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New Foundation Logo Designed By Xavier Student



Members of Angie Tornabane's Design class: front row, left to right: Courtney Kilpatrick (X05), Keith Van Erdewyk (X07), Jay Seifert (X07), Ms. Angie Tornabane, Sheila Oberreuter (X06), Katie Hall (X05). In back, left to right: Brandon Lee (X07), Andrew Childers (X06), Nate Schulte (X06).

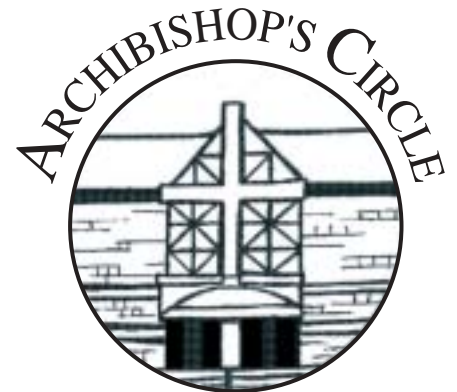
The Xavier Foundation is proud to unveil a logo for its newest recognition society, the Archbishop's Circle. When the need for a logo arose, Foundation Executive Director Jody Ruff approached Xavier art teacher Angie Tornabane.

Ms. Tornabane took the project to her Design class and they were up for the challenge. Tornabane was thrilled for the opportunity, "This was an excellent creative learning process for our students. We treated every step of this

project as a "real-life" professional experience. We acted as a design studio and treated the Foundation as our client. The first step was meeting with our client and listening to their needs." The students then took their ideas to the drawing board, with each student sketching several logos. Later in the month, the students selected their favorite logos to present to their client. "The students worked on presentation skills, and practiced articulating how the logos were created, the meaningful aspects of the designs, and how the designs could be used or adapted to meet the client's needs."

The results were impressive. Jody Ruff commented, "The students did an excellent job with this task. They were very creative in their designs and did a wonderful job incorporating our thoughts and suggestions. There were numerous designs we liked, and the decision was a difficult one."

Xavier sophomore Keith Van Erdewyk designed the winning logo. His sketch, shown below, depicts the Xavier main entrance, including the cross and stained glass windows. "In the end, we chose Keith's logo because it illustrates both of the core symbols we were looking to incorporate – Xavier recognition and our Catholic identity," Ruff explained.



Sketch of new logo by Keith Van Erdewyk

The Archbishop's Circle, established in 2003, is a recognition society for individuals and corporations who provide unrestricted annual support to the Foundation at the \$1,000 level and above during the Foundation's fiscal year (July 1 through June 30). Members are true friends and partners with Xavier and their generous annual support helps Xavier plan for the future. In its 2003-2004 fiscal year, the Foundation recognized 85 members of the Archbishop's Circle.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

— Spotlight on Xavier —

Key Club Puts Caring Into Action

From mentoring children to changing light bulbs, no act of caring is too big or too small for Xavier Key Club members.

“Caring – A Way of Life” is the motto of the International Key Club, and also the driving force behind the endless hours of volunteerism and acts of kindness for 150 Xavier Key Club Members.

Key Club is a service organization for high school students sponsored by Kiwanis Clubs. The goals of Key Club, like the service projects they perform, are plentiful. To develop initiative and leadership, to live the Golden Rule in all human relationships and to put human and spiritual values before the material values of life are only a sample of the goals for members of this organization.

Xavier Key Club members live the motto, and put the Club’s goals into action every day of the year. Balancing schedules already filled with school and family responsibilities, co-curricular activities like sports, fine arts, church and academic clubs, these students recognize the importance of giving of their time and talent to others. They provide service in a variety of ways – through charitable organizations, special community projects and individuals who need a helping hand.

This year Xavier Key Club members provided help to local charitable organizations by serving guests at the Catherine McCauley Center Tea, the Big Brother/Big Sister holiday party, and the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast; directing parking for guests at the American Red Cross Halloween Nightmare Forest; and delivering holiday food baskets for the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

These teens recognize the importance of being role models to younger children. Their work with elementary schools not only provides a service, but gives them an opportunity to form mentoring relationships with children. Members worked with their sponsoring Kiwanis Club to install playground equipment at Nixon elementary school. They provided babysitting services at St. Pius X School

while parents attended parent-teacher conferences. Every year Key Club members serve as a “buddy” to a child attending the Homeless Children’s Trust Christmas event where children participate in games and other activities while their parents are helped with shopping.

While some of their projects are one day events, there are some programs where students make a long-term commitment to service. Xavier Key Club members are vital to the success of the Polk Elementary AACE Program (After-school Academic Challenge and Enrichment Program). Each week members develop on-going mentoring relationships with children who are in need of

special attention both academically and emotionally. Polk School was so grateful to XHS Key Club members they nominated them for recognition from the Cedar Rapids Community School District for Special Service to Education.

With continual efforts to help children, Key Club members conduct fundraising opportunities throughout the year in order to provide Pediatric Trauma Kits for area volunteer fire departments. Most fire departments only have adult sized equipment, delaying life-saving medical care for infants and toddlers. The Club’s goal is to purchase one kit for

every volunteer fire department in the area. The Club also participated in the Festival of Trees last year helping to provide funds for equipment for premature babies in St. Luke’s pediatric care unit.

In addition to large organized service activities, Xavier Key Clubbers recognize the importance of simply lending a hand to a neighbor in need. Key Club members are on hand to help two elderly women with yard work, moving boxes, changing light bulbs, or whatever any odd jobs need to be done.

Under the direction of their moderator, Xavier Theology faculty member Kay Bloom and Kiwanis liaison, Kevin McCarville, Xavier Key Club members have truly made caring for others a way of life.



Xavier Key Club members Ryan Deignan (X06), Caitlin Schrup (X06) and Abby Burgason (X06) share an uplifting moment with children at the Homeless Children’s Trust Christmas Party at AEGON in December.

Parishioners Respond Generously

On December 1st campaign leaders, volunteers and pastors gathered to celebrate the success of the 2004 Parish Appeal which raised \$330,196, surpassing the \$330,000 campaign goal. Wes Huisinga, general chair, announced the record-breaking results and added, "I can't think of a better way to carry out God's work than by working to ensure a bright future for Catholic education and our young people." Matt Brandes, associate chair, expressed special thanks to the pastors, volunteers and parishioners for their tremendous commitment and support.

Huisinga and Brandes led hundreds of volunteers from twelve supporting parishes in the community-wide fundraising event. Parish pastors also played a critical leadership role in the appeal. Funds raised in this appeal have been targeted for the scholarship program, the bond repayment program, and other critical needs of Xavier High School.

The following parish chairpersons were instrumental in the success of the appeal:

All Saints
Immaculate Conception
St. Joseph, Marion
St. Jude
St. Ludmila
St. Matthew
St. Patrick
St. Patrick, Fairfax
St. Pius X
St. Wenceslaus
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Hiawatha
John XXIII

David & Karen Thinnes and Tim & Janet Lukan
Ken Cackoski
Pat & Joan O'Connor and Steve & Janet Noonan
Mike & Linda Feye and Lori Leonard and Laura Richards
Steve Schulte and Cindy Lynch
Cathy Showalter and Candi Lynch
Deryl & Pat Kilpatrick and Jeff & Deb Drahozal
Lois Robson
Gene & Anne Parker and Steve & Leslie Hess
Dave Martin
Pat Deignan and Bruce & Sherry Kramer
Dave & Theresa Fry and Randy and Shawn Gibbs



The 30th annual celebration of Catholic Schools Week will take place January 30 - February 5 across the country. Each year, the celebration of Catholic Schools Week spotlights the contributions of Catholic education and its service to the Church and to our country. Nationwide more than 167,000 teachers are educating 2.6 million Catholic School students. Xavier High School will celebrate Catholic Schools Week with an All-School Mass.

Xavier Remembers Dear Friends and Alumni

Edward Collins (R60), of Oak Grove, KY, formerly of Cedar Rapids, died September 22, 2004. Survivors include brother Thomas Collins (R79) and four sisters, Karen (Collins) Kludd (R62), Teri (Collins) Pisarik (R67), Patti Collins (R72) and Anita (Collins) Sullivan (R74).

Cliff "Kip" Meloan (R65), of Worden, MT, formerly of Cedar Rapids, died September 8, 2004. Survivors include his wife Bette Jo (Soukup) (R65), two daughters, a step-daughter, two step-sons, and two brothers, Dan Meloan (R63) and Jim McPartland (R75). Cliff served with the U.S. Army in the Vietnam War. After service in the army, Cliff joined Link Belt Speeder in Cedar Rapids. Later he started his own company, Crane Safety Services, Inc. and eventually moved to Billings, MT.

Sister Francesca Oldham, RSM, of Cedar Rapids, died September 21, 2004. Sister entered the Cedar Rapids Community of the Sisters of Mercy in 1951 and made her final vows in 1957. She received a B.A. in education from Mount Mercy College and a M.A. in education from St. Xavier College, Chicago. She taught at several area elementary and high schools including All Saints, St. Matthew, St. Wenceslaus, Immaculate Conception and Regis High School. Since 1998, Sister had served as pastoral associate at Immaculate Conception and St. Wenceslaus parishes.

Alumni News

1970's

Kathy (Regan) Schmidt (R77) and husband Herb welcomed the birth of daughter Anne on October 20, 2003. Anne joins sister Kaitlyn.

1980's

Steve Day (R85) and wife Andrea adopted a one-year-old son, Alexander Denis from Russia in September 2003. They reside in Pleasant Hill, CA.

David Downey (R85) and Wendy Ann Gable were united in marriage on August 14, 2004. They reside in Marion.

Michael Garwood (L85) and Lori Kay Oujiri exchanged wedding vows on July 15, 2004. They reside in Aurora, IL.

Donna Takes (R85) and Douglas Lampe were united in marriage on May 21, 2004.

Cherie Staszak (L86) and Matthew Monson, both of Albertville, MN, were united in marriage on November 1, 2003.

Mark Harris (R89) and Kelly Simpson exchanged wedding vows on April 17, 2004 in Marion.

1990's

Jennifer Jackson (L93) and Bradley Comer, both of Iowa City, were united in marriage on May 22, 2004.

Anton Semelroth (R93) and Jennifer Glaser, both of Stafford, VA, exchanged wedding vows on April 24, 2004 in Cedar Rapids.

Teresa Thier (R93) and Jeffrey Grammatke were united in marriage on June 5, 2004. They reside in Chicago, IL.

Ryan Jacobs (R94) and Kelley Westhoff exchanged wedding vows on September 10, 2004. They reside in Cedar Falls where Ryan is an Assistant Baseball coach and Kelley is an Assistant Women's Basketball coach both at UNI.

Chad Dahlem (R95) and Heidi Conn were united in marriage on May 8, 2004. They reside in Coralville.

Heidi Northland (R95) is employed by Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield as an Insurance Agent/Marketing Representative. She resides in Cedar Rapids.

Elizabeth Streit (R95) is employed by Fleming's Prime Steakhouse and Wine Bar as a Service Manager. She resides in Cockeysville, MD.

Tisa Thomsen (R96) and Michael Johnson exchanged wedding vows April 17, 2004. They reside in Des Moines.

Julie Goedken (L97) and Sean Beard were united in marriage on May 29, 2004. They reside in Cedar Rapids.

Courtney Bertelli (R98) and Christopher Ressler, both of North Liberty, exchanged wedding vows April 19, 2004.

Jennifer Herzberger, (R98) and Michael Sebetka exchanged wedding vows July 31, 2004. They reside in North Liberty.

Beth Ann Schiel (R98) and Nicholas Hlas were united in marriage on September 5, 2004. They reside in Cedar Rapids.

Beth Erusha (X99) is employed by Target Headquarters as a Senior Business Analyst. She resides in Minneapolis, MN.

Timothy Louvar (X99) and Abigail Fingerle were united in marriage on June 26, 2004. They reside in Columbus, IN.

Grant Talyat (X99) and Kerry Harschnek exchanged wedding vows on June 5, 2004. They reside in Cedar Rapids.

2000's

Kathryn Mulhern (X00) and Neil Kruger were united in marriage on April 17, 2004. They reside in Prairie du Chien, WI.

Reunion News

Regis Class of 1995

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Regis '95 reunion on July 29 & 30, 2005. The weekend will include a gathering at the C.R. Chop House on Friday evening, Mass on Saturday, and a Saturday evening event at the Miller Mezzanine at Veterans Memorial Stadium. Please send your contact information, including mailing address and e-mail address, to Regis95@comcast.net. If you are interested in helping plan this event or have questions, please contact Elizabeth Streit at estreit@comcast.net.

Regis Class of 1985

Mark your calendars and save the dates for the Regis '85 20th reunion on July 2 & 3, 2005! Please contact Jenny (Gruber) Mayer and Paul Kenney at Grad85Regis20yr@aol.com or send inquiries or contact information to: 5805 31st Avenue, Vinton, IA 52349 or call (319) 453-2305.

LaSalle Class of 1973

Please contact Pat (Cornwell) Balk at talk2me@mhtc.net and share your e-mail address and other contact information so you can receive information about your 35th reunion plans.

Alumni Class Honor Roll

While dollars given each year to Xavier are essential, alumni class participation is also an important part of our fundraising success. Connection to Regis and LaSalle is a valuable part of the Xavier community. Alumni gifts of all sizes are important, needed and greatly appreciated.

Top 20 Classes in Percent of Participation in Giving to all Xavier fundraising programs for the 2003-2004 fiscal year (July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004).

Rank	Class	Class Count	# of Donors	% Participation
1	L76	124	32	25.81
2	R83	151	38	25.17
3	R73	140	33	23.57
4	L69	82	19	23.17
5	L86	112	25	22.97
6	L80	112	25	22.32
7	L81	99	22	22.22
8	R63	110	24	21.82
9	L91	56	12	21.43
10	L67	91	19	20.88
11	R60	115	24	20.87
12	R72	185	38	20.54
13	L71	98	20	20.41
14	R81	149	30	20.13
15	L93	55	11	20.00
16	L79	96	19	19.79
17	R84	134	26	19.40
18	L65	104	20	19.23
19	R69	194	37	19.07
20	R79	166	31	18.67

Reaching Out

National Alumni Phonathon Begins in March

In an effort to raise over \$75,000, alumni volunteers will be calling their classmates from March 7 – 31 as part of the 2005 Alumni Appeal. Please take a moment to visit with your classmate and please consider a gift to Xavier. Your generosity makes an important difference and will help to carry on the tradition of quality Catholic secondary education in Cedar Rapids. We look forward to talking with you!

- **Share your news:** When your classmate calls, please take the opportunity to share your latest career, education and family news to be published in the Alumni News section.
- **For your convenience:** When you receive a call from your classmate, keep in mind that the Foundation now accepts Mastercard and Visa for your contributions.
- **Attention local alumni:** Please consider volunteering a few hours to contact your classmates during the phonathon. Call the Xavier Foundation office at 378-4571.



Members of the Regis Class of '94 gathered at the Chop House in July to celebrate their 10-year reunion. Pictured left to right: Kelly Hawthorne, Tim Leuck, Casey Bibby and Natalie Gatto.

Send us your Reunion Photos

If space and time permit, we'd like to include class reunion photos in the *RoyalLancer* newsletter and/or on the Alumni page of the Foundation's web site. Please e-mail digital photos to development@xavierfoundation.org or send photos to P.O. Box 1394, Cedar Rapids, IA 52406.

Class Reunion Planning Kit Available Online

Have you been thinking about planning your class reunion? Don't know where to begin? The Alumni Association has developed a Reunion Planning Kit to assist in planning a successful class reunion. The kit is available under the alumni section of the Foundation's web site, www.xavierfoundation.org or by calling the Foundation office at (319) 378-4571.

Xavier Donor Named Outstanding Philanthropist



Cal Basile

Columbus ‘Cal’ Basile, long-time friend and donor of the Xavier Foundation, was named Outstanding Individual Philanthropist by the Association of Fundraising Professionals Eastern Iowa Chapter this fall. Cal was recognized for the generous financial support he has provided to local non-profit organizations in Cedar Rapids, including the Xavier Foundation.

His philanthropy is obvious in places like Mount Mercy College and Four Oaks where keystone gifts from Cal have resulted in remarkable new facilities. His passion for education is apparent by the scholarships he has endowed at Xavier High School and Mount Mercy College in memory of his wife Jennie. Cal’s friends note that he is much more interested in helping people than having his name on a building. His quiet support has provided vital funds for Catholic organizations such as the Sisters of Mercy, All Saints and Immaculate Conception parishes, and Mercy Hospital for decades.

“This is a well-deserved honor for a donor who has given so generously during his lifetime, while establishing endowed scholarships which will continue to touch the lives of students for years to come,” said Jody Ruff, Xavier Foundation Executive Director.

From The Director

Beyond the Checkbook

Holiday gift-giving often leaves many of us feeling a little “cash poor” during the early months of the new year. Limited cash flow doesn’t have to keep you from supporting the Xavier Foundation or other favorite charities. Consider the following alternatives before reaching for your checkbook.

Give appreciated assets. Stocks that have grown in value make it possible to give a larger donation for less cost and even provide tax benefits for you.

Give life insurance. Donate paid-up life insurance policies with cash values or new policies with a charity named as the owner and the beneficiary.

Give through your will or retirement plan assets. Naming a charitable organization as a beneficiary of your will or retirement plan allows you to use the assets you need during your lifetime and provide remaining assets to your favorite charity after your death.

Give of yourself. There are many opportunities to share your time and expertise. Volunteer to help with a fundraising appeal, or lend your expertise to the alumni association or booster club.

Please contact Jody Ruff, Executive Director at (319) 378-4571 or jruff@xavierfoundation.org if you would like more information about any of these alternate giving methods.

All gifts come from the heart, and we are so grateful for all of the gifts you share with Xavier.



Jody Ruff,
Foundation Executive Director

Gifts of Time and Talent

Xavier Foundation office volunteers keep the Foundation running effectively and efficiently. The valuable time and talent they donate help the Foundation produce maximum results while keeping costs low.



Pictured left to right: Lovey McGillicuddy, Betty Leichsenring, Dorothy Stephen, Catherine Kaup and Pauline Miller (not pictured Laura Staudacher).

Xavier Happenings



A Survivor's Story

In observation of Respect Life Month, Xavier students took part in various activities including an assembly where they had the opportunity to hear Rena Finder, a Holocaust survivor, tell her moving story. Ms. Finder encouraged Xavier students to stand up to injustice, appreciate differences and treat others with respect.



Xavier Students Think Global

Xavier hosted the annual International Round Table event in October. This event provides an opportunity for high school foreign exchange students from area high schools to meet and exchange views on issues of national and international concern. The event also involved high school student journalists who presented questions to the foreign exchange students. The focus of the program was mutual understanding and appreciation of different cultures and diverse points of view.



Christmas with Xavier

The Xavier Music Department held their annual *Christmas with Xavier* concert at Sinclair Auditorium on the Coe College Campus on December 12. Sponsored by Farmers Savings Bank, Walford, this concert spotlighted the talents of Xavier vocal and instrumental music students.



Serving Their Community

The Xavier student body raked over 170 lawns as part of its annual Community Service Day in October. Pictured left to right: Nicole Myers (X08), Liz Knight (X08), Katie Miller (X07) and Kristen Jasiewicz (X05).

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In the Business of Educating Leaders

Xavier prepares to launch Annual Business Appeal

Dave Behmer, senior sales manager with Siemens ILG, and Kathleen Kleiman (L82), attorney at Simmons Perrine Albright and Ellwood, will serve as campaign chairs of the Xavier Foundation's 2005 Business Appeal. The business community recognizes the important role Xavier High School plays in helping to educate the future leaders of our community. In addition, Xavier plays a key role in the economic development of the Cedar Rapids metro area.

Behmer and Kleiman will lead the effort to raise \$75,000 in support of Xavier High School. Behmer is a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish and a parent of four grads and one current Xavier student. Kleiman is a 1982 graduate of LaSalle High School and a member of St. Matthew parish.

A campaign launch will be held in early February and volunteers will personally call on over 300 businesses in the Cedar Rapids metro area during February and March. The following leaders will serve as team captains: John Cleavenger, AEGON; John Dulle, Skogman Realty; Tom Ekland, Seltec Sales; Jeff Kaiden, Principal Financial; Dan Meloan, Skogman Realty; Kirk Sadilek, Principal Financial; Diane Salat, Skogman Realty; and Dr. John Wollner.



David Behmer
General Chair



Kathleen Kleiman (L82)
Associate Chair

Funds raised from this appeal will benefit the educational experience of over 650 students as they are prepared in mind, body and spirit within the framework of a supportive, values-based environment. Funds will provide support for the critical needs of the high school, the bond repayment program and the scholarship program, which provides tuition assistance to Xavier families.