

# Columns



**BLAZING A TRAIL**  
A TRADITION OF EXCEPTIONAL  
LEADERSHIP AT HNA



# FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL & PRINCIPAL



Dear Alumnae and Friends,

I hope this message finds you in the best of health and spirits. It is with great honor and enthusiasm that I write my first *Columns* introduction as Holy Names Academy's new Head of School and Principal. HNA has been my home for 27 years, and I have learned much through my various roles of teacher and Vice

Principal of Student Life over the years. Each transition has stretched me beyond my comfort zone and helped me to grow. As I embark on this exciting journey, I am deeply aware of the rich history, traditions, and legacy that our school has built over the years, and I am committed to upholding and nurturing this exceptional institution.

The school itself has had many transitions that are well-documented in the HNA Heritage Center, where we proudly display how our school has grown and changed to meet the needs of our students. We welcome 9th graders as they transition into their first year of high school, encouraging their excitement and spirit, and say goodbye to seniors whom we have prepared to meet their future. As the leader of an all-girls Catholic school, I am inspired by the powerful impact our graduates have made in their communities and beyond. Our alumnae achievements, resilience, and unwavering commitment to the values instilled at Holy Names Academy serve as a testament to the exceptional education they received. I am truly humbled to be a part of this tradition of excellence.

My vision for HNA is rooted in the principles of faith, knowledge, and service. I believe that a strong foundation

in faith provides the moral compass that guides us through life's challenges. Knowledge, as the key to personal growth and societal progress, empowers our students to become lifelong learners and leaders. Lastly, service reminds us of our duty to make a positive impact on the world and to give back to our communities.

I am dedicated to maintaining the highest standards of academic excellence while fostering an inclusive and supportive environment where every student can thrive. It is my sincere desire to continue building upon the outstanding education and spiritual formation that HNA provides.

I invite each of you, our esteemed alumnae and friends of the Academy, to join me on this exciting journey. Your wisdom, experiences, and perspectives are invaluable as we work together to ensure that our school continues to flourish. Whether through mentorship, volunteering, giving, or simply staying connected, your involvement is a beacon of inspiration for our current students.

In the coming months and years, I look forward to meeting many of you, hearing your stories, and collaborating on the advancement of our beloved Holy Names Academy. Together, we can continue to make a profound difference in the lives of young women and in the broader community for generations to come.

May God bless you and your families abundantly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kim Dawson".

Kim Dawson  
Head of School and Principal

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## THE TRADITION OF EXCEPTIONAL LEADERSHIP CONTINUES AT HOLY NAMES ACADEMY.

Liz Swift, who retired as Holy Names Academy's Head of School and Principal in June 2023, and Kim Dawson, who now serves the Academy in this important role, embody Ralph Waldo Emerson's idea of leadership. When they each arrived at HNA as young teachers, neither Liz nor Kim aspired to become HNA's Head of School. Rather, they came with the purpose of supporting and inspiring the Academy's young women and contributing to

the Academy's tradition of academic excellence. Over time, both women became leaders at HNA, dedicated to the Academy's mission, and were asked to serve as Vice Principal and ultimately selected to be Head of School and Principal. When Liz became the first lay woman to lead the Academy, she began carving out the trail that would someday allow Kim, also a lay woman, to be Head of School. Now, as the first Black woman to serve the Academy as Head

"DO NOT FOLLOW WHERE THE PATH MAY LEAD. GO INSTEAD WHERE THERE IS NO PATH AND LEAVE A TRAIL."

*- Ralph Waldo Emerson*

of School, Kim's trailblazing continues. Liz and Kim have inspired countless young women to consider the path they may be on and encouraged them to leave their own trails as leaders in their communities.

As the HNA community says goodbye to one exceptional leader and welcomes the next, it is indebted to both of these women for their contributions and applauds them for diverging from the path to create and inspire new trails.



# "MAKE A DIFFERENCE in the world..."

After an extraordinary 48-year career at Holy Names Academy, Liz Swift is the longest-tenured employee in HNA's history. With every role she took on, Liz worked tirelessly to further HNA's mission and champion women's education. Under her leadership, HNA has grown to become an academic powerhouse, thoroughly preparing its young women for college and beyond. Liz was long committed to ensuring this excellent HNA education is accessible to a wide range of students. This year alone, HNA awarded \$2.22 million in financial aid—an incredible figure made possible by Liz's strategic stewarding of resources, forward thinking, and championing of HNA's endowment program.

Liz is also a strong supporter of STEM education, having taught mathematics and physics throughout her career.

Regardless of how busy Liz became with her leadership commitments, teaching her AP Physics class remained one of her joys and priorities. To ensure that HNA's strong STEM programming continues long beyond her tenure, Liz established a STEM endowment, which has already grown to more than \$400K, thanks to the generous support of the HNA community.

Liz's impact goes far beyond HNA's historic walls. She has been a leader in the education community, chairing and serving on multiple boards throughout the greater Seattle area. Her mentorship and wisdom is routinely sought by educational colleagues.

## **How did you become Head of School and Principal?**

I was invited to serve as an Interim Vice Principal of Student Life in 1982 and found that I enjoyed the opportunity to strengthen and create programs that

enhanced the student experience. I was named the permanent Vice Principal of Student Life in 1985 and then the Vice Principal of Academics in 1986, a role that I continued until 1995, when I was named Principal. While I missed full-time teaching, I enjoyed the administrative work and the challenge of moving the Academy forward.

## **What was your favorite part about working at HNA?**

I have always loved the community, especially the students. HNA has had a strong culture of welcome and inclusion where students are encouraged and supported in developing their unique talents and gifts. It was a joy to experience their growth and discovery. I especially enjoyed experiencing that growth as a physics teacher for 48 years, and I am most grateful that I had the opportunity to teach during all my administrative years.



**As you look back at your career at HNA, what makes you the most proud?**

The alumnae community. It is inspiring and gratifying to hear and witness all the good work our alums are doing to make this world a more inclusive, just, and kind place. It seems that everywhere I go, our alums are leaders in their community, work, and families.

**Tell us something about HNA that is not well known.**

Physics was not a common subject in any high school in 1908 when the current Academy building was completed, especially not at a girls' school. How incredibly visionary of the Sisters of the Holy Names to have a science laboratory dedicated to physics. The next time you step into HNA's physic lab, think about this wonderful legacy.

**What do you hope for the future of HNA?**

The school has thrived with strong leadership dedicated to the mission of HNA and the SNJM Charism at every level from the Board of Trustees to faculty and staff, alumnae, parents, and students. May the next generation of

leaders be inspired by the mission and culture of the school and adapt and change as our world and the needs of the students evolve.

**What are the qualities of Kim that will serve her well as HNA's Head of School and Principal?**

Kim is very mission-centered and lives the SNJM Charism and Core Values in all she does. She is always focused on what is good for students and is ever willing to try a new approach or program. Under her leadership, I know that the school has a strong future, and our students will thrive. I look forward to seeing the growth of the Academy in the years ahead.

**Do you have any advice for students?**

Make a difference in the world and in your relationships, be your genuine self, develop resilience, and live in gratitude—and my hope and dream are that you will live a life of great meaning and purpose. Please enjoy the inspiration that I have loved

in the simple and powerful words of Mary Oliver in her poem *The Summer Day*:

*"Tell me, what is it you plan to do  
With your one wild and precious life?"*

And, I would add, that God has given you.

**Will we see you at alumnae events?**  
Absolutely!





When Kim Dawson arrived at Holy Names Academy in 1996 as a student teacher through Seattle University's Masters in Teaching program, she could not have envisioned the significant role Holy Names Academy would go on to play in her life, and indeed, the lasting impact she would have on the Academy. Sitting at her interview with Liz Swift and Sr. Mary Annette Dworshak, SNJM, Kim was grateful for the opportunity to teach in an all-girls school, which reminded her so much of her own high school. She was delighted to be hired as a student teacher and the following year, as a full-time English teacher. Through hard work and a fierce commitment to HNA's mission, Kim quickly became a leader in the community for both students and colleagues. When students wanted to start the first Black Student Union at HNA, they asked Kim to be their mentor, and she gladly accepted, ensuring that the students felt heard and supported.

Kim became Vice Principal of Student Life in 2003 and continued to be a passionate advocate for HNA's young women, as she planned student life programming, ran student clubs, moderated ASB, and responded to student needs. She has been a much-loved teacher, colleague, and administrator, committed to advancing HNA's mission while centering the SNJM Core Values. Now, as she serves the Academy as Head of School and Principal, Kim reflects, "My leadership will center on the collaborative values of service and community partnership." She looks forward to continuing to build relationships with HNA's community members to ensure the successful future of the Academy and its students.

**What brought you to HNA 27 years ago?**

I wanted to be a teacher since I was in second grade. I went to an all-girls Catholic high school, Notre Dame Academy in Los Angeles, where I grew in confidence through my participation

in co-curricular activities such as student leadership, vocal ensemble, and cheerleading. The school awards I received reflected my love of service and hospitality. I was voted the friendliest in my class all four years, and I cherished my high school experience. I wanted to teach in a similar community in which I could give back and encourage young women to find their confidence and passion, so Holy Names Academy was the perfect fit for me.

**Tell us a fun fact about you that people may not know.**

I am a huge Disney fan! I love everything Disney. In fact, I have Disney posters for every season that I put outside of my office. I love bringing elements of fun into school for students to enjoy.

**What inspires you?**

Making a positive difference and helping others inspire me. The Core Values of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, which are grounded in faith and action, also inspire me and shape our school culture.

### What excites you most about being Head of School and Principal of HNA?

I am excited to advance the mission, keep the legacy of the SNJM sisters alive, and nurture a community where young women thrive. We are in a time of such innovation, and yet, the SNJM Charism remains timeless. Holy Names Academy is a supportive community built upon academic excellence, beloved traditions, leadership opportunities, and a sisterhood that encourages young women to find joy and belonging in their learning and in life. It is my honor to now serve as its Head of School and Principal.

### What is one of your goals for HNA?

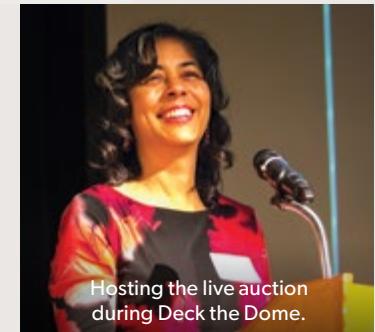
Our 21st-century world is demanding, and the mental health and well-being of our students, faculty, and staff need to be supported more than ever. One of my goals is that HNA continues to provide its young women with an excellent academic program while increasing opportunities for students to grow socially and emotionally.

### What lessons from Liz's leadership are you taking into your own leadership?

I learned so much from Liz in my 27 years at HNA, but the two things have had the most impact on me that I will continue in my own leadership are commitment to the mission and empowering women. Liz's example of uplifting women throughout her tenure at HNA was both inspiring and transformational. She has a gift for encouraging potential in others and providing opportunity for their success and impact in the world.

### How do you see the all-girls advantage play out at HNA?

I see it every day as young women become more confident in who they are. They are not afraid to take risks, to discover their passions, and to try new things. They are part of a community that encourages and supports them, and they are surrounded by examples of strong women leaders through the curriculum, their teachers, and the alumnae. I saw the impact of the all-girls experience on my own daughter, Ariana



Dawson '04, and my nieces, Cara Priestley '97, Candace Priestley '01, and Alexis Ballard '09, who grew to believe in their own power and share their gifts compassionately in the world.

### What message do you have for HNA's students?

I would love to share some quotes from my favorite Disney movie, *Mary*

*Poppins*, which encourage wonder and imagination and highlight the power of our dreams if we would only believe in ourselves.

*"Everything is possible, even the impossible."*

*"Carry the magic with you."*

*"The day is full of possibilities, it's all in the way you look at things."*

# — WHAT'S GOING ON

## SPOTLIGHT ON SOCIAL STUDIES AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AT HNA

### JONNIKA KWON '25

An active junior at HNA, Jonnika Kwon, has earned varsity letters for golf and community service and is a member of HNA's Mock Trial team and National Honor Society. Pursuing her interest in government, Jonnika recently had the opportunity to serve as a page in the Washington State Senate and provides her insight into her experience as a page and as an HNA student.

#### *What inspired you to apply for the Senate Page Program?*

I am very interested in politics and government so a family friend, Senator Javier Valdez, recommended that I apply for the program. Before paging, I was not very familiar with the state government because I mostly followed Congress and federal politics. I thought this would be a great opportunity to learn what's happening at a local level. Ever since paging, I have been much more involved in state politics, which is actually the best way to make a tangible difference—all politics are local, after all!



Jonnika Kwon '25 on the Washington State Senate floor.

#### *How has HNA helped shape you into the student and person you are today?*

The teachers at HNA have been incredibly supportive of me, both in the classroom and outside of school. My English teacher, Ms. Draggoo, has really encouraged my passion for political advocacy and has assisted me with extracurricular projects. I have found fellow students who share my passion for political organizing and have enjoyed collaborating with them to raise

awareness and take action on different issues. Plus, I am taking AP Government and Politics this year—it's a class I've wanted to take since 8th grade!

*"We participated in a mock committee hearing and answered questions from our colleagues about our bill. Like in the real legislative process, it had to receive a majority in the committee to move onto the next phase of passage. The bill was unanimously passed out of committee! Drafting this bill gave me insight into just how hard it is to write legislation that is realistic, feasible, and will have public support. There is a big difference between just having a good idea (i.e., eliminating gender inequality), and actually outlining how we will achieve the goal with specific, attainable actions."*

— Jonnika Kwon on her time as a State Senate page; excerpted from *The Dome*, HNA's school magazine

## SPRING SNAPSHOT

1. Cast members of HNA's spring musical, *Beauty and the Beast*, sing "Be Our Guest." (Photo credit: Anthony Floyd)
2. Students enjoy Friday Fun Day in May.
3. Students work on a physics lab alongside their teacher, Becca Shope '95.
4. HNA's first flag football team takes the field. Flag football is one of the 17 sports HNA offers.



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# AT HNA?



Jen Kelly at the U.S. Supreme Court.

## JEN KELLY

Jen (Curran) Kelly has been teaching at Holy Names Academy since 1997. Throughout her 24 years at HNA, Jen has used her endless energy and passion for teaching to help shape the Social Studies Department into the dynamic and engaging department it is today. She currently teaches Advanced Placement United States History

and Advanced Placement American Government and Politics. This past summer, Jen was selected to attend the prestigious Supreme Court Summer Institute in Washington, D.C. The Institute offers teachers the opportunity to study recent Supreme Court cases in detail and learn innovative teaching methods for conveying this information to students.

*How were you first introduced to the Advanced Placement Government and Political Science course?*

In the 2018 - 2019 school year, our department wanted to offer AP Government and Political Science as an elective for students. I worked diligently that first year teaching the course, and in the process, I discovered that I loved teaching United States government and politics. I was so drawn to the curriculum, which includes instruction on how the Supreme Court operates and review of significant Supreme Court cases. Now there are two of us who teach this course to juniors and seniors.

*What are your goals for your students in AP Government and Political Science?*

In this course, my goal is to provide my students with the tools necessary to be active citizens and participants in our democracy. Furthermore, I seek to provide them with skills to navigate difficult conversations so that they feel confident engaging in well-informed political discourse.

*What skills do you hope your students take with them beyond HNA?*

I hope I instill an appreciation and better understanding of our history and political system. Furthermore, my goal is to prepare my students for their futures, providing them with strong writing, critical thinking, and study skills to feel confident and successful in college courses. I see my impact when former students tell me about their successes in college or their career and share how confident and prepared they were because of what I taught them at HNA.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2023!





SNAPSHOTS FROM  
HNA'S TRADITIONAL  
SENIOR EVENTS:  
GRADUATION,  
BACCALAUREATE,  
SENIOR PROM, AND  
GRAD NIGHT 2023.





### VALEDICTORIANS

Top photo, Front (L-R): Katie Loughran, Caroline Crow, Emilie Golovanoff, Olivia Howe, Ashley Ruiz-Santiago, Alana Lombaard, Pavithra (Nina) Harsha. Back (L-R): Elizabeth Dau, He (Jasmine) Huang, Hope Gelfand, Lena Meyer, Amy Gretch.

### SALUTATORIANS

Bottom photo, Front (L-R): Bridget Thompson, Ella Regondola, Elspeth Schoonover, Maisie McManus. Back (L-R): Camille Ott, Lauren Chan, Sylvia Ewart, Zoe Withers.

### CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

Hailey Pittiglio and Bridget Thompson, who served as Co-Class Presidents their senior year, will now serve as the Class Representatives for the Class of 2023. They will help their classmates stay connected to each other and ensure news, invitations, and updates from HNA are delivered to their class.

### THANK YOU, SENIORS!

Many members of the Class of 2023 contributed to The HNA Fund as is tradition for the senior class gift. Their collective gift supports virtually all aspects of students' lives and honors HNA's strong alumnae tradition of giving back to the Academy for the benefit of current and future students. HNA is grateful to the graduates for their generosity and wishes them the very best as they embark on exciting journeys beyond the Dome.

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## CLASS OF 2023 FACTS FROM HNA'S COLLEGE COUNSELORS

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The members of the Class of 2023 have brought recognition and honor to HNA through their academic and athletic achievements, and their participation in the visual and performing arts and a variety of other activities.

**120 members of the Class of 2023**

**Admitted to 202 different institutions**

**Attending 64 colleges nationally and internationally**

**Over \$28 million awarded in academic scholarships**

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# CAREER DAY

HNA hosts Career Day each spring to provide students an opportunity to learn about a broad range of professions. This past April, 13 alumnae returned under the Dome to present to HNA students, including Arlene Acena Sargeant '94, who served as the keynote speaker. Arlene is a global leader, entrepreneur, and nonprofit board chair, and has worked on five continents and lived in four countries, including China and Mexico. She holds a Bachelor of Science from Boston University and an

MBA from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Arlene currently serves as the Board President at Seattle JazzED, a nonprofit providing equitable access to music education. Thank you to all the participants for sharing your time, expertise, and insights with our students.

*If you are interested in participating in Career Day 2024, please contact School Counselor Emily McKenzie at [emckenzie@holynames-sea.org](mailto:emckenzie@holynames-sea.org).*



Keynote speaker Arlene Acena Sargeant '94

**Business Development Manager** **VETERINARIAN** **Real Estate Broker**  
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**Materials Engineer** **Women in** **Director of Communications**  
**Civil Staff Engineer** **Construction** **SENIOR RESEARCH ENGINEER**



Front (L-R): Charlotte Platt '12, Business Development Manager, GitLab; Kenzie Kupyn '14, Set Decoration Buyer, Freelance Film & TV Production; Bridget McFaul '18, Civil Staff Engineer, Coughlin Porter Lundein; Karissa Braxton '10, Director of Communications, City of Seattle, Office of Economic Development; Marissa Kranz '13, Senior Research Engineer, University of Washington Medical Cyclotron Facility; Arlene Acena Sargeant '94, Entrepreneur; Elise Santa Maria Castorina '08, Materials Engineer, The Boeing Company. Back (L-R): Therese Bianchi Meehan '85, Real Estate Broker, Windermere West Metro; Jennifer Wukelic '04, Women in Construction, Northwest Construction Inc.; Victoria Gray Smith, DVM '83, Veterinarian, Deschutes Animal Clinic; Julia Panelli '17, Registered Nurse, Overlake Medical Center and Clinics; Sara Skrobut '17, Audit Senior Associate, Deloitte; Tangerine Wiggs Trimarco '08, VP of Sales, Carbyne.

ENDOWMENT SPOTLIGHT

# REUNITING WITH CLASSMATES AND SUPPORTING HNA STUDENTS FOR GENERATIONS TO COME



MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 1971 AT THE 2023 ALUMNAE LUNCHEON.

If you think about your senior year of high school, what song comes to mind? For HNA's Class of '73, these lyrics take them back: "I heard he sang a good song, I heard he had a style, and so I came to see him, to listen for a while."

When Roberta Flack's hit song was playing on repeat over the airwaves, the Class of '73 likely could not imagine gathering under the Dome 50 years later to celebrate their reunion. On May 20, 2023, they shared memories, ate, drank, and caught up with each other. They also chatted with student ambassadors to learn more about HNA student life today, covering topics such as mock trial's recent state competition, how to decide which AP courses to take, the ways that students connect across class years, and the "thrill" of navigating the parking garage with a newly minted driver's license.

During a break in lunch, Mary Sherman '73 reminded the group of their class endowment, which she and her classmates started after their 40th reunion. Now funded at \$43,000, the revenue that is generated each year from this, and other HNA scholarship endowments, plays a crucial role in achieving the Academy's continued commitment to economic diversity.

The Class of '71 also used their 40-year reunion as impetus to establish a scholarship endowment. With a goal of \$50,000 by their 50th reunion, the class was thrilled when they reached more than \$75,000 in 2021. This past spring, the class coalesced for another funding push to honor their classmate Liz Swift '71. Together, Kimberly Habenicht Brown, Lisa Healy Crump, Melinda Iacolucci, and Judy Gallagher Miller sent a message to their classmates requesting

support for the endowment, stating, "Our plan is to present at the alumnae luncheon on Saturday, March 4, 2023, to let Liz know that her classmates have made tribute donations in her name. Hopefully, we can announce a new corpus that exceeds \$100,000."

Sure enough, they did it! The endowment total for the Class of '71 stands at over \$105,000. Thank you to all HNA alumnae and friends who empower current and future HNA students with your generous support of the Academy's mission. HNA students regularly express their appreciation for the opportunity to learn from peers with a wide range of experiences and perspectives. Incredibly, 112 middle schools and 86 zip codes are represented within HNA's student body. Your collective generosity makes all the difference!

# DECK THE DOME 2022

The HNA community came together for another festive Deck the Dome that kicked off the holiday season and raised over \$162,000 in support of HNA's Theatre & Film Department. More than 380 people attended to toast HNA and revel in the lighting of HNA's landmark dome. Thank you to all Deck the Dome donors, attendees, and volunteers!



1. Hope Haugen taking a photo of Jennifer Hale '09 and Laurissa Hale Lynn '05.

2. Jennifer Miesner, Volunteer of the Year.

3. Current parents (L-R): John Kim, Misty Cervantes-Kim, Jennifer Wong, Eugene Wong.

4. Enjoying the auction.

5. Mary Moran '92 and Brian Jorgensen place bids in the silent auction.

6. Kendra Reiser '11 and her mother, Ruth.

7. Deck the Dome auctioneer, Rafe Wadleigh (HNA Music Director from 2000 to 2011), leads the choir.



# CHEER & CELEBRATE!

HNA celebrated its 40th annual CHEER event on Saturday, March 25, raising funds for the Academy's exceptional students and programs. The HNA community honored Liz Swift, Head of School & Principal, with the Blessed Marie Rose Award for her remarkable commitment to HNA's mission and students throughout her almost 50-year tenure.

CHEER raised a record-breaking \$680,000+ to sustain and enhance the Academy's excellent academic, arts, athletic, spiritual, and leadership programs. Of that total, the CHEER Funded Item, which established the new Liz Swift STEM Endowment to support STEM programming at HNA, raised over \$400,000.

STEM classes at HNA enrich the lives of students and pave the way for alumnae to lead lives that are rich in impact and innovation. Alissa Curda Roberts '02, last year's speaker, is one such alumna. Alissa is a pediatric endocrinologist at Seattle Children's Hospital and an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Washington School of Medicine. She is also a former physics student of Liz Swift.

We gratefully acknowledge the CHEER 2023 Event Sponsors, whose support ensures the net funds raised directly support the Academy and its students!

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1. Theresa Gallant bids big for HNA!

2. Alissa Curda Roberts '02.  
3. Mario and Rhonda Banchero.

4. L-R: Cait Greeley '15,  
Melissa Clark, and Bridget  
Cooley.

5. Student performers.

6. Noah Martin and Adriana  
Johnson Martin '09.

7. Felicia Cross '83 (L) and  
Sandra L. Newton '83.



# CHEER!

AUCTION

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for more information.

## ALUMNAE LUNCHEON 2023

## A LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP

A record 270+ HNA alumnae representing many class years gathered for another joyful Alumnae Luncheon at the Golf Club at Newcastle in March. This year's celebration was even more memorable, as outgoing Head of School and Principal Liz Eldredge Swift '71 received the Distinguished Alumna Award. For an incredible 48 years at HNA, Liz was dedicated to educating young women, the mission of the school, and the Charism of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary. Liz's best friend and former classmate, Teresa Reed '71, and Liz's daughter, Mary Swift '03, honored Liz with moving speeches. Many of Liz's classmates attended the event to support her and won the prize for the class with the



Suzanne Martineau Banchero '64. Many thanks to the event Co-Chairs (Megan Karalus '03, Nicole Simard '10, and Maddie Jager Zack '06), the Alumnae Board Luncheon Committee, and Christie Sheehan Spielman '68 for planning this joyous event. Thank you to all who attended, including the event patrons and sponsors.

1. L-R: Andrea Genord Anthony '01, Megan Karalus '03, Erin Karalus '08, and Caitlin Jesse '01.
2. Members of the Class of 1955.
3. Members of the class of 1985.
4. Mary Swift '03 speaks about her mother, Liz Eldredge Swift '71.
5. Annie Wickwire Delucchi '82 snaps a photo of members of the Class of 1983.

greatest attendance at the event. The earliest alumna in attendance was Patricia McCullough Craig '49, and the most recent alumna in attendance was Isabella Banchero '21, who was joined by her sister and current HNA student, Liliana Banchero '24, and their grandmother,



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# 50TH/50PLUS REUNION

Laughter from alumnae celebrating 50 or more years since graduation echoed through HNA's hallways during the 50th/50Plus Reunion in May. The Class of '73 Skippers were honored with a lunch and program, including a reflection by Trish Thoensen Coleman '73 and a school update by Liz Swift '71. Alumnae who graduated in earlier class years enjoyed a reception in the parlors. Celebrating their 70th reunion, the Class of '53 saw six alumnae return to HNA,

including Marlyn Karrow '53, who found a picture of herself in the HNA Heritage Center! Special thanks to '73 Class Representative Trish Thoensen Coleman, event Co-Chairs (Maria Perez Mason '72 and Celeste Dargent Reilly '02), and the Alumnae Board 50th/50Plus committee. We look forward to welcoming the alumnae from Class of '74 and earlier to the next 50th/50Plus reunion on June 1, 2024.



## CLASS OF 1973 CELEBRATES 50TH REUNION

Left, Front row (L-R): Mahala Murphy-Martin, Mary Pugel, Bettie Larson Wing, Margaret Sexton Moore, Trish Thoensen Coleman, Margaret Todd White, Lucia Mo Wang, Mary Loeken, Alison Cole MacLeod. Second row (L-R): Anne Pettinger, Nancy Martin Hughes, Margaret Wiegenstein, Patti Mozzone Turner, Kathy DeFuria Callero, Mary Siderius Sherman. Third row (L-R): Kitty Hobson, Debbie Brown Cameron, Gail Rodriguez, Gerri Carlson Kirchner, Michelle Cadigan Hill, Mary Swenson Holdsworth, Katy Read Smith. Fourth row (L-R): Josie Solseng, Margaret Prociv Bradley, Betsy English Williams, Mary Rowe. Fifth row (L-R): Terry Dowd Coulton, Tracie Anderson Kovac, Mary Poage Duffy, Yvonne Martineau, Terri Olson Miller. Sixth row (L-R): Michelle Hynes DeWitt, Jennifer Shields, Mary Ghiglione Wiseman, Marilyn Taylor Crosby, Diane Miller. Seventh row (L-R): Cathy O'Connell Rouleau, Jean Bowden, Annamarie Smit DeFranco, Ashley Boswell Kuhn. Eighth row (L-R): Karen Schindler Court, Karla Craig Kinsella, Mary Castaldo Douglas, Jane Fisher. Ninth row (L-R): Janie Gasper Sharpe, Laurie Lapinski Cole, Lee Ann Boyle Martinez.



**Class of 1953** (L-R): Marlyn Maloney Karrow, Mary Schieben Whitman, Anna Mae Fox Horton, Aline Corwin Wilson, Rose Covello Roni, Beverly Waltier Cook.



Marilyn Taylor Crosby '73 (L) and Diane Garrett Miller '73 greet their classmates.

# SIP, SIP, HOORAY! WINE TASTING AT HNA

This past June, more than 125 alumnae and guests gathered at HNA to taste wine from five excellent Washington wineries. Thank you to the participating wineries: itä wines (owned and operated by Kelsey Albro Itämeri '05), Dineen Vineyards, LaShelle' Wines, Locus Wines, and Virtue Cellars. Many thanks to the event Co-Chairs (Susan Wickwire '85 and Annie Wickwire Delucchi '82) and the Alumnae Board Wine Tasting Committee for their fabulous planning.



## SAVE THE DATES

**ALUMNAE REUNION  
CELEBRATION**  
September 30, 2023 | 10 a.m.

**YOUNG ALUMNAE  
HOLIDAY SOCIAL**  
December 19, 2023 | 5-7 p.m.

**ALUMNAE LUNCHEON**  
March 2, 2024 | 11 a.m.

**50TH-YEAR/50PLUS  
ALUMNAE REUNION**  
June 1, 2024 | 10 a.m.

**ALUMNAE  
WINE TASTING EVENT**  
June 14, 2024 | 6 p.m.

# ALUMNAE UPDATES

## 1940s

**Doris Grasser Duex '44** is living in Bothell and doing well. She visits with her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, who all live in the greater Seattle area. She has such fond memories of HNA and still keeps in touch with one of her classmates.

## 1950s

**Sr. Patricia J. Snider, SSpS '50** is the Director of Holy Spirit Missionary Association in Northfield, Illinois. She says her missionary life has been a great blessing. Her career has spanned many countries and various roles including as a nurse in Australia, director of a retreat center in Chicago, and founder of a House of Prayer in Papua New Guinea.

## 1960s

**Norma Furlong '68** is doing well living and working in Sitka, Alaska. She is a Nurse Practitioner providing diabetic foot care to rural southeast Alaskan villages.

Several HNA classmates from the **Class of 1968** gathered when **Donna Duncan Freed** visited Seattle from Maryland last summer. The classmates included **Alicia McCullough, Collene Sinclair Lynch, Sheila Sifferman Marie, Mary Beth Todd Mead, Susan Safioles Paton, Christie Sheehan Spielman**, and **Loree Tobin**.

**Cammy Oaksmith Hendrix '69** retired after 27 years working in the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office as the Supervisor of the Victim Assistance Unit of

King County. This past summer, she began her retirement by completing a portion of the Camino de Santiago pilgrimage. Cammy looks forward to spending more time with her family and friends (especially her HNA classmates), hiking, and traveling.

## 1970s

**Patty Bole '70** and **Barbara Berg DeMuri '70** spent time traveling this summer. While visiting the Roman ruins in Évora, Portugal, they realized they were in the same tour group as HNA Director of Admissions and Marketing Eileen Denby!

**Cynthia Gayton '79** recently published the 11th edition of her book, *Legal Aspects of Engineering, Design and Innovation*. The book was written to benefit students and professors looking to understand legal issues in the fields of design and engineering. For more information, visit [he.kendallhunt.com/gayton](http://he.kendallhunt.com/gayton).

Members from the **Class of 1979** enjoyed time together in Phoenix, Arizona. The classmates included **Jeanette Zipp Kundert, Melissa Monda, Marianne McClary Goebel, Marie Lemire Rustemeyer**, and **Allyse Pagan Doran**.

## 1980s

**Swanee Rivers '82** is currently working on her latest children's book with a tentative release date in the fall of 2023. She was a featured writer at "Children's Book Day" hosted by the Seattle Urban Book Expo and Town Hall Seattle this past May.

**Becky Laing Bossard '84** left her job after almost 25 years at Green Lake Animal

Hospital as a Client Service Representative. She has a new position at the Laurel Law Group in Ballard, as the assistant to her husband, a partner in the firm. She says, "Starting a new job, at 57 years old, has been an exciting adventure, and I love working with my hubby, Monty."

**Shannon Burns '86** graduated from City University of Seattle with a Masters of Curriculum and Instruction.

## 1990s

**Francesca Richard '92** recently signed a contract with Disney to develop an animated show. She has also been working with recording artists as a songwriter. She is happy and living in Los Angeles.

**Elizabeth ("Betsy") Carter '93**

met with a group of HNA students on a school trip over spring break to Paris, France. She currently works as an Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of New Hampshire. She earned her Ph.D. in Political Science at the University of California Berkeley and her M.P.A. from the University of Washington.

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1. Doris Grasser Duex '44.
2. Cammy Oaksmith Hendrix '69.
3. L-R: Barbara Berg DeMuri '70, Patty Bole '70, and Eileen Denby, HNA Director of Admissions and Marketing.
4. Classmates from 1968. Front (L-R): Loree Tobin, Collene Sinclair Lynch, and Susan Safioles Paton. Back (L-R): Donna Duncan Freed and Alicia McCullough.



**Tannis Burk Golebiewski '94** is running for Mill Creek City Council and will be on the ballot in November. Tannis says, "This is a fun but daunting new adventure for me, made possible in part by the support of my classmate, Melissa Wingard-Phillips, who encouraged me to run and is helping me with essential campaign advice."

**Elizabeth Chamberlain '97** was selected as the first female City Manager for the City of Walla Walla in December 2022. To read more about Elizabeth, visit [www.Union-Bulletin.com](http://www.Union-Bulletin.com) and search for "Elizabeth Chamberlain."

Members of the **Class of 1998** gathered for a reunion this summer at the home of Nikki Rice '98 in Seattle. They enjoyed looking through their old yearbooks, recounting stories, and catching up.

## 2000s

**Molly McKeon '05** was honored with the Charlie Award at Holy Names Academy. Each year, the HNA community votes on a faculty or staff member who exemplifies the spirit of Charlie Wheelock, a former long-time member of HNA's maintenance team. Molly demonstrated their ability to help throughout the HNA community as a coach, substitute teacher, and more.

**Lauren Hall '07** was inducted into the Washington Interscholastic Activities

Association (WIAA) Hall of Fame in November 2022, for her achievements and contributions to Washington High School Swimming & Diving. Lauren still holds the high school state records in the 200 Individual Medley (IM) and the 100 Backstroke events.

**Victoria Maxon '09** graduated as Urology Chief Resident from Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu, HI. She was awarded the Pediatric Urology Fellowship at The Brady Urological Institute, Division of Pediatric Urology at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore, Maryland. She was also recently promoted to Major, US ARMY Medical Corps.

## 2010s

**Jojo Bromfield '10** lives in the Seattle area and enjoys her work in Criminal Justice Ministry as a Chaplain for the Archdiocese of Seattle. In this role, she serves incarcerated youth and adults in King County, while also training and leading volunteers to do the same.

**Mackenzie Cannon '11** graduated with her J.D. from Notre Dame Law School in the spring of 2023. In September, she will begin practicing with the data privacy and cybersecurity team at Greenberg Traurig, LLP in Chicago.

**Anja Malawi Guttenplan Brandon '12** was highlighted on Fast Company's "Most Creative People in Business 2023" list. Anja was included because of her groundbreaking work, negotiating and drafting legislation on the strongest plastics law in the world (SB 54 in California). Anja is the Associate Director of U.S. Plastics Policy at Ocean Conservancy and leads the policy work to prevent plastics from becoming pollution in the first place. Anja notes that her work "wouldn't be possible without the strong foundation from HNA."

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1. Members of the Class of 1998: Front (L-R): Linda Papka Goins, Jenny Buckley Martin, Sydney Burch Runge, Annie Wagner, Miko Premo. Back (L-R): Nikki Rice Malki, Kristel Crame Williams, Kristin Koon, Etta Schaefer Spangler, Kristy Cole, Rebecca Wahl McCaffery, Nicky Butler.
2. Classmates from 1979 (L-R): Jeanette Zipp Kundert, Melissa Monda, Marianne McClary Goebl, Marie Lemire Rustemeyer, Allyse Doran Pagan.
3. Anja Malawi Guttenplan Brandon '12.
4. Victoria Maxon '09.
5. Francesca Richard '92.
6. Elizabeth ("Betsy") Carter '93 (right) meeting with HNA students on spring break in Paris.
7. Elizabeth Chamberlain '97.





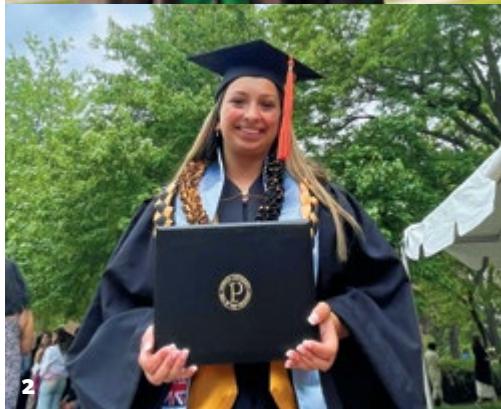
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**Courtney Pharr '13** graduated from the University of Maryland School of Medicine in May 2023. She is now working as a Family Medicine Resident Physician at the University of Maryland Medical Center. She is happy to serve as a mentor to any alumnae considering medicine or working in the medical field.

**Zeena Rivers '14** graduated from Seattle University in 2018 with a B.S. in Psychology and is currently working on earning a Ph.D. in Neuroscience at UCLA.

**Cait Greely '15** holds a real estate license and sells residential real estate. She joined TeamUp Seattle out of Coldwell Banker Bain of Capitol Hill, where she gets to work alongside her mother and their two business partners. You can connect with them at [www.teamupseattle.com](http://www.teamupseattle.com) and [@teamuprealestate](https://Instagram/@teamuprealestate).

**Jamea Nielsen '16** graduated cum laude in June 2022 from Seattle Pacific University with a B.S. in Economics and Business Analysis. She is currently working as a Product Marketing Specialist with AAA of Washington.

**Lily Gunning '18** graduated from the University of Portland in May 2022 with Maxima Cum Laude honors and a major

in Chemistry with a concentration in Biochemistry, an American Chemical Society Certified Degree, and minors in Neuroscience and Biology. Lily became a Fulbright Grantee for an English Teaching Assistantship in Taiwan, where she teaches 1st, 5th, and 6th graders, and is currently enrolled in Mandarin classes at the local university. She is enjoying her experience as she plans the next chapter of her life.

**Hope Juzon '19** was named one of ten Gregoire Fellows at the University of Washington School of Law. Through the Fellowship, she will spend her 1L summer working at Stokes Lawrence P.S., a majority women-owned law firm, and the real estate company, Redfin.

**Maya McDonald '19** graduated from Purdue University in May 2023 with a Degree in Aerospace Engineering and a minor in Planetary Science. She works for Boeing Space and NASA on the Space Launch System for the Artemis 2 mission.

**Macie Singler '19** graduated with honors from the University of Arizona, where she studied political science and philosophy. Her grandmother, Georgia Day '52, says Macie attributes her success to the education she received at HNA.

1. Courtney Pharr '13.

2. Maya McDonald '19.

3. Cait Greeley '15 (left), with her mother and their business partners, Michael and Christopher.

4. Natalie Kizzier '21.

5. Macie Singler '19.

## 2020s

**Beatriz de Lucas Sacristan '21** enrolled in a dual degree program, in which she will earn two undergraduate degrees from two institutions. In the spring of 2023, she graduated from Sciences Po in Paris, France, with an undergraduate degree in politics and government and international finance. Currently, she is at Columbia University, where she will be working to earn a second undergraduate degree in economics. Beatriz visited with a group of HNA students who were on a study abroad trip during spring break in Paris, France.

**Natalie Kizzier '21** won the World Championship – Hunter Pleasure Youth at the Morgan Grand National and World Championship horse show in October 2022. Her story was also recently picked up by the *US Equestrian Magazine* for Spring 2023.

# BRIDES



**1. Kirstie Chan '07** married her high school sweetheart, Jourdan Landon from O'Dea's Class of 2007, in an intimate ceremony at her parents' house last September. Their ceremony was followed by a reception at Salty's on Alki Beach with family and friends.

**2. Sarah Johnson '10** married Jared Watson on October 21, 2022, at Liljebeck Farms in Woodinville, Washington.

**3. Katie Shurtleff '11** and Craig Stewart celebrated their marriage on August 6, 2022, following an intimate wedding

ceremony held during the pandemic in 2021. Katie and Craig celebrated in Plain, Wash., at Mountain Springs Lodge. HNA guests in attendance were (L-R): Alycia Gardner '11, Hannah Black '11, Katie, Nancy Miles '11, and Jessie Osborn '11.

**4. Emily Diedrich '13** married Chris Williamson on August 27, 2022, in the Holy Names Academy chapel. They are both graduates of Gonzaga University's Class of 2017 and reside in Salt Lake City, Utah.

**5. Julia O'Toole '14** married Bradni Black on September 25, 2021, at College of the Holy Cross in Massachusetts, where they met. Included in the wedding party were co-maid of honor Cici West '14 and bridesmaid Selina Scott '14.

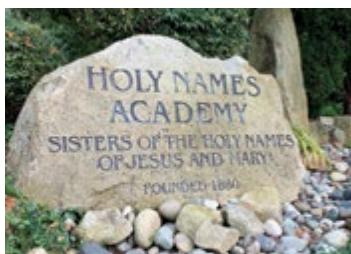
**6. Alexandra Stone '15** married Paul Dilley on September 8, 2022, in Maui, Hawaii.

**7. Jamea Nielsen** married Matthew Johnson on February 2, 2023, in Cancun, Mexico.

# BABIES



1. **Hannah Ozubko Eulberg '06** and her husband, Tommy, welcomed their daughter, Palmer Isobel, on October 27, 2022. Palmer joins her very excited big brother, Charlie (2 years).
2. **Madeline Motola Cahanes '10** and her husband, Michael, welcomed their son, Albert John, on March 2, 2022, in Hudson, Wisconsin.
3. **Hayley Vanderwall Galver '07** and her husband, Danny, welcomed their second child, Emma Margaret, on August 19, 2022.
4. **Michaela Bromfield '07** and her husband, Carl Withers, welcomed their daughter, Rose Joelle, on January 3, 2023. Baby Rose joins her older brother Guy (3 years) and is the perfect addition to their family.
5. **Lizzie Johnson Davis '08** and her husband, Chasen, welcomed their daughter, Mabel Mae, on June 10, 2023. Mabel joins her big brother, Jackson.
6. **Chanelle Felix '10** and her husband welcomed their first born on August 15, 2022.
7. **Elsie Howell Bigelow '12** and her husband, Spencer, welcomed their daughter, Blakely Patricia, on January 11, 2023.
8. **Lindsey Ross Vincent '07** and her husband, Shea, welcomed their second daughter, Riley Eva, on June 5, 2023. She joins her excited older sister Reese (3 years).
9. **Sarah Gudaitis Olsen '07** and her husband, Peter, welcomed twins Emma June and Anders John on January 20, 2022. They celebrated their first birthday this past January with family and friends.



## SHARE YOUR NEWS

Did you graduate, move, study abroad, receive an award, get married, change careers, have a baby, start a business, or get together with your HNA classmates? Submit your updates and pictures on our website: <https://www.holynames-sea.org/alumnae/columns-magazine/> or email [alumnae@holynames-sea.org](mailto:alumnae@holynames-sea.org).



## IN LOVING MEMORY

The Holy Names Academy Alumnae Association prayerfully remembers these alumnae and their families:

**Roberta Lee Standing Dawson '39**

**Mary Patricia Basel, SNJM '42**

**Rosalie Reid MacLaren '42**

**Elizabeth "Beth" Brinton Greengo '45**

**Margaret Whinihan '46**

**Mary Lou Salvus Dean '48**

**Virginia Ryan Pfalzer '48**

**Catherine Moloney '49**

**Patricia Ann Sexton '49**

**Jayne Chamberlin Barrere '50**

**Joyce Powers Ways '50**

**Harriet Ann Burke '51**

**Shirley Harris Nyberg '52**

**Kathryn Quackenbush '52**

**Mary Margaret Grier Hagel '53**

**Marilyn Gedda Hueffed '53**

**LaNora "Nora" Wakefield Churchill '54**

**Marlene Everson '55**

**Sr. Mary Berenice Wilson, SP '55**

**Barbara Winquist '55**

**Mary Constance "Connie" Egan DeMartino '56**

**Nancy Rae Hastings '56**

**Sharon Gurtler Strick '56**

**Clarice Hill Horvath '57**

**Mary Jo Wink Morrow '57**

**Laura Hoban Webb '57**

**Sharon Hoffman Echoes '58**

**Susan Norris Johnson '58**

**Jean Vile '58**

**Marilyn Dibb Gerarden '60**

**MaryLou Bedney Benzel '64**

**Susan Downing Hanson '64**

**Dorothy Devine Eikanger '72**

**Mary Pat Henwood '86**

**Allison Chappell '06**

**Patty Bozanich**, mother of Mary Jo Bozanich Bolte '72 and Diane Bozanich Ratley '77

**Sheila Vandenberg Cecil**, daughter of Margie Haley Vandenberg '56 and sister of Peggy Vandenberg Fursman '85

**Russ Conners**, father of Cheryl Conners Pinsoneault '88

**Sang Gu**, husband of Tina No Gu '92

**Mark Jenes**, former HNA faculty member and uncle of Tricia Howard Cavanaugh '03

**George Kenny**, father of Beth Kenny '81 (dec.) and Maureen Kenny '82

**Pete Mohn**, husband of Diane Allnoch Mohn '58

**Ron Ongstad**, father of Colette Ongstad Behrens '91

**Fr. William Treacy**, beloved priest who served as chaplain to HNA from January 1952 to October 1964

**Faith Valdivia**, mother of Ruth Valdivia '82, Kathleen Valdivia Benner '85, Sandra Valdivia '87, Rebecca Valdivia '91, and AnnaMarie Valdivia '95; grandmother of Marissa Valdivia Reagle '17 and Kaitlyn McMorrow '24

**Fred Wiggs**, father of Anna Wiggs Sebree '01 and Tangerine Wiggs Trimarco '08

**Ernest Williams**, father of Jennifer Williams '97



## ALUMNAE CONNECTIONS

Holy Names Academy is proud to recognize and support alumnae living and working around the globe. Thank you for keeping HNA in mind the next time you or a former classmate have news to share.

HNA honors alumnae annually through the following recognitions:

### **DISTINGUISHED ALUMNA AWARD**

- Presented at the Alumnae Luncheon.
- Honors someone deeply committed to furthering HNA's mission professionally or personally.

### **YOUNG ALUMNA COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD**

- Presented at the Young Alumnae Holiday Social.
- Alumnae who graduated in the last 10 years are eligible.
- Honors an alumna who is improving the lives of others through community service.

### **LEADING WITHOUT LIMITS**

- Featured in *Columns* magazine.
- Honors alumnae who are making a difference in the world through their leadership.

**Submit nominations online:**

[www.holynames-sea.org/alumnae](http://www.holynames-sea.org/alumnae) or by email to [alumnae@holynames-sea.org](mailto:alumnae@holynames-sea.org).

## PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING

Did you know that HNA maintains an Alumnae Networking Directory? Alumnae are listed by profession, along with their contact information and availability to serve as a mentor. View and join the directory on the alumnae tab of HNA's website.

## WHERE IN THE WORLD ARE HNA ALUMNAE?

To share where you are, use the sign on the opposite page, fill in your class year, take a photo with it, and email it to the Alumnae Office at: [alumnae@holynames-sea.org](mailto:alumnae@holynames-sea.org).



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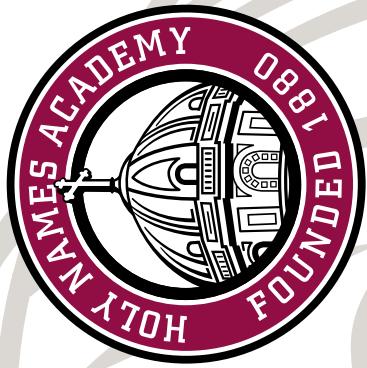
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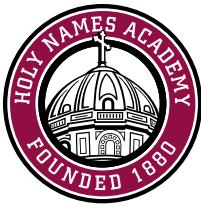


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The admissions process for the 2024-2025 school year begins in September 2023. For more information on the admissions process, please visit the HNA website at: [www.holynames-sea.org/admissions/application-process/](http://www.holynames-sea.org/admissions/application-process/)

## **Walk and Talk Tuesday for Parents of 8th-Grade Students**

September 26, 2023  
November 7, 2023

## **Fall Open House**

November 5, 2023

## **HNA Scholarship Placement Exam**

December 9, 2023 or  
December 10 2023

## **Financial Aid Deadline**

December 31, 2023

## **Winter Open House**

January 3, 2024

## **Admission Application Deadline**

January 4, 2024

