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Mark your calendars for our annual Courage House Luncheon as Holy Family Institute teams up with the Pittsburgh Steelers to honor those who have shown courage and grit in the face of hardship!

This year we are celebrating the 30th anniversary with Steelers legend Franco Harris as he celebrates an anniversary of his own — 50 years since his famous "Immaculate Reception!"

Learn more and register at:

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# HOLY LIGHT

FALL 2022

A NEWSLETTER OF HOLY FAMILY INSTITUTE

## NAZARETH PREP MENTOR ORIENTATION PREPARES CORPORATE PARTNERS FOR THEIR NEW INTERNS

As Nazareth Prep students settle into a new school year, their Internship Program mentors are preparing to welcome their new "employees." On Friday, September 9, professionals from over 75 local corporations and nonprofits attended orientation to learn about what to expect as a mentor and how to maximize the benefits of the Internship Program for our students and their company.

This year, Nazareth Prep is welcoming 21 new companies as Internship Partners, including innovators in the tech sector, nonprofit organizations furthering important causes, established legal firms, universities, and real estate companies, and more. Along with the dozens of returning Internship Partners, these companies enable us to connect Nazareth Prep students to the corporate world and explore career paths in a variety of fields.

Ron Graziani, Senior Vice President, Manager of Property & Casualty at First National Insurance Agency, has been an Internship Partner for the past three years and believes the program is invaluable not only for the students, but also for the professionals working alongside them.

"I really believe that this program gives these young people a 10-yard head start in a 100-yard dash," Ron said of his Nazareth Prep interns, "I think there's a cultural benefit. On the Thursdays we had our mentees in, there was a morale boost and the team on the floor had really rallied around, making sure that the Nazareth Prep student felt comfortable."

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**Sister Linda Yankoski welcomes a few  
of this year's Internship Partners**



**Mentor Mike Canton (Sterile Vision) meets his  
Nazareth Prep interns for the first time over lunch**

# NAZARETH PREP MENTOR ORIENTATION (CONT'D.)

With enthusiastic mentors like Ron and so many others, our students are getting access to experiences and knowledge that prepares them for life after high school and helps them explore the wide array of post-secondary pathways available to them. Each of the 35 members of the class of 2022 graduated with a clear plan for post-secondary education or career – 65% to four-year colleges and universities, 23% to two-year colleges and technical schools, 6% to the United States military, and 6% directly to the workforce.

The success of Nazareth Prep and its students is highly dependent on constructive partnerships with employers in our region. As we kick off another year of internships, we look forward to building those relationships and continuing to reenvision Pittsburgh's workforce of tomorrow. To learn more about becoming an internship partner, contact Randy Lheureau, Director of Workforce Development, at 412.307.0230 x1395 or lheureau.randall@nazarethprep.org.

## 2022-23 NAZARETH PREP INTERNSHIP PARTNERS

AAA East Central	Dentons Cohen & Grigsby	Metz Culinary Management
ALCOSAN	Dollar Bank	Nazareth Prep Transportation Department*
Allegheny County Bar Association*	East End Cooperative Ministry	Northside Catholic Assumption Academy
Allegheny County	The Education Partnership*	Pathways Community Living
Department of Administrative Services	Expedient*	Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspanti, LLP*
Department of Court Records	Federated Hermes	Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy*
Health Department	FedEx Ground	Pittsburgh Steelers
Kane Community Living Center	First National Bank	PJ Dick - Trumbull - Lindy Group
Parks Department	Floriated Interpretation*	RLA Learning and Conference Center*
Allegheny General Hospital	Flynn Construction*	Robert Morris University Men's Basketball
Allegheny Health Network	The Frick Pittsburgh*	Society of Industrial and Office Realtors*
Apogee IT Services	Giant Eagle	Sterile Vision*
Auberle	Greater Valley Community Services*	United States Steel Corporation*
Bible Center Church	Highmark Health	UPMC
Everyday Café	Jim Shorkey Auto Group	Children's Hospital Foundation
Oasis Project	John Heinz Child Development	Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh
Boy Scouts of America	Scholarship Fund*	Community Health Centers
Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC	Junior Achievement of Western PA	Corporate Construction and Real Estate
Carlow University President's Office	Koppers*	Member Services
Carnegie Mellon University*	LANXESS	Urban Impact Foundation
Carnegie Science Center	Light of Life Rescue Mission	Wabtec
Christian Home Healthcare	Manchester Craftsmen's Guild	The Wilson Group
The Community at Holy Family Manor	Mascaro Construction Company	Wright Childcare Solutions
Concordia at Villa St. Joseph	Matthews International*	Youthtowne/Maronda Foundation
DBR & CO*	McCarl's Services*	

*\*denotes new Internship Partner*

## SUMMER SNAPSHOTS



May 27 – Nazareth Prep's Class of 2022 graduates



June 3 – Fun and games at Specialized Learning field day



July 25 – The 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Holy Family Institute Golf Classic

# A “JUBILANT” CELEBRATION FOR SISTER LINDA YANKOSKI

In 1972 , Linda Yankoski took her vows as a Sister of the Holy Family of Nazareth. Six years later, Sister Linda joined the staff at Holy Family Institute and has been a familiar face on campus ever since. Her commitment to HFI’s mission and vision was communicated not through words, but actions. In her 45 years with the organization, Sister Linda has served in leadership roles across Holy Family’s broad spectrum of programming.



Fathers Carmen D'Amico (L) and Regis Ryan (R) presided at mass

As CEO, Sister Linda has led the organization as it developed bold new programming and services to meet the changing needs of children and families in our community and beyond.

On Saturday, August 6, Holy Family Institute and the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth were honored to host a celebration of Sister Linda’s “Golden Jubilee,” complete with dozens of family, friends, colleagues, and long-time supporters. Guests attended a eucharistic



Joyful dancing with her great-nieces and nephew

liturgy in the Holy Family Institute Chapel and later moved outside for dinner, dancing, and Sister’s favorite dessert to share with the kids at Holy Family – Klondike bars.

We hope you will join us in congratulating Sister Linda Yankoski on this milestone achievement and expressing our deep gratitude for her years of dedicated service and visionary leadership at Holy Family Institute.

# LUZ BLANDON RECEIVES THE 2022 ATHENA AWARD



Luz Blandon, Executive Vice President for Immigrant Children Services, is the winner of the 2022 Greater Pittsburgh ATHENA Award, presented by Pittsburgh Technology Council.

The ATHENA Award recognizes exceptional women who demonstrate excellence in their profession, contribute to their community, and help other women and girls succeed through mentorship.

Luz leads our Journey of Hope program, with a staff of over 200 dedicated Youth Care Workers, Case Managers, Clinicians, and others, all working to improve the lives of children and families when they are at a vulnerable and often traumatic point in their lives.

## HIGHMARK HEALTH SUPPORTS NAZARETH PREP WITH \$500,000 COMMITMENT

Nazareth Prep thrives on its partnerships with local corporations, both as participants in our Internship Program and as financial supporters of our mission.

Highmark Health, a long-time supporter and Internship Partner, has made a commitment of \$500,000 over two years to support Nazareth Prep. These funds will provide equipment for the school's culinary classroom as well as support STEM programming through the development of new science classrooms for our students.

We are sincerely grateful to Highmark for advancing our mission to provide our students with new state-of-the-art educational spaces that will equip them to explore career pathways and tap into their unlimited potential. Pathways of Promise was launched in 2020 with the goal of improving the school’s facilities and creating a more equitable learning experience for the school’s students. To learn more, visit [hfi-pgh.org/pathways-of-promise-campaign](https://hfi-pgh.org/pathways-of-promise-campaign).



Sister Linda and her CSFN Sisters