



SCOTUS CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT

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Message from the President



The 2018-19 school year was a very successful year for Scotus Central Catholic. It was the first year for our STEAM program. We started with a student enrollment in the 40's to over 150 students taking classes for the 19-20 school year. There is no question that this program has opened doors for career paths for some of the students who take those classes. We also had the opportunity to celebrate Mrs. Jane Dusel-Misfeldt being selected the winner of the Gerhold Teacher of the Year Award. She does such a great job with our students and has been a positive Catholic role model for them as well.

We were blessed to continue to have great financial support for our school through our Annual Appeal, SEF, Big Give, Mother's Club and Shamrock Club. We now have LED lighting throughout much of the building. We have new HVAC controllers in the classrooms to increase efficiency. Scotus purchased a used coach bus that is very popular with our coaches and students. Our GALA continues to be an outstanding event. It regularly brings in over \$250,000 for our general budget every year. This level of commitment is inspiring but also necessary to ensure that we can provide a first-rate education for our students.

One thing that really stood out to me during the 2018-19 school year though was the leadership of our senior class. They endured some hardships during the year but were always there to support each other and the rest of their fellow student body. The kindness they extended to each other will not be forgotten. I learned from these students that faith in Christ is alive and well in many of our teens. One of our goals is to try and help form young people that will be lifelong Catholics. I am confident that they will continue on that faith journey and I am very proud they are graduates of Scotus Central Catholic.

Jeff Ohnoutka, President



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2018-19 FINANCIAL REPORT

Scotus Central Catholic changed its fiscal year to begin on July 1 and this took effect on July 1, 2019. In past years, the Scotus fiscal year ran from September 1 through August 31—making our school the only school or parish in the archdiocese that didn't follow a July 1 through June 30 timeline. Therefore the 2018-19 fiscal year concluded after only 10 months—ending early to conform to the new fiscal calendar for 2019-20. The resulting positive balance did not reflect salaries and other expenses committed to the months of July and August of 2019.

General Fund

The abbreviated 10-month fiscal year budget concluded with a positive balance of \$113,714.

Budgeted Revenue

Parent Tuition	\$ 903,585
Parish Tuition Assistance	\$ 746,233
Endowment/Scholarships	\$ 455,033
Transfer from SEF	\$ 275,000
Fundraising/Athletics/Other	\$ 405,536
Total	\$2,785,387

Budgeted Expenditures

Salaries & Benefits	\$2,104,120
Contracted Services	\$ 144,783
Materials/Supplies/Athletics	\$ 261,200
Gala	\$ 55,000
Total	\$2,565,103

Actual Revenue

Parent Tuition	\$ 891,031
Parish Tuition Assistance	\$ 746,438
Endowment/Scholarships	\$ 455,968
Transfer from SEF	\$ 275,000
Fundraising/Athletics/Other	\$ 418,660
Total	\$2,787,097

Actual Expenditures

Salaries & Benefits	\$2,139,156
Contracted Services	\$ 162,273
Materials/Supplies/Athletics	\$ 287,362
Gala	\$ 84,592
Total	\$2,673,383

CAFETERIA

The cafeteria budget, abbreviated to 10 months to allow for the new fiscal year calendar to begin on July 1st concluded with a negative balance of \$6,272.

Budgeted Revenue	\$406,663
Budgeted Expenditures	\$405,544
Actual Revenue	\$363,376
Actual Expenditures	\$369,648

NOTE:

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

ENROLLMENT & TUITION ASSISTANCE

Enrollment for the 2018-19 school year was 350 - representing a decrease of 14 students from the previous year.

Tuition for 2018-19 was \$2,840 (Grades 7- 8), \$2,940 (Grades 9-12)
2019-20 tuition rates by grade level were set to become:
\$2,900 (Grades 7- 8), \$3,000 (Grades 9-12)

At the start of the 2018-19 school year, \$119,500 was distributed in tuition assistance. 95 students received need-based tuition assistance. 43 Scotus students participated in the federal free (n=25) and reduced (n=18) lunch program compared with a total of 44 the previous year.

A look at the last 12 years of enrollment history:

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
2013-14	396	2019-20	352

CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Participation in the **Children's Scholarship Fund** program continued this year and the Columbus parishes raised \$21,788.36 during the 2018-19 school year. The money was sent to Omaha and in return the Columbus Catholic schools received back a total of \$51,500 in scholarships benefiting 61 students for the 2019-20 school year. A summary of the scholarships follows:

<u>School</u>	<u>Student #</u>	<u>Award Total</u>
Scotus Central Catholic	13	\$ 10,900
St. Anthony	24	\$ 19,800
St. Bonaventure	22	\$ 19,000
St. Isidore	2	\$ 1,800
Total	61	\$ 51,500

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROCESS 2018-19

During the 2018-19 school year the Scotus Central Catholic Steering Committee met monthly to discuss an instructional model for our school. The committee chose the Danielson instructional model. This model is broken down into four domains. These domains provide clear instruction on planning and preparation, classroom environment, instruction and professional responsibilities. All teachers received professional development training for this model in cooperation with Educational Service Unit 7.

In February, Scotus Central Catholic was informed that a priest would no longer be provided by the Archdiocese as a campus minister. A new Catholicity committee was formed by volunteers from our faculty. This committee has created a new evangelization program for our students to be instituted in the 19-20 school year. This program is called RockTalk and will use our faculty and volunteers from the community to do small group Bible study. Each volunteer and teacher will be trained using the Steubenville formation training. The Catholicity committee will also be in charge of all grade level retreats and special programs.

ENDOWMENT - Market Values and Distributions Fiscal 2018-19

Combined endowment fund market values at the conclusion of the fiscal year (June 30, 2019) was \$9,391,335 including \$6,600,614 (locally managed funds) and \$2,790,721 (funds managed through the Archdiocese.) During the fiscal year a total of \$56,060 was added to the endowment. Of this amount, \$56,020 was restricted to endowed scholarships and \$40 was added to the general endowment fund. Fiscal year distributions received by the school totaled \$361,761.77.

Locally Managed Funds 6/30/19

Fund Name/Year Created	Corpus	Market Value 6/30/19	Distribution 2018-19	21-Yr Distribution Total (1998-2018)
Original Fund*/1980	\$1,390,046	\$1,901,759	\$ 67,827.00	\$1,132,404
Rambour Parish Investment/1997	\$3,128,337	\$3,881,914	\$143,412.00	\$2,361,887
Gerhold Teacher of the Year/1998	\$ 196,387	\$ 324,003	\$ 11,999.00	\$ 195,052
Feik Technology/2000	\$ 260,320	\$ 447,058	\$.00	\$ 128,440
Scotus Music Scholarship/1995	\$ 39,403	\$ 45,880	\$ 1,257.00	\$ 7,967
Total	\$5,014,493	\$6,600,614	\$224,495.00	\$3,825,759

Archdiocesan Managed Funds 6/30/19

Fund Name/Year Created	Corpus	Market Value 6/30/19	Distribution 2018-19	21-Yr Distribution Total (1998-2018)
Dowd Trust/1977	\$ 124,160	\$ 141,195	\$ 6,914.87	\$ 133,202
Anonymous Fund/1988	\$1,010,000	\$1,321,135	\$ 64,700.25	\$1,375,239
Fr. Price Scholarship/1986	\$ 8,634	\$ 11,817	\$ 578.73	\$ 11,980
Gerhold Family Fund/2010	\$ 375,081	\$ 511,965	\$ 25,072.92	\$ 181,357
ACNM	\$ 498,995	\$ 804,609	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 376,480
Total	\$2,016,870	\$2,790,721	\$137,266.77	\$2,078,258
Total All 10 Funds	\$7,031,363	\$9,391,335	\$361,761.77	\$5,904,017

*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	\$58,076.53	12/1995
Gene G. Witt Scholarship	\$20,111.00	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	\$25,705.00	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	\$25,384.97	12/2017
Marilyn Gangel Scholarship	\$12,000.00	09/2018
Don & Joan Sokol Scholarship	\$12,000.00	10/2018
Jim Puetz Scholarship	\$31,099.10	10/2018

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.

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 PLANS OF 2019 GRADUATES

59 graduates including 3 International Students (2 China, 1 Vietnam)

Enrolling in a 4-year college (n=44) – 75%

Enrolling in a 2-year college (n=13) – 22%

Joining the military (n=0) – 0%

Entering workforce (n=2) – 3%

IN-STATE INSTITUTIONS

CCC, Columbus – 4

College of St. Mary – 2

Creighton University – 2

Midland University – 1

Nebraska Wesleyan – 2

NECC, Norfolk. – 5

Peru State College – 1

SECC, Lincoln – 1

The Creative Center – 1

University of Nebraska, Kearney – 5

University of Nebraska, Lincoln – 12

University of Nebraska, Omaha – 6

Wayne State College – 3

OUT-OF-STATE INSTITUTIONS

Benedictine College – 1

Indiana University – 1

Iowa Western – 2

Michigan State University – 1

Mt. Marty College – 1

Newman University – 1

St. John Vianney Seminary – 2

Temple University – 2

University of Notre Dame – 1



COMMENCEMENT 2019

Joining the ranks of Scotus alumni and alumnae this spring were 59 graduates who participated in commencement. Nathan Schumacher, senior class president, provided the senior welcome; Elliott Thomazin offered the scripture reading; Fr. Matthew Capadano provided a greeting and homily; and Caleb Kosch, Student Council President read the intercessions. The **2019 Spirit of Scotus Award** winner was Caleb Kosch, son of Cindy and the late Mike Kosch. The 2019 graduating class had 6 class members named to the OWH Academic all-state team including Elliott Thomazin who was selected to the All West-Central Academic second team. 73% of the graduates received scholarships including 4 Regent's scholarships. Two graduates planned to begin seminary studies.

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 \$1,978 in the abbreviated 2018-19 fiscal year (\$692,438 over 10 months.) St. Anthony parish provided \$138,257; St. Bonaventure provided \$314,911 and St. Isidore provided \$293,270—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 (\$143,412 in 2018-19.) 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

51 of the 59 members of the Scotus Class of 2019 took the ACT test. The 2019 ACT Class Profile composite score for Scotus was 24.0 – compared with the 2019 Nebraska state average of 20.0 and the 2019 national average of 20.7. The Scotus Class of 2019's average STEM score was 24.5 compared with the state average of 20.2.

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	Scotus	State	Nation
English	23.3	19.4	20.1
Mathematics	24.9	19.7	20.4
Reading	23.5	20.3	21.2
Science	23.6	20.2	20.6
Composite	24.0	20.0	20.7

College Course Area	% of Scotus Students with ACT Benchmark Score or Higher	% of Nebraska Students with ACT Benchmark Score or Higher
English Composition	82%	55%
Algebra	75%	34%
Social Science	63%	40%
Biology	59%	33%
All Four Course Areas	45%	22%

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.

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

2018-19 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. 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 (6/30/19) totaled \$1,010,379.43. Additional payments are expected through the end of the pledge payment period, concluding 12/31/2019.

<u>2018-19 Activity</u>	<u>Net Raised</u>
Columbus Big Give	\$ 2,007
Annual Fund Donations	\$ 83,418
Children's Scholarship Fund (For all 4 Catholic Schools)	\$ 21,788
Gala 2019 & STEAM Trailer	\$ 233,972
SEF 15 Campaign (10 mos.)	\$ 193,961
Memorials Received	\$ 23,420
Shamrock Lottery	\$ 10,315
Shamrock Open	\$ 14,345
Gifts directed to Endowment	\$ 56,035

ANNUAL GIFTS

The fall 2018 **annual appeal** received 591 donations totaling \$83,418 to support improvements in the classrooms including new HVAC controllers, LED lighting, flooring and furnishings. The **Shamrock Lottery** had net proceeds of \$10,315.10 which was directed to the scholarship fund. The **Gala** dinner/auction net was \$198,986. An additional \$34,986 in cash donations along with the donation of a new enclosed trailer were also collected at the Gala for a new mobile STEAM lab to service the three Catholic elementary schools. Receipts from the 6th annual **Columbus Big Give** were \$2,007.46 and were used to purchase new stools for the art room and other classroom furnishings. SEF 15 entered the third and final year of its pledge period. On 6/30/19 and with 6 months remaining, SEF 15 receipts totaled \$1,010,379. The 12th annual Shamrock Open was held on June 1, 2019 and raised approximately \$14,345 for girl's locker room improvements. Through their annual **Craft Boutique** net earnings (\$12,660), the Scotus Mothers donated \$12,551 to purchase items on the faculty wish list.



WHAT OUR SUPPORTERS ACCOMPLISHED

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 2018-19 fiscal year!

Project

Funded By

LED Lighting in Dowd Center gym/hallway & on all floors of 1965 building	Annual Appeal
New HVAC controllers in the classrooms	Annual Appeal
New tables for Mrs. Salyard's computer lab	Annual Appeal
White boards, flooring and some faculty desks.....	Annual Appeal
New curtain for the Memorial Hall stage	Annual Appeal
3 new endowed scholarships and continued support for the CSF	Community Support
Re-plating of Chalice and paten.....	Class of 1968 Support
Funding for a new mobile STEAM Lab and used pickup	Gala 2019
Donated ATV with snow blade.....	Private Donor
New stools for students in the art classroom	Columbus Big Give
2 wrestling mats donated for wrestling team practices	Private Donor
Hired an architectural firm to assess current facilities and facility needs.....	Building Fund
Purchased a used coach bus for school activity transportation.....	Transportation Fund
24 New Lenovos, spotlights and microphones & other wish list items	Scotus Mothers
Flooring and ceiling fans in girls locker rooms.....	Shamrock Open
Tuition assistance scholarships	Shamrock Lottery
Contributed \$330,000 in tuition assistance.....	SEF 15
Contributed \$895,000 in tuition assistance	Columbus parishes

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- Receiving **years of service awards** this year were: (5 Years) Kris Andresen, Fr. Matthew Capadano, Kelly Koranda, Jarrod Ridder, Janice Rosenquist; (10 Years) Shelly Adams, Wade Coulter; (15 Years) Lauri Diamond, Marge Zegar; (20 Years) Pam Weir; (25 Years) Kristen Cox; (30 Years) Carmen Johnson; and (35 Years) Annette Hash.
- The **11th annual alumni/nae soccer tournament** was held on August 3-4, 2018 with 150 players in the men's and women's divisions. The **16th biennial alumnae volleyball tourney** was on November 24th and had 54 participants. The **36th annual alumni/nae basketball tournament** on March 22-23 brought 163 men and 13 women back to Scotus.
- Representing the CHS **boy's tennis team** at state, Adam Kamrath (#1 Singles) lost in the 2nd round and Connor Wiehn (#2 doubles) lost in the 1st round.
- **Girl's golf** finished 2nd as a team at district and qualified for the 8th consecutive year to participate at the state tourney where they finished in 7th place.
- **Cross Country** girls and boys both won district titles. At state the girls finished in 3rd place and the boys placed 6th. At state, Olivia Fehringer placed 15th and Elliott Thomazin finished 10th individually.
- **Football finished** the year with a record of 4-5. Receiving all district first-team honors in football were Shamrock running backs Evan Sliva and Eric Mustard, tight end Grant Shanle and defensive back Tyler Palmer. Honorable mentions included: Dalton Borchers, Braden Labenz, Caden Pelan and Abe Perault.
- The **wrestling** team finished second at conference and six athletes qualified for the state wrestling tourney including: Daniel Tworek, Nick Taylor, Evan Sliva, Evan Hand, Landyn Maschmeier and Jackson Neville.
- In **volleyball** the girls advanced to the state tourney but lost in the first round and finished the season with a 21-10 mark, and a final state ranking of #7. Scotus seniors Bailey Lehr and Emily Stutzman were chosen to the All-Conference Volleyball Team and seniors Courtney Kosch and Abbie Zoucha and junior, Chloe Odbert, received Honorable Mention honors. Recognized as honorable mention all-state were Bailey Lehr, Courtney Kosch and Emily Stutzman.
- The **boys' basketball** team lost in the district final and finished their season at 9-17. The **girls' basketball** team lost in sub-districts and ended with a season mark of 10-12. The following basketball players were named to the 2019 All-Conference Teams: Courtney Kosch, Caden Pelan and Camille Pelan. Tyler Palmer, Grant Shanle and Abbie Zoucha were honorable mention choices.
- In **soccer** both the girls and boys teams lost their district final games and did not advance to the state tourney. The girls finished the season at 13-4 and the boys finished at 13-5.
- 6 district track qualifiers (in 9 events) represented Scotus at the **State Track Meet** at Omaha Burke. The qualifiers and their events were: Kelsey Faust, 3200 M; Olivia Fehringer, 800M, 1600 M; Grace Mustard 100 Hurdles, 300 Hurdles; Grant Shanle, Discus, 110 Hurdles; Justin Sliva 300 Hurdles; Liza Zaruba, 3200 M. Grant Shanle was the only Scotus athlete to win a state medal, finishing 8th in the discus with a throw of 152-02.
- In **tennis**, Scotus junior Emily Miksch played on the CHS number one doubles team at the state competition. Playing with CHS senior Aspen Luebbe, the duo won their first match and then were eliminated by the top seeded doubles team.
- Bryce VunCannon shot a 75 and earned a 3rd Place medal at the **State Class B Golf Championship**.
- The Scotus **powerlifting team** was successful at the Class B state competition—competing with Lexington HS, Columbus HS, Omaha Skutt HS and Shelby-Rising City HS. Scotus won 1st place in the co-ed team division and the girls' team finished as runners-up. Girls state champions were: Katelyn Bayer, Emma Brandt, Michaela Kresha, Rylie Olson and Kate Smith. Boys state champions were: Adam Kamrath and Kaleb

Wiese. The team is coached by Tom Woodward and Brooke Taylor.

- After 60 years of hosting annual **athletic banquets**, this year Scotus offered an athletic awards program without a meal. The 2019 Scotus Athletes of the Year and winners of the Hroza Family Scholarships were: Bailey Lehr, Grant Shanle and Courtney Kosch. The first annual Jim Puetz Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Tyler Palmer and Chloe Odbert. Winners of the Babe Ruth Award were Abbie Zoucha and Braden Labenz. Sertoma Athletes of the Year were Kelsey Faust and Caden Pelan. KLIR Athletes of the Year were Courtney Kosch and Grant Shanle. Shamrock Club scholarship winners were Julia Salerno and Bryce VunCannon. Lifters of the Year were Eric Mustard and Camille Pelan. Receiving the Eleanor M. Loshbaugh Scholarship was Eric Mustard. Gene G Witt Scholarship winners were Elliott Thomazin cc, Nathan Schumacher cc, Kendra Korger tr, Abe Perault tr. Jeff Podraza Scholarship: Amber Buhman. Dale Gonka Golf Achievement Award: Jaycee Ternus, Seth VunCannon. Chip Kaup Scholarship: Emma Brandt, Braden Labenz. Inducted to the Shamrock Athletic Hall of Fame were Katie (Beiermann) Herman '09 and Samantha (Spenner) Richardson '09.



The 2019 Scotus Athletes of the Year were: Bailey Lehr, Grant Shanle and Courtney Kosch.

- The **marching band** earned a superior rating at the Harvest of Harmony Parade in Grand Island. More than 900 guests were served dinner at the 24th annual band dinner/concert in February. The concert theme was "Pirates." In April the band earned a 1+ rating at District competition which means that all three judges scored the band with a superior rating.
- Noah Korth was selected to the Nebraska **All-State Choir**.
- **Homecoming** queen was Courtney Kosch and king was Caden Pelan.
- The **winter formal** dance moved to December this year and Mattie Johnson and Zack Beiermann were crowned Winter Royalty.
- The **spring musical**, "Anything Goes" was presented on February 15-17 with 47 students participating for director Laura Salyard.
- In **District Music**, Scotus students earned 18 superior ratings and five excellent ratings in instrumental music. The Scotus band earned a 1+ Superior rating and earning the other superiors were: Trumpet Quartet (Braden Labenz, Lizzie Parker, Ben Merrill, Josh Styskal), Trumpet Ensemble (Braden Labenz, Lizzie Parker, Ben Merrill, Josh Styskal, Camille Cox, Carson Czarnick, Zane Beiermann), Clarinet Ensemble (Abigail Stuart, Emily Ferguson, Maddie Blaser, Kyanne Casperson, Sydney Quinn, Abee Hutchinson), Flute Ensemble (Tara Kamrath, Ashtyn Preister, Anna Ehlers, Camille Pelan, Cassie Kouma, Allie Baumert), Saxophone Ensemble (Isaac Ostdiek, Katie Stachura, Stephanie Hoenk, Alaina Dierman, Emiliano Rodriguez), Trombone Quartet (Elliott Thomazin, Debanhi Adame, Madison Wittwer, Christopher Adame), Drumline (Sam Blaser, Drew Zaruba, Caden Pelan, Blake Sucha, Logan Johnson, Henry Hernandez, Ben Juarez, Josh Kratochvil, Noah Korth, Michael Gasper, Jamison Kozak, Zoe

Euteneuer), Tuba Solo (Isaac McPhillips), Flute Solo (Katie Stachura), Clarinet Solo (Lauren Ostdiek), Trumpet Solo (Lizzie Parker), Clarinet Solo (Emily Ferguson), Trombone Solo (Madison Wittwer), Piano Solo (Patrick Herchenbach), Piano Solo (Madison Wittwer), Piano Solo (Camille Cox) and Tuba Duet (Dominic McPhillips & Nick Ehlers.) Excellent ratings were earned by: Violin Solo (Josh Styskal), Saxophone Duet (Stephanie Hoenk & Emiliano Rodriguez), Trumpet Trio (Zane Beiermann, Carson Czarnick, and Camille Cox), Violin Solo (Tara Kamrath) and Trombone Solo (Elliott Thomazin.)

- Scotus earned 7 superior ratings and 4 excellent ratings in **vocal music**. Superior ratings were earned by: Girls Trio (Mattie Johnson, Maddie Sueper, Jayden Heng), Sophomores-Double Quartet (Janae Rusher, Ava Kuhl, Michaela Kresha, Clarissa Kosch, Noah Korth, Josh Styskal, McKenna Mausbach, Maddie Blaser), Seniors-Mixed Septet (Patrick Herchenbach, Isaac McPhillips, Maddie Sueper, Mattie Johnson, Rebekah Hergott, Julia Pichler), Duet (Isaac McPhillips & Luke Przymus), Solo (Janae Rusher), Solo (Isaac McPhillips) and Solo (Patrick Herchenbach.) Receiving excellent ratings were: Shamrock Singers, Duet (Maddie Blaser & Patrick Herchenbach) and Duet (Camille Cox & Josh Styskal.)

- Scotus students received additional awards from **District Music Contest**. Each judge is allowed to give one Honorable Mention Award and one Outstanding Performance Award. The following groups/individuals received one of these awards: Trombone Quartet--Chris Adame, Madison Wittwer, Debanhi Adame, and Elliott Thomazin: Honorable Mention. Piano Solo--Camille Cox: Honorable Mention. Piano Solo--Patrick Herchenbach: Outstanding Performance. Vocal Solo--Patrick Herchenbach: Outstanding Performance. Girls Trio--Jayden Heng, Mattie Johnson, Maddie Sueper: Honorable Mention.

- At the state **FBLA Leadership Conference**, the following students were recognized for their performance: Patrick Herchenbach, (Impromptu Speaking and Advertising Honorable Mention, Business Communication 5th place and 8th place in the finals in Job Interview); Cassie Kouma, (Introduction to Business Communication and Introduction to Business Procedures, both Honorable Mention) and Gavin Brabec, (Middle Level Business Math and Financial Literacy 7th Place.) FBLA officers were: Hallie Parker, president; Lizzie Parker, 1st vice-president; Tyler Wurtz, 2nd vice-president; Mira Liebig, secretary; Cassie Kouma, reporter; Emily Ferguson, 1st historian; Gavin Brabec, 2nd historian and Camille Pelan, parliamentarian.

- The Scotus **Journalism team** finished in 3rd place at the state competition and boasting three individual state champions: Amber Buhman (Yearbook Sports Feature Writing), Blaney Dreifurst (News/Feature Photography) and Julia Salerno (Newspaper News Writing.) A total of 16 students received medals.

- The **Junior mock trial** team won the district competition and finished in 4th place out of twelve teams at the state competition. Team members were Amber Buhman, Rachael Lam, Brea Lassek, Emily Miksch, Chloe Odbert, Lauren Ostdiek, Kate Smith and Liza Zaruba. The junior team was one of four teams representing Scotus at the district competition level with the Shamrock's sophomore team finishing second at districts.

- The **One-Act** team's 40 member crew and cast finished in 4th place in Class B district competition. Under first year director, Clyde Ericson, the first act was centered on a drama class and the second act was an interpretation of Romeo & Juliet.

- The Scotus **cheerleaders** placed 5th in Sideline and 6th in Game Day at the state cheer competition in Grand Island

- Presenting the **spring play**, "The Treasure of Shiver River" were Mattie Johnson, Kyanne Casperson, Isaac Ostdiek, Maddie Blaser, Clarissa Kosch, Gavin Brabec, Simon Pichler, Regan Sucha, Elliott Thomazin, Levi Robertson, Roxanne Beshaler, Hannah Allen, Camille Cox and Abee Hutchinson. Directors were Julia Pichler, Patrick Herchenbach. Supervisor: Mr. Ericson.

- Elliott Thomazin was crowned **Mr. Shamrock** at the annual Student Council food drive event for the Simon House.

- 34 Scotus students, two faculty members and four parents participated in the **March for Life** in Washington, DC. (Pictured below)



- The **speech team** placed 3rd at the district meet sending eleven students to the state meet. At state, Lauren Ostdiek, finished 6th in Entertainment Speaking; Patrick Herchenbach, Isaac Ostdiek, Julia Pichler, Lauren Ostdiek and Maddie Blaser were 11th in OID; and Debanhi Adame, Katie Stachura, Noah Korth, Zoe Euteneuer and Gwen Stachura, finished 17th in OID.

- One junior and 28 sophomores were inducted last fall into the **National Honor Society**, bringing the Scotus membership total to 78 sophomores, juniors, and seniors. (Pictured below)



- In February, Scotus' junior high students participated in the **Hoops for Heart** campaign raising \$3,880.50 for the American Heart Association and its critical research on heart disease and stroke.

- Scotus Central Catholic's NHS sponsored **Red Cross blood drive** was a success. A total of 85 whole blood units and 18 double red donor units for a total of 103 productive units were collected from 113 people who attempted to donate. Scotus was recognized by the American Red Cross in USA Today as one of 50 Nebraska "Winter Superheroes" for our school's effort to save lives.

- Mira Liebig, Kelsey Faust, Logan Bennett, Maddie Sueper and Kendra Korger all qualified for the **HOSA International Leadership Conference** in Orlando. Each Shamrock placed in the top 3 in their events at the State Leadership Conference.

- Named as **NSAA Academic All-State** winners for the **fall 2018 season** were: Cross Country - Kelsey Faust, Olivia Fehringer, Michael Gasper, Elliott Thomazin; Football - Braden Labenz, Caden Pelan; Golf - Hannah Allen, MaKenzie Enderlin; Play Production - Patrick Herchenbach, Maddie Sueper; Softball - Kate Smith; Tennis - Drew VunCannon, Connor Wiehn; Volleyball - Julia Salerno, Abbie Zoucha. NSAA Academic All-State winners for the 2018-19 winter season were: Basketball - Courtney Kosch, Eric Mustard, Caden Pelan, Abbie Zoucha; Speech - Hannah Allen, Isaac McPhillips; and Wrestling - Ben Kamrath. The NSAA Academic All-State winners for the spring season were: Baseball - Caden Pelan; Golf - Bryce VunCannon, Drew VunCannon; Journalism - Emma Brandt, Mariana Valdez Ortiz; Music - Patrick Herchenbach, Isaac McPhillips; Soccer - Zack Beiermann, Courtney Kosch, Braden Labenz, Abbie Zoucha; Track & Field - Kelsey Faust, Grant Shanle, Elliott Thomazin, Liza Zaruba.

2019 AWARDED ENDOWED AND ANNUALLY FUNDED SCHOLARSHIPS

Named as recipients of endowed scholarships were:

Louis & Elaine Buggi Memorial Scholarships (Fernando Almazan, Henry Chard, Katelyn Pensick, Kyra White)
Manny & Millie Cimpl Family Scholarship (Antonio Chavez Quiroga)
Marilyn Gangel Scholarship (Kate Smith)
Sheridan Gladfelter Memorial Scholarship (Adam Kamrath)
Lee & Shirley Hroza Family Scholarships (Courtney Kosch, Bailey Lehr, Grant Shanle)
Kevin & Jacqueline Ingemansen Family Scholarship (Alaina Dierman, Avery Dierman)
Eleanor M Loshbaugh Memorial Scholarship (Eric Mustard)
George & Jeanette Maguire Memorial Scholarship (Rachael Lam)
Fr. Price Memorial Scholarships (Lily Dohmen, Evan Jelinek, Becky Policky, Addison Schoenfelder, Quinn VunCannon, Seth VunCannon, Vijayalakshmi Wemhoff)
Jim Puetz Scholarship (Chloe Odbert, Tyler Palmer)
Scotus Music Scholarships (Debanhi Adame, Katelyn Stachura, Josh Styskal)
Debbie Zuerlein Schraer Memorial Scholarship (Adriana Cieloha)
Helen Shadle Scholarship (Courtney Kosch)
Don & Joan Sokol Scholarship (Drew VunCannon)
Marvin & Marlene Styskal Family Scholarship (Emmitt Broberg)
Kathryn Kuta Sweenie Humanitarian Award (Kamryn Chohon)
Duane Swoboda Memorial Scholarship (Caden Pelan)
Gene G Witt Memorial Scholarships (Kendra Korger, Abe Perault, Nathan Schumacher, Elliott Thomazin)

Named as recipients of annually funded scholarships were:

David & Norma Duren Scholarship (Debahni Adame, Anna Ehlers, Tim Ehlers, Adam Quinn)
Duren Mathematics Excellence Award (Liza Zaruba)
Erna Badsteiber Scholarship (Courtney Kosch, Julia Pichler, Abigail Stuart, Daniel Tworek, Tyler Wurtz, Abbie Zoucha)
Leonard & Cec Feehan Family Scholarship (Josh Styskal)
Lynette Topinka Goins Memorial Scholarships (Maddie Blaser, Josh Styskal)
Dale Gonka Achievement Award (Jaycee Ternus, Seth VunCannon)
Genevieve Wieser Hayden Vocal Music Scholarship (Janae Rusher, Dominic McPhillips)
Nebraska Centennial Conference Scholarship (Caden Pelan)
Jeff Podraza Memorial Scholarship (Amber Buhman)
LaVern Mroczek Memorial Scholarship (Landen Neville)
Pyramid of Success Scholarship (Patrick Cieloha, Kaelyn Dierman, Erik Dimas)
Shamrock Club Scholarship (Julia Salerno, Bryce VunCannon)
Bon Shadle Scholarship (Daniel Tworek)
Dean Soulliere Family Scholarship (Chris Adame-Hernandez, Kyanne Casperson)
Student Council Scholarships (Caleb Kosch, Connor Wiehn)
Scotus Teachers Organization Scholarship (Hallie Parker)
Curt Tenopir Memorial Scholarship (Eden Broberg)

Other local scholarships and recipients:

Central Community College Scholarships (Bailey Lehr, Hallie Parker, Maddie Sueper)
Columbus Sertoma Club (Mira Liebig)
Cornerstone Bank Scholarship (Blake Sucha)
George Prochaska Scholarship (Logan Bennett)
Lion's Club Scholarship (Caden Pelan, Hallie Parker)
PEO CH Scholarship (Hallie Parker)
Platte County Ag Society Scholarship (Bailey Lehr)
Rotary Scholarship (Abe Perault)
TeamMates Scholarship (Prestyn Engel, Abigail Stuart)



Scotus campus minister, Fr. Matthew Capadano was honored with the 2019 Scotus Outstanding Service Award at this year's commencement.



The 20th annual Alumna of the Year and Honorary Alumnus of the Year Award winners were Jill (Kruse '93) and Dr. Dale Zaruba.



The recipient of the 21st annual William and Barbara Gerhold Family Teacher of the Year Award for a Columbus Catholic schools teacher was Scotus chemistry teacher, Jane Dusel-Misfeldt. Jane has taught chemistry and served as the head coach for 7th grade volleyball at Scotus since her start in 1992.



Caleb Kosch was recognized as the 2019 Spirit of Scotus Award winner. He is the son of Cindy and the late Mike Kosch.