

HONORING OUR MILITARY ALUMNI



BRIGADIER GENERAL MICHAEL WILLIS



Mike Willis has served in the United States Army and the Colorado National Guard for nearly 28 years. After graduating from the University of Colorado, he began his career as a second lieutenant at Fort Bliss, Texas. Over the years, he has served in many overseas locations, including Iraq, Bosnia, Jordan and South Korea. He and his family also lived in Germany for three years. Mike is now a brigadier general working on cyber defense, missile defense and space systems programs for the Army and Air Force. He and his wife Terry live in Castle Rock, Colorado.

Mike attended Notre Dame School for first through eighth grade and went to Mullen High School. He is grateful for his Catholic education and has relied on its strong foundation throughout his life. He strives to be a servant leader and his faith has been a cornerstone of strength, especially during long separations from his family while serving in Iraq and Bosnia.

MAJOR LOGAN DICK



After graduating from Notre Dame, Logan went to Regis Jesuit High School where he graduated in 2002. Logan ran Track and Cross Country at Regis. The top-notch education at Regis and Notre Dame coupled with the grit and determination required of a long-distance runner set Logan up well for his career in the Army. His next stop was at the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY where he earned a BS in Military Art and Science and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army in 2006. Since his graduation from West Point, Logan has served for over 11 years in the US Army. He deployed to Iraq in 2008 for 15 months with the 101st Airborne Division and to Afghanistan in 2011 with the now inactivated 170th Infantry Brigade. He also was stationed in Kentucky, Georgia, Germany, Kansas and Florida. Logan graduated with a MA in International Relations from Florida State University in 2016 where he met his wife, and fellow FSU graduate, Kelly. Logan currently holds the rank of Major and is stationed at Ft. Leavenworth,

KS where he is a student in the School of Advanced Military Studies. Upon the completion of this course in May 2018, Logan expects to deploy overseas to a location yet to be determined. Logan's military awards and decorations include: Bronze Star with oak leaf, Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal with two oak leaves, the Combat Action Badge, Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, and Pathfinder Badge.

JOHN CAMPBELL



John is flying F/A-18's, for the Marine Corp. and is stationed in Japan. This picture was taken in the Notre Dame School office on John's wedding day. We are grateful to John for his service. We are grateful to all our men and women who bravely serve our country. May God keep them safe.



Military Alumni Continued

LIEUTENANT CARLY CAMPBELL

After graduation from Notre Dame, I went to Mullen High School. I relied heavily on the youth group at Notre Dame to get me through those high school years, and I was blessed to have had such a great group of friends to be there for me. After Mullen, I went to CSU for a year. I was denied entrance into the Coast Guard Academy the first time I applied. Determined, I applied to the academy again and with God's grace, I was given the opportunity to attend a military prep school in Marion, Alabama. After completing a year there I received an appointment to the Academy where I graduated in 4 years with a Bachelor of Science with a degree in civil engineering. I was a member of the swim team as well and continuously carried out my faith. It really was (and continues to be) a challenge, but I've never been one to turn a challenge down. Not many people are proud of going to college for 6 years, but I had some amazing life experiences and met some great people. I am stationed in Seattle, for the time being, on a Coast Guard Cutter. Basically, my job entails navigating the ship and being a direct representative for the captain. We typically get deployed out to sea for about 3 months and that is when my faith truly is challenged, especially last year as we were at sea for Christmas. But, I love serving my country and being counted on. It is a phenomenal experience to be trusted by 150 people you hardly know to get them safely into port. It is 100% a family atmosphere and I love the people I work with. If there is one thing I have learned, it's that life isn't easy and I can't expect it to be. But, God has always been there to help me along the way. I do typically get questions about how I found out about the Coast Guard since I am from Colorado. Honestly, my brother told me I should consider the Coast Guard. I still believe that was God working through him, because this is one of my callings and I am happy to have been given the grace, courage, and determination to pursue it. I'm not sure where I will go from here, for now I just go wherever God leads me. In the end, I trust that He will help me work it out.



MASTER SERGEANT BRET BAKER

Bret is currently serving a three-year appointment at Ramstein AFB in Germany and will return to Scott AFB April of 2018. As a 1995 graduate of Notre Dame Parish School, he began his military career with the Air Force after graduating from Lutheran High School.

Basic training was at Lackland AFB in Texas. He then became skilled in AGE (air ground equipment) at Sheppard AFB in Wichita Falls, TX and began his career at Langley AFB in Virginia. After an extensive application process, he was selected to serve with the National Honor Guard at Arlington National Cemetery. As this is a limited assignment, he moved on to a position on Air Force II. His deployments in D.C. have sent him to Turkey and Afghanistan as well. From his early training, to holding various medals and awards. Notre Dame is close to his heart and he credits his education here as a wonderful start to truly being a world traveler.



NOTRE DAME PARISH NEWS

Father Albert Berkmans

Greetings from Fr. Albert Berkmans. I am from India. I belong to one religious order. My order name is Heralds of Good News. I was ordained a priest 8 years ago. I have been in USA a year. Last year my ministry was

at St. Pius X in Aurora. I came to Notre dame church in June of this year. I am 38 years old. I have 3 sisters and 2 brothers. I am very glad to do my ministry in the church and in the school.



Deacon Earnest Martinez

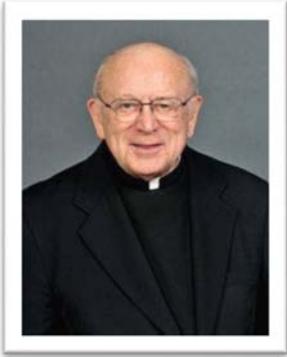
Deacon Martinez, 55, is from Denver, and he and his wife, Gloria, attend Notre Dame Parish. They have three children (one son and two daughters), and four grandsons. Deacon Martinez has served his community as a police officer, and looks forward to

serving now "in the most important way." He credits Mary with bringing him closer to Jesus, and to the Diaconate.



REVEREND MONSIGNOR LEO HORRIGAN

November 20, 1934 – September 17, 2017



Monsignor Horrigan moved to Denver from Iowa with his family at the age of three. Attended St. John's Grade School and St. Francis de Sales High School. Attended Regis College, St Thomas Seminary, and the North American College in Rome. Ordained a priest at the North American College on December 20, 1959. Returned to the Archdiocese of Denver and was assigned as an Assistant Pastor at Holy Family Catholic Church in Denver. He was subsequently assigned as Assistant Pastor at Divine Redeemer Catholic Church in Colorado Springs. He served as an Assistant and then as Pastor at St. Philomena's Catholic Church in Denver. Father Horrigan was then assigned to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and also served as the first Vicar for Priests under Archbishop James Casey. Father Horrigan then moved to Blessed Sacrament Church in Denver and served as pastor for 13 years. Following that assignment, Father Horrigan became pastor of Notre Dame Church in Denver. On September 25, 2000, Father Horrigan was appointed Prelate of Honor by St. Pope John Paul II. Monsignor Horrigan retired in 2010 and assisted in numerous parishes throughout the Denver area. Monsignor Horrigan is survived by his brother, Joseph (Bernadine) Horrigan; sister in law, Jo Jean Horrigan and numerous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by several siblings, nieces and nephews.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2017 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



The eighth grade graduating class of 2013 gathered in the Notre Dame Family Center on May 13th to enjoy a potluck dinner. They renewed old friendships and shared their plans as they prepared for their high school graduations. The tradition of an evening of fun and fellowship with the Notre Dame alumni high school graduating class began in 2001. One of things we do is to find out how the graduating class has performed in high school and to learn of their future plans. This graduating class of 2017 had many successes throughout their high school years and scholarships at colleges:

- **Matteo Busnardo** graduated from Mullen High School, and he is attending Concordia University in Nebraska on a basketball and academic scholarship. During his time at Mullen he was First Team All-Conference and team captain two times. He was also team leader in points and rebounds.
- **Jimmy Carpenter** graduated from Mullen High School with high honors, received the Torch Award and was a member of the National Honor Society. He is attending Marquette University and received a \$64,000 scholarship.
- **Erin Clark** is attending Colorado School of Mines after graduating from Mullen. At Mines she plans to study Computer Science where she received full tuition and mandatory fee scholarship. In high school Erin received the Torch Award, English subject award, twice, and AP Computer Science subject award.
- **Nick Daly** graduated from Cherry Creek High School where he was a four time academic letterman, academic high honors, and he wrote a grant that was selected to fund Urban Peak, a teen homeless shelter in Denver. He was a devoted sacristan to Notre Dame Parish throughout high school. Nick is attending CSU on a full tuition engineering scholarship and is studying computer engineering.
- **Olivia Griffin** graduated from Lakewood High School with high honors all four years and received a Key Club letter. She is attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa on an academic scholarship.
- **Jake McGrath** attended D'Evelyn where he received several awards: AP Physics student of the year, excellence in Economics award, and excellence in English award. He also received a Congressional and Gubernatorial recognition for his 150-hour internship at Lockheed Martin Space Systems, Orion Test Lab. Jake received a 34 on his ACT. He is attending the University of Colorado Boulder with a double major in Aerospace Engineering and Astrophysics, and a minor in Leadership Studies. He received the PLC Scholar's Award, the Baker Esteemed Scholar's Award, and he was selected for the President's Leadership class.

High School Graduates continued

- **Caleigh Michael** graduated from Mullen High School. While there she received four years All-Conference and two years All-State, both in soccer. She all received All-State academic two times. Caleigh is attending Virginia Commonwealth University on a soccer scholarship.
- **Emma Miller** graduated from Mullen High School where she was recognized as an outstanding senior and outstanding thespian. She is majoring in nursing at Creighton University, majoring in nursing where she has received a \$21,500 scholarship.
- **Danh, Daniel, Nguyen** graduated from Regis Jesuit High School and received the Golden Cross Award for maintaining a 4.0+ GPA over four years. He is currently attending the University of Denver where he received the Provost's Scholarship, which is \$20,000 per year.
- **Madison Peters** is attending CSU Health and Human Sciences with a physical therapy major. She graduated from Dakota Ridge and was a member of the National Honor Society.
- **Kathy Nguyen** is enrolled in Regis University and is pursuing a degree in pharmacy. She graduated from Mullen where she was on their golf team senior year.
- **Emily Regalado** graduated from D'Evelyn where she received an academic letter. She is currently attending Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska.
- **Walker Rumsey** attended Bear Creek High School where he received several athletic awards: Athletic Varsity letterman, lettered 11 times in four different sports; Athletic Hall of Fame award; one All-State honorable mention in football; one first team All-Conference in football, two 2nd team All-Conference in baseball; three honorable mention All-Conference for baseball, football and basketball. Walker is attending the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs where he received a scholarship to play baseball. He also received an academic scholarship.
- **Joey Simmons** graduated from Bear Creek High School where he was on the National Art Honor Society. He varsity lettered in cross country all four years, track varsity lettered one year, and academic varsity lettered two years. He was on the Academic All-State first team for two years for cross country, and the academic athletics honor roll cross country Jefferson County for two years. As a senior, he was voted as "Most Likely to Brighten Your Day." He is currently attending St. Mary's College in California where he has received a \$19,000 for each of the four years.
- **Selena Trujillo** graduated from Bishop Machebeuf High School where she received an academic reward for Philosophy, a service award, and was included on the second honor roll. She is currently enrolled at Metropolitan State University.
- **Marisa Zamudio** attended Lakewood High School. She is attending California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo where she was given the National Green and Gold Scholarship.

The faculty and staff of Notre Dame Catholic School would like to congratulate the high school graduating class of 2017 for their many accomplishments throughout high school and wish them every success in the future. We look forward to hearing from them and ask them and all our graduates to keep us informed of where they are and how they are doing. They can always do this on our Facebook page at www.notredamedenver.org

Sacraments of Initiation



Notre Dame is currently in the transitional phase of the Archdiocesan mandate to restore the order of the Sacraments of Initiation. This means that the sacraments will be celebrated in the original, logical order of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion, thus restoring the practice of administering the Sacraments of Initiation to young children as early as possible. In the restored order, the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion are celebrated in the child's 3rd grade year. The sacrament of Reconciliation will take place before the celebration of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. To follow the new mandate, all students in grades three through eight will be Confirmed this spring. We are so grateful to Sr. Loretta Gerk who is teaching weekly Confirmation classes to the students to prepare them to receive the Sacrament.



Celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2018
January 28 – February 3
#CSW18

Many Gifts, One Nation: A Day of Giving to Catholic Schools.

Twenty years ago, Saint Pope John Paul II said to an audience of Catholic educators in New Orleans: “Yours is a great gift to the Church, a great gift to your nation.”

Countless people in our country have been blessed by the many gifts of Catholic schools. However, many adults have lost touch with their local Catholic school community. It is time for those people who have been impacted by your school to reconnect with the community that gave them so much, and give back.

With this recognition in mind, the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) is pleased to present the online giving campaign: *Many Gifts, One Nation: A Day of Giving to Catholic Schools*.

This is a time for individuals to give back to their local Catholic school. By leveraging social media, this national day of philanthropy and camaraderie will invite all people, across the country, who have been impacted by Catholic school education in ways big and small to financially donate at a local level.

This day is made possible with the generous support of FACTS Management.

WHEN: Scheduled for 24 hours starting January 30, 2018, 9:00am EST to January 31, 2018, 9:00am EST.

WHERE: Online! Check back for more information late fall 2017.

WHY: Because Catholic schools change lives and now is the time to give back!



Check on our website in January for details. www.notredamedenver.org

Notre Dame Events of Interest to Alumni

Upcoming Events

December 7 th	Advent Program 6:00pm
December 14 th	ELC Christmas Program 6:00 pm
February 2 nd	Catholic Schools Week All School Mass 1:50 pm
February 14 th	Ash Wednesday All School Mass 9:15 am
March 2 nd	5 th Grade Mass at the Cathedral
March 17 th	Spring Fest at Lakewood Country Club 5:30 pm
March 29 th	Noon Dismissal - Holy Thursday
March 31 st	Easter Vigil 8:00 pm
April 1 st	Easter Mass times 7:00, 9:00 and 11:00
April 2 nd – 6 th	Spring Break
May 6 th	Mother/Daughter Tea 12:30
May 16 th -18 th	7 th Grade Outdoor Lab
May 17 th -18 th	8 th Grade Retreat
May 25 th	8 th Grade Graduation
June 1 st	Last day of School
June 16 th	Holy Name Society Golf Tournament



2017-2018 School Theme