



MENDEL CATHOLIC PREP ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

# 2024 ANNUAL REPORT



**Mendel High School Alumni  
Association Board of Directors**





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# *Board of Directors update*

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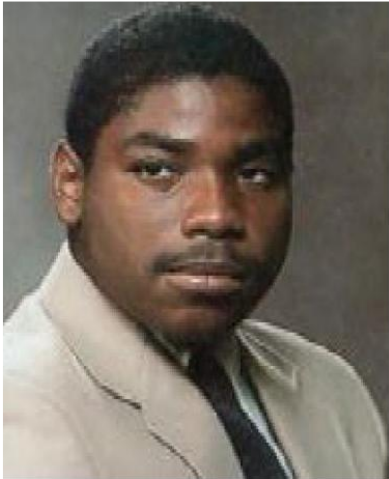


# MENDEL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

<b>CHAIRMAN</b>	<b>Kelvin Lovely</b>	<b>1978</b>	<b>8/1/22-7/31/25</b>
<b>PRESIDENT</b>	<b>Tom Gavin</b>	<b>1967</b>	<b>8/1/22-7/31/25</b>
<b>VICE PRESIDENT</b>	<b>John Mikenis</b>	<b>1973</b>	<b>8/1/23-7/31/26</b>
<b>TREASURER</b>	<b>Pat Regan</b>	<b>1968</b>	<b>8/1/22-7/31/25</b>
<b>SECRETARY</b>	<b>Mike Dreznes</b>	<b>1968</b>	<b>8/1/22-7/31/25</b>
	<b>Bob Fioretti</b>	<b>1971</b>	<b>8/1/24-7/31/27</b>
	<b>David Ireland</b>	<b>1978</b>	<b>8/1/24-7/31/27</b>
	<b>John Fanning</b>	<b>1968</b>	<b>8/1/24-7/31/27</b>
	<b>Don Triveline</b>	<b>1971</b>	<b>8/1/24-7/31/27</b>
	<b>Durell James</b>	<b>1978</b>	<b>8/1/24-7/31/27</b>
	<b>John Franklin</b>	<b>1977</b>	<b>8/1/24-7/31/27</b>
	<b>Rev Tom Griffin O.S.A.</b>	<b>1972</b>	<b>8/1/24-7/31/27</b>
	<b>Rick Zarr</b>	<b>1971</b>	<b>8/1/24-7/31/27</b>
	<b>Mark Hubbard</b>	<b>1984</b>	<b>8/1/23-7/31/26</b>
	<b>Eric Rouse</b>	<b>1975</b>	<b>8/1/23-7/31/26</b>
	<b>Dan Rowan</b>	<b>1974</b>	<b>8/1/23-7/31/26</b>
	<b>Mike Frigo</b>	<b>1973</b>	<b>8/1/23-7/31/26</b>
	<b>Ron Dubin</b>	<b>1963</b>	<b>8/1/23-7/31/26</b>
	<b>Art Gillespie</b>	<b>1984</b>	<b>8/1/23-7/31/26</b>
	<b>Craig Larson</b>	<b>1968</b>	<b>8/1/23-7/31/26</b>
	<b>David Milton</b>	<b>1978</b>	<b>8/1/23-7/31/26</b>
	<b>Billy Hilbring</b>	<b>1981</b>	<b>8/1/22-7/31/25</b>
	<b>Bob Lopez</b>	<b>1973</b>	<b>8/1/22-7/31/25</b>
	<b>Dennis Heitzmann</b>	<b>1964</b>	<b>8/1/22-7/31/25</b>
	<b>Terry Gainer</b>	<b>1965</b>	<b>8/1/23-7/31/25</b>
	<b>Derek Lott</b>	<b>1984</b>	<b>8/1/22-7/31/25</b>
	<b>John Wilson</b>	<b>1972</b>	<b>8/1/22-7/31/25</b>
	<b>Jerome (J.C). Crane</b>	<b>1985</b>	<b>8/1/22-7/31/25</b>
	<b>Bill Duffy</b>	<b>1964</b>	<b>8/1/22-7/31/25</b>

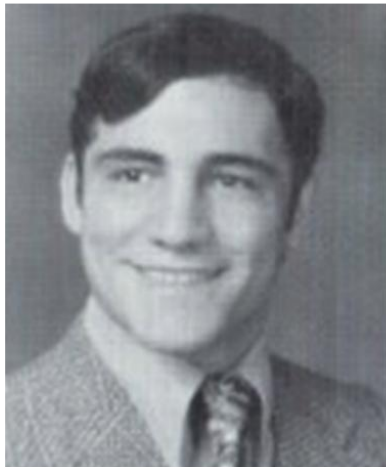


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**BOB LOPEZ ('73)**

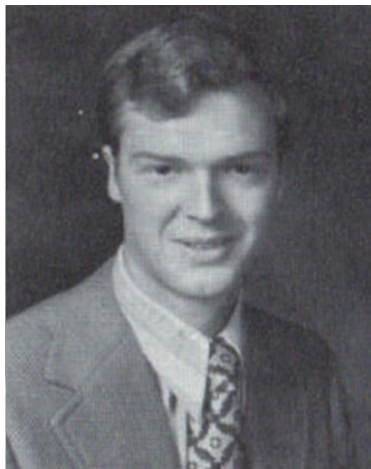


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**MARK HUBBARD ('84)**



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**MIKE FRIGO ('73)**



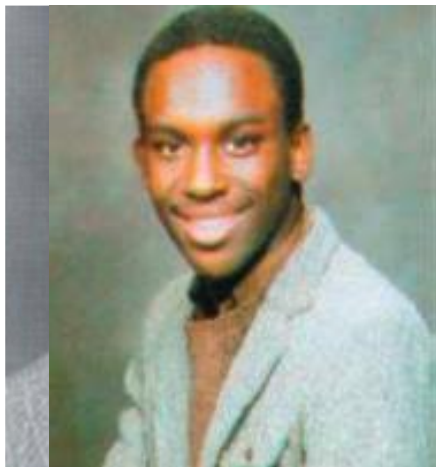


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**FR. TOM GRIFFIN ('72)**



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**ART GILLESPIE ('84)**

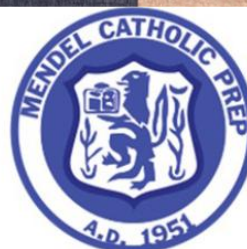


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**DR DAN ROWAN ('74)**



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**DURELL JAMES ('78)**



To Our Board Members

Thank You!

We are so grateful for your incredible support, passion and dedication on behalf of the Mendel Alumni Family!



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## **Message from the Chairman of the Board**

# **Kelvin Lovely Class of 1978**

First and foremost, thanks to the Board of Directors for taking time out of your busy schedules to participate in this past year's Mendel Alumni Association activities. Your contributions of time, treasure and talents have made 2024 by all measures a remarkably successful year.

Thank you to all the Mendel Alumni who participated in the 2024 Mendel Alumni Association activities. Whether you served on a committee, made a financial contribution, or attended an activity, you contributed to keeping the Mendel legacy alive. Our goal this past year was to "get younger" on our Board and to be "One Mendel". While Mendel is not graduating students, we can continue to pass on to the generations after Mendel closed the spirit and values that we learned at Mendel.

I look forward to 2025 with great anticipation. One critical 2025 goal is to continue to increase the contact information in our Alumni Database. This will help us get younger and more inclusive with our programming in the future. A personal goal of mine is to increase our visibility not only among our Alumni but in our communities in Chicagoland and beyond.

Please take the time to read through this Annual Report. Hopefully, it will inspire you to get involved and keep the Mendel Legacy and Spirit alive for generations to come.

God Bless you all.

Go Ye Men Mendel,



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# Message from the President

## Tom Gavin Class of 1967

Your Mendel High School Alumni Association had an amazing year in 2024. Thank you to the Board of Directors and our Committee Members for your dedication and passion for Mendel High School Alumni.

On multiple occasions this year, I was approached by friends from other Catholic League High Schools who told me how impressed they were by the number of activities and the visibility of the Mendel Alumni Association. They wondered how we became so strong! It felt good to hear their positive comments, and I had to agree with them.

We continue our efforts to update our Alumni Mailing List to make sure all Monarchs are aware of our Alumni Association Activities. If you have friends or relatives who are not receiving email notifications from the Alumni Association, please let me know and we can update our roster. All Alumni should periodically visit our excellent [mendelchs.org](http://mendelchs.org) website to stay aware of our Association activities and programs.

We had a wonderful All-Class Reunion this year where we honored the 50 Year Anniversaries of our 1973 and 1974 classes. Congratulations to Jack Vlazny on the Jack Vlazny Lifetime Achievement Award and to John Boyer for his Man of the Year Award. Thank you to our Reunion Committee for an extraordinarily successful event.

I really enjoyed our R.O.M.E.O. (Random Old Monarchs Eating Out) and our All-Class Picnic Events this year. They are always fun. The Golf Outing was excellent, although my golf game was not! The First Mass for Southside Catholic League Veterans and First Responder Mass who died in the line of duty was very moving, and much appreciated by all Veterans and First Responders who attended.

It was extremely rewarding for me to help to present the nine Mendel Alumni Association Legacy Awards to descendants of Mendel Alumni. If your child, grandchild, or great-grandchild is a senior in high school, check out the [Mendelchs.org](http://Mendelchs.org) website to get details on this year's Legacy Award Program.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the First Gregor Mendel Annual Appeal. We had an amazing result. The funds raised will be used to support our retired Augustinian teachers and for the 2025 Legacy Awards. Thank you especially to the Class of 1964 for your generosity to the Appeal this year.

Everyone should visit St. Rita High School to see Gregor Mendel Science and Technology Hall and our Mencil Hall of Fame display. We continue to work closely with our Sister School, St. Rita High School to grow the Mendel High School Legacy.

Unfortunately, we do not have "a long bench" and we need everyone's help to keep the Mendel Spirit Alive and Strong. 2024 was a great year, and I am convinced that 2025 will be even better! Get involved! You will not regret it!

## GO MONARCHS!



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# Treasurer's Report

# Pat Regan 1968

12/31/24

## Mendel Alumni Association

### Annual Report 2024

(Cash Basis Accounting)

#### Alumni Events

	Veterans Day				
	Reunion	Golf Outing	Donation Gifts	Legacy Awards	Total
<b>Receipts</b>	\$33,506	\$23,975	\$7,591	\$15,850	\$80,922
<b>Expenses</b>	\$16,557	\$11,629	\$4,890	\$6,477	\$39,552
<b>Net Contribution</b>	\$16,949	\$12,346	\$2,701	\$9,373	\$41,370
<b>Other Costs and Expenses:</b>					
Gregor Mendel Science Hall Project					\$1,357
Corporate Operating Costs					\$5,066
Donations					\$2,375
<b>Net Activity for 2024</b>					<u>\$32,572</u>
Cash Balance 12/31/2023					<u>\$19,845</u>
Cash Balance 12/31/2024					<u>\$52,417</u>



# Treasurer's Report

## Pat Regan 1968

Legacy Donation Summary				12/31/24	
2024					
Source			Paid	In Process	Total
2024 Reunion			\$1,575	\$0	\$1,575
Gregor Mendel Annual			\$13,175	\$400	\$13,575
Monthly Donations			\$700	\$0	\$700
			<u>\$15,450</u>	<u>\$400</u>	<u>\$15,850</u>
<b>Historical:</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Amount</b>		
Legacy Awards	2023	6	\$5,000	Collected \$5k	
	2024	9	\$6,000		
Augustinian Health	2022		\$7,000	Funded from Cash Position of \$26K at 11/22. Generated from Reunion & Golf Outing	







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REV. GREGOR MENDEL, O.S.A.  
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY HALL

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WESTERN SUBURBS R.O.M.E.O.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2024 HOST BILL DUFFY ('64)

**R-O-M-E-O**

Random-Old-

Monarchs-Eating-Ot



**ballydoyle**

IRISH PUB & RESTAURANT





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# MAY 1, 2024

## All-Class Reunion Honoring The 1973 And 1974 Classes For Their 50 Year Anniversaries



### THIS EVENING'S PROGRAM

- 6:30 PM**      **OPEN BAR UNTIL 7:30 PM**  
CLASS GROUP PHOTOS, SILENT AUCTION  
BIDDING & SPLIT THE POT
- 7:30 PM**      **DINNER IS SERVED**
- OPENING PRAYER**  
REV. BILL SULLIVAN ('59) O.S.A.
- OPENING REMARKS**  
MIKE DREZNES ('68)
- WELCOME ADDRESS**  
TOM GAVIN ('67) BILL KUSHNER ('71)
- LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**  
JACK VLAZNY ('61)
- MAN OF THE YEAR**  
JOHN BOYER ('64)
- HONORED CLASSES SPEECHES**  
1973-BOB LOPEZ  
1974-DAN ROWAN
- CLOSING REMARKS**
- 9:00 PM**      **OPEN BAR UNTIL 10:00PM**
- 10:00 PM**      **CASH BAR UNTIL 10:30 PM**
- 10:30 PM**      **SILENT AUCTION CLOSSES &  
RAFFLE WINNERS ARE DRAWN**





**The spirit of the “Magnificent Mendel Monarchs” was truly on display in all its glory on May 3, 2024, when the Mendel Alumni Association hosted its All-Class Reunion at Gaelic Park in Oak Forest, IL. The air buzzed with excitement as 250 alumni and friends gathered to commemorate decades of cherished memories and lifelong bonds. Among them were 53 members of the Class of 1973 and 20 members of the Class of 1974, celebrating their 50th anniversaries.**



**The event began with a prayer from Fr. Bill Sullivan ('59), who called for a moment of silence to honor the Mendel alumni who had passed away or were facing illness. Fr. Tony Pizzo, the Midwest Augustinians' Prior Provincial, expressed his gratitude for the alumni's unwavering support and encouraged them to remain involved with both the Alumni Association and Midwest Augustinian activities. Chairman Kelvin Lovely ('78) and President Tom Gavin ('67) took the stage, welcoming fellow Monarchs and encouraging everyone to make the most of this unforgettable evening**

### **Honoring Legacy and Achievement**

**The reunion was a night of celebration, as outstanding Monarchs were recognized for their significant contributions to their fields and the Mendel community:**



# Jack Vlazny ('61) Jack Vlazny Lifetime Achievement Award

**Jack Vlazny ('61) received the inaugural "Jack Vlazny Lifetime Achievement Award" for his visionary leadership. He pioneered some of the association's most beloved traditions, including the first All-Class Reunion, Hall of Fame, Golf Outing, and Christmas Celebration. Jack also held a special role as President of the Men of Tolentine from 1999 to 2012. The Augustinians awarded him an Affiliate "Filius Ordinis" in 2012, one of their highest honors.**

## JACK VLAZNY LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



MENDEL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
**JACK VLAZNY LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**  
 By Jim Vlazny (Mendel '59)



Scan this QR Code to read Jack Vlazny's Incredible Story

**Introduction:** This is the story of my brother Jack Vlazny's fifty-five plus years of dedication and service to his *Alma Mater* Mendel Catholic High School, and to the Augustinians and others who ran the school. After reading it you will see why he well deserves to be recognized for his lifetime achievements on behalf of his high school, and why he has earned the affectionate title of "Mr. Mendel."

**In the Beginning:** Jack entered Mendel as a freshman in the fall of 1957.



Row 1: ... Jack Vlazny ...

*Freshmen*





# John Boyer ('64) Man of the Year

## 2024 MAN OF THE YEAR

### John W Boyer ('64)

John Boyer ('64) served as Dean of the University of Chicago from 1992 until 2023, making him the longest-tenured dean in the College's history.

Some of John Boyer's notable accomplishments include strengthening Alumni Relations, increasing funding for faculty chairs and student scholarship funds, and increasing the diversity of each successive class. He also worked to get well-known scholars to teach undergraduate courses.

John focused on the development of study abroad programs. He was deeply involved in the establishment of the University of Chicago Center in Paris, as well as many other Programs and Internships. As a result, study abroad rates have tripled since 1992.

John stepped down as Dean in 2023. He currently serves as Senior Advisor to the President and the Martin A. Ryerson Distinguished Service Professor at the University of Chicago. He is a Deserving Mendel Man of the Year!



Scan this QR Code to learn more about John Boyer and his amazing career

John Boyer ('64), introduced by Dennis Heitzmann ('64), served as the Dean of the University of Chicago for over 30 years. During his tenure, Boyer doubled the university's undergraduate enrollment while maintaining its elite academic reputation. The campus community recognizes his unparalleled leadership by naming a new Paris center in his honor: the University of Chicago John W. Boyer Center

**Bob Lopez ('73), speaking on behalf of his 1973 Class, fondly recalled his days at Mendel, sharing his love for the friendships he forged over the years. After graduating from Illinois State University, Bob built a distinguished career in sports administration, working at prestigious institutions like the University of Michigan, UCLA, Vanderbilt, San Diego State, Colorado, and Delaware.**

**Representing the 1974 Class, Dr. Dan Rowan ('74), a renowned cardiologist, reflected on his football days at Mendel. He recounted the honor of playing for the Monarchs and shared a poignant story about performing life-saving heart surgery on Coach Joe Magee, leaving the room in stunned silence.**

**Dan continues his work today with Northwestern Medicine.**



**Bob Lopez ('73)**



**Dan Rowan ('74)**





**The celebration culminated with everyone joining in to sing a rousing rendition of the Mendel fight song, followed by heartfelt reunions among former classmates, teammates, and friends. Memories of studying in the classrooms, playing sports, and enjoying parties in the gym were shared as laughter and nostalgia filled the room. The reunion was an outstanding success, leaving everyone grateful to the Reunion Committee for their dedication and hard work ito make it such a o special and memorable evening.**

**GO, YOU MEN OF MENDEL!**





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ALL-CLASS PICNIC HOSTED BY CLASS OF 1984



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# MENDEL ALL-CLASS PICNIC 2024

*Keeping the Legacy Alive*

84' Mendel Monarchs  
ALL CLASS MENDEL & SISTER SCHOOLS

**FAMILY**  
*Picnic* 2024

**JUNE 29**  
12 NOON - 7:30PM

FOR MORE DETAILS AND LOCATION  
**TEXT PICNIC TO**  
708-654-9096





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**JULY 10, 2024**

**MENDEL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ALL-CLASS GOLF OUTING**

The Annual Golf Tournament at Hickory Hills in July 2024 saw 90 dedicated Alumni duffers hit the links and later enjoy dinner amongst our brothers & friends.



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**WEDNESDAY JULY 10, 2024  
Hickory Hills Country Club**

**GO, YOU MEN OF MENDEL!**  
<https://mendelchs.org/>

The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**MENDEL ALUMNI GOLF OUTING**

**WEDNESDAY JULY 10, 2024**

Hickory Hills  
Golf Course  
8201 W 93<sup>rd</sup> St  
Hickory Hills, IL



8:00AM  
CHECK-IN  
9:00AM  
GOLFING START

This Outing is for Mendel Alumni and all friends of Mendel. Proceeds above the cost of the event support Retired Augustinians, the Mendel Alumni Scholarship Program, the Mendel Hall of Fame, and the Mendel Website.

The cost of \$150 includes green fees, golf cart, open bar, dinner and door prizes.

Don't golf? Cocktails followed by dinner begin at 2:30 PM for only \$50. Don't have a foursome? We will fill it in for you.

Fill out the form below and mail it by July 6, 2024 LATEST. Make with checks payable to: Mendel Alumni Association c/o Pat Regan 11530 Bayberry Lane Wheaton, IL 60189

**A portion of the Golf Outing revenue will be donated to the Mendel Alumni Association Legacy Scholarship Fund**

**ENTRY PACKAGES**

**GOLF AND DINNER \$155**  
**DINNER ONLY \$ 55**  
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**Register and/or Pay Online:**  
[AlumniAssociation.GolfOuting.com](http://AlumniAssociation.GolfOuting.com)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS OF: \_\_\_\_\_ PLEASE ACCEPT AN ADDITIONAL DONATION OF: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**GO, YOU MEN OF MENDEL!**



**Hickory Hills  
Country Club**



*The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual*

# MENDEL ALUMNI GOLF OUTING

WEDNESDAY JULY 10, 2024

Hickory Hills  
Golf Course  
8201 W 93<sup>rd</sup> St  
Hickory Hills, IL



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CHECK-IN  
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SHOTGUN START

On Wednesday July 10, 2024, ninety-one golfers “teed it up” and participated in the 25th Mendel Alumni Association Annual Golf Outing at Hickory Hills Golf Course.

This year’s Golf Committee, consisting of Chairman Bill Johnson ('68), Andy Youpel ('66), Tom Gavin ('67), John Knoebel ('75), Rich Williams ('62), Bill Duffy ('64), Rick Zarr ('71), Kelvin Lovely ('78), Pat Regan ('68) and Mike Dreznes ('68) did a wonderful job planning and organizing the Outing.

After a shaky start, The weather ultimately cooperated, and Golf Committee Chairman Bill Johnson ('68) welcomed everyone to this wonderful event.

Rich Williams ('62) and his wife Sharon did an incredible job collecting prizes for the attendees. Everyone went home with a prize either from the Prize Table, the Split the Pot or the Raffle.

Thank you to the many Alumni and businesses who purchased Golf Hole Sponsor Signs.

**A special thank you to Bob Aprati ('62) who was the Corporate Sponsor for this year's Golf Outing.**



**The Golf Outing raised over \$12,000, which will be used to fund The Mendel Alumni Association Scholarships, as well as to provide support for the Augustinian priests who taught us at Mendel Catholic High School.**

**Thank you to everyone who volunteered to work at the Golf Outing, especially the daughters of Kelvin Lovely, who were critical to the success of this year's Golf Outing.**



**Left to Right  
Bernie Czerwinski ('69)  
Dick Bohan ('60) and  
Andy Youpel ('66)**

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Pictured from left to right:

Paul Carvey '68 Tom Biltgen ( Frank Kruse cousin) Frank Kruse '68 and Tom Kabat '68





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## Mendel Men Helping Mendel Men

<https://mendelchs.org/product-category/mendel-appeal/>

### Gregor Mendel Annual Appeal -Every Gift Really Does Matter.

Hundreds of Alumni, former Mendel staff, and long-time friends have provided valuable support for the Mendel High School Alumni Association. Your financial assistance and involvement in the Mendel High School Alumni Association make a significant impact in the lives of the Augustinians who taught us at Mendel, and can help to offset some of the costs for college education for our Sons & Daughters, our Grandchildren, and our Great-Grandchildren.

To strengthen this initiative, we are excited to announce the First Gregor Mendel Annual Appeal, which will kick off on the birthday of St. Augustine on November 13. We need your financial support to make this campaign successful!

You can make your donation online [Gregor Mendel Appeal | Mendel C.H.S.](#) You also can designate your contribution for the Legacy Awards (Financial Aid) at this site: [Legacy Award | Mendel C.H.S. \(mendelchs.org\)](#)

Additional donation opportunities also are available in the form of Sponsorships for our Annual Golf Tournament and/or our Biennial All Class Reunion, as well as personal memorials for our Veterans' Day Mass booklet. Consider leaving a donation to the Mendel Alumni Association in your Final Will. For additional information on Donations, Annual Gifts or Sponsorships for the Mendel Alumni Association, please call Mike Dreznes at (707) 344-5878 or by email to [zekedrez@aol.com](mailto:zekedrez@aol.com).

This Gregor Mendel Annual Appeal is your chance to help to keep our Mendel Alumni Association strong and effective. Remember that you can mandate where your donation should be used. Together, we can have a positive influence in the lives of those in need. Thanks in advance for your support of this very important Fund-Raising Effort.

In honor of the thirty-seven year history of Mendel High School, the Gregor Mendel Appeal will end after thirty-seven days on December 19, 2024.

## **MENDEL MEN HELPING MENDEL MEN**



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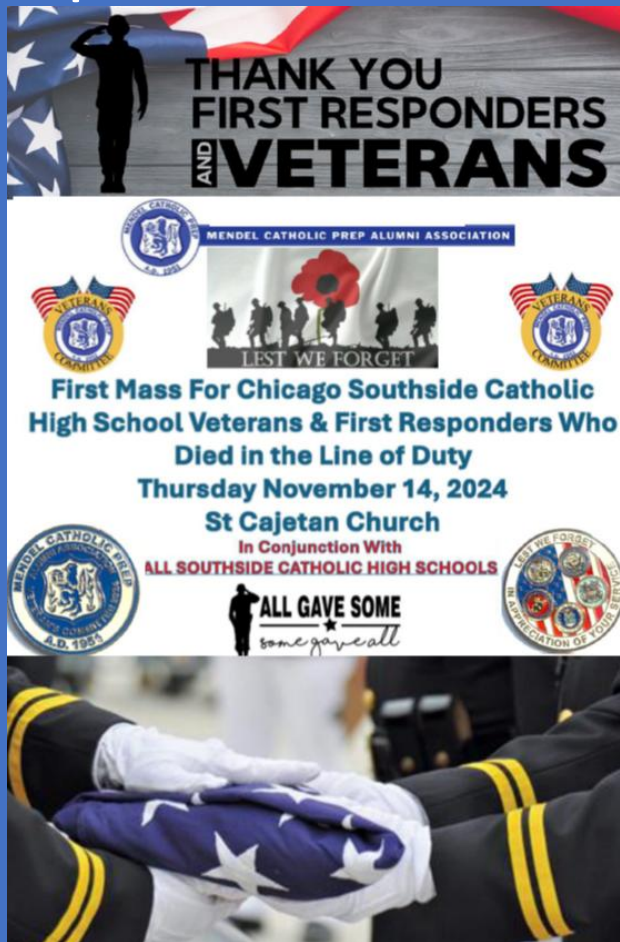
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# Mendel High School Alumni Association Hosts Special Mass Honoring Southside Chicago Catholic High School Veterans & First Responders Killed in the Line of Duty



On Thursday evening, November 14, 2024, the Mendel High School Alumni Association held a heartfelt and powerful Mass at St. Cajetan Church to honor Southside Chicago Catholic High School Veterans and First Responders who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

The event, organized by Andy Youpel, Chairman of the Mendel Alumni Association Veterans and First Responder Committee, and a dedicated team of alumni, was the result of months of careful planning.

Committee members included veterans and alumni from various graduating classes: Jim Chevalier ('66), Mike Connolly ('60), Mike Dreznes ('68), John Fanning ('68), Tom Gavin ('67), Bill Kushner ('71), Terry Gainer ('65), Kelvin Lovely ('78), Pat Regan ('68), Marty Gainer ('70), Greg Dillon ('66), and Ken Kolar ('71).





## **A Mass of Honor and Remembrance**

**The moving service was concelebrated by Father Ken Budzikowski, Pastor of St. Cajetan; Fr. Don Lewandowski, O.S.A. ('61); and Deacon Joe Roccasalva. The procession, led by Bagpipe Major Matt McKee, included the Color Guard from American Legion Post #854, as well as representatives from Southside Catholic high schools, including Mendel, St. Rita, Brother Rice, Little Flower, Leo, Marist, St. Ignatius, and Mt. Carmel. Each school carried posters listing the names of their fallen heroes.**

**The Mass featured heartfelt moments, including readings by CPD Officer Kurrin Beamon and CFD Firefighter Rich O'Connor. Marty Gainer ('70) offered a poignant reflection on the sacrifices of these "High School Heroes," while Lt. Col. Kevin Lovell, US Army (Ret.), delivered an inspiring keynote address, reminding attendees of the daily sacrifices made by Veterans and First Responders.**



**Music and Tribute**  
The music, led by St. Cajetan Music Director Joe Kregor, with cantor Katie Faris and the St. Cajetan Choir, combined patriotic and spiritual themes to create a captivating atmosphere. The evening concluded with trumpeter Bob Wolff's haunting rendition of "Taps," leaving attendees deeply moved.



**A Community Effort**  
This wonderful, special Mass stands as a testament to the unity and enduring gratitude of the Southside Chicago Catholic High School community, honoring the bravery and sacrifice of those who gave their lives in service to others.





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MENDEL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS GATHERING



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Thursday, December 12, 2024  
Original Pancake House  
153rd LaGrange Road

# Christmas Gathering



*Merry Christmas!*  
Mendel High School Alumni  
Association Board of Directors

As the holiday lights sparkled and the spirit of the season filled the air, members of the Mendel Alumni Association reunited to share laughter, stories, and friendship at the 2024 Christmas R.O.M.E.O. (Random Old Monarchs Eating Out). On Thursday, December 12, 2024, Monarchs from across the decades gathered at The Original Pancake House in Orland Park—graciously hosted by the family of Don LaRoche (Class of '64)—to celebrate the cherished bonds forged at Mendel, no matter how many years have passed.





**From the seasoned graduates of the 1950s and 1960s to the younger Alumni of the 1970s and 1980s, the evening served as a vivid reminder that time may move forward, but the Monarch spirit is timeless. Amid warm smiles and welcoming handshakes, classmates caught up, swapped stories of school days long gone, and took comfort in a kindred legacy that still unites them. The delicious menu of hearty comfort food mirrored the heartening fellowship found throughout the room.**



**In a true gesture of the season's generosity, attendees brought hats and gloves to help those in need this winter. These heartfelt contributions, soon to be delivered by Bob Fioretti (Class of '71), reflected the Mendel tradition of caring for others—a legacy of compassion that extends far beyond school walls.**

**As the evening drew to a close, the Monarchs gathered together, voices rising in harmony for a rousing rendition of the Mendel Fight Song. For a few shining moments, time stood still. The old halls, laughter, and spirit of Mendel came rushing back, washing over everyone like a warm wave of memory and pride. In that final chorus, they were not just alumni or old classmates—they were Monarchs, forever united by the songs and traditions that shaped them during their years at Mendel Catholic High School.**





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END OF 2024 GREGORY MENDEL APPEAL

**Here Are The Final Results of the 2024 Gregor Mendel Appeal. Congratulations to the 1964, 1968 and 1965 Classes**

**These Funds Will Be Use To Finance The Mendel Legacy Program For Descendents Of Mendel Alumni, Help To Support Our Retired Augustinian Teachers And Do What Needs To Be Done To Keep The Spirit of Mendel Alive!**

1964	\$2,300
1968	\$2,250
1965	\$1,160
1959	\$850
1971	\$835
1962	\$695
1972	\$650
1973	\$650
1978	\$650
1967	\$575



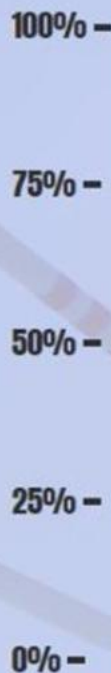
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FOR YOUR DONATION



**GREGOR MENDEL  
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**FINAL:  
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**DECEMBER 31, 2024**



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**INDUCTEES**

**NO INDUCTEES IN 2024**

**NEXT INDUCTION WILL**

**BE MAY 24, 2025**

**20 MENDEL 24**



## Mendel Catholic Prep High School

### Hall of Fame Committee

Jerome (JC) Crane '85 - Chairman  
Steven Smith '71 - Vice Chairman  
John Farris '68 – Secretary

Rodney Chambers '86    Jack Gavin '74  
Dennis Heitzmann '64    Tim Leslie '67  
John Mikenis '73    Jim Riordan '62  
Dr Daniel Rowan '74    Fr. Bill Sullivan '59



**Scan this QR Code to see the  
Mendel Hall of Fame Directory**

### MENDEL CATHOLIC PREP HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME NOMINATION

The Hall of Fame Committee has set up the following qualification guidelines for individuals to be considered for induction into the Mendel Hall of Fame:

1. Exceptional academic achievement at Mendel.
2. Exceptional leadership shown as an administrator, teacher, coach or friend of Mendel Catholic High School.
3. Exceptional athletic achievement at Mendel, college or professional sports.
4. Exceptional positive impact for Mendel through leadership, shown in academic, business, professional, religious, or civic community endeavors.
5. Commitment to the spirit of Mendel through participation in alumni or support of Augustinians activities.
6. Be a person of integrity and good character.
7. Nominations must be made on an official nominating form. Nomination forms will be kept permanently and re-evaluated.
8. Candidates may be nominated and inducted posthumously.
9. Any supporting materials, such as newspaper articles, may be submitted with the nomination form.
10. Two letters of recommendation.

The full committee will carefully review and vote on all properly completed applications. Those applications that receive a majority of the committee's votes will be added to the next induction class. Due to the high quality of the applicants, not all applicants are selected on the first vote: if at all. Applications who do not receive the requisite majority are encouraged to update their files and all applicants will be reconsidered for future class inductions.

We are all very proud of the individuals who are inducted into the Mendel Hall of Fame, and stress that your membership is due to your own merits and not to any member of the committee or nominating person.

Applications are available on the Mendel website to nominate yourself, classmates, teachers, or priests.



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The Mendel Hall of Fame Committee will determine a name for this subset, something like "The Hall of Heroes." This will be formally announced at the HOF Induction Ceremony in May 2025.



### MEN OF MENDEL WHO DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

	<b>PATROLMAN PATRICK J CROWLEY</b> CHICAGO POLICE STAR #3614 MENDEL CLASS OF 1963 END OF WATCH SEPTEMBER 13, 1976	Agency: Chicago Police Department Served: 10 years, 2 months, 24 days Unit of Assignment / Detail: 6th District - Gresham District of Incident (Present Day): 007 - Englewood Cause of Death: Gunfire - Enemy
	<b>PATROLMAN JAMES DOYLE</b> CHICAGO POLICE STAR #9093 MENDEL CLASS OF 1965 END OF WATCH FEBRUARY 5, 1982	Agency: Chicago Police Department Served: 7 months, 28 days Unit of Assignment / Detail: Bureau of Administrative Services - Training Division: Unit 044 - Recruit Training District of Incident (Present Day): 006 - Gresham Cause of Death: Gunfire - Enemy

### MEN OF MENDEL KILLED IN VIETNAM WAR

	<b>1ST EDWIN HEISE US ARMY</b> MENDEL CLASS OF 1957 KILLED IN ACTION VIETNAM APRIL 24, 1971	
	<b>2LT WILLIAM F. OFFO US ARMY</b> MENDEL CLASS OF 1959 KILLED IN ACTION VIETNAM MAY 11, 1966	
	<b>MAJ JEFFREY LEMON USMC</b> MENDEL CLASS OF 1962 DROPPED IN ACTION IN LAOS APRIL 25, 1971	
	<b>1LT RONALD J. JANOUSEK USMC</b> MENDEL CLASS OF 1962 MIA IN VIETNAM AUGUST 9, 1969	
	<b>WILLIAM SCHOTTEN USAF</b> MENDEL CLASS OF 1962 PILOT KILLED TAKING OFF AN AIRCRAFT CARRIER IN ASIA IN 1970	
	<b>1ST WILIAM C. GIES US ARMY</b> MENDEL CLASS OF 1964 KILLED IN ACTION VIETNAM JANUARY 28, 1965	

	<b>1SGT WILLIAM J. OSOKLANEC USMC</b> MENDEL CLASS OF 1964 KILLED IN ACTION VIETNAM SEPTEMBER 16, 1968	
	<b>PFC ALAN BUTKUS US ARMY</b> MENDEL CLASS OF 1965 KILLED IN ACTION VIETNAM APRIL 12, 1968	
	<b>PFC CRAIG M. CLANCY USMC</b> MENDEL CLASS OF 1965 KILLED IN ACTION VIETNAM JUNE 18, 1969	
	<b>PFC JACK DALTON US ARMY</b> MENDEL CLASS OF 1965 KILLED IN ACTION VIETNAM NOVEMBER 21, 1966	
	<b>1SGT ROBERT MILLER USMC</b> MENDEL CLASS OF 1965 KILLED IN ACTION VIETNAM JUNE 6, 1967	
	<b>PFC JERRY FLEMING US ARMY</b> MENDEL CLASS OF 1966 KILLED IN ACTION VIETNAM JUNE 18, 1968	
	<b>PFC JAMES LAWLOR US ARMY</b> MENDEL CLASS OF 1966 KILLED IN ACTION VIETNAM APRIL 25, 1967	
	<b>PFC FRANCIS SCHWARTZ US ARMY</b> MENDEL CLASS OF 1966 KILLED IN ACTION VIETNAM AUGUST 14, 1968	
	<b>PFC ROBERT HONACK US ARMY</b> MENDEL CLASS OF 1969 KILLED IN ACTION VIETNAM SEPTEMBER 22, 1971	

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# *DEN* of HONOR

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The Mendel Alumni Association has created a new concept to periodically honor Mendel Championship Teams in our 37-year history. This recognition will be branded as the “Monarchs Den of Honor”. The sole criterion for recognition in “The Den” is for the team to have won a minimum of a League Championship.. **The Den of Honor will be managed by the Mendel Alumni Association, and will not be under the guidance of the Hall of Fame Committee.**

**It is envisioned that a maximum of four teams will be inducted into the Den of Honor at the Mendel Bi-Annual All-Class Reunions starting in 2026. More details to follow soon.**

*Recently, the Mendel Alumni Association nominated Coach Joe MaGee for induction to the Chicago Catholic League Hall of Fame. In concurrence with that nomination, it may be appropriate to recognize Mendel’s 1957 City of Chicago Football Champion as the Inaugural Member of the “Monarchs Den of Honor”.*

**Alumni are encouraged to nominate teams that made Mendel Proud!**



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**MENDEL CATHOLIC PREP ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

# RESULTS FROM 2024



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## Legacy Program



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2024 MENDEL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION LEGACY AWARD WINNERS					
NAME	LEGACY 1	LEGACY 2	HIGH SCHOOL	COLLEGE	AWARD
MITCHELL VOLTZ	RICH VOLTZ ('68)	DAN REDICAN (65) DECEASED	PROVIDENCE	UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON	\$1,000
ANGELA HERSAM	LARRY HERSAM ('67)	NICK MEYERS (57) DECEASED	NEW TRIER	INDIANA UNIVERSITY	\$700
EMILY GIAVERY	WILLIAM REYNOLDS ('59)		STAGG	UNIVERSITY OF IOWA	\$700
MICHAEL SCZUREK	DON LAROCHE ('64)		SANDBURG	INDIANA UNIVERSITY	\$700
REAGAN LORENZEN	JACK STONER ('68)		WESTFIELD	ROSE HULMAN INSTITUTE	\$700
DEVAN REYNOLDS	GEORGE REYNOLDS ('64) DECEASED		PROVIDENCE	MILLERSVILLE UNIVERSITY	\$600
ZACK SCHWARZ	CHARLES SCHWARZ (58) DECEASED		PROVIDENCE	COASTAL CAROLINA	\$600
KALEIGH SCHWARZ	CHARLES SCHWARZ (58) DECEASED		PROVIDENCE	UNDECIDED	\$500
LIAM NOLAN	TERRANCE NOLAN ('66) DECEASED		ST. RITA	MARYVILLE UNIVERSITY	\$500
					<b>\$6,000</b>

# ANNOUNCEMENT

## Mendel High School Alumni Association 2025 Legacy Award Open to Immediate Descendants of Mendel Catholic High School Alumni



### 2025 REQUIREMENTS

- Available to Children, Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren or Great, Great Grandchildren of Mendel High School Alumni
- Current High School Senior – 2025 Graduation Class
- Minimum ACT Score-21 or 1100-SAT Score
- Minimum 2.8 GPA
- Proof of Acceptance to a 2 or 4 Year Institution of Higher Education (College, University or Trade School)
- Proof of Community/School Involvement
- Written Essay Describing: "What have you learned over the past four years that will help you to be successful in the future?" (MAXIMUM 300 WORDS)



# APPLICATION

## Mendel High School Alumni Association 2025 Legacy Award Application

Please Type or Print Legibly

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Related Mendel Alumnus \_\_\_\_\_

Mendel Class Year \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

ACT or SAT Score \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_

School You Will Attend in Fall 2025 \_\_\_\_\_

Student Counselor Name \_\_\_\_\_ Counselor Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Required Documentation with Submission:

- Copy of SAT or ACT Score
- Proof of 2.8 GPA
- Copy of College or Trade School Acceptance Letter
- Proof of Mendel High School Alumni Legacy
- Essay Describing: "What have you learned over the past four years that will help you to be successful in the future? (MAX 300 WORDS)"

**MARCH 31, 2025 DEADLINE FOR COMPLETE APPLICATION & ESSAY SUBMITTAL**

SEND TO CRAIG LARSON AT [larsen@ellijay.com](mailto:larsen@ellijay.com) (SUBJECT LINE MUST INCLUDE "MENDEL LEGACY AWARD")

I verify that the information provided in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
APPLICANT SIGNATURE & DATE





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# 2024 Gregor Mendel Science & Technology Award at St. Rita High School



On Wednesday, December 4, 2024, on behalf of the Mendel Alumni Association, Andy Youpel presented two \$500 Gregor Mendel Science & Technology Awards to St. Rita High School juniors Thomas Healy and Joseph Katalinic in recognition of their outstanding accomplishments in Science and Technology.



## GREGOR MENDEL O.S.A. SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AWARD



THE MENDEL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAINT RITA OF CASCIA HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT, PRESENTS THE 2025 GREGOR MENDEL, O.S.A. SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AWARD TO:

**Student's Name**



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August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Kelvin Lovely, Chairman,  
Mendel CHS Alumni Association





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# Board of Directors Members Financial & Personal Commitments

**RESOLVED ON THIS DATE OF AUGUST 13, 2024:**

All Mendel Alumni Association Board of Directors understand that their active attendance, participation, and personal volunteering in logistical support of Alumni Events are key components of a Board Member's role in the Mendel Alumni Association. The Board is only as strong as the active commitment by each Board Member, and cannot rely solely on a few individuals to do all the work.

Fundraising is a major component of a Mendel Alumni Association Board Member's responsibilities. Financial support, either through giving or through solicitation of other Alumni to give to the Annual Appeal and special events is an essential element of that duty.

Board Members are requested to make an annual financial contribution according to their personal means and to the best of their ability to do so. No minimum dollar amount is associated with this Resolution. The only necessity is that each Board Member participate financially.

Board Members can make Donations on a reoccurring monthly basis at this site: Legacy Award | Mendel C.H.S. ([mendelchs.org](http://mendelchs.org))

Board Members also are encouraged to add a legacy gift to the Mendel Alumni Association to their wills.





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# SEARCHING FOR MISSING MONARCHS STATUS REPORT

## STATUS 6/20/23

## STATUS 12/31/24

MENDEL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP 6/20/2023

CLASS	NAMES	DECEASED	LIVING	EMAIL ADDRESSES	%
1955	293	74	219	31	14.16%
1956	274	83	191	28	14.66%
1957	250	51	199	27	13.57%
1958	325	49	276	54	19.57%
1959	377	52	325	71	21.85%
1960	413	67	346	53	15.32%
1961	366	55	311	59	18.97%
1962	318	121	197	140	71.07%
1963	376	57	319	60	18.81%
1964	440	45	395	80	20.25%
1965	488	62	426	55	12.91%
1966	487	59	428	83	19.39%
1967	389	32	357	70	19.61%
1968	354	70	284	192	67.61%
1969	362	39	323	79	24.46%
1970	294	18	276	63	22.83%
1971	327	30	297	98	33.00%
1972	264	25	239	72	30.13%
1973	258	23	235	110	46.81%
1974	229	16	213	32	15.02%
1975	168	12	156	45	28.85%
1976	140	5	135	23	17.04%
1977	75	5	70	20	28.57%
1978	136	9	127	36	28.35%
1979	176	13	163	33	20.25%
1980	111	7	104	17	16.35%
1981	116	7	109	21	19.27%
1982	96	3	93	21	22.58%
1983	120	4	116	12	10.34%
1984	141	2	139	24	17.27%
1985	135	5	130	22	16.92%
1986	128	4	124	21	16.94%
1987	137	4	133	30	22.56%
1988	99	2	97	16	16.49%
1989 MDP	111	3	108	2	1.85%
1990 MDP	88	0	88	1	1.14%
1991 MDP	90	1	89	0	0.00%
UNK CLASS	61	1	60	13	21.67%
ALUMNI	9012	1115	7897	1814	22.97%
TEACHER	23	8	15	6	40.00%
TOTAL	9035	1123	7912	1820	23.00%

MENDEL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP 12/10/2024

CLASS	NAMES	DECEASED	LIVING	EMAIL ADDRESSES	%
1955	288	170	118	58	49.15%
1956	276	142	134	59	44.03%
1957	251	120	131	54	41.22%
1958	323	147	176	94	53.41%
1959	376	178	198	111	56.06%
1960	408	206	202	124	61.39%
1961	363	144	219	127	57.99%
1962	329	134	195	157	80.51%
1963	376	156	220	136	61.82%
1964	440	127	313	210	67.09%
1965	482	164	318	211	66.35%
1966	485	161	324	238	73.46%
1967	386	101	285	194	68.07%
1968	354	89	265	215	81.13%
1969	361	74	287	208	72.47%
1970	292	57	235	157	66.81%
1971	325	46	279	147	52.69%
1972	260	33	227	99	43.61%
1973	257	47	210	173	82.38%
1974	227	44	183	139	75.96%
1975	166	22	144	65	45.14%
1976	140	10	130	48	36.92%
1977	75	9	66	32	48.48%
1978	138	12	126	66	52.38%
1979	175	26	149	54	36.24%
1980	111	15	96	55	57.29%
1981	115	15	100	55	55.00%
1982	96	9	87	45	51.72%
1983	120	9	111	61	54.95%
1984	141	11	130	82	63.08%
1985	134	15	119	75	63.03%
1986	128	19	109	64	58.72%
1987	138	8	130	83	63.85%
1988	99	11	88	53	60.23%
1989 MDP	111	4	107	3	2.80%
1990 MDP	88	0	88	4	4.55%
1991 MDP	90	1	89	0	0.00%
UNK CLASS	61	6	55	16	29.09%
ALUMNI	8985	2542	6443	3772	58.54%
TEACHER	47	26	21	9	42.86%
TOTAL	9032	2568	6464	3781	58.49%

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**NAME YEAR DATE OF DEATH LOCATION**

NAME	YEAR	DATE OF DEATH	LOCATION
AIKENS, WALTER	74	April 10, 2024	CHICAGO, IL
BALDACCI, ARTHUR	68	October 3, 2024	CHICAGO,IL
BECK, KENNETH	65	April 22, 2024	KNOX,IN
BECK, THOMAS	70	November 3, 2024	CHICAGO,IL
BERGANDI, FRANK J	68	May 9, 2024	LOS GATOS,CA
BRIGHT, BRUCE	58	February 6, 2024	HOMEWOOD,IL
BUTTNER, GERALD F	68	August 26, 2024	INDIAN HEAD PARK,IL
CASEY, THOMAS	65	May 10, 2024	CHICAGO,IL
CUNNINGHAM, KEVIN	83	October 8, 2024	POWHATAN,, VA
DANAHER, TIM	56	February 27, 2024	FLOSSMOOR, IL
DORANS, WILLIAM	55	November 18, 2024	ORLAND PARK,IL
DUSZYNSKI, PETER	55	April 11, 2024	CANTON, OH
EDGEWORTH, FRANK	73	November 4, 2024	CHICAGO, IL
ELENTENY, DALE	58	January 20, 2024	OAK FOREST, IL
FLYNN, RV JOHN, O.S.A.	TCH	January 14, 2024	CROWN POINT, IN
FOLEY, MIKE	71	July 16, 2024	CHICAGO,IL
GREBB, ROBERT	61	March 17, 2024	HOLLYWOOD, CA
HAVEY, JAMES	67	January 20, 2024	DENVER CO
HUNTER, STURGIS T.	80	May 8, 2024	CHICAGO,IL
JACKSON, TERRANCE	82	August 14, 2024	SELMA, ALABAMA
JOYCE, JOHN R.	61	April 27, 2024	CHICAGO,IL
JULA, MCHAEAL J	66	June 3, 2024	MATTESON,IL
KARNEZIS, THEMIS	60	February 17, 2024	CHICAGO, IL
KOKO, DAVID G	63	May 13, 2024	JUNEAU,AK
KONLEY, LESLIE	55	January 4, 2024	DENT, MN
KUTAJ, ALEXANDER	56	January 13, 2024	REEDSBURG,WI
LAROCHE, DAVID	68	March 24, 2024	FT. MYERS, FL
LAWSON, WILLIAM	76	May 27, 2024	MILWAUKEE,WI
LEO, THOMAS	55	October 29, 2024	CHICAGO,IL
LESINSKI, GERALD	61	September 24, 2024	DYER,IN
MACK, HARRY W	80	February 15, 2024	UNKNOWN
MADIOL, JULIUS	65	August 15, 2024	HERNANDO,FL
MAJOR, ROBERT G.	65	January 8, 2024	HOMEWOOD,IL
MANPRISIO, THOMAS	60	January 3, 2024	DWIGHT,IL
MARCHI, RAYMOND A	67	April 30, 2024	GREEN BAY,WI
MCCARTHY, TERRY FR.	57	February 24, 2024	SCHAUMBURG, IL
MCDONALD, MCHAEAL	73	April 9, 2024	PALOS HEIGHTS,IL
MEYER, EDWARD V.	69	April 11, 2024	AKRON,OH
NADALIN, MARINO J.	56	October 14, 2024	MONEE,IL
NELSON, LORAN	66	January 3, 2024	ORLAND PARK, IL
PASSEN, FRANK	60	March 31, 2024	ROCKY RIVER,OH
PURPURA, WILLIAM J.	73	October 5, 2024	WILLOWBROOK, IL
REZNIK, RON	68	March 17, 2024	CAVE CREEK,AZ
RIMKUS, ROBERT	61	October 25, 2024	BATTLE CREEK,M
ROUSE, GENE	72	October 7, 2024	SOUTH HOLLAND,IL
SHARP, PHILIP	67	September 18, 2024	UNKNOWN
SUNGAILA, RICHARD	56	January 28, 2024	NEWPORT BEACH,CA
TERRA, WILLIAM	59	April 16, 2024	OAK LAWN,IL
THANOS, COACH PETE	TCH	July 14, 2024	MANTENO, IL
TOBIAS, JUAN	80	March 7, 2024	CHICAGO,IL
VLAMNG, JAMES	59	April 14, 2024	ORLAND PARK, IL

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# 2025 key events



Tuesday, February 18, 2025	MENDEL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Saturday, March 15, 2025	DEADLINE FOR 2025 LEGACY AWARD APPLICATION SUBMITTALS
Thursday, May 1, 2025	CHICAGO CATHOLIC LEAGUE HALL OF FAME 2025 INDUCTION
Saturday, May 24, 2025	MENDEL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME 2025 INDUCTION
Saturday, June 7, 2025	CLASS OF 1975 FIFTIETH REUNION
Saturday, June 28, 2025	ALL-CLASS PICNIC HOSTED BY 1984 CLASS
Friday, July 25, 2025	MENDEL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION 26th ANNUAL GOLF OUTING
November (Final Date TBD)	VETERANS APPRECIATION MASS
Thursday, November 13, 2025	2025 GREGOR MENDEL APPEAL STARTS
December (Final Date TBD)	GREGOR MENDEL SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AWARDS PRESENTATION
December (Final Date TBD)	MENDEL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS GATHERING
Friday, December 19, 2025	2025 GREGOR MENDEL APPEAL ENDS



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