

# CATHOLIC

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## Legacy Club News



**Abby Parks '20 and Kevin Parks '90**

**Adam Franek '21 with  
Rob and Kathleen Frandano Franek '90**



**Christina Ramirez Vinson '88 and  
CeCe Vinson '22**

Members of the CCHS Legacy Club are current students whose parents are Cougar alumni. The club is busy this year! Legacy Club members helped the Alumni Association with Homecoming 2019 events, and the Alumni Board provided the Legacy students with care packages during first semester exam week in December. Club

members are designing a Legacy Club t-shirt that they may wear on designated days, and are planning two fundraisers for the Alumni Association.

**Club Officers are:**

**President:** Abby Parks, daughter of Kevin Parks '90

**Vice President:** Kevin McArdle, son of Pete McArdle '87

**Secretary:** JP Polking, son of Jonathan and Stephanie Hoefling Polking '95

**Treasurer:** CeCe Vinson, daughter of Christina Ramirez Vinson '88

**Class Representatives are:**

**Seniors:** Kathleen Polking, daughter of Christian Polking '91, and Grace Ruesch, daughter of Bill Ruesch '84

**Juniors:** Adam Franek, son of Kathleen Frandano Franek '90, and Wilson Rose, son of Ellie Fagan Rose '83

**Sophomores:** Delaney Berger, daughter of John Berger '84, and Maggie Saverin, daughter of Michelle Menzel Saverin '93

**Freshmen:** Ian Pierce, son of Jonathan Pierce '90, and James Tillman, son of Carolyn Kramer Tillman '85

**Do you have a son or daughter coming to Catholic next year?** Please email us at [CCHSAlumni@charlottecatholic.com](mailto:CCHSAlumni@charlottecatholic.com) to let us know, so your son or daughter can be invited to be a part of the Legacy Club next fall!

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**Cougars Who Have Come Home ...**

**... featuring teachers and staff who are alums**



Left, and Above: Dana Weis Zimmer '03 and her daughters, as the Sister Paulette Williams Award winners are honored during a 2019 football game



Mrs. Zimmer shares a light moment with her students



Mrs. Zimmer makes sure her D period class understands a new concept



Dana and Trevor Zimmer's three kids love being future Cougars

Each month this year, we're celebrating a teacher or staff member who has come back to Catholic to teach and work. This month, get to know social studies teacher **Dana Weis Zimmer '03**.

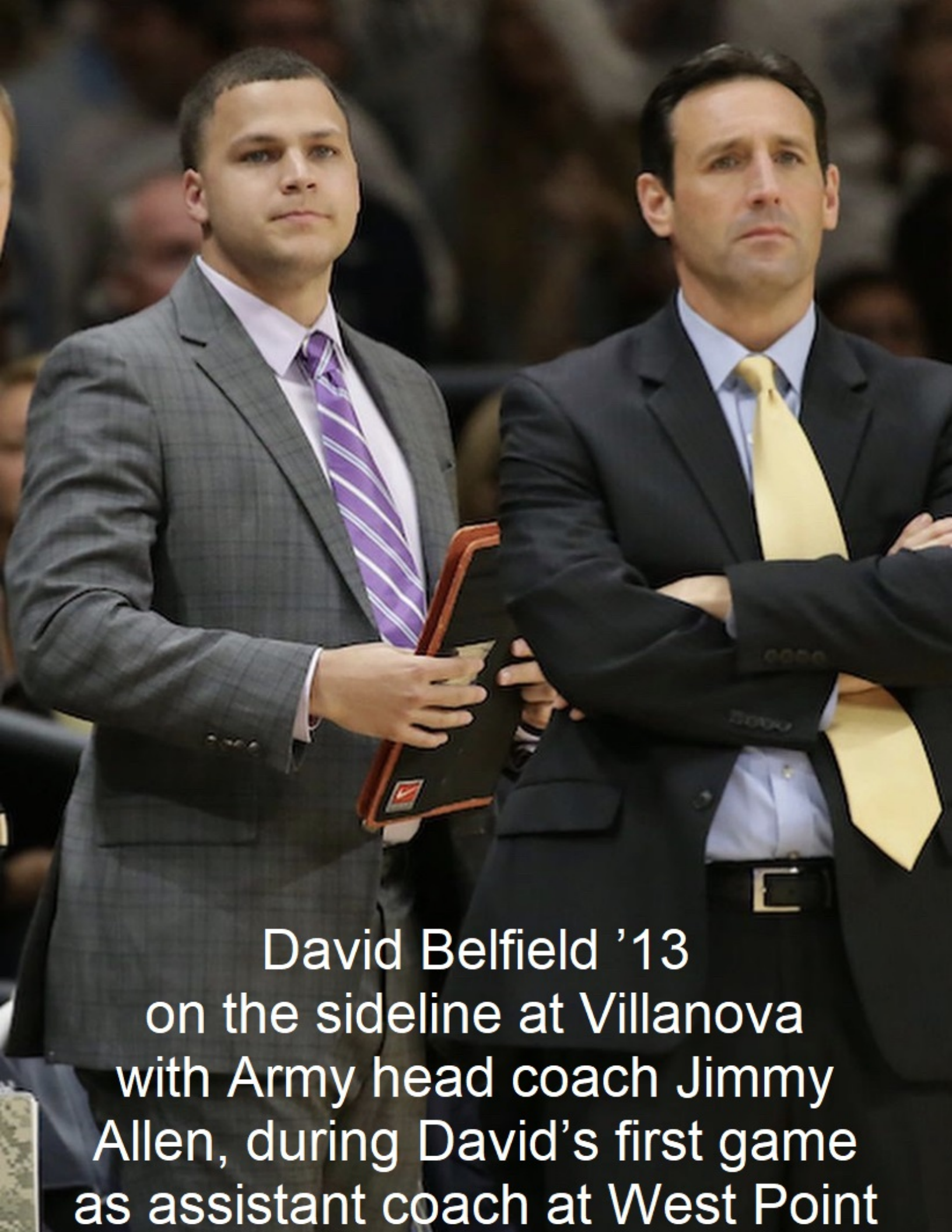
"Coming back to Charlotte Catholic High School was such a natural progression for me," says Dana. "I got reacquainted with the school while I was in graduate school at UNC-Charlotte, and sat down next to Shawn Panther, a fellow CCHS teacher. I told him I was an alumna and was looking to get into teaching and there just happened to be an opening in the Social Studies department. The rest, of course, is history!"

"I graduated from CCHS in 2003," Dana continues. "I graduated from Duquesne University in 2006 and began teaching at CCHS in 2007. After taking a few years off when I had children, I came back to teaching in 2017. I love teaching at CCHS because of the dedication of the students, the support of the parents, and the community of teachers and friends. I am also a firm believer in the values that Catholic education instills in our young people. My own children, who attend St. Matthew Catholic School, also love coming to football games and tailgates and they love wearing their 'Future Cougar' attire. I honestly could not imagine teaching anywhere else and feel so blessed to be part of such an amazing community."



**Kevin Harkins '04** and **Taylor Rawlins Harkins '06** were married on October 19, 2019 at the Dairy Barn at Anne Springs Close Greenway in Fort Mill, SC. The wedding party included best man Corey Carpenter '04, Brian Harkins '02, Brendan Morrissey '04, and Erin Turner Wester '06. Kevin and Taylor met at Charlotte Catholic, but lost touch. Worlds collided fifteen years later when they met again in Charlotte. The couple honeymooned in Jamaica, and currently live here in NoDa.

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David Belfield '13  
on the sideline at Villanova  
with Army head coach Jimmy  
Allen, during David's first game  
as assistant coach at West Point

**David Belfield '13** was named an Assistant Men's Basketball Coach at Army West Point in August 2019. After graduating from CCHS, David coached one year at Christ the King. He played basketball during his freshman and sophomore years at USC-Aiken, where he was named to the conference All-Academic Team. He transitioned to the coaching staff at Aiken for his junior and senior years. Upon graduation, he served as a Graduate Assistant for one season at UNC-Charlotte, until he was offered the position at Army.

"It's been an unreal four months for me, getting to live out my dream so early in my coaching career," David said about West Point. "What I love most about my job is the relationships I have with our current players and our future cadet athletes. Building these relationships and helping our young men achieve their goals and grow as people is why I coach."

A great memory from David's time at Charlotte Catholic was the pre-game meal before every home game. "Each player's family took a turn hosting the guys," he said. "Looking back, it was an awesome way for us all to spend quality time together off the court, and it was a great way to get ready for games."

David continued, "One last thing that greatly impacted me was Coach King's 'Perfect Possession' drill. It helped shape me into more of a defensive-minded coach. The purpose of the drill was to play 35 seconds of defense, mistake-free. No baskets, no offensive rebounds, no fouls, no miscues. Just tough, physical, sound team defense."



**Christine Owczarzak White '03** is the owner of Christine White Style, and also of Beads Incorporated, both located at 339 Circle Avenue in Charlotte. As a part of her fundraiser, **CWS for the Arts**, Christine has created a jewelry collection featuring CCHS' school colors. Each piece sells for \$25, and \$20 from each sale is donated to the capital campaign for the MACS Fine Arts Center at CCHS. For more information and to view the collection, please visit Christine at [CWS for the Arts](#). Thank you, Christine, for your support of CCHS and the Fine Arts Center!

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**Adam McGarity '00** and his wife, **Amanda Champagne McGarity '00**, have opened a veterinary practice in Fort Mill, SC. Adam earned a bachelor's degree in Animal Science from NC State and graduated from Auburn University's College of Veterinary Medicine in 2008.

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The practice, Mill Town Veterinary Clinic, is located in Springfield Town Center. Amanda works as the Hospital Administrator at the clinic. While they enjoy all aspects of the profession, Adam is particularly interested in wellness and preventative medicine, surgery, dermatology, and geriatric medicine. For more information about the practice, please visit [www.milltownvet.com](http://www.milltownvet.com).

Adam and Amanda have been married for 13 years and have two children, Alister and Claire. They also have a Goldendoodle named Captain and a cat named Little-Girl.



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## Send Us Your Updates!

Get Married?  
Have a Future Cougar?  
Great News to Share?

Share it with us! Email your news to [CCHSAlumni@charlottecatholic.com](mailto:CCHSAlumni@charlottecatholic.com).

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**In Memoriam**



Please join us in praying for the families of recently deceased alumni, faculty, staff, and members of our extended Charlotte Catholic family.

**Yvonne Lominac Amico**, grandmother of Dominic Amico '16 and Mia Amico '19

**Carol Gwiazdzinski Aranda '86**

**Eileen Russell Becker**, mother of Lindsay Becker '22 and beloved fourth grade teacher at St. Ann

**Colene Griffin Belk**, mother of CCHS Dean of Students Randy Belk

**Wilma "Billie" Berryhill and James Berryhill**, mother and father of CCHS math teacher Carol Huss

**Margaret Catherine Boucher**, sister of Helen Brown Herlocker '48 and Anne Marie Brown Dolan '49

**Rick William Chapman**, father of Samantha Chapman Stahl '09 and Christian Chapman '15

**Thomas John Curry**, father of Eileen Curry '79, Mary Curry Hoag '81, Patrick Curry '82, Chris Curry, and Johanna Curry Remes

**Frank Staunton Harkins**, grandfather of Ives Harkins '13, Maggie Harkins '16, and Luke Harkins '18

**Patricia Ann Loncar**, mother of Michelle Loncar Ashworth '86, Kim Loncar Grimsley '87, and Jimmy Loncar '94

**Mary Louise Molloy Lucas**, mother of Jean Lucas Daniels '82 and Mary Susan Lucas '84

**Brian McDonnell '88**, brother of Sean McDonnell '89 and brother-in-law of Michele Ferro Jasionowski '85

**Josephine Vaughn McNally**, mother of Susan McNally Workley '85, James McNally '86, Eileen McNally Goelz '87, William McNally '88, Edward McNally '88, Martin McNally '89, Sean McNally '90, and Maureen McNally Calloway '93; grandmother of 13 including Richard Workley '07, Dylan Workley '10, M'Kenzie McLuke Workley '17, and M'Kenzie McNally '10

**Linda Guy Middleton**, mother of Mike Middleton '86 and grandmother of Chalmers Middleton '16

**Paulette Yvonne Pharr Northington '68**

**Francis Pechulis**, grandfather of CCHS teacher Sarah Gohn

**Arthur G. Smith**, father of Samantha Smith '09 and Brielle Smith '12

**Mark Damian Swancy**, father of Ryan Swancy '07, Murphy Swancy '12, and Peyton Swancy '14

**Furahn K. Woods '98**



### Cougar Sports Update!

As 2019 came to a close, area media outlets began choosing All-Decade teams and All-Decade athletes. Cougar alumni and current athletes are featured prominently on these teams, both locally and statewide, and we are so proud! Please join us in congratulating these CCHS alumni athletes, and one current Cougar, too:

**Elijah Hood '14:** named Charlotte Observer Offensive Player of the Decade, named the running back of the Observer All-Decade Team (Offense), and named one of four male Athletes of the Decade in the state of North Carolina by High School OT at WRAL-TV in Raleigh.

**Nora McCullagh '15:** named statewide Swimmer of the Decade and named to the All-Decade Girls' Swim Team for the 100M Backstroke by High School OT

**Coach Mike Brodowicz:** named Charlotte Observer Coach of the Decade

**Kyle Johnson '12:** named statewide Player of the Decade in men's tennis by High School OT

**Natalie Wallon '13:** named to the statewide All-Decade Girls' Lacrosse team by High School OT

**Jane Cline '13:** named to the statewide All Decade Girls' Soccer Team by High School OT

**Eveleen Hahn '19:** named to the statewide All Decade Girls' Soccer Team by High School OT

**Mark Harrell '12:** named to the offensive line of the Charlotte Observer All-Decade Team

**Rose Kenny '20:** named to the statewide All Decade Girls' Tennis team by High School OT

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### Have You Made Your Annual Donation?

The CCHS Alumni Association depends upon the generosity of our alumni to continue its mission: to support and promote CCHS, to give alumni a way to stay in touch with the school and each other, and to bring alumni together to celebrate CCHS.

**Your gift to the Alumni Association does even more!** Each year, the Association plans a gift that improves our school and enhances the experience of our current students. Furniture for the Commons area, water bottle refilling stations, our beautiful new gym lobby, and many other improvements have been added to CCHS because of your generosity!

There is still time to make your annual gift to the Alumni Association and be recognized in the 2019-2020 Year in Review publication! Please remember your CCHS Alumni Association in your charitable giving. Thank you for your generosity!

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### **CCHS Alumni Association Hall of Fame**

Nominations for the CCHS Hall of Fame are now being accepted! The Hall of Fame recognizes individuals or groups who have excelled as student-athletes, coaches, or volunteers at CCHS, and who have demonstrated a commitment to the ideals of CCHS, the Catholic faith, and their community. Click [here](#) for the nomination form. Completed nominations are due to the Alumni Office no later than **April 30, 2020**. Inductees will be selected and notified in August, and inducted during the Hall of Fame football game in Fall 2020.

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## Charlotte Catholic is Expanding!

Many alumni have already given to the *Expanding the Vision, Honoring the Tradition* capital campaign. THANK YOU!

Please join the Alumni Association in support of this exciting school expansion that will serve all our students and immeasurably brighten the future of our school.

For more information and to learn how you can Play Your Part, please visit [playingyourpart.org](http://playingyourpart.org).





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### 2020 Reunions ...

Calling the classes of 1960, 1970, 1980, 1990, 2000, and 2010!  
Is your class planning a reunion for Fall 2020?

If you haven't already, please email us at [CCHSAlumni@charlottecatholic.com](mailto:CCHSAlumni@charlottecatholic.com) so we can help you spread the word through Crossroads Express, on the Alumni pages of the CCHS website, and through social media. We also have a Reunion Guide for you, and can provide you with contact information for your classmates. Happy Planning!

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### Keep Up With the Cougars!

For news from CCHS, visit us at [www.charlottecatholic.org](http://www.charlottecatholic.org).

To keep up with Cougar Sports, visit [www.charlottecatholic.org/Domain/104](http://www.charlottecatholic.org/Domain/104).

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