



SCOTUS CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT

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Message from the President



The Scotus Way

Recently, it was announced that Scotus Central Catholic had won its 13th NSAA Cup. This program that was created during the 2007-08 school year is designed to reward schools that excel in a variety of extra-curricular areas. Throughout the year schools collect points based on their level of success in sports, but also in journalism, music and one act play production. The level of success that our school has obtained is really off the charts. How does a school sustain such an incredible level of success? I really believe in THE SCOTUS WAY. To be successful year after year in the classroom and in our activities requires a commitment to excellence. That commitment to a culture of excellence has become THE SCOTUS WAY. Great teams and great schools exhibit a winning culture. This requires a commitment from our teachers, our students, the parents and the supporters of Scotus. Every one of those groups has expectations that are important to them. From those expectations come a willingness and a desire to get the most out of ourselves.

As a school we want to continue to grow and develop programs that help our students reach their potential. Scotus Central Catholic has done an outstanding job of creating students that were college ready. Our standardized test scores and surveys from our graduates are proof of that success. I believe there is a difference though in being college ready and career ready. That is why our school has made a commitment to STEAM education as well as preparing our students to explore careers. We want to create a systematized approach beginning in junior high to assist our students in career exploration. At the high school level we have added new classes related to STEAM and are in the beginning stages of creating a job shadow experience. Throughout our curriculum, in partnership with local businesses, we will also incorporate problem based learning to challenge our students. This will give more opportunities for students to work collaboratively and sharpen their critical thinking skills.

All of these things are very exciting and definitely a source of pride for our school. Our number one goal though will always be to help our students encounter Christ on a daily basis. The charisms or "gifts from God" that we chose to celebrate during the 2017-18 school year were: Prayer and Evangelization and I am grateful for the faith filled examples set by our staff and students. Growing in our faith and living it each day truly becomes the foundation of everything we do at Scotus.

The SCOTUS WAY is not a passing fad and has been part of the fabric of this school for a long time. I really believe the future is bright for Scotus Central Catholic and that the best is yet to come.

PRAYER. "Is anyone among you suffering? He should pray. Is anyone in good spirits? He should sing praise." James 5:13

EVANGELIZATION. "Proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching." 2 Timothy 4:2

Jeff Ohnoutka, President

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2017-18 FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund

The fiscal year budget concluded with a positive balance of \$5,546.24.

Budgeted Revenue

Parent Tuition	\$ 915,859
Parish Tuition Assistance	\$ 877,922
Endowment/Scholarships	\$ 427,435
Transfer from SEF	\$ 320,000
Fundraising/Athletics/Other	\$ 364,000
Total	\$2,905,216

Budgeted Expenditures

Salaries & Benefits	\$2,367,371
Contracted Services	\$ 187,000
Materials/Supplies/Athletics	\$ 292,845
Gala	\$ 58,000
Total	\$2,905,216

Actual Revenue

Parent Tuition	\$ 919,059
Parish Tuition Assistance	\$ 863,912
Endowment/Scholarships	\$ 427,190
Transfer from SEF	\$ 320,004
Fundraising/Athletics/Other	\$ 399,454
Total	\$2,929,619

Actual Expenditures

Salaries & Benefits	\$2,343,620
Contracted Services	\$ 179,385
Materials/Supplies/Athletics	\$ 359,053
Gala	\$ 42,015
Total	\$2,924,073

CAFETERIA

The cafeteria budget concluded with a negative balance of \$11,876.

Budgeted Revenue	\$421,885
Budgeted Expenditures	\$421,885
Actual Revenue	\$392,799
Actual Expenditures	\$404,675

Actual expenditures included \$11,397 in lunch ticket credits owed to families at the end of the fiscal year that were subsequently transferred to fiscal 2018-19 and credited to the families' 2018-19 lunch ticket bills. In real terms the cafeteria had \$479 more in expenditures than in revenue.

NOTE:

The school did not incur real estate taxes on any properties this fiscal year.



ENROLLMENT & TUITION ASSISTANCE

Enrollment for the 2017-18 school year was 364 representing a decrease of 9 students from the previous year.

Tuition for 2017-18 was \$2,755 (Grades 7- 8), \$2,805 (Grades 9-10) and \$2,855 (Grades 11-12). 2018-19 tuition rates by grade level were set to become: \$2,840 (Grades 7- 8), \$2,940 (Grades 9-12.)

At the start of the 2017-18 school year, \$103,378 was distributed in tuition assistance. 90 students received need-based tuition assistance. 44 Scotus students participated in the federal free (n=22) and reduced (n=22) lunch program compared with a total of 46 the previous year.

A look at the last 12 years of enrollment history:

2007-08	346	2013-14	396
2008-09	360	2014-15	363
2009-10	368	2015-16	371
2010-11	382	2016-17	373
2011-12	401	2017-18	364
2012-13	397	2018-19	350



394 computers are available for Scotus' 350 students

— SCOTUS RECEIVES PLANNED GIFT —

In January Donald Phillip Schrad passed away—leaving a planned gift to Scotus. Most of Don's gift was directed to support the endowed Scotus Music Scholarship but nearly \$9,000 supported the immediate purchase of a Sousaphone, 2 tenor marching drums and a Euphonium for the Shamrock band. Don was born February 28, 1928 in Petersburg, Nebraska to Bernard and Beatrice (Mack) Schrad. He graduated from St. Johns School in Petersburg in 1946. Don served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War from October 1950 to September 1952. He received the Korean Service Medal with 3 Bronze Stars and the UN Service Medal with 2 Overseas Bars. On January 5, 1953 Don was united in marriage to Eldora Dorie Wirges in Petersburg. The couple has lived in Columbus for 65 years. Don was a John Deere service mechanic in Petersburg and Columbus for over 45 years. He was a charter member of St. Isidore Church, Holy Name Society and a life member of the V.F.W. #3704. He is survived by his wife, Dorie; daughters, Linda '75 (Milan) Levos, Diane '77 (Dave) Magill; son, Kenneth (Dana); brothers, Walter, Leonard; sister-in-law, Joyce Schrad; brothers-in-law, Del (Avis) Heithoff, JD Thomas; eleven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.



ENDOWMENT - Market Values and Distributions Fiscal 2017-18

Combined endowment fund market values at the conclusion of the fiscal year (August 31, 2018) was \$9,394,358 including \$6,614,849 (locally managed funds) and \$2,779,509 (funds managed through the Archdiocese.) During the fiscal year a total of \$69,415 was added to the endowment. Of this amount, \$69,345 was restricted to endowed scholarships and \$70 was added to the general endowment fund. Fiscal year distributions received by the school totaled \$418,635.65.

Locally Managed Funds 8/31/18

Fund Name/Year Created	Corpus	Market Value 8/31/18	Distribution 2017-18	20-Yr Distribution Total (1998-2017)
Original Fund*/1980	\$1,334,021	\$1,871,245	\$ 65,755.00	\$1,064,577
Rambour Parish Investment/1997	\$3,128,337	\$3,932,331	\$141,998.00	\$2,218,475
Gerhold Teacher of the Year/1998	\$ 196,387	\$ 328,878	\$ 11,831.00	\$ 183,053
Feik Technology/2000	\$ 260,320	\$ 437,245	\$ 41,764.24	\$ 128,440
Scotus Music Scholarship/1995	\$ 39,403	\$ 45,150	\$ 331.91	\$ 6,719
Total	\$4,958,468	\$6,614,849	\$261,680.15	\$3,601,264

Archdiocesan Managed Funds 8/31/18

Fund Name/Year Created	Corpus	Market Value 8/31/18	Distribution 2017-18	20-Yr Distribution Total (1998-2017)
Dowd Trust/1977	\$ 124,160	\$ 137,214	\$ 6,479.85	\$ 126,287
Anonymous Fund/1988	\$1,010,000	\$1,283,886	\$ 60,687.01	\$1,310,539
Fr. Price Scholarship/1986	\$ 8,634	\$ 11,484	\$ 542.59	\$ 11,401
Gerhold Family Fund/2010	\$ 375,081	\$ 497,530	\$ 23,521.05	\$ 156,284
ACNM	\$ 498,995	\$ 849,395	\$ 65,725.00	\$ 336,480
Total	\$2,016,870	\$2,779,509	\$156,955.50	\$1,940,991
Total All 10 Funds	\$6,975,338	\$9,394,358	\$418,635.65	\$5,542,255

*Co-Mingled Funds in Original Endowed Fund

Name	Corpus	Established
George & Jeanette Maguire Scholarship	\$ 6,644.00	05/1988
Fr. Price Scholarship	\$ 2,507.08	09/1989
Eleanor M Loshbaugh Scholarship	\$ 5,000.00	05/1989
Sheridan Gladfelter Scholarship	\$ 5,050.00	12/1989
Louis & Elaine Buggi Scholarship	\$57,740.53	12/1995
Gene G. Witt Scholarship	\$20,090.00	12/1999
Duane Swoboda Scholarship	\$10,000.00	03/2000
William & Edna Boettcher Family Fund	\$51,210.00	12/2002
Lee & Shirley Hroza Family Athletic Scholarship	\$25,413.00	01/2009
Kathryn Kuta Sweenie Humanitarian Award	\$ 6,325.00	12/2009
Ben & Virginia Nosal Fund	\$26,753.92	12/2009
Manny & Millie Cimpl Family Scholarship	\$20,000.00	06/2012
Jeanne Kopetzky DeRuyscher '71 Fund	\$ 8,500.00	03/2014
Helen Shadle Scholarship	\$20,000.00	04/2016
Debbie Zuerlein Schraer '69 Scholarship	\$20,185.00	11/2016
Marvin & Marlene Styskal Family Scholarship	\$ 5,000.00	09/2017
Kevin & Jacquie Ingemansen Family Scholarship	\$25,107.97	12/2017

In addition to the endowed scholarships, the endowed funds provide annual restricted support. The William L and Edna Boettcher Family Fund provides annual income divided equally between the media center, instrumental and vocal departments. The Ben and Virginia Nosal Fund, and the Jeanne Kopetzky DeRuyscher Fund both provide annual income supporting the schools' general scholarship fund.

In the last twenty years, some of which were impacted by the Great Recession, endowment distributions to the Scotus general fund total more than \$5.5 million dollars!

Mission Statement

Scotus Central Catholic High School assures all students the opportunity to receive a faith-based Catholic education through academic excellence and diverse extracurricular activities.

POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS SCOTUS GRADUATES ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND

Enrolling in a 4-year college (n=40) – 63%
 Enrolling in a 2-year college (n=20) – 31%
 Joining the military (n= 3) – 5%
 Entering workforce (n= 1) – 1%

IN-STATE INSTITUTIONS

CCC, Columbus – 12
 College of St. Mary – 3
 Concordia – 1
 Hastings College – 1
 Midland University – 1
 Nebraska Wesleyan – 1
 NECC, Norfolk. – 6
 SECC, Beatrice – 1
 SECC, Lincoln – 1
 University of Nebraska, Kearney – 7
 University of Nebraska, Lincoln – 15
 University of Nebraska, Omaha – 5

OUT-OF-STATE INSTITUTIONS

Benedictine College – 1
 Buena Vista University – 1
 Morningside University – 1
 Santa Monica College- 1
 South Dakota State University – 1
 University of Central Florida – 1



COMMENCEMENT 2018

Joining the ranks of Scotus alumni and alumnae at commencement this spring were 64 graduates including 2 from China and one from Brazil. Jenna Salerno, senior class president, provided the senior welcome; Faith Przymus was lector; campus minister Fr. Matthew Capadano provided a greeting and homily; and Nathan Donoghue, NHS President, read intercessions. The **2018 Spirit of Scotus Award** winner was Maggie Feehan, daughter of Pat and Kelly Feehan. The 2018 graduating class had 3 class members named to the OWH Academic all-state team including Winston Obal who was selected to the All-State 2nd Team, West-Central. 62% of the graduates received scholarships including 3 Regent’s scholarships.

PARISH TUITION ASSISTANCE

The three Columbus parishes support the annual Scotus budget with parish tuition assistance—effectively providing a scholarship to each Scotus student that was valued at \$2,412 in the 2017-18 school year (\$877,922 total.) St. Anthony parish provided \$168,122; St. Bonaventure provided \$373,468 and St. Isidore provided \$336,322—with the support levels based upon the number of students enrolled from each parish at Scotus. In addition, parish tuition assistance is supplemented with the annual income distribution received from the Walter & Josephine Rambour endowed fund (\$141,998 in 2017-18.) This endowed fund has a corpus value of \$3,128,337 and was established to support the parishes by assisting with their annual tuition assistance support to Scotus Central Catholic.

STANDARDIZED TESTING

57 of the 64 members of the Scotus Class of 2018 took the ACT test. Three members of the class who took the test were international students. The 2018 ACT Class Profile composite score for Scotus was 23.7 – compared with the 2018 Nebraska state average of 20.1 and the 2018 national average of 20.8. The

Scotus Class of 2018’s average STEM score was 24.5 compared with the state average of 20.2.

2018 sub scores compared with the Nebraska (state) and national averages are shown below:

According to the American College Testing Program, a student’s potential success in college can be predicted by their ACT scores; and ACT has established college readiness benchmark ACT scores for College English Composition (18 on the ACT English Test), College Algebra (22 on the ACT Math Test), College Social

Science (22 on the ACT Reading Test) and College Biology (23 on the ACT Science Test.) Attaining a benchmark ACT score will predict that a student will have a 50% chance of receiving a B or higher or a 75% chance of receiving a C or higher in the corresponding college courses.

2018 sub scores compared with the Nebraska (state) and national averages:

	Scotus	State	Nation
English	23.1	19.4	20.2
Mathematics	24.9	19.8	20.5
Reading	23.0	20.4	21.3
Science	23.5	20.1	20.7
Composite	23.7	20.1	20.8

	% of Scotus Students with ACT Benchmark Score or Higher	% of Nebraska Students with ACT Benchmark Score or Higher
English Composition	84%	56%
Algebra	77%	35%
Social Science	61%	40%
Biology	56%	33%
All Four Course Areas	40%	22%

Scotus Central Catholic High School admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin

2017-18 FUNDRAISING / DONATION INCOME

SEF 15 UPDATE

The SEF 15 campaign began in the fall of 2016 and sought 3-year pledges (2017-19) to support an overall campaign goal of \$1,295,000. The campaign's main objectives were to provide: 1) \$975,000 in tuition assistance support for the 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years, 2) \$135,000 to make HVAC loan payments over the same 3 years and 3) \$125,000 to pave the new north parking lot. As of 8/31/18 the campaign received 852 pledges totaling \$1,169,175 or 90.2% of the original goal. Pledge payments at the end of the fiscal year totaled \$816,418.11.

In 2008 Scotus borrowed \$1.1 million dollars to help fund the locker room remodel and installation of air conditioning in the classrooms. During the 2017-18 fiscal year, and thanks to our many supporters, Scotus paid off the remaining \$138,700 of the debt.

ANNUAL GIFTS

Fifty-seven annual gifts received by the school totaled \$53,779.36 and included \$9,862.06 to support existing scholarships, \$35,022.30 to support endowed scholarships, \$560 to underwrite adoration candles in the school chapel, \$500 restricted to fine arts, \$500 for the speech team, \$250 for the music department and \$1,360 for the re-plating of the chapel's chalice. The school received \$1,216.61 to make premium payments on three life insurance policies owned by the school, and \$5,350 was gifted as unrestricted to the general fund. The Chuck Hagel Legacy Dinner held at Scotus on September 22nd was a tremendous success. More than 300 guests were in attendance for an event that provided Scotus Central Catholic the opportunity to raise funds for a new STEAM lab and to honor one of its most distinguished graduates, former U.S. Senator and Secretary of Defense, Chuck Hagel '64. STEAM is an acronym for Science–Technology–Engineering–Arts–Mathematics and the lab will feature equipment such as 3-D printing, robotics, cybersecurity, biomechanics, graphic design, white boards, computers, video production, audio production, and a variety of material and experimental supplies. Along with the exceptional fundraising work of Scotus alumnus and former Chuck Hagel staff member, Aaron Dowd '99, \$299,100 was initially raised for the project.

The fall 2017 annual appeal received 624 donations totaling \$123,075.92 and exceeded the \$110,000 goal to support the addition of air conditioning in the Dowd Activity Center. The Shamrock Lottery had net proceeds of \$8,982 which was used to support tuition assistance. The 37th annual Gala

dinner/auction net was \$206,740 (one of the best ever in spite of the fact that Columbus was under a blizzard warning the entire day of the event.) Governor Pete Ricketts was able to attend the Gala. An additional \$33,474 was donated by Gala guests to support the remodeling of the school's media center. Receipts from the 5th annual Columbus Big Give were \$2,275.20 and were used to support the installation of a new exterior door by the Dowd Center concessions. The final Ignite the Faith Campaign rebate distributions from the three Columbus parishes to Scotus totaled \$21,405.17 and along with SEF 15 dollars, the HVAC loan was paid off entirely by 5/31/18. The Scotus Mothers Craft Boutique was held on December 3, 2017 and netted approximately \$18,000. The Scotus Mothers donated \$3,174.68 to support faculty wish list items and an additional \$5,000 to support the new STEAM lab. The 11th annual Shamrock Open was held on June 2, 2018 and raised \$10,271 for locker room improvements.

Scotus received a restricted planned gift totaling \$38,055.15 from the estate of Donald Schrad. \$34,152.24 was restricted to support the endowed Scotus Music Scholarship (Fund #5 of locally managed endowed funds.) The Schrad family directed the remaining \$3,902.91 from the estate along with \$5,097.09 sent to Scotus as memorials for the purchase of two tenor drums and a euphonium and to support the purchase of a sousaphone—all for the band.

2017-18 Activity	Net Raised
Columbus Big Give	\$ 2,275
Annual Fund Donations	\$ 53,779
Children's Scholarship Fund (For all 4 Catholic Schools)	\$ 21,146
Hagel STEAM Lab	\$ 299,100
Gala 2018 & Media Center	\$ 240,214
SEF 15 Campaign	\$ 296,598
Planned Gift	\$ 38,055
Memorials Received	\$ 22,150
Shamrock Lottery	\$ 8,982
Shamrock Open	\$ 10,271
Gifts directed to Endowment	\$ 69,415

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROCESS 2017-18

The 2017-18 school year was a busy one for Scotus Central Catholic. In March, our school went through the AdvancED review process. This is completed every five years. Our school spent much of our professional development time preparing for this visit. Part of the process includes surveying our teachers, students and parents about the school and its programs. An AdvancED team also spent three days in our school looking over our school improvement process. They were very pleased with the formal process we have in place to ensure growth as a school. One of their suggestions was for Scotus to move toward an instructional model that is used by all faculty. This instructional model will assist administration in the evaluation of teachers. Scotus will spend the 2018-19 school year researching models and choosing one that best fits our school.

In May, Scotus hired its first STEAM coordinator. This position was created to assist students and faculty build relationships with the Columbus business community. Students will also for the first time be taking classes in video production, computer aided drawing, graphic design and computer science. We will also offer STEAM classes that will be focused on problem based learning. This will give our students the opportunities to use critical thinking and collaboration to solve problems. All of these things will continue to help our students be college ready, but it is our hope that we can make them career ready as well.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

Solar Eclipse. On the fourth day of the school year, the entire Scotus student body traveled in eight school buses to enjoy viewing the total solar eclipse on the campus of Concordia University in Seward. Students gathered in Bulldog Stadium where they viewed presentations from professors on the scoreboard screen and then viewed the eclipse with glasses given to each student.

Parking Lot. The new north parking lot for students and guests opened in October with construction funded by restricted gifts through the SEF 15 fund drive.

New Staff. Beginning their first year at Scotus were: Clyde Ericson (Art) and Holli Bettenhausen (Cafeteria Manager.)

Student Honors. NSAA Academic All-State winners were: Trevor Kaslon, baseball and basketball; Colson Kosch, golf and football; Bryce VunCannon, golf; Maggie Feehan, journalism, basketball and soccer; Matt Strecker, journalism and track/field; Isaac McPhillips, music; Caitlin Steiner, music and play production; Wren Allen, soccer and wrestling; Braden Labenz, soccer; Kendra Wiese, soccer, golf and basketball; Elley Beaver, volleyball and track/field; Kelsey Faust, track/field and cross country; Grant Shanle, track/field; Caden Pelan, basketball; Patrick Herchenbach, speech; Alaina Wallick, speech; Olivia Fehringer, cross country; Michael Gasper, cross country; Elliott Thomazin, cross country; Jake Novicki, football; MaKenzie Enderlin, golf; Jared Gaspers, play production; Kayla Hall, volleyball; and Kade Wiese, wrestling. Selected to the Omaha World Herald's Academic All-State, 2nd Team, West-Central was Winston Obal.



Scotus won a second consecutive state Class B title in Journalism.

State Journalism Champions. The Scotus Journalism students and their sponsor, Angie (Naughtin) Rusher '95 captured their second straight Class B State Journalism Championship. Scotus defeated 28 other teams on their way to claiming the 2018 Class B State title. Receiving first place individual finishes were Caitlin Steiner (newspaper feature), Abe Perault (newspaper layout), and Ellie Bock (sports action photography.)

NSAA Cup. The Scotus girls won the 2017-18 NSAA Cup, the boys finished tied for eighteenth and combined boys and girls finished at third place for Class C athletic and fine arts programs. Scotus has won at least one NSAA Cup for ten years in a row and has now earned thirteen cups.

Golf. The girls' team finished second at district and tied for sixth place at state. The boys' golf team finished second at district and in eleventh place at state led by junior Bryce Vun Cannon who finished in 5th place individually.

Cross Country. The Girls finished 4th at state, led by Class C medalist Kelsey Faust (14). Other Scotus state meet qualifiers included Olivia Fehringer (39), Liza Zaruba (45), Brea Lassek (51), Grace Odbert (60), and Samantha Tonniges (86). Scotus Boys had 2 state qualifiers at State: Elliott Thomazin placed 28th and Michael Gasper, 54th. Merlin Lahm was head coach.

Football. The football team finished the season with a 3-6 record.

Volleyball. Under first year head coach Janet Tooley, the volleyball team completed an 17-11 season.

Wrestling. At State Wrestling, heavyweight Landon Sokol finished 1-2 scoring 4 team points and finishing the year at 21-11. And in his first trip to state, Wren Allen went 2-3 and finished at 195 pounds in 6th place and scoring 11 team points.

Basketball. The boys' basketball team finished the season with an 8-15 record. The girls' basketball team captured their 5th state title finishing the season with a 22-5 mark. Junior Bailey Lehr earned all-state second team recognition.



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Soccer. The varsity girls' soccer team won their district but lost in the first contest of the state tourney, finishing with a 9-4 mark in a season plagued by a late winter. The boys finished the season with a 5-12 record.

Track. At the State Track Meet, Marika Spencer won the Class B gold medal in the discus and finished second in the shot put. Overall the Scotus girls' team finished 10th out of 43 teams with 20 points and the boys' team finished at 38th place with 2 points.

Co-op Sports. 10 Scotus students competed on the CHS swim team, 3 Shamrocks competed for the CHS boys' tennis team, Scotus had 6 players participate in softball, 14 Shamrocks participated in baseball and 7 competed in girls' tennis.

Athletic Banquet. The 60th annual athletic banquet was held on May 8th. Athletes of the Year were Marika Spencer and Chase Andresen.

Babe Ruth Award: Grace Odbert, Landon Sokol. Sertoma Athletes of the Year: Kendra Wiese, Trevor Kaslon. KLIR Athletes of the Year: Marika Spencer, Wren Allen. Lifters of the Year: Maggie Feehan and Eric Mustard. Inducted into the Shamrock Athletic Hall of Fame as Boosters were: Gerry Engelbert and Dick Van Dyke.



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Speech. Sophomore Lauren Ostdiek led Scotus at the State Speech Tourney placing fourth in Entertainment Speaking. Others qualifying for the state tourney were: Hannah Allen, Brandon Huynh, Alaina Wallick, Logan Zanardi, Isaac McPhillips and Isaac Ostdiek.

One-Act. The Scotus One-Act team performed "Freak" and placed second in Class B district competition just three points behind first place Pierce HS. The team was comprised of 37 students.

Cheerleading. The Scotus cheerleaders were runners up in Sideline and took 3rd in Gameday at the state cheerleading contest.

Powerlifting. Scotus brought home 3 trophies at the Power Lifting State Competition in Beatrice - Girls, 3rd place; Boys, 3rd place; and Coed, 3rd place. Tyler Miksch was named Lightweight Lifter of the Meet.

Alumni Tourneys. More than 175 Shamrocks participated in the 35th annual alumni basketball tourney, 21 foursomes participated in the 11th annual Shamrock Open and 150 Shamrocks returned for the 11th annual alumni/alumnae soccer tournament held in August. (The alumnae volleyball tourney is held every other year.)

FBLA. Cassie Kouma and Patrick Herchenbach, placed 6th in Middle Level Business Math & Financial

Literacy, and received Honorable Mention in Advertising, respectively, at the FBLA State Leadership Conference.

Mock Trial. The senior mock trial team placed second at state, competing in the finals against Class A Creighton Prep HS.

Music/Theater. 33 cast and crew members presented the musical, "Sister Act" February 16-18 in Scotus' Memorial Hall and the spring play, "Comic Book Artist" was presented by fifteen students. The Scotus marching band had 60 members and earned a 2nd place finish in Class B and a Superior Rating at the Norfolk parade and a Superior rating at the Harvest of Harmony parade in Grand Island. The Shamrock Singers consisted of



Mock Trial. Photo courtesy of Goc Photography

Solo--Ben Merrill and Tuba Solo--Isaac McPhillips. Superiors in choir: Shamrock Singers, Boys Quartet, Girls Quartet, Freshmen Sextet, Girls Ensemble, Bass Solo--Isaac McPhillips and Alto Solo--Jenna Salerno.

Years of Service Recognition. 5 years – Kaye Stuchl; 10 years – Gail Bomar, Deb Krumland.

National March for Life. 35 Scotus students along with several sponsors attended the National March for Life in Washington DC.

Service. The school's annual Red Cross blood drive produced 97 whole blood units and a record 14 double red donor units for a total of 119 productive units.

CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND 2017-18

Participation in the **Children's Scholarship Fund** program continued this year and the Columbus parishes raised \$21,145.97 during the 2017-18 school year. The money was sent to Omaha and in return the Columbus Catholic schools received back a total of \$52,900 in scholarships benefiting 62 students for the 2018-19 school year. A summary of the scholarships is listed to the right.

<u>School</u>	<u>Student #</u>	<u>Award Total</u>
Scotus Central Catholic	16	\$ 14,200
St. Anthony	32	\$ 26,200
St. Bonaventure	12	\$ 11,200
St. Isidore	2	\$ 1,300
Total	62	\$ 52,900

WHAT OUR SUPPORTERS ACCOMPLISHED IN 2017-18

Thank you for your wonderful investment in the education of our students and future of our school.
You have truly accomplished great goals in the Scotus 2017-18 fiscal year!

Project

Funded By

Installed air conditioning in the Dowd Center & weight room	Annual Appeal 2017-18
New LED Lighting main office/chapel hallway.....	Annual Appeal 2017-18
20 New Security Cameras	Annual Appeal 2017-18
Raised \$299,100 for the new STEAM Lab & Program	Chuck Hagel Legacy Dinner
Completed north parking lot project (October 2017).....	SEF 15 Campaign
Completed the final payment on the HVAC loan debt	SEF 15 Campaign/Ignite the Faith Campaign Parish Rebates
Provide tuition assistance over 2016-17, 17-18, 18-19 school years (\$975,000 goal)	SEF 15 Campaign
Funded needed tuition assistance grants to students.....	Lottery 2017
Began remodeling of the Media Center	Gala 2018
New cage lockers/flooring for locker rooms	Shamrock Open 2018
New exterior door to the courtyard and Chemistry Lab stools.....	Columbus Big Give
Provided Faculty wish list items and \$15,000 to STEAM Lab (2 gifts).....	Scotus Mothers
Purchase of a Sousaphone, 2 tenor marching drums, Euphonium	Donald Schrad Estate Gift
Improvements to the McLaughlin Activity Field	Building Fund
New Controllers installed for AC system in some rooms	Building Fund
Lenovo computers for study hall and funding for future laptop & Lenovo replacements	Feik Endowed Fund

2018 AWARDED ENDOWED AND ANNUALLY FUNDED SCHOLARSHIPS

Named as recipients of endowed scholarships were:

- Louis & Elaine Buggi Memorial Scholarships** (Luke Chard, Tori Dush, Rylie Jarecki, Kensey Micek)
Manny & Millie Cimpl Family Scholarship (Abbie Zoucha)
Sheridan Gladfelter Memorial Scholarship (Debanhi Adame)
Lee & Shirley Hroza Family Scholarships (Marika Spencer, Chase Andresen)
Kevin & Jacqueline Ingemansen Family Scholarship (Henry Hernandez, Drew VunCannon)
Eleanor M Loshbaugh Memorial Scholarship (Riley Olson)
George & Jeanette Maguire Memorial Scholarship (Caleb Kosch)
Fr. Price Memorial Scholarships (Shelby Bridger, Addison Schoenfelder, Lily Dohmen, Noah Korth, Seth VunCannon, Vijayalakshmi Wemhoff)
Scotus Music Scholarships (Isaac McPhillips, Mattie Johnson, Tara Kamrath)
Debbie Zuerlein Schraer Memorial Scholarship (Rachael Lam)
Helen Shadle Scholarship (Shania Borchers)
Marvin & Marlene Styskal Family Scholarship (Tara Kamrath)
Kathryn Kuta Sweenie Humanitarian Award (Mira Liebig)
Duane Swoboda Memorial Scholarship (Trevor Kaslon)
Gene G Witt Memorial Scholarships (Faith Przymus, Tyler Miksch, Nathan Donoghue, Elley Beaver)

Named as recipients of annually funded scholarships were:

- David & Norma Duren Scholarship** (Chris Adame-Hernandez, Kyanne Casperson, Emiliano Rodriguez, Avery Dierman, Noah Korth, Anna Ehlers)
Duren Mathematics Excellence Award (Caden Pelan)
Erna Badsteiber Scholarship (Calen Hinze, Matt Strecker, Marika Spencer)
Leonard & Cec Feehan Family Scholarship (Abigail Stuart)
Lynette Topinka Goins Memorial Scholarships (Patrick Herchenbach, Lauren Ostdiek)
Dale Gonka Achievement Award (Makenzie Enderlin, Bryce VunCannon)
Gene Wiese Hayden Vocal Music Scholarship (Chris Adame-Hernandez, Josh Styskal)
Nebraska Centennial Conference Scholarship (Kendra Wiese)
Jeff Podraza Memorial Scholarship (Emily Stutzman)
LaVern Mroczek Memorial Scholarship (Kalee Ternus)
Pyramid of Success Scholarship (Alaina Dierman, Antonio Chavez)
Shamrock Club Scholarship (Maggie Feehan, Matt Strecker)
Bon Shadle Scholarship (Landon Sokol)
Dean Soulliere Family Scholarship (Kate Smith, Emmitt Broberg)
Student Council Scholarships (Nathan Donoghue, Chloe Odbert)
STO Scholarship (Emily Carstens)
Curt Tenopir Memorial Scholarship (Courtney Kosch)

Other local scholarships and recipients:

- Central Community College Scholarships** (Shania Borchers, Jared Gaspers, Macy Hamling, Brandon Huyhn, Grace Odbert, Matt Quinn)
Columbus Sertoma Club (Caitlin Steiner)
Columbus United Federal Credit Union Scholarship (Trey Dallman)
Columbus Volunteer Firefighters Auxiliary (Landon Sokol)
Cornerstone Bank Scholarship (Nathan Donoghue)
Elk's Most Valuable Student (Colson Kosch)
Lion's Club (Shania Borchers)
Loup Public Power (Matt Quinn)
Platte County Ag Society Scholarship (Grace Odbert)
Platte County Farm Bureau (Nathan Donoghue)
TeamMates Scholarship (Brandon Huynh, Madison Kerkman, Grace Odbert)



The recipient of the 20th annual William and Barbara Gerhold Family Teacher of the Year Award for a Columbus Catholic Schools teacher was St. Bonaventure School teacher, Jill Erickson. Jill is a 4th grade classroom teacher during the morning and a K-4 Reading Specialist for the school.



The 2018 Spirit of Scotus Award winner was senior, Maggie Feehan daughter of Pat and Kelly Feehan.



Mike and Dr. Kim Allen were recognized as the 37th annual Outstanding Service Award winners.



The nineteenth annual Alumnus of the Year was Aaron Dowd '99.