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"All growth must come from inside – by starting with yourself, you should realize that within you, you have the germ of goodness, based upon faith in Almighty God."

– Servant of God Edward J. Flanagan



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Boys Town alumni gather for a group picture at this year's Mini-Reunion held at Boys Town Central Florida in Orlando.

Mini-Reunion "Captures Magic" at Boys Town Central Florida

Nearly 50 Boys Town alumni and their families made Orlando their destination this summer to help celebrate our Mini-Reunion hosted by the staff and kids at Boys Town Central Florida.

The Orlando area, famous for its many theme parks, is known as a magical place. But there is no more important place in the area where miracles are achieved every day with young boys and girls than Boys Town Central Florida — that is where the "Magic" really happens!

Members of the Boys Town National Alumni Association arrived on Thursday, July 26. A BTNAA board meeting was held early the next morning at the Renaissance Hotel-Sea World. The meeting's highlight was a lively discussion on changes to the by-laws as a result of the board structure change made in 2017. In addition, Father Steven Boes, National Executive Director, gave the board and non-board members in attendance an update on the many programs that Boys Town is using to help children and families get better.

Registration for the reunion started in earnest on Friday afternoon as alumni and families greeted each other, gathered up their welcome bags and spent the afternoon sharing stories, getting reacquainted and meeting new friends.

Later in the evening, everyone gathered for a kick-off meal where BTNAA President Phil Dauterive, D'70, welcomed the group. Greg Zbylut, Executive Director for Boys Town Central Florida, and Father Boes also spoke to the group. The invocation was led by our own Reverend Dr. Max Rittgers, '56.

Father Boes gave a detailed update on what Boys Town is doing as it heads into its second century.

After the dinner, many attendees headed off to enjoy the offerings so abundant in the Orlando area.

On Saturday morning, everyone piled into cars and headed to the Boys Town campus in Oviedo. Again, Zbylut and his staff welcomed the group. The morning was highlighted by a detailed description of how Boys Town Central Florida operates and the types of programs it makes available to the surrounding communities. This was followed by a tour of the homes led by Boys Town Central Florida youth.

Attendees were impressed by how proud the kids were of their homes and how eager they were to tell their stories. After the tours, Father Boes celebrated Mass and the BTNAA hosted a picnic for the kids and staff on campus. BTNAA staff were grateful for the work the Central Florida staff did in preparing the meal and for the great welcome.

BTNAA representatives participated with the Boys Town Central Florida staff and board members in a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the opening of a new long-term residential home. After the ribbon cutting, the BTNAA donated \$1,000 to the William C. Demetree, Jr., Foundation \$500,000 Challenge to Give campaign, a gift that will net the campus \$2,000 toward its goal.

Later Saturday, everyone broke up into smaller groups and headed to the theme parks to enjoy the many attractions.

Sunday morning, attendees gathered at the hotel restaurant for a farewell breakfast. Those who were leaving headed back to their homes, while others took advantage of the great hotel rates to stay a few days longer and make it a true vacation.

We are looking forward to the Biennial BTNAA Family Reunion at Boys Town in July 2019.



From the Executive Director

Dear Alumni,

Autumn is a special time at Boys Town, and in Nebraska.

We wake to mornings crisp and full of energy to enjoy the wonderful palette of colors on our beautiful campus. Even more exciting is the energy of the kids as they explore new directions for their lives, cheer on the football team and become deeply immersed in school. This is a time of year when commitments are made to change for the better, and nowhere is it more evident than here at Boys Town, Nebraska, or on one of our campuses across the country.

Our dedicated staff of teachers and coaches brings a special set of skills to help in the growth and change our youth will see in their lives and character over the coming school year. Boys Town teachers labor year in and year out to impart knowledge taught in the curriculum, but more importantly, to build the desire for learning in their students. It is this thirst for knowledge and learning in every child that will help them begin to build a foundation for their lives as adults. If you ever see one of your teachers and they made a difference in your life, let them know. Too often they never get to see the fruits of their labor.

Our Homecoming football game is on September 21, and we are pleased that the BTNAA is planning on having a big presence at the game. It is always great to welcome our alumni home and we are looking forward to a big turnout to cheer on our Cowboys.

We have recently remodeled the National Headquarters building. As part of this effort, we are dedicating a section of wall space to recognize and celebrate our alumni from all generations. Working with your Board of Directors and the Alumni Office, Mike Buckley, from our Marketing Department, will be reaching out to various alumni to capture their Boys Town story. The display will feature a photograph and an accompanying story of their time at Boys Town and what it meant to them. We are proud of our alumni and want to share your story with

our many visitors that come to the National Headquarters building. It is also important for our staff to understand that what they do has an impact that lasts a lifetime. We can think of no better way to do this than to celebrate your story here at Boys Town. We thank the BTNAA for funding the travel costs necessary for Buckley to personally interview alumni across the country.

The Mini-Reunion held at our Boys Town Central Florida campus in July was a great success. When people go to the Orlando area, they expect to "Capture the Magic" at one of the local theme parks, but our alumni "caught" that magic at our Central Florida campus. I enjoyed meeting many of you and spending time to share with you the many great things going on at Boys Town as we begin our second century of caring for children and families. It was a great opportunity to learn about the many effective programs being run by the talented folks in Central Florida. The accommodations at the Renaissance Hotel-Sea World were a wonderful backdrop to a great weekend of fellowship and fun. Kudos to your BTNAA Reunion Committee for a job well done and a big thank you to Greg Zbylut, Executive Director, Boys Town Central Florida, for hosting the reunion.

We continue to pray each day at Mass and at our weekly protestant services that the good Lord watches over our alumni in their daily lives. I ask that each of you, as you pray in your own way, keep the children in our care and our dedicated staff in your prayers. It is the strength of prayer that kept our founder, Servant of God Edward Flanagan, committed to his mission of caring for children, even in the darkest of times. Prayer remains an integral part of our program of care and I hope it remains a central part of your lives.

God's blessings upon you and your families.

Father Steven E. Boes
National Executive Director

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Alumni Profile

Amber Meyer Fencel, '04

Amber Meyer Fencel arrived at Boys Town in September 2001, her life mired in turmoil. By her own admission, she was manipulative with her parents and pitted them against each other.

"I was lying, stealing and skipping class," said Meyer Fencel. This contributed to the stress in the family and, as a result, Boys Town was sought out as a solution to help in reshaping her behaviors.

Upon her arrival at Boys Town, Meyer Fencel worked hard to make positive changes in her behavior.

"It was hard to accept that I wasn't always right," she said. "Before, it was my way or the highway. Handling my anger was a huge challenge. Little things would set me off for no reason at all."

Meyer Fencel credits her Family-Teachers®, the Enzastigas, and their Assistant Family-Teacher®, Audrey Boults, for motivating her to do her best and become a better person.

"There were a lot of teachers that I look back on and I know that they were actually there to help me and be there for me; to guide me and not just be there for a paycheck," Meyer Fencel said. "They actually cared about you. I stay in touch with a lot of my teachers on Facebook, and I love still being a



Meyer Fencel, '04

part of their lives, as well as them being a part of my life."

Meyer Fencel says her lessons were easy.

"The important lesson I learned at Boys Town was to say okay," she said. "I know it's a simple one, but now that I'm a mother, I see why it's important. I tell my daughter all the time, just say okay. There is no need for any explanation of why you did what you did... just say okay. This tried-

and-true behavior will serve her well in life."

While Meyer Fencel says learning to follow directions was an important fundamental skill, she says simple everyday tasks, like cooking and cleaning, were also important for her to learn.

"The two skills I learned very well were cooking and cleaning," Meyer Fencel said. "I always hated major day, but today my house is clean and I am proud when people walk in my house. A lot of skills I learned at Boys Town, I use with my children. Being a mom, I see why all those skills were important for me to learn. The skills I learned at Boys Town, I use in my everyday life with my kids and my husband."

Meyer Fencel and her husband, Peter, have a 10-year-old daughter and a 3-year-old son.

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Dan Schneiss, Boys Town Teacher and Coach, Retires After 44 Years

Editor's Note: Stanley Struble, '68, Alumni Newsletter Advisor, and Eddie Flanagan, '81, sat down with longtime Boys Town teacher and coach, Dan Schneiss. They discussed Dan's many roles, adventures, accomplishments, friends and fellow employees, and spoke at length, recalling stories from many generations of alumni and the events surrounding them. This article was written by Struble following that discussion.

Dan Schneiss, a well-known teacher and coach at Boys Town, recently retired after 44 years.



Schneiss

There are only a handful of employees in the Home's 100-year history who have labored so long on behalf of Boys Town and its children. He worked under four of the Home's five Executive Directors. Schneiss came from West Bend, Wisconsin, to the University of Nebraska to go to school and play football. He eventually landed at Boys Town.

Schneiss was raised in a strongly religious family on a Wisconsin farm along with his four siblings. He attended public schools throughout most of his education and was blessed with a substantial amount of athletic ability. He played just about every sport available before settling on football, basketball, track and baseball, excelling in each one. He ran and threw the shot put in track, played shortstop, first base and pitched in baseball, and was the starting forward on the varsity basketball team. He played on both sides of the pigskin in football before settling into a starring role as quarterback.

He earned many honors, including All-Conference and All-State, and was well known in Wisconsin as an outstanding athlete. Schneiss had many scholarship offers for his talents coming out of high school but never seriously considered staying home and playing football at Wisconsin, as they were in their third consecutive winless season. During Schneiss' youth, the best athletes routinely fled the state to play for other schools. Most Boys Town people can't really imagine him in a Wisconsin football jersey.

Schneiss was recruited by Nebraska football defensive specialist George Kelley in 1967. Bob Devaney also came around as a recruiter, but Schneiss said Devaney was a wily operator who focused on mothers when visiting potential recruits, knowing that if mom approved, he was much more likely to be successful in getting the kids he wanted.

Schneiss played freshmen football that fall in Lincoln. Practices under Devaney were rigorous. In that era, you practiced three and a half hours and were only allowed one small Dixie cup of water midway through practice. There were also slices of oranges, but Schneiss said the older, bigger guys in front of the line got them first and there was rarely enough to go around. Needless to say, exhaustion and dehydration were constant challenges.

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Everyone was bigger and faster at the college level, and Schneiss experienced the same adjustment problems as any other young person finding himself 500 miles from home and family. The issue was complicated by the fact that his girlfriend, Kristine, had graduated a year earlier and was attending a different college. Although school and football was going well at UNL, the girlfriend issue was a serious matter and not so easily resolved. After one year of trying to maintain a long-distance relationship, Schneiss returned to Wisconsin, ready to quit. Kristine was a clever young lady and quickly devised a workable solution... she moved to Lincoln and married her childhood sweetheart. They've been married 49 years now.

Schneiss and his wife moved into married student housing in Lincoln. The coaches helped players secure employment and he took a job at a local meat packing plant. He performed nearly every job, but especially remembers using a shop broom and squeegee to push hundreds of gallons of blood into the drains every day.

Schneiss, who was fleet of foot, had been recruited to play cornerback, but was still growing. After spending more hours than he could recall in the weight room and developing a serious relationship with the training table, he gained weight, transitioned to the fullback position and became a starter his junior and senior years. Schneiss subsequently played a very important role in the Huskers' championship journey. In 1968, the Huskers compiled a 6-4 record. In 1969, they improved to 9-2, beating Georgia in the Sun Bowl, 45-6. Schneiss, along with All-American linebacker Jerry Murtaugh, were the team captains on the 1970 team. His senior year, Nebraska won the first of its five National Championships by going 11-0-1 and winning the Orange Bowl, defeating LSU, 17-12.

"We showed them how to do it – how to win national championships," Schneiss said with a smile.

Schneiss forever endeared himself to Nebraska fans when he helped turn a very good

season into a great one with a play that belongs in a Husker Highlights Reel. It ultimately put them in the National Championship game in 1970. During the last regular season tilt against perennial rival Oklahoma, with the score tied 21-21, Schneiss caught a fourth quarter, third down, do-or-die 23-yard pass to the three yard line. It allowed the Huskers to score and capture the Big Eight Conference Championship and secure a place in the Orange Bowl and National Championship game against LSU.

Schneiss had a very memorable career, to say the least. He stays in contact with many of his teammates, following their careers and families. He was well acquainted with two very well-known Boys Town athletes from the Devaney Era: Kenneth Geddes, '66, and Robert (Bobby) Schmidt, '69, both of whom acquired National Championship rings and subsequently played professional football.

"They were on the other side of the ball (defense), and most players hung out with people who played on their side of the ball," Schneiss said. "They were very good athletes, both of them."

Schneiss, by now a nationally known athlete/fullback at Nebraska, took a year off to play for what was then the Boston Patriots, but ended up back in Nebraska and UNL as he still needed to complete nine credit hours and a student teaching assignment in order to receive his teaching certification.

Upon completing the requirement at Lincoln High School, he applied at Boys Town. Schneiss interviewed with Jim Spencer, a long-time Boys Town employee and well-known coach, and BT alumnus George Pfeifer, '44, who was the Athletic Director at the time. He was hired in 1973 to coach athletics and teach physical education, and remained at Boys Town in one capacity or another for 44 years until his retirement this past school year.

Schneiss recalls his coaching years fondly and remembers many of the students and teams he guided over so many seasons. He was an assistant football coach under Spencer for several years, coaching linebackers and running backs. He continued as an assistant his entire tenure, including under former coaches Bob Nizzi and Kevin Kush. Schneiss was Boys Town's head basketball coach from 1975 to 1989, an era that boasts numerous outstanding players and teams.

He served for four years as the assistant baseball coach before taking the helm as head coach, a position he held for 15 years. He has stories about Dave Benedict and Jim Bayly, long-time, well-known sports assistants at Boys Town. Schneiss also pointed out that in those years, coaches did it all, including driving the athletic buses to and from games.

Schneiss witnessed a lot of changes at Boys Town as the program of care evolved. His positive attitude and enthusiasm helped keep his focus on making a difference with the kids. Schneiss also experienced several "direction"

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Greetings FROM ORLANDO Florida







From the BTNAA President

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Mini-Reunion in Orlando came to a close almost as soon as it had begun and what a fun weekend it was. Many friendships were renewed and new ones made. I would like to thank Greg Zbylut, Boys Town Central Florida Executive Director, and his staff and youth for their generous hospitality.

The board met during the weekend to update needed changes to our by-laws and discussed a range of items that will help us build the BTNAA of the future. Friday night, the alumni and their guests were joined by the staff of Boys Town Central Florida to enjoy a great dinner and an update on Boys Town from Father Steven Boes. The Saturday tour of the Central Florida campus was both informative and fun, and the picnic that followed was a great way to cap off a superb day of Boys Town fellowship.

On September 21, the BTNAA will be hosting a tailgate party for all alumni brothers and sisters prior to the Boys Town Cowboys Homecoming Game. If you are in the area and would like to join your fellow alumni in celebrating the homecoming game, please stop by the Boys Town football field. We will be cheering the Cowboys on. Please check the Alumni Association website for more information.

Bob Matthews, D'70, has taken on the task of following our Boys Town Cowboys sporting events. We

have recently added an exciting page to our website hosted by Bob. You can now check Boys Town sports teams scores, highlights and stats on this page.

We were recently saddened by news of the passing of our brother, Russell Fabre. Russ was a former board member and served as Treasurer. Please keep the Fabre family in your prayers as well as all our brothers and sisters who have gone before us to join Father Flanagan.

We recently sent out a survey to all alumni. The purpose of the survey is to see how, as a board, we can better serve this great association. Hopefully, the survey will give us some good ideas on how we can best serve our alumni brothers and sisters from all generations. We will be developing a much shorter and focused survey in the near future. Please give us your ideas on how to better position the BTNAA.

The 34th Biennial Boys Town Alumni Family Reunion will be held July 25-28, 2019. It's never too early to begin making plans to attend. Our Reunion Committee is busy planning this event. We still have many of the programs we have had in the past, but are adding some new ones. Please make plans to attend.

Take care and God Bless,

Phil Dauterive, D'70
BTNAA President



From the Senior Advisor for Alumni Matters

Dear Brother and Sister Alumni,

Summer seems to have blown through like a stiff breeze and here we are with leaves turning glorious colors and fall is upon us.

It seems just like yesterday we were in steamy Orlando, Florida, celebrating our 2018 Mini-Reunion. What a great time it was. The kids we met at the Boys Town Central Florida campus remind us of the importance of Boys Town's mission and of how important it is today. The kids were excited to share their Boys Town home with us. And, we learned once again that no matter where the Boys Town program is, we are all part of a single and very special family. I thank the leadership and staff of the Central Florida campus for their tremendous hospitality over the Mini-Reunion weekend.

In just a few days, Boys Town will be playing its Homecoming Football Game. Phil Dauterive, D'70, President of the BTNAA, is organizing our alumni to have a big presence at this game. If you are near Boys Town or can make the trip for that Friday night, September 21, you are invited to join your brother and sister alumni at the "Cowboy Corral" to take part in this great autumn tradition. Look for the alumni tent at the field and stop by to say hello. We will have a special section for alumni to sit and they will be introduced during the game. I hope to see you all at Boys Town for a great night of football.

In this newsletter, you will read the story of Dan Schneiss, a recently retired Boys Town teacher and coach. I want to thank Stan Struble, '68, for taking his time and talent to interview Dan and tell his very special Boys Town story. Teachers have long had an important

impact on the lives of Boys Town students. Dan's story is significant as it tells how he dedicated his entire adult life to us in the classroom and as a sports coach. If you have a story you want to share with your fellow alumni in our newsletter, let us know. We are always looking for alumni to share their memories.

It is time to begin to think about attending our 34th Biennial BTNAA Family Reunion. Mark your calendars now with the following dates: **July 25-28, 2019**. The classes of 1968 and 1969 will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary and the classes of 1993 and 1994 will be celebrating their 25th! If you or your class want to organize a reunion, 10th, 20th or whatever, let us know. We will help you to find your classmates and organize your reunion.

Along with the upcoming reunion, we will be holding elections for positions on the board of directors. The following year groups will have positions coming open: 5-15 Year Group, 1 position; 36-45 Year Group, 1 position; 46+ Year Group, 2 positions; At-Large, 1 position (this position is appointed by the Board of Directors). Reach out to a current board member or the Alumni Office to find out more about what it takes to become a member of the board of directors. Being a member of the board is a great way for you to help the BTNAA as it moves toward the future.

See you at the Homecoming Game!

Your Boys Town brother,

John Mollison, '64
Senior Advisor for Alumni Matters



From the Auxiliary President

The Boys Town National Alumni Association Auxiliary is looking forward to the 2019 reunion and would like to release a new cookbook. We need your help! Whether you are an alumnus or a family member of an alumnus, we would love to have your favorite recipe(s) to include in our cookbook. Email your recipe to btnaaauxiliary@gmail.com and we will add it to the book!

At the 2019 reunion, the Auxiliary will again hold a silent auction. Donations for the auction are being accepted now. It would be great if you and/or your business would be willing to donate an item or create a basket for the auction. Proceeds from the auction support scholarships for seniors as well as other campus activities such as the Blue Water Bash! If you have a donation, please contact us at btnaaauxiliary@gmail.com and we will make arrangements to pick it up.

We are always looking for new members for the Auxiliary to support the Alumni Association. Membership is open to any spouse, family member or friend of a Boys Town alumni. Our Vice-President, Shannon Greene, will be at all home football games to answer any questions you may have and will have applications to become a member. If you or someone you know would like to become a member, please contact us at btnaaauxiliary@gmail.com.

We look forward to continuing to support the BTNAA and hope to see all of you at the 2019 reunion.

Curtis Fischer-Oelschlaeger
BTNAA Auxiliary President

ROBERT LINCOLN POTTER, D'38, passed away on April 6, 2018, in Fallbrook, California.

EUGENE ALLEN OUTLAW, '44, passed away on June 20, 2018, in Tucson, Arizona. Outlaw was a Lifetime Member of the Boys Town National Alumni Association.

RALPH KASSIAN CUE, '54, passed away on July 9, 2018, near Easley, South Carolina. Cue was a Lifetime Member of the Boys Town National Alumni Association.

LEONARD WILLIAM KOETS, '54, passed away on August 4, 2018, in Dover, New Jersey. Koets was a Lifetime Member of the Boys Town National Alumni Association.

WAYNE J. "OZZIE" BRANNAN, '55, passed away on June 13, 2018, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

JAMES SOLOMON BROWN, '56, passed away on June 7, 2018, in St. Louis, Missouri.

AUGUST BRILL "BUDDY" HOGAN, SR., D'57, passed away on June 3, 2018, in Chatsworth, California. Hogan was a Lifetime Member of the Boys Town National Alumni Association. He was also a former BTNAA Board Member.

KATHY MARIE TREAT, wife of Roger Treat, '58, passed away on June 4, 2018, in Murrieta, California.

MICHELE RHUDY CHMIELEWSKI, daughter of Albert "Bo" Rhudy, '60, passed away on July 1, 2018, in Incline Village, Nevada.

GERALD EUGENE PRUITT, D'63, passed away on July 7, 2018, in Omaha, Nebraska.

MICHAEL RAY RIPPLINGER, D'63, passed away on December 23, 1998, in East Grand Forks, North Dakota.

CHARLES COTTON HURD, '67, passed away on June 3, 2018, in White Plains, Maryland.

THOMAS STEPHEN O'LEARY, '69, passed away on July 2, 2004, in Kansas City, Missouri.

RAOUL CARLOS GARCIA, D'71, passed away on July 22, 2018, in Camdenton, Missouri.

MARVIN DEAN STRAMPHER, D'71, passed away on November 26, 2014, in Independence, Missouri.

KENNETH J.T. "KENNY" QUINTANA, '72, passed away on June 9, 2018, in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

RUSSEL JOHN FABRE, '73, passed away on July 9, 2018, in Kennewick,

Washington. Fabre was a Lifetime Member of the Boys Town National Alumni Association. He was also a former BTNAA Board Member/Treasurer.

RUFUS R. BRAGG, '76, passed away on June 5, 2018, in Estacada, Oregon.

ANTHONY BRIA JENSEN, D'87, passed away on July 21, 2013, in Omaha, Nebraska.

TIMOTHY ALAN JENSEN, '88, passed away on July 31, 2018, in Omaha, Nebraska.

REBECCA HELENE HAYWARD DORIO, '95, passed away on July 29, 2018, in Crescent Springs, Kentucky.

KEVIN JAMES HUMPHREY, '10, passed away on July 17, 2018, in Riviera Beach, Florida.

Schneiss (continued from page 3)

changes in his career at Boys Town, but proved himself adept and adaptable. After 25 years at the high school, he recreated himself in 1996 by transferring to Wegner Middle School to work in elementary education. He taught sixth-graders — everything but physical education. He said it was like a new career. He learned to direct puppet shows such as "Charlotte's Web," teach students to make bubbles in science class and serve as a disciplinarian when needed. In 2006, when Boys Town was looking for volunteers to staff their new Day School, Schneiss offered to again transition, and worked there 10 years until his retirement.

Schneiss has experienced more adventures and accrued more stories than can be recorded here. They range from the unfortunate circumstance of being confronted by a very angry and violent student, to the smiling recollection of

"There were lots of good times. It was a great run. It never really felt like a job."

—Dan Schneiss

specific youth and events. He has maintained a full file cabinet over the years in which he stores correspondence from Boys Town alumni.

He sent congratulatory notes to more kids than he can remember for 40 years and has received more "thank you" cards and invitations to children's graduations than he can count. A religious man, he has acquired numerous "God sons" and "God daughters" during his tenure, all of them former Boys Town youth.

When asked to reflect on his legacy at Boys Town, Schneiss hesitated only momentarily before saying, "There were lots of good times. It was a great run. It never really felt like a job."

Schneiss spent his life building a profile as an achiever. He was always part of the solution and never the problem. He has a firmly established Boys Town legacy and has influenced thousands of Boys Town alumni with his care and kindness. The Home has seen thousands of employees come and go over the past 100 years. Some, like our transplanted Wisconsin native, are very memorable, have become larger than life and are recalled fondly by both alumni and staff.

If one measures success through effort, commitment, compassion and competence, then Dan Schneiss is the type of employee Father Flanagan envisioned when he began his mission over 100 years ago.

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*Join us for
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Cowboy Corral*



Let's Cheer on our Boys Town Cowboys

Meyer Fencl (continued from page 2)

After graduation, Meyer Fencl worked in a number of different settings including a daycare, a cleaning service and other jobs. She has found her calling working at a bar and grill in the small town where she lives with her family.

"What's nice is you know everybody and are able to have conversations with people," she said. "I also love to cook. I did take the summer off to spend time with my kids, but I'll be returning to work in the fall. I use my conversation skills all the time in this customer service setting. I like to get on a first-name basis with my customers so that when they come in, it makes them feel more at home."

Meyer Fencl said she remains connected to her Boys Town classmates.

"For the last four years, I have, along with my friend, Joey Russo, '04, set up a Boys Town alumni picnic where we get class members together,"

"A lot of skills I learned at Boys Town, I use with my children. Being a mom, I see why all those skills were important for me to learn. The skills I learned at Boys Town I use in my everyday life with my kids, and my husband."

— Amber Meyer Fencl, '04

"I want to be more involved in my community since we just bought a home," she said. "Most of all, I want to be a great mom and show my kids how to act and how to be the best they can be in life. I love to watch them play sports and encourage them."

Boys Town gave Meyer Fencl the chance to make a difference in her life and now she is using those skills to build a bright future for herself and her family.

Meyer Fencl said. "The picnic is open to anyone who was at Boys Town, just to get together to hang out, catch up, have a barbecue and let the kids play. We usually have it at a park. It's great to see your old friends or even older classmates that can tell us what Boys Town was like when they were there. It's pretty awesome to hear different stories and experiences."

Meyer Fencl has set goals for her future.



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