



Look Who's Happening

Alumni of the Billings Catholic Schools are doing extraordinary work around the nation and around the world. Each month we recognize an amazing individual who is a product of our schools.



Ryan Burke, Class of 2012

University of Montana Student, and Wide Receiver for the Grizzlies

Saturday, alumni Ryan Burke will step into Washington Grizzly stadium, with lights blazing, crowds roaring and ESPN onsite. Through all of the excitement, and

unavoidable pressure, he was strangely calm when interviewed earlier this week. Unable to resist asking how he was feeling in light of the big game, he responded, "I approach the big and small games the same, I stay relaxed... At the end of the day, it's supposed to be fun." He was articulate and had perspective well beyond what I expected for someone so young.

Burke is on track to graduate next spring with a degree in finance. With another year of eligibility left to play football, he is looking into getting his MBA from the University. It did not take long to realize football is only one part of his life, academics is not taken lightly. When asked how he balanced school, football and his social life he explains that he realized early on "balance is essential." Burke stated, "Academics are really important, if you fall behind in school, it throws everything off balance, [as an athlete] you don't want to be on the border of eligibility."

College athletes like Burke restore optimism to college athletic programs. In a time where college athletic programs are scrutinized, Burke reminds us that playing football is not about the fans, but about what you can learn from the sport. "Every day it is a life lesson, being a part of

a team you learn a lot," he says. Burke conducts himself with a level of maturity and character unique to his age. Burke credits BCS for teaching students to excel in the classroom and on the field, he states, "[I give] huge credit to Central and the Catholic schools [for teaching students] how to conduct themselves on and off the field."

Don't have tickets to this sold out game? You can still watch it at 1:30pm MST on ESPN.

UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS

9.18.15 - 9.19.15

1965's 50th Reunion

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10.11.15

Homecoming Tailgate Party

Join us for BCCHS Homecoming Tailgate Party at Pioneer Park

Details to follow - contact [Keziah Efta](#)

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