

Oliverian Newsletter September 2017

What's Love Got to Do with It?

By Will Laughlin, Head of School

Today, my wife is her happy beautiful self and our boy, Colton, is a wiggly, giggly whippersnapper.

But six months ago, as I've written previously, Beth was bedridden and swollen almost beyond recognition while Colton lay inert in a super-illuminated emergency room crib with wires and tubes springing, it seemed, from every available patch of skin. I was too tired to sleep and too hungry to eat and too lonely to call anyone other than my mom, 76 years old and 2,000 miles away.



I figured I was pretty much alone. [Read more...](#)

Positive Culture Begins with Acceptance

By Julie Tracy-Prieboy, Counselor

Trained as a therapist and outdoor educator, building a strong community for me always begins with the personal, the vulnerable, in my brokenness, in my celebration of brokenness, and in celebration of joys.



At Oliverian, a positive culture begins with fostering my own positive acceptance of who I am, how I greet the world, and how I can contribute positively to my world. I choose on a daily basis to foster hope, joy, and love within myself and to share this through my daily commitment of living, serving, and working in a community like Oliverian.

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Dare to Shape Your Community

By Nick D'Amore, Dorm Parent and Adventure Teacher

I often think of Oliverian as a community built and maintained through experiments: experiments in academic pursuit, in individual progress, in social engagement, and in communal living. The result is an amalgam that reflects the diversity of our students, staff, and their families. While our



community thrives on being small and personal, our approach to community building aims to give students the space and support to develop skills that they can then bring to the wider world.

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