



KNIGHTLINES

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Alumni Spotlight - Bill Geha, '64

The Knight Community congratulates alumnus, Bill Geha, '64, on receiving the Top Counselor of the Decade award by the International Association of Top Professionals! He is being recognized for his knowledge and expertise as a Certified Drug Counselor and Prevention Specialist spanning the past four decades. What an extraordinary accomplishment and one that is so well deserved. Bill has been making a difference in countless lives in several communities since 1965.



When Bill graduated from St. Francis de Sales, he attended the University of Toledo where he majored in education and also began coaching football at St. Francis. Upon graduating from UT, Bill taught American History and continued coaching football at St. Francis. He is happy to say that he still meets with some of the Knights he coached from 1965 - 1975.

Since then, Bill has been teaching and counseling in Washington Local, Springfield, and Sylvania Schools. He currently works in the Sylvania and Springfield School Districts. He has been devoted to spreading a drug-free message throughout the United States and beyond. Bill co-directed America's Pride Prevention Team from 1987-2014 which traveled around the United States and Canada. When the British government heard about this program, they sent groups of teens to the United States so they could be trained. In 2007, Bill established and remains the Director for The P.E.A.C.E Project which guides students' efforts to respect others, especially those who have been bullied. This project began with 12 students and now has over 1,200 members including students from the University of Toledo, Springfield High School, and both Sylvania Northview and Southview High Schools. Bill also facilitates a workshop, Project Hope, for struggling junior high students. He is a board member of the Suicide Prevention Coalition of Lucas County as well as a member of the Sylvania Community Action Team, and the Advisory Board of Lucas County Heroin Task Force.

When Bill was asked the highlight of his career, he replied, "I still meet with kids I counseled almost 40 years ago." He also said, "Never give up on the youth and never let the red tape or any negative situations get in the way. It is so important to give kids a sense of purpose. I have them write stories and help them discover what they love to do."

Bill and his wife, Elizabeth, have been married for 50 years. They have four children who are all, one way or another, involved in education, as well as many grandchildren.

Congratulations, Bill, and thank you for helping so many youths throughout so many communities. You are truly an inspiration to many!

SFS Penance Service

Before shifting to remote learning, our Knights, Faculty, and Staff were able to participate in Advent Penance services.

The flame is a symbol of God forgiving our sins from the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



Wishes of Peace and Joy!

The Oblates, Faculty, and Staff of St. Francis de Sales School wish you and your families a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. Below is our annual Christmas card to you designed by sophomore, Ben Bascuk.



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