

Berndt McDivitt School: Mount St. Joseph Years of Service: 50+

In over half a century of service to one school, Mount Saint Joseph, Bernie has enriched the lives of thousands of students and colleagues in his roles as teacher, administrator, coach and moderator. Known for his dry wit and incisive mind, students in Bernie's classes learn quickly that lazy thinking and imprecise writing is not tolerated, and his colleagues always know that Bernie is available for wise counsel and for insights that cut quickly to the heart of the matter, whatever the situation.



Brother Bob Arrowsmith, CFX

School: Our Lady of Good Counsel

Years of Service: 27

For more than a quarter of a century, Br. Bob Arrowsmith, CFX has been a supportive and enjoyable presence in the Good Counsel community. Whether in his service as Guidance Counselor or his constant presence on Junior Retreat, Br. Bob has humbly embodied the best of our values as a Xaverian Brothers Sponsored School. His efforts to pass on the Xaverian charism to the faculty/staff as collaborators in mission have been invaluable and have left an impact that will endure for years to come.



Jim Stager

School: St. John's Preparatory School

Years of Service: 42

Throughout his 42 years of service at St. John's Prep, Jim Stager's instinct has always been to put the needs of students first. He led the School Counseling Department with a warmth, compassion, and gentle humor that inspired his colleagues and sustained students and families through the challenges and joys of adolescence. It says everything about Jim that when he received the Ryken Award in 2014, he offered this: "I am honored to receive this award for doing something that I love to do every day."



Dan Amlung

School: St. Xavier High School

Years of Service: 35

Dan has been a stellar member of our science department, teaching Anatomy and Biology courses, for over 35 years. He has had the privilege of educating a great number prominent doctors and medical professionals in the Louisville community. Dan is beloved by the students and was awarded Teacher of the Year twice. Dan was also awarded the prestigious Thomas Borders Award at graduation for excellence in teaching and he received the Theodore James Ryken Award in 2001. Dan is a 1972 graduate of Saint Xavier High School.



Bob Glasford

School: St. Xavier High School

Years of Service: 37

Bob Glasford has served as a member of our Guidance Department his entire career, serving as the Department Chair the past 10 years. In his career at St. X he was a football coach from 1983 to 1986 and also a basketball coach from 1985 to 1995. Bob is a 1970 St. X graduate.



Jim Higgins

School: St. Xavier High School

Years of Service: 37

Jim Higgins has been a member of the Guidance Department since 1995. Jim began his career in 1982 as a Theology teacher and also served as Retreat Director and Campus Minister prior to beginning his career in our Guidance Department. Jim was presented the coveted Theodore James Ryken Award in 2001. Jim is a 1973 graduate of St. X.



Mike Johnson School: St. Xavier High School

Years of Service: 36

Mike Johnson, a 1969 graduate of St. X, began his career as a teacher in the English Department. Mike has worked the past 15 years assisting with student recruitment in our Admissions Office. Mike has also managed the student Intramural Program for various student sport activities for over 20 years. Mike was also a member of the St. X football coaching staff for many years.



John Price

School: St. Xavier High School

Years of Service: 40

John Price, St. X class of 1975, is one of our finest teachers. Our students refer to him as a "walking history book". He has taught in our Social Studies department since he graduated college and returned to teach at his alma mater. John served as the Social Studies Department Chair for many years and has been instrumental in curriculum development for History courses taught at St. X. He has won numerous awards during his career including; Teacher of the Year four times, the Thomas Borders Award for excellence in teaching, and the Xaverian Brother Faculty Excellence Award twice. The students respect and admire him immensely.



Rob Young

School: St. Xavier High School

Years of Service: 35

Rob Young, a 1977 graduate, has been a member of our math department during his career at St. X. Rob has also served as a Cross Country and Track Coach for most of his career at St. X.



Linda Charpentier

School: Xavier High School Years of Service: 45

Linda Charpentier joined the Xavier faculty in 1974 and was, at the time, the only female faculty member in an all-boys school. Not only did Linda survive the early years, she quickly embraced the culture and mission of Xavier High School. Linda has been masterful in the classroom for many years and has always maintained a youthful enthusiasm for teaching and learning. She has formed life-long bonds with her students and her colleagues. She has embraced all aspects of Xavier life from the classroom to athletics to clubs and campus ministry. She is a fixture at almost every Xavier event and is loved and respected by her peers and her students, both past and present. One of her proudest moments was watching her own son, Tom, receive his Xavier diploma in 2006.



Tony Jaskot

School: Xavier High School

Years of Service: 45

Tony Jaskot graduated from Xavier in 1969 and returned to his Alma Mater in 1974 to begin his coaching and teaching career. He has served as Athletic Director since 1997. Tony raised his own family around his Xavier family with his three sons graduating from Xavier and his wife Donna serving many years as an Administrative Assistant. To Tony, family has always come first. He has worn many hats in his time at Xavier from coaching to teaching and everything in between. His love for youth is evident in all that his does and he can often be found giving a life lesson to the students. Tony embraced Xavier's campus ministry department and has devoted himself to the retreat program for many years. Tony's name will forever be intricately linked to Xavier High School.



Phillip Penza

School: Xaverian Brothers High School

Years of Service: 48

After graduating from college, Mr. Phillip Penza had taken a job at the insurance giant, John Hancock, but didn't find corporate life to his liking. Instead, he became a teacher. In 1975, he returned to his alma mater, and he's been here since. He even met his wife, Patricia Penza, at Xaverian. She was also a Xaverian teacher who dedicated 16 years to the school. In addition to teaching, Mr. Penza coached football and soccer, and served as head coach for indoor and outdoor track. He is an honored member of the Xaverian Athletics Hall of Fame (Class of 2014). In 2018, he was inducted into the Massachusetts State Track Coaches Association's Hall of Fame for his years of dedicated service to Xaverian's track and field program.



Denis Smith

School: Xaverian Brothers High School

Years of Service: 48

Mr. Denis Smith wasted no time in making his way back to Xaverian after graduating from Boston College. He returned to Clapboardtree Street as a math teacher, fresh out of his student teaching experience in 1971, and has been here for 48 years since. For Mr. Smith, it's all about math. He has served as the department chairperson for more than 20 years, was active in developing and leading the math team, and spent his summers teaching students who wanted to improve their math skills. Mr. Smith is a longtime and generous supporter of the Xaverian mission as a member of the Francis Xavier Society. If they awarded masters degrees in patience and calmness, Mr. Smith would have them (instead he has a master's in education). Mr. Smith is well known for his ability to work one-on-one with students of all levels, to hel guide them to understanding and appreciation for the mathematics concepts they are learning.