

RAIDERS' DIGEST



THANKS FOR THE YEARS, Mrs. Lobrano!



*"What a school thinks about its Library
is a measure of what it thinks about education."*

~ HAROLD HOWE



By: Nicholas Lout '20

Mrs. Lobrano has helped me a lot throughout my years at Rummel. She gave me recommendations on what books I should read, helped me write research papers, and taught me some valuable life lessons. Mrs. Lobrano has even brightened my mood on bad days. One morning in the 3rd Quarter this year, I was feeling down, and she saw this. As I walked into the library, Mrs. Lobrano told me, "You need to smile more today." I thought it was nice of her to say this, but I was still feeling down. After sitting in the library with my head down for twenty minutes, the bell rang, and when I walked out of the library, Mrs. Lobrano handed me a card that said: "The brighter you smile, the brighter our world." This eight word statement made my day, and it showed me how much she cared.



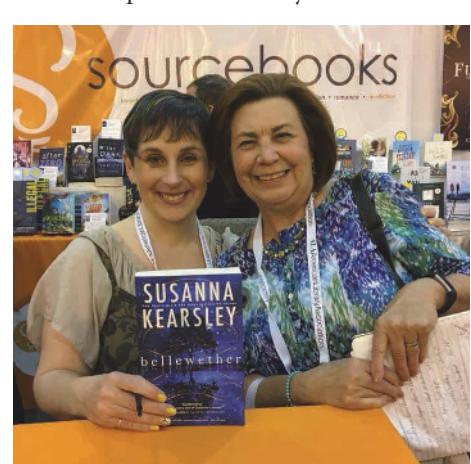
For 30 years, Mrs. Lobrano has been striving to make the Archbishop Rummel Library a place where students can work, study, receive academic help, and even check out a nice book to read. She is also involved with the No Place for Hate Club and many other organizations. As many already know, this marks the last year that Mrs. Lobrano will be librarian, and she will be missed greatly by the school's students.

and faculty. To find out what Mrs. Lobrano means to Rummel, I went to the teachers that knew her best and asked them some questions.



Q: What will you miss about Mrs. Lobrano?
A: I will miss her helpfulness to both students and faculty. She helps students print material or find a book, and she helps teachers with technology issues in and out the classroom. Mrs. Lobrano is a great friend and co-worker, especially because of her passion to help people be successful.

Q: What effect did Mrs. Lobrano have on Rummel and the library?
A: She exposed students to literary culture that they would not otherwise explore, and she exposed the faculty to the valuable



webinars and resources available to them. Mrs. Lobrano guided the library through the maze of numerous changes in educational strategies, methodologies, and curriculums and brought an enthusiastic nature into the classroom when teaching.

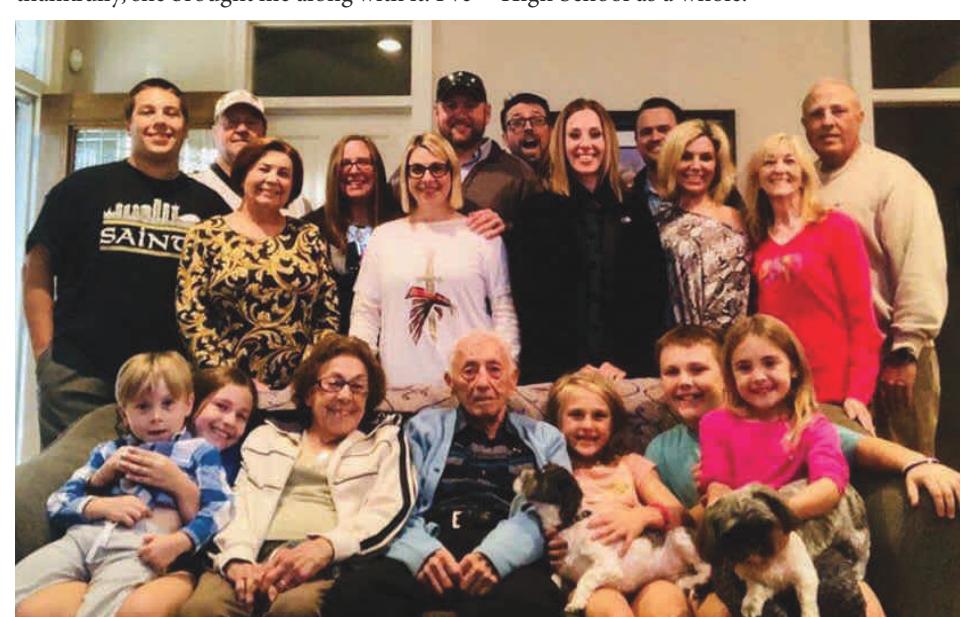
Q: How will Mrs. Lobrano's impact be continued?

A: Her impact will continue through the honoring of the dignity and the goodness of each student and through inspiring students and faculty to read more. The library will continue to be an inviting place.

It was only fitting that I reached out to Mrs. Lobrano's children, as well, so with the aid of Mrs. Leggett, the following statements are from her two daughters, Mrs. Meghan Lobrano Lee and Mrs. Rosalind Lobrano Murray.

Meghan: I don't really know what to say about our mom's 30 years at Archbishop Rummel. It honestly doesn't seem like it's been that long, but at the same time, it's pretty much been my entire life up to this point. I was five-years-old and starting kindergarten when she started at Rummel. I guess you can say we were both on this new, exciting, and scary adventure together. Who would have thought we'd be here celebrating not only her retirement of 30 years at Rummel, but also her retirement of 44 years of teaching?

My earliest memories of Mom at Rummel were meeting her new friends and coworkers. They were people whom she not only worked with, but also men and women who became close friends, just like family. Going to football games at Yenni, baseball games at Miley, seeing plays in the Genesian's Theatre, attending pep rallies, and many more school functions and activities over the many years will always be some of my favorite memories. Mom immersed herself into the Raider family, and thankfully, she brought me along with it. I've



been able to witness the hard work, the tears, and the strength she's brought to the library department. Her determination to make sure books aren't forgotten and that there is always a story waiting to be discovered will always be evident.

Mom's greatest love of teaching is her students and their success. Whenever talking about her students and their achievements, there is always a note of pride and admiration, almost like a parent talking about their children. To this day, and I think for the rest of her life, Mom will continue

to pray and hope for the absolute best in all young men she has met and taught over her years at Rummel. It was always, and may still be if given the chance, my favorite thing to ask a young man who went to Rummel: "Do you know the librarian, Mrs. Lobrano?" I am so lucky to say: "Well, that's my mom!"



Rosalind: Sitting down to write my thoughts on my mom's retirement after working at Rummel for 30 years isn't easy. I am flooded with memories, both good and bad. Without a doubt, I am proud of my mom: Proud that she is a teacher and proud that she decided to get her Masters degree in Library Science while teaching full time and raising a family. She is a teacher/librarian who chose to dedicate her time to Archbishop Rummel High School. She selflessly dedicated herself to being the best she could and doing the most she could to teach and enlighten the students of Rummel. What I find most endearing about my mom is running into her former students and them immediately remembering her and telling me how much she helped them. Helping and caring for the students is a job she took seriously. From watching my mom mourn the loss of a student to watching her celebrate a student's achievement, one thing has remained constant, and that's my mom's love and dedication for not only the students, but also for Archbishop Rummel High School as a whole.

Teaching at Rummel gave my mom the opportunity to meet some truly special friends, friends that she, and even I, consider family. I can say that, without a doubt, my mom is and always will be proud to be a Rummel Raider.

In a final note, the faculty, staff, and students of Archbishop Rummel High School would like to thank you for your time, dedication, and love for the last 30 years. You will be truly missed, and thank you for everything, Mrs. Lobrano! **R**

An Interview with Deacon Tom



Written By: Jacob Scheurer '20



Recorded By: Tristin Gaspard '20

Jacob: What was life like growing up in Illinois?

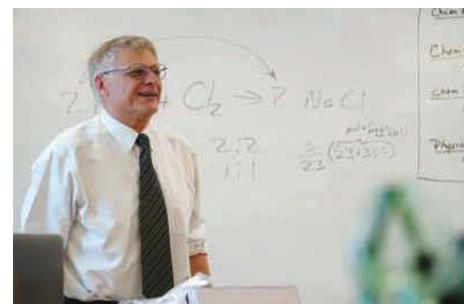
Deacon Tom: Illinois growing up? OK, I grew up in a small country town, on the edge of Springfield, Illinois. It was technically on Abraham Lincoln's post office route, but he had the entire county, so I don't think they ever delivered mail there. Where I grew up, we had Dominican sisters who taught all the grades. We normally had 8 kids to a grade, so you would have two grades together in one classroom. We had incredible teachers and instruction. Then, I went to a Catholic high school, much like this one, that was a diocese all-boys school. My wife-to-be was my high school sweetheart. She went across the street to an all-girls high school called Sacred Heart.



Jacob: What were your high school and college experiences like: majors, studies, interests?

Deacon Tom: Well, let's see. High school: The whole time, similarly to a lot of you guys, I was working, so I worked my way through high school and through college. I did have some scholarships, and things didn't cost as much as they do now. I was always working. An extracurricular I was in was theatre, but

I was in theatre at a girls school across the street. Guys only had to show up, and you got a good part, and it turned out that I was pretty good on stage. I was also on student council, and I was student council president. I was in the band, as well, so I played the drums, but that was kind of a zoo, unlike the section here, so I switched over to trombone.



College: I studied and studied, but I worked and worked, so I had a lot of fun jobs in college. I was usher supervisor, which meant I was essentially a bouncer at the big concerts they put on. It wasn't a bad job, and I'm a small guy, but I seldom had to work alone. If there was a problem, there was a dozen of us there, so it's always good to have that show of overwhelming force, not to use it, but that so nobody would get hurt. I also worked in a drugstore, craft factory, and I was a linear accelerator operator, a teaching assistant, research assistant, but mostly what I did was study. I usually took about 20 hours as an undergraduate per semester, so I finished early, and I got married early, and then in graduate school, I had about the same workload. Academics really step in when you go to college in engineering or science.



Jacob: What's your story with Shell?

Deacon Tom: So with Shell, after I was done with high school and similar to you guys, I went to the University of Illinois, and I got a Masters in physics. I was married by that time and had a small child, but the economic situation in Illinois was pretty bad. We did, however, have 100% placement of engineers from the engineering school where I went, and Shell, which had most of its senior management that came from the University of Illinois, sent recruiters there, so I got a job with Shell. I didn't have any geological background, but they said, "We'll teach you all the geology you need to know," and they did. I later got a Masters in geology and went to work for Shell as a geophysicist. I was a geophysicist for 34 years, and kind of halfway through, I became team leader, project leader, and manager. However, I've always been best as a geophysicist.

Jacob: Did you always want to have a major in science or chemistry?

Deacon Tom: Yeah, my major isn't in chemistry, but I took enough graduate classes in chemistry to teach. In my house, you had to

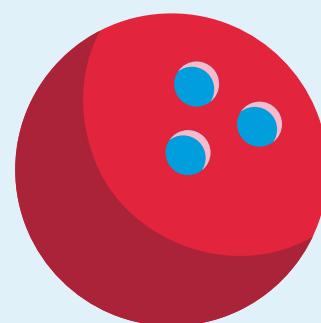
know what you're going into by eighth grade, and for me it was physics, which isn't unusual for my generation.

Jacob: What's was your story with Rummel?

Deacon Tom: Well, after I retired, I was planning to give back. I had an obligation to give back. I've had many good breaks in my life, and I knew that I spent a lot of time in graduate school, so I just wanted to give back. I was a Catholic deacon, and my daughters thought I would be good at it. My oldest daughter is a high school teacher, so she coaches me sometimes.

Jacob: What is your story with you and the prison?

Deacon Tom: I told you guys I go to jail because most of my friends wound up in jail when I was growing up, and they really did just disappear. So, when I was in high school, I was working my way through at a big hotel complex, but before that, I was a field hand. Literally, I was out there cutting corn with a corn hook or a machete. There I worked with a lot of guys who were from the Mississippi Delta who did not have an education or opportunity and were deceived by everybody: They couldn't read or write, they were deceived by their ex-wives, and they were deceived every time they bought a car or something like that, so many of them went into a life of crime either through drugs, robbery, or violence. It was just sad, but once they left, they just disappeared from me, and I never went back for any of them. When I initially was going back to the clinical pastoral training, everybody agreed that I belong in jail more than anyone in that class. It's one if the high points of my week when I go out there, and I pray with those guys. It's really just beautiful. ☩



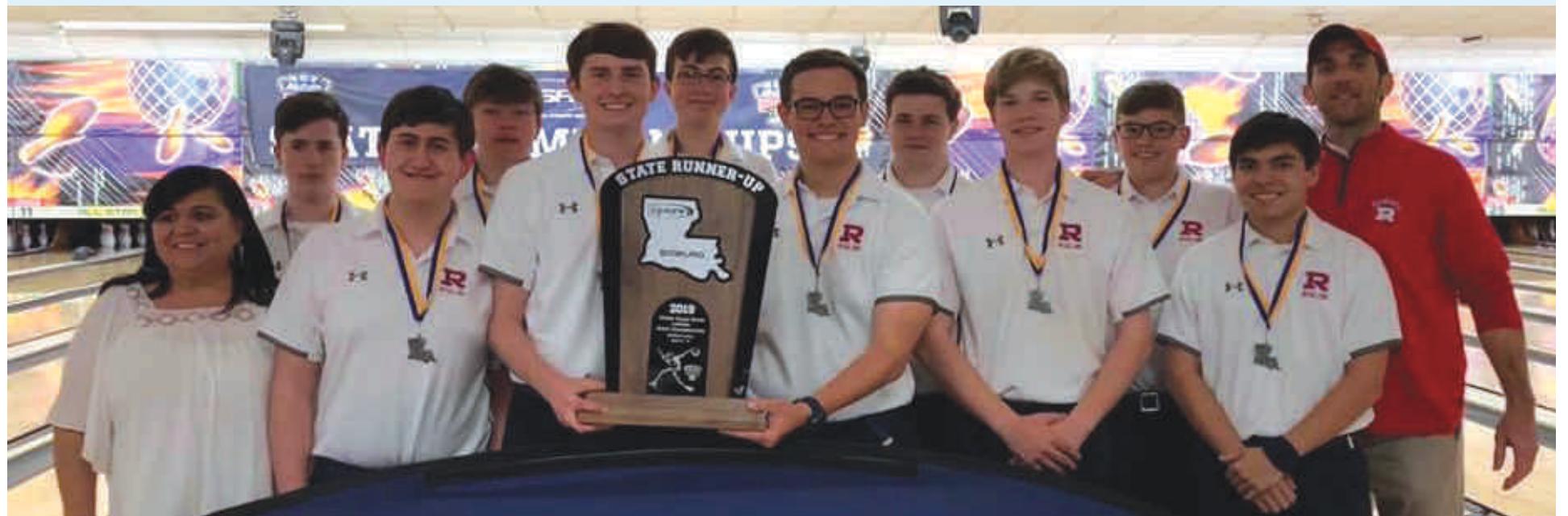
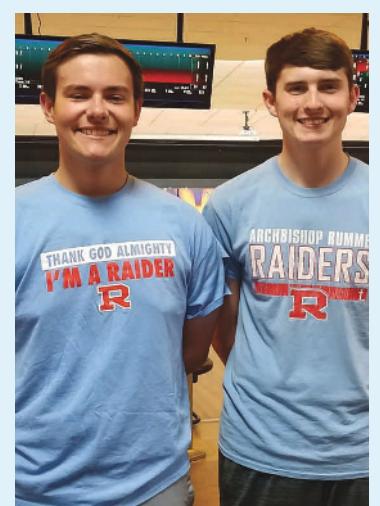
The Raider Bowling Team: A CINDERELLA STORY

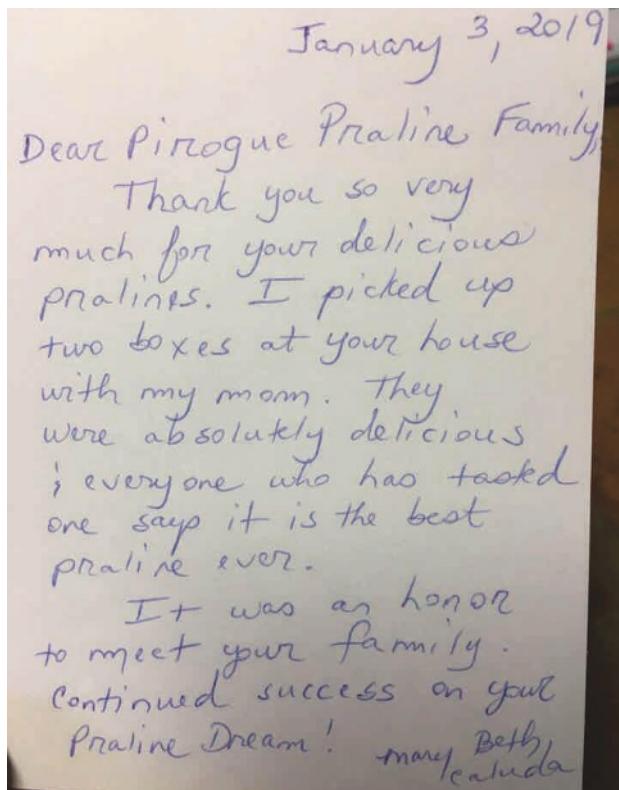


By: Michael Chepolis '19

Even though the Archbishop Rummel High School Bowling Team was seeded as the 21st spot in the playoffs, they made an impressive run to end as state runner-up. They defeated Haughton 23-4, St. Paul 15-12, and Dutchtown 20-7 to earn themselves a spot in the semi-finals, which took place in Baton Rouge. A group of students went with the bowling team to support their fellow bowlers as they competed for the state champion title. The bowlers brought their A-game: Two bowlers scored their personal best games

in the finals. Senior Quin Cadella, who scored 267 pins in one game, credited his success to the school spirit that the fans brought to the matches. "Our success would not be possible without our amazing student section," said senior Cameron Falgout. The Raiders defeated Central Baton Rouge 20-7 before falling to Brother Martin, who had won the title last year. Nevertheless, the Raiders surpassed all expectations set for them. Congratulations to our Raider Bowling Team, and good luck to our seniors in their future endeavors! ☩



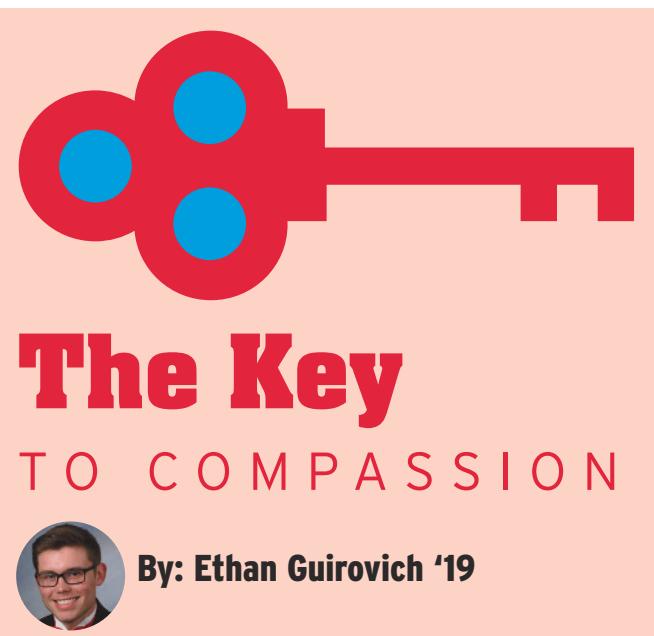


Best Pralines IN TOWN



By: Jonathan Gennaro '19

Come one, come all to get the best pralines in town! Founded by Rummel senior Parker Bode, Pirogue Praline Company offers tasty pralines that come in many flavors. You heard me right: They offer flavors like White Chocolate Macadamia Nut, Creme Brûlée, Wedding Cake, Hazelnut, Coffee, and many more. Inspired by his father's wonderful praline recipes, Bode's business took form. However, it was Parker's desire to provide jobs for the mentally disabled, like his brother, that gave his business heart. Supported by many partnership companies, the Pirogue Praline Company has been doing well since it was first founded, and it continues to thrive into a bigger and stronger business. Parker Bode works with his family on both the cooking and the business fronts to keep his company at a steady growing rate. For the future, he plans on earning a degree in Computer Science at the University of New Orleans, and he plans on using that degree to help his business thrive even more. Like any business they have obstacles to overcome, such as funding and lack of a storefront, but they continue to "bag and tag" whatever product is asked of them and to work for the future of their flourishing business. Just after tasting one of their special pralines, I can tell you that I tasted the Raider Pride. To order yourself some delicious pralines from the Pirogue Praline Company, call them at (504)-621-5754. You won't be disappointed! ☐



Recently, the Key Club here at Archbishop Rummel High School visited the Thompson Center for the Homeless in New Orleans, Louisiana. The Key Club makes continuous trips over the course of the school year to bring donations on a school bus and to transport them to various locations across the New Orleans Metropolitan-area. As the group was preparing bags of essentials for the visitors at the Thompson Center, a woman approached the group of students and said she felt God's presence in them. The woman went into great detail of how the crime in New Orleans is negatively impacting the city and other various issues she has seen while living on the streets. Because of Archbishop Rummel's call to humility, the students collectively gathered around the woman and held hands with her in reverence. The group proceeded to



pray alongside the woman who was otherwise a stranger to them. As the group of students prayed with her, she began to cry tears of happiness. She explained that the reason for such an emotional response was because this was exactly the type of comfort for which she had been praying to God. The Key Club at Archbishop Rummel touched the life of that woman by simply praying in union with her and by showing her the comfort and compassion that each person ought to receive. Ultimately, this display of loving one's neighbor as yourself is something that we should all strive for in our discovery of how to be an active Raider gentleman. ☐

Mythbusters: RAIDER EDITION



By: Spencer Moore '20

I recently asked some of the Rummel faculty to either debunk or confirm some myths and common misconceptions in their respective profession. Their responses are as follows:



MYTH: WAS PAUL REVERE SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MIDNIGHT RIDE?

COACH BOH: "No, he had two confirmed helpers—William Dawes and Samuel Prescott. The poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow only glorified Paul Revere in his efforts to warn the colonists about the incoming British soldiers."

MYTH BUSTED: Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, the author of the epic poem "Paul Revere's Ride," glossed over the fact that Dawes and Prescott also "worked the route" from Lexington to Concord, Massachusetts. While on the topic, Paul Revere did not run through the streets shouting "The British are coming," mainly because British troops were already hiding out in the Massachusetts countryside. Revere would have merely said that "The Regulars (referring to the British soldiers) are coming."



MYTH: MARCHING BAND ISN'T A SPORT.

MR. BAUTISTA: "There are several athletic components and sports-like competitions of marching band. I like to think of it as being a music athlete."

MYTH BUSTED: By definition, marching band is a sport. It requires stamina, mental and physical strength, dedication, and time management. Practices, much like that of football or basketball, can last all day, sometimes even well into the night during the summer months. There are even competitive groups, such as the DCI (Drum Corps International), that serve as the "NFL," if you will, for drum and bugle corps.



MYTH: MATH IS ONLY FOR THOSE THAT WANT TO PURSUE A MATH OR SCIENCE CAREER.

MR. CRUICE: "That's not true. Math is used in everyday life and is used in almost every profession in some shape or form, which is hard to believe."

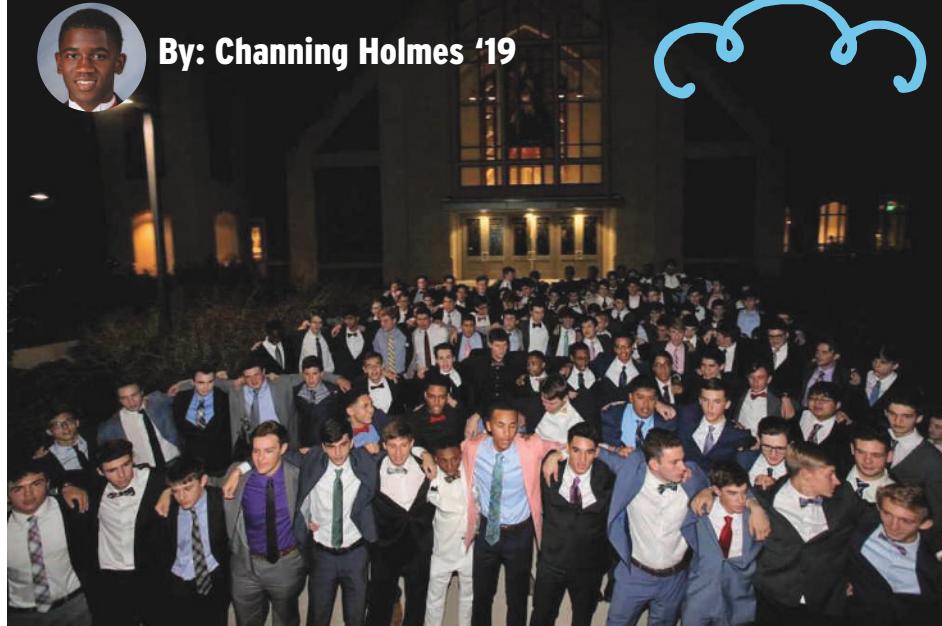
MYTH BUSTED: Math helps one think creatively—outside the box if you will. Though sometimes tedious, this skill prepares one to become a success in any career that he or she may choose. ☐

From the aforementioned results, there are several common misconceptions across all professions, even those in the Rummel community. Perhaps you may become more aware of the myths and misconceptions that still occur in today's society

Thank God Almighty, I'll Always Be A Raider



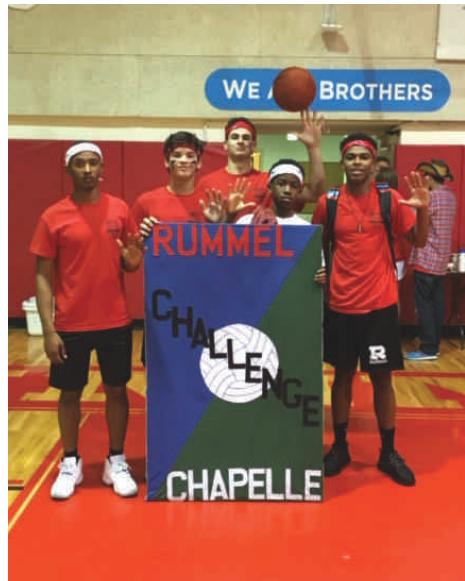
By: Channing Holmes '19



I can remember it all like it was yesterday: my first official day of high school at Rummel. Four lightning-fast years later, and here I am standing today with four years of college prep under my belt and boatloads of memories. The old saying "time flies" certainly holds true in this instance as I feel like I have so much more to experience in high school. Parting ways from a place you've come to cherish is never an easy thing. With that being said, here's my heartfelt farewell to a place I'll always consider a second home.



If I had to label my experience here at Rummel with one word, I'd most likely label it "extraordinary". Needless to say, it certainly has been an extreme roller coaster ride accompanied with many highs and lows. Along the way, I found myself making memories that would last a lifetime. I remember being in the late, great Mr. Schmidt's World Geography class with my older brother Tyler Holmes and good friend Eric Thornblom completing our "exit tickets". I remember being at the football team's playoff game this past year against Brother Martin and watching Jacob Renton score his first touchdown of the entire season,



which provoked a raucous uproar from our student section. I remember dissecting a pig in Mr. Lanasa's class with my classmates and trying my best to avoid inhaling the stench of the pig. I vividly remember the long, strenuous basketball practices where my brothers and I left our blood, sweat, and tears on Jim Robarts Court. So many memories. So many experiences. I could continue to ramble off the countless amount of special moments that I've had here, but I'd probably be rambling for a while. As crazy as this sounds, I wish I could go back in time and sit through another one of Mr. Mahoney's elongated reflections or be fussed at by Mrs. Leggett for listening to music without her permission during class (I personally think she was a little jealous that she didn't have blue earbuds like I did). I wish I would've taken the time to appreciate those moments for what they were...



In conclusion, I can say that without a doubt in my mind, my short time here at Rummel has prepared me for what's to come in the near future. A lot of people ask me what made me want to spend my high school years at Rummel. I could've been a Purple Knight or Crusader, but I'm not. Channing Reginald Holmes is a Raider filled with an insurmountable bundle of Raider Pride. I'm proud to be a part of the rich history here at Rummel, and I'm proud to be a part of the brotherhood. I will always have love for this place on 1901 Severn Avenue.

**THANK GOD ALMIGHTY,
I'LL ALWAYS BE A RAIDER!**



Brotherhood and Service



By: Tyler Buhler '20

There are many clubs and organizations that operate under the radar or fall into relative obscurity. Key Club, although being mentioned often, is an organization that not many students, especially new Raiders, know much about. One of the most asked questions, besides "What do y'all do?", is "Do they give you keys to the school?" The simple answer to that is no. The Key Club, under its moderator Ms. Otilio, has proven to be one of the most generous and charitable clubs in the school.



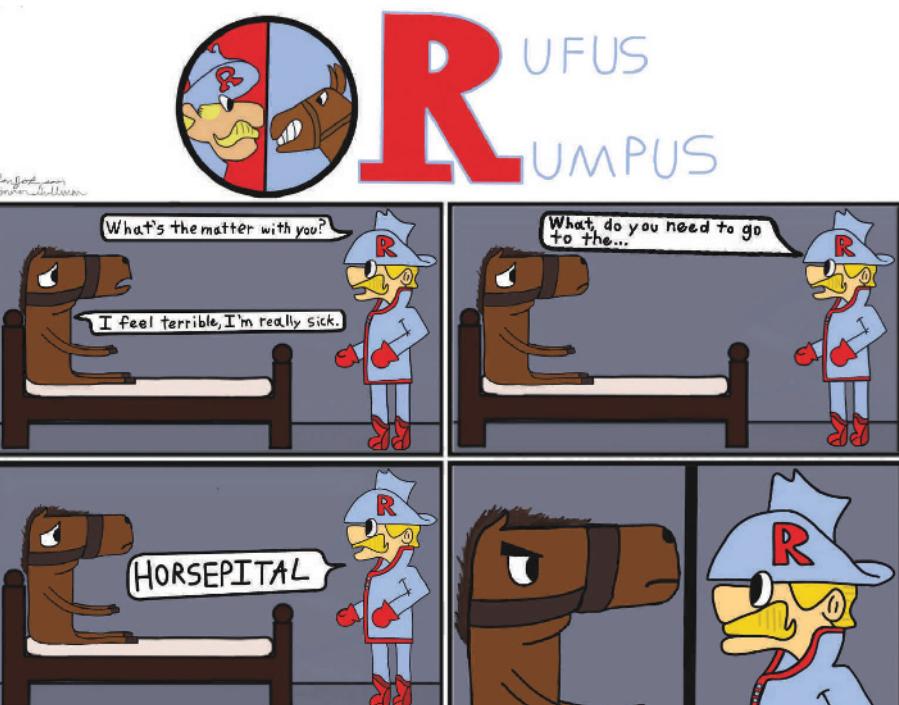
Key Club's focus is to perform service and to expect nothing in return. Those canned food drives and other goods brought in by the student body are set up by the Key Club. Once the goods are collected, members of the club leave during school hours to deliver them to charities and shelters, primarily the Thompson Center and the Hispanic Apostolate. The gratitude and the appreciation of the charities and shelters is immense. There is nothing on this earth that compares to seeing the joy on a person's face when you go out of your way to help them. You get no prize or award for doing this: Members of the Key Club do it because it is morally right.



Not only is Key Club about serving others, but also they hold events at Rummel, such as Breakfast with Santa and Exam Cram. These are probably the most recognized functions that Key Club holds. The organization also fosters brotherhood among its

members through a day where they participate in team building. Rummel itself is a beacon for the idea of brotherhood, but many of the organizations within Rummel, not only Key Club, foster this concept. Last year, Key Club members participated in a ropes course, and many of them quickly had to learn to trust each other in intense situations.

To many of its members, Key Club has become a family all working for the good of each other and those around them, expecting nothing in return. **R**



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