

MARGIE RUSCHMAN BARTH - 1977

Margie Ruschman Barth graduated from Our Lady of Providence Academy in 1977. During that time, she was involved in many organizations like Student Council, Big & Little Sisters, and the senior play, but she is most remembered as an enthusiastic athlete.

At OLP, Margie played softball all four years. She was voted captain and MVP in both her junior and senior years. She was instrumental in leading the team to winning seasons with the most memorable one being the 1977 season which produced a 12-5 record and a second place finish in the Catholic School League. She continued to play softball recreationally for ten years after high school in various leagues around the Northern Kentucky area.

In her freshman year, Margie was a cheerleader for Newport Catholic and witnessed both a freshman basketball championship and a varsity 9th Region basketball championship. Despite those satisfying seasons, she decided to play volleyball the next three years. She was a varsity player during those three years and again was voted captain and MVP for her junior and senior teams. Following her senior season in November 1976, Margie was elected to the All Regional Team by the region's coaches. She was also chosen as one of the "Twelve Teens Who Made A Difference" by the Cincinnati Enquirer which coined the phrase, "Spirited Ruschman".

After graduating from OLP, Margie attended Morehead State University where she was awarded a full scholarship to play volleyball. During her years there, her teams came in second place twice in the State Tournament. Those tournament successes earned her team entry into the Regional Tournament where they finished in third place both times. They also won the Ohio Valley Conference Championship in two of her four years. The team's overall record, while she was there, was 105-39-5. Most of her career at MSU was starting as a setter. She was named captain for her senior year. Articles about Margie always mentioned her positive enthusiastic leadership qualities. One referenced her as a "quarterback without a helmet". After graduating from Morehead State, she continued to play volleyball for over twenty years. She spent much of her time at the armory in Fort Thomas with her team the "Nickel Jumpers".

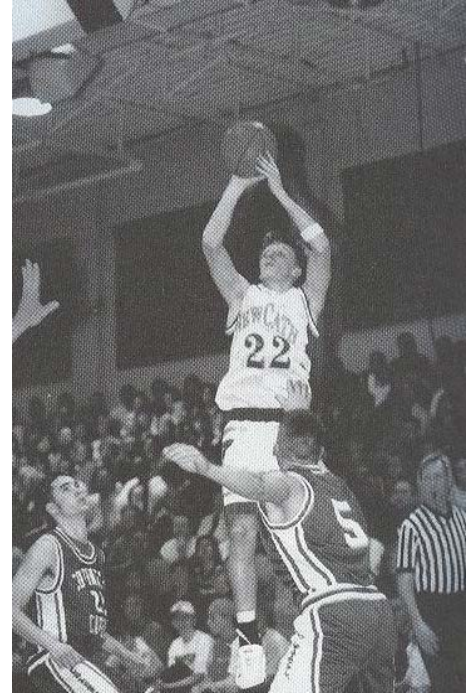
Margie and her husband Pat, a 1977 NC graduate, will celebrate thirty years of marriage in June. They have two children, Randy, age 24 who lives in Louisville and Maria, age 20 who attends Morehead State University. Margie works for an energy management company in downtown Cincinnati and stays active volunteering at her church.



RONNY DAWN - 2001

Ronny Dawn graduated from Newport Central Catholic in 2001 after being a four year letterman in basketball. At the time he graduated, he held the state record for the number of 3-point field goals made in a career with 328. Presently, he holds school records for career scoring with 2,124 points, 3-point field goals made with 328, and the school single game scoring record of 54 points.

During his junior year, Ronny was part of a team that won the 9th Region All "A" Classic Tournament, thereby earning an entry into the All "A" State Tournament held at Eastern Kentucky University. That team became the first Northern Kentucky team to win the All "A" State Tournament while Ronny was named Tournament MVP. The very next year the team repeated winning the 9th Region All "A" Classic Tournament.



Following the All 'A' State Tournament Championship in his junior year, the same NCC team would also go on to win the 9th Region Tournament and play in the Sweet Sixteen State Tournament held at Rupp Arena. They had a 21 game win streak going into the State Tournament and finished the season with a record of 30-6. Ronny was named 9th Region Player of the Year and 1st Team All State following both the '99-'00 and '00-'01 seasons.

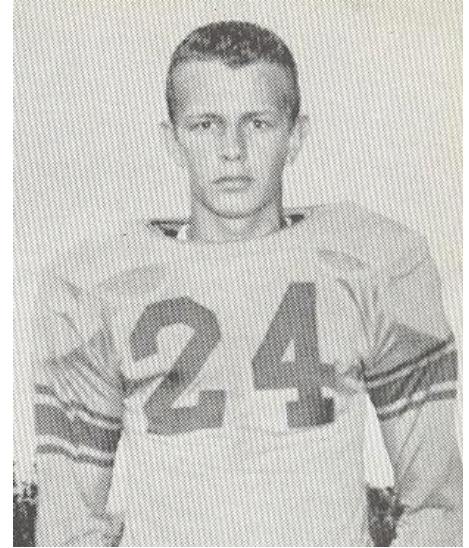
Ronny attended Marshall University on a full basketball scholarship, lettering all four years. In his freshmen year, he scored 21 points vs. Western Michigan University and was named Mid-American Conference Player of the Week. In his junior season, he scored 23 points and made 7 of 9 3-point field goals vs. #3 ranked UK. During his senior year, the team upset #24 ranked West Virginia University, a game in which Ronny scored 15 points on 5 of 6 3-point shooting. He is 6th All Time in Marshall University history for 3-point field goals made in a career with 174 and is also 6th All Time for games played in a career with 116. He received a Bachelor of Science in Finance from Marshall University in 2006.

Ronny is currently coaching his son Wesley's AAU basketball team and will be getting married to his fiancé Jamie Sorrell this coming October.

FRANK EMMERICH - 1958

Frank Emmerich graduated from Newport Catholic in 1958. While at NC, he participated in football, baseball, and basketball and earned varsity letters in his junior and senior years. In football, he played offensive and defensive end as well as punted. In baseball, he was a pitcher for NC. In basketball, Frank played varsity in 1957-1958 and received All-State mention in 1958.

Frank earned a scholarship for basketball and played three varsity years for Villa Madonna College (now Thomas More). He also pitched baseball for three years there. He achieved his best record of 7 – 2 during his junior year which included a win over Xavier University.



At Villa Madonna, Frank led the basketball team in both scoring and rebounding as a junior and senior. In his junior season, he averaged 16.3 points and 2.96 rebounds per game. He helped lead Villa Madonna to the KIAC Tournament Championship and was named to the All-Tournament team.

As a college senior, Frank was named MVP and led the team in both scoring at 19.7 ppg and in rebounding at 7.7 rpg. He had high scoring games of 31 points vs. Union and 33 points vs. Tennessee State who was ranked 3rd in the nation at the time.

In 1963, CINSAY (Cincinnati Sportsmen and Athletes of Yesteryear) paid tribute to Frank Emmerich at its annual Banquet of Champions as the Outstanding Athlete at Villa Madonna College. Twenty other honorees at the banquet included the likes of Oscar Robertson, Frank Robinson, and Roger Staubach.

Shortly after graduating from Villa Madonna, Frank entered the Air Force and served as an Accounting and Finance Officer at different locations overseas including Japan, South Korea, and Thailand as well as at several bases in the U.S. As an AFO, he received meritorious service and commendation medals for his efforts.

Frank continued playing basketball in the service and received most valuable trophies for inter-service competitions in Japan and Korea. He was a player and coach for the base team at Davis Monthan AFB, AZ.

His father was Charles “Gus” Emmerich who excelled in sports at Dayton High School in football, baseball, basketball and track. His father received a scholarship to the University of Cincinnati and played football, baseball and basketball there.

Frank Emmerich resides in Newport, Kentucky and is retired.

STEVE KROGER - 1983

Steve Kroger was in the graduating class of 1983. He played football, basketball, and baseball his freshman year but concentrated on basketball and baseball for the rest of his high school career.



As a freshman basketball player, Steve was named Freshman MVP of the 9th Region. That year his team led by coach, Ron Dawn, won the championship. He played on the varsity team his sophomore, junior, and senior years and was the starting guard in both his junior and senior years.

Steve won the title of "Mr. Assist" leading the team in assists for those two years. He also had the highest free throw percentage during that time. Other recognition of his talents included All Tournament team selections in the N.I.T., the Lloyd Memorial Invitational, and the Famous Recipe Classic tournaments. Steve was voted "Best Backcourt Player" in the state his senior year and averaged over 10 points per game for his three year varsity career.

Steve also played varsity baseball during his sophomore, junior, and senior years. He was placed on the All Region team his junior year. Following his senior season, Steve was named the 9th Region Player of the Year and named 1st Team All State. Steve's batting average was .495 for his career. He had the fewest errors as a shortstop and best fielding percentage for any player at Newport Catholic.

The University of Evansville offered Steve a baseball scholarship. He played there for two years and then transferred to Xavier University. While at XU, Steve's batting average was .445 prompting him to be named All Conference and a 1st Team All American. He was unanimously voted the Best 2nd Baseman by the Division I coaches in the region.

Steve graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. He now owns his own safety distributorship-Abco Safety-headquartered in Sharonville, OH.

Steve lives in Ft. Thomas, KY with his wife Diane and their three daughters, Sam, Sydney, and Sophie.

NICK PANGALLO - 1988

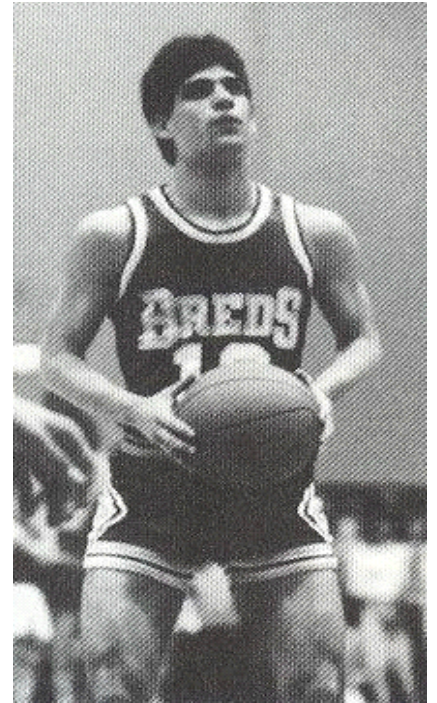
Nick Pangallo graduated from Newport Central Catholic with the class of 1988. He was a two sport athlete at NCC and received varsity letters his sophomore, junior, and senior years in both basketball and baseball.

In basketball, his accomplishments included being selected 1st team All 9th Region and Honorable Mention All-State. He was presented with the Dave Cowens Mr. Hustle award. Nick was also named to the 35th District All Tourney team, to the 9th Region All Tourney team, and the East-West All-Star team. Nick was selected as the Famous Recipe Star of the Week. In his senior year, Nick averaged 24 points and 9 assists per game.

Nick also excelled in baseball. He led the region in home runs with 18 one year. As an outfielder, he was selected to the 35th District All Tourney team, to the 1st team All Region, and to the East-West All-Star team. He was additionally voted the 9th Region Player of the Year.

Nick attended Northern Kentucky University on a basketball scholarship. At NKU, he was voted Best Defensive Player in 1990, 1991, and 1992 in the Huntington Bank/Lyons Tip-off Tournament. He also received the Subway Star of the Game Award four times. Nick was voted team captain in 1992. He graduated from NKU with a Bachelor of Arts degree.

Nick now lives in Ft. Thomas, KY with his wife Becky and two daughters. He works for UC Health in the Information Technology department.



TONY SANDFOSS - 1979

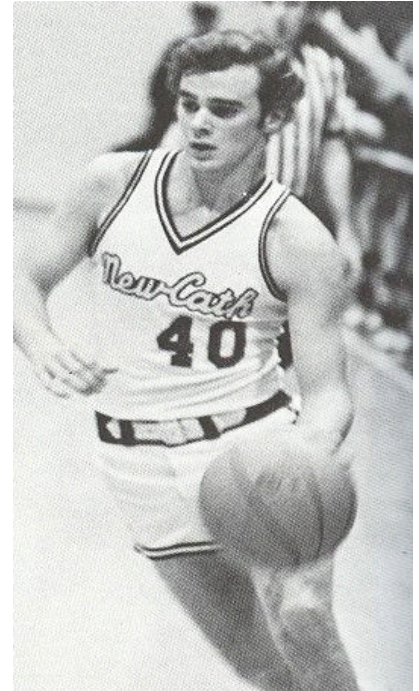
Tony Sandfoss was a member of the Newport Catholic graduating class of 1979. He was a four year letterman in basketball under coaches John Gross, Dave Lloyd and Gary Schulte. He was also a three year letterman in baseball under Coach Bob Schneider.

In Tony's junior year, he received the "Dave Cowens Mr. Hustle Award" for the 9th Region. He received the same Mr. Hustle Award in his senior year as well as the "Marty Kehoe Memorial Trophy" for 9th Region Player of the Year. He averaged 26.9 points per game his senior year allowing him to become a member of Newport Catholic's 1000 Point Club.

One of the highlights of his career was being selected to an All Star Team from the Greater Cincinnati Area. The team traveled to London, Holland, and Germany for ten days. That team played against several professional teams while in Europe and received the experience of a lifetime.

After graduating from NC, Tony attended Northern Kentucky University on a full basketball scholarship. Coached by Mote Hils and Mike Beitzel, he lettered all four years at NKU. At the end of his college career, he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management.

Tony was inducted into the Northern Kentucky Hall of Fame on March 17, 2010. He and his wife, Jerri, reside in Alexandria, Ky. Their two children Tyler '07 and Courtney '10 are also alumni of NCC.



FR. JOHN HEGENAUER COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

This award is to given to a person who has demonstrated his commitment to his community and to the family values that Newport Central Catholic High School strives to impart to its students. This award honors the memory of Fr. Hegenauer who was a dedicated priest of the Diocese of Covington from 1940 to his death in 1998. He governed over NC as principal from 1947 to 1964 during which time he accomplished much as a vicar of education. He was an innovator and he instilled great wisdom and pride in the students of NC through scholastic and athletic achievements. His commitment to Catholic Education was a reflection of his life and dedication to his faith. His legacy to NCC is reflective of his love for his people who returned their love and respect for him as a priest and educator.

MIKE DESMOND

Mike Desmond began his basketball coaching experience while attending his younger brothers' grade school games at Newport Catholic High School. Then St. Catherine's head coach, Fred "Dick" Veith, first asked him to be an assistant. Taking over for Mr. Veith, Mike assumed the head coaching position at St. Catherine for the next 36 years. For two of those years, he stepped down to assist Carl Foster with the Newport Catholic boys' freshman team.

During all those years, many of his players went on to have significant high school basketball careers. He admits it is difficult to remember all who contributed later at NC but names that stand out include Carl Foster, Steve Mason, Eric Gearding, John Wehage, Ron Dawn, Kevin Desmond, Gary Devoto, Joe Devoto, Danny Walsh, and Sean Desmond. He would be remiss if he did not mention that many of his former players were able to make major contributions in other sports at NC as well.



Over his time at St. Catherine, his teams were able to win several league, regional, and diocesan championships. Probably the most successful group of players he ever coached was the John Wehage, Ron Dawn, Kevin Desmond, and Gary Devoto classes. Not only were they responsible for the Jr. High level championships, but they played a huge role in winning three straight 9th Regional Championships for Newport Catholic.

One of the things he discovered early in his coaching career was that he really didn't know much about basketball. He had played until the 8th grade on a team mostly coached by parents. He credits his assistants, some of whom had extensive high school and college experience, in helping him learn the game and greatly improve his coaching ability. Among those were Jim Caldwell, Tom Saalfeld, and especially Carl Foster who learned from one of the best, Jim Connor.

Mike received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Xavier University in 1961. He joined the family insurance agency upon graduation and spent his entire career in the agency finishing as president of the company. He was a past president of the Independent Insurance Agents of Kentucky and a former board member of Fifth Third Bank of Northern Kentucky and Acue. In addition, he served on NCC's Board for ten years. He currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Carmel Manor. He and Carol have been married 35 years and have 5 sons, Sean, Mike, Pat, Bret, and Terry and six grandchildren. Their oldest grandchild is currently playing on the St. Catherine 1st grade girls' basketball team. Despite that fact, his retirement from coaching is not threatened.

COACH JIM CONNOR AWARD

Coach Connor influenced the lives of athletes and students who made their journey through Newport Catholic during the 1950's and 60's. Everyone from that era of sports and education mentions Coach Jim Connor as a coach who affected the lives of many and stands tall as a man who dedicated his life to education, athletics, and the service of others.

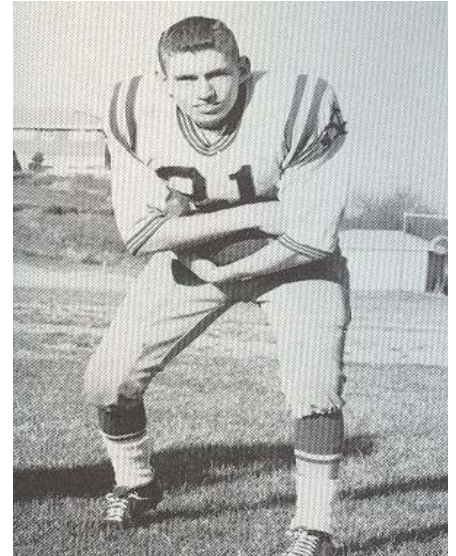
This award is given to an individual who mirrors those values and character; the values of the family that we at NCC strive to teach and live.

CHUCK FAUST - 1962

Chuck Faust graduated from Newport Catholic in 1962 where he lettered in baseball for two years and in football for three years. He was a member of two regional championship baseball teams in 1961 and 1962.

He attended Villa Madonna/Thomas More College with the help of the Newport Optimist Scholarship. He received a B.A. in English and Secondary Education in 1967 and he later received his M.Ed and Rank I in Educational Administration from Xavier University.

After graduating from TMC, Chuck taught English and was an assistant football coach at Newport Catholic from 1967 to 1976. He served as the defensive coordinator and offensive line coach when the Thoroughbreds won the regional championship in 1974 following key victories over Highlands and Covington Catholic.



He taught and coached at Newport High School from 1976 to 1986 and was an administrator at Newport Middle School while coaching at the high school from 1994 to 2004. As an assistant coach at Newport, he helped lead the Wildcats to a district title in 1980 and regional championships in 1984 and 1994.

In 1986, Chuck was a staff member at C.A.P.E. (Cincinnati Academy of Physical Education) when the Crusaders won the Division IV Ohio State Championship. While there, he coached the current Ohio State defensive backs coach, Taver Johnson.

From 1988 to 1994, he was the head football coach at Western Hills High School in Frankfort, Ky. There he began the turnaround of a program that had never had a winning season. His teams accomplished non losing seasons in two of his last three years.

In 2004, after 38 years, Chuck retired from education but has continued to coach. This past season he coached the offensive line at Archbishop McNicholas High School in Cincinnati, where the Rockets posted a school best record of 11-3 and won both the GCL Central Championship as well as the Division III Southwest Ohio regional championship.

Chuck and his wife, Cheryl, have lived in Cold Spring for 36 years and have three children and three grandchildren. Their son, Keith, has been an assistant football coach at NCC since 2000.