

BISHOP LUDDEN NEWSLETTER

“Where character, commitment,
and community come together in
a school for all.”

November 2020

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Students have a little fun in IB Art class with Mrs. Henderson. Pictured clockwise from top left: Robert Burns, Brian Buttner, Maya Stubbs, Paige Smith and Josephine Shattell. Photo courtesy of Rhonda Henderson.

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HAPPY VETERAN'S DAY



To our Ludden
Families and
Alumni.
Thank you for
your service.

This month, we asked seniors two thought-provoking questions, listed below. Read some responses below.

If you were a famous person, what would you be famous for?



Francesca Todeschini

"I would be famous for being able to make people smile and experience joy. To also be known for making a difference in the world."

"A good friend is a person who is constantly there for you in good times and bad. They truly care for you and you are not afraid to be yourself around them. They help show the best version of yourself."

What do you think makes a good friend?



Alexia Chemotti

"If I were a famous person, I would be famous for my dancing."

"In my opinion someone who makes a good friend is someone that not only cares for you, but someone that will keep their word and always have your back through good and bad times."



Aidan Craner

"For discovering something new and naming it something weird and funny."

"Being kind and supportive but also having a good sense of humour."



Ashlee Robertson

"Public/Motivational Speaking"

"Honesty. Honesty builds trust and trust builds loyalty."



Dominick Chatas

"If I were famous for anything, I would want to be famous for not being famous. I think this would cause a brain paradox where people would technically know me all around the world but I'd be invisible to their subconscious, because I'm famous for being so forgettable and not famous. I'd like to see what would happen because of that!"



Matthew Brunger

"A scientific discovery."
"Empathy. Being able to understand other people's emotion."

A teacher's testimony, parent's perspective

Mrs. Bethanie Fink is both a Bishop Ludden math teacher and parent of two current Bishop Ludden students (as well as two alumni). From a small town in central Ohio called Newark, Mrs. Fink attended high school at Newark Catholic, which she says was very similar to Bishop Ludden, minus the junior high grades. Read below how Mrs. Fink and our school connected!

Why did you choose BL to teach and also for your children's education?

Bishop Ludden chose ME to teach, and I am very excited to be part of the community here because there is so much positivity. I can say that I truly enjoy all of the staff and students that I work with. When we chose Ludden for our own children, it was because of the strong sense of community that we felt here along with the ability for our kids to "live" their religious values every day.

What stood out about Bishop Ludden over other area Catholic schools?

BL was the most responsive school. We moved here from Florida in 2011, made several phone calls to area Catholic schools, and Bishop Ludden not only responded quickly, but with so much love that we already felt like we were a part of the community. Our family was freely invited to see the summer show that year ("The Bard is Back"), and a Ludden parent that we did not even know, spent an hour in the parking lot after a sporting event telling us about all the things Ludden had to offer.

What's the best feedback you've received from your kids about their time at Ludden?

My daughter, Taylor (grad 2017), always tells me that she was glad her teachers here challenged her because it made college much easier to navigate.

As a teacher, what are you most passionate about when it comes to Ludden and its students?

The staff cares about each individual and

wants only the best for them.

In what ways do you see the students grow personally and academically over their years here?

The students become their personal best and are challenged academically enough to rise and meet high expectations.

What would you say to families thinking about enrolling their child at Ludden?

Every child is different. We respect that here at Bishop Ludden. We will meet your child where they are and help them to grow into the best possible version of them that you could imagine.



Bethanie Fink



Spirit Week ... or rather ... Days!

We tried—twice! And we'll try again because we all know that the third time's the charm. Meanwhile, here's a few photos from Sports and Twin Day.



FROM THE COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

For juniors: PSATs, SATs & ACTs

Unfortunately, we had to cancel the PSAT administration. Remember there is a practice PSAT in the information I gave you during Religion class. Take that using the appropriate timing to get a feel for what the SAT will be like. OCC is still offering SAT prep courses, so check out its website for more information. SayYesSyracuse may also be offering SAT prep in the winter to Syracuse City School District residents. Most juniors took the pre-ACT last year as a practice test for the ACT—another type of college entrance exam. Check www.collegeboard.org and www.actstudent.org to view the schedule of exams and to register.

Which one is right for you? See below.

Test Structure:

SAT: Reading, Writing & Language, Math, Essay (optional)

ACT: English, Math, Reading, Science Reasoning, Essay (optional)

Length:

SAT: 3 hours (without essay); 3 hours, 50 minutes (with essay)

ACT: 2 hours, 55 minutes (without essay); 3 hours 40 minutes (with essay)

Reading:

SAT: 5 reading passages

ACT: 4 reading passages

Science:

SAT: None

ACT: One science section testing your critical thinking skills (not your specific science knowledge).

Math:

SAT: Covers arithmetic, algebra I & II, geometry, trigonometry and data analysis.

ACT: Covers Arithmetic, algebra I & II, geometry, trigonometry, and probability & statistics.

Calculator Policy:

SAT: Some math questions don't allow you to use a calculator.

ACT: You can use a calculator on all math questions.

Essays:

SAT: Optional. The essay will test your comprehension of a source text.

ACT: Optional. The essay will test how well you evaluate and analyze complex issues.

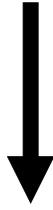
How it's Scored:

SAT: Scored on a scale of 400-1600.

ACT: Scored on a scale of 1-36.

Why take it?

Colleges use SAT and ACT scores for admissions and merit-based scholarships.



Something else for juniors to be thinking about is starting to research colleges. All juniors have a Naviance account that was created as a sophomore and that program will supply you with the tools to do an advanced college search based on some factors specific to you such as location, size, athletics and majors to name a few. If you aren't ready to research colleges because you have no idea what major you want to pursue, then you can do a career search or personality inventory through Naviance. Now is a great time to be going on college visits to see what specific qualities are important to you in your future home away from home. The more research you do now as a junior, the less work you will have as a senior, so get started now! Your Naviance username is your email and password is something you created. <http://student.naviance.com/bljshs>

Begin to look online (www.actstudent.org and www.collegeboard.org) and plan when you want to take the SAT or ACT so you can find a date that fits your schedule best. There are test dates November-June depending on which one you want to take. Be aware of deadlines so you aren't paying extra fees.

For seniors and sophomores

For Seniors: Please make sure your child is researching the requirements needed for each individual college and watching deadlines. Teachers and Mrs. Schoeneck need at least 2 weeks notice to write a letter of recommendation. Students also need to request a transcript using the orange transcript request form that was handed out in Religion class at least 2 weeks before a deadline date. Students need to notify Mrs. Schoeneck of specific deadline dates and whether it is an early action or early decision application.

For Sophomores: Soon, Mrs. Schoeneck will be introducing you to Naviance; an internet-based career and college search program. Stay tuned for more information!

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Inaugural Inductee Announcement set

The Inaugural Inductee announcement for the Bishop Ludden **Hall of Fame** is set for 8 p.m., Wednesday Nov. 11 via Livestream on Youtube.com (Bishop Ludden Athletics). The event will be hosted by Gallagher Driscoll ('88), Steve Infanti ('94) and Brent Axe ('97).

The Hall of Fame is intended to honor men and women for their accomplishments, achievements and/or contributions to Bishop Ludden Jr-Sr High School. These people have distinguished themselves not only in their interscholastic pursuits, but also by their accomplishments in their chosen fields after graduation. Each has, in his or her own way, made a meaningful contribution to Ludden's Athletic Program and we are very proud of them.

The inaugural ceremony will take place in 2021. More details will be announced soon.

Nominations closed Oct. 15. All nominees are eligible to be considered for induction in subsequent years. Therefore, if you nominated someone who has not been inducted, they will be considered for the next class.

For further information, contact Gallagher Driscoll at gdriscoll@syrdioocese.org.



Re-registration: It's not too early!

***Re-registration Fee: All re-registration fees are nonrefundable; re-registration is not complete until ALL paperwork and fee are returned to Bishop Ludden*

Re-Registration Fee Schedule:

November 1 through January 1: \$30

January 2 through March 1: \$50

March 2 through April 1: \$100

April 2 and beyond: \$150

Please return re-registration form & required fees to:

Bishop Ludden Jr-Sr High School

815 Fay Road

Syracuse, NY 13219

Attn: Bridget Buttner

The link to the registration form is bishopludden.org/admissions/application-process/



Yearbook offer extended



Due to the impact of Covid-19, Jostens is extending its early offer price of \$55 until November 20. Order by the 20th and save \$10.

Copy and paste the order link below to reserve your copy now of the Bishop Ludden Jr/Sr High School Yearbook.

<https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/customer/1052805/Bishop-Ludden-Jr-Sr-High-School/>

College Virtual Visits in November

Below is a list of colleges that are offering 30-minute virtual visits in November. Registration through your student Naviance account is required.

Monday, Nov. 2

University at Buffalo, State University of New York
Ithaca College

Monday, Nov. 9

D'Youville College

Tuesday, Nov. 10

La Roche University

Wednesday, Nov. 4

The College of Saint Rose

Monday, Nov. 23

SUNY Maritime College

Thursday, Nov. 5

Saint Anselm College



From the Tuition Office

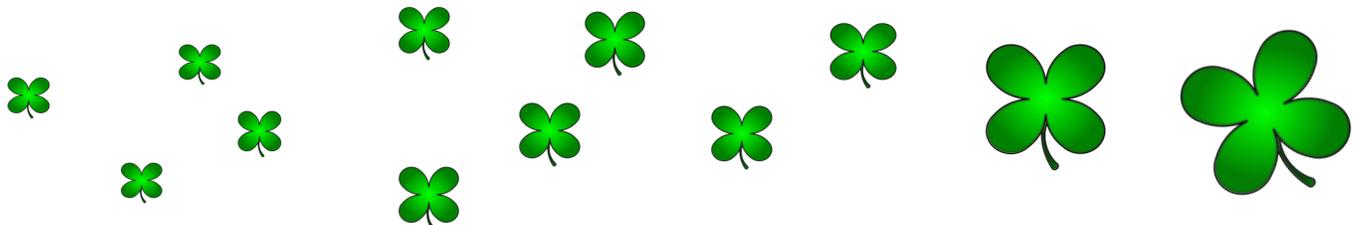
Please be aware the 21/22 reregistration paperwork will be emailed to you in November!

There are registration fees associated with reregistering so please get them in by January 1, 2021.

Also, the FACTS portal for financial aid for the 21/22 school year will open November 15, 2020 and will close February 15, 2021

Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions, 315-459-7175

srounds@syrdioocese.org



SCRIP PROGRAM: GIVE A GIFT CARD AND EARN MONEY TOWARD TUITION!



Do you shop at Target? Walmart? Amazon? JCPenney? Marshalls? Kohls? Barnes & Noble? Do you eat at Applebees? Olive Garden? Panera Bread? Cheesecake Factory? Subway? Dunkin' Donuts? Are you planning a big home improvement project with Lowe's or Home Depot? How about making vacation plans with Airbnb? American Airlines? Hilton Hotels? Carnival Cruise Lines? Disney?

SCRIP gives you the opportunity to earn credit towards your student's tuition when you make your normal purchases from hundreds of retailers

So, how does it work?

Think of it as substitute money. When you purchase a SCRIP, you're purchasing a normal gift card to use just like cash. But with every card you purchase, you're earning money back towards the cost of tuition at Ludden. SCRIP cards can be used for groceries, clothing, gifts, gasoline, vacations and more! Extended family and friends can also order through your student, earning your family even more credit toward tuition!

How does buying a SCRIP generate revenue?

You order your SCRIP gift cards through the school and pay full face value for them. Bishop Ludden is able to buy SCRIP from hundreds of local and nationwide retailers through the Great Lakes Scrip Center at a discount. The discount, which varies from 1.5% to 25%, is returned to you as tuition credit for the following school year.

For example, if you purchase a \$50 gift card from a retailer that is offering a 10% discount, you have already saved \$5 on next year's tuition bill.

If you're planning a shopping trip to Target or a dinner at Cheesecake Factory, plan ahead and shop with SCRIP! Earn money back in the process — it really adds up. Families have earned hundreds of dollars towards their tuition bills.

How do I order SCRIP?

Download and complete an order form. There is a one time \$20 set-up fee paid annually, which covers shipping costs. Send the order to school with your student on the due date (always on a Monday) and the rest is up to our SCRIP coordinator. Your SCRIP order is returned to you or your student at school the Friday of the same week.

If you will not have a student enrolled at Bishop Ludden next year, the rebate amount will be donated to the Ludden Fund. Bishop Ludden, our SCRIP coordinator is Heather Chemotti.

Drop off	Pick up
Nov. 16	Nov. 20
Dec. 7	Dec. 11
Jan. 11	Jan. 15
Feb. 8	Feb. 12
March 15	March 19
April 26	April 30
May 11	May 15

Please feel free to contact Heather at hchemotti9@gmail.com with any questions. For more information, including order forms and a full list of participating retailers, visit www.bishopludden.org.

Bishop Ludden junior Kaitlyn Kibling was featured in the Oct. 15 issue of The Catholic Sun. In case you missed it, read the article below:

Ludden softball player commits to big leagues of college sports

By Tom Maguire, Associate editor (Catholic Sun)

Her dad was “Mr. Watertown” and in a couple of years she’ll have a new nickname herself: “UConn Husky.”

Bishop Ludden Gaelic Knights junior Kaitlyn Kibling has made a verbal commitment to play softball for the University of Connecticut Huskies, who play in Division I, the highest level of college sports. UConn softball has reentered the Big East Conference.

“I said I am now officially a Husky fan,” Ludden Softball Coach Tom Royal said. “I knew all along she was D-I talent,” he said, “so it doesn’t surprise me and I think she’s in a good program; I think she’s got a chance to play right away.”

“**My family is very competitive**, and we like to play sports,” said Kaitlyn. One of her sisters played basketball and softball in college, and the other played softball; her brother played sports in high school. Their father, Lew, competed against Coach Royal (Ludden Class of ’82) back in high school.

“Her dad was Mr. Watertown,” Coach Royal recalled. “Stop Lew Kibling and you stop Watertown. That was always our philosophy. It’s in the genes — that’s a great athletic family.”

Kaitlyn sought a college in the Northeast, so she attended a UConn softball camp in January, right before the pandemic lockdown. “I loved how they ran everything,” she said. She added: “I like the coaches, they’re really good. And I love the atmosphere, and I like that they’re building a competitive and a championship culture there.”

UConn Softball Coach Laura Valentino cannot comment until Kaitlyn officially signs her national letter of intent in November 2021.

Her best position is center field, Kaitlyn said: “It’s a bit of everything, and it requires speed and having to read the ball and see what it’s going to do — if it’s in the air, if it’s on the ground — and I like doing that.”

At bat, she reads the defense: If the infielders and outfielders are playing in, she will hit for power; if they are staying back, she may bunt. She throws right-handed but bats lefty as a slap-hitter.

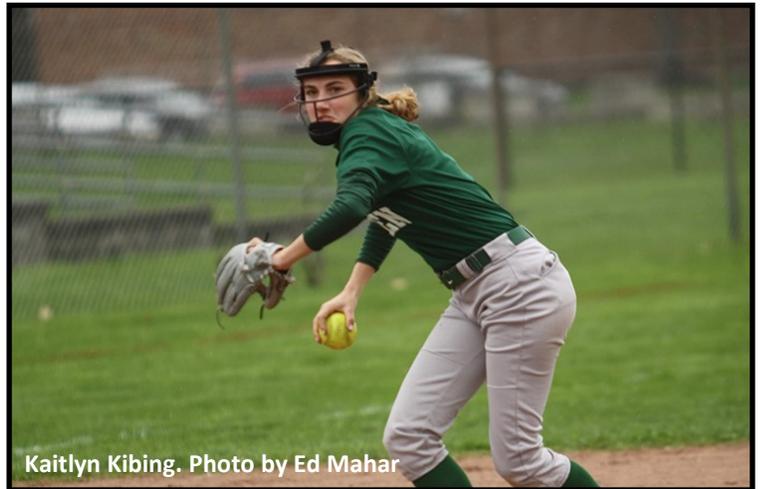
Coach Royal, whose big sports when he played for Ludden were baseball and football, said: “She can hit for power and she can hit for average. So she’s my three or four in the lineup for me. She’s solid. The nice thing about it is she’s very humble, so you don’t have to see swagger, she just goes out and plays.”

In the field, he said, “she plays everywhere. Kaitlyn’s my shortstop but she can play multiple positions and I know UConn has recruited her as a utility player.”

Ludden’s softball team this year, Kaitlyn said, has a lot of seniors and juniors, “so I think we’re going to be a very strong, competitive team.”

“**You’ll definitely be reading about us,**” Coach Royal said. “I have a lot of talent this year and we’re keeping our fingers crossed” for the season to play out.

“I have a pretty decent senior-laden team,” he added, “so I’d really like to see them do something. And I think we owe them some emotional support in the meantime. I think we have to kind of almost coach them



Kaitlyn Kibling. Photo by Ed Mahar

through this because this is hard. They’re used to the routine of playing, and we have to offer them that support and say, Hang in there. Kids aren’t robots.”

On Ludden’s basketball team, Kaitlyn plays point guard for Coach Carm Petrera.

“Kaitlyn’s probably one of the most athletic kids I’ve seen in a long time,” Coach Petrera said. She added: “You give her a sport and she succeeds at it. Honestly, she’s a coach’s player. If I could have 10 ‘Kibs’ — we call her ‘Kibs’ or ‘Kibby’ — I’d be a pretty happy coach.”

Kaitlyn could be a college basketball player, Coach Petrera said, “but softball is definitely her niche.”

Ludden Director of Athletics Gallagher Driscoll wrote in an email that Kaitlyn “has been a mainstay and an all-league player on both the varsity softball and basketball teams for years. She also plays for the Conklin Raiders Gold softball travel team.

“**She has done everything right** on and off the field and courts. We are super proud of her! She has been raised the right way! We are very glad she is on OUR TEAM instead of having to play against her. We are expecting her to have two more great years here at Bishop Ludden.”

THE ARTS

What can WE SAY? It's 2020.



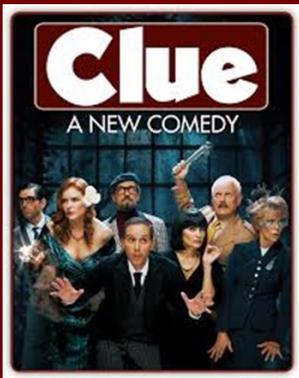
Seniors Jasmine Cuffee (l) and Analeah Morquecho wrap themselves in blankets during art class. Due to the school's boiler breaking unexpectedly, students eventually had to go remote. The boiler is being replaced with a high-efficiency boiler, and is set to make its debut this month. Students will return to in-school learning on Nov. 16.

ENGROSSED IN ART



Senior Tim Jiang concentrates on his art assignment during remote learning. Art photos by Rhonda H.

BISHOP LUDDEN JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS:



OUR CAST

WADSWORTH: *BRIAN BUTTNER
 PROF PLUM: *GEORGE O/MALLEY
 MRS. WHITE: *FRANCESCA TODESCHINI
 MS. SCARLETT: EMILY FLYNN
 YVETTE: *AMELIA LAMENDOLA
 MRS. PEACOCK: *ABBEY RYAN
 COL. MUSTART: *WILL ANDERSON
 MR. GREEN: *JOHN GALEAZZA

COOK/BACKUP COP:
 TELEGRAM GIRL/AUX SCARLETT
 BODDY/AUX MUSTARD
 MOTORIST/BACKUP COP
 CHIEF/UNEXPECTED COP

*ANALEAH MORCHECHO
 *ALLY ROYAL
 JOHN MICHAEL OWENS
 PAT HAMMER
 JESSE ARMBRUSTER

* DENOTES SENIOR

**TO BE LIVE STREAMED
 NOVEMBER 14 AND 15**

O Christmas Tree

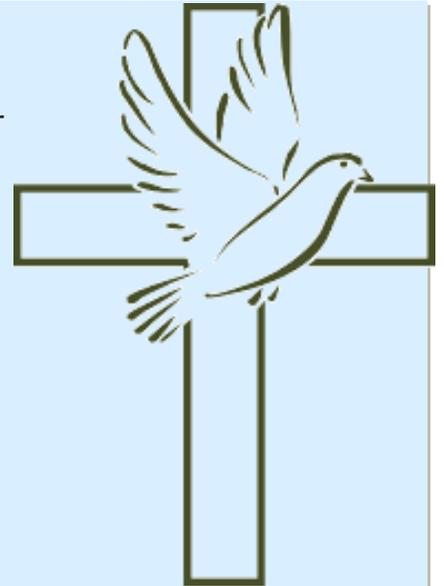


Above: A Christmas tree created for the 2020 seasonal raffle at the Onondaga Free Library. The BL Art Department donates a religious-themed tree annually for this event.



Music teacher Mrs. Anne Jamison and her choral students have been combining art with music recently. "Since we are not allowed to sing, I've had to come up with other activities!" Mrs. Jamison said. So students created some artwork that had to do with music. "My rooms this year—not my normal classroom- are stark, so we tried to jazz them up!"

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, on your own intelligence do not rely; In all your ways be mindful of him, and he will make straight your paths."



Proverbs 3:5-6

Mass of Remembrance

With heartfelt regret, Bishop Ludden has cancelled this year's Mass of Remembrance because of COVID-19 restrictions. This decision did not come easily but we are looking forward to being able to gather again in November of 2021. Please know that we are keeping all deceased members of the Bishop Ludden family in our thoughts and prayers.

Students, families attend Pro-Life Mass at Cathedral



Above Left: Junior John Michael Owens, sophomore Paul Owens, and Mom Jeanie Owens. Center, from left: freshman Grace Fink, sophomore Sarah Fink and mom/BL math teacher Bethanie Fink. Right: Sophomore Ryan Brady.

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

Meet siblings Paul Schmid ('81) & Diane Schmid-McCall ('84)

College education & degree:

Diane: Bachelor of Science; Career & Technology Education (SUNY Oswego 2006)

Current occupation:

Paul: President, Rudy Schmid Inc., Total Care

Diane: Vice President, Rudy Schmid Inc., Total Care

Professional achievements:

Paul: Former president of the Auto Rebuilders of Syracuse; current president of Service Station Repair Operators of Upstate NY. Currently helping to develop an apprenticeship program.

Diane: Board member for the New York Family Business Center, The Madden School, LeMoyne College

Achievements Together: Partners for almost 30 years in our third generation, 90-year-old family business

What is the best advice you could give current Ludden students?

Paul: Enjoy your time at Ludden. If you really want to

achieve something in life, go at it with a purpose.

Diane: Treasure your time at Ludden. The relationships you make there will last a lifetime.

What is your favorite Ludden memory?

Paul: Playing lacrosse. My friends, many of whom I still see from time to time. Oh yeah, and the teachers we had were great, as well.

Diane: Ludden Day! No other local school celebrates 'Moving Up' day like Ludden! There was always so much school spirit. I agree with Paul, I too loved my teachers. I also enjoyed friendships in all grades.

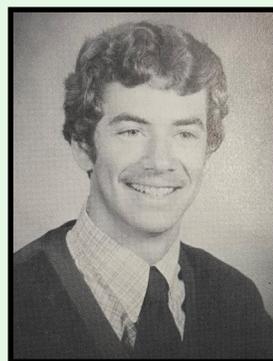
Why are you proud of your Bishop Ludden heritage?

Paul: It gave me a different perspective of living outside of a bubble—I got to meet people from all over CNY.

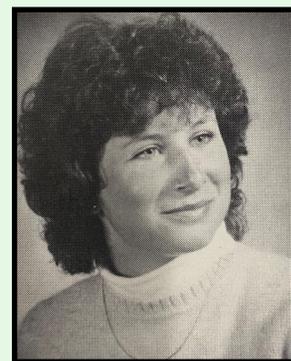
Diane: A quality, well-rounded education that prepared me academically and spiritually. I will always be grateful for my four years at Ludden.



Paul Schmid and Diane Schmid-McCall



Paul Schmid, 1981



Diane Schmid, 1984

Class Representatives Needed!

CONTACT COURTNEE CORCORAN IF YOU ARE INTERESTED
CCORCORAN@SYRDIOCESE.ORG

We are so grateful to have your support for the work that is being done at Bishop Ludden! The Development Office is seeking class representatives and updated information to help keep our alumni connected and up to date on the great things happening at Bishop Ludden.

Syracuse.com last month featured Bishop Ludden alum Jack Rauch (class of 2015) about his recent basketball contract in Uruguay.

Former Bishop Ludden basketball star Jack Rauch signs contract

By Mike Waters | mwaters@syracuse.com

Jack Rauch took Spanish at Bishop Ludden High School, but he's going to need to brush up on his language skills after signing a contract with a professional basketball team in Uruguay.

"I just landed here last night and I'm getting settled in," Rauch said from his hotel room in Montevideo. "I'm going to have to adjust quickly and re-learn some high school Spanish."

Rauch, who just finished his college career at Florida Southern College last spring, signed with Urunday Universitario, a pro team in the Uruguayan Basketball League.

Rauch's first game for Urunday Universitario will be in the league's playoffs, which are set to begin later this month. The league's play was halted last March with just two regular season games remaining when the coronavirus struck.

Rauch's agent, Juan Pablo Dapra, is originally from Uruguay. Another client of Dapra's was playing for Urunday Universitario last season. The player opted to retire when the playoffs were cancelled.

When the league recently decided to re-start with last season's playoffs and then begin the 2020-21 season in January, Urunday Universitario found itself in need of another frontcourt player.

Rauch, a 6-foot-7 forward, fit the bill.

"It's nice to get my feet wet in the professional world and start my first game of my career in the playoffs," Rauch said. "I have the option to re-sign with the team in January."

Rauch, a former All-CNY player at Bishop Ludden, led Florida Southern to a 29-2 record as a senior last season. Florida Southern had won both the regular season and tournament championships in the Sunshine State Conference before the coronavirus pandemic forced the cancellation of the NCAA's Division II tournament.

In what turned out to be his final college game, Rauch had scored a career-high 31 points against Nova Southeastern in the Sunshine State tournament's championship.

"We were going to be the No. 2 seed in the South Region," Rauch said. "As sad as it was having the season abruptly ended, I've been able to hang my hat on not many college players are able to end their careers with a win."



Jack Rauch, class of 2015

Photo by Mike Greenlar, Syracuse.com

Rauch is part of an athletic family. His father, Len, played basketball at Le Moyne College. His mother, Joanne, also went to Le Moyne where she played volleyball. His young sister, Danielle, is currently on the women's basketball team at Michigan.

Rauch got to Montevideo early Thursday morning local time. The previous day he had flown from John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York to Panama City. He then got on another flight that left Panama City at 6 p.m. and arrived in Montevideo at 3 in the morning.

A driver took him to a hotel where he will stay for as long as Urunday Universitario advances in the playoffs.

"This is a dream come true for me," Rauch said. "It's a surreal feeling."

Ludden alum Aliza Seeber (class of 2000) was recently featured on Syracuse.com and in the Business section of the Oct. 25 Post-Standard. Below are a few excerpts from the article/interview by Stan Linhorst.

Great leaders don't need to have the loudest voice

SparkOrange was the highest ranked of five Syracuse companies on Inc. magazine's list of America's fastest growing companies in 2020. The ranking in August reported SparkOrange had a 650% three-year growth rate. It was SparkOrange's second year in a row on the list.

Aliza Seeber co-founded the company in January 2013 with Derek Vargas. Their idea was to start a "socially conscious tech business in Syracuse that would create jobs in the area for years to come."

Seeber is the managing partner and chief technology officer.

SparkOrange is a "Salesforce consulting partner" and marries technology to business needs.

"Salesforce is a tool you purchase, like Microsoft Word," Seeber said. "You buy it to manage data and different business processes.

"Typically, you're buying licenses to a prebuilt too, a standard out-of-the-box solution. Salesforce allows customers to take it as far as they want to go with customization and integrating with other tools. We work with our clients to customize Salesforce to meet their business needs."

Were you in leadership roles growing up?

I've been an athlete since I was 5 years old. I was able to fill captain roles and then I also did student council and was student council president my senior year (Bishop Ludden, Class of 2000).

I played basketball and softball all through high school. My freshman year at SU, I saw the rowing team advertising for walk-ons.

I went to show up as a walk-on. They basically were like: Well, you're 5-foot-3, and you weigh 105 pounds soaking wet. You don't have the right body type to be a rower. But we need coxswains.

So I tried it, and I stuck with it. Being a coxswain, you have to lead your boat, and kind of be the coach of your boat.

What do you think that taught you?

This might sound silly, but I'm an introvert and typically a soft-spoken person. I learned to really focus on what the coaches were telling people so that I could make sure that I was portraying that same information back to the people in my boat. It taught me to be confident. I think that experience taught me that I had a voice.

Tell me about other early experiences that were influential.

My parents (Karen and Bob) were entrepreneurs. My mom and dad ran a print shop (Clerical Services) out of our basement when I was growing up. If we had a huge deadline, it was a deadline for all of us.

Growing up in that kind of experience taught me a lot of lessons about working hard and persevering and not

quitting. It also taught me about innovation because as businesses like Kinko's started opening up and the UPS Store and things like that, my mom and dad's business became obsolete.

In leadership, my mom was a great influence. Her father had a scrap metal yard in Brewerton. When her father passed away, she and her brother took over that business. She was raising five kids, and she was running two businesses and she showed up to every single one of my games and was always there for things.

It gave me a no-quit attitude.

Now you lead your own company. What's your advice to be an effective leader?

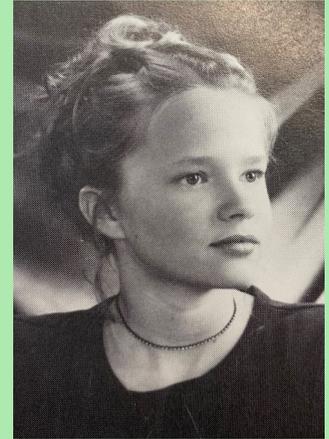
I don't think you have to be the loudest voice in the room to be a strong leader that people respect.

I never would ask somebody to do something that they know I wouldn't do myself. Leadership is service. You work for your team, not the other way around.

There are always people who will tell you that you can't. Ignore them. Don't be afraid of failure. Welcome it. That's how success is built.

Lead by example and exemplify the values that you want your employees and the people around you to have.

You can read the entire interview on Syracuse.com if you are a subscriber.



Aliza Seeber, Class of 2000

IN MEMORIAM

Sister Eileen Kernan, former Bishop Ludden secretary

Our dear Sister Eileen Kernan, (formerly Sister Maureen), 89 years of age, went peacefully home to God on Monday, September 28, 2020, at the Franciscan Villa in Syracuse, NY.

Sister was one of nine children born to John and Elizabeth Steele Kernan in Pittsburgh, PA. She was a member of St. Bernard Parish and attended grammar school there. She graduated from St. Francis Academy, Whitehall, PA.



Sr. Eileen Kernan

Sister Eileen was received into religious life (as Sister Maureen) by the Sisters of St. Francis of the Providence of God, Pittsburgh, PA in 1951. She ministered primarily in the field of education, teaching for 26 years at various Catholic schools in Pennsylvania, Michigan, Connecticut, New Jersey and New York.

Sister earned a Bachelor of Science in Education from Seton Hill College, Greensboro, PA and a Master's in English from Duquesne University, Pittsburg, PA. She taught at the elementary, junior and senior high school levels. Sister also ministered in the area of social services, working at Covenant House in New York City and as a field worker for

the Office of Economic Opportunity in Knox County, KY.

Sister Eileen, however, felt called to a different Franciscan experience and in 1983 she asked for and was granted a transfer to the Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities. This transfer led her into multiple ministries. She was able to use her secretarial skills at Bishop Ludden High School, and as secretary to the Central New

York Region Ministers. Sister also held the position of Pastoral Minister at St. Aloysius Parish, Jersey City, NJ in 1989 and was Director of Religious Education at St. Lucy Parish in Syracuse, NY from 1992 to 2002.

Sister will be remembered for her deep spirituality, her compassion and concern for the poor, her conscientious work ethic, and for her kindness to all. She will also be remembered for her thought provoking "wonderings" and her standard answer of "perfect" whenever she was asked how she was.

Sister was predeceased by her brothers, Jack, James, Paul and David, and by sisters, Jean Kernan Coleman and Julia Kernan Semple. She is survived by her brother, Frank her sister, Sister Noel Kernan and niece Barbara Coleman.

Online condolences can be made at CarterFuneralHome.com.

Shannon Elizabeth Kane, class of 1967

Shannon Elizabeth Kane, of Odenton, MD, passed away on October 2 at the University of Maryland Hospital in Baltimore, MD. She had resided in Anne Arundel County, MD for 43 years, most of that time in Crofton, MD. Shannon was born in Syracuse, NY on September 20, 1949 to her parents, John L. and Catherine G. Madison.



Shannon Kane

Shannon graduated in 1967 from Bishop Ludden High School. She subsequently attended the State University of New York at Oswego and Syracuse University. Shannon and Thomas R. Kane (Tom) were married in June of 1969, and celebrated their 51st anniversary in June of 2020. Following Shannon's passing, Tom commented, "I knew Shannon was my soulmate when I

first met her in my late teens. She is the love of my life and best friend, and has been my constant companion and advisor."

Shannon's thirty year career with AT&T began in 1969 and ranged from Business Office Representative in Syracuse, NY to Federal Systems Sales Compensation Manager in Silver

Spring, MD prior to retirement in 1999. Shannon was a bright and talented person and her acumen for reengineering business systems was recognized by AT&T. She conquered systems development challenges in areas such as financial management and human resources.

In retirement, Shannon devoted her time to helping others, primarily through nu-

merous volunteer activities. These included audio recording the Washington Post for the visually impaired, visiting hospital patients and the homebound through her church on a weekly basis, and working with displaced pets in rescue status. She even approached a local convalescent center for the elderly and offered to serve as a weekly activity provider. For eight years, Shannon brought music, poetry, short stories, told jokes, and used puppets. She imaginatively strived to provide participants new experiences each week, to provide entertainment and bring joy to the residents.

Shannon loved participating in sports, excelled in competitive swimming and tennis, was a member of her SUNY Oswego college swim team, and was an avid outdoor hiker. She and her husband Tom loved to travel

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Why give to Ludden?

Bishop Ludden welcomes the many gifts of our alumni, friends, families and community members. We are grateful for the time of our volunteers who give unselfishly to help coordinate our annual events, assist in one of the many volunteer roles within the school or serve on one of our many committees. We thank you for all you do to continue to be our greatest advocates and supporters!

With the continued support of our Ludden Family we are able to celebrate more than 50 years of faith-filled academic excellence. Whether you purchase a Sweepstakes ticket or make a gift to the Ludden Fund, it is your generosity that enables us to provide for future generations.

A common theme from our alumni is that they wish for students of today to have the same Ludden experience they had. With the support and generosity of alumni, friends and family, they will.

By annually supporting the Ludden Fund, you are giving back so future generations can carry on the legacy of a Bishop Ludden education.

Questions? Contact Kathy Gilhene at (315) 579-0061 or at kgilhene@syrdiocese.org.

Your help can change lives

Philanthropy, defined by Merriam-Webster, is "goodwill to fellow members of the human race. Especially: active effort to promote human welfare."

At Ludden, our development team is working with our alumni and friends of Ludden to build a culture of philanthropy at Ludden. Specifically, we are working to show alumni and friends that having Bishop Ludden as a portion of their charitable giving portfolio will certainly change lives in Central New York. The more financial assistance Bishop Ludden can offer, the more students will be able to attend and benefit from Ludden's quality life-changing education.

If you think this is hyperbole, please think again. Just this year, we were able to call a family to let them know that a generous donor had pledged to give tuition assistance and we would be able to give additional assistance to their family. The student's grandmother cried because now her granddaughter would be able to attend Bishop Ludden.

Please consider and explore your opportunity to help at BishopLudden.org or with a phone call or email to Kathy @ 315-579-0071/kgilhene@syrdiocese.org.

Also, look for our fall donation letter for our annual campaign, which will be in your mailbox soon.



Kathy Gilhene
Director of Development

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and spent vacations in various locations in the Caribbean, the Adirondack mountains, California, Washington State, and Ireland.

Among myriad other activities, Shannon loved music, art, theater, gardens, books and poetry. Shannon was a fiercely loyal and caring friend to many. No detail escaped her attention. She was an advocate for the downtrodden and a caretaker of all creatures. She was known to risk her life escorting ducklings across a busy highway, and would pull finger puppets from her purse to calm fussy toddlers. Shannon was a beautiful being who will exist in our hearts forever. Shannon was greatly loved by her siblings and those of her husband Tom, and by their siblings' children and grandchildren, for her thoughtfulness,

caring and generosity. She went above and beyond to recognize the special days and milestones for all, and support them when in need.

As she neared her 70th birthday, Shannon was heard to say, "Seventy, it's really not my style." She was right. Nevertheless, she embarked on her 70's with verve. Shannon will be remembered by so many people for many, many things, and will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Shannon is survived by her husband, Tom; by her sisters Erin M. Hoffmann of Los Angeles, CA and Mary M. Rodriguez Gort of Largo, FLA and Mary and Erin's spouses, children and grandchildren; and by Tom's

siblings Kathleen Kane Galligan of So. Yarmouth, MA., Daniel J. Kane of Warwick, RI, Marypat Kane Oropallo of So. Yarmouth, MA, Brian E. Kane of Franklin, MA, and J. Timothy Kane of Old Forge, NY, and their spouses, children, and grandchildren. The Robert E. Evans Funeral Home in Bowie, MD is providing on line resources and support to Shannon and Toms' family and friends. A celebration of life will be planned and announced at a later date.

Charitable Donations: For those interested, charitable donations can be made in Shannon's honor to WaterAid.Org, the Heifer.Org, or to a [charity of your choice](#). *Obituary from Legacy.com.*