, faculty and staff, clergy, and fans, we extend our heartfelt gratitude! Given their personal investments, we take the task of keeping our partners well-informed very seriously. As such, I'm excited to share a few updates!

As far as enrollment, we are nearly busting at the seams! This fall, we will welcome the largest student body in school history – over 350 Trailblazers – and have a waitlist for 9th, 10th, and 11th grades. From a fundraising standpoint, thanks to your generosity, our 2022 Trailblazer Annual Fund Drive exceeded expectations, wrapping up at 110% of goal, and our Day of Giving effort fully funded 23 different “wish list” items for our faculty and coaches. We have progress to share regarding capital projects and facilities as well...

In last summer's magazine publication, I outlined the steps that we planned to take to assess the feasibility, costs and other municipal considerations associated with upgrading our outdoor athletic facilities. Over the past year, we enlisted the services of a dedicated project manager, architects, engineers, and construction professionals to diligently refine the scope of our facility upgrades and maximize the usable ground on our campus. Mindful of costs, with careful attention to detail, we have crafted a vision that encompasses a bold transformation of our outdoor facilities. These long-awaited improvements will not only positively impact the experience for every Trailblazer family, but will also ensure ADA compliance across our campus, underscore student safety by keeping our athletes on-site for practice and game play, provide outdoor venues sufficient for commencement and community fellowship events, and provide

additional revenue streams for the school since we'll be positioned to host District competitions and more home matchups.

With the blessing of Bishop McKnight, this capital effort includes the development of an exceptional 8-lane track and field pits that meet MSHSAA standards, accessible sidewalks throughout the outdoor complex, a new baseball/softball press box building, and perimeter fencing with an improved entrance to provide a secure and welcoming environment. We plan to install artificial turf on both the football/soccer field and the baseball/softball field, and install additional bleacher seating at each venue, enhancing the playing surfaces and creating a state-of-the-art experience for our athletes and fans.

We are pursuing an ambitious timeline and the project will take no less than \$7 million to complete. Our fundraising goal will reflect not only construction costs and related fees, but – to be the best possible stewards of the facility in the years ahead – will also provide for an endowment to fund ongoing maintenance.

It's difficult to convey just how transformational a facility enhancement of this magnitude would be for the Tolton Catholic community. As readers may know, Tolton Catholic was made possible only through a grassroots fundraising effort. Families who were the first to enroll their children and pay tuition were concurrently fulfilling multi-year pledges of support that allowed for the school's construction – a testimony to

their faith and sacrifice. Our earliest coaches and athletes have secured Championship Titles despite practicing and competing in rudimentary facilities – a testimony to their fortitude and work ethic. Our enrollment has grown despite not “having the best of everything” – a testament to the value of the overall educational experience we are providing for students.

While an official capital campaign has yet to publicly kickoff, it will take a similar level of commitment from our entire community to complete this project in an accelerated fashion. Our early fundraising efforts have been fruitful! In the coming months, we will be providing regular updates and opportunities for you to get involved. Together, we can ensure that our young people have access to exceptional facilities that will empower our student athletes to reach their fullest potential and maximize the student experience for all.

Professionally, on behalf of the team here at Tolton Catholic – and personally, on behalf of my children, who are all Trailblazers – I extend my deep gratitude for your steadfast support. Continuing our work together will ensure Tolton's transformative power reaches new heights.

For Tolton,  
Jill McIntosh Weimer  
*Vice President & Director of Advancement*



## Heidi Gundy, Class of 2015 | Blazer Alumni Achievement Award Winner

As a Tolton student, Heidi was always something special. She had an excellent work ethic and a kind heart. She was a dedicated student, a friend to all, and a faith leader among her peers. She also had incredible competitive spirit and dedication as an athlete. As a young professional, those same qualities still rise to the surface.

Heidi has chosen to dedicate her life to helping others through a career in nursing. Heidi attended Westminster College where she played soccer all four years and excelled in the classroom, graduating with a 4.0 GPA. Her first year on the job as a full time nurse, while working at Boone Hospital Center, she was honored with the Daisy Award. This prestigious award is given to a nurse who is compassionate, kind, and goes above and beyond for patients, families, and coworkers. Since then, she has unselfishly worked as a traveling nurse, and currently serves as an Emergency Room nurse at University Hospital. Her amazing spirit and determination have helped her navigate and excel in an already extremely challenging career field through especially hard times, with the pandemic.

In her limited personal time, she has trained for and participated in numerous marathons, volunteered for the Humane Society, and, more recently, selflessly agreed to serve as an assistant coach for the Tolton Catholic soccer teams. Former Head Boys Soccer coach Connor Bandre stated, "Heidi doesn't just care about Tolton soccer - she cares about all of Tolton and everyone connected to Tolton."

Heidi's nominator and family friend Nancy Fritsch says, "Heidi uses the gifts that God gave her, and she uses them well!! She absolutely embodies Tolton's mission of developing young people in Spirit, Heart, Mind and Body, with an A++ in each category!" We couldn't agree with you more, Nancy.



Heidi Gundy

## Randy Timmerman | Fr. Augustus Tolton Service Award Winner

As the name implies, this award is meant to recognize an individual for exemplary volunteer service to the Tolton Catholic community. As we've worked side by side with Randy over many years and attempted to thank him for his efforts, he always turns the conversation to focus on his pride for the school and gratitude for his sons' personal experiences as students here. In fact, that was one of the many observations offered in his nomination - that he is "an unwavering advocate for this school within the larger parish community".

His daytime hours are spent serving as a General Manager for Hillyard, but in his "spare time", he's contributed to Tolton in many specific ways. Given his professional expertise, he's selflessly provided time, labor, and materials in the annual maintenance of the school - primarily, the annual refinishing of our gym floor and deep cleaning and waxing of the school building. For many years, he (and sons Austin and Andrew) would personally handle the waxing; more recently, he's taken time to train our Tolton facilities crew on best practices to enable the school to complete this task in-house.

Randy has devoted countless hours to helping us maintain our outdoor athletic fields. He's been one of our most dependable volunteers to help mow and stripe our fields for competition play. These are incredibly time-consuming tasks (the scheduling of which can be affected by many external factors, including weather, changing game schedules, and coach preferences) and he's often had to take the reins in recruiting help from other volunteers. When others have chosen to get involved, he's taken the time to sufficiently train them how to use the various equipment. Are you noticing a theme here? He always thinks about succession planning and the long-term

sustainability of our programs. He wants our facility to be the best it can be - for the students AND for our public - and tends to it as if it was his own.

From the athletic standpoint, his service doesn't stop with pre-game. He also volunteers his time in the operations booth for all home football games, expertly running the clock/scoreboard.

Randy has always gone about these tasks with very little fanfare, evidence of the selfless nature with which he undertook the work. In fact, when asked how he felt about receiving this award, he said "I don't do what I do to receive accolades, I do it to try to be a leader. To lead by example, in hopes of showing other people they can do it, too."

Fellow parent volunteer Mike Hentges offered, "Randy is the epitome of dedication and servant leadership. When he commits to a project or a cause, you never have to worry about things getting done. He's humble, strong in his faith, and willingly lets Christ work through him." He went on to state, "Randy would do just about anything for Tolton."

Evidence of that statement: Randy continues to volunteer in these capacities even without having a student currently enrolled! Randy's sense of ownership and shared urgency is rare and humbling, and we are grateful for him!



Randy Timmerman





Jenner Family - Andrew '22, Mike, Jean and Joe '19

## Giving with Intention

When Jean and Mike Jenner began talking about estate planning, they knew from the beginning there was one investment they just had to make.

At the time, their oldest son, Joe, had graduated from Tolton several years earlier. Their youngest son, Andrew, was about to begin his senior year.

"Both our sons got so much out of Tolton," said Jean. "Both had great teachers who inspired them and taught them well. Their academic experience was terrific, and they had wonderful extra-curricular experiences. Both are very knowledgeable and strong in their faith. They made great friends through Tolton – and so did we."

The Jenners decided to make an estate gift to Tolton. They placed a significant portion of their portfolio in a trust – specifically, a charitable remainder unitrust – where it will continue to grow. When Mike passes away, the money will go to Tolton.

Jean and Mike had a special request for the use of their gift. Rather than spend the money on new facilities or technology, they specifically requested that the money be used to retain quality faculty and staff.

"We think Tolton's greatest strength is its people," Mike said. "We know it's hard for private schools to compete with public schools. We'd like for that money to be used to incentivize Tolton's best people to stick around."

By the time the planned gift benefits the school, Jean and Mike both hope the funds will have grown substantially, and they encourage others who value faith-based education at Tolton to consider making a similar investment.

"The thoughtful intention behind the Jenners' gift is a blessing in and of itself," states Tolton VP and Advancement Director Jill Weimer. "Their investment dedicates funds toward a strategic priority that underscores long-term stability, high morale, and a culture of academic excellence, all of which are key in sustaining a healthy organization and a thriving school community."

"We're excited to help establish an endowment for the school that will ensure it continues to have talented teachers and administrators for years to come," said Jean.

## The Impact of Planned Gifts

While planned giving encompasses many different types of "vehicles," one thing is true for all: planned gifts are an optimal example of a win-win situation, as they are mutually beneficial for donor(s) and the benefitting non-profit organization.

Clearly, planned gifts promise future funding for an organization and are critical for sustainability. This bolsters confidence and enhances the reputation and standing of the organization which, in turn, invites additional or increased investments from the organization's larger base of constituents. Such guaranteed and, often, significant support also enables the organization to maintain a growth mindset to dedicate funds to strategic priorities beyond their general operations that help the organization thrive.

Likewise, planned gifts open doors for donors. Any donor who cares deeply about an organization can impact that organization in a significant way without affecting their everyday cash flow. Planned giving is accessible to anyone who makes a will or maintains even a modest investment portfolio, regardless of their current income. Therefore, any donor can leave a legacy and take satisfaction in determining how their funds are utilized. Perhaps most significant, a well-executed planned gift has the potential to offer significant tax benefits for the donor, or for heirs.

Some of the most common planned giving vehicles include:

### Bequests by Will or Living Trust:

Easily include Tolton in your will or living trust, either through a new will or a simple amendment, designating a fixed dollar amount or percentage of your estate.

### Life Insurance:

Name Tolton Catholic as a beneficiary on your life insurance policy, allowing the school to receive the proceeds while providing potential estate tax exemptions for your family.

### Appreciated Securities:

Gift publicly-traded appreciated securities to Tolton, receiving an income tax deduction equal to their fair market value and avoiding capital gains tax.

### Retirement Account Beneficiary Designation:

Designate Tolton as a beneficiary of your IRA, 401(k), or other retirement plans, ensuring the amount passes to Tolton tax-free while avoiding income and estate taxes for your heirs.

### IRA Rollover:

If you're 70 ½ or older, make annual tax-free charitable rollover gifts of up to \$100,000 directly to Tolton from your IRA.

### Gifts of Real Estate:

Make a gift of real property to Tolton, enjoying an income tax reduction equal to the appraised value of the property and avoiding capital gains tax.

### Gifts of Personal Property:

Gift tangible personal property like artwork or equipment to Tolton, qualifying for a charitable deduction equal to the fair market value with no capital gains tax.

### Charitable Gift Annuity:

Establish a charitable gift annuity with Tolton, providing income for life while supporting the nonprofit, and receive an immediate charitable deduction on your income taxes.

### Charitable Remainder Trust:

Benefit from tax advantages and receive income for life or a specific term with a charitable remainder trust, either through an annuity trust or unitrust, ultimately supporting Tolton.

### Charitable Lead Trust:

Similar to a charitable remainder trust, a charitable lead trust pays a fixed or variable amount annually to Tolton, with remaining assets reverting back to you or your family at the end of the term.

For more information on planned giving options, please consult with your financial advisor and visit with Jeremy Diener in Tolton's Advancement office by calling 573.445.7700, ext. 1212.

## ALUMNI UPDATES

**Cameron Foss (2014)** welcomed his second daughter, Denver June, in September 2022.



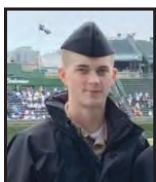
**Austin Gregory (2014)** and **Johnny Cleek (2014)** both recently graduated together again! Nine years after graduating as Trailblazers, they graduated together from UMKC. Austin graduates with his Doctorate of Nursing Practice in Anesthesia and Johnny graduates with his Doctorate of Medicine.

**Josh Boyer (2015)** and his wife, Kasey, welcomed their first child, Ava Kate, in May 2023.

**River Remis (2015)** graduated from University of Missouri - St. Louis College of Optometry and has moved to Texas where she is practicing as a licensed Optometrist.

**Joseph Jenner (2019)** graduated from the University of Missouri with a degree in Mechanical (Major) and Aerospace (Minor) Engineering. He was recognized as the 2023 Outstanding Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Senior student.

**Emily Lloyd (2019)** received the Missouri College Media Association Photojournalist of the Year Award for her outstanding work at Northwest Missouri State University.



**Drew Vossler (2021)** joined the Navy and is studying to become an Air Traffic Controller.

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## FACULTY & STAFF UPDATES

### FUTURE TRAILBLAZERS



#### Kennedy Jae Kelly

Athletic Director, Pat Kelly, and his wife, Lani, welcomed their second child, Kennedy Jae Kelly, on September 12, 2022.

### RETIREMENTS



#### Coach Tammy Hammes

After coaching Track for 12 years, Coach Tammy Hammes (pictured on the left) is retiring. She has been honored with a brick in Champions Plaza for her many years of service.



#### Dan Shimkus

After 6 years serving Tolton, Dan Shimkus will enjoy a well-deserved retirement. We appreciate Dan's years of care for Tolton.





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### Open House – October 4, 2023, 6-8 p.m.

Prospective families - come meet with faculty and students at Tolton Catholic to learn about our academics, faith, community and activities!

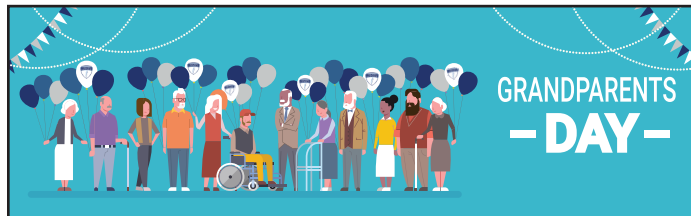
### Homecoming – Oct. 13, 2023

Come watch the Trailblazers take on KIPP KC Legacy High School! Our Homecoming King and Queen will be crowned at halftime. We want to extend a special invitation to our alumni to return home.



### 12th Annual Blaze of Glory Gala – November 4, 2023

Plan now to attend the Tolton social event of the year! Dinner, bottomless bar, auction and dancing. For tickets, or to sponsor a table, contact Jill McIntosh Weimer at [jweimer@toltoncatholic.org](mailto:jweimer@toltoncatholic.org).



### Grandparents Day Event – April 12, 2024

Our 5th Annual Grandparents Day event will include Mass, school tours, and classroom visits. Tolton families - please be sure we have your grandparents' contact information to invite them!



### Golf Classic – April 29, 2024

Four-person scramble with a number of prizes at Columbia Country Club. Contact Jill McIntosh Weimer at [jweimer@toltoncatholic.org](mailto:jweimer@toltoncatholic.org) for more information.

### Graduation – May 11, 2024

More details will be available at a later date, but be sure to mark your calendars and notify out of town friends and relatives!

## UPDATE ALUMNI MAILING ADDRESSES

**Attention former Tolton parents:** Tired of receiving your adult son or daughter's alumni mailings in your mailbox? You can conveniently update their mailing address online! Visit: [toltoncatholic.org/alumni-updates/](http://toltoncatholic.org/alumni-updates/)

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