

Colleges offer students the chance to grow in faith

By Katie Goodson

Each fall, back to school time seems to bring about two major emotions: excitement and anxiety. If you happen to be coming to college for the first time, these emotions double. There is so much excitement surrounding this new experience. It is the first time most of us are on our own. It is a great moment of independence. At the same time, all this independence and newness can be scary. Will I be successful? Will I make friends? What is it going to be like? For us Catholics, another set of questions is raised: How is this going to affect my faith? Will I keep my faith? What are the temptations going to be like?

These are very real and good questions. I want to offer some assurance to the questions of faith. College does not have to be a time when one loses faith. On the contrary,

the college experience can be one of the greatest moments in a person's faith life. Last year, St. Augustine's had 200 students register. Every Sunday, 300 students come to Mass. These students are choosing to make Catholicism an impor-

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tant part of their college life. There are many reasons why students grow in their faith while at college.

The first reason is many students come already possessing a foundation of faith. All three campus centers are blessed to build on this faith.

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These students are from families that have given them the gift of faith. This faith is then nourished and supported by their parish family. We at the campus centers look at ourselves as another piece in this important network of faith.

The second reason is because of the gift of three campus centers. All of us working at the centers take very seriously our role in the students' lives. During their time at the university, we want them to grow in their love and knowledge of the Trinity and the church. When students graduate, we want them to graduate

with more than a degree. We want them to graduate with a strong faith and an ability to be active and faithful members of whatever parish they attend after college.

Each campus center offers Sunday Mass, daily Mass, reconciliation and other sacraments as needed. We all have opportunities for communal prayer, faith formation and service. Each center is blessed to be able to provide students with a eucharistic chapel for prayer, yummy food and a great atmosphere for studying and making friends. Take a minute to look at our Web

sites and see all the unique ways we are working to bring the Gospel to the three campuses.

Students and all of us grow in our faith because of the power of the Holy Spirit and by the very fact that we are designed for the Lord. "Our hearts were made for you O Lord, and they are restless until they rest in you," wrote St. Augustine. Please keep us in your prayers and don't hesitate to contact us if you need anything.

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Bishop Kelly High School earns 'School of Excellence' title

By Michael Brown
 Editor

BOISE — Bishop Kelly High School was one of five designated as a "School of Excellence" during the 2008-09 year by the Idaho High School Activities Association.

The IHSAA presented a plaque to Bishop Kelly Principal Robert Wehde at its annual dinner Aug. 5.

The high school received the designation from points awarded by the IHSAA in three different areas: the scores of Bishop Kelly student athletes in their classes; the success of their teams; and a category called "Citizenship," where Bishop Kelly captured 1,415 out of a possible 1,500 points. Bishop Kelly finished with 3,775 total points, 165 in front of second place Jerome.

"Bishop Kelly has received this special honor in 2006, and placed second in 2007," said Wehde in announcing the award in May. "My sincere thanks to Bishop Kelly Athletic Director Dean Satterfield in providing the formal reports throughout the entire year."

The IHSAA awards points to schools depending on how well their student athletes did in academics. According to the IHSAA Web site, www.idhsaa.org, schools earned bonus points when their athletic teams finished with the highest grade point averages compared with their counterparts from other schools. Bishop Kelly's girls track team earned the school a bonus in that category, with a GPA of 3.782; the girls' soccer team was also tops in the fall with a GPA of 3.605.

Varsity squads with GPAs above 3.5 earned the school 90 points each. For teams coming in with GPAs between 3-3.49, each squad earned 85 points. Team GPAs between 2.5-2.99 won schools 80 points apiece, and teams with GPAs below 2.5 added 75 points per team to the school totals.

Bishop Kelly finished the

academics competition with 1,505 points, fourth in their division behind Jerome (1,575), Rigby (1,540) and Pocatello (1,520).

Six Bishop Kelly varsity teams finished with GPAs above 3.5: girls' track (3.782), girls' cross country (3.775), boys' cross country (3.751), girls' volleyball (3.687), girls' soccer (3.605) and girls' basketball (3.575). Four other squads had GPAs above 3.250: girls' softball (3.484), boys' soccer (3.385), boys' basketball (3.357) and boys' track (3.305).

Teams with GPAs above 3.25 were recognized with Distinguished Team Awards. Fourteen other Bishop Kelly sports teams were also given Distinguished Team Awards for GPAs exceeding 3.25, but no points were awarded for their success because the teams were not varsity, but freshmen, sophomore or junior varsity squads.

In addition, four Bishop Kelly varsity teams were given Scholastic Team Awards, for GPAs between 3-3.249: boys' wrestling (3.226), boys' football (3.181), boys' baseball (3.111) and girls' cheerleading (3.048). Six other freshman, sophomore or junior varsity teams also finished in this category, but did not add to the point total.

Teams winning games also meant winning more points. Overall, Bishop Kelly finished second in the athletic success category, with 855 points for the year. Only Hillcrest had more, with 870.

Schools with state championships received 100 points; second place finishers, 95 points; third place finishers, 90 points; and fourth place finishers, 85 points. If a team qualified for a state tournament, it earned 75 points. Individuals who placed fifth through eighth in the state in their sports earned 75 points for their schools.

In golf, Bishop Kelly teams finished third in their division for boys and girls. The boys' team was tied with Pocatello,

but prevailed in a playoff. In tennis, the doubles team of Rachel Brauner and Kendra Rollison finished fourth in the state championship tournament. At the state track championships, the Bishop Kelly team finished fourth in a field of 21.

In fall sports, the Bishop Kelly boys' cross country team won the state title, and the girls' team finished third. The girls' soccer team also finished first in the state in the fall. Another sport, girls' volleyball, earned the Sportsmanship Award in its


state tournament, although the honor didn't translate into points.

In this category, only four of the 22 schools submitted the necessary reports in this category, with Bishop Kelly's 1,415 outpacing the school with the second-highest total, Sandpoint, with 1,325.

Points are taken away, however, whenever players or coaches are ejected from games, losing 25 points per player and 50 points if a coach is ejected. Bishop Kelly had one player ejected for the entire year.

There are 50 different measures that feed into the Citizenship point total, assessing the performance of the administration and athletic director (13 measures), cheerleaders (8), coaches (7), student athletes (6), student cheering sections (6), parent and adult cheering sections (6) and student support or performance groups (4). The measures range from instituting sportsmanship policies, to shaking hands with opponents before and after games to applauding good plays made by either team.

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Sister RoseMary Boessen has been named the recipient of the nation's highest honor for a missionary, the Lumen Christi Award. Given by the Catholic Extension Society, the Lumen Christi Award is presented each year to a missionary who tirelessly serves and brings the "Light of Christ" to those in need.

Nominated for the 2009 award by Bishop Michael Driscoll, Sister RoseMary has dedicated her life to the people of southern Idaho, developing religious education programs, establishing a group foster home for teenage girls, ministering to prisoners, and supporting the Hispanic community by founding La Posada, a nonprofit organization that assists Hispanics living in the diocese. In 2008 alone, La Posada programs served 3,000 people.

To honor Sister RoseMary, the ICR is publishing a special section in the October 4th issue congratulating her on this prestigious award. Parishes, businesses, ministries, associates are welcome to submit an ad in honor of Sister RoseMary.

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