This year, the Lourdes Knights brought back the long-standing tradition of the bonfire following the game. The fire was lit by Homecoming King and Queen, John Holewinski and Quinn Godfroy.

The week culminated with a “Rock the Knight” Homecoming Dance on Saturday. Students took a step back in time with vintage vinyl records (hanging from the ceiling) and a disco ball to bring down the house.

“One tradition I have always enjoyed is float building because its an opportunity for our entire class to hang out and work on a project together,” said Senior Class President Sami Boehm. “I was also excited to finally partake in class theme day where the seniors have always chosen togas as their outfit of choice. It’s a fun tradition, and one that has been part of the Lourdes Homecoming experience for many years.”

Lourdes Academy students and alumni recently celebrated their Knight Pride during Homecoming week in September. Throughout the week, many different activities and traditions were celebrated that built school spirit and brought the Lourdes community together, such as Powder Puff football, the Homecoming parade, all-school mass and the Brown Jug competition.

An all-school pep rally featured competitions between students and teachers and recognized athletes in fall sports.

The week wrapped up with a Homecoming Picnic sponsored by Verve, a Credit Union, where students and families watched the parade, pied their teachers and principal in the face and enjoyed activities and games.

The Pep Band rallied the crowd with the Lourdes fight song to send the team off to Titan Stadium where they beat Wayland Academy 70-12.
Lourdes Academy accepting award nominations

On Friday, April ???, 2018, Lourdes Academy will hold its eighth annual Awards Recognition Dinner. Nominations are being accepted through November 1 for the Distinguished Stewardship Award, Outstanding Alumni Award and Athletic Hall of Fame Inductee, which will be presented at the event.

Nomination forms for all three awards can be found online on the Alumni link at lourdes.today. Please return forms to Karen Boehm at 250 N. Sawyer St., Oshkosh, WI 54902, or email forms to kboehm@lourdes.today. For more information, contact Karen at (920) 426-3626, ext. 546.

Volleyball is leading the way!

Congratulations Lady Knights Volleyball for being recognized as an American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Team Academic Award winner! Lourdes Academy and 80 other teams whom also accomplished this high team academic standard donated nearly $92,000 together to clinical research on stage 4 breast cancer.

Great smiles start here

High school students learned about careers in the dental profession during Dental Scholars in September. The visit included stops at Whlm Dental (hosted by Dr. Michelle Whlm-’99), Sawyer Creek Orthodontics (hosted by Dr. Mike Maslowski-’92) and Winnebago Oral Surgery (hosted by Dr. Mark Ridenour-system parent).

Continue the tradition with a gift to the Lourdes Fund

Each year, the Lourdes Fund provides the resources needed to fulfill our mission to prepare students for life, college and a continued relationship with God. This mission takes a commitment on the part of our staff, students, families and benefactors. This commitment is evident in many ways.

Students receive a faith foundation that provides a moral compass and helps lead them to a deeper relationship with Christ. Students as young as 4-Year Kindergarten plan and participate in weekly Mass.

Dedicated teachers set high standards of academic excellence including a foundation in STEM (science, technology, engineering & math) and the arts.

Students are guided through a career exploration and discovery process through programs such as Scholars and Decision Tree Mentoring.

These and other experiences would not be possible without your help. Continue the Lourdes Academy tradition by making a gift to the Lourdes Fund at Lourdes.today/give. Watch your mailbox in November for our annual appeal, or contact Karen Boehm, director of institutional advancement, at (920) 426-3626, ext. 546 or kboehm@lourdes.today.

Lourdes Academy Booster Club
Packer Tailgate Party

Sunday, October 15, 2017
Green Bay Packers vs. Minnesota Vikings
Lourdes Academy High School Bill Behring Commons
Doors open at 10:30 a.m. • Kickoff at noon
Tickets $25 each (Age 21 and over please)

Door prizes, Complimentary Bloody Mary Bar,
Silent Auction and more

One lucky winner will win a $500 cash prize

Tickets available at the door (limit of 250 will be sold), at the Lourdes High School office or by emailing Todd Kaull at tjkaull@gmail.com.

Proceeds benefit K-12 student-athletes
Jake White recently finished a national tour spreading sober house parties through Party.0.

Jake White (’09) knew that he didn’t want to drink in college. He was outgoing and confident and knew he’d make friends, but after a few years of going to parties and not drinking, he felt pretty alone. Divine intervention inspired him to create a place where students could socialize without drinking.

“I saw a problem and wondered what I could do about it,” White said. “I had an idea given by God to have a sober house party.”

White and his roommate, Steve Vanevenhoven, canvased the campus to get students’ phone numbers. Ninety percent of the students they talked to opted into their invite list. With 120 on the invite list, they estimated 30 would actually attend their first sober house party in 2012, but 85 showed up.

“We ran out of food and beverages pretty quickly,” White recalled. “We decided we had to get good at this.”

They partnered with a fraternity looking to deter drinking and solicited corporate sponsors like Skill Pong, Papa Johns and Red Bull, which sponsored prizes, food and beverages. Attendance at the sober house parties continued to rise.

With their success continuing to grow, White focused his efforts on making the program sustainable. The Journalism major wrote a blog assignment about his efforts, and students across the country responded asking how they could replicate the program.

White applied for and received a $1,000 grant through the Alta Resources Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh. He applied for a second grant for $10,000 but did not receive it. But sometimes God has a plan that is different from our own, said White.

On track to graduate in May 2014, White failed a math class and had to attend one more semester. During that extra semester, he applied again for a grant and this time won $10,000. He formed Party.0, spreading sober house parties across the nation, through the entrepreneurship program and worked with the Madison Law Clinic, which offered free services, to establish nonprofit status. He used the funds to create a website, video and marketing materials, and to cover travel expenses to visit other campuses around the country.

White, who recently moved to Phoenix, Arizona, is creating a new mission field. His goal is to hand the program on to colleges across the country by providing a framework for students to adopt it. Funding is provided by schools, but run by the students. White plans to focus his attention on speaking engagements and providing materials and training for the expansion of Party.0.

“My goal is to leave a legacy at every school,” White said. “I’d like to see a chapter in every state. Students are looking for something, and they won’t find it in drinking or sex. We are bringing people up through the program—people who have been hurt and healed.”

Katie White – Spreading sober house parties across the nation

When Katie Dudenas (’12) started college at the University of Wisconsin Madison, she had no idea what she wanted to major in, but she knew she was strong in Math. She tried different avenues and enrolled in a Computer Science course as a freshman and found her niche. She participated in the Wisconsin Emerging Scholars in Computer Science program, which was designed to encourage students from underrepresented groups (like women) to study programming.

“We talked about and practiced what we learned in class,” Katie said. “It was nice to get away from the 200-person lecture.”

She pursued a degree in Computer Science learning to develop websites, code databases and develop mobile apps. During her senior year, she attended an engineering

Katie & Hannah Dudenas—Wonder Twin Powers

Katie Dudenas, Software Developer, Starkey Hearing Technologies
helping people was very appealing. The idea of using emerging technology to assist with a desktop application that helps doctors customize hearing aids for each patient.

The hearing aid app that Katie and her team are developing has numerous features such as a memory that stores frequent settings, like a coffee shop or riding in a car. It allows patients to customize settings for the best results in those environments. Katie is part of a team of about 30 software developers who all have individual tasks but collaborate on the same software to make sure all aspects integrate. As the youngest and newest person on the team, she doesn’t hesitate to ask for input and advice from team members who are always willing to share.

She was involved in a similar project in school where she worked in a group to develop a mobile app. They formulated ideas, created a product and tracked its progress—an experience that helped prepare her for the challenges of her current position.

“I like the size of the project we work on and the people on my team,” Katie said. “I like working on something that is literally making people’s lives better.”

Hannah Dudenas, Industrial Engineer, Eaton Corporation.

Hannah Dudenas (‘12) earned her degree from the University of Wisconsin Madison in Industrial Engineering. She accepted a position with Eaton Corporation as an Industrial Engineer in the company’s Electrical sector. Eaton makes products to support seven sectors including Transportation, Electrical, Aerospace, Filtration, Hydraulics, Industrial Clutches and Brakes, and Plastic Extrusion.

“We’re the biggest company that nobody’s ever heard of,” Hannah said about Eaton, a company that makes products that are used in football stadiums, hospitals, power centers, space shuttles, military vehicles and thousands of other locations around the world. “We make what matters work.”

Hannah is part of a leadership development program for recent graduates focusing on operational excellence, including experience in front line leadership, supply chain and operations. The three-year commitment will take her through three rotations in three locations doing three different jobs.

She is currently completing her first rotation as a Continuous Improvement Lead and Cost Out Lead. Hannah works with individuals in the Los Angeles-based Electrical plant to solve issues that arise and find cost-saving opportunities for the company. The plant is tasked with finding $2 million in cost-savings efforts this year, which Hannah will help coordinate.

“I have to build relationships with everyone here because they have to feel comfortable coming to me with cost-savings ideas,” Hannah explained. “Our division is new this year. The Finance manager and I run the program for the plant. We are working through the kinks, but it is giving me a good experience.”

The job combines statistics and analytics with communications and relationship-building—a mix that suits Hannah well.

“I was attracted to the leadership development program,” she said of taking the position with Eaton. “I like the idea of moving around, learning different roles and experiencing different things in the company. Eaton invests in programs for recent grads so they can go into managerial roles and work their way up.”

One challenge Hannah faced was that many of the employees at her plant do not speak English. But four years of Spanish in high school and one year in college proved valuable.

“I have to give a shout-out to Señor (Mr. Steve Weber (‘87) – Lourdes Spanish Teacher),” she added. “I use Spanish all the time.”

Lukas Marsh - Making a name in the NFL

When Lukas Marsh (‘08) graduated from Lourdes Academy, he planned to follow in his father’s footsteps and become an optometrist. He attended Indiana University Bloomington for a couple of years when he had a change of heart. In 2013, he transferred to the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh to pursue a degree in quantitative economics.

At the time, his fiancé was studying computer design and programming, which piqued his interest as well. He began researching and designing apps in his spare time, and in 2014 he received a $10,000 grant from the Alta Resources Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation at UW Oshkosh to create a mobile app.

Marsh attended the NFL draft in 2015 when Ty Montgomery was selected by the Green Bay Packers in the third round.

“I thought, how cool would it be...
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Alumni Memorial Mass, November 21

Lourdes Academy will hold its annual Alumni Memorial Mass to honor alumni and staff who have passed away. The mass will be held at 10:20 a.m. on Tuesday, November 21 at Lourdes High School - Bill Behring Commons. A luncheon for family of the deceased will be held immediately following the mass.

For more information on the Alumni Memorial Mass, contact Shannon Gibson at (920) 426-3626, ext. 541 or sgibson@lourdes.today.

Lukas Marsh of Revolution Sports Group with Green Bay Packer Ty Montgomery

to make an app for Ty,” Marsh said. “I reached out to Ty and he directed me to his agent to do a project.”

Montgomery’s agent, former NFL player Damarius Bilbo of Atlanta-based Revolution Sports Group – Football Division, had recently started his business and was looking for additional help. Marsh knew he could help Bilbo recruit new players and assist his current clients by working with players to build a brand.

Bilbo recruits players and negotiates contracts, and Marsh supports the creative and marketing end of the business. He works with players to develop a logo, brand, website, store and products, as well as determine their level of involvement in the community.

“Their brand is important during their career and after,” Marsh said. “Players drive how they want to be involved in the community, and their voice is an important piece to building their brand and image.”

There is a new recruiting class every year for football. Marsh partners with new players to establish their brand as well as existing players to grow and expand their brand over the years.

“The most exciting thing for me is to see an athlete on the field and know what they’re like off the field—their lifestyle, families, how they were brought up. There’s so much more to them than playing on the field.”

Marsh also works with players like Melvin Gordon, a former Badger now playing for the Chargers; Saints running back Alvin Kamara; and Pro Bowl receiver Jarvis Landry from the Miami Dolphins.

“There is a player with the Atlanta Falcons who runs food drives around the holidays and another who is an advocate for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation,” Marsh added. “They all have different, creative ways to help people. I work directly with the players to set up events and to help them utilize their platform for community involvement.”

Marsh’s Lourdes experience helped prepare him for his career by teaching him accountability and strong life skills.

“Even in college, I felt a step ahead of everyone else,” he added. “I felt better prepared in all of my classes, not just business.”
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