



ACADEMY OF THE
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THE HOLY NAMES ALUMNAE NEWSLETTER

Astemborski Named New Director of Enrollment Management



Kendra Astemborski '07 has been named AHN's new Director of Enrollment Management.

"I am thrilled to be returning to Academy of the Holy Names," Astemborski says. "It feels like a homecoming. I absolutely loved my Holy Names education. Much of who I am as a person - both personally and professionally - I attribute to my AHN education. I am eager to work alongside the Academy of the Holy Names Board of Trustees, Dr. Kilbridge, Mrs. (Margaret) Taranto, the admissions team, and the faculty and staff to ensure the continuation of excellence, tradition, and legacy of the Holy Names education for young women in the Capital Region for years to come."

Astemborski, whose mother Dina '79, sister Courtney '10, aunts, and cousins are also AHN alumnae, has also served as a member of AHN's Enrollment and Spring Gala committees in addition to being a class connector.

Kendra can be reached at 518-438-4895 x213 or at kastemborski@ahns.org.

Sports Hall of Fame Nominations



[Click Here to Fill out a Nomination Form](#)

We are now accepting nominations for induction to the Academy of the Holy Names Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2023.

Individuals and teams may be nominated in three categories: Athlete, Coach, and Special Merit. Criteria and suggestions for supporting materials can be found in the nomination form.

Submissions are due by **Friday, July 14**. The HOF Induction Ceremony will coincide with Alumnae Reunion, the weekend of September 22.

You're Invited Home to Holy Names for Alumnae Reunion Weekend

Join us as we celebrate all alumnae, especially the milestone class years ending in '3 and '8.



Friday, September 22

- Campus tours
- Evening class events organized by class connectors or reunion reps

Saturday, September 23

- Campus tours
- Circle of Gold and Silver induction ceremony for classes of 1973 and 1998
- Wall of History and Athletic Wall of Fame unveiling
- Cocktail Reception
- Class pictures taken
- After-Hours social

Sunday, September 24

- Athletic Hall of Fame induction brunch

A full schedule of events and registration information will be available at ahns.org and sent via email in late July.

Questions? Email [Liz McGarry](#), Assistant Director of Advancement or call (518) 438-7895 x 603

Alumna Events Survey

Tell us how you'd like to connect with AHN



Alumnae this year!

Please take a brief survey to help us plan alumnae events.

[Alumnae Survey](#)

Alumna Gives Back



Thanks to Cindy Haselsteiner Pettit '78 and her team from KeyBank for making our chairs look like new again as part of the [32nd Annual Key Bank Neighbors Make the Difference Day!](#) The group painted more than 40 chairs in two and a half hours.

Brunching in Boston



Thank you to Marianne McGuirk Bechet '60 (second from left) for hosting AHN alumnae in Boston for brunch over the weekend. In attendance were Sheila Driscoll Celata '74, President Marty Kilbridge, Admissions Director Ann Rento '81, Director of Enrollment Management Kendra Astemborski '07, and Director of Institutional Advancement Kristin Vivian P '14, '17.

Alumnae Induction Ceremony

Thank you to all AHN alumnae (ranging from the Class of '51 and beyond!) who attended this year's Alumnae Induction Ceremony which welcomed in its newest members, the Class of 2023.

The alumnae in attendance bestowed a



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blessing on the graduates, and each graduate received the traditional silver bell from an alumna as a symbol of their induction. As a special surprise, Mrs. Musto was given one of her own as a gift from the class!

The senior class also presented their Legacy of Learning senior class gift to the school. As the first class in recent memory to reach 100% participation for this year's #ALLINFORAHN fundraiser, the class presented Dr. Kilbridge with a check for the amount raised: \$767.59.

Mackey Honored by NYS Assembly



Image Courtesy: Office of Assemblymember Patricia A. Fahy

[Watch Spectrum News Feature on Denyse Mackey](#)

Congratulations to Denyse Mackey P '22 '23, who was honored by NYS Assemblywoman Patricia Fahy as a "Woman of Distinction" for her work with the [Warren and Denyse Mackey Foundation](#). The foundation, named in honor of her late husband (father to Madison '22 and Makayla '23), helps to fund youth scholarships, mentoring, academic and social success, and more.

It also advances awareness on the importance of prioritizing wellness and cancer screenings, emphasizing bridging the health care gap in the black community and drawing attention to genetically predisposed risk identification.

Class News & Notes

Madison Mackey '22: Madison was [featured on Spectrum News Capital Region](#) for her role in helping first-time swimmers get the life-saving lessons they need.



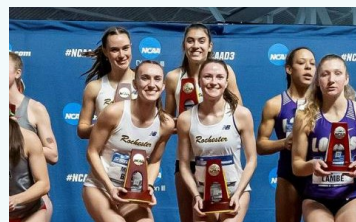
Class of '21: How did you spend your Palm Sunday? AHN Class of 2021 graduates Veronica Lewis, Katie Bennett, and Athena Rodrigues attended the Spring Garden Tour together at The White House!



Grace Bartow '21: Grace Bartow '21 has just wrapped up her first six weeks as a summer intern at Regeneron. Bartow is currently an undergraduate honors student studying industrial engineering at NC State University in Raleigh.



Megan Bell '21: Congratulations, Megan Bell '21, part of The University of Rochester women's 4x400 meter relay team which [took home the 2023 NCAA Division III Indoor Track and Field National Championship](#). Photo Courtesies: University of Rochester.



Abby Sullivan Gonyaw '14: Congratulations Abby, who was married in May!



Amanda Pentak Vershay '13: Congratulations to Amanda Pentak Vershay '13 (daughter of Molly Pentak) who was also married in May, seen here with her fellow 2013 AHN alumnae Katie Nerses, Hannah Haggerty, Ana O'Neill, Morgan Cooper, and Alli Barranca. Penny the Panther made an appearance as well!



Rebecca Cribbs Rice '13: It turns out wedding bells were ringing for more than one member of the Class of

2013 that same weekend in May! Congratulations also go out to Peggy Hogan Mill seen with her AHN classmate Rebecca Cribbs Rice.



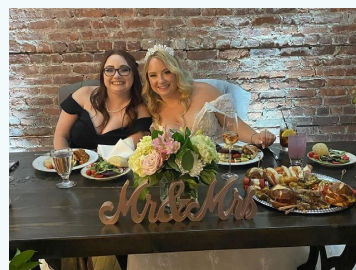
Class of '12: Members of the class of 2012 — celebrated their bride-to-be in San Juan, Puerto Rico! Left to right: Tess Diefendorf, Angelina Multari, Arianna Clark, Meghan McCarty, Avalon Bohunicky.



Leah Mall '11: Congratulations to Leah, who got married in June! Her AHN classmates were right by her side, including Sarah Ferritto, who served as a bridesmaid, Brittany Schneider, and Julianne (Quinn) Burns.



Victoria Cribbs Palma '10: Congratulations to Victoria Cribbs Palma '10, who was married in May. Her Matron of Honor was her sister Rebecca Cribbs Rice '13. Victoria's best friend since 3rd grade Theresa Kennedy Palmisano '10 was a bridesmaid. Theresa's husband, (Rev. Michael Palmisano) performed the service.



Paige DeSorbo '10: Paige DeSorbo '10 visited her alma mater The College of Saint Rose in March to speak with students. Here she's seen with St. Rose President Marcia White and Dr. Kilbridge. Photo Courtesy: College of St. Rose.



Taylor Pettit McGrath '08: Taylor Pettit McGrath '08 was featured on [Capital District Moms' website](#) for authoring two children's books, "Olivia's Red Hair" and "Always By Your Side." Photo Courtesy: Allie T. Photography.



Lindsay DiDio '01: Lindsay, a stained glass maker, was featured in the [St. Alban's Messenger](#) in a story to promote her upcoming summer arts classes. (Photo courtesy: Bridget Higdon).



Tamara Thorpe-Odom '92: The Thorpe Family, including mom welcoming Sandra '23 into the alumnae fold and visiting with Ms. Vigilante! Vanessa Thorpe, '81, Tamara Thorpe-Odom '92, Lisa Thorpe Fraley '80.



Class of '91: It was a double-birthday bash for classmates Betsy Naughten '91 and Amy Platt Connolly '91, who proved 50 is fabulous while rocking a 70's theme with friends in Waltham, MA.

Among them were other AHN faithful, including: Julie Platt Farlow '93, Mary Edwards Convertino, 91, Maggie Naughten Burns '85, and Ellen Naughten (former AHN lower school faculty member).



Class of '81: A mini Class of '81 reunion at this year's commencement ceremony: Ann Schnorr Rento, Vanessa Thorpe, and Susan Rogler Gomez.



Amy VanDerzee Wiggins '80: Amy VanDerzee Wiggins '80, was [featured in The Eagle Tribune](#) for National Athletic Trainer's Month for her years of work with students at Philips Academy in Andover, MA. Photo Courtesy: Bill Burt.



Class of '73: A mini-reunion in Cape Cod for the Class of '73: Jan Prendergast Cayan, Ellie Dribben Alexander, and Peggy Apple Woods.



Please share your news & notes with us, including wedding and/or birth announcements (with pictures if possible) and make sure your contact information is current to be kept up to date on alumnae news and events.

In Memoriam

We remember our alumnae who have passed away between March 23-June 25, 2023 and ask you to keep their families in your prayers.

*Pamela Noonan Montimurro, Class of 1960
Jean Tierney Conway, Class of 1959
Barbara Gorzynski O'Brien, Class of 1954
Anne Roche Malone, Class of 1951
Janet English Hans, Class of 1946*

Support the Annual Fund



Your gift is a statement of faith in our young women enrolled in Holy Names today. Your belief in their power. Your belief in their potential. And your belief that, as a member of the Holy Names community, they can become anything they want.

Your gift to the AHN Annual Fund supports:

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- Personalized college counseling
- Technology upgrades and campus improvements
- Visual and performing arts programs
- Expanded scholarship opportunities
- Athletics

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