

**Mendel Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting
June 16, 2026**

MINUTES

President Tom Gavin and Chairman Kelvin Lovely Called the Meeting to Order at 7:03 PM

Bill Duffy, Fr. Tom Griffin, David Milton, Mike Frigo, Art Gillespie, David Ireland, Craig Larson, Eric Rouse, Dan Rowan, Mike Dreznes, Tom Gavin, Kelvin Lovely, Pat Regan, Durell James, and Eric James were present.

Bob Fioretti, Rick Zarr, Don Triveline, Bob Lopez, and Dennis Heitzmann notified the Board that they would not be able to attend prior to the meeting.

Derek Lott (2nd Consecutive Miss with No Explanation), John Fanning (18th Consecutive Miss with No Explanation), Billy Hilbring (2nd Consecutive Miss with No Explanation), John Franklin (2nd Consecutive Miss with No Explanation), Terry Gainer, Mark Hubbard, J.C. Crane and Ron Dubin were Missing with No Explanation.

Opening Prayer

Fr. Tom Griffin, O.S.A. opened the meeting with a prayer asking for God's guidance and grace for all Mendel Alumni. Since the list was long, Fr. Tom prayed for half of the Monarchs whose deaths were announced since the last Board Meeting. He promised to pray for the second half of the departed Monarchs in his closing prayer at the end of the meeting.

April 7, 2026, BOD ZOOM Meeting Minutes-Mike Dreznes

Mike Dreznes presented the Minutes from April 7, 2026 Board Meeting. No one had any questions or comments regarding the ZOOM Call Minutes.

Mike Frigo made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Dan Rowan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurers Report: Eric James

TREASURER REPORT



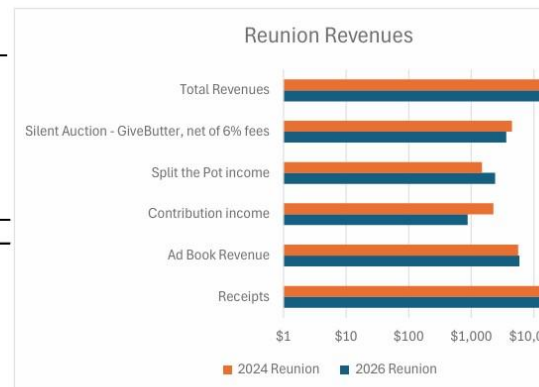
Eric James

Eric James explained that for a variety of reasons, the complete Treasurer's Report was not available prior to the meeting. Eric will send all Board Members copies of the actual Treasurer's Report when it is available.

Eric did present the results from the 2026 Reunion, which are shown below. Unfortunately, Mike Dreznes showed the incorrect results during the meeting.

Mendel Alumni Association
2026 All Class Reunion Summary
as of 6/16/2026

	2026 Reunion	2024 Reunion
Revenues		
Receipts	\$ 18,865	\$ 19,120
Ad Book Revenue	5,830	5,555
Contribution income	870	2,250
Split the Pot income	2,390	1,475
Silent Auction - GiveButter, net of 6% fees	3,625	4,461
Total Revenues	\$ 31,580	\$ 32,861

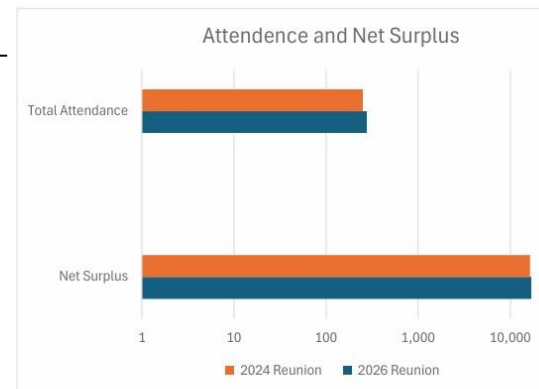


	2026 Reunion	2024 Reunion
Expenses		
Meals/Rent - Gaelic Park	\$ 10,956	\$ 12,911
Supplies	3,774	3,623
Total Expenses	\$ 14,730	\$ 16,534



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Net Surplus	\$ 16,850	\$ 16,327
Total Attendance	276	250



Pat Regan mentioned that one of the reasons the cost for the Reunion was lower this year was due to the Cash Bar. No one heard any negative comments from the attendees regarding the Cash Bar. Pat also commented that a significant number

of Monarchs were joined by guests at the Reunion, which increased the profitability. He also noted that twenty people registered on site at the higher registration cost. This also helped profitability.

Pat Regan stated that he and Eric James were working well together as the Finance Committee. Pat is the Comptroller and Eric James is the Treasurer.

Dan Rowan made a motion to accept the modified Treasurer's Report that was presented with the understanding that the complete Treasurer's Report would be sent to all Board Members when it was available. Mike Frigo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Locating Alumni Status-Mike Dreznes

Mike Dreznes presented the following chart to show the progress made since June 20, 2023, to locate missing Alumni. He emphasized that we cannot expect Alumni to participate in the Mendel Alumni activities if they are not aware of them. We need email addresses!

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%

SINCE
START OF
CAMPAIGN
IN JUNE
2023

1,552

More

Deceased

1,937

More

Emails

For

Living

Monarchs

MENDEL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP			
YEAR	NAMES	DECEASED	LIVING
1955	288	172	116
1956	277	143	134
1957	252	122	130
1958	324	150	174
1959	396	179	217
1960	410	209	201
1961	363	147	216
1962	320	137	183
1963	371	161	210
1964	437	136	301
1965	478	164	314
1966	487	170	317
1967	386	103	283
1968	355	94	261
1969	361	78	283
1970	299	63	236
1971	326	59	267
1972	258	44	214
1973	259	50	209
1974	227	48	179
1975	165	27	138
1976	140	15	125
1977	76	9	67
1978	136	12	124
1979	176	29	147
1980	111	17	94
1981	115	16	99
1982	96	9	87
1983	120	9	111
1984	142	11	131
1985	134	16	118
1986	128	19	109
1987	138	8	130
1988	99	11	88
1989	112	4	108
1990	88	0	88
1991	90	1	89
UNK CLASS	61	6	55
ALUMNI	9001	2648	6353
TEACHERS	49	27	22
TOTAL	9050	2675	6375

The goal is to have good email addresses for 65% of known living Alumni. We currently have email addresses for 58.9% of known living Alumni. When this campaign started in 2023, we only had email addresses for 22.97% of known living Alumni. We have identified 1,937 additional email addresses since 2023.

Mike thanked Rich Williams, Derrick Lott, terry Gainer, Andy Youpel, John Mikenis and Ron Dubin for their help to locate

Alumni. Mike offered to send the Class rosters to any Board Members who were willing to help with the search.

Mike explained that “BEEN VERIFIED” and “MY LIFE” were two useful sources to use to locate missing Alumni.

Mendel Alumni Association 2026 All-Class Reunion Recap

On Friday May 1, 2026, two hundred and seventy Monarchs and their guests gathered at Gaelic Park in Oak Forest, Illinois to celebrate the 2026 All-Class Reunion of the Mendel Alumni Association..



The classes of 1955 & 1956 (80 Years), 1965 & 1966 (70 Years), 1975 & 1976

(50 Years), and 1985 & 1986 (40 Years) were the Honored Guests.

The Reunion Organizing Committee spent months preparing for the event. Terry Gainer ('65) did a wonderful job making name badges with the Mendel graduation photos for all the Alumni. John Mikenis ('73) worked for months soliciting donations for the Silent Auction, which netted over \$3,500 with great items such as golf foursomes, sports tickets and Mendel memorabilia.



Mendel Alumni Association Secretary Mike Dreznes ('68) introduced Bernie Tafoya as the Emcee for the evening. Bernie introduced Mendel Alumni Association President Tom Gavin ('67) and Alumni Association Chairman Kelvin Lovely ('78), who welcomed the Mendel Alumni and their guests and thanked them for their attendance. Joe McCabe ('66) sang a tremendous rendition of the National Anthem. Fr. Bill Sullivan O.S.A. ('59) blessed the meal and prayed that everyone would have a memorable evening. Rick Zarr ('71) and Tim Zimbauer ('71) took video and photos all night.



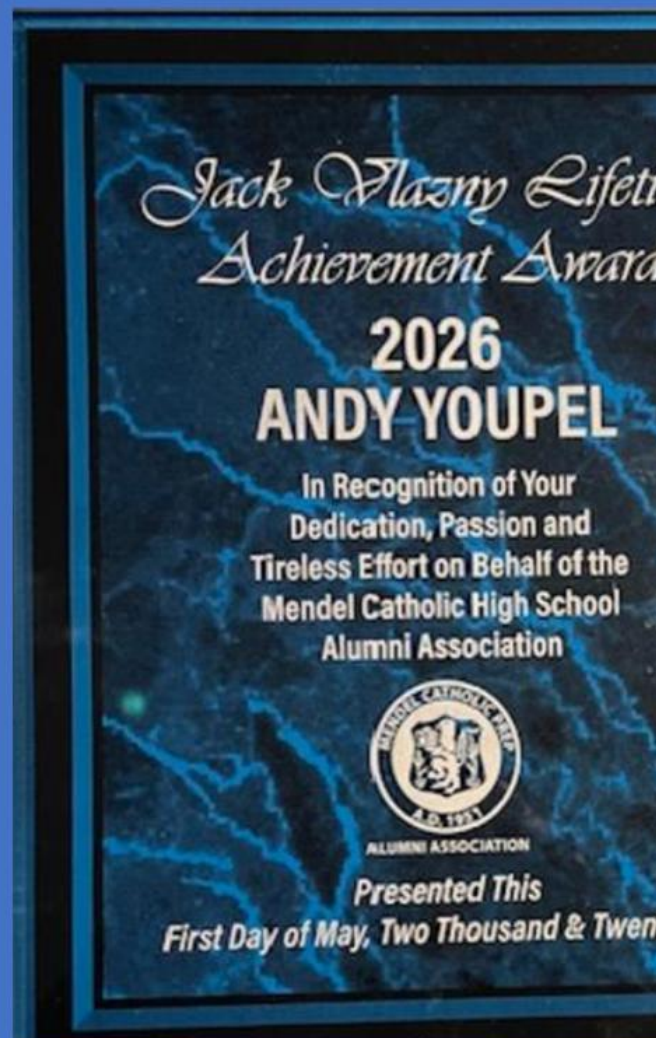
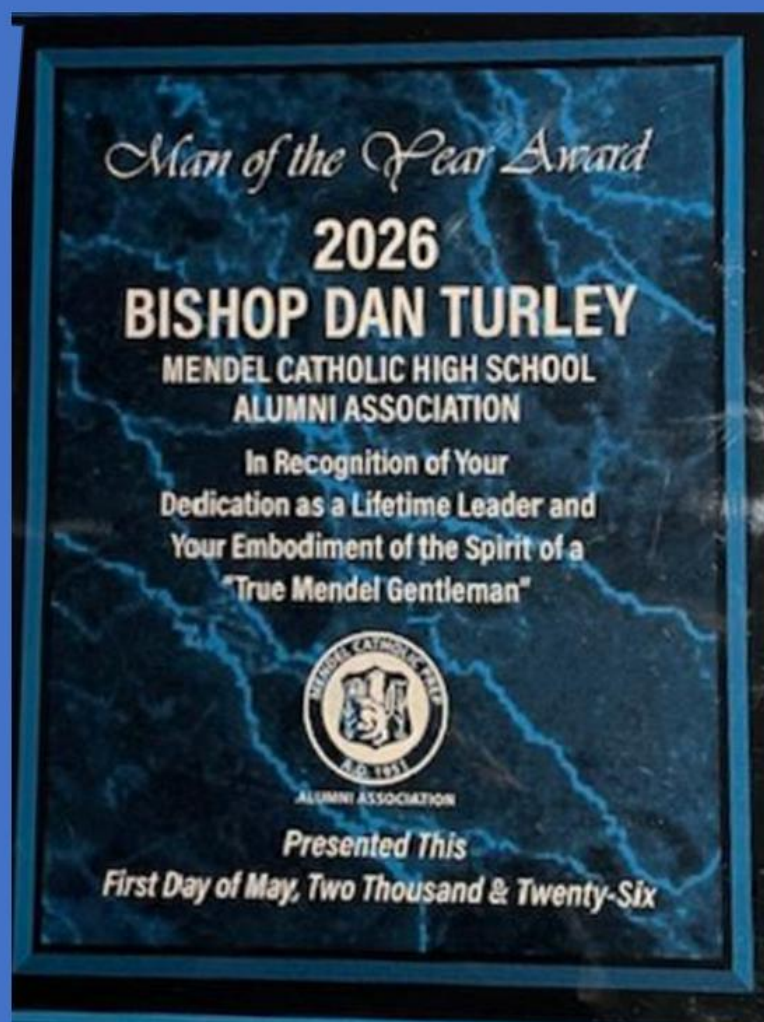
Jim Vlazny ('59) introduced Andy Youpel ('66), who was presented with the Second Vlazny Lifetime Achievement Award for his years of commitment to the Mendel Alumni Association, especially through the Veterans and First Responders' Committee. Jim would have been proud.

Fr. Tony Pizzo O.S.A. then introduced Bishop Dan Turley ('60) and presented him with the Mendel Alumni Association Man of the Year Award for his years of dedication to the Augustinians, both in Chicago and in the missions in Peru. One of the priests who Bishop Turley supervised in Peru was Fr. Robert Prevost O.S.A., a.k.a. Pope Leo XIV.



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So many people worked so many hours in different ways to make this Reunion a success. Jack Dreznes ('66) and Tom Tomaszewski ('66) set records with their sales of Mendel Merchandise. Bill Duffy ('64) manned the Golf Table to solicit participants at the August 21 Mendel Alumni Association Golf Outing. Derek Lott ('84) and his team collected \$2,200 in Split the Pot Funds. In a wonderful show of Mendel Love, one of Andy Youpel's daughters won the Split the Pot prize and donated her entire \$1,100 winnings back to the Mendel Alumni Association.



Comptroller Pat Regan ('68) and Treasurer Eric James ('74) worked overtime to record the revenue generated at the All-Class Reunion.

Everyone who attended the reunion enjoyed sharing memories of years past and reconnecting with old friends. One comment overheard was, "We should have paid more money for this Reunion because this is so much fun!" For some Monarchs, they reconnected with classmates they had not seen for decades. Within minutes of conversation, the stories started flowing and the memories were rekindled. Many of the Alumni really enjoyed spending time with some of their coaches, including Coach Don Ledin, Coach Ed McAllister, Coach Mike Manderino ('70), and Coach Mike Flaherty.

Thank you again to everyone who attended and made the Reunion a tremendous success. The next Reunion is scheduled for May 2028, with the Honored Guests being the Class of 1957, 1958, 1967, 1968, 1977, 1978, 1987 and 1988. MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

The day after the Reunion, a tour of Gwendolyn Brooks was conducted, which was followed by a Mendel All-Stars vs the Catholic League All-Stars Basketball Extravaganza that was coordinated by Billy Hilbring.

All agreed that the Reunion Weekend was a big success, and all volunteers were thanked for their hard work.

Hall of Fame Committee Report

HOF Committee Chairman J.C. Crane was not in attendance at the Board Meeting. Mike Dreznes reminded all Board Members

to submit HOF Nominations prior to the December 31, 2026 deadline.

Website Committee Report-Rick Zarr

Website Committee Chairman Rick Zarr as not in attendance at the Board Meeting. Mike Dreznes encouraged all Board Members to visit the Mendel Alumni Association Website. Rick Zarr and John Dreznes were thanked again for their dedication and hard work on the Website.

Update on Mendel Alumni Association Golf Outing

Bill Johnson was not at the meeting. Mike Dreznes presented an update.

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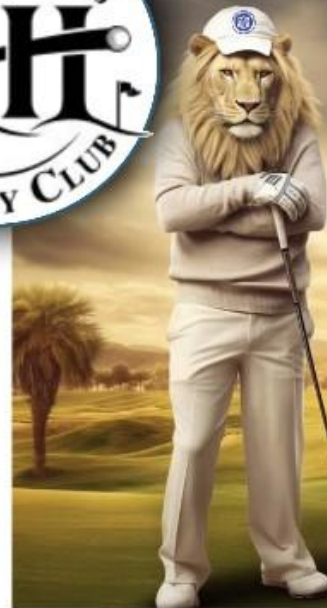
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One person had registered for the Golf Outing as of the meeting date.

The Board of Directors was asked to solicit hole sponsors now. Bill Johnson will present an update at the next Board Meeting.

Mendel All-Class Family Cookout

Art Gillespie explained that the Committee was making good progress on this year's All-Class Family Cookout that will be held at Gately Park. He presented a new video announcement by Derek Lott and a promotional flyer:

— MENDEL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESENTS —

THE MENDEL CATHOLIC H.S. ALL CLASS FAMILY COOKOUT

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EVERYONE
INVITED

C.H.S.
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Art Gillespie announced that the All-Class Family Cookout Committee is sponsoring a Popcorn Fund Raiser. All Board Members were encouraged to participate in the Fund Raiser and also to attend the All-Class Family Cookout on June 27, 2026.

2026 Legacy Scholarships Recap-Craig Larson & Eric Rouse

This year's Legacy Award Committee consisted of Craig Larson, Eric Rouse, Tom Gavin, Mike Dreznes, Pat Regan, Kelvin Lovely, Ron Smith, Don Triveline, Dennis Heitzmann and John Wilson.

The Committee reported a record number of applicants (19) and a record high Award payout amount (\$18,000). Craig Larsen and Eric Rouse were thanked for their dedication and commitment to the Legacy Scholarship Program.

			
2026	LEGACY AWARD	2026	
BRAYDEN SEARS	JACK DREZNES ('66)	LINCOLNWAY EAST	INDIANA UNIVERSITY
BRODY MCKAY	TOM DUFFY ('63)	JOLIET WEST	JOLIET JR COLLEGE
ELLIE CONNEELY	JOHN CONNEELY ('64)	ANDREW	DAYTON UNIVERSITY
JOSEPH GAINER	JAMES GAINER ('59)	MARIST	LORAS COLLEGE
MICHAEL O'CONNOR	JOE FARRELL ('60)	MARIST	DAYTON UNIVERSITY
NORA DUFFY	BILL DUFFY ('64)	LYONS TOWNSHIP	ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY
NORA DYIEKAN	TIM GAINER ('61)	ANDREW	LEWIS UNIVERSITY
PATRICK WALLER	MIKE DREZNES ('68)	ST. IGNATIUS	UNDECIDED
MIA GAINER	JAMES GAINER ('59)	LYONS TOWNSHIP	UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA
EMMA GAINER	JAMES GAINER ('59)	LYONS TOWNSHIP	CARTHAGE COLLEGE
KALEB WILSON	GENE ROUSE ('72)	HOMEWOOD FLOSSMOOR	MISSOURI OR BALL STATE
EVAN BANSLEY	BILL STRASSER ('67)	GENEVA COMMUNITY	PURDUE
NOLAN WALSH	JACK DREZNES ('66)	SANDBURG	MORAIN VALLEY
VIOLET BAKER	TOM PALLANTI ('68)	VALPARAISO	PURDUE
MAEVE FARRELL	JOE FARRELL ('60)	GLENBARD WEST	UNDECIDED
OWEN FARRELL	JOE FARRELL ('60)	GLENBARD WEST	NOTRE DAME
JACK FARRELL	JOE FARRELL ('60)	GLENBARD WEST	NOTRE DAME
GABRIEL JOHNSON	DAVID JOHNSON ('89)	U OF DETROIT JESUIT	JACKSONVILLE UNIV
ELLA RIORDAN	JIM RIORDAN ('62)	SANDBURG	NOTRE DAME

The Board suggested that the Committee notifies all Augustinian High Schools about the Legacy Scholarship to ensure Alumni are aware of the program. Ron Smith submitted the following message showing the appreciation from Providence High School for the Legacy Program:

On Jun 8, 2026, at 9:18 AM, Ronald Smith <rsmith@themecgroup.com> wrote:

Mike

FYI

I was at a wedding this weekend and the President of Providence High School, Fr. John Merkelis was the Mass' celebrant. Fr. Merkelis is also an Augustinian and roomed with Pope Leo XIII during their Seminary days at Holland, Michigan.

At the reception I introduced myself to Fr. Merkelis and mentioned I attended Mendel. Merkelis immediately commented, how wonderful the Mendel Alumni is, by keeping the legacy of Mendel alive through our Legacy Scholarships. He went on to state, how Mendel's Legacy Scholarships assist Providence Students with their book and other college expenses. It was obvious, Fr. Merkelis was grateful and appreciative of our Legacy Scholarship Program.

I wanted to let you know, it was rewarding to see the President of Providence High School recognize Mendel's Scholarships and how he appreciated, our Alumni's financial support in keeping Mendel's legacy alive. - Ron

PS: Please share this with the Scholarship Program Team to let them know their work is recognized and truly appreciated.

Chicago Catholic League Hall of Fame

The Chicago Catholic League Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony was held on Thursday April 30, 2026. Bob Munoz ('65) and Coach Ed McAllister were inducted.

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2025-26 HALL OF FAME

THUR., APRIL 30, 2026 AT 5:30 PM
CRYSTAL SKY BANQUET HALL
7941 W. 47TH
MCCOOK, IL 60525

Mr. Chris Andriano
Mr. DJ Bland
Mr. Mike Boehm
Mr. Patrick "Pete" Brown
Mr. James Coleman
Mr. Akeem Hunter
Mr. Dan Lynch
Mr. Jordan Lynch
Mr. Ed McAllister
Mr. Bob Munoz
Mr. J.J. Standring
Mr. David Wetzel

Man. of the Year
Mr. Tom Schergen

The Chicago Catholic League Coaches Association is proud to announce the latest Hall of Fame Class. A great group of Catholic Leaguers! We invite you all to join us as we celebrate these extraordinary ambassadors of our league and officially welcome them into the Catholic League Hall of Fame!

Chicago Catholic League Hall of Fame Induction April 26, 2026



**Bob
Munoz**

**Coach Ed
McAllister**

Mike Dreznes showed this list of Monarchs currently inducted into the Catholic League HOF.



Catholic League HOF Alum

With Pride We Recognize Alum That Have The Honor Of Being Inducted Into The Chicago Catholic League HOF

Last Name First Name	Deceased	Inducted as:	Sport 1	Sport 2	Year
Adams, Ed		Coach	Track & Field		1989
Banks, Andre		Athlete	Basketball		2004
Bohan, Eddie		Athlete	Football	Basketball	2014
Burke, Ed		Athlete	Football		2005
Callahan, Bill		Athlete/Coach	Football		2022
Campbell, Tracy		Athlete	Football		2014
Chambers, Rodney		Athlete/Coach	Track & Field	Cross Country	2016
Curtin, Mike		Administrator/Coach	Baseball		1995
Daniel, Tony		Athlete	Track & Field	Cross Country	2024
Farrell, Joe	*	Athlete	Football		1998
Flaherty, Mike		Coach	Basketball		2000
Gavin, Jack O.S.A.		Clergy	Baseball		????
Gee, Jerry		Athlete	Basketball		2014
Goberville, Tom		Athlete	Football		2017
Guida, Lou	*	Coach	Wrestling	Football	????
Hampton, Michael		Athlete	Basketball		2023
Hogan, Mike		Athlete	Football		2015
Knoebel, John		Athlete	Baseball	Football	2024
Magee, Joe	*	Coach	Football		2025
Manderino, Mike		Coach	Basketball		1996
McAllister, Ed		Coach	Track		2026
Munoz, Bob		Athlete	Wrestling	Football 2026	
O'Hare, Mark		Athlete	Football	Wrestling	2023
Reilly, Ben	*	Coach	Basketball		1986
Rouse, Eric		Athlete	Football		2004
Sabal, Al	*	Athlete/Coach	Football		2011
Sheahan, Mike		Official/Athlete	Football	Basketball	1995
Stelmaszek, Richard	*	Coach/Athlete	Baseball		2018
Triplett, Tyron		Athlete	Basketball	Baseball	2020
Windauer, Bill		Athlete	Football	Wrestling	2020
Woulfe, Mike		Athlete/Coach	Football		2003
Young, Ernie		Coach/Athlete	Baseball		2010

Plans for 2026 Golf Outing August 21, 2026– Bill Johnson

Bill Johnson was not able attend the meeting. The Golf Committee asked that the All-Class Family Cookout Committee promote the Golf Outing in their promotional efforts.

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RAINOUT MONDAY AUGUST 23, 2026

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Mendel Honor Flight – Andy Youpel

Mike Dreznes reminded all Veterans to submit an application for the Mendel Honor Flight to Washington DC from Midway Airport. The flight will occur in late Spring/Summer 2027. There is no cost for the Veteran. However, they must have a guardian. The cost for the guardian is \$500. Another option is to have a guardian appointed at no cost.

Andy Youpel explained that he hoped to have at least 16 applications for the 16 Monarchs killed in Vietnam. Mike

Dreznes offered to resend the Honor Flight announcement and the application to the entire Alumni Roster.

UPDATE: As of June 22, 2026 we have sixteen applications. We are aware of at least another three Monarchs who have indicated their plans to apply.



AS OF 6/22/2

2027 MENDEL HONOR FLIGHT										
NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	ST	ZIP	CLASS	PHONE	EMAIL	GUARDIAN	PHONE	
ARENDT, ALAN	7325 Olcott Ave	Hammond	IN	46323	74	(219) 844-6979	DOUBLEA9354@SBCGLOBAL.NET	NONE		
DREZNES, JOHN	17119 Shetland	Tinley Park	IL	60487	66	(708) 772-1949	BEVRECORDS@DLS.NET	MIKE DREZNES	(707) 344-5878	ZEKE
GASSER, LAWRENCE	20 Amber Ct	Crete	IL	60417	70	(708) 672-1152	kmg8812@sbcglobal.net	BRIDGET McDERMOTT	(708) 476-3806	McDERMOTT
RANDALL HILDEMAN	20800 OAK LANE	Olympia Fields	IL	60461	61	(708) 748-1702	rwh@att.net	NONE		
HORVATH, THOMAS	2707 43rd Street	Highland	IN	46322	64	(219) 972-0933	tom.horvath@yahoo.com	NONE		
JOHNSON, JOSEPH	606 Dawes Ave	Utica	NY	13502	73	(315) 456-8393	randb4me@roadrunner.com	ART SANTOYO	(773) 322-5775	ABANDON
KING, THOMAS	9920 Discovery Terrace	Bradenton	FL	34212	63	(708) 220-4575	tjkjr1944@gmail.com	JACK KING	(630) 667-5748	jking
STEPHEN KIPNIS	12929 S 79th Ave	Palos Hts	IL	60463		(708) 822-8273	kipnis2@comcast.net	Jake McGowan	(708) 285-3228	mcgowan
LUMBRAZO, MICHAEL	9457 Walnut Dr.	Munster	IN	3321-382	64	(219) 838-3348	mblumbrazo@sbcglobal.net	LAUREN GRAY	(773) 507-5845	LGRAY
MATA, MAXIMO	16718 Paxton Ave	Tinley Park	IL	60477	70	(708) 921-3384	maximomata33@gmail.com	NONE		
MICHAEL, LAWRENCE	850 East Wintergreen Driv	Green Valley	AZ	85614	63	(414) 581-3714	mjustforfun123@gmail.com	NONE		
PETRIZZO, RUSS	12437 Mackinac Rd	Homer Glen	IL	60441	68	(708) 516-5556	RJPETRIZZO@ME.COM	NONE		
PRZYBYLA, TOM	9010 E 91st Ct	Crown Point	IN	46307	68	(219) 722-6210	maddog_tmjp@comcast.net	NONE		
TAYLOR, WILLIAM	2740 Squire Ct.	Dyer,	IN	46311	66	(219) 644-5180	Wvtaylor@gmail.com	NONE		
YOUNG, KENNETH	2538 York St.	Blue Island	IL	60406	60	(708) 385-3914	kernidgeyoung@sbcglobal.net	NONE		
YOUPEL, ANDREW	2240 W. 113th PL	Chicago	IL	60643	66	(773) 881-1378	agyoupel@gmail.com	MARY CLAIRE YOUPEL	(773) 851-7379	MYOUPEL
RON SMITH (GUARDIAN)	1705 Spyglass Circle	Palos Hts	IL	60463	72	(773) 401-3270	rsmith@themecgroup.com			

Andy Youpel must hand deliver all the applications to the Honor Flight office at O'Hare Field by July 1, 2026.

John Mikenis Resignation-Mike Dreznes

John Mikenis submitted his resignation from the Board of Directors effective immediately. John was thanked for his service, and he was reminded that although he is no longer a Board Member, he will always be a Monarch and his continued support of the Alumni Association is welcomed and encouraged.

501c3 Corporation Explanation-Eric James

Mike Dreznes explained that the major difference between a 501c3 and a 501c7 Organization is the tax deductible advantage of a 501c3 Organization. However, the reporting requirements are more stringent for a 501c3 Organization.

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The Mendel Alumni Association is a Social Organization, while the Mendel Prep High School Alumni Association 1970 thru 1988 Corporation is a Charitable Organization. Eric James said that he would be able to handle the reporting requirements.

It was suggested that the “Mendel Prep High School Alumni Association 1970 thru 1988 Corporation” name be changed to something more inclusive like the “Friends of Mendel.”

FORM NFP 102.10
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
General Not For Profit Corporation Act
File # 75571496
Filing Fee: \$50
Approved By: LXR
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MAY 08 2026
Alexi Giannoulas
Secretary of State

Replaced the
“84 Mendel Monarchs LLC”
that was involuntarily dissolved by the
Illinois Secretary of State.

Article 1.
Corporate Name: MENDEL PREP HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CLASSES 1970 THRU 1988

Article 2.
Registered Agent: ERIC J JAMES, CPA

Registered Office: 9415 S WESTERN AVE STE 205

CHICAGO

IL 60643-6732

COOK COUNTY

Article 3.
The first Board of Directors shall be 3 in number, their Names and Addresses being as follows:
ERIC J JAMES 9415 S WESTERN AVE STE 205 CHICAGO IL 60643
MARK HUBBARD 19155 ST LAWRENCE AVE GLENWOOD IL 60425
ART GILLESPIE 1662 WEST 103RD STREET CHICAGO IL 60643

Article 4. Purpose(s) for which the Corporation is organized:
Charitable.

Social.

Any purpose permitted to be exempt from taxation under Section 501(c) or 501(d) of the United States Internal Revenue Code, as now in or hereafter amended.

Is this Corporation a Condominium Association as established under the Condominium Property Act? ☐ Yes ☒ No
Is this a Cooperative Housing Corporation as defined in Section 216 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954? ☐ Yes ☒ No
Is this Corporation a Homeowner's Association, which administers a common-interest community as defined in subsection (c) of Section 9-102 of the code of Civil Procedure? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Article 5. Name & Address of Incorporator
The undersigned incorporator hereby declares, under penalties of perjury, that the statements made in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation are true.

ERIC J JAMES, CPA

Name

9415 S WESTERN AVE STE 205

Street

CHICAGO, IL 60643

City, State, ZIP

Dated

MAY 08

Month & Day

2026

Year

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Another suggestion was made to move the Legacy Scholarship Committee under the 501c3 umbrella. Other members of the Board questioned if there would be significant donations if the Mendel Alumni Association was a Charitable Organization.

The following questions were raised during the meeting:

QUESTIONS

Other than three common Board Members, what is the formal name of the "Mendel Prep High School Alumni Association 1970 thru 1988 Corporation"? The "Mendel Alumni Association" never formally approved the creation of the "Mendel Prep High School Alumni Association 1970 thru 1988 Corporation." Should all "Mendel Alumni Association" members also be "Mendel Prep High School Alumni Association 1970 thru 1988 Corporation" Members or should they be totally separate Boards?

What accounting systems, policies, and procedures must be adopted for the sharing of revenue and expense between the 501(c)(3) (charity) and a 501(c)(7) (club)?

Does the "Mendel Alumni Association" Board of Directors have authority over the actions of the "Mendel Prep High School Alumni Association 1970 thru 1988 Corporation"?

Who determines how funds collected thru "Mendel Prep High School Alumni Association 1970 thru 1988 Corporation" are allocated? Does the "Mendel Alumni Association" have access to the collected funds?

Has the "Mendel Prep High School Alumni Association 1970 thru 1988 Corporation" been changed to be more inclusive? If so, what is the new name of the organization in the State of Illinois?

It was recommended that an Advisory Committee be created to answer these questions and to determine the optimum configuration of the Alumni Association as it relates to the 501(c)(3) and a 501(c)(7) Organization issue. Eric James agreed to chair this Committee. David Milton and David Ireland, and Mike Dreznes offered to serve on this Committee. All Board Members were asked to notify Mike Dreznes if they want to

serve on this Committee. Nominations for the Advisory Committee must be received no later than July 1, 2026.

The Board agreed to give the Advisory Committee sixty days to submit their recommendation. The sixty days will culminate on August 11, 2026. The recommendation will be made to the entire Board at the next Board Meeting on August 18, 2026.

Articles of Association Rewrite-Mike Dreznes

Mike Dreznes presented the current Mendel Alumni Association Articles of Association as well as the following suggested modifications (in yellow highlight):

The Board may terminate any Board member who misses three consecutive meetings without a valid excuse by a record vote.

Article III. Membership

Section 1. Eligibility

Membership shall include all persons who attended Mendel Catholic High School at graduation status.

Section 2. Rights and Participation

Membership includes access to events, communications, and leadership opportunities outlined in these bylaws.

Article IV. Governance: Board of Directors and Officers

Section 1. Structure

The Board of Directors shall govern the Association and consist of 29 members, including six Officers: Chairman, President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and

***We currently have 29 Voting Members**

- Member Database Committee - the Member Database managing and improving the collection, storage, and use of information within the Association.
- Reunion Committee - The reunion committee's primary purpose is to execute a successful class reunion. Ideally, the Reunion Committee will ensure that every member of each class being honored for their decade of service (Fortieth, Fiftieth, Sixtieth, Seventieth, Eightieth, etc).
- Veterans and First Responders Committee - The Veterans and First Responders Committee, focuses on supporting and advocating for veterans and their families.
- Website Committee - The Website Committee ensures the website is an effective tool for communicating information, engaging members, and achieving the organization's overarching goals.
- **Executive Committee - The Executive Committee consists of the Chairman, President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and any additional officers the Board may designate. This committee's responsibilities include:**
 - Act on behalf of the Board between full meetings (subject to the Board's approval)
 - Monitor strategic initiatives, partnerships, and urgent developments
 - Address personnel, legal, or confidential matters requiring immediate attention

Secretary

The Secretary ensures organizational compliance with legal and recordkeeping requirements.

Treasurer and Comptroller

The Treasurer and Comptroller serve as the chief financial officers and chairs of the Finance Committee.

The Treasurer is also responsible for the procurement, management, and distribution of supplies, equipment, and logistical resources for the Association in its activities and events.

The Board may elect a Comptroller to assist the Treasurer in performing his or her required duties.

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Section 2. Budget and Financial Reporting

- The Treasurer and Comptroller, in consultation with the Board, shall prepare a proposed annual operating budget for Board review and approval at each fiscal year.
- The Treasurer and/or Comptroller shall present a financial report at each scheduled Board of Directors meeting.
- The Treasurer shall be responsible for filing the association's financial statements with the appropriate state authorities as applicable.
- The Treasurer shall maintain a Financial Policy and Procedure Manual, which shall be submitted to the Board from time to time for review and approval.

Section 3. Banking, Disbursements, and Segregation of Funds

All funds of the Association shall be deposited in federally insured banks under the name of the Association.

Eric James suggested that the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors have an odd number of Members to avoid tie votes. It was agreed to maximize the number of Board Members at 29, instead of 30. No decisions were made regarding the number of Executive Committee Members.

The Board asked for time to review the proposed amendments to have a vote at the next Board Meeting.

Board of Directors Attendance History-Mike Dreznes

Mike Dreznes submitted the following document to show the meeting attendance history for all Mendel Board of Directors.

80%	Mark Hubbard	8/1/23-7/31/26
53%	Eric Rouse	8/1/23-7/31/26
100%	Dan Rowan	8/1/23-7/31/26
92%	Mike Frigo	8/1/23-7/31/26
53%	Ron Dubin	8/1/23-7/31/26
42%	Art Gillespie	8/1/23-7/31/26
94%	Craig Larson	8/1/23-7/31/26
84%	David Milton	8/1/23-7/31/26
79%	Bob Fioretti	8/1/24-7/31/27
51%	David Ireland	8/1/24-7/31/27
14%	John Fanning	8/1/24-7/31/27
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100%	Dennis Heitzmann	8/1/25-7/31/28
100%	Terry Gainer	8/1/25-7/31/28
73%	Derek Lott	8/1/25-7/31/28
92%	Jerome (J.C). Crane	8/1/25-7/31/28
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It was agreed that Board Members are expected to attend (attend or excused) at least 65% of the Board Meetings.

Board of Directors Membership Update Effective August 1, 2026-Mike Dreznes

Mike Dreznes showed the following slide that illustrates the terms for all Board Members, as well as their attendance record.

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**We will survey
Directors whose
term expires on July
2026 to ask
if they want to remain
for another 3 Years.
We also need**



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Kelvin Lovely and Tom Gavin will contact Mark Hubbard, Eric Rouse, Ron Dubin, Art Gillespie, Craig Larson and David Milton to verify their interest to continue as Board Members.

UPDATE: Mike Frigo and Dan Rowan submitted their requests to have another term as Board Members.

Tom Gavin announced that he spoke to John Fanning and John Fanning agreed that his Board term be ended early effective 7/31/26. John was thanked for his service.

Next Mendel Board Meeting

The next Mendel Alumni Association BOD ZOOM Call will be on Tuesday August 18, 2026, at 7PM Chicago time.

Closing Prayer-Fr. Tom Griffin

Fr. Griffin thanked God for his guidance and he prayed for the second half of the Monarchs whose deaths were announced since the last Board Meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 PM Chicago time.