

School Year 2011-12

Service

- **Children's Miracle Network** - Ashley Southern organized a special \$2 jean day to collect donated money for the Children's Miracle Network. Thank you!
- **Uganda** - Shelby Kwaitkowski organized a \$2 jean day to collect money for students at a school in Uganda.
- **Marian Pritchett High School** for unwed teen mothers was the recipient of car seats, jumper/bouncers, and many large boxes of diapers. All of this was made possible by the proceeds collected from our January jean day. We collected over \$900!
- **"Pennies from Heaven" Campaign** - During Lent, BK raised \$6,216.37 for Project Haiti and OATHS. Thank you!
- **Service Learning Day!** March 9, 2012, was BK's annual Service Learning Day. The entire school (administration, faculty, staff) spent the day providing organized service to our community.
- **Graham Ashby** has been awarded the SI Boise Violet Richardson Award based on her work for *Friends Through Books* (a service foundation originated by Graham and her sister to provide books and school supplies to the residents of Carriacou) and her local volunteer efforts with the Berman Harviel Miller Foundation providing free bicycle helmets to refugees and underserved children in the Boise area.
- **Thanksgiving Food Drive** - Thank you to everyone who made the annual Thanksgiving Food Drive so successful this year. We collected 44,361 items for donation to the local parish food banks. Thanks for helping to feed the hungry in our area.
- **Corpus Christi House**, a homeless shelter in Boise, was the recipient of over 200 coats, 30 backpacks, many miscellaneous hats, gloves and boots and over \$800 worth of underclothing thanks to the generous donations of Bishop Kelly students and faculty, under the organization of Campus Ministry!
- **Graham and Kyle Ashby** have been recognized for their work with the *Friends Through Books* program. This program has contributed over 2,000 books and countless school supplies to the families of Carriacou in Granada. **Graham** received Honorable Mention from the Nestle Very Best in Youth Award (teens that excel academically and have made a difference on a local or global level with volunteer work), Parade Magazine/Generation On: All American High School Service Award Team finalist, and was recognized by the President's Council on Civic Participation. **Kyle** was named the Idaho winner of the Kohl's Kids Who Care Award for her outstanding commitment to volunteer work and was also recognized by the President's Council on Civic Participation.
- **Chuck Tacke**, theology teacher at BK, has been awarded the Marie D. Hoff Social Justice Award. Each year, Catholic Charities of Idaho recognizes someone who passionately seeks to call forth and engage people in transforming social structures that perpetuate injustice and poverty which, in turn, threaten family life and community well-being. Congratulations!
- Mayor Dave Bieter appointed six BK students to serve as student representatives on the City's various boards, commissions, and committees. Student appointees were: **Jack Cilek**, Airport Commission; **Monica Daggett**, Housing Authority Board; **Katie Keller**, Design Review Committee; **Bailey Russell** and **Ben Skinner**, Mayor's Council on Children and Youth; and **McKenna Dunn**, Boise Art Museum Board.
- **Ben Skinner**, a BK senior, has been named the winner of the Idaho Youth in Philanthropy award by the Idaho Community Foundation. This award was given for his work with homeless students through OATHS--Organization Assisting the Homeless Student--an organization he founded.
- More than 40 BK students began their summer vacation with a **service trip to New Orleans**. The students traveled to NOLA to work for Operation Helping Hands. The Catholic Charities program organizes volunteers to gut and rebuild homes devastated by Hurricane Katrina.

Academics

- **Dave Skinner**, History teacher at BK, has been selected as the Idaho History Teacher of the Year.
- **Bobbie Shea**, English Department Chair at BK, has been named the Idaho Humanitarian Teacher of the Year by the Idaho Human Rights Education Center.
- **Mary Lou Cunningham**, BK school nurse, was awarded a Teacher Grant Award by Capital Educators Federal Credit Union. The grant will be used to purchase hands-on CPR training tools to ensure proper CPR training is delivered in the 8th-12th grade health classes.
- **Lindy Freeman**, English Teacher at BK, along with Pam Atkins from Borah, was awarded a grant from Capital Educators Federal Credit Union. The money was used in a collaborative effort between AP English Literature students at Borah and BK to purchase and read *Memory Wall* by Anthony Doerr and to purchase composition notebooks. The project ended with a special visit by the author.
- **The BK Science Olympiad Team** did an outstanding job at the National Science Olympiad Competition, competing against 61 teams from 48 states. Individual teams ranked from 4th place to 35th place. Terrific job at a challenging competition!
- **Morgan Wissel and Jillian Petterborg** will receive the Sally Glynn Memorial Scholarships.
- **Blaze Gamboa** has been awarded the John Reilly McDevitt Memorial Scholarship.
- **Gretchen Clemens** has been awarded the Bridget Berkey Teater Memorial Scholarship.
- **Becky Hopper**, a junior, was selected to take part in a six-day program at our nation's capital this summer. The National Youth Leadership Forum on Law and Crime Scene Investigation (CSI) offers students the opportunity to learn directly from partners at law firms, forensic pathologists, criminal defense attorneys and prosecutors, as well as professors, from actual events and examples. Congratulations!
- **Jacquelynn Andrew and Mitchell Brandone** were awarded Silver and Bronze Medals on Euphonium and Snare Drum, respectively, at the Idaho State Solo Competition on May 5th.
- **Savannah Dunn**, senior, won the National Peace Essay Contest for the State of Idaho. She is the winner of a \$1,000 scholarship, a trip to Washington, D.C., and the opportunity to compete on the national level. **Graham Ashby**, BK junior, took second place in the competition. Well done, ladies!
- **BK students win 2012 Economic Trade Summit!** More than 500 high school students from across Idaho competed at the International Economic Summit. BK's Team Morocco, consisting of **Ben Skinner, Morgan Wissel, Ariana Tobe, Glaza Gamboa, Mark Nicola, and Taylor Judy**, won first place! Other BK teams also won awards--Team France, Best Costume; Team Russia, runner-up for Best Costume; and Team Morocco, Debate Champions! See [Press Release](#).
- **Jacqueline Andrew (Band), Eric Zhu (Choir), and Sage Genna (Orchestra)** were selected to play at the Idaho Music Educators All-State Convention. These students competed against the best high school musicians in Idaho for the honor of performing at these Gala Concerts.
- **McKenna Dunn, Briana Freeman, Marianne Meyers, Patrick Schutz, Taylor Takasugi, Patrick Tavelli, Audrey Thimm, Elizabeth Troyer and Jason Wickham** have been chosen as 2012 Boise Rotary Century Scholars.
- **Science Olympiad** - Over 80 students participated on six teams at the State Competition. Out of the 31 teams registered, the six BK teams earned 1st, 3rd, 5th, 6th, 8th and 9th places! Some of the team members will be participating at the National Science Olympiad in Orlando, Florida, in May.
- **Evelyn Hudson and Zach Snow**, both freshmen at BK, were winners at the Idaho State History Day at the College of Idaho on April 14, 2012. Evelyn won 1st Place in the Senior Individual Documentary category with her documentary "When Hands Speak" about the evolution and impact of American Sign Language. Zach won 1st Place in the Senior Paper category about the Social Security Act of 1935. Zach was awarded a \$20,000 scholarship to the College of Idaho, and Evelyn was awarded a \$5,000 scholarship. Both students will compete in the National Contest at the University of Maryland in June.
- **Matt Vaughan and Miguel Alvarez**, as members of their first robotics team, took 1st Place at the regional meet in Spokane. They have qualified for the World Competition on April 28th.
- **Ashley Southern**, a junior, was crowned Miss Idaho Outstanding Teen 2012 on April 1st. This scholarship pageant is the teen counterpart of the Miss America program. The young women are

judged on evening gown, talent, fitness and on stage answer. Ashley is honored to represent Idaho and will be competing at Nationals in Orlando, Florida in August. She is promoting the Special Olympics project Unify.

- **Taylor Takasugi** was awarded the United Dairyman's Distinguished Student Award on March 29, 2012. You can view the video on KTVB at <http://www.ktvb.com/on-tv/dsa/Taylor-144969185.html>.
- **State Speech** - The following students have qualified to compete at the State Speech Tournament: **Teresa Simunich, Luke Shirley, Sydney Butler, Joey Lothrop, Jason Wickham, Nick Murdock, McKayla McDevitt** and **Noelle Quong**.
- **Quiz Bowl** - The BK Quiz Bowl Team finished 1st Place at the third annual Bronco Bowl at BSU. Team members were **Stephen Friedrich**, who was the top individual scorer, **Korinn Murphy, Audrey Thimm** and **Alex Wezensky**.
- **National Merit Finalists** - Bishop Kelly has **five** students who have been named National Merit Finalists. Our finalists are **Briana Freeman, Sean O'Toole, John Patrick Tavelli, Briana Tiffany, and Elizabeth Troyer**.
- **Kacie Hoch, McKayla McDevitt, Isabella Eck, Audrey Thimm, and Jason Wickham** qualified to represent BK at the State Debate Tournament. Good luck!
- **Randi McReynolds** has been awarded the *Knights in Armor Award* for January by the Lyle Pearson company for achievement in academics, sports and citizenship. Her award can be viewed at <http://www.knightsinarmoraward.com/randi.html>.
- **Debate Team** - Congratulations on their 1st Place finish at the Senator Frank Church Debate Invitational. Bishop Kelly was named as the top-finishing school in their division in all three possible categories, earning superior awards in Speech, Debate, and the Combined Schools Sweepstake. Every student competing for BK at this tournament also earned top awards in their own individual speaking events.
- **Michael Bokan** has been awarded the *Knights in Armor Award* for December by the Lyle Pearson company for achievement in academics, sports and citizenship. His award can be viewed at <http://www.knightsinarmoraward.com/bokan.html>.
- **Mikayla Williams** has been awarded the *Knights in Armor Award* for November by the Lyle Pearson company for achievement in academics, sports, and citizenship. Her award can be viewed at <http://www.knightsinarmoraward.com/williams.html>.
- **At the Economic Trade Summit** in December, BK seniors competed against over 100 teams. The **Grand Champion** of the entire summit, with a record-setting score, was Team Australia, composed of **Dan Williams, Patrick Tavelli, Zack Klein, Patrick Schutz, and Neil Maguire**. This team was also voted the Debate Winner. Team Kenya was runner-up for their costumes, and Team Zimbabwe was the winner for the Less Developed Nations.
- **Emily Nist** has been awarded the *Knights in Armor Award* for October by the Lyle Pearson company for achievement in academics, sports, and citizenship. Her award can be viewed at <http://www.knightsinarmoraward.com/nist.html>.
- **Ben Skinner** received the Distinguished Student Award given by the United Dairyman's Association and KTVB. Ben is a 4.0 student; and for his many hours of charity work, Ben has also won the President's Volunteer Service Award and the 2011 Youth and Philanthropy Award. To see the video clip, please visit <http://www.ktvb.com/news/morning/headlines/Ben-Skinner---Bishop-Kelly-High-School-132291738.html>.
- **The Bishop Kelly Engineering Design Team** has been selected as a 2011-12 Lemelson-MIT InvenTeam and awarded a \$9,000 grant to work on assistive technology. The team will work on the project through May and then will travel to Boston and MIT in June of 2012 to present their work and to participate in the 2012 EurekaFest! This is a huge honor for the Engineering Design Team and for BK! [Press Release](#).
- **Sage Genna**, a freshman, auditioned for and was selected as a violinist for the Boise Philharmonic Youth Orchestra.
- **Jacqueline Mangus**, a junior, was requested by the Boise Philharmonic Youth Orchestra to play her harp with the Orchestra. She has accepted this invitation.
- **Rebecca Sweeney** has been awarded the *Knights in Armor Award* for September by the Lyle Pearson company for achievement in academics, sports, and citizenship. Her award can be viewed at <http://www.knightsinarmoraward.com/awards.html>.

- **Mrs. Carol Nagel, her yearbook staff, and the 2011 Yearbook** have won a second award. The 2011 Yearbook received a first place award from the American Scholastic Press Association. The Staff has been cited for excellence in writing, photography and page design. This award is due to their commitment to hard work and diligence.
- **Audrey Thimm**, senior, was chosen to receive the United Dairyman's Distinguished Student Award on September 8, 2011. You can see the video clip from Channel 7 at: <http://www.ktvb.com/on-tv/dsa/Audrey-Thimm---Bishop-Kelly-High-School--129508683.html>.
- **Prescott Pettiette**, former BK graduate, received the U.S. Congressional Silver Medal Award at a ceremony at the State Capitol in August.

Athletics

- **State Champions!** Congratulations to the BK Girls Track & Field team. Special recognition goes to **Hailey Nist** on breaking the overall Idaho State 3200m record; to **Mikaela Sawyer** on breaking the school record in 300m hurdles; to the **Girls Medley team** of Kim Rudeen, Callie Falash, Mickie Piechowski and Briana Tiffany as **State Champions**; and to new **State Champions in the Girls 4 x 100m** - Kim Rudeen, Maddie Minnaert, Mikaela Sawyer, and Mickie Piechowski.
- **Marty Martinez, Tyler Souza, Clay Oliver, and Ian Middleton** broke the 4 x 200m school record!
- **Marty Martinez, Tyler Souza, Ryan Miranda, and Ben Skinner** won Boys State Runner-up in the 4 x 100m competition.
- **Coach Jeff Patrick** was named Assistant Coach of the Year by the Treasure Valley Lacrosse League. Coach Patrick coached the JV Boys Lax Team, who won the League Championship, the second consecutive league championship for this team!
- **State Champions!** The BK Girls Golf Team won the State Championship by 13 strokes! Team golfers were Haley Nist, Katie Keller, Kindall Murie, Hannah Rollinger, and Jen Wilson. ([Pics](#))
- **District Champions!** BK Tennis had a very successful season, winning the District Championship in Girls and Boys Tennis, as well as in Doubles! Good luck at State!
- **District Champions!** The Girl's Golf Team won the District Championship, with Haley Nist shooting an 80, and Katie Keller in second place with an 82. The Boy's Golf Team took 2nd Place. Good luck at State!
- **District Champions!** The Baseball Team won the District Championship with a record of 24-1. They received 2nd Place at the State Baseball Tournament, losing to Pocatello.
- **Shelby Birr**, a junior, is the State of Idaho Class D Singles Champion in trapshooting! She is on the cover of the May issue of "On Target" magazine. In a recent competition, she shot 95 out of 100 targets, winning the Lady Championship. She will represent the State of Idaho at the State Shoot on May 25-28 at the Boise Gun Club.
- **New School Record!** Congrats to the BK Girls 4 x 100m relay on setting a new school record of 49.84, beating the existing mark of 49.96. Team members were **Kim Rudeen, Maddie Minnaert, Mikaela Sawyer, and Mickie Piechowski**.
- **NATIONAL TOP 25** - Bishop Kelly has been recognized as one of the top twenty-five high school girls soccer teams in America! We received a plaque from the N.S.A.A.A. for the Fall 2011 season.
- **Emily Nist** was named by the Gatorade Company, in association with ESPN HS, as the 2011-12 **Gatorade Idaho Girls Cross Country Runner of the Year**. Emily is the first Gatorade Idaho Girls Cross Country Runner of the Year to be chosen from Bishop Kelly High School. The award, which recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence, but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the race course, distinguishes Nist as Idaho's best high school girls cross country runner. Emily is now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Girls Cross Country Runner of the Year award to be announced in January. She has verbally committed to an athletic scholarship at Syracuse University in the fall. Read more [here](#).
- **State Champions!** BK's Water Polo Team won the State Title for the fourth year in a row! Way to go, Knights!

- **State Champions!** Congratulations to the Girls Cross Country Team and to Emily Nist in her 4A 1st Place personal win. This is the 3rd straight State Championship title the BK team for Emily.
- **State Champions!** The Girls Varsity Soccer Team won 1st Place in the State Championship game! This team has had a 22-0 record for two straight years, and this state title is also their second in a row!
- **Allie Kilroy** is the District Champ in the 50 free at the District Swim Meet. She also broke the BK 50 (her own record) and the 100 free record in the meet.
- **4A District Team Champions!** Congratulations to the Varsity and JV Cross Country teams. This is the Varsity Girls' 10th straight district championship and the Varsity Boys' 4th straight win!
- **The Bishop Kelly Marching Band** won 1st Place at the Southern Idaho Showcase of Bands in Burley.
- Congratulations to the BK Knight **Marching Band** on their win at the USSBA Caldwell Showcase of Bands. They took 1st place in their division. This was their first competition as a marching band!
- Four coaches were named **Coaches of the Year** at the District III Spring Sports Banquet - **John Armstrong** for Boys Tennis, **Larry Crump** for Girls Golf, **Tom Shanahan** for Girls Track, and **Ken Baltes** for JV Baseball.
- **Allie Kilroy**, swimmer, tied Lauren Smith's BK record in the 50 freestyle with a 25.67. Congratulations!
- **Nick Symmonds**, 2002 BK grad and son of senior English teacher, Mrs. Andrea Symmonds, is a National Champion again! Nick won his fourth consecutive U.S. National Title in the men's 800-meter run in Eugene, Oregon, in June, with a race time of 1:44:17. He came in 5th at the Daegu World Championships in Korea. He is on his way to the Summer Olympics in 2012.