



SCOTUS CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT

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Message from the President



The 2019-2020 school year was a year of great success along with some difficult challenges. On March 16th, we were forced to close our building to our students and teachers. This closure led to Scotus Central Catholic moving to E-Learning for the entire fourth quarter. Thankfully, our school has been engaged in blended learning in many of our curriculum areas over the last few years. We have also provided professional development for our teachers to utilize Microsoft Teams as a tool to stay connected electronically with their students. This allowed for a much smoother transition into the E-Learning. The faculty did an outstanding job in keeping high expectations for our students and going the extra mile to protect the integrity of our instruction.

Another challenge for our school was the creation of a Catholic identity committee in the absence of a campus minister. We no longer have a priest assigned to our school as a campus minister. This committee allowed for greater engagement by our faculty in providing opportunities for our students to grow in their faith. One of the ideas that came from this group was Rock Talk. This had a huge impact on the Catholic culture of our school. All our students and faculty were divided into small groups by grade and gender. These small groups met once a month to discuss the Gospel reading for the next Sunday. They also spent a great deal of time discussing their faith journey and ideas for growth. The program also included over 50 volunteers from the community. It was a great testament to the importance of providing a faith filled example to our young adults.

Throughout all these challenges it became very clear that the mission of Catholic schools in Columbus is very important to our community. I truly believe that we support what we value. Without this spirit of resilience and grit it could have been a year to forget. Instead I believe we can use this school year as an example of the challenges we were able to overcome. We are always STRONGER TOGETHER! That sounds like a great theme for 2020-2021!

Jeff Ohnoutka, President



DEDICATED LEADERSHIP 2019 - 2020

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2019-20 FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020

General Fund

The fiscal year budget concluded with a negative balance of \$244,854.

Budgeted Revenue

Parent Tuition	\$ 927,652
Parish Tuition Assistance	\$ 895,480
Endowment/Scholarships	\$ 494,224
Transfer from SEF	\$ 335,000
Fundraising/Athletics/Other	\$ 378,700
Total	\$3,031,056

Budgeted Expenditures

Salaries & Benefits	\$2,493,439
Contracted Services	\$ 224,800
Materials/Supplies/Athletic	\$ 307,600
Gala	\$ 60,000
Total	\$3,085,839

Actual Revenue

Parent Tuition	\$ 920,741
Parish Tuition Assistance	\$ 895,852
Endowment/Scholarships	\$ 434,462
Transfer from SEF	\$ 279,166
Fundraising/Athletics/Other	\$ 319,667
Total	\$2,849,888

Actual Expenditure

Salaries & Benefits	\$2,512,296
Contracted Services	\$ 250,498
Materials/Supplies/Athletics	\$ 286,225
Gala	\$ 45,723
Total	\$3,094,742

CAFETERIA

The cafeteria budget concluded with a negative balance of \$53,133.

Budgeted Revenue	\$322,607
Budgeted Expenditure	\$349,022
Actual Revenue	\$290,517
Actual Expenditures	\$343,650

NOTE: The school was able to secure a PPP Loan from SBA to help with expenses during the pandemic. PP loans can be forgiven and the school has applied for forgiveness. If the loan is forgiven the negative balances for the general fund and cafeteria at the end of the fiscal year would be all but eliminated.

ENROLLMENT & TUITION ASSISTANCE

Enrollment for the 2019-20 school year was 352 - representing an increase of 2 students from the previous year.

Tuition for 2019-20 was \$2,900 (Grades 7- 8) and \$3,000 (Grades 9-12.)

2020-21 tuition rates by grade level were set to become:

\$3,000 (Grades 7- 8), \$3,100 (Grades 9-12.)

At the start of the 2019-20 school year, \$131,358 was distributed in tuition assistance including \$10,470 in John Duns Scotus awards. 131 students received need-based tuition assistance. 46 Scotus students participated in the federal free (n=23) and reduced (n=23) lunch program compared with a total of 44 the previous year.

A look at the last 13 years of enrollment history:

2007-08	346	2014-15	363
2008-09	360	2015-16	371
2009-10	368	2016-17	373
2010-11	382	2017-18	364
2011-12	401	2018-19	350
2012-13	397	2019-20	352
2013-14	396		

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 \$2,543 in the 2019-20 fiscal year. St. Anthony parish provided \$161,184; St. Bonaventure provided \$367,146 and St. Isidore provided \$367,146—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 (\$145,759 in 2019-20) received from the Walter & Josephine Rambour endowed fund. This endowed fund has a corpus value of \$3,142,881 and was established to support the parishes by assisting with their annual tuition assistance support to Scotus Central Catholic.

CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND

2019-20 CSF Scholarships

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

ENDOWMENT - Market Values and Distributions Fiscal 2019-2020

Combined endowment fund market values at the conclusion of the fiscal year (June 30, 2020) was \$9,290,011 including \$6,559,835 (locally managed funds) and \$2,730,176 (funds managed through the Archdiocese.) Overall, the endowment market value was down \$101,324 from the same date in the previous year. During the fiscal year a total of \$35,985 was added to the endowment. Of this amount, \$21,265 was restricted to endowed scholarships and \$14,720 was added to the general endowment. Fiscal year distributions received by the school totaled \$377,767.62.

Locally Managed Funds 6/30/20				
Fund Name/Year Created	Corpus	Market Value 6/30/20	Distribution 2019-19	22-Yr Distribution Total (1998-2019)
Original Fund*/1980	\$1,411,487	\$1,899,432	\$ 70,934.00	\$1,203,338
Rambour Parish Investment/1997	\$3,142,881	\$3,859,395	\$145,759.00	\$2,507,646
Gerhold Teacher of the Year/1998	\$ 196,387	\$ 319,845	\$ 12,180.00	\$ 207,232
Feik Technology/2000	\$ 260,320	\$ 434,913	\$ 24,211.57	\$ 152,651
Scotus Music Scholarship/1995	\$ 39,411	\$ 46,220	\$ 1,275.00	\$ 9,242
Total	\$5,050,486	\$6,559,835	\$254,359.57	\$4,080,109
Archdiocesan Managed Funds 6/30/20				
Fund Name/Year Created	Corpus	Market Value 6/30/20	Distribution 2019-20	21-Yr Distribution Total (1998-2019)
Dowd Trust/1977	\$ 124,160	\$ 138,118	\$ 6,779.12	\$ 139,981
Anonymous Fund/1988	\$1,010,000	\$1,292,342	\$ 63,430.90	\$1,438,670
Fr. Price Scholarship/1986	\$ 8,634	\$ 11,559	\$ 567.36	\$ 12,547
Gerhold Family Fund/2010	\$ 375,081	\$ 500,807	\$ 24,580.67	\$ 205,938
ACNM	\$ 498,995	\$ 787,350	\$ 28,050.00	\$ 404,530
Total	\$2,016,870	\$2,730,176	\$123,408.05	\$2,201,666
Total All 10 Funds	\$7,031,363	\$9,290,011	\$377,767.62	\$6,281,775

*Co-Mingled Funds in Original Endowed Fund

Name	Corpus	Established
George & Jeanette Maguire Scholarship	\$ 8,894.00	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	\$58,657.53	12/1995
Gene G. Witt Scholarship	\$20,143.00	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	\$25,724.00	01/2009
Kathryn Kuta Sweenie Humanitarian Award	\$ 6,425.00	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	\$25,687.97	12/2017
Marilyn Gangel Scholarship	\$12,000.00	09/2018
Don & Joan Sokol Scholarship	\$12,000.00	10/2018
Jim Puetz Scholarship	\$32,737.10	10/2018
Kevin & Jacquie Ingemansen Family Scholarship B	\$ 500.00	01/2020
Feehan Family Scholarship	\$15,842.46	03/2020

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.

POST-SECONDARY PLANS OF 2020 GRADUATES

42 Graduating Students in the Class of 2020 including:
 1 International student (Bolivia)
 79% of the Graduating seniors received scholarships for post-secondary studies.
 Enrolling in a 2-year college (n= 10) - 24%
 Enrolling in a 4-year college (n=29) - 69%
 Entering Military (Marines) (n= 3) - 7%

IN-STATE INSTITUTIONS

Bryan College of Health - 1
 CCC, Columbus - 5
 Creighton University – 2
 Midland University – 2
 Nebraska Wesleyan – 1
 NECC, Norfolk. – 1
 SECC, Lincoln – 4
 University of Nebraska, Kearney – 4
 University of Nebraska, Lincoln – 11
 University of Nebraska, Omaha – 1
 Wayne State College – 3

OUT-OF-STATE INSTITUTIONS

Augustana - 1
 Coe College - 1
 Northwestern - 1
 University of Notre Dame – 1



COMMENCEMENT 2020

Joining the ranks of Scotus alumni and alumnae were 42 graduates who participated in a modified commencement on June 27th. The 2020 Spirit of Scotus Award winner was Breana Lassek, daughter of Jeff & Kerry Jo (Robak '92) Lassek. 79% of the graduates received scholarships for post-secondary studies. Three graduates planned to enter military service.



Debanhi Adame-Hernandez takes a rose to present to her parents after receiving her diploma.

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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	<u>Scotus</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Nation</u>
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

<u>College Course Area</u>	<u>% of Scotus Students with ACT Benchmark Score or Higher</u>	<u>% of Nebraska Students with ACT Benchmark Score or Higher</u>
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.

*The 2020 Class Profile Report release date was not available at the time of printing.

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

2019-20 FUNDRAISING / DONATION INCOME

SEF 15 & 15 EXTENSION UPDATE

The very first Scotus Education Fund drive (SEF 1) began in 1969 with the goal of providing a resource to keep tuition as low as possible for our school families. Traditionally the SEF campaigns have involved three-year pledges. The third and final pledge payment year of SEF 15 was 2019 and as of 6/30/2020 the campaign generated a donation total of \$1,120,006 supporting \$975,000 in student tuition assistance over three years, paving the north parking lot and making the final payments for the school's HVAC loan. Scotus received 96% of all donations pledged in SEF 15.

As SEF 15 was concluding, Scotus was not ready to name the goals for the SEF 16 drive. Therefore in the fall of 2019 Scotus asked its supporters to extend their SEF 15 payments for a fourth year in 2020. Pledges for the SEF 15 extension year totaled \$339,228 and all of the payments were restricted to support student tuition assistance. As of 6/30/2020 pledge payments totaled \$234,400 with six months remaining in the pledge payment period.

ANNUAL GIFTS

Scotus received annual gifts between 7/1/2019 and 6/30/2020 totaling \$120,496.00. \$13,628.00 was directed to the endowment including funds to establish the Leonard & Cec Feehan Family scholarship. Other donations included: \$49,955 for the STEAM program, \$10,488 for annually funded scholarships, \$17,800.00 for the general fund, \$10,000 for a future capital improvement, \$5,760 for faculty/staff wish list items, \$600 for the fine and performing arts, \$5,190 for the athletic program, \$1,154 to support 3 planned gift life insurance policy's premium payments, \$5,396 for a bronze prayer box, \$425 for the digitizing of yearbook archives. (Figures do not include memorials received.)

With the fall of 2019 SEF 15 Extension fund drive, an annual appeal was not conducted in this fiscal year. The Shamrock Lottery had net proceeds of \$11,528.43 which was directed to the scholarship fund. The Gala dinner/auction net was \$180,401 including the donation back of \$12,000 from KC Council #938 who won the Gala Lottery. An additional \$26,103 in cash donations were also collected through the Gala to support the campus ministry program. The 7th annual Columbus Big Give was cancelled and the 13th annual Shamrock Open was postponed to July 25th in the next fiscal year. SEF 15 receipts in the fiscal year totaled \$109,627 and SEF 15 E receipts totaled \$206,446. On 6/30/20 and with 6 months remaining, SEF 15 receipts totaled \$1,120,006.

<u>2019-20 Gift Activity</u>	<u>Net Raised</u>
Columbus Big Give	\$ cancelled
Annual Fund Donations	\$ 120,496
Children's Scholarship Fund (For all 4 Catholic Schools)	\$ 17,337
Gala 2020 & Campus Ministry	\$ 206,504
SEF 15 Campaign (conclusion)	\$ 109,627
SEF 15 E (1st 6 months)	\$ 206,446
Memorials Received	\$ 28,206
Shamrock Lottery	\$ 11,528
Shamrock Open	\$ moved
Gifts directed to Endowment	\$ 35,985

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.

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 2019-2020 fiscal year! In addition to the list below we had many donations for the STEAM Lab, general fund, scholarships and specific programs at the school.

- Funding for campus ministry program and some updates in the ChapelGala 2020
- Began project to refinish chapel pews, add kneelers, new LED Lighting & carpeting in the ChapelDesignated Memorials
- Wrestling equipment donated for team practicesPrivate Donor
- Flooring in training room, girls locker room and new pickup for Maintenance to pull athletic and STEAM trailers and to clear parking lots of snowShamrock Open
- New exterior door to band roomAnnual Appeal 2018
- Tuition assistance scholarshipsShamrock Lottery
- 75 new Lenovos for student useFeik Endowed Fund
- Old oil tank removed on north side of the cafeteria.....Building Fund
- Boiler Repairs (\$10k).....Building Fund
- Painted Dowd Center & cafeteriaBuilding Fund
- Required modification of cafeteria kitchen drainsCafeteria Fund
- Coach bus repairs (\$10k).....Transportation Fund
- Activity Center gutters repaired.....Building Fund
- Refurbishing of Chemistry lab stations.....Shamrock Boosters
- Contributed \$335,000 in tuition assistanceSEF 15 Extension
- Contributed \$895,478 in tuition assistance.....Columbus parishes
- One new endowed scholarship and support for the CSF.....Community Support
- Digitize all school yearbook & newspaper archives.....Private Donors
- New bronze free-standing prayer box for the Chapel.....Class of 1999, KC Council 938, Shamrock Boosters

* Next year's 2020-2021 Annual Report will include a listing of all SEF 16 Supporters *

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- Construction continued on the new narthex, social hall and parking lots for St. Bonaventure Church across the street from Scotus. St. Bon's Masses were held at Scotus from July 13, 2019 to Christmas week and the parish's perpetual adoration also moved to the Scotus chapel where it remained. Student parking was not available on the parish campus for most of the school year. More importantly, this school year will always be known for the arrival of the COVID-19 pandemic. On March 16, 2020 the school was closed and on-site classes ended for the rest of the year. Teachers and students completed the semester using electronic platforms. All school activities were cancelled for the rest of the school year.
- During March and April the Scotus STEAM Lab and its director, Betsy Rall, used its 3D printers to create face shield frames for the local medical community. Scotus produced 14-16 frames daily. The project was in partnership with Behlen Mfg. Co., Central Community College, the Columbus Public Schools and the East Central District Health Department.
- Faculty and staff receiving years of service recognition this spring included: Laurie Hergott (5), Oliver Loseke (5), Jo Moody (5), Laura Salyard (5); Jeff Ohnoutka (15), Angie Rusher (15); Joan Lahm (25), Patti Salyard (25); and Cathy Podliska (30.)
- Scotus said farewell to four outstanding professionals at the end of the school year. Gail Bomar retired after teaching Spanish for 12 years, Julie Blaser retired with 29 years of teaching Mathematics and Pam Weir retired after serving 21 years as guidance counselor. In addition, after teaching at Scotus for 11 years, Wade Coulter accepted a position at Lincoln Lutheran to be the girls head basketball coach.
- 71 Scotus **yearbooks** for the years 1949-2019 were digitally scanned and loaded on one DVD at no cost to Scotus. The company that did the work is American Digital Memories, LLC of the Oklahoma Correctional Industries. The company also digitized all of the school newspapers from 1936 to the present day for \$823.00.
- The **12th annual alumni/nae soccer tournament** was held on August 2-3, 2019 with 150 players in the men's and women's divisions. The **37th annual alumni/nae basketball tournament**, scheduled for March 20-21, 2020 was cancelled.
- **Campus ministry.** In response to not having a campus minister, Scotus created the Rock Talk program. This program, based on the idea of small group evangelization, divided all of the students into groups of 7-8 with two adult volunteers assigned to each group. Once a month the groups met to discuss the Gospel for that week and how it could apply to their lives. With more than 90 adult volunteers, the program also built a spirit of community that everyone enjoyed. Also, in the junior and senior classes, Scotus had five Archdiocesan mandated lectors and nine EMHC. And in the summer of 2019, ninety Scotus students traveled to Missouri for the annual Steubenville Conference. During the school year, Mass was offered on Tuesdays and Fridays each week in the school chapel at 7:20 a.m. and students led the Divine Mercy Chaplet on Thursdays at 7:20 a.m. in the chapel.
- The **girls' golf** team finished as district champions and qualified as a team for state in Class C. At state the team finished 10th overall and McKenzie Enderlin finished 14th individually.
- Both the girls and boys **cross country teams** finished district competition as runners up and qualified for the state competition. The girls were led by Olivia Fehringer's 3rd place finish and the boys' top finisher was Michael Gasper who placed 6th. The Scotus girls cross country team finished in 3rd as a team in the Class C Nebraska State Meet. Olivia Fehringer was a medalist finishing in 15th place. The Scotus boys cross country team finished 9th as a team at state.
- The Shamrock **football team** finished with an 8-3 record that included a district runner-up honor and a spot in the Class C1 playoffs. The team was defeated by eventual C1 champion Wahoo in the quarterfinals.

Named to the All District team in football were: seniors Tyler Palmer, Eric Mustard, Evan Hand, Levi Robertson, and Dalton Borchers; and sophomore Garrett Oakley. Honorable mention: juniors Alex Novicki, Evan Bock, Kade Wiese and senior Kaleb Wiese. The Shamrocks finished in 10th place in the Lincoln Journal Star's final football ratings for Class C-1 (7th place in the OWH rankings.)

- The **volleyball team** finished with a 16-11 record, finished 6th in the Centennial Conference and lost to Lakeview in the first round of sub-districts. Receiving All Conference recognition in volleyball were seniors Amber Buhman and Chloe Odbert. Honorable mention: senior Lauren Ostdiek, and sophomore Kate Maguire
- Two senior Shamrock **wrestlers** qualified for state: 182-Evan Hand (30-10), and 132-Nick Taylor (23-7).
- In co-op sports with CHS, the **varsity softball team** featured four players from Scotus, while the JV team featured one. The varsity finished with a 4-29 record. The **boys' tennis team** featured three Scotus athletes: Adam Kamrath was a #1 single, Connor Wiehn was a #2 single and Drew VunCannon was a #2 doubles player. Participating on the **swim team** were eight members from Scotus. Senior Emily Miksch and junior Panachai (Big) Kongja both participated in the state meet. **Baseball and girls' tennis** were both canceled in the spring.



Fumigating the school became a common practice during the school year's fourth quarter and following summer due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- The **boys' basketball** team finished their season at 5-19. Honorable mention All-State: Josh Faust, Eric Mustard, Garrett Oakley. **Girls' basketball** finished with an 11-12 season with a loss at the sub-state final game. Camille Pelan and Kamryn Chohon were named to the All-State honorable mention team.
- **Spring sports cancelled** included: boys' golf, girls' tennis, track & field, soccer and baseball.
- The Scotus **marching band** received a Superior (1) rating at the Harvest of Harmony Parade in Grand Island and more than 900 guests were served at the 25th annual band dinner/concert in February. District Music was cancelled.
- The Scotus **robotics team** earned hardware at their first robotics competition. In the middle school division, Rocks 3 earned 1st place in Autonomous and Rocks White earned 2nd place in Autonomous. In the high school division, Rocks 1 earned 1st place in Autonomous.
- The **spring musical**, "Hello Dolly" was presented on February 14-16 with a cast and crew of 48 students. The production was directed by Laura Salyard and Andrea Lemmer.
- The **HOSA** State Leadership Conference was held virtually. The **State FBLA Leadership Conference** was cancelled.
- The **Scotus newspaper staff**, won a Cornhusker Award from the Nebraska High School Press Association for the school newspaper, "Rock Bottom". This is the highest award for journalistic excellence in high school publications. The yearbook received a superior rating.

- The Scotus **Journalism team** finished in 4th place at the Class B state competition. Seniors Amber Buhman and Kate Smith earned 1st place awards. Amber earned first place in the category of News/Feature Photography, while Kate earned first place in the category of Headline Writing. The Shamrocks are one of the smallest schools competing in Class B and in the last five years they have gained much respect finishing in first place (2018, 2017) and 3rd place (2019, 2016) and 4th place (2020.)
- The senior **Mock Trial** team finished in 3rd place at the State competition held in Lincoln on December 9-10. The team's only loss was to Creighton Prep who finished 2nd at state. Team members were: Amber Buhman, Rachael Lam, Brea Lassek, Emily Miksch, Chloe Odbert, Lauren Ostdiek, Kate Smith and Liza Zaruba. The Team's sponsor was Ms. Alison Timoney.
- The Scotus **One-Act team** finished in 5th place at Class B district competition under director Clyde Ericson.
- The Scotus **Dance team** finished in 6th place at the Nebraska State Cheer and Dance Championship.
- Competing at the 2020 state cheer competition, the **Shamrock cheer squad** finished 4th place in Game Day C1 and runner-up in Non-Tumbling C1.
- **Mr. Shamrock**, the annual Student Council food drive event for the Simon House was cancelled.
- The Shamrock **powerlifting team** won the Co-Ed State Championship for the second consecutive year in Class B. Both the boys and girls teams received runner-up trophies and Kade Wiese was named the meet's best boys lifter.
- With the pandemic, the athletic and honors award programs were postponed to the fall. However, seniors receiving honors were recognized through a virtual program. The 2020 Scotus Athletes of the Year and winners of the Hroza Family Scholarships were Chloe Odbert and Tyler Palmer. The Jim Puetz Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Kamryn Chohon and Josh Faust. Winners of the Babe Ruth Award were Samantha Tonniges and Antonio Chavez. Sertoma Athletes of the Year were Amber Buhman and Eric Mustard. KLIR Athletes of the Year were Chloe Odbert and Tyler Palmer. Shamrock Club scholarship winners were Makenzie Enderlin and Evan Hand. Lifters of the Year were: Amber Buhman, Chloe Odbert and Tyler Palmer. Receiving the Eleanor M. Loshbaugh Scholarship was Camille Pelan. Gene G Witt Scholarship winners were: Brea Lassek cc, Tyler Vaught cc, Liza Zaruba tr, Cole Demuth tr. Awarded the Jeff Podraza Scholarship: Kade Wiese. Chip Kaup Scholarship winners were: Samantha Tonniges and Tyler Vaught. There were 3 new inductees to the Shamrock Athletic Hall of Fame: Ted Wemhoff (booster), Eugene "Geno" Williams (booster) and Monica Boeding '10 (athlete).
- 39 Scotus students along with faculty and parent sponsors participated in the **March for Life** in Washington, DC.
- The NSAA Academic All-State honorees for the 2019 fall season were: Golf - Alaina Dierman, MaKenzie Enderlin; Cross Country - Michael Gasper, Ben Juarez, Brea Lassek, Liza Zaruba; Tennis - Drew VunCannon; Softball - Kate Smith; Volleyball - Amber Buhman, Chloe Odbert; Football - Eric Mustard, Tyler Palmer; Play Production - Maddie Blaser, Clarissa Kosch. Academic All-State honorees for the winter season included: boys' basketball - Josh Faust, Eric Mustard; girls' basketball - Amber Buhman, Camille Pelan; speech - Lauren Ostdiek, Maddie Blaser; wrestling - Ben Kamrath and swimming - Emily Miksch. Spring Academic All-State award winners were: Music - Debanhi Adame (band), Janae rusher (vocal); Journalism - Brea Lassek, Lauren Ostdiek; Baseball - Tyler Palmer; Golf - Josh Faust, Drew VunCannon; Soccer - Kamryn Chohon, Samantha Tonniges, Ross Thorson, Connor Wiehn; Track & Field - Amber Buhman, Liza Zaruba, Michael Gasper and Ben Juarez.

- The **speech team** was named the Centennial Conference Runners-Up. This is the first top two finish in our conference meet in 17 years. A state meet was not held.
- 26 students were inducted into the **National Honor Society**, bringing the Scotus membership total to 74 sophomores, juniors, and seniors.
- In February, Scotus hosted the 3rd and 4th graders from our three Catholic Elementary Schools who raised \$5,372.61 for the American Heart Association to fight heart disease.
- Scotus Central Catholic's NHS sponsored **Red Cross blood drive** was a success with 120 presenting donors, 95 whole blood units and 16 Power Red units for 111 total productive units collected—surpassing the school's goal of 109.
- The "Top Students" of the graduating class were Lauren Ostdiek and Drew VunCannon. Lauren was named to the All-State Omaha World-Herald Academic Team. Lauren was one of only nine students selected throughout Nebraska to be on the team; and she also was named to the All West Central Academic First Team. Lauren was a Senior Class Officer and NHS member. She was #1 in her class, a Believer & Achiever and she received National Merit commendation. Drew earned Academic All-Conference/All-State, and was an NHS member. He scored a composite ACT of 36 and was a National Merit Finalist. Drew helped pilot our school's new STEAM program, is in the top ten and received Honorable Mention to Omaha World Herald All Academic West-Central Team.
- Five other seniors were selected to the Omaha World Herald's Academic All-State Honorable Mention team: Amber Buhmen, Kyle Hiemer, Brea Lassek, Eric Mustard, and Liza Zaruba. To be selected to the honorable mention team, students had to be ranked either first or second in their class or have an ACT of 32 or higher or an SAT of 1450 or higher.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PROCESS 2019-2020

The 2019-20 school year brought a variety of unique challenges to our school. Due to the pandemic caused by COVID-19 the entire fourth quarter was spent utilizing E-Learning. The state of Nebraska issued directed health measures that closed our school building but allowed for us to still instruct our students online. Thankfully, our school had implemented a variety of blended learning techniques over the last few years. This made the transition to E-Learning a manageable situation. We use Microsoft Teams which allows the teachers to track student engagement and use a variety of techniques to get information to the students.

This year we also implemented our new small group evangelization project called Rock Talk. Every teacher and over sixty volunteers from the Catholic community came together once a month to engage our students in their faith. Surveys completed in March show the program was a huge success.

The school Writing Committee spent the school year developing a new writing across the curriculum plan for our school. This plan will continue to use the 6-trait writing system but will incorporate writing styles that will be geared toward the skills of each curriculum area. Our science and math departments will create more opportunities for our students to engage in technical writing pieces.

The school continued to provide professional development for our teachers in Danielson Instructional Model. The 2019-20 school year was our first year using this model. We continue to partner with Educational Service Unit 7 and Sue Presler from the Danielson group to provide these sessions.

2020 AWARDED ENDOWED AND ANNUALLY FUNDED SCHOLARSHIPS

Named as recipients of endowed scholarships were:

Louis & Elaine Buggi Memorial Scholarships (Evan Casperson, Helene Chard, Summer Ganskow, Issac Jimenez)
Manny & Millie Cimpl Family Scholarship (Anna Ehlers)
Marilyn Gangel Scholarship (Chris Adame)
Sheridan Gladfelter Memorial Scholarship (Dominic McPhillips)
Lee & Shirley Hroza Family Scholarships (Chloe Odbert, Tyler Palmer)
Kevin & Jacqueline Ingemansen Family Scholarship (Nick Ehlers, Kavon Splittgerber)
Eleanor M Loshbaugh Memorial Scholarship (Camille Pelan)
George & Jeanette Maguire Memorial Scholarship (Patrick Cieloha)
Fr. Price Memorial Scholarships (Lily Dohmen, Evan Jelinek, Becky Policky, Addison Schoenfelder, Quinn VunCannon, Myles McGannon, Adelaide O'Neill)
Jim Puetz Scholarship (Kamryn Chohon, Josh Faust)
Scotus Music Scholarships (Ben Juarez, Cassie Kouma, Maddie Blaser)
Debbie Zuerlein Schraer Memorial Scholarship (Tyler Stuart)
Helen Shadle Scholarship (Tim Ehlers)
Don & Joan Sokol Scholarship (Kyanne Casperson)
Marvin & Marlene Styskal Family Scholarship (Ruby Martinez)
Kathryn Kuta Sweenie Humanitarian Award (Henry Chard)
Duane Swoboda Memorial Scholarship (Eric Mustard)
Gene G Witt Memorial Scholarships (cc Brea Lassek, cc Tyler Vaught; tr Liza Zaruba, tr Cole Demuth)

Named as recipients of annually funded scholarships were:

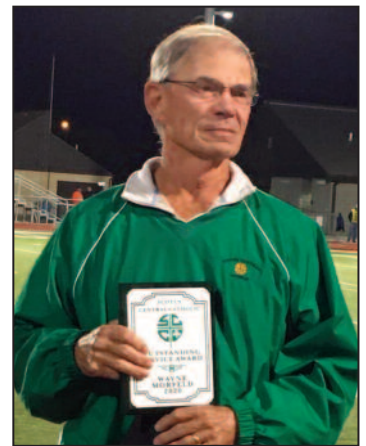
David & Norma Duren Scholarship (Avery Dierman, Alaina Dierman, Alexandra Chavez, Lily Dohmen)
Duren Mathematics Excellence Award (Jin Lin Yang)
Erna Badstieber Scholarship (Debanhi Adame, Sarah Bichlmeier, Dalton Borchers, Evan Hand, Brea Lassek)
Leonard & Cec Feehan Family Scholarship (Adriana Cieloha)
Lynette Topinka Goins Memorial Scholarships (Chris Adame, Kyanne Casperson)
Genevise Wieser Hayden Vocal Music Scholarship (Noah Korth, Luke Przymus)
Kevin & Jacqueline Ingemansen Family Scholarship (Lola Doerneman)
Nebraska Centennial Conference Scholarship (Lauren Ostdiek)
Jeff Podraza Memorial Scholarship (Kade Wiese)
LaVern Mroczek Memorial Scholarship (Brett Belzer)
Pyramid of Success Scholarship (Emiliano Rodriguez, Adam Quinn, Erick Dimas, Katie Nelsen)
Shamrock Club Scholarship (Makenzie Enderlin, Evan Hand)
Dean Soulliere Family Scholarship (Berlin Kluever, Alex Novicki)
Student Council Scholarships (Tony Chavez, Brea Lassek, Liza Zaruba)
Scotus Teachers Organization Scholarship (McKenna Hoefer)
Curt Tenopir Memorial Scholarship (Luke Chard)
Jeff Van Lent (Maddie Blaser)

Other local scholarships and recipients:

Behlen Mfg Co Scholarship (Tim Ehlers)
Central Community College Scholarships (Tim Ehlers, McKenna Hoefer, Chloe Odbert, Jaycee Ternus)
Columbus Sertoma Club (Brea Lassek)
Columbus United Federal Credit Union (Jaycee Ternus)
Cornerstone Bank Scholarship (Emily Miksch)
William & Barbara Gerhold Scholarship (Makenzie Enderlin)
Chip Kaup (Tyler Vaught, Samantha Tonniges)
Lion's Club Scholarship (Jaycee Ternus)
Loup Public Power (Dalton Borchers)
Charles & Myrna Meyer Memorial (Dalton Borchers)
Optimist Scholarship (Lauren Ostdiek)
Platte County Ag Society Scholarship (Jaycee Ternus)
Robert & Verdella Emerson Scholarship (Debanhi Adame-Hernandez)
Noon Rotary Scholarship (Cole Demuth)



Breana Lassek was recognized as the 2020 Spirit of Scotus Award winner. She is the daughter of Jeff & Kerry Jo (Robak '92) Lassek.



Former Scotus president and principal, Wayne Morfeld, was the 2020 winner of the Scotus Central Catholic Outstanding Service Award.



Inducted into the Shamrock Athletic Hall of Fame were: l-r; Eugene "Geno" Williams, Monica Boeding '10 and Ted Wemhoff. And with our Hall of Famers are the The 21st annual Alumni of the Year award winners: l-r; Nick Puetz '97 and Joe Puetz '01.



The recipient of the 22nd annual William and Barbara Gerhold Family Teacher of the Year Award for a Columbus Catholic schools teacher was Lynn Harsh, a 4th grade teacher at St. Isidore School. Shown with Lynn are friends of the Gerhold family, Mike & Nancy Munson.



Rock talk study group discussing the week's Gospel message.