

Falcon Pride

“Let Nothing Stop the Sons of David”

BD Alumni Association presents the First “Crosier Award” at the Holy Cross Graduation May 2022

This year, at the Holy Cross graduation, the Bishop David Alumni Association was proud to present the first “Crosier Award” to Holy Cross senior Marco Vazquez. The Crosier has a significant role in the history of Bishop David High School and the recipient must be a graduating student whose persistence, dedication and perseverance reflect the motto of Bishop David High School, “Let Nothing Stop the Sons of David”.

Marco grew up in Maturin, Venezuela, the sixth most dangerous city in the world. Marco and his family were originally from Cuba and went to Venezuela on a mission, with his father, as a doctor. After the family was robbed and with the continued threat of violence the family moved to the United States and settled in Louisville, Kentucky. Marco and his family knew very little English, and Marco had extreme challenges with the American curriculum. Marco went to Middle School at St. Rita and after graduating from St. Rita went to Holy Cross High School because his mother and father wanted him to attend a Co educational Catholic High School. As Marco said, “in Holy Cross I found a community of students dedicated to helping each other and a fantastic faculty and staff that dream at night of nothing else than to make dreams come true”. Marco is an honor student and a member of the National Honor Society and is active in his school through Cougars for Christ, Student Council and the Diversity Committee, Baseball, Chess, Math Team, and Theater.

Active in the broader community Marco, in conjunction with the Frazier Museum, increased voting among minorities in Louisville and fighting for Environmental Justice with the Earth Spirit Center by giving out hundreds of plants. To help his family with tuition Marco worked at Panera Bread and completed his internship working at Mortenson Dental. Marco will be attending Bellarmine University and plans to major in Chemistry with a minor in Theology and Philosophy.

The Bishop David Alumni are extremely proud to be able to provide Marco the First Crosier Award and the \$1000 that accompanied this significant achievement.

Best of Luck to Marco as we look forward to the great things his dreams will lead to.



L to R: Kevin Bratcher, Kevin Brever, Marco Vazquez, Paul Kelty, Butch Pinkerton

CALLING ALL FALCONS!

We want you to be a New Member of the Alumni Association. When you join the B.D.A.A FOR \$25.00 per year, you will receive:

- Two Falcon Pride Newsletters
- Golf Outing Mail Information
- Quarterly "Dinner" Meeting Schedule with Speakers
- Two free "Dinners" per Year

To join, simply mail your payment to the address on page 8, Attn. Membership Dues

GIVING LEVELS

- Black & White Level \$25-100
- (\$25.00 Annual Due Level)
- Bronze Level \$101-\$250
- Silver Level \$251-\$500
- Falcon Level \$501- \$999
- Founders Level \$1000 (Member for Life)

NOTE: All donations are TAX DEDUCTIBLE!

The Tribute Reunion held June 29, 2019, helped rekindle the Falcon Spirit. Over 800 alumni got together to honor the true pioneers of Bishop David, Leo Tierney, Denny Nash, Bob Eckert, Charlotte Miller, Jim McGee, and Jerry Wilkinson. It was a memorable occasion and one that was way overdue. To keep the Falcon Spirit alive and to ensure the school we love so much is never forgotten we have begun the formation of the Bishop David Alumni Association.



We have established a Purpose and Mission Statement and completed our by-laws and formed our own non-profit 501c organization. We are having regular meetings and events (see schedule of events on our Facebook page). Special events will allow us to raise funds for educational and charitable grants to memorialize the Falcon Spirit, so that it may be passed onto future generations and keep our legacy alive.

We have made joining and giving to the BD Alumni Association "Easy". Just go to our Facebook page "Bishop David Alumni and Friends" and click on "Announcements". Scroll down to "Update Contact Information". If you need to update your contact information "click" here. After you complete your update, it will take you to "Join the Alumni". If you do not need to update your information and wish to pay your "Membership Fees", click on tap on the right side of the page "Pay Membership Fees". Once you do, follow the prompts and after giving you will receive an email confirming your payment. It's that easy!

Our goal is that every alumnus of our beloved school joins the Association and takes part in the events and most importantly helps ensure Catholic Education grows in Southwest Jefferson County. We want to ensure any family who wishes a Catholic education for their child has an opportunity through our gifts of financial assistance to the schools. As protectors of this mission we say,

"Let Nothing Stop the Sons of David"

BD Alumni Golf Scramble

Saturday Sept 17 @ Iroquois GC

Bishop David Alumni President

Kevin Brever '69

After graduating from Bishop David in 1975, Kevin went to the University of Louisville where he played baseball and earned his degree in Justice Administration in 1980. Kevin is a member of the UL Athletic Hall of Fame.

For more than 20 years, Malone enjoyed a pro baseball career that saw him go from playing to the front office. In 1985, Kevin began work as a scout with the Angels. In 1987, he moved to Montreal, and in 1994 he was named the GM of the Expos. That year, he led Montreal to the best record in baseball (74-40) in a strike-shortened season and in 1995 Kevin was named "The Best General Manager in the Game". In 1998 he became the GM for the LA Dodgers and in 2001 retired from baseball after an illustrious 17 year career in which his teams earned a World Series and several trips to the postseason.

Kevin and his wife Marilyn relocated to Las Vegas from L.A. in February 2018 to fight sex slavery. They have two children, Shannon and Shawn.

Kevin is actively involved in numerous ministries and charitable organizations and is currently the CEO and Chairman of the Board of the United States Institute Against Human Trafficking. Kevin was an Executive Producer on two films and also helped create the "Shawn Miracle" (www.shawnmiracle.com) a film about his son's miraculous healing from a traumatic brain injury.



Future Events

- August 17 General Meeting 7:00 pm Holy Cross Cafeteria
- September 17 Golf Scramble 2:00 pm at Iroquois Golf Course
- January 11 General Meeting 7:00 pm Holy Cross Cafeteria
- April 12 General Meeting 7:00 pm Holy Cross Cafeteria

Shotgun Start @ 2:00

\$300 per Team

\$100 to sponsor a hole

Limited to the first 30 PAID Teams

* You Could Win \$10,000 if you make a

Hole in One on #18

Spread the Word!!!

Contact Rusty Payne at 502-612-0779 or Dave Neuner at 502-298-0225 for more information and sponsorships.



Bishop David High School Alumni Join Together to Support Catholic Education with a Golf Scramble

The Bishop David Alumni Association hosted their Golf Scramble on Sunday, October 24, 2021, at Iroquois Golf Course. Many alumni and friends turned out for a great day of golf and fraternity. They were joined by Archbishop Kurtz who met many alumni and praised their efforts and support for Catholic education. For this the alumni were very thankful and wished him the best in his new life chapter. Proceeds of this event and all events sponsored by the BD Alumni Association go to the support of Catholic Education in all elementary and high schools in Southwest Jefferson County which include Notre Dame, St. Paul, St. Andrew and Holy Cross High School.

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Archbishop Kurtz joins BD Alumni Golf Scramble
Class of 1971 50 Year Reunion

Committee of Mike Peak, Jim Strange, Gene Feirbach, Mike Duckwall, Mike Curran, and Rusty Payne

47 members of the Class of 71 attended their 50th Class Reunion at Churchill Downs on Sept 25, 2021, on Millionaires row.

A great time was had by all, as guys shared not only stories from the past, but also how much their own families had grown, and all of the grandchildren.

A Memorial Board was posted, honoring 30 members who have passed away.

The Class Sponsored a Race, and #1 Blest Life crossed the finish line first, followed by the number 7 horse, giving us a nice Exacta Box of 7 and 1 and \$63!!!

On Sunday we had 18 graduates get together for a golf scramble, won by the St. Lawrence team of Mike Freibert, Jim Strange, and Rusty Payne.



Anyone interested in organizing a reunion, please contact your Alumni Association ☐

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BDAA MEMBERS AS OF 7-5-22

Class of 1964 Class of 1969 Class of 1972 Class of 1978 Carroll Baldauf Danny Atzinger Michael Ising
Stephen Biven John Baum James Bosworth Daryl Koppel Larry Boone Richard Gill Kevin Brever
Vicki Kupper Kent Foushee Donald Gossman Dennis Brown Steve Loeffler Jay Groves John
Grasmick Martin Burke William Minton Mike Harreld Ed King Joseph Conder Class of 1973 Kavin
McGrath Tony Leo William Graven Bob Kupper Joel Milliner Anthony Messina Robert Harris
William Martin Donald Mingus Larry Morris Irvin Kupper David Neuner Brad Nord Brian Pugh Jack
Loeffler Tony Smith John Renn John Venhoff Anthony McEwen Class of 1974 Gary Weihe Bob
Walsh Stephen McNeill Gerald Bodenbender Class of 1979 Vincent Witkowski Mike McWilliams
Kevin Bratcher Debbie Curley

Class of 1965 Butch Pinkerton Billy Buckman Richard Curtis Charles Casper Raymond Riedinger
Mark Carroll Jack Russell Michael Egan Michael Vitt Thomas Corbett Class of 1980 Rick Hirst
Robert Weir Joseph Dever Stephen Dicken Paul Kelty Steve Young Michael Dicken James
Frazure Mike Smith Class of 1970 Steve Martin Class of 1981 David Stallings Richard Hamilton
Michael Stoltz Tim Blanton Jerry Sturgeon Greg Norris Class of 1975 Ronald Ferch Dennis
Wheatley Mike Phillips Patrick Carroll Class of 1982

Class of 1966 Gary Rhodes Ben Cecil Christopher Bearden John Eichberger Steve Ryan Andy
Dages Patrick Burba William Higdon Class of 1971 Don Kupper Scott Curley Billy Higdon Mike
Curran Steve McCoy Bruce Mingus

Class of 1967 Mike Curran Kenny Mingus Charles Pigg Mike Bibelhauser Mike Duckwall Dale Pike
Irvin Ross Rocky Driskell Joe Dunn Tony Schick Class of 1984 Gary Fahey William Mickey Higdon
Class of 1976 David Abell Dennis Mason Bill Houtchens Joseph Eigel Bryan Daub Jim Willis Larry
Humphrey Joseph Fehribach Dom Donnelly

Class of 1968 Phillip Metzger Bob Getz Donnie Huffman Joseph Fields Mike Peak Mark Hyland Jeff
Kuerzi Lyn Hobbs John Schalda Tim Rasche Moe Ryan Stephen Wheatley Kevin Shaughnessy
Donald Snider Gregory Thielmeier James Yates Artie Stinson R. Duane Williams Larry Winters
Steve Strange Class of 1977

Charles Webb Richard Pyles

J. Dennis Weber Gerald Wuetcher
Kathy Wolz Joseph Siemens

Greg Medley
Tony Nall

Class Agents

1964 Bob Walsh 1975 Andy Dages
1964 Tony Leo 1976 Duane Williams
1965 Mike Smith 1977 Rick Pyles
1965 Paul Kelty 1978 Joel Milliner
1966 Billy Higdon 1978 Kavin McGrath

1967 Rocky Driscoll 1979 Rick Curtis
1968 Lyn Hobbs 1980 Bill Nash
1969 Kevin Brever 1981 Ron Ferch
1969 Butch Pinkerton 1982 Charles Pigg
1970 Steve Ryan 1983 No agent
1971 Rusty Payne 1984 Mo Ryan
1972 Steve Loeffler 1985 Scott Wiegandt
1973 David Neuner Total 27 Class Agents

1974 Steve Martin 23 Total Classes

1975 Dale Pike 15 Classes Confirmed attend 14 attended
3/9/22 meeting

We need the help of Class Agents now more than ever to help continue our growth and become a solid voice and contributor for Catholic Education in Southwest Jefferson County. We are a Proud group of Bishop David Brothers who have always

Bishop David Alumni Association Board of Directors

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Vice-Chairman/ Treasure

helped one another and been there when needed and we need you NOW more than ever. With your help we will ensure the legacy of Catholic Education in SWJC and our own legacy as proud graduates of Bishop David High School.

"Let Nothing Stop the Sons of David"- More important NOW than ever before!

Bishop David Coat of Arms

The Bishop David Coat of Arms is rich with meaning: The Cross and Anchors, in the upper left quarter, are taken from the Coat of Arms of the Holy Cross Brothers who administer Bishop David High School.

In the right quarter, the Mitre, the Crozier, and the cross are symbolic of the patron of the school, Bishop John B. David, the co adjutor and successor to Bishop Flaget. In the lower left quadrant, the three fleurs-de-lys comes from the official flag of the City of Louisville, Kentucky. The three torches, in the lower right quarter, from the Coat of Arms of the former Archbishop of Louisville, The Most Reverend John A. Floersh, the prelate in whose See City the High School is located. These torches have an additional significance as the age-old symbol of an institution of learning representing wisdom, knowledge, and truth.

The motto-Filios David nihil deterret ("Let nothing stop the Sons of David.") - symbolizes the spirit and zeal of the students of Bishop David High School.

Overall, and dividing the four quadrants, is found the rampant Cross (carried through in the anchors, the cross of Bishop David, and the fleurs-de-lys) representing the omnipotent and guiding grace of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus

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Class of '65 Get Together

The class of 1965 gathered together at the home



of Denny Hager on June 22, 2022. Several joined from out of town, including Ray Greenwell from Louisiana and Larry Osborne from Knoxville. Kenny Cecil, who served in the Armed Forces during the Vietnam war pointed out that the 1965 class had approximately 25% serving in the military during the war. The class lost 3 of their classmates, who served as Marines, during the conflict. This past Veterans Day the Bishop David Alumni Association honored these brave men in a special ceremony. Father Nicolas gave a great talk and said a special prayer for all the BD grads who served, especially those who lost their lives. Special thanks to Mike Smith for arranging this special get together of the class. There is a picture that accompanies this article.

Bishop David High School Namesake

John Baptist Mary David, S.S. (French: Jean-Baptiste-Marie
In 1810 he moved west to

David), (June 4, 1761 – July 12, 1841) was a French born prelate of the Roman Catholic Church in the United States. He served as bishop of the Diocese of Bardstown in Kentucky from 1832-33.

David was born in Couëron, in the Province of Brittany (now the Department of Loire-Atlantique) in pre-revolutionary France. At age 7 he was placed under the care of his uncle, a priest, who instructed the boy in Latin, French, and music.

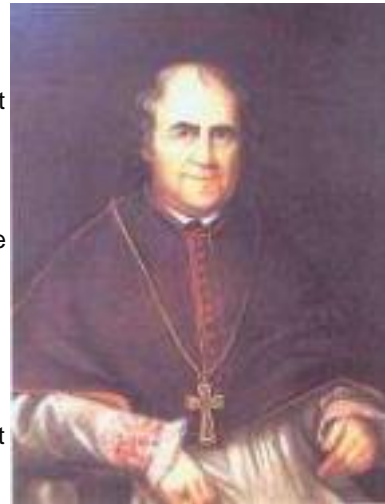
He entered the nearby college of the Oratorians at age 14, and later the seminary of the Diocese of Nantes, receiving the tonsure in 1778. Ordained a priest on and Scripture at the Sulpician seminary in Angers from 1786

until 1790, when the French Revolution forced him to seek shelter in the private home of a Catholic family.

In January 1792, seeking safety, David was part of a small group of Sulpicians who left France for the United States, under the leadership of the Abbé Benedict Joseph Flaget, S.S., landing in Baltimore, Maryland in March. He was first sent by Bp. John Carroll to serve the Catholics of southern

September 24, 1785, he joined the Society of Saint-Sulpice (commonly known as the Sulpicians) and taught philosophy, theology, serve under his colleague, Flaget, now the bishop of the Diocese of Bardstown, Kentucky, where he established St. Thomas Seminary. In 1812 he founded the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, whose Superior General he remained almost to the end of his life.

On July 4, 1817, David was appointed Coadjutor



Bishop of Bardstown and Titular Maryland in Bryantown and missions in Charles County. While professor of philosophy at Georgetown College (1804–06), he continued to serve as a missionary to southern Maryland. He was the professor of theology at St. Mary's Seminary (1806–10) in Baltimore, where he was also acting president during 1810-11.

Bishop of Maurocastrum by Pope Pius VII. He received his episcopal consecration on August 15, 1819 (the two year-long delay due to his reluctance to accept his nomination) from Bishop Flaget. Following his consecration, he continued to serve as a missionary, superior of St. Thomas' Seminary, and pastor of St. Joseph's Cathedral. David succeeded Flaget as

the second Bishop of Bardstown on August 25, 1832. However, he resigned as Bishop less than a year later, on March 17, 1833. His poor health compelled him to retire to the motherhouse of the Sisters of Charity he had founded in Nazareth, where he later died at age 80 and was buried.

~ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Baptist_Mary_David

FALCON FLASHBACKS Football 1960-63

As I remember, football tryouts for our first freshman team started August 1960. We only had 113 freshmen in the school and I don't remember how many showed up. Most players came from St. Helen, St. Lawrence and St. Paul and several players from other schools in the area who had never played in grade school. It was a rough start. The school was not finished and we had no gym, no locker rooms, no cafeteria, and really, no field. We used a grassy area next to the gravel parking lot and used the stairwells to put on our gear. Wally English was the head coach, offensive coach, defensive coach, quarterback coach, end coach and every other coach. Fr. Bill Bohnert was the assistant coach for all of the above. That was it!! I don't remember how many games we had, but it seems like we played PRP, Butler, Valley, KMI, St. Joe's Bardstown and, I think, Flaget. We were respectable.

Our second year we had our first JV team. I'm not sure if we had a separate freshman team. Again, we were respectable and competitive. Our junior year, our first varsity year, we added several coaches and probably had a full staff, but English still ran everything. We had to play against seniors that year and still did OK. Besides out-of-town teams, our biggest win was against Durrett, a well-established public school at the time. Our biggest game was the last game of the season, DeSales. We were a tremendous underdog. English, who was way ahead of his time, had a plan. We had secret practices at Shively Park to practice a never-heard-of, "Shot Gun Spread Formation" offense, never before seen in Louisville!! DeSales, as expected, was winning 21-0 at half time. Then we sprang the new offensive. I wish I could say we won, but we did come back with 21 points. We lost 28-21 I think.

We never had a field house but we had isometric bars on our new "field" and used donated weights in a barn behind Jiffy's bar. In 1963, our senior season, we played OK, but when you played us, you knew you were in a game! Everyone knew Bishop David could play and they hit hard. In December 1963, Wally English went to look for another job and was fired (as I remember it). Denny Nash came in then. His first team was the 1964 year. ~Bob Walsh '64

Catfish McGuire was our defensive coach as sophomores. He became the first head coach at Moore High School. John Longmeyer came our junior year as the inside linebacker coach. The isometric bars came the summer before our senior season. Bruce ran into one and cut his eye open. As juniors we lost to DeSales 33-21. We played a 5-4 defense all season until that week, then we switched to a 5-3 because DeSales ran a double wing offense, to wingbacks on the same side shoulder to shoulder and then ran their 220 FB, Ron Smith, behind them. And in the win over Durrett, before Bob Walsh scored the last TD with the interception, we stopped them on a 4th & 6". That was the game I had 22 tackles (so Wayne Milam told me). Wayne did the stats for the school newspaper. ~Tony Leo '64

One thing I remember, the summer before our sophomore year, the area where the field is now, was a bit of a swamp. Wally got some free loads of dirt to fill it in. Joe Doyle, who built the subdivision where we lived behind Zayres, lent us a small dozer. Fr. Bohnert and I mastered the grading task and smoothed it out. Then Bohnert got the dimensions of the Flaget track. We dug out the circular track. Next, Ed King, Sr., who worked at American Standard, was very happy to donate scrap waste as it was a task to get rid of it. I don't think it was environmentally friendly and you best not fall on it. Not part of football, but Fr. Ted Sans was one of the 4 original teachers we had: Swartz, Sans, Bohnert, and Wally. Swartz and Bohnert made their living quarters in two classrooms and showered in what became the maintenance closet. The strongest memory I have of football, was being moved from 3rd string QB behind Dan Leasor and Mike Egan to 2nd string. It was the result of Dan Leasor getting one of the worst knee injuries I have ever seen. I still remember visiting him in the hospital. It still did not allow enough quarters of play to get me a letter, but I loved being part of the team! I am thankful nobody has offered up the cheerleading story my freshman year! ~Eddie King '64

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