



FORESTER NEW GIRLS SOCCER COACH AT JP II

Pope John Paul II High School has hired Megan Forester, one of the most accomplished soccer players in the school's history, as the new coach of its girls soccer team. She will replace her high school coach, Mike McLaren, who will serve as Forester's assistant.

McLaren, JP II's dean of students and the first and only girls soccer coach in the school's history, recommended Forester as his replacement.

"Her conceptual knowledge of the sport, combined with her tactical innovation, makes her a true student of the game," McLaren said. "Her deep sense of camaraderie will ensure devotion to principles that enhance team chemistry and foster a profound love for 'football.' Choosing Megan as my successor is an easy decision because she's one of the greatest players I've ever coached. I believe she'll lead our program with vision and flair."

"I am very excited about Megan rejoining her old team in this new role, receiving the coaching torch from her mentor," said Alan Mila, JP II's athletic director. "She has a keen understanding of the game and an intense competitive spirit that I am confident will resonate with



Megan Forester, a 2006 graduate of JP II and one of the most accomplished women's soccer players in the school's history, will take over as head coach of the JP II girls' soccer team next fall.

our players."

For Forester, it's an exciting, if not humbling, opportunity. "It's an honor and privilege to be asked to lead JP II's soccer program. As a former student

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CAREER FAIR OPEN TO ALL ALUMNI

Pope John Paul II High School is trying to help its young alumni get their careers started. The school will host its first-ever Career Fair 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 14, in the main gymnasium.

"Our alumni are so young," said Megan Forester, JP II's alumni coordinator and a 2006 graduate of JP II. "The first graduates are only a couple years out of college," and many of them are looking for job opportunities.

"I've gotten a lot of interest from alumni about job opportunities," she said.

The Career Fair is "a great way for JP II to provide a way to

support their alumni ... and a way to help them continue their success," Miss Forester said.

Miss Forester has been asking a variety of business and education professionals to host a booth or table at the Career Fair so they can talk about job, job shadowing, internship and scholarship opportunities that might be available in their industry.

She's hoping to have a variety of industries represented, including health care, athletics, education, finance and accounting. "We have around 25 organizations that are going to be involved," Miss Forester said.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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Forensic team members place at district level

Three members of the Pope John Paul II High School forensics team placed at the district competition on March 9 at Clarksville High School.

Junior Molly Wear finished fourth with her Prose Interpretation piece "Death by Scrabble," and freshmen Jacob Nguyen and Shawn Gammon took seventh with their Duo Interpretation performance of "Worldwide Fans."

Wear is the first JPII forensic team member to earn a spot in the state competition, which was to be held in Clarksville in April.

View Points

SENIORS HEADING INTO BUSY SPRING

The Class of 2013 is heading into the final days at Pope John Paul II High School and their schedule for the rest of the school year is packed with events.

On Wednesday, April 24, the seniors will enjoy a day of fun and relaxation with Surf's Up. That will be followed on Friday, April 26, with the annual Senior Assembly when the soon-to-be graduates entertain their teachers and classmates with a variety of skits.

AP Exams will be held May 6-16 and senior exams will be May 14-16. Senior Honors Night will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 16, in the school auditorium.

Friday, May 17 will be a busy day for the seniors. It will start with the textbook buy back in the school dining hall at noon to be followed by a mandatory graduation practice in the auditorium at 1 p.m. The day will be capped off with the annual Senior Walk, when the graduating seniors will take their last stroll through the halls of JPII as students saying goodbye to faculty and students. Parents are welcome to attend.

The Baccalaureate Mass will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 18, at the Cathedral of the Incarnation. Due to seating limitations, a ticket will be required to attend the Baccalaureate Mass. Each senior will be given five tickets.

Graduation will be at 1 p.m. Sunday, May 19, at the Grand Old Opry House. Seniors will arrive at 11:15 a.m. Parents, Board members, guests, and all others can enter the Opry House after 11:30 a.m. A general admission ticket is required to attend graduation. The class will cap off the weekend with Project Graduation at the school. The seniors will be able to celebrate their graduation in a safe and secure environment. The fun begins at 11 p.m. Sunday, May 19, and ends at 5 a.m. Monday, May 20.

SUMMER CAMP 2013 REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

It's never too early to plan summer activities! Camp registration at JPII is now open. JPII coaches and teachers are offering more than 35 camps and are promising the best summer ever with several new camps and the return of many all-time favorites. For more information at the camps or to register, visit the school website at www.jp2hs.org/CAMP.

JPII PEOPLE: SCHOOL CONNECTION

We hope to highlight the high school careers of some of our students with reference to their "feeder school."

St. Henry School

Clay Nieman and Alex Harness headed in a different direction than most of their classmates at St. Henry School when they decided to attend Pope John Paul II High School. "I liked JPII because it was different," Alex said. "I wanted to meet new people. I think it has a better education."



Alex Harness

Clay's father Pete Nieman is the hockey coach at JPII, so he was familiar with the school while he was still in grade school. Clay got to meet some of the JPII hockey players. "The people here was a big issue" in deciding to come to JPII, he said. "I liked the people here."

Neither Clay nor Alex knew many people at JPII before the school year started last August, but they both said



Clay Nieman

meeting new people was easy. Both are hockey players – Clay also plays lacrosse – and that helped them make new friends, they said. The freshman retreat before the school year started also helped introduce him to many new people, Clay said. "The kids here are fun," added Alex.

Both Clay and Alex live in Bellevue and take the bus to and from school. The bus ride is about 30 minutes each way. "It's fun," Clay said of taking the bus.

Before arriving at JPII, both Alex and Clay had heard about JPII's reputation for giving students a lot of homework. But it didn't take Alex long to get used to the homework load, he said. "It's not that bad," chimed in Clay.

Clay said he would tell prospective students thinking of coming to JPII not to worry about meeting new people. Alex said students should be ready for a new experience coming to JPII. "It's a change," he said.

JPII people ... Clay Nieman and Alex Harness!

JPII HOSTS GERMAN VISITORS

JPII opened its doors to its annual visitors from Germany in late March and early April. The group of students from Gymnasium St. Mauritz, a Catholic school in Muenster, Germany, and their two chaperones, teachers Joerg Bartikowski and Brigitta Dierkes, stayed with JPII families for two weeks while they spent time shadowing JPII students in classes and visiting sites around Nashville and Middle Tennessee, including downtown Nashville, the aquarium and Rock City in Chattanooga, and the historic sites from the Battle of Franklin. They also got some shopping in at Opry Mills.

"They're really having a great time," Mr. Bartikowski said of his students.

The JPII students who hosted their new German friends will visit Muenster May 28 to June 14 as part of the exchange program.

The main benefit of the annual exchange, Mr. Bartikowski said, is "both partners get to know about the similarities and differences in regard to the culture. Both see profit from the experience."

The German exchange program is one of several similar programs that give JPII students the opportunity to experience first hand other cultures. Through the Loughlin Scholars program, JPII students host and then visit students from St. Edmund's College in Ware, England, near London. This year, JPII also is launching a new exchange program with Lycee St. Acheul-St. Riquier, a Catholic school in Amiens, France. JPII will welcome 10 French students April 13-27, and JPII students will be traveling to France May 24 to June 8.



The German exchange students from Gymnasium St. Mauritz, a Catholic school in Muenster, Germany, enjoy a sunny day outside Pope John Paul II High School with their hosts from JPII.

PARTICIPATION IN FUND FOR EXCELLENCE COUNTS

The Fund for Excellence committee is seeking 100 percent parent participation in the most important fundraising effort at JPII. We are now at 82 percent of our \$375,000 goal and celebrating the most successful gala in our school's history raising more than \$100,000 towards the fund and financial assistance.

A special thank you to those of you who helped make the phone-a-thon a huge success. The phone-a-thon, also the most successful in school history, increased parent participation by 30 percent in just three days.

If you have not yet given to the Fund for Excellence please do so today. You can donate online at www.jp2hs.org/donate, or contact Lori Jones: lori.jones@jp2hs.org or (615) 822-2375. We need everyone's

help to reach the goal. Whether you can contribute \$25 or \$25,000 your support is essential to keeping excellence in a JPII education.

ARTS IN THE ROUND SET FOR APRIL 21

The Fine Art department will present "Arts in the Round" 2-4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 21. The event will offer the community an opportunity to experience all of the arts including vocal and instrumental groups and dramatic acts. In addition, the eighth annual Student Art Show will be held in the Puryear Library simultaneously with an award presentation at 2:30 p.m. Please join us as we celebrate the arts.

KNIGHTS HOST FIRST TRACK MEET ON CAMPUS

Knights history was made March 21 as JPII hosted its first ever track meet at the school. Although students have been enjoying the new rubberized track, soccer field and lights since fall, this was their first opportunity to show off the new facility and offer seating for spectators



Coach Roger Jones times one of his sprinters during a track team practice. Having a track on campus for the first time has helped the team, Coach Jones said.

in the beautiful terraced area.

More than 150 athletes competed in five field events and 14 running events. The event was well staffed with volunteers and the coaches from all five teams were able to “coach” their athletes rather than work the meet, which is unusual.

JPII has four track coaches: Roger Jones (sprints and relays); Scott Shaver (discus); Jon Hall (middle and long distance runs); and Brenard Wilson (jumps). The Knights won the boys meet and the girls finished second, Coach Jones said. Devin Scott and Daniel Al-Nimri won the shot put and discus events.

“The atmosphere was great,” Coach Jones said. “The kids had fun. ... Over all it was a smashing success.”

Having a track on campus is a big help to the track and field program at JPII, Coach Jones said. The Knights are no longer forced to travel off campus to find a place to practice, he said. With easier access to practice facilities, the athletes in the field events – discus, shot put, high jump, long jump and triple jump – have shown improvement, Coach Jones said.

The new track and the lights were part of the gift from Catholic businessman and philanthropist Jim Carell, which also paid for the renovations to the football stadium.

The next home track meet will be Tuesday, April 30, with the Knights taking on Goodpasture, Ensworth and White House.

PHILLIPS NAMED SUMNER COUNTY PLAYER OF YEAR

Congratulations to Josh Phillips, who was named Sumner County Player of the Year in basketball for the 2012-2013 season. Josh, who will continue his basketball career in college at Middle Tennessee State University, also was recently named All-State in Division II for basketball and third team All-Metro, a designation that cuts across all levels of basketball.

Joining Josh on the All-County teams were Lee Holden and Jalen Tucker, who were named to the third team. Paul Kirby was named honorable mention.

Congratulations also to Kyndal Hale, first team All-County for the ladies, Lauren Ransom, third team and Demisha Porter, honorable mention.

Senior Josh Phillips fires up his teammates before the Knights take on rival Father Ryan during the 2012-13 basketball season. Phillips, who has signed a scholarship to play for Middle Tennessee State University, was named Sumner County Player of the Year.

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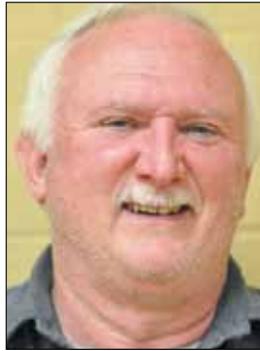


VARIETY PROVIDES SPICE OF LIFE FOR MR. BILBREY

The great thing about being facility manager at Pope John Paul II High School is the variety the job offers, said Ken Bilbrey. "In a single day I could do 20 different things."

Whether he's overseeing maintenance of the building, working with the computerized heating and air conditioning system and school security system, or helping teachers set up for an after-school event, Mr. Bilbrey said, his job features "something new every day."

Mr. Bilbrey has been working at JP II since before it opened for classes in the fall of 2002. A resident of Goodlettsville, he was driving by the campus and noticed the construction under way. "I thought, 'What is going on over here in this field?'" he said.



Ken Bilbrey

Mr. Bilbrey was already working as the facility manager at Harpeth Hall School in Nashville, so when he found out the building going up on Caldwell Drive was going to be JP II, he said, "I decided to meet the people in the trailer and put my name in the hat."

Mr. Bilbrey started at JP II in March of 2002 just as the finishing touches were being put on the construction of the school, he said. That head start helped him learn all the ins and outs of the various systems he's been responsible for ever since.

Many of the computerized systems used at JP II were new to him, Mr. Bilbrey said, but he found it all interesting. "One guy can sit here and go all over the campus without ever leaving this chair," he said.

But Mr. Bilbrey has never been afraid of moving. After graduating from

Madison High School in 1972, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and ended up stationed at Fairbanks, Alaska, as a fuel specialist. When he left the Air Force after seven years, he and his family decided to stay in Alaska and lived there for another 11 years.

At the time, the Alaskan oil pipeline was under construction and Mr. Bilbrey worked for Alaska International Air as a loadmaster, part of a crew for a C-130 that carried heavy equipment and supplies to construction sites along the pipeline. "I got to see a lot of the North Slope," he said.

Alaska was a paradise for an outdoorsman like Mr. Bilbrey, who hunted, fished and boated in the Alaska wilderness. "I did some trapping," and would sell the pelts at the Alaska Fur Rendevoez every year, he said.

In 1988, his family returned to Tennessee, and Mr. Bilbrey went to work for Garrison Service Co., which sells and services Toyota tow motors. He made deliveries and did building maintenance at the company's facilities in Nashville, Huntsville, Ala., and Bowling Green, Ky.

After 10 years at Garrison, he moved to Harpeth Hall and was there until he joined the staff at JP II. When he arrived at JP II, he got more than a job; he got a new name. His first name is Jeff and there were several other Jeffs on staff when the school opened, he explained. Matt Siler, the school's first business manager told him one day, "We have too many Jeffs. You need to be Ken." The name stuck and ever since the people of JP II have called him Ken.

Whether you call him Ken or Jeff, Mr. Bilbrey enjoys working at JP II. "The people are just like family," he said. "They treat you as good as you can imagine." And that includes not only the faculty and staff, but the parents of the students as well, he said.

"I'm very excited every morning about coming here."

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and player, I am proud to take the field as the coach of my alma mater. This wouldn't be possible without my mentor and friend, Mike McLaren, who has been essential to my success. I look forward to promoting the program's continued growth, as well as the success of each player, on and off the field."

Forester is one of the most successful players in the school's young history and was the catalyst of a 2005 team that went undefeated, winning both the state championship and being named the country's

number one team by NSCAA/Adidas. That same year she was honored as Tennessee's Soccer Player of the Year.

Forester went on to play at Vanderbilt University for four years and was named All-SEC as a senior. After graduation, she earned a master's degree in business administration from Lipscomb University and then coached at the University of Southern Mississippi.

She returned to Hendersonville last summer to work in JP II's admissions and alumni offices. She has been active in club and Olympic Development soccer as a player and coach most of her life.

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The Career Fair will be open to all alumni, and this year's graduating seniors also will be invited. Miss Forester has been reaching out to parents of JP II alumni to help spread the word about the Career Fair.

For more information about the Career Fair or to inquire about hosting a booth, contact Miss Forester at Megan.Forester@jp2hs.org or (615) 590-6005.

NEW MEMBERS SELECTED FOR SOCIETAS

A new class of members of Societas, JPPI's honor and leadership organization, has been selected. The 31 new members were all nominated by members of the faculty and staff, and a committee of faculty and administrators chose the new members from all the nominations made, explained Karen Brown, who is a faculty sponsor of Societas with her husband, Mike Brown.

The committee was looking for leadership qualities and a commitment to service, Mrs. Brown said. "We're looking for students who are willing to take a stand. Often members are asking their peers to do things. That can be a real challenge," added Mr. Brown.

Societas members have a variety of duties, including monitoring the lunch line and loggia area during lunch periods and faculty meetings, leading the school in prayer every day and at assemblies, helping at the freshman retreat, and helping the Admissions Office leading tours, Mrs. Brown said.

"They're a huge help for the College Fair" each fall at JPPI, said Mr. Brown, the school's college counselor. Societas members greet all the college representatives when they arrive for the College Fair, help them set up and make sure they have everything they need, he said. "They represent the

school in an incredible way."

Societas members attend a leadership workshop at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, Ky., in July.

Membership in Societas is open to juniors and seniors only. The new members are: Zach Abdo, Gina Botsko, Briah Boyce, Michael Bringard, Collin Bryant, Natalie Cannella, Jake Easter, Bethany Erwin, Hannah Gautsch, Ellen Gerstner, Lauren Gierla, Brian Griffin, Josh Gutierrez, Mia Herrington, Cathleen Humm, Hailey Lavender, Jordan Lee, Sarah Link, Jovani Martinez, Brianna Peach, Anna Reding, Helen Shaw, Greg Silverman, Meghan Sooker, Casey Thompson, Luke Whittington, Hunter Williams, Katherine Williston, Katherine Willoughby, Annabel Yates and Christina Yi.

Returning members include Susanna Edwards, Alex Fordham, Megan Gerstner, Austin Hayes, Chloe Kilpatrick, Maddie Kolbe, Jeffrey LeCave, Madi Leonard, Bethany Loven, Josh McConnell, Comfort Onaghinor, Caleb Pracht, Katie Swaringen and Taylor Wallace.

Megan Gerstner, Chloe Kilpatrick, Jeffrey LeCave and Caleb Pracht serve as team coordinators.

CARELL FAMILY HONORED AT JPPI

A special luncheon on April 9 brought together the Ann Carell Scholarship recipients and Kathryn Carell Brown, daughter of the late Ann and Monroe Carell. The event, held in the Claudia and William Puryear Library, celebrates our scholarship recipients and recognizes the thoughtfulness and generosity of the Carell family. The luncheon featured remarks by Headmaster Faustin Weber in which he fondly recounted his memories of Ann and Monroe Carell and described events that ultimately resulted in the founding of Pope John Paul II High School in 2002.

Since that time, the Carells have continued to be major contributors to the school, sponsoring the scholarship to make JPPI possible for deserving young men and women. This year 16 students were awarded Ann Carell Scholarships.

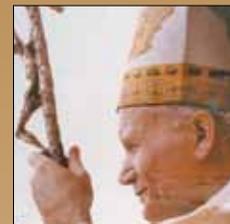
The Carell Scholar luncheon began

as an opportunity for scholarship recipients to meet Mrs. Brown and thank her and her family for helping to fund their education. Mrs. Brown graciously agreed to represent the family this year in the absence of her parents. It was a bittersweet experience for Mrs. Brown who shared reflections about her parents' affection for the school they helped found. She told the students, "Both my Mom and Dad were proud of this school."

The luncheon also featured a performance by the JPPI Women's Choir. Two Carell Scholarship recipients, senior Brennan Belew and junior Chloe Kilpatrick, concluded the event by sharing what JPPI means to them and presenting Mrs. Brown with gifts of appreciation for herself and her two sisters, Mrs. Julia Carell Stadler and Mrs. Edith Carell Johnson.



Kathryn Carell Brown, opens a gift presented to her during a special luncheon with the Ann Carell Scholarship recipients at JPPI. Mrs. Brown's parents, the late Ann and Monroe Carell, were great supporters of JPPI from the school's beginning. They made the lead gift in the capital campaign to raise funds for the school's construction. The auditorium is named in their honor. The Carell family has continued its support for the school and the Carell Scholarship program.



Knight Athletic Club golf tourney set April 29

The Knight Athletic Club will host its annual golf tournament on Monday, April 29, at Bluegrass Yacht and Country Club in Hendersonville to raise funds to support the athletes of JPPI. The day will feature food, fellowship, outstanding golf competition, prizes and giveaways.

Organizers are looking to fill at least 120 golfer spots, secure sponsorship levels from \$150-\$5,000, attain door prizes and donations and provide high-visibility opportunities for businesses to be showcased at this event.

This year, sponsors can designate a percentage of their sponsorship to the sport of their choice.

Registration will begin at 10 a.m. with a shotgun start at 11:30 a.m. The day will include lunch, a putting competition, golf, door prizes, dinner and prizes to the top team in each of the three flights.

Volunteers are welcome.

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