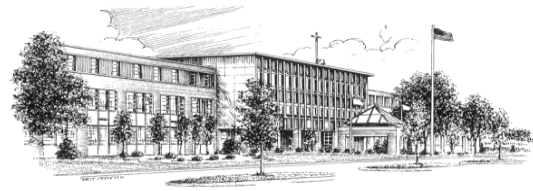


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Padua Franciscan High School

Press Release

Padua Franciscan High School Expands Distance Learning

PARMA, Ohio -- (December 4, 2012) Padua Franciscan High School offers students distance learning opportunities and those capabilities continue to grow as technology becomes more advanced. Most recently, one of Padua's World Culture classes took part in a live video conference with former Padua student Dan Bischof. Bischof is currently working for the U.S. Embassy in Manila, Philippines.

Students heard true stories of his experiences working for the government and were able to ask him questions. He was accompanied by his daughter who was able to provide the students with a snapshot of what living in another country is like, especially coming from the United States. A portion of the class was filled with 14 international students from seven different countries such as China so they were able to offer their own experiences of living abroad.

Padua has already been incorporating distance learning into the classroom. Through the MedTrack program, students view a live knee surgery. "Padua is very dedicated to enhancing the student's learning experience on every level. We are fortunate to have the resources and will continue to develop and provide these opportunities," said David Stec, principal.

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School background notes: Padua Franciscan is located at 6740 State Road in Parma, Ohio. Padua is the largest private, co-educational secondary school in northeast Ohio. Today, it is one of less than twenty high schools officially chartered by the State of Ohio as college-preparatory. In 2004 and 2006, Padua was named one of the nation's top 50 Catholic secondary schools by the Acton Institute, and since 2007 has been recognized as one of the best schools in Ohio by the Gerber Report. Padua is accredited by the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement as well as the Ohio Catholic Schools Accrediting Association. An Ohio corporation, Padua was founded by the Franciscan Province of the Sacred Heart of Saint Louis, Missouri, and bases its educational philosophy on the life and spirituality of Saint Francis of Assisi. As a school in the Franciscan tradition, its mission is to develop the unique talents of each student, while giving them the skills they need to succeed in college and beyond.

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