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SEF 15 is Here!

The fifteenth edition of the Scotus Education Fund drive is now underway and your support will be crucial to the campaign's success! Since 1970 Scotus has conducted SEF drives to primarily support tuition assistance—keeping the cost of tuition as low as possible for our school families. And in recent campaigns the school has incorporated a capital improvement component to further engage our supporters. This year we hope to enlist pledges to pay for the hard surfacing of the new north parking lot and to pay off the school's remaining debt for the 2008 locker room remodel and installation of a chiller for classroom air conditioning.

The SEF 15 goals are:

\$ 975,000	Tuition Assistance for students next 3 school years
\$ 135,000	HVAC Loan Payments for next 3 school years
\$ 125,000	Hard-surface new north parking lot for students <i>(requested by city and certainly a safety & aesthetic enhancement)</i>
\$ 50,000	Anticipated Pledge Cancels
\$ 10,000	Campaign Expenses
\$1,295,000	Campaign Goal

As of October 20, 2016 pledges to SEF 15 totaled \$699,617 or 54% of the goal. Thank you!

We are also very grateful for the wonderful response to the SEF 14 campaign which concludes next month. With about two months remaining in the drive's pledge payment period, Scotus has received \$1,169,426 of the campaign's \$1,330,921 pledge total. Through SEF 14, Scotus installed new bleachers in the Dowd Center, opened a portion of the new north parking lot for students, made payments on the school's HVAC loan and provided \$900,000 in tuition assistance to students during the last three school years.

We still need your support to reach our SEF 15 goal! Thank you for investing in your alma mater and in the Catholic education of Scotus students!



The long-awaited book chronicling the athletic history and tradition of the Shamrocks is coming! Mark Kurtenbach and John Kopetzky, members of the Scotus class of 1980, have edited a book "I Played For Scotus" which will be available soon.

The book chronicles the history of St. Bonaventure and Scotus athletics as told by the players, coaches, and boosters. Stories, records, and photos are featured in the book as more than 70 players and coaches reflect on their days as a Shamrock. Shamrocks from the 1940s through 2016 are featured.

Forty-three times in the past eighty-five years, the Shamrocks of St. Bonaventure and Scotus Central Catholic have captured State Championships in both boys and girls sports. There have been innumerable district and conference titles and monumental victories on the biggest stages in Nebraska high school sports. There have been All-State players, Shamrocks who went on to collegiate glory and careers in professional sports, hall of famers, and coaches who are among the legendary names in the annals of Nebraska prep sports.

This is the story of the Shamrocks ... by the Shamrocks.

Stay tuned to the Alumni Newsletter and the Scotus Facebook page for more information on how to place an order to get your copy!

Mark Your Calendars!

The 36th annual Gala dinner/auction will be held on Saturday, April 1, 2017. The 2017 Gala co-chairs are: Craig & Kathy Enderlin, Bryan '87 & Lisa Ternus and Aaron & Shannon Kosch. The 2017 vice-chairs include: Kevin & Heather Bridger, Chris & Cathy (Avery '97) Hutchinson and Bill & Michell Ruskamp. If you would like to participate by donating an item for the silent or oral auctions, volunteer to help, or if you wish to receive an invitation to attend please contact our co-chairs, vice-chairs or Janice Rosenquist in the Scotus development office: or 402-564- 7165 ext. 154 or jrosenquist@scotuscc.org. Proceeds from the event are used to balance the school's annual budget.

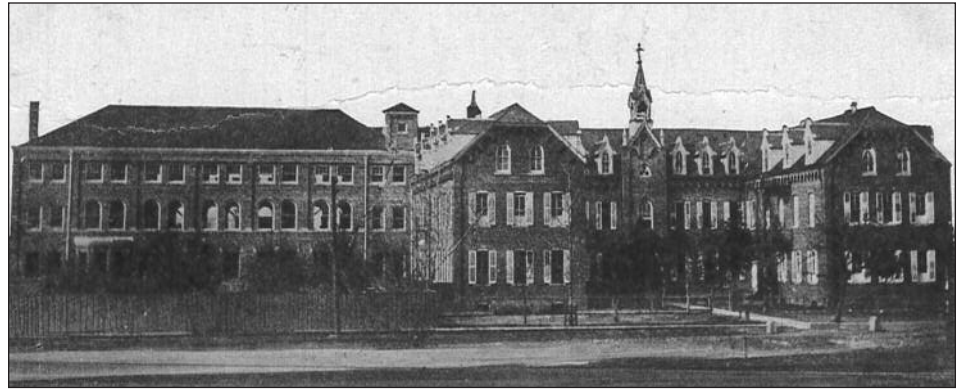
Origin of the Shamrock Mascot

Over the years, Scotus teams have been referred to as the “Bonnies”, “Irish”, and “Shamrocks.” Just what are the roots for these names?

Scotus Central Catholic High School was originally named St. Francis Academy from 1884 to 1925. The school was named after the founder of the Franciscan Order, St. Francis of Assisi. Then St. Bonaventure Church purchased the school in 1925 and the name was changed to St. Bonaventure HS. St. Bonaventure is considered to have been the second most influential leader of the Franciscan Order and the school held that name until 1965 when a corporation was formed with nine parishes to support the school. That same year the school was renamed “Scotus Central Catholic High School” (named after the third most influential member of the Franciscans, Blessed John Duns Scotus) and since then that has been the school’s name. During the period of time when the school was St. Bonaventure, the name “Bonnies” was often used to refer to athletic teams.

In 1931, organized athletics began at the school. The following story is taken from the St. Bonaventure Parish 100th anniversary yearbook, published in 1977:

“Organized athletic activity at Scotus had its origins in 1931 when a basketball team representing St. Bonaventure HS participated in a YMCA league. The team competed wearing “Tooley Drug Co.” on their suits because the school’s finances did not permit allowances for athletic equipment. But the suits were green and white, and so the school



St. Francis Academy circa 1910.

colors were established. The name, “Shamrocks” derived from this first team also. The regular players were Francis and Clarence Morgan, Raymond Efting, Joe Bowe, Jack and Larry Byrnes and Clarence Curl. Since Irish ancestry predominated, the reference to the “Irish” was a natural.”

A formal athletic program began in 1936 with Coach “Dutch” Ernst who volunteered his services to be the first head coach of the school’s basketball team. From other documents, such as the school newspaper, we understand coach Ernst once again asked Tooley Drug for help to secure team uniforms. Tooley Drug was able to secure “new” used uniforms that were from Notre Dame University and these uniforms also had the green and white colors used by the YMCA league team. (Over the years Notre Dame experimented with green and white colors on uniforms but more often has used Navy blue and gold.) In 1941, 6-man football and boys track began and teams were referred to as the Bonnie’s, Irish and occasionally

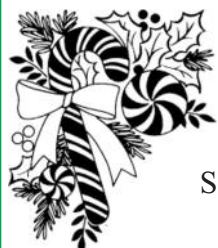
Shamrocks from that point on. In the 1960’s and especially after the school name change, references to Shamrocks seems to have been the exclusive “mascot” name used by the school.

Today the school colors are Kelly Green and White (this goes back beyond our longest serving staff members who came on board in the mid-1960s.) The exact choice of Kelly Green cannot be verified but Kelly Green is often associated with Ireland and its first known use was circa 1927. The Irish connection with Kelly Green certainly relates to the school’s mascot name, “Shamrocks.”

Blessed John Duns Scotus was born in Scotland and not Ireland, so there is no direct relationship to “Shamrocks” as some people have speculated, with our school’s patron.

Irish, Bonnie’s or Shamrocks all represent a storied tradition of effort and accomplishment for our school’s athletic programs. And this article will close with a familiar modern day chant,

“Go Rocks!”



SCOTUS CHRISTMAS CRAFT & GIFT BOUTIQUE

Sunday, December 4, 2016

Scotus Central Catholic High School

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Adults \$4.00 ~ Grades 1-6 \$2.00

More than 100 tables of crafts and beautiful gifts!

Co-chairs for the event are: Susie Hand, Lois Thalken, Deb Ohnoutka, and Elaine Zoucha

All proceeds go to Scotus Central Catholic.

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or contact: scotuscraftboutique@gmail.com.



Charitable IRA Rollover

On December 18, 2015 the President signed a bill retroactively reinstating the Charitable IRA Rollover provision for all of 2015 and removing any expiration date on the provision, thereby permanently extending the Charitable IRA Rollover into the future. This law allows an individual who is 70½ or older to gift up to \$100,000 from his or her IRA directly to a qualified charity such as Scotus Central Catholic High School without having to recognize the IRA distribution as taxable income.

Here and There...

-- Tell us What's Happening in Your Life!

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INA CLAIRE FRISCHHOLZ '50 – had her first book recently released by Christian Faith Publishing Inc. “Salty’s Big Adventure” is a children’s illustrated book based on a puppet Ina used in the classroom while teaching first grade for thirty-eight years at Robbins Elementary School in Omaha NE. The book shares a Christmas-themed story of a stick puppet named “Salty” who discovers his purpose in life through the help of Santa Claus. The puppet was named after Salzburg, Austria where Ina actually purchased the puppet. The 83-year-old Shamrock was thrilled to kick off her new career as an author and she conducted her first book signing at Pioneer Plaza in Columbus on September 24th. “Salty’s Big Adventure” is also available for purchase on-line.

DAVID CIMPL '76 – was selected by the Kansas City Business Journal as a 2016 “CFO of the Year” awardee at a June 9th luncheon in Overland Park, KS. Financial executives were selected based on their contributions to the success of area companies and nonprofit organizations. A panel of independent judges chose this year's honorees based on their role within the company as well as the community. David is CFO for MMC Corporation, Overland Park, which is an employee-owned commercial construction company providing general, mechanical and electrical construction nation-wide. He oversees accounting and financial reporting for all company stakeholders, manages treasury activities, insurance programs and key benefit plans and serves on MMC’s executive committee. The company has 1,350 employees and Mr. Cimpl has been with MMC Corp. for nearly sixteen years.

KAREN (SOULLIERE) VAN DYKE '84 – was recognized by Creighton University’s Heider College of Business as this year’s recipient of the Alumni Merit Award. Karen earned a B.S. degree in business administration from CU in 1988 and spent some time working for Union Pacific Railroad and in a consulting business at home before founding with her husband Greg '83, Educate Uganda, a nonprofit organization focused on providing education opportunities in the town of Nkokonieru, Uganda. Her work involves providing financial support for teachers, basic school supplies and fees for students to attend school along with the construction of classrooms, housing for teachers, latrines and water tanks. Alumni Merit Award recipients are selected based on their service to the university and their community in a way that reflects Creighton’s mission and values.

AMY (HEFTI) SOKOL '87 – was one of eight individuals honored at the 39th Annual Archbishop’s Dinner for Education on September 29th in Omaha. Selected as an

Elementary Educator of the Year by the Archdiocese of Omaha, Amy also received a \$5,000 gift which she intends to use to pursue a second Master’s degree in principleship—complementing her other Master’s in curriculum and instruction. Amy is presently in her 26th year of teaching at St. Anthony School in Columbus and is currently a 2nd grade teacher as well as the school’s head teacher. Proceeds from the Archbishop’s Dinner for Education are used to both provide the monetary gift to each 2016 honoree and to fund scholarships for families who are in need.

DR. JEWELIA (GRENNAN) WAGNER '99 – is a finalist in the 2016 Minnesota Business Leaders in Health Care Awards from Minnesota Business magazine. The annual awards recognize individuals and companies that have supported and accelerated the regional health care industry through business growth in the medical field, corporate philanthropy and workplace innovations. Dr. Wagner practices medicine at Clinic Sofia which has two locations: Edina, MN and Maple Grove, MN.

Scotus 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.

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Cellular Cup. Scotus received the 2015-16 Class C All-School Division & Class C Boys Division NSAA Cups!

Alumni/Alumnae Soccer Tourney



The 2016 Scotus Alumni/Alumnae Soccer Tournament was held on August 5-6, 2016, at the Warren & Shirley McLaughlin Activity Field. More than 140 players participated in this year's tournament, making for another successful weekend of Shamrocks celebrating the storied tradition of Scotus athletics. The tournament was filled with highly competitive games in the men's and women's divisions. In the Green Division, the team of 1998-00 repeated as tournament champions defeating the class of 2016 in the championship game by a score of 3-2. In the Gold Division, the class of 2007 went undefeated to claim the championship; and in the women's division, the team comprised of players from 1994-2002 went 3-0. The weekend wrapped up with a social gathering at Sahara Lounge. The tournament was sponsored by Evan Trofholz Grounds Care (Evan Trofholz '98) and Jeff Thiele '81 and his Sahara Lounge staff. We look forward to the 2017 tournament which will be held on August 4 and 5, 2017. If you would like to be part of this great weekend, please contact either the boys' soccer coach Jon Brezenski '98 or girls' soccer coach Kristie (Korth) Brezenski '98. BELIEVE



Gold Division Champions - Class of 2007 with Brian Ackman '10. Front row, l-r: Brian Ackman, Danny Zach, Ryan Rosenquist. Back row, l-r: Paul Mlinar, Kyle Mroczek, Scott Ackman, Scott Jarecke, Danny Johnson and Travis Wieser.



Green Division Champions - 1998-2000. Front row, l-r: Jason Herdzina, Justin Fry, Evan Trofholz, Sean Mohatt, Scott Kuehler, Jon Brezenski. Back row, l-r: Robbie Diederich, Matt Mroczek, Joe Citta, Tom Rogers, Adam Cieloha, Shane Kudron and Troy Van Dyke.



Womens' Champions - Classes of 1994-2002. Front row, l-r: Holly (Van Ackeren) Sutter '98, Jody (Eikmeier) Langan '97, Kristie (Korth) Brezenski '98, Katie (Korth) Severa '02. Back row, l-r: Jordan Irsik, Kara Kudron '98, Heather (Van Ackeren) Diederich '00, Kim (Codling) Brandenburg '94 and Angie Fehringer.

Reunions

Class of 1967. 50-Year Reunion. The Class of 1967's 50th reunion is set for September 1, 2 and 3, 2017. For more information or to provide input to the planning committee, contact: Peg (Starostka) Pfeifer, pfeif67@hotmail.com or Gene Konwinski, gkonwinski@cox.net.



Class of 1959

The Class of 1959 had such a good time at their 55th reunion, they decided to enjoy a 57th reunion this past September. Attending were: back row, l-r: Bill & Joyce Schuele, Rich Morgan, Bob Hanke, Walt Niedbalski, Frances Sleddens, Ron Jonas, Lenore Pokorny, Dick Podraza, Paul Kudron; Front Row, l-r: Kenny Soulliere, Betty Weis, Carolyn Cielocha and Cathy Placzek.



Class of 1966

The Scotus Class of 1966 celebrated their 50th year reunion on Labor Day weekend. Friday evening was at Wunderlich's with a social hour followed by a dinner. Saturday evening everyone gathered for social hour and hors d'oeuvres with entertainment by Freedom Road Band. It was a great weekend with a great turn out. Those attending from Scotus: Ed Beller, Bruce Breitreutz, Bill Bird, Joan (Coufal) Willis, Cindy Crebbin, Larry Czapl, Gary Ebel, Larry Ernst, Charlene (Gerber) Helgoth, Mark German, Marianne (Gregorius) Neater, Ken Greiner, Patti (Higgins) Puetz, Mike Honke, Lois (Irwin) Skalak, Rolyn Kafka, Maureen (Kavanaugh) Konwinski, Joe Kneifel, Alice (Kudron) Kobza, Barb (Luton) Boos, Mary Kay (Maguire) Egger, Joyce (Massman) Augustine, Peggy (Michaelsen) Wine, Marilyn (Micek) Bettenhausen, Marilyn (Mimick) Engelker, Myra (Olk) Obrist, Matti (Paprocki) Caldwell, Theresa (Paprocki) Noel, Tim Preister, Dave Riley, Dave Robak, Kitty (Schneider) Heimann, John Shank, Mary Carol (Smaus) Mustard, Roger Soukup, Linda (Sova) Vondra, Rich Vondra, Louise (Starzec) Bridges, John Steiner, Dianne (Thiele) Dallman, Tim Wiese, Tony Zabawa and special guest, coach Pat Kietges.



Class of 1976

The Class of 1976 held their 40th reunion on August 5th and 6th –coordinating with the CHS class of 1976's reunion. On Saturday evening the class gathered at Boulevard Lanes for more reminiscing and catching up, while listening to classmate, Greg Voboril and his band Hard Knox. Shown front row, l-r: Frank Robak, Greg Voboril, Katrina (Tarnick) Spies, Nancy (Kennedy) Koch, Carol (Bosak) Nelson, Susie (Mrzlak) Melliger, Kristi (Swanson) Yungdahl, Kathy (Korger) Bonk, Al Wunderlich; second row, l-r: Mark Niedbalski, Paula (Slusarski) Kelly, Diane (Van Lent) Bedenkop, Maureen (McNair) Robertson, Fritz Gerber, Fred Spies, Tom Sobotka; back row, l-r: Alan Beiermann; Tim Kelly and Dan Martin.



Class of 2006

Attending their 10-year reunion early this fall were these members of the Class of 2006, back row, l-r: Austin Zach, Chad Jochum, Matt Raimondo, Sarah (Marik) Smith, Jim Rawhouser, Jamie (Tooley) Heine, Kristina (Flint) Ramaekers, Zach Ramaekers, Pat Morrison, Stephanie (Levos) Johnson, Josh Smith, Justin McPhillips and Ben Svatora. Front row, l-r: Katie (Klimes) McPhillips, Lauren (Jablonski) Hogue, Kim (Whalen) Smith, Jen Haney, Amy (Frauendorfer) Soulliere, Melissa (Steiner) Zach, Stephanie (Laudenklos) Giese, Kendall (Backman) Roewert. Not pictured but who attended the reunion: Kyle Clarey and Shayla (Christiansen) Long.

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Worth Noting

- Tate VunCannon, a senior at Scotus was named a Commended Student in the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program, a recognition earned by about 34,000 students throughout the nation, or less than 5 percent of the 1.6 million students who entered the 2017 competition by taking the 2015 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). Tate is the son of Mike and Jenni (Styskal '92) VunCannon of Columbus.
- Scotus junior, Trevor Kaslon, will be one of 29 4-H members representing Nebraska at the National 4-H Congress this November in Atlanta. Trevor will represent more than 120,000 Nebraska youth participating in the 4-H program; and the conference involves more than 1,200 4-H members from across the country. Representatives are selected based on their accomplishments in a specific curriculum area and in community involvement. Trevor is the son of Keith and Lisa Kaslon of Columbus.
- The girls' golf team under coach Tanya Niedbalski won the C-2 District Tournament at Quail Run Golf course. Medalists for Scotus were Emerson Belitz (2nd), Kaitlyn Enderlin (3rd) and Kendra Wiese (6th.) Other team members were Emily Carstens and Maddie Neville. At the state golf tourney, Emerson Belitz medaled individually at 13th place and the team finished in 9th place.
- Scotus has eight international students this fall representing China (4), Brazil (2), Spain (1) and Vietnam (1).
- Five new teachers joined the faculty ranks at Scotus this fall. Mrs. Helen Schumacher brings two years of teaching experience and is teaching junior and 8th grade English. First-time teachers include: Ms. Melanie Mimick (9th grade English, Speech and Beginning Communications); Ms. Alison Timoney (Math 7 and Algebra II); Zach McPhillips (Geometry, Algebra and 7th grade P.E.) and Bridget McPhillips (Earth Science and Physical Science.)

• The Scotus boys and girls cross-country teams swept the district titles and all five top runners on each team were medalists. Senior Nathan Ostdiek won the boys race. Elliot Thomazin captured 3rd place, Tyler Vaught was 9th, Nathan Hiemer finished at 10th, Cody Mroczek finished in 13th place and Nathan Schumacher was 19th. Brea Lassek was the top runner for the girls finishing 3rd, Kelsey Faust placed at 5th, Samantha Tonniges was 8th, Liza Zaruba was 12th and Kaylee Tonniges was at 15th place. Both teams qualified for the state meet.

• Matt Hoenk and Brady Miller both competed on the CHS tennis team at the state Class A championships.

• The 47-member Scotus senior high marching band participated in three parades this fall: marching in the Columbus Days Parade, and receiving a superior rating at the Harvest of Harmony parade in Grand Island and a superior rating and first place trophy for their division in the Norfolk parade. The seventy-one member junior high band also marched in Norfolk and placed third in their division.

• Several Scotus students have enjoyed success in competitions with their horses. Sophomore Bailey Lehr won the Clearwater Rodeo this past summer and was named the Rodeo Queen. Lehr has also won at the National Nebraska Barrel Horse competitions, American Quarter Horse Association competitions and many 4-H competitions. Eighth grader Oliva Klug also has many horse competition awards including this year's third place finish in English Pleasure at the state horse show and first place in overall youth at a reining show in Kansas. Junior Ellie Bock has had success with her horses and is a two-time grand champion at the Denver Stock Show, placed fourth in the world in showmanship, placed 7th in the world in western pleasure, was Zone Three champion in western pleasure and was a reserve grand champion at the Color Breed Congress in Tulsa, OK. Junior Jadyn Taylor also has many first place finishes in horse competitions. [source: October edition of Scotus Central Catholic's Rock Bottom, Eastyn Klink reporting.]

Memorials

(Received between 7/20/2016 and 10/20/2016)

Don Baumert '49

Rosella Kush Santopietro

Joe Blahak '69

MM Dave Melliger

Rita (Shadle) Bosler '65

Coni Dowd-Molvig

Roger Bredahl

MM Ken Ebal

Millie Eckholt

LuAnn Warth

Deceased Members of the Class of 1951

Herman Blahak

Carroll Ebner

Luella Ernst

Millie Korgor

Ted Niedbalski

Mildred Honke

MM James Babel

MM Mike Dozier

MM Duane Hodge

MM Terry Honke

MM Mike Houke

MM John Petersen

Family & Friends

Marianne Lange

MM Gene Trouba

Leonard Martin

MM Dave Zabawa

Michael McGill

MM Gary Puetz

Margaret Miksch '70

MM Boyd Jones

Family & Friends

LaVern Mroczek

MM Rodney Fuhr

MM Chuck Gonka

MM Rich Jablonski

MM Gregg Melliger

MM Al Niedbalski

MM Bryan Ternus

MM Tim Tooley

MM Gene Trouba

Loretta Paprocki

MM Ron Paproski

Louise Bridges

Tom Podraza

Jacqueline Borer

Louise Bridges

Evangeline Chlopek

MM Tom Hajek

MM Paul Kudron

MM Sam Proski

MM Larry Sleddens

Julie Pontow

MM Larry Sleddens

Linda Whitehead

Bob Raitt

MM Dean Soulliere

Gloria (Nosal) Schaefer '50

MM Dennis Dowd

Evelyn Schmidt

Evangeline Chlopek

William Sleddens

MM Larry Sleddens

Mary Ellen (Clark) Tucker '49

Rosella Santopietro

Tom Walding

MM Michael Kaup

MM Duane Ostdiek

Erwin "Erv" Wieser

MM Edward Brezenski

Janet Brezinski

MM Dennis Dowd

MM Tim Harrington

MM Paul Jazwick

MM Duane Johnson

MM Boyd Jones

Gene Konwinski

MM Dan Kruse

MM Pat Novicki

MM Ron Pinger

MM Jeff Schumacher

MM Larry Sleddens

MM Fred Spies

MM Tim Tooley

MM Greg Van Dyke

MM Tom Zabawa

Friends & Family

Sandra Williams '51

Evangeline Chlopek

Carroll Ebner

Class of 1951



In Sympathy

We extend our sincere sympathy to the families of the following deceased alumni, alumnae and friends of Scotus Central Catholic.

Vernetta (Schroeder) Bailey-Heckman '40 – survived by her daughter, Carol (Norm) DuBane; three grandchildren; one step-granddaughter; six great-grandchildren; and one step-great-grandchild.

Raymond Berger – survived by his wife, Rita (Schmid '51); sisters-in law, Dona Ridenour, Anna Mae Ridenour, Shirley Schmid; brother-in-law, Robert '55 (Joyce) Schmid; special friends Kristy (Lyle '82) Kobus, Kristen (Terry) Topil; and many nieces and nephews.

Roger Bredahl – survived by his wife, Maxine; daughters, Sharon (Greg) Aerts, Dawn '82 (Mike) Olson; son, Carl (Kathy); seven grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren.

Romaine German – survived by daughters Linda Aerni '65, Susan Gonka '69, Barb '73 (Dave) Rich; sons Bill (Colleen), Dick (Sue), Terry, Todd, Dan (Cheryl); special son Louie Cattau; sisters, Donn Sock, Marilyn (Cliff) Shotkoski; twenty-one grandchildren and thirty-five great-grandchildren.

Patricia (Jarecki) Gomes '42 – survived by Family and Friends.

Emersyn Heimann – infant daughter, survived by parents, Dominic '04 and Kimberly; brother, Myles; grandparents, Patty and Mark Brown, Julie and John '78 Heimann; great-grandparents, Clara and Harvey Dunn, Ed and Joan Heimann; aunts and uncles, Kami Foster, Keri (Eric) Underwood, Kristi (Joe) Forte, Tyler (Kelsey) Brown, Phil '01 (Kelsey) Heimann; and nine cousins.

Mildred Honke – survived by daughter, Vicki (Duane) Hodge; sons, Michael '66 (Martha), Terry '73 (Connie); eight grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Donald Loeffler – survived by sisters, Carolyn Drelicharz, Geraldine Proski, Donna Dischner, Rosalie (Marvin) Peterson, Della Loeffler, and Maxine '72 Amen; and many nieces and nephews.

LaVern Mroczek – survived by his wife, Phyllis; daughters, Linda (Paul) Younes, Lori (Gary) Eurek, Diane (Rick) Bell; sons Donald (Karen Gdowski '73), David (Cheryl); sisters, Marian (Jim) Palu, Pat (Don) Arnold, Jan (Greg) Jelden; brothers, Tom, Ron (Peg); sister-in-law, Marge Mroczek; twenty grandchildren; eighteen great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Blanche (Bernt) Novotny – survived by daughters, Darlene '69 (Jay) Wemhoff, Debbie '73 (John) Dunn, Denise (Roger) Klitz, Donna (Marlyn) Beisner; son, Richard '62 (Maggie); son-in-law, Rudy Studnicka; daughter-in-law, Patricia Novotny; sisters, Rita Barber, Alice '48 (Bernt) Kuta; twenty-one grandchildren; thirty-two great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Thomas Podraza – survived by his wife, Mary Lou; sons, Gary (Kim), Donny (Pam), Jerry; son-in-law, Vince Paprocki, Terry O'Hearn '81; brother, Richard '59 (Delores); eleven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Carolyn (Clark) Rupprecht '57 – survived by her husband, Rex '49; daughters Deb (Dave) Peyton, Kath (Tom) Harmon, Joan (Mitch) Brouillette, Bonnie (Mark) Nightser, Jackie Rupprecht; sons, Jim (Kristin), Jeremy (Melissa); brother, John (Barb Wennekamp '67) Clark; twenty-two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Deborah (Zuerlein) Schraer '69 – survived by husband, Ronald; daughters, Mimosa (Robert) Flores, Amanda Lopez, Emily; sons, Adam (Vanessa), Erik (Jordan), Elliot; mother, Rosemary Zuerlein (Joe) Moore; sisters Connie '72 (Bruce) Schneider, Margaret "Peg" '75 (Tim) Graf, Mary '82 (Brad) Emanuel; brother, Peter '74 (Karen Wennekamp '74); ten grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Rosemary (Ramaekers) Siemek '50 – survived by daughter, Roxanne Croce; sons, Steven, Brian; sisters, Junella Wessel, Shirley Melady '54; and four grandchildren.

John "Jack" Sock – survived by his wife, Alberta (Cutsor '56); daughters, Shelly (Butch) Zelasney, Pam Cave, Lisa (Todd) Graham, Jackie (Kevin) Wieseman; son, Todd (Joan); sisters, Barbara Moore, Mary Ann Koziol '50; brothers Philip, Jerry; seventeen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Jeffrey Sohl – survived by his mother, Helen (Galley) Sohl '58; sisters, Joyce Elsner, Janice Sohl; brother, Jon; and many nieces, nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

Steven Wayne Spulak – survived by his wife, Lorie; daughters, Katie, Sarah (Jef) Dean, Shantel Slusarski, Anna (Zak) Davis, Renee (Eric) Butler; sons Richard, Tim (Alyssa), Shawn; brothers, Darrell '76 (Suzie Korger '77), Randy; stepfather, John Shannon; sisters-in-law Victoria (Roger) Gadsden, Cheryl (Jim) Vanande; eight grandchildren and many cousins, nieces, aunts and uncles.

Eugene Tworek '63 – survived by sisters, Mary (Keith) Wagner, Rose Ann (John '67) Buggi, Paulette Paprocki, Celeste Tworek; brothers, Virgil (Mary) Tworek-Hofstetter, Edward '64 (Jeanne), Stanley Jr (Connie); special friend, Cheryl Kenney; twenty-six nieces and nephews; and thirty-three great-nieces and great-nephews.

James Valasek – survived by his wife, Louise; daughters Jo (Pat) Langan, Karen, Teri Smith; sisters, Mary Ann Nowak, Catherine Bega, Barbara (Lambert) Torczon, Marie '55 (Richard) Nelson; eleven grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren.

Erwin "Erv" Wieser – survived by his wife, Joyce; daughters, Cathy (Dan '76) Martin, Jacki (Greg) Inman; sons, Randy '75 (Lora), Pat '80 (Janet), Mike '81 (Mary); sister, Henrietta (Dick) Zach; brothers, Arnold (Mary), Jim; sisters-in-law, Betty Wieser, Theresa Wieser; fourteen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Sandra (Mitera) Williams '51 – survived by daughters, Deborah (Dale) Hayes, Margaret "Peg" Janney '75; sons, David, Michael (Joan), Steven '81 (Denise); sister, Barbara '55 (John '55) Woerth; brother, James '62 (Mary Thompson '64) Mitera; twelve grandchildren and twenty-one great-grandchildren.



15th Biennial Alumnae Volleyball Tourney

The fifteenth biennial Shamrock Alumnae Volleyball Tournament will be held on Saturday, November 26, 2016. Registration deadline is November 1 in order to receive shorts

the day of the tourney and secure a spot on a team! All Scotus alumnae are welcome to register! Cost is \$35 (checks may be made out to: Scotus Alumnae Volleyball.) For information, go to the Scotus website: www.scotuscc.org and see the alumni information link under the development tab.

Dash for Christmas Cash Lottery

Please consider supporting the Dash for Christmas Cash Lottery! Our goal this year is to sell 1,700 tickets and raise a net of \$6,500 to support the purchase of classroom furnishings and teaching supplies for Scotus teachers. Ticket sales begin on November 8th and the main drawing will be held in the Scotus main office on December 6th. Winners will be announced just before the school day's closing bell. Ticket buyers do not have to be present to win. Lottery prizes will be: \$500 1st Prize, \$200 2nd, \$100 3rd, \$100 4th and \$100 5th.

Because of postal regulations we cannot mail tickets or provide an order form in this newsletter. Tickets are \$5.00 each or \$50.00 for a book of ten tickets. Please contact the Scotus development office at 1554 18th Ave., Columbus NE 68601 for ticket information.

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1937	29	1954	59	1971	72	1988	78	2005	62
1938	22	1955	50	1972	80	1989	61	2006	60
1939	24	1956	43	1973	62	1990	45	2007	61
1940	33	1957	42	1974	70	1991	64	2008	45
1941	21	1958	54	1975	60	1992	51	2009	53
1942	36	1959	63	1976	77	1993	61	2010	52
1943	27	1960	68	1977	75	1994	60	2011	46
1944	37	1961	49	1978	72	1995	78	2012	65
1945	25	1962	46	1979	84	1996	63	2013	60
1946	27	1963	49	1980	59	1997	66	2014	61
1947	27	1964	67	1981	75	1998	72	2015	47
1948	25	1965	88 - #1	1982	77	1999	84	2016	64 + 2 Intl.
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1950	31	1967	86 - #2	1984	58	2001	65	attendance	
1951	39	1968	68	1985	63	2002	74	(1895 -1936	
1952	54	1969	80	1986	62	2003	80	Not Available)	
1953	46	1970	83	1987	58	2004	60		



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Gala Through the Looking Glass

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the 36th annual Gala dinner/auction, "Gala Through the Looking Glass." It was an honor to help put the event together and it was humbling and rewarding to witness the sincere commitment so many people have for Scotus Central Catholic's mission to provide a quality Catholic education for our community.

We had an exceptional meal prepared by Buresh Catering, 507 wonderful guests, more than 120 volunteers, hundreds of donors, the auctioneering chants of Travis Bock '89 and Trev Moravec and a day of favorable weather.

Preliminary numbers show a Gala net for the school budget of \$198,515 and an additional \$30,690 was raised at the Gala to purchase new Lenovo tablets for students to use in the classroom. The winners of the Gala Lottery were: JP Beauvais '05 (\$12,000), Mike Henggeler '92 (\$500), Doug Demuth '85 (\$500), Phil Czuba (\$500) and Heath Hofer (\$500.) Jewelry box winners were: Jolene (Sokol '89) Bock, Carrie Kearney and Mary Hall.

We are also grateful to our vice-chairs who will co-chair the event next year. Chris & Cathy (Avery '97) Hutchinson, Bill & Michell Ruskamp and Kevin & Heather Bridger. God's blessings to all of you and mark your calendars for next year's Gala which is set for Saturday, April 14, 2018!

Your 2017 Gala Co-Chairs:
*Craig & Kathy Enderlin,
Aaron & Shannon Kosch and
Bryan '87 & Lisa Ternus*



Gala Committee, l-r: Craig & Kathy Enderlin, Chris & Cathy (Avery '97) Hutchinson, Bryan '87 & Lisa Ternus, Kevin & Heather Bridger, Aaron & Shannon Kosch, Michell & Bill Ruskamp

2017 Annual Appeal

The fall's annual appeal fund drive will strike a chord with anyone who has played or attended a Shamrock home volleyball match, spring graduation ceremony or a Shamrock summer camp: the addition of air conditioning to the Dowd Activity Center! This long sought-after improvement to the facility which opened in 1980 will cost an estimated \$85,000. The Dowd Center is the only space not air conditioned at Scotus. Incidentally, air conditioning was added for the Memorial Hall gym in 2009 with the installation of the school's new HVAC system (which also added air conditioning and ventilation to all of the classrooms.) Annual Appeal drives are conducted in years when we don't offer an SEF campaign. Recent annual appeal results and projects funded include:

Year	Amount Raised	Projects Funded
2015-16	\$142,244	New Ford Transit, refinished stage floor, new ceiling & LED lighting in science labs, scrubber & snow plow for maintenance, new furnishings for main office, site development for parking lot.
2014-15	\$71,807	New senior high hall lockers, and improvements to entrance security system
2012-13	\$82,963	New band uniforms & instruments, new classroom desks, new school public address system

We hope we can count on your support again this year!

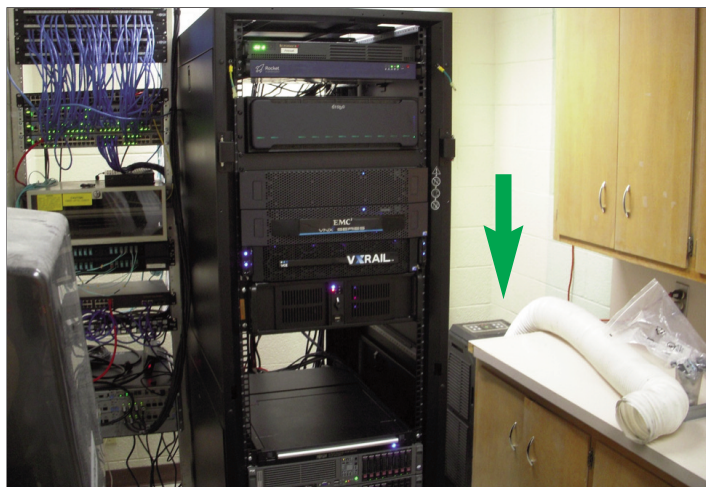
BIG GIVE 2017

Through this year's 24-hour Columbus Big Give event, set for May 19th, Scotus Central Catholic hopes to replace a portable AC unit in our server room with a new and more appropriate cooling system. As you might guess the many servers operating in support of the hundreds of computers at Scotus generate heat; and heat can damage the servers! Currently our AC unit is a floor model that runs constantly and vents to the room through a long flexible hose (see photo) During the summer months the school uses a bucket to collect condensation from the hose—not the ideal system for managing the climate in a room of high tech equipment that supports all of the desktop and mobile devices in our school! The new system will have a thermostat and the air handling unit will be outside of the building. Our YouTube video describing the project is at: <https://youtu.be/dA4CIMn9V8s> or you can go to the Scotus Facebook page at: Scotus Central Catholic HS.

Matching gift dollars are again available this year for the BigGive event and will be based on the number of individual donors the charity receives gifts from. A minimum donation of \$10 is required to count for matching money. Online donations are easy to make and donors can support multiple charities at the same time with a single entry. Go to: www.columbusbiggive.org and make an online donation.

Also the participating BigGive nonprofit that has the most "likes" for its project video will receive a bonus \$1,000 prize—so be sure to like the Scotus video when you go to ColumbusBigGive.org!

In person donations can also be made at Scotus, Hy-Vee and many other Columbus area donation stations. And most importantly, tell your family, friends and business associates about this wonderful opportunity to support Scotus and dozens



Goal: \$3,000 for a new computer server room Air Conditioner.

of other Columbus area nonprofits! Online donations are secure and made through the school's PayPal Account.

50th Anniversary of the 1967 State Champion Shamrock Football Team

Scotus plans to recognize the school's first state championship football team at half-time of the Shamrocks' home game with David City Aquinas on Friday, September 15, 2017. The 1967 St. Bonaventure H. S. football squad under the direction of head coach Claire Stramel delivered a 7-2-1 record and a state Class C championship while competing against nine Class B teams. Bill Kosch and Mark McLaughlin were named to the Omaha World Herald Class C All-State team. Bill, Mark and Joe Blahak were named to the Centennial Conference all-star team.

SAVE THE DATE!



Please join St. Bonaventure High School/Scotus Central Catholic High School on Friday, September 22, 2017 in welcoming back a distinguished Shamrock graduate from the Class of 1964, Secretary Chuck Hagel.

Secretary Hagel was the 24th Secretary of Defense, serving from February 2013 to February 2015. He is the only Vietnam veteran and the first enlisted combat veteran to serve as Secretary of Defense. Hagel also served two terms in the United States

Senate (1997-2009) representing the state of Nebraska.

When Secretary Hagel traveled to Mongolia in October of 2014 and visited with the Defense Minister, he was presented with a 9-year-old gelding from a special honor guard element of the Mongolian cavalry. After being invited to name the horse, Hagel chose his school mascot, "Shamrock". Commenting on why he chose the name, Hagel said, "the name should be significant to the recipient of the gift and my high school days were one of the most important times of my life."

Secretary Hagel is returning to his alma mater to raise financial support for a special project at Scotus that will be announced this summer. We are honored to have him speak at a dinner fundraiser in the Scotus High School cafeteria on Friday, September 22, 2017 with a social hour beginning at 6:00 pm and dinner at 7:00 pm.

SEF 15 Fund Drive Update

As of April 20, 2017, we have received 850 pledges totaling \$1,147,217 or 88.6% of the campaign's \$1,295,000 goal. The campaign's main goals are: 1) \$975,000 in tuition assistance support for the next 3 school years, 2) \$135,000 to make our HVAC loan payments over the next 3 years and 3) \$125,000 to pave the new north parking lot. The school has received \$124,522 in pledges restricted for the parking lot portion so we are now \$147,783 short of the funding needed for planned tuition assistance over the school years 2016-17 through 2018-19. If you haven't made a pledge to the campaign we urge you to contact the development office.

Here and There...

-- Tell us What's Happening in Your Life!

E-mail to: jschueth@scotuscc.org Photos encouraged!

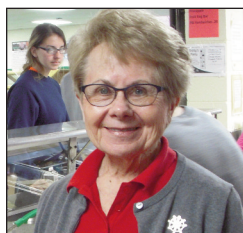
TYSON OWENS '99 – earned a Richard Tobin Benevolence Award from the Catholic Order of Foresters. The Catholic Order of Foresters' top 20 agents earned Richard Tobin Awards, worth \$500 each, in 2016. COF donates the money to the church, school or community organization of each agent's choice and Tyson chose Saint Bonaventure Parish in Columbus. Established in 1883, COF is a not-for-profit Catholic life insurance company helping members achieve financial security while supporting the Catholic community through fraternal outreach of spiritual, social and community service projects

DEREK LAHM '13 – set a new school record in the heptathlon, placing second with 4,966 points to lead the Wayne State College men's indoor track and field team at the Minnesota State Open. His finish was an NCAA provisional mark (12th in NCAA Division II.) The old WSC record was set last year by another Shamrock, Josh Spenner '12.

MORGAN BENESCH '13 – earned her first track All-American honor at the NCAA Division II Indoor Championships in Birmingham, Alabama. Running for the University of Nebraska at Kearney, Morgan ran a 16:39.56 at 5,000 meters to place 5th in a field of 17. Morgan is also a two-time cross country All-American at UNK.

Cathy Hoops Retiring

In 1973, Scotus cafeteria manager Clara Fletcher hired a new cook/baker, Cathy Hoops—beginning a 44-year tenure of service to Scotus students, faculty and staff. When Clara passed away in 1989, after 31 years as cafeteria manager, Cathy took over the reins from her mentor and now at the end of the 2016-17 school year, Cathy too will hang up her apron. As the manager, Cathy oversaw the preparation of 700 meals a day for students attending Scotus, St. Bonaventure Elementary and Immanuel Lutheran Elementary School and Daycare. In addition the breakfast program at Scotus serves more than 100 breakfasts each day. Working with a staff of ten, Mrs. Hoops also made sure that many of the legendary recipes championed by Clara Fletcher were maintained in the Scotus menu. Cathy received Scotus Central Catholic's Outstanding Service Award in 2012 and is a past president of the Nebraska School Nutrition Association. This fall, the new manager will be Holli Bettenhausen who is working with Cathy this spring and has the assurance that her predecessor will be available for substitute duty during the next school year!



ALUMNI BASKETBALL "A" DIVISION CHAMPIONS

Class of 1999



ALUMNI BASKETBALL "B" DIVISION CHAMPIONS

Class of 2002



ALUMNI BASKETBALL "C" DIVISION CHAMPIONS

Classes of '74/'78/'79/'81/'82



Greeting Gala guests along with the committee chairs, were Scotus seniors Naomi Kosch and Zach Svehla who were dressed in costume as Alice and The Mad Hatter. Gala 2017's theme, "Gala Through the Looking Glass" was a take-off from the Alice in Wonderland story.

Worth Noting

• The Shamrocks did well at the state Class B Weightlifting Tournament with 12 of the 17 Scotus competitors earning medals. Scotus junior Tyler Miksch was named “Outstanding Lifter” for the boys’ division finishing first place at 148 pounds with a total lift of 1,015 pounds. (Lifters are divided into weight classes and rankings are determined by the total combined pounds of their squat, bench and deadlift efforts.) Other Shamrocks placing in the top three positions in the boys division were: junior Alex Preister at 148 pounds (3rd – 885 pounds lifted), senior Will Sonderman at 198 pounds (2nd – 1,200 pounds lifted), and junior Brandon Huynh at 275 pounds (1,270 pounds lifted.) In the girls division, senior Abbie Perault finished 1st in her weight class with a total lift of 675 pounds and freshman Allie Mielak finished 3rd in her weight class with a total lift of 615 pounds.



Junior Brandon Huynh competed for Scotus at the state Class B weightlifting tournament.

• Signing letters of intent this spring to play college athletics were: Emma Strecker, soccer at Benedictine College, KS; Dalton Taylor, football at Drake University; Evan Chohon, football at Missouri Western State University; and Megan Ohnoutka, softball for Northeast Community College.

• The performing arts department at Scotus presented three performances of the musical, “Thoroughly Modern Millie” in February. The cast and crew included 42 students and was directed by Scotus faculty Ms. Laura Salyard ‘11 and Ms. Helen Schumacher.



Caitlin Steiner '18 (Millie Dillmount), Isaac McPhillips '19 (Mr. Trevor Graydon) and Mitchell Halligan '17 (Jimmy Smith) were part of the 42 member cast and crew who presented the musical Thoroughly Modern Millie on the Memorial Hall stage.

• At the Nebraska Coaches Association State Cheer contest, the Scotus cheerleaders won the championship in C-1 Game Day, were runners-up in C-1 Sideline and they also won the C-1 Spirit Award that is voted on by the coaches and other cheerleaders in their class. These were the first known state cheer titles in school history. The squad’s sponsor is Mrs. Pat Engel.



The 2016-17 Scotus Cheer squad proudly displays the hardware they earned at the state C-1 cheer competition.

• Shamrock medalists at the state wrestling tournament included Tyler Brandenburg (6th in 138 lbs.), Layton Mullinix (3rd in 145 lbs.) and Wyatt Gutzmer (3rd in 220 lbs.) Overall, the team finished in 12th place in Class B.

• Scotus hosted its annual blood drive with the American Red Cross in February with 117 prospects intending to donate and total donations of 97 whole blood units and 8 power red donor units for a total of 105 productive units.

• The Scotus boys’ basketball team finished the season with a 24-4 record with two disappointing losses at the state tournament. The team ended the season ranked fourth in the state and Scotus will lose 8 seniors from the squad to graduation. Over the last four years these seniors boasted a 94-19 record, made it to the state semi-final game four years in a row and won seven of the eight all-time state tourney victories in Scotus history.



Senior Evan Chohon defends against a Wahoo Neumann player in the state tourney. Scotus split with Neumann during the regular season and this time lost to the eventual state champions in a close contest. Scotus eventually took the tourney’s fourth place trophy home.

- Named to the boys' basketball Class C1 all-state first team was Dalton Taylor. Receiving honorable mention all-state were Trevor Kaslon, Cody Mroczek and Nathan Ostdiek. Receiving girls honorable mention all-state were Maggie Feehan, Bailey Lehr and Emma Strecker.

- Placing at the district speech meet and qualifying for state speech were: Bryan Littlefield (2nd in Extemporaneous), Morgan Littlefield (2nd in Serious Interpretation), Lauren Ostdiek (2nd in Entertainment) and Logan Zanardi (3rd in Humorous Interpretation.) Also medaling at districts was Emily Carstens (4th in Entertainment.)

- Scotus goalie Evan Chohon broke the soccer all-class record for career shutouts on April 8th with his 37th in a 10-0 win over GICC. It was the sixth shutout for the Shamrocks this season with more than a month of play before the state tournament.

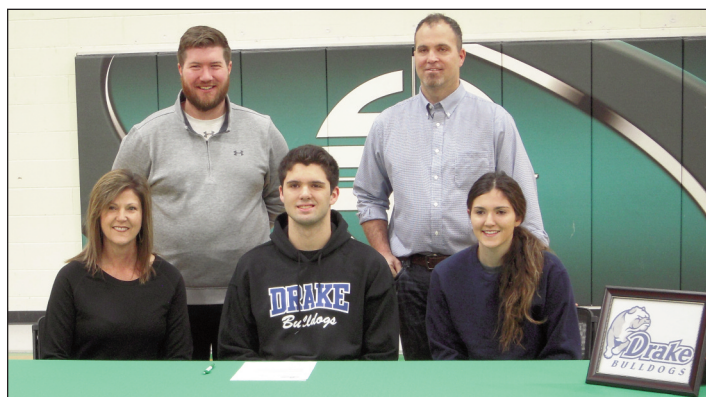
- Head wrestling coach, Tracy Dodson, and assistants Gaylen Kamrath and Gary Schlesinger announced their retirement. These coaches began the wrestling program at Scotus in 2010 with a junior high team and in the five years Scotus has offered the sport at the varsity level (2012-2017), the Shamrocks produced two individual state champions and teams that finished in the final state rankings at 32nd, 16th, 9th, 5th and 12th. The Shamrocks also won conference championship all five years and placed 9th, 2nd, 3rd, 1st and 4th at Districts. Assistant coach D.J. Brandenburg will take over the head coaching position. Brandenburg has been with the program since its beginning in 2010 and he has been the junior high team's head coach since 2012 while also assisting with the varsity program.

- The following Shamrocks were selected to the Omaha World Herald's Academic All-State: 1st Team, West-Central: Tate VunCannon. 2nd Team, West-Central: Naomi Kosch, Jessica Buhman & Luke Jarecke. Honorable Mention: Haley Faust, Nathan Ostdiek & Will Sonderman.

- Earning NSAA Academic all-state honors in winter sports were: basketball - Nathan Ostdiek, Emma Strecker, Tate VunCannon, Kendra Wiese; speech - Isaac Ostdiek, Lauren Ostdiek; and wrestling - Wren Allen.



Emma Strecker signs a letter of intent to play soccer at Benedictine College in Kansas.



Dalton Taylor signs a letter of intent to play football at Drake University.



Evan Chohon signs a letter of intent to play football at Missouri Western State University.



Megan Ohnoutka signs a letter of intent to play softball for Northeast Community College.



Grace Wickham takes a shot with Lincoln Christian defenders playing tight in the state tourney. Scotus fell to the eventual C-1 and all-class state champions in the first round at state.



In Sympathy

We extend our sincere sympathy to the families of the following deceased alumni, alumnae and friends of Scotus Central Catholic.

Ruth Babka – survived by daughter, Ethel (Jeff '78) Pekarek; brother, Virgil (Jan) Olson; sisters-in-law, Barb Olson, Shirley Babka, Virginia Babka; two grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

David Backes '64 – survived by son, Michael; sisters, Joan Kurtenbach, Joyce Wieser, Marilyn (Bill) Haney, Carolyn '59 (Ken '54) Cielocha; brothers, Duane (Lois), Earl (Lenore), Kenny '58 (Jane), Bill '61 (Ginny); and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

George Beard – survived by daughter, Georgia '67; sons, John '66, Robert '68, Douglas '72; three grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Frank Ciboron, Jr. – survived by daughters, Debbie Spulak '77, Donna (Denny) Armagost '79; sons, Ted (Janet), Dale (Heather); seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Mark Divis – survived by his wife, Sharon; daughter, Samantha (Eddie) Unger; son Tony; sister Ann (Paul) Ellenberger; brother, Greg; two stepchildren; father, Charles; father-in-law, Bert Tolbert; and many other relatives and friends. Mark was the Scotus band director for the 1985-86 school year.

Patricia (Wozny) Gabriel '54 – survived by daughters Peg (Jerry) Vrbka, Barb (Kurt) Swan, Carol (Todd) Faller; son Tim (Mary); sisters, Lorraine (Eugene) Reisdorf '55, Betty Lambert '57, Helen (Lynn) Gunderson '69; brother, Charles (Sue) Wozny '71; sister-in-law, Rosetta Larson; brothers-in-law, Lester (Maura) Gabriel, Robert (Sue) Gabriel; nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Cody Gray – survived by parents, Michael and Donna; sisters, Kari '02 (Robert) Harrington, Heidi (Jacob) Benson, Natasha; brother, Shane; foster siblings, Kim Segura, Roy Kucera; grandmother, Phyllis Dubas; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Sharon (Meyer) Herout '60 – survived by daughters Beth Korcek, Lisa Fowler; sons, James, Jeff (Kris); seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Patrick Konwinski – survived by daughters, Connie Hajek '79, Johna '81 (Mark '81) Duren; son, Roger '84 (Amie); sisters, Delores (Virgil) Egnoske, Bertha (Joe) Januzik; ten grandchildren and one great-grandchild on the way.

Elaine (Kneifel) Kresha '54 – survived by daughters, Jolene (Chuck) Fischer, Colleen (Tim) Schumacher, Lois Rombach; sons, Patrick, Kenneth (Sherry), Bernard; brother, Jerry (Janet); nine grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Wayne Lafferty – survived by daughters, Joan (Merlin) Lahm, Julia (Kevin) Lostroh, Jolene (Jerry) Brockman; son, Mike (Diane); sister, Barb Patton; eleven grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

Elizabeth "Betty (Gregorius) McCray '32 – survived by sons Thomas, Robert; three grandchildren; and nieces, Jane Gregorius '62, Michele Beard, Mary Neater '66 and many other relatives.

Shirley McLaughlin – survived by daughters, Colleen (Tierney) Warder '83, Cathleen '83; sons, Mark '68 (Joanne), John '69 (Delena), Timothy (Kathy); and eleven grandchildren.

John Neater – survived by his wife, Mary (Gregorius '66); daughter, Sunny (Shane) Neater-Dubow; son, Zach (Tania); sister, Joan

(Gordon) Specht; brother Bill (Bev Frahm); sisters-in-law, Jane Gregorius '62, Shelly Beard; brother-in-law, Terry Gaver; two grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Phil Phares – survived by daughters, Carol (Lou) Kraus, Barbara (Larry) Malicky; sons, Richard (Melanie), Alan; seven grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren and many other relatives and friends.

Catherine Putnam – survived by her son, Charles '77 (Gerri); seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Patricia Steiner '58 – survived by sisters, Mary (Gene) Bierman, Rose Wahlgren '59; brothers, Dennis "Bud", Joe (Mary Ann); sister-in-law, Val Steiner; and many nieces and nephews.

Tom Sterba – survived by his wife, Marsha (Pekarek '76); daughters Stefani (John Paul) Coleman, Kristin Sterba; son, Jason (Angie); sister, Lori (Steve) Zielinski; mother-in-law, Mable Pekarek; sisters-in-law Laurie '80 (Tom) Lange, Sandy '84 (Jay) Olson; brother-in-law, Jeff '78 (Ethel) Pekarek; and five grandchildren.

William "Bill" Stockdale – survived by his wife, Marilyn (Sprunk '72); daughters Kara, Katie; sons, Michael (Lindsey), David (Amanda), Mark; father, Marvin; father-in-law, LeRoy Sprunk, Sr.; brothers Ned (Joanne), Thomas (Peg); sisters-in-law, Carolee '74 (Alan) Preister, Virginia '83 (Leroy) Semerad; brothers-in-law, Daniel '70 (Brenda) Sprunk, David '78 (Jenay) Sprunk; LeRoy '80 (Kelly) Sprunk, Jr.; four grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Marlene Styskal – survived by her husband Marvin; daughters, Pamela Bolte '77, Rebecca Matthew '78, Jennifer '92 (Mike) VunCannon; sons, Chris '81 (Leslie), John Paul '83 (Julie); sisters, JoAnn McGuinness, Janice Dunncliff; sister-in-law, Lorrien Givens; twenty-seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Gerald Tipton – survived by his wife, Sharon (Bruckner '61); daughters Linda (Cecil) Payne, Cindy (Mark) King, Sandra (Colin) Jones, Elizabeth (Steve) Cahill, Gina (Jef) Olson; sons, Gerald Jr. (Kathy), Brian Haley (Cindy); brother Bill; sister, Beverly; seventeen grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren.

Gloria Wemhoff – survived by her husband, Carrol '58; daughters, Theresa '93 (Bob) Steckel, Lisa '95 (Marcus) Dohring, Rhea '97 (Kelly) Berglund, Amy '98 (Dan) Linder, Sandra '05; sons, Scott, Wayne '95, Jeff '99 (Heather); and sixteen grandchildren.

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Class of 1997 – 20 Year Reunion. The Class of 1997's 20th reunion is set for the weekend of July 14-15, 2017. Activities being planned include: a Friday banquet at Henry's on 11th, Mass at the home of Mike & Lavonne Kaup Saturday morning with Fr. Joe Miksch, swimming and boating Saturday at Wagner's Lake, school tour and a party Saturday evening at a place yet to be determined. For information contact Nick Larson, 402-304-2245 or nick@obristandcompany.com.

Thank You Scotus Mothers!

At their March meeting, the Scotus Mothers booster club agreed to sponsor the following items from the Faculty/Staff Wish List and they plan to announce additional sponsorships at their April meeting. Thank you Scotus Mothers and for your fundraising work through the annual craft boutique and sale of Scotus gear!

• 20 non-fiction books	Media Center	\$ 345
• to help purchase a new tuba	Band	\$ 1,650
• cork tile for displaying	English	\$ 180
• reading incentive program	English	\$ 400
• greenhouse	Biology	\$ 1,500
• finish science wing hallway ceiling and lighting	School	\$ 4,000
Total Support		\$8,075

I PLAYED FOR SCOTUS

The long-awaited book chronicling the athletic history and tradition of the Shamrocks is now available for purchase online! The 6x9 book is more than 350 pages and is available for sale on the publisher's website (iUniverse). The price is \$24.95 plus shipping. Half the proceeds of the sale of the books will go directly to Scotus. The link to the iUniverse website is: <http://bookstore.iuniverse.com/Products/SKU-001041628/I-Played-for-Scotus-Volume-1.aspx>

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10th Annual Shamrock Open Golf Tourney

Saturday, June 3, 2017 • 1:00 p.m. Shotgun Start
Tiburon Golf Course - Omaha

It's time to register for one of the best golf tournaments in the state and everyone's invited to participate as a player and/or tourney sponsor! Last year's tourney provided several thousand dollars of flight cash and flag prizes and it also raised \$9,816 to help Scotus purchase new power half-racks for the weight room.

WHO: Everyone's welcome to participate!
 WHY: Exceptional camaraderie, excellent flight and flag prizes, great food
 FOR: To pay for new track camera and football lockers

Early Bird Registration: \$75 / participant
(Checks must be mailed by May 12th)

Checks should be made out to Scotus Central Catholic and mailed to: SCC Development Office, 1554 18th Avenue, Columbus NE 68601

Entry Fee:
\$90 / participant
(Entry deadline
May 26)



Entry fee includes greens fees, prizes, 2 drink tickets, and dinner (barbeque chicken and pork). This is a scramble style tournament; each team will have four members. In addition to pin prizes, prizes will be given to the top three teams in each of the two flights.

To register or to become a tourney sponsor, contact:
 Nick Puetz at: shamrockopen@gmail.com
 or Joe Puetz at: 402-203-6945
 or John Schueth in the Scotus development office at:
jschueth@scotuscc.org or
 402-564-7165 ext 109.

A registration form and sponsor information form are both available on the Scotus web site under "Development" then "Shamrock Open" tabs.



Scotus Dinner to Feature Chuck Hagel '64

Chuck Hagel '64 is a long-time supporter of his alma mater and has frequently attributed his achievements in life to the years he spent at our school, known then as St. Bonaventure High School.

Last spring, Scotus officials asked Mr. Hagel if he would consider helping the school with a unique fundraising event and at the same time allow the school to recognize one of its most prominent graduates, Vietnam War veteran, successful businessman, United States Senator representing Nebraska (1997-2009), and 24th United States Secretary of Defense (2013-2015).

With great enthusiasm, Secretary Hagel has agreed to speak to the Scotus student body in an assembly the afternoon of Friday, September 22nd; and later that evening he will be the guest speaker at a fundraising dinner in the Scotus cafeteria.

The September 22nd dinner event's goal is to raise funding to repurpose an area in the school into a new Chuck Hagel STEAM Lab/Maker Space. A STEAM Lab/Maker Space has been a long-term wish list goal of Scotus. STEAM is an acronym for (Science–Technology–Engineering–Arts–Mathematics.)

Students in a STEM program receive a sound education in science, technology, engineering and mathematics; but with the addition of the Arts in the STEAM program, students are allowed to experience the processes of creativity, ingenuity and innovation that the arts provides. Along with the Catholic,

faith-based education that is part of the entire curriculum, Scotus students using the STEAM lab will be better prepared to take on leadership roles in the established and emerging careers of our society.

This new lab will feature equipment such as: 3-D printing, robotics, graphic design, white boards, computers, video production, audio production, and a variety of material and experimental supplies. More importantly, the Chuck Hagel STEAM Lab will provide a "maker space" that will inspire students to integrative learning in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics; and to use these subject areas to foster inquiry, critical and innovative thinking, hands-on construction and testing of models and working together to solve problems.

"Academic excellence has long been a trademark of Scotus Central Catholic. The world of education continues to change and technology is the driving force for that change. The creation of a STEAM lab will allow our students to get hands-on experience and create opportunities for innovation and creativity. Please consider

supporting the creation of this lab and make an investment in our students." --Jeff Ohnoutka, President

The event is open to the public. Dinner tickets are \$50.00 and must be purchased by September 14.

Corporate Tables (8 seats) are available for \$500.00. For more information, contact the Scotus development office.



Chuck Hagel '64

Pyramid of Success Scholarship

"The Pyramid of Success was begun a few years ago to honor and remember past Shamrock athletes, alumni, alumnae, parents, staff members and boosters who have passed away. It has always been Pat's and my dream to have a Pyramid of 100 rocks in memory of all the special people

who have made Scotus what it is today. I hope we can get this done before I go to that great basketball court in the sky!

We are presently at 40 rocks sponsored in the Pyramid. Proceeds from these memorials have so far assisted many students with their cost of tuition at Scotus.

I ask all of you to consider someone to be remembered through your purchase of a memorial rock. Let's try to complete the pyramid by the year 2020!"

-- Coach Frank Spencer

Here and There...

-- Tell us What's Happening in Your Life!

E-mail to: jschueth@scotuscc.org Photos encouraged!

DENNIS '77 & JACKI (MELLIGER '77) RYBA – along with classmates Tami (Bogus '77) Buntgen and her husband Larry, and Connie (Bernt '77) Teece and her husband Dave, traveled to Ireland together in early May of 2017. The group had a wonderful time and they are looking forward to their 40th class reunion set for the weekend of August 12th. The photo is taken at a relaxing moment in Pub #0729.



Shown l-r: Tami Bogus Buntgen, Connie Bernt Teece, Jacki Melliger Ryba and Dennis Ryba.

JOHN KOPETZKY '80 & MARK KURTENBACH '80 – editors of the book, *I Played for Scotus*, report that sales through June 1st totaled 232 copies and they remind the Shamrock Nation that the publisher sends 50% of the royalties to Scotus. Scotus's share of the first quarter (Jan-March) royalties was \$361.31—so keep buying those books, enjoy a great read, and know you are supporting your alma mater! Copies are \$24.95 plus shipping and are available at: <http://bookstore.iuniverse.com/Products/SKU-001041628/I-Played-for-Scotus-Volume-1.aspx>. A great gift for Christmas!

Alumni/nae Event for Cancer Research

Sammy's Superheroes is hosting a 5k run at Lutjelusche this October 21 and challenges Columbus area high schools to register the most alumni/nae to participate. The school with the most alumni/nae registered gets a donation from the event back to their alumni association. The run will begin at 10 am and following the run, organizers will offer beer and brats and a live band. Registration is open at sammyssuperheroes.org with early bird price of \$50 until July 4th and after that it will be \$60. Registration includes: chip timing, shirt, koozie, 2 drink tickets and a grilled brat. Families and runners' supporters are also urged to attend. All proceeds will go to childhood cancer research.



Photo courtesy of
The Grand Island Independent.

VANESSA COX '13 – is a May graduate of Hastings College and at her senior art thesis showing, bugs were a featured theme. Her thesis project, “The Gingerbug House” is a delightful and colorful painting of a dessert made of mealworms and cockroaches. Vanessa raises cockroaches, mealworms and has three pet tarantulas along with several cats and a dog. She attests that her love of insects was a product of living next door to an entomology professor while growing up in Rising City, NE. Her thesis painting celebrates the practice of eating insects (entomophagy) which is a common nutrition source throughout the world; and at her senior art showing, she served desserts made with bugs for guests to sample. At the conclusion of her showing, there was very little of the savory delights remaining. *Pictured above*

Philanthropy Workshop

On Thursday, November 2, 2017, beginning at 7:00 p.m., Nathan Karges '96 and Joe Dierks '96 along with their colleague Rob Randels, will provide an estate planning workshop at Scotus in the school's media center. The event is open to the public and is especially beneficial for individuals in or close to the 35-50+ age range. The goal of this event is to educate and engage and not to sell any specific product or service or to promote any particular company. The event will provide information on different resources available that maximize opportunities to give back to Scotus or to other organizations while also providing potential benefits to you. Topics will include: Direct Bequests, Appreciated Stock, Donor Advised Funds, Tax Advantages and Strategies, Life Insurance, Employer Matching, Beneficiary Arrangements, and Grats / Gruts (Shifting assets within the family.) Contact the Scotus development office to register to attend.

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Followed by a picnic lunch at the Isaac Walton. At 5:30 pm, we invite Scotus alumni, and the CHS Class of 1967 to join us for socializing and fun. BYOB. We also are searching for these classmates: Lynn Mausbach, Cheryl Nason, Nettie Roschynailski, Linda Tlamka and June Smith. For more information or to provide input to the planning committee, contact: Peg (Starostka) Pfeifer, pfeif67@hotmail.com or Gene Konwinski, gkonwinski@cox.net.

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Class of 2002 – 15-Year Reunion. The Class of 2002 will gather the weekend of August 11-13, 2017. Friday includes an evening social at the Ag Park horse races. Saturday plans include morning golf at Steepleview GC in Humphrey, lunch TBA and a catered dinner in the Scotus Memorial Hall cafeteria from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. A morning Mass together at St. Bonaventure will be followed by a school tour on Sunday. For more information contact Matt Kudron, mkudron@hotmail.com or go to the reunion Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/295680148248/>.

See coaching changes in Worth Noting on page 6 - Photos courtesy of the Scotus Journalism Department -



Head wrestling coach, Tracy Dodson



Joe Held '04 announcing volleyball awards at the 2017 athletic banquet



Jon Brezenski '98, Boys head soccer coach

Worth Noting

• Welcome Class of 2017! Joining the ranks of Scotus alumni and alumnae this spring were 63 graduates. Alyssa Kuta, senior class president, provided the senior welcome at commencement and campus minister Fr. Matthew Capadano, provided a greeting and homily. The 2017 Spirit of Scotus Award winner was senior, Mitchell Halligan, son of Todd and Barb Halligan.



• Scotus music students earned 14 Superior and 13 Excellent Ratings at District Music. Listed below, I is a Superior Rating (highest given) and II is an Excellent Rating.

Vocal Music:

Choir—I, Girls Ensemble—I, Boys Ensemble—I, Girls Trio (Caitlin Hottovy, Mattie Johnson, Maddie Sueper)—I, Girls Trio (Jenna Salerno, Caitlin Steiner, Alayna Wilson)—II, Solo (Caitlin Hottovy)—II, Solo (Nikki Hiner)—I, Solo (Jenna Salerno)—II, Solo (Caitlin Hottovy)—II, Solo (Anthony Sprunk)—I, Duet (Isaac McPhillips & Nikki Hiner)—I and Duet (Anthony Sprunk & Maddie Sueper)—II.

Instrumental Music:

Flute trio (Amber Buhman, Katelyn Stachura, Tara Kamrath)—II, Baritone duet (Emma Ruskamp, Zach Svehla)—I, Emerson Belitz, Trumpet solo—I, Trumpet quartet (Nathan Ostdiek, Cassie Seckel, Emerson Belitz, Braden Labenz)—I, Saxophone quartet (Emily Carstens, Morgan Littlefield, Matt Strecker, Isaac Ostdiek)—I, Emily Carstens, Alto saxophone solo—II, Snare drum duet (Kira Dreher, Tatem Vance)—I, Trombone trio (Sam Schacher, Wren Allen, Elliott Thomazin)—II, Matt Strecker, Tenor saxophone solo—II, Clarinet duet (Lauren Ostdiek, Kate Smith)—II, Isaac McPhillips, Tuba solo—I, Isaac Ostdiek, Tenor saxophone solo—I, Nathan Ostdiek, Trumpet solo—I, Elliott Thomazin, trombone solo—II and Band—II.

• Selected to the Omaha World Herald's Academic All-State, 1st Team, West-Central was Tate VunCannon. 2nd Team West-Central team members were: Naomi Kosch, Jessica Buhman & Luke Jarecke and chosen for Honorable Mention were: Haley Faust, Nathan Ostdiek & Will Sonderman.



Tate VunCannon

• Senior Bradyn Miller signed to play soccer and study at Central Community College-Columbus. Shown with Brady are his parents PJ and Renee, sister, Tanley, and Scotus head soccer coach Jon Brezenski. Also joining Brady at the signing were his teammates and CCC assistant coach, Fernando Lopez. *Pictured top right*



• Senior, Brooke Podolak, signed to participate in competitive dance at the College of St. Mary, Omaha. Brooke plans to study nursing at CSM and shown with her in the photo are her parents, Chad and Carmen. *Pictured below*



• Senior, Anthony Kosch, signed to play soccer for the Northeast Community College Hawks. Anthony will study business at the Norfolk, NE school. Shown in the photo and seated with Anthony are his parents, Mike and Cindy; and standing l-r: Bill Bos, Anthony's club coach (grades 3-9), Scotus assistant soccer coach Jeff Kosch '01 and Northeast Community College men's head soccer coach, Doug Seigle. *Pictured below*



• Dalton Taylor was selected to play in the Nebraska Coaches Association boys' basketball game on July 24 in Lincoln.

• The varsity girls' soccer team finished the 2017 season as state runner-up losing to Skutt HS in the state championship match. The Shamrocks ended with a 16-3 record. With only 3 seniors on the team, the future looks bright for the team and head coach Kristie (Korth '98) Brezenski. After winning three consecutive state soccer titles the boys' soccer team under the direction of head coach Jon Brezenski '98 fell in the district title match and did not

make it to the state tourney for the first time since 2013. The boys finished with a season mark of 10-8 and senior goalie Evan Chohon ended his Shamrock career with a state record 39 shutouts. Coach Brezenski announced earlier in the season that he would be retiring from coaching to spend more time with his family.

- Shamrock Senior Cody Mroczek and junior Marika Spencer had stellar performances at the state track meet. Cody competed in four finals all within three hours and finished with: third place in Class B in the 100 meter dash with a personal best 10.9 seconds, state all-class gold medal in the 400 meter with a 49.47 performance, second place in the Class B long jump with 22' 7.25" mark and a third place finish in the 200 meters with a time of 22.3 seconds. Cody finished with 30 of the team's 32.5 points. Senior Nathan Ostdiek added a 7th place finish in the 1,600 meter with a time of 4:31.7 and junior Chase Andresen tied for 8th in the pole vault with a 12' 6" performance. The Scotus boys finished third in Class B at the tourney. Marika earned two Class B gold medals with her throws of 42' 2.5' in the shot put and 138' in the discus. Her throw in the shot put was third place in all classes and her toss in the discus was also good for third place in all classes. Also medaling for the girls' team were Jessica Buhman who earned 5th place in the triple jump with a mark of 34' 11.25" and helping Scotus finish in 11th place with 24 total points.

- Named as NSAA Academic All-State winners for the 2017 spring season were: Golf – Colson Kosch, Bryce VunCannon; Journalism – Haley Faust, Tate VunCannon; Music – Emerson Belitz, Alayna Wilson; Soccer – Maggie Feehan, Braden Labenz, Will Sonderman, Kendra Wiese; Track & Field – Jessica Buhman, Cody Mroczek, Grace Odbert and Nathan Ostdiek.

- Scotus won the 2017 Class B State Journalism Championship on April 24th with a total of 354 team points, beating 2nd place, Yutan, by 88 points. This will bring the first non-athletic state championship banner to the Dowd Activity Center. Five Shamrocks were individual state champions including seniors: Emma Ruskamp, Tate VunCannon, Haley Faust and Jessica Buhman; and junior Matt Strecker. Jessica Buhman was the first defending state champion in school history winning the news/feature photography category for the second year. Twenty Scotus students competed winning 23 total medals. Scotus won the state title, under the direction of Angie (Naughtin '95) Rusher. Scotus medalists: Newspaper Column Writing (2nd Kaylie Rocha, 5th Layne Schroeder), Editorial Cartooning (6th Kira Dreher), Editorial Writing (5th Eastyn Klink), Entertainment Writing (1st Emma Ruskamp, 4th Tate VunCannon), Info Graphic (8th Haley Faust), Headline Writing (4th Layne Schroeder), In-Depth Newspaper Coverage (2nd – Amberly Parker, Eastyn Klink, Haley Faust, Kira Dreher, Matt Hoenk, Matt Strecker), News Writing (8th Matt Hoenk), News Feature Photography (1st Jessica Buhman, 5th Abbie Perault), Newspaper Feature Writing (5th Eastyn Klink), Newspaper Layout (1st Haley Faust, 4th Amberly Parker), Photo Illustration (5th Megan Ohnoutka, 7th Nikki Hiner), Newspaper Sports Feature Writing (1st Matt Strecker, 7th Amberly Parker), Sports News Coverage (1st Tate VunCannon, 2nd Matt Strecker), Sports Action Photography (2nd Anthony Sprunk, 3rd River Liebig), Yearbook Feature Writing (4th Hannah Mielak, 7th Alyssa Kuta), Yearbook Sports Feature Writing (4th Emerson Belitz, 6th Jessica Buhman) and Yearbook Theme Development (3rd Megan Schumacher, Hannah Mielak, Emerson Belitz.)

- Recognized as the 2017 Alumnus and Alumna of the Year were Todd '85 and Lisa (Cielocha '85) Duren. This award recognizes distinguished graduates of our school who are strong supporters of Catholic Education, have excelled in their vocation and are



Todd '85 and Lisa (Cielocha '85) Duren

involved in their parish and community. Todd has served on the Scotus board of education for 9 years, one year as the board president. He is the current alumni basketball tourney committee chairman and past president of the Shamrock Club. Lisa is a 1985 Spirit of Scotus award winner. She served 2 years on the Scotus board of education just before Todd became involved; she's a member of the alumnae volleyball committee, has served in the Scotus Mothers Club and is a past Scotus cheerleading sponsor. As a couple, the Duren's are past Gala co-chairs, current Gala silent auction co-chairs, Godparents for the God Parent Program and they have been parish co-chairs for many SEF fund drives. In their parish, they are both EMHCs, participate in Adoration and are past chairpersons of the St. Anthony bazaar. Lisa is a St. Anthony's preschool teacher, and a member of the St. Theresa Sodality. Todd is a past president of the St. Anthony Home & School, past member of the St. Anthony's parish council and he is a member of the Knights of Columbus. Todd is the president of Columbus Hydraulics Co. The couple's three children and all Scotus graduates: Anthony in 2009, Morgan in 2011 and Jared in 2015.

- Pat Sackett '72 was recognized as the 36th annual Outstanding Service Award winner. Pat served multiple terms on the Scotus board of education and during that time he was heavily involved in the strategic planning that led to more than \$2 million dollars of improvements to our facilities. As an electrician, Pat has been the school's go-to guy for expert advice about facility needs; and he has personally been involved in a vast number of school



Pat Sackett '72

electrical projects ranging from the installation of lighting of our gymnasiums and classrooms to work at the McLaughlin and East Activity Fields, setting up computer labs, providing power for new equipment and illuminating our building, signs and the statue of Mary on our school's exterior. Over the decades of his service, much of Pat's work was donated and he also frequently allowed the school to borrow his equipment including a mobile lift. He is a long-time member of the Shamrock Booster Club and a coach for city youth teams; and both Pat and his wife Cindy have been active supporters of Scotus fundraisers like the SEF drives, annual appeals and the Gala. They have served Scotus students through the Godparent Program and currently Pat is a TeamMates mentor for a current student at Scotus. The Sacketts four children are also Scotus graduates: Amanda (2000), Jennifer (2003) Sarah (2007) and Connor in (2011.)

- Seniors Evan Chohon and Emma Strecker were selected for the 24th annual Nebraska Shrine Soccer Classic held on June 11th at Morrison Stadium in Omaha.
- The 24-hour fundraising event, the Columbus Big Give, was a success for Scotus Central Catholic providing 52 donations totaling \$4,076.80 and exceeding the school's \$3,000 goal. Funds from the event will be used to provide a new dedicated air conditioning system for the school's computer server room. Overall 39 non-profit organizations participated in the Columbus Big Give and the event had a record 1,010 donations totaling \$62,176.05.
- Scotus once again won the combined boys and girls NSAA Cup for Class C. This Nebraska School Activities Association honor is awarded based on schools' success over the past year in athletics and fine arts programs. Points are awarded based on a school's state finish in a particular sport or activity and Scotus finished with 392.5 team points, 40 points better than runner-up Malcolm (352.5.) Kearney Catholic finished in third place with 347.5 points.
- Coaching changes. Joe Held '04 stepped down from his position as Scotus' head volleyball coach—a position he held for three seasons. During those years, the Shamrocks had a 61-29 record with two state tournament appearances. Stepping into the head coaching position is Janet Tooley, a veteran of thirty years of teaching physical education and coaching at Scotus. Coach Tooley is a long-time assistant volleyball coach for Scotus and she has been the head coach of the girls' varsity track team for the last 23 years. Current Scotus Activities Director, Merlin Lahm, will also be stepping down from his position as head boys track coach and passing the position baton to Joe Schoenfelder. Joe has been an assistant track coach for Scotus the last two years and he has coached the Scotus junior high boys' basketball team for six years and the junior high girls' basketball team for three years. Joe is the Maintenance Director at Scotus. Replacing Jon Brezenski as the boys' head soccer coach is former Lakeview HS head soccer coach and Scotus parent, PJ Miller.
- Kudos to the Chip Kaup Golf Tourney for donating \$500 to Scotus and directed to support the Biology department's new greenhouse.
- Scotus activities director and cross country coach, Merlin Lahm, was named the Nebraska Coaches Association girls cross country coach of the year at the NCA banquet in July. Coach Lahm previously received the NCA's boys cross country coach of the year in 2011.

Shamrock Open Golf Tourney

The tenth annual Shamrock Open was held at Tiburon Golf Course in Omaha on June 3rd with 114 golfers participating. The event netted \$10,860 which will be invested in new football cage lockers and additional ventilation for the football cage locker room at Scotus. In the event's 10-year history more than \$66,179 has been raised to improve athletic facilities at SCC. This year's first flight, first place winners and given the opportunity to have their photo taken with the coveted Shamrock Open jackets (reused each year) were, l-r: Todd Halligan, Chad Gonka '96, Neal Suess and Brian Strong. *Pictured below*



2017 Athletes of the Year; Cody Mroczek, Emma Strecker and Evan Chohon.



*Spirit of Scotus Award.
Mitchell Halligan '17*

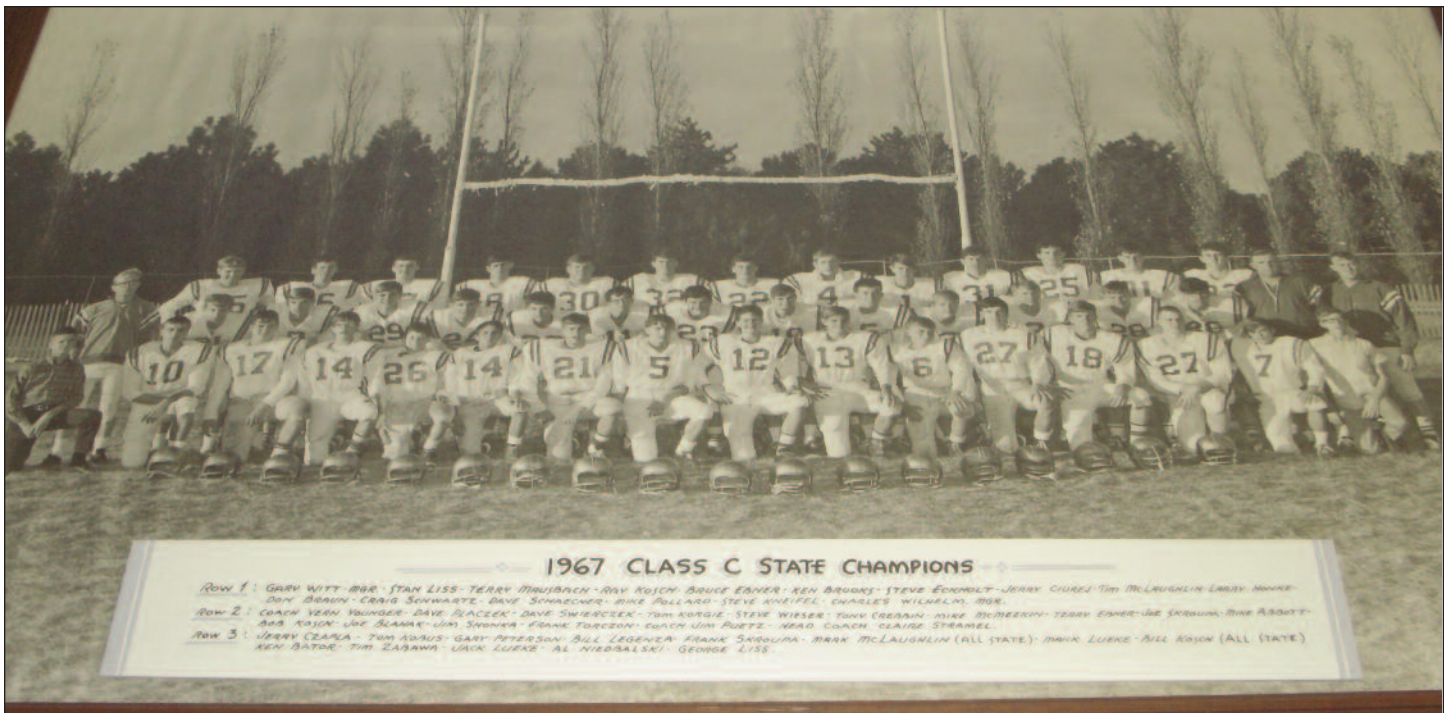


Journalism Class B State Champions.

1967 Football Reunion

At half-time of Scotus Central Catholic's home game with David City Aquinas on Friday, September 15, 2017, Scotus will recognize the first Shamrock football team to bring a state title home to our school. The 1967 Scotus Central Catholic H. S. football squad under the direction of head coach Claire Stramel delivered a 7-2-1 record and a state Class C championship while competing against nine Class B teams. Bill Kosch and Mark McLaughlin were named to the Omaha World Herald Class C All-State team. Bill, Mark and Joe Blahak were named to the Centennial Conference all-star team.

SEASON RECORD	SCOTUS	OPPONENT
West Point Central Catholic	20	0
Hastings St. Cecilia	51	6
Omaha Holy Name	13	7
Grand Island NW	46	7
Wahoo Neumann	19	0
Schuyler	27	13
David City Aquinas	7	7
Grand Island Central Catholic	33	0
Omaha Cathedral	12	33
Omaha Cathedral	9	13



Abbott, Mike '68	Eckholt, Steve	Liss, Stanley '71	Pollard, Mike '69	Witt, Gary '70
Bator, Ken '69	Honke, Larry '71	Lueke, Mark '70 +	Schaecher, Dave '71	Zabawa, Tim '68
Blahak, Joe '67 +	Kneifel, Steve +	Lueke, Walter '69	Schwartz, Craig	
Braun, Don '71	Kobus, Tom '68	Mausbach, Terry '71	Shonka, Jim '69	Asst. Coach
Brooks, Ken '71	Korgie, Tom '69	McLaughlin, Mark '68	Skorupa, Frank '68	Puetz, Jim
Ciurej, Jerry '71 +	Kosch, Bill '68	McLaughlin, Tim	Skorupa, Joe '70	Head Coach
Crebbin, Tony '70	Kosch, Bob '70	McMeekin, Mike '70	Swierczek, Dave '70	Stramel, Claire
Czapla, Jerry '71	Kosch, Ray	Niedbalski, Al '71	Torczon, Frank '69	Asst. Coach
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Ebner, Terry '70	Liss, George '68 +	Placek, Dave '70	Wilhelm, Charles '70	+ - deceased

Charitable IRA Rollover

On December 18, 2015 the President signed a bill retroactively reinstating the Charitable IRA Rollover provision for all of 2015 and removing any expiration date on the provision, thereby permanently extending the Charitable IRA Rollover into the future. This law allows an individual who is 70½ or older to gift up to \$100,000 from his or her IRA directly to a qualified charity such as Scotus Central Catholic High School without having to recognize the IRA distribution as taxable income.



In Sympathy

We extend our sincere sympathy to the families of the following deceased alumni, alumnae and friends of Scotus Central Catholic.

Milton Baumgart – survived by his wife, Celia Ann; daughter, Carole '66 (Joe) Maltacea; sons Dan (Bonnie), Brad '75 (Patti); six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Michael Costello '63 – survived by his wife, Cynthia; sons, Mike (Shelly), Tim (Kris), Chris (Kristi); sisters, Betty Lou '65 (Jim) Wolpert, Mary Gail '67 (Pete) Kellen; sister-in-law, Patti (Jerry) Hirschman, Sue (Craig) Foss; brothers-in-law, Emil Morrow, David (Glenna) Kosmicki; nine grandchildren and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and godchildren.

Carolyn (Grady '64) Hanke – survived by her husband, Luke '61; daughters, Jill (Chris) Rogers, Lynn (Scott) McLaughlin; son Chris (Karrie); sister, Mary Alice Pfeifer; brother, Chuck (Nancy) and eight grandchildren.

Stephen Hansen – survived by his sons, Matthew '86 (Joy), Marcus (Sarah); brothers, Melvin (Susan), Edward (Lisa), Michael (Barbara); four grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Romayne (Cerny '50) Hogelin – survived by her daughter, Lynette '78 and son, David '74; sister-in-law, Lorene Cerny; nieces, Karen Cerny '71, Danette '75 (Mike) Peck; nephew, Dean '79 (Traci) Cerny; and one grandson.

Marie Johnson – survived by daughters, Kathy '73 (Bob) Podraza, Diane '77 (Chris) Rathe; sisters, Betty Sleddens '54 (Herman) Schumacher, Patty Sleddens '58 (Dave '55) Vanek; brothers, Larry '56 (Frances Pfaff '59) Sleddens, Albert (Betty) Sleddens, David Sleddens '62; sisters-in-law, Stella Sleddens, Susie Sleddens, Mary Ann (Johnson '51) Micek; brother-in-law Dwayne '57 (Toodie) Johnson; five grandchildren; one great-grandchild and numerous nieces and nephews.

Lucille Kopetzky – survived by daughters, Kathy '73 (Raleigh) Haas, Julie '74 (Roy) Yardley; sons, John '80 (Patty), Kent '89 (Amy); son-in-law, Carl DeRuyscher; sister, Eileen Kain; brother, Elmer (Lu) Schroeder; sister-in-law, Louise Schroeder; fifteen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Howard Kosch – survived by daughters Sheila '62 (Veik) Kosch, Rita Czaplá, Tina (Tom) Sawyer, Sister Maxine Aerts; sons, Bill '68 (Linda Voboril '68), Brother Sebastian Bob '70, Ray; brothers, Max, Joe, Delmar; seventeen grandchildren and thirty-two great-grandchildren.

Marianne (Sock '50) Koziol – survived by daughters, Geraldine (Sam) Zaruba, Christine (Ken) Durand, Michalene (Randy) Iversen; sons, Tony (Margaret), Tim, Tom (Cindy), Ted (Kristen); sister, Barb Moore; brothers, Phil (Sue), Jerry (Janice); sister-in-law, Alberta (Cutsor '56) Sock; thirteen grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Amanda (Wessel '99) Kudron – survived by daughters, Addison, Alayna; sons, Tyler Wessel-Gilbert, Aiden; mother, Shirley Wessel; sisters, Lisa '88 (Charley) Jessen, Lori '91 (Todd) Pytlik, Tracy '92 (Chad) Kucera; brothers, Jeff (Paula), Ron '89 (Kim); special friend

Milo (family dog); many nieces, nephews, two great-nieces and one great-nephew.

Deacon Michael J. McGuire – survived by his wife, Elaine; daughters, Kelly '81 (Ken) Hajek, Maureen (Dean) Pasker, Shannon '87 (Murray) Miller, Molly '99, Colleen '02 (Devin) Adams; sons, Patrick '79 (Marion), Michael, Matthew '95 (Nicole); sisters, Mary McGuire, Sr. Loretta McGuire; brothers, Dennis (Kay), Tom; twenty-two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Daniel McNair '48 – survived by daughters, Mary '73 (Bernie) Rulle, Kathleen '75 (Ron) Schmidt, Maureen '76 (Dale) Robertson, Sally '81 (James) Sommerhauser; son, Michael '85; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Helen (Reifenrath '43) Mills – survived by daughter, Elaine (Larry) Schreurs; sisters, Irene Kilduff '40, Marie Meyer '46; and two grandchildren. Helen passed on 8/4/2016.

Jerome Prosocki – survived by his wife, Delores; sons, Raymond '82, Larry '84 and Daniel '86; sister, Marilyn (Bill) McGahan; brothers, Ken (Nancy), Gene (Ann), Myron (Marla); five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Alice (Woerth '36) Rathbun – survived by daughters, Sue Rathbun '65 (Gary Huff), Lee (Del '68) Meyer; son Tom '64 (Nikki); sisters-in-law, Stella Woerth, Patty Woerth; brothers and sister-in-law, Joe Woerth '57, John '55 (Barbara Mitera '55) Woerth; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Alice passed away 7/9/17.

Ivan Rathbun – survived by his wife, Alice (Woerth '36); daughters, Sue Rathbun '65 (Gary Huff), Lee (Del '68) Meyer; son, Tom '64 (Nikki); six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Ivan passed away 4/25/17.

John 'Jack' Reuss '62 – survived by his wife, Elaine (Braun '62); daughters, Rena Pepper, Rachel Reuss; sons, Michael (Debra), Marty; brother and sister-in-law, Robert '59 and Joanne Reuss; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Mary Lee (Braun '68) and Pat Kluever, Don '71 and Peg Braun, John and Narka Braun, Rick and Lisa Braun, Bob and Christy Norman, Al and JoAnn (Stavas-Braun '63) Svajgr, and Rose Braun; nine grandchildren; four step-grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Beatrice Siegel – survived by daughters, Ann '66 (Dean) Hefti, Mary '69 (Steve) Narans; sons, Charles, Jr. '67 (Betty), Thomas '71, Joel '74, Tim '79; brother, William Jardee; ten grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Kathe (Jaworski '62) Skipton – survived by her husband, Terry; son, Darin (Christine); brother-in-law Perry (Theresa) Skipton; sister-in-law, Sheryl (Denny) Senters; one grandchild and many nieces, nephews, cousins and close friends.

William Soulliere, Sr. – survived by daughter, Becky (Ron) Brandl; sons, Bill '85 (Jolene Sleddens '77), Bob (Michelle Brooks '83); brother, Dean '54 (Colleen); sisters-in-law, Peg Soulliere, Kathy Soulliere, Dee (Bob) Graham; brothers-in-law, Bob Henke, Gayle Stuefer; stepdaughter, Willa (Ted) Lutz; stepson, Clayton Boyd; nine grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Dori Stracke – survived by her husband, Ken '55; daughters, Susan (Allan) Gillsdorf, Jane (Andy) Johansen; son, Ken (Beth); sisters, Carolyn (Tom) Messing, Janet (Gary) Krofta; brother, Alden Zoubek; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Harriet (Reifenrath '49) Thomas – survived by daughters Jean (Steve) Snyder, Diane (Bobby) Woronoff; son, John (Dawn); and six grandchildren.

Keith Thraen – survived by his wife, Doris; son, David (Kim); sisters, Carole '55 Michael, Patti '63 (Jim '63) Jonas, Kathy Abbott; brothers Vern '53 (Vonnice), Dennis '62 (Shari), Jim '63 (Sheila), Tim; and many cousins, nieces and nephews. Keith left St. Bonaventure/Scotus before graduating but would have been a 1952 graduate.

Timothy R. Van Berg – survived by his wife, Sandy; son, TJ; step-son, Heath Dobbs; sisters Tami (Rick) Hoegerl, Tori '80, Traci (Rich) Hoops; brother, Tom (Angi); parents, Jack Van Berg and Mary Jane Van Berg. And many nieces and nephews.

James Wieser – survived by daughter, Cheryl '75 (Betsy); sons Terry, John (Kae Lynn); sister, Henrietta (Dick) Zach; brother, Arnold (Mary); sisters-in-law, Betty Wieser, Theresa Wieser, Joyce Wieser; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

+ Memorials +

(Received between 4/21/2017 and 7/19/2017)

George Beard

MM Jeff Pekarek

Victoria Brandenburg

Karla Baumert

Sharon Fisher

MM Kelly Kotrous

MM Mike Novicki

Diane Sinclair

Claurie Schnitglen

Jerry Cielocha

Rick Grubaugh

Mike Costello '63

MM Mike Maguire

MM Mike Stachura

Carolyn (Grady '64)

Hanke

Coni Dowd-Molvig

MM Charles Gabaldon

MM Paul Kudron

MM Robert Mimick

MM Dean Soulliere

MM Greg VanDyke

Luke Hanke Family

Romayne Hogelin

Lynette Hogelin

Mildred Honke

Rick Grubaugh

Marie Johnson

MM Larry Cusic

Regina Egger

MM Dwayne Johnson

MM Jim Kamrath

MM Carroll Melliger

Mary Ann Micek

MM Robert Podraza

Kris Yungdahl

Margaret Keiter

MM Mike Placzek

Patrick J Konwinski

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MM Dave Duren

MM Jerry Duren

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MM Robert Duren

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Sherri Zywiec

Lucille Kopetzky

MM Dennis Duren

Millie Edkholt

MM Gary Puetz

MM John Schueth

Angela Swanson

Howard Kosch

DRM Joseph Cocozzella

MM Bill Kosch

MM Jeff Kosch

MM Phillip O'Donnell

Gary Krings

Rick Grubaugh

Deacon Michael McGuire

Janet Brezinski

MM Larry Dowd

MM Rollie Dvorak

Carroll Ebner

Mike Ebner

MM Gerry Engelbert

MM Doug Gubbels

MM Tim Harrington

Wayne Hatcher

MM John Heine

Carleen Henggeler

MM Mike Honke

MM Paul Kozak

MM Carroll Melliger

MM Gregg Melliger

MM Bob Niedbalski

MM Pat Novicki

MM Larry O'Neill

MM Bob Rickert

DRM Daniel Rosenquist

MM John Schueth

Jerome Smith

MM Ray Staroscik

Angela Swanson

MM Joe Swantek

Dan Swoboda

Sharon Swoboda

MM Dick Tooley

MM Tim Tooley

MM Gary Zywiec

Shirley McLaughlin

Faye Berkheimer

MM Gerry Engelbert

G. Michael Evans

Terry Gaver

Shirley Kratky

Walter Lueke

MM Mark Macumber

MM Robert Mead

Dan McNair '48

MM John Hoebing

MM Tim Koch

DRM Daniel Rosenquist

MM John Schueth

MM Tim Tooley

MM Tom Wrigley

Jerome Prososki

Family & Friends

Kathe (Jaworski '62)

Skipton

MM Jim Kamrath

JC Mitera

Friends & Family

Patricia Steiner '58

MM Keith Albracht

MM Tim Harrington

Ted Kula

Pat Steiner Family

Marlene Styskal

Patricia Anderson

Rick Grubaugh

Tim Van Berg

Carleen Henggeler

Gloria Wemhoff

Rick Grubaugh

Erv Wieser

Rick Grubaugh

James Wieser

MM Dave Duren

Gerald Zuerlein

MM Ivan Beller

What Our Supporters Accomplished In 2016-17

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 2016-17 fiscal year!

(as of 7/5/17)

Fund the paving of our new parking lot (\$125,000).....	SEF 15 Campaign
Fund the final 3 years of HVAC loan payments (\$135,000).....	SEF 15 Campaign
Provide tuition assistance over 2016-17, 17-18, 18-19 school years (\$829,762 of \$975,000 goal).....	SEF 15 Campaign
Classroom furnishings and teaching supplies.....	Lottery 2016
Purchase 216 new Lenovo notebooks for classroom use.....	Gala 2017
New cage lockers for football pads/uniforms.....	Shamrock Open 2017
New AC system for computer server room.....	Columbus Big Give
New drop ceiling and LED Lighting for Science wing hallway, & help with new tuba, greenhouse for biology, etc.....	Scotus Mothers
Pay down HVAC debt \$5,000 (St. Isid.) \$2,978.34 (St. Bons.) \$4,247.57 (St. Anthony) as of 7/5/17.....	Ignite the Faith parish rebate
Landscaping for the school's south side.....	NE Arboretum Grant

Alumni/Alumnae Soccer Tournament

The 10th Annual Scotus Alumni & Alumnae Soccer Tournament will take place on August 4 & 5 at the McLaughlin Activity Field just south of the school. Please get your rosters into Coach Jon Brezenski '98 by E-mailing him at: coachbrez@gmail.com. If you have any questions, or would like to be placed on a team, you can also call him at 402-276-6679. Please check the Scotus Alumni Soccer Facebook page for more details and the Scotus Soccer twitter page @ScotusSoccer.

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Pause and Effect

You know about the law of cause and effect. But have you considered the results of inaction? What's the effect of an inappropriate pause? Take, for example, your last will and testament. What happens if you delay the process of planning your estate and finalizing your will?

First, a protracted pause guarantees that state law will dictate the disposition of your estate. A court-appointed executor will handle the probate of your estate. A stranger may be selected to care for your minor children. Bequests to organizations like Scotus Central Catholic will not be made.

Second, forever pausing to complete your will may cause loved ones unnecessary turmoil after you're gone. They will be grieving, and it will only add to their suffering to face the uncertainties and complications involving your estate. They will be left to the mercy of the court regarding timing and decision-making. They may have to stand by and see your

estate disbursed in ways they know you would not approve. Family arguments may erupt.

Third, chronic pausing may needlessly reduce the size of your estate. Court costs and other settlement fees can be expensive. Assets may be prematurely sold resulting in unnecessary loss. The estate may also shrink through estate taxes that could have been avoided or lessened with earlier planning.

The best time to avoid the "law" of pause and effect regarding estate planning is to act now. Initiate the cause by contacting an estate-planning attorney today. Schedule an appointment and then get ready to make the most of your meeting.

And if you wish to include your alma mater in your planning, our school's legal name is: **Scotus Central Catholic Secondary School of Columbus, Nebr.** Contact the Scotus development office for more suggestions about how you might craft your planned gift.

Matching Gift Reminder

If you have made a donation to Scotus Central Catholic or plan to make a donation to the school, remember to ask your company if it matches gifts to nonprofit institutions. Our legal name is Scotus Central Catholic Secondary School of Columbus, Nebr. and our school is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit corporation. Our federal tax ID number is 47-0483045.



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I PLAYED FOR SCOTUS

Edited by John Kopetzky '80 and Mark Kurtenbach '80

The long-awaited book chronicling the athletic history and tradition of the Shamrocks is now available for purchase online!

The book chronicles the history of St. Bonaventure and Scotus athletics as told by the players, coaches, and boosters. Stories, records, and photos are featured in the book as more than 70 players and coaches reflect on their days as a Shamrock.

Shamrocks from the 1940's through 2016 are featured in the book. This is the story of the Shamrocks...by the Shamrocks.

The 6x9 book is more than 350 pages and is available for sale on the publisher's website (iUniverse). The price is \$24.95 plus shipping.

Half the proceeds of the sale of the books will go directly to Scotus. You may see the book available through other distributors such as Amazon or Barnes and Noble, but purchasing the book through iUniverse will maximize the profit that is returned to Scotus.

The link to the iUniverse website is: <http://bookstore.iuniverse.com/Products/SKU-001041628/I-Played-for-Scotus-Volume-1.aspx>



SEF 14 Concludes

The Scotus Education Fund drive (SEF 14) campaign officially concluded on the last day of 2016. The campaign kicked off in the fall of 2013 and generated \$1,330,921 in pledges for the calendar years 2014-16. Pledge payments for SEF 14 were an astounding, \$1,301,740 or nearly 97.8% of pledges. This conversion percentage is the highest in school history and we are very grateful for the philanthropy and loyalty of our donors! The campaign provided \$900,000 in tuition assistance to students and made our HVAC loan payments over the three campaign years, provided new bleachers in the Dowd Activity Center, and purchased and removed homes on the school's new north off-street parking area. In fact, students began to park on a portion of the unimproved lot in 2015.

Teacher of the Year

The 19th annual recipient of the William and Barbara Gerhold Family Teacher of the Year Award for a Columbus Catholic schools teacher is Joan Lahm. The announcement was made at a special Mass in the Scotus Dowd Center on February 2nd. Joan is in her 22nd year at Scotus Central Catholic. Prior to her work at Scotus she was a School Enrichment Coordinator for the University of Nebraska Extension of Platte County, and taught and coached at Archbishop Bergan Junior/Senior High School in Fremont.

Joan has a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and is presently teaching Life Science, Biology, and Anatomy/Physiology. During her tenure at Scotus, Joan has served as the Scotus Student Council advisor, junior high volleyball coach, Green Club sponsor, No-Limits – anti-tobacco sponsor, Teens for Life advisor, HOSA advisor, and activity bus driver. Joan has also served as a School Improvement Committee Chair for the Learning Climate.

Joan has also been a member of the Nebraska Association of Teachers of Science, National Science Teacher Association, and Nebraska Coaches Association. In the community, Joan has volunteered for Birth Right, helped coach AYSO soccer and Youth Softball, and was a speaker for CCC Work Force Development seminars.

Joan is a member of St. Bonaventure Parish where she has been an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, 4th Dayer, and substitute Eucharistic Adorer. Joan and her husband, Merlin, who is the activities director/assistant principal and coach at Scotus, are the parents of three Scotus graduates: Derek '13, Grant '15 and Jessica '16.



SEF 15 is Underway!

Thank you to everyone who has participated in SEF 15! The fifteenth edition of the SEF drive, kicked off last fall seeking pledges of support (for calendar years 2017-2019) and with an overall goal of \$1,295,000. To date, pledges total \$1,105,182 or 85.3% of the goal. However, there is a concern that the campaign will fall short of the goal and make it difficult for Scotus to provide the budgeted tuition assistance planned over the next three years.

Pledges and donations from alumni and alumnae are down compared with SEF 14. If you haven't contributed to the campaign we urge you to do so! Send pledges or contributions by mail or donate online (minus a PayPal fee paid by the school) through the donation link on the Scotus web site: www.scotuscc.org.

As a nonprofit institution, Scotus relies on four sources of annual income: 1) tuition support from our three Columbus parishes (30%), 2) tuition paid by our student families (36%), 3) SEF donations (12%) and 4) other fundraising/endowment income (22%.) Your support for the SEF 15 drive brings the benefits of a Scotus education within reach of our area families and it helps the school to provide a strong faith-based education for our students. In the next three years we also hope to pay off the remaining debt on the HVAC loan and pave the school's new north parking lot.

The SEF 15 goals are:

A. Student Tuition Assistance for 3 school years	\$ 975,000
B. HVAC Loan Payments during next 3 school years	\$ 135,000
C. Hard-surface North Parking Lot (<i>requested by city</i>)	\$ 125,000
Campaign Expenses	\$ 10,000
Anticipated Pledge Cancels	\$ 50,000

Three-Year Overall Goal **\$1,295,000**



Nathan Ostdiek placed second at state in boy's cross country. (See story on page 4)



Scotus plans to expand and hard surface the new North Parking Lot.

Changes to Practice Facilities Coming!

In 1998, Scotus Central Catholic purchased land two blocks south of the school through the generous donation of John '69 and Delena McLaughlin. Through the work and contributions of many more supporters, the land was improved, a storage garage and restroom were constructed, irrigation was installed, and the space was formally dedicated as the Warren and Shirley McLaughlin Activity Field in the year 2000. Since that time, the school's football team has used the McLaughlin Activity Field as its practice facility.

Prior to 2000, Shamrock football teams practiced at the school's original practice field—just south of the tracks on 12th Avenue. Affectionately called the "cockle bur field" by many alumni football players, the field was a half mile from the school, covered in weeds and rocks and pockmarked with holes. With the opening of the McLaughlin Field, the original practice field was named the East Activity Field and it

became Scotus' primary practice area for boys and girls soccer. Then in 2005, through the generosity of many supporters and even more volunteers, the East Activity Field was renovated, the rocks were removed, grass was planted, irrigation was installed, a storage facility constructed and instead of weeds, our soccer teams practiced on beautiful grass.

However, with the impending construction of the 12th Avenue viaduct, which will be built over the East Activity Field, Scotus will lose this soccer practice field. We have been involved in more than a year of negotiations with the city and its representatives to determine the value of the East Activity Field, how much the school will be paid for the forced sale of the East Activity Field and where the school might find a new space for Shamrock soccer practice. Our school's forced sale of the practice field was recently completed, and the school continues to explore opportunities

to identify a replacement property.

All of this is going on during the important work of the SEF 15 campaign. I urge all of you to support the campaign both financially and with your prayers. The campaign's goals are crucial and frankly we really must fund them: 1) provide \$325,000 each year to the budget to keep tuition down for our families, 2) \$135,000 to make our HVAC loan payments and 3) \$125,000 to pave our new north parking lot.

While all of these projects are immensely crucial to our school's vitality, I promise that Scotus Central Catholic will continue to keep its primary focus on the faith development of our students and staff, and the excellent academic growth and performance of our students. These are the reasons why Scotus exists as we serve our faith and civic communities and the true reason why we are so proud to be called Shamrocks!

Jeff Ohnoutka, President

THE STORY OF SCOTUS WRESTLING

~A SUCCESSFUL NEW ADDITION TO SCOTUS ATHLETICS~

By Dr. Michael P. Gutzmer

Wrestling Coach Tracy Dodson, was released from Columbus High School as their head coach in the summer of 2009. As fate would have it, on a fishing trip to Lake Michigan, he told Mike Gutzmer on August 3, 2009 that he would be interested in being a wrestling coach at SCC if we were to get a wrestling program started at Scotus. Gutzmer immediately began working with school board members and administrations from both Scotus and Columbus High to initiate the first junior high wrestling program in the fall of 2010. The Scotus school board approved the two-year junior high trial in the spring of 2010, with pending approval for varsity, if successful.

A caveat was that if the program would be successful at the junior high level, the Scotus board would approve a varsity program. In 2010 the program had 21 wrestlers show interest. In 2011, the number grew to 37. The SCC school board approved the varsity program in the spring 2012 for the inaugural season in the fall 2012. Scotus Central Catholic had reached a time in its illustrious and rich athletic history where the addition of this sport could enhance the mission and vision of our storied institution.

This has been a solid opportunity for SCC to incorporate a sport into its program to continue and embellish a long list of expanding and growing traditions of athletic and activity success. The wrestlers in this program are represented by the lion on the Scotus coat of arms—an image of which welcomes everyone

who enters the Dowd Activity Center. And, SCC's success in wrestling certainly didn't hurt our effort to win the state football championship in 2015.

There are few sports that define character, strength, perseverance and passion like the sport of wrestling. At first glance, wrestling may look like a mindless attempt to fall on someone on a padded mat—it is anything but that. The sport of wrestling embraces both art and science, enhancing the athlete's mind, body and spirit. Any wrestler who engages in the sport finds a deeper excellence in themselves on and off the mat. Dan Gable once said, "Once you have wrestled, everything else in life is easy." Not always true, but wrestling can certainly prepare one for life's challenges.

In its first four years, the Rock varsity wrestling program amassed a 50-20 dual record. Scotus has accrued two state champions, two runner-ups, two third place finalists, four fourth place finalists, one fifth and one sixth place finalist at the Nebraska State Wrestling Championships held in Omaha every February—that's 12 state finalists and 26 state qualifiers in 4 years! SCC advanced from 31st in the final 2012 state rankings to 5th place in the final 2016 team rankings. The Shamrocks also placed 4th at the 2016 Class B State Duals in Kearney. From 2012 to 2016, SCC won four conference championships and placed 9th, 2nd, 3rd and 1st respectively at Districts.



SCC's first junior high wrestling team in fall 2010.



THE 2017 SEASON

The 2016-17 team is led by five returning state qualifiers, including two state medalists: Layton Mullinix who has 150 career wins and is a 3-time state qualifier and Wyatt Gutzmer at 133 wins and also a 3-time state qualifier, and Tyler Brandenburg, Dillon Muchmore and River Liebig.



State Finalists

Seth Gutzmer (182 lb.), was a 2016 4th Place NSAA Finalist & Wyatt Gutzmer (220 lb.) was a 3rd Place NSAA Finalist and they are the first brothers to place as finalists in state wrestling in the same year from any of the three Columbus, Nebraska high schools.



Worth Noting

• The girls cross country team captured the Class C state championship and Brea Lassek was the 6th place individual medalist. Members of the team included, *(Pictured below)* l-r: Brea Lassek, Faith Przymus (alternate), Samantha Tonniges, Kelsey Faust, Liza Zaruba, Ashley Foreman and Kaylee Tonniges.



• The boys cross country team finished in 3rd place at state with Nathan Ostdiek *(Photo on page 2)* capturing the second place medal and Elliott Thomazin the 11th place medal. Other runners included Cody Mroczek, Nathan Hiemer, Tyler Vaught and Nathan Schumacher. Cross country coaches were Merlin Lahm and Amy (Hefti '87) Sokol.

• Scotus Senior Nathan Hiemer signed his letter of intent to run track and cross country for the Wayne State College Wildcats. *(Pictured below)* Seated with Nathan are his mother, Deb, and Scotus coach and Activities Director, Merlin Lahm. Not shown is Nathan's father, Troy.



• Scotus Senior Cody Mroczek signed his letter of intent to run track for the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. *(Pictured below)* Seated with Cody are his parents, Don and Karen (Gdowski '73) Mroczek.



• Shamrock senior, Nathan Ostdiek, signed to run cross country and track at Washington University in St. Louis. Nathan plans to study engineering at WashU. *(Pictured below)* Shown with Nathan are his parents, Kim and Duane and his sister, Lauren, a freshman at Scotus.



• Shamrock senior Evan Chohon was named to the Class C-1 First Team All-State football team. Listed as Honorable Mention All-State in football were seniors: Dalton Taylor, Duncan Paczosa, Mitchell Halligan and Will Sonderman.

• In Volleyball, the following Shamrocks received Honorable Mention All-State recognition: seniors, Eastyn Klink & Jessica Buhman and sophomore, Bailey Lehr.

• NSAA Academic All-State winners for the fall season: Cross Country – Kelsey Faust, Brea Lassek, Nathan Ostdiek, Elliott Thomazin; Football – Luke Jarecke, Tate VunCannon; Golf – Emerson Belitz, Kendra Wiese; Play Production – Caleb Kosch, Naomi Kosch; Softball – Emily Hand; Volleyball – Alyssa Kuta, Hannah Mielak.



HHC 1-16 Infantry Battalion opens care packages sent by Scotus FBLA

• Scotus Central Catholic, Columbus High School and Lakeview High School along with Pinnacle Bank organized a care package project for service men and women before the holidays and literally hundreds of packages were sent overseas. The following Email was sent to Scotus along with the above picture: "My name is Sergeant Ryan Hernandez from the HHC 1-16 Infantry Battalion! Our unit is based in Fort Riley, Kansas - Home of the Big Red One, America's First Infantry Division! We're currently deployed to South Korea in support of ongoing defense operations along the Korean Peninsula and were thrilled to receive your care packages in the mail! I was initially contacted by Abe Perault, whom I met via his sister Alise Perault, who informed me of the care package operation that Scotus FBLA had going on and I was more than happy to give him our address here in South Korea! My platoon was more than eager to tear into the boxes when we received them and we are all truly grateful

to all the students at Scotus and every single person that was involved in making these care packages for us! The holidays can be a tough time for deployed soldiers and the care packages that Scotus FBLA sent brought a welcome warmth and deep feelings of appreciation to our platoon. For that, we are extremely grateful for all of you and the work that was put into getting these gifts to us! So from our military family to all of yours back home at Scotus, we salute you and thank you for your support. God bless you all and God bless America. Happy Holidays!”

• **Shamrock Lottery.** The winners of the Mad Dash for Christmas Cash Lottery were: Tara Gokie (\$500), Gary & Gina Torczon (\$200), Jorge Torres (\$100), Derek Ferguson (\$100) and William Policky (\$100.) We sold 1,666 tickets this year (slightly below last year’s 1,693 figure.) Through the lottery we netted \$6,619.08 which will be used to make improvements in Scotus classrooms and to purchase teaching supplies. St. Joseph Parish in Platte Center was again our lottery sponsor.



• The 2nd Annual Chip Kaup Classic is scheduled for May 6th at The Elks Country Club, Columbus NE. Shotgun start at 1:00. The tournament celebrates the life of Chip Kaup and helps raise money for the Chip Kaup Memorial Scholarships, which are character based scholarships awarded to a senior boy and girl soccer player that best exhibit Chip's outstanding personality. There is only room for 100 golfers so it's first come, first served. Entry fee is \$60 and includes 18 holes, golf cart and meal afterward. There are also tons of pin prizes, on course events and giveaways. Sponsorships are also available for a mere \$200 and get you signage on the course, recognition at the awards ceremony, and brownie points with the Big Man up in heaven. If you're interested in golfing or sponsoring, please e-mail ChipKaupClassic@gmail.com.



Here and There...



Joe Adamy '58 – shared that he is still enjoying his travel hobby. In 2016 he: visited Ireland, took an American Queen cruise on the Columbia River, saw the Florida everglades, cruised the Bahamas, visited Medjugorje in Bosnia-Herzegovina “where the Blessed Mary appears on the second of each month”, sailed to some of the Gulf islands and went gold mining in Canada—but “hasn’t found much of anything, yet!” Joe also shared that at the Roslyn, Washington Arts Festival he took home a first prize at the juried art show with his portrait of the late Bob Harper, the owner of Roslyn’s Harper’s Lumber (*pictured above*).

Scott '07 and Gessica (Paprocki '08) Ackman – shared that Porter Paul Ackman was born on 4/11/2016. He joins big sister Everlie Ackman. Grandparents are Greg and Elisa Paprocki of Columbus, and Dennis and Kathryn Ackman of Columbus.



Porter Paul Ackman

Maeghan Pieper '16 – was named an NJCAA Division II All-American Honorable Mention. In her first season for Central Community College, Maeghan had 324 kills and 358 digs. The CCC Raiders finished with a 30-11 record and made their sixth consecutive NJCAA Division II national tournament appearance.

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Reunions

Class of 1967. 50-Year Reunion. The Class of 1967's 50th reunion is set for September 1, 2 and 3, 2017. For more information or to provide input to the planning committee, contact: Peg (Starostka) Pfeifer, pfeif67@hotmail.com or Gene Konwinski, gkonwinski@cox.net.

Class of 1972. 45-Year Reunion. The Class of 1972's reunion will be on Saturday, August 5, 2017; details on afternoon and evening activities will be provided later. Contact: Terry Hyland (ash31356@cox.net or 402-203-1628). (P.S. Start looking for decorations, Marcia.)

Class of 1977. 40-Year Reunion. The Class of 1977's 40th reunion is set for the weekend of August 12, 2017. For more information contact Jacki Ryba, ryba.jacki@gmail.com or Diane Duren, dianeduren@cox.net.



Class of 1991. Attending their 25th reunion on August 19-20 were, l-r: Chris Mustard, Fred Maguire (over Mustards' shoulder), Dain Neater, Rachelle (Schieffer) Wehner, Kelly (Peterson) Schaad, Lori (Wessel) Pytlik, Chris Bogus, Megan Tooley, Kari (Beiermann) Jakub, Jamie Jakub, Nicki (Votova) Auman, Joe McPhillips, Cory Christiansen, and Mike Woerth. Not pictured but in attendance were Bob Oppliger, Tara (Mohatt) Benson and Craig Robak. On Friday, the class sponsored a horse race at Ag Park and then went to Glurs. On Saturday they gathered at Mike Woerth's home on the lake and later enjoyed dinner together at Henry's on 11th Reception Hall. .

Alumnae Volleyball Tourney. Eight teams competed in the Nov. 26th Shamrock Alumnae Volleyball Tourney. The day-long event began with pool play and then a single elimination tourney of 2 out of 3 matches to 21 points. The event was a tremendous success and capturing tourney honors was Team 2016! A celebration dinner was held after the tourney in the Memorial Hall cafeteria.



Shown front row, l-r: Bailey Honold, Courtney Labenz, Morgan Thorson, and Kelsey Wiehn; back row, l-r: Courtney Brockhaus, Hannah Thomazin, Sarah Schumacher and Maeghan Pieper.

Gala 2017

The 36th annual Gala dinner/auction will be held on Saturday, April 1, 2017 and this year's theme is "Through the Looking Glass." The 2017 Gala co-chairs are: Craig & Kathy Enderlin, Bryan '87 & Lisa Ternus and Aaron & Shannon Kosch. The 2017 vice-chairs include: Kevin & Heather Bridger, Chris & Cathy (Avery '97) Hutchinson and Bill & Michell Ruskamp. If you would like to participate by donating an item for the silent or oral auctions, volunteer to help, or if you wish to receive an invitation to attend please contact our



co-chairs, vice-chairs or Janice Rosenquist in the Scotus development office: 402-564-7165 ext. 154 or jrosenquist@scotuscc.org.

Besides the silent and oral auctions, the Gala annually features a lottery. This year's top prize is \$12,000 cash and there are four \$500 consolation prizes. Only 600-\$100 tickets are printed for the Gala lottery and are available from the school. Also during the event, we will ask our supporters to fund a special project. Since our students are enthusiastically using the 78 Lenovo tablets we purchased through the last Gala, we hope to purchase another 75-100 tablets for students to use in the classroom!

Some of the grand auction items this year include: Tim McGraw/Faith Hill concert for 4, Dinner w/Archbishop Lucas, four lower bowl tickets to a Denver Broncos home game, Rowe CD Jukebox, shopping trips to Kansas City, Chicago and New York, Maverick Hockey at Baxter Arena, condos in Colorado and Lake Tahoe, two premium season tickets to Husker football, Las Vegas NFR/Cirque du Soleil, Skybox tickets to a Husker game, four tickets to a Broncos at Chiefs game, Okoboji vacation, Pheasant Hunt at Bunker Hill, catered office party at the Henry Building, Huskers at Oregon game package for four, and much more.





In Sympathy

We extend our sincere sympathy to the families of the following deceased alumni, alumnae and friends of Scotus Central Catholic.

William N Andreas '58 – passed away May 10, 2016.

Gerald "Jerry" Cielocha – survived by his wife, Jean; son, Braden (Joanna); brother, Kenneth '54 (Carolyn Backes '59); sisters, Joann '54 (Joe) Schuele, Barbara '56 Adamy; and one grandchild.

Gary Krings – survived by his wife, Lynn; daughters, Natalie '02, Hannah '15; son, Matthew (fiance' Katie Foerster); sisters, Amy, Bev (Greg) Holmberg; brothers, Andy (Lisa) and Russell (Maryuree.)

Patrick Pensick – survived by his wife, Teresa; daughter, Taylor; son, Sam; parents, Rich '57 and Maureen 'Bea' (Mick '58) Pensick; brother and sister-in-law Joe (Karla) Pensick; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Dave (Diane) Tremain, John (Barb) Tremain, Vestey (Jerry) Liesing, Mona (Fred) Grabher; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Eleanor Rybinski – survived by daughters, Theresa '82 (Bob) Hiner, Vicki '88 (Dwayne) Voboril; son, Robert '82 (Rachel) Rybinski; sisters, Rosie Gembica, Evelyn (Clem) Rinkol; brother, Edwin (Judy) Stankowski; sister-in-law, Mary Ann Stankoski; brother-in-law, Richard Vetick; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Marilyn Speicher – survived by her husband, Clifford '51; daughters, Kathy Miller, Kris (John) Killough, Karlie Clay; sons, Kent (Karen), Kurt; ten grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Margaret Spenner Minchow '82 – survived by her husband Matthew; daughter, Olivia; sons, Noel and Nathan; sisters, Anne, Patricia Baker; brothers, Carl, Joseph; father, Deacon Art Spenner.

Dr. Edward C. Stevens, D.C. – survived by his wife, Karen; sons, Brian (Cynthia), John M.; sister, Patricia Mueller; brothers John J. '53 (Georgia), Thomas '56; brother-in-law, Robert Gates; three grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Edward attended Scotus through the 10th grade and graduated from Omaha Holy Name HS.

Sr. Alberta Wieser, O.S.F. – survived by her sister Elaine Swanson '57; brothers Ken (Judy), Jerome (Helen); sister-in-law, Dolores Wieser; and many nieces and nephews. Sr. Alberta served as an educator at St. Bonaventure from 1957-1964.

✠ Memorials ✠

(Received between 10/21/2016 and 1/20/2017)

Romaine German
MM Ray Staroscik

Joe Kratky
MM Rick Cheloha
Burnie Kratky
LaVerna Malmstrom
Georgianne Malousek
MM Joe Szatko

Gary Krings
DRM Larry Malicky

Jerry Liss '73
MM Ray Liss

Tom Murphy
MM Larry Novicki
MM Pat Novicki

Patrick Pensick
Janet Brezinski
MM Dwayne Johnson
MM Raymond Staroscik

Gail Placek
MM Dwayne Johnson
Friends and Family

Debbie (Zuerlein) Schraer '69
Ron Schraer
Friends and Family

Betty Steiner
Friends and Family

Dr. Edward Stevens
MM John Stevens

Erv Wieser
MM Dave Duren
MM Tom Jarecke
MM Brian Peringo

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If you are a Shamrock who attended St. Bonaventure HS or Scotus Central Catholic, or if you are an active Shamrock stakeholder, your roots are here in this school which daily celebrates the Franciscan traditions of our faith. Yes, your current support for Scotus is very important; however your legacy support for Scotus can and will make an impact that truly can shape the future of our school.

Consider including Scotus in your will—perhaps as the recipient of a small percentage of your estate or of a stated dollar amount. If you already have a will, a very simple document called a codicil which states that you wish to add

a gift can be included with your will. Or you might consider assigning Scotus as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy, a CD or a part of your IRA—actions that don't necessarily involve your will. Besides the possible tax benefits, think of the satisfaction you will enjoy for years to come, knowing that you have provided for the future of Catholic education at Scotus. Our legal name is: Scotus Central Catholic Secondary School of Columbus, Nebraska. Contact the Scotus development office for more details about how you might craft your planned gift.

Matching Gift Reminder

If you have made a donation to Scotus Central Catholic or plan to make a donation to the school, remember to ask your company if it matches gifts to nonprofit institutions. Our legal name is Scotus Central Catholic Secondary School of Columbus, Nebr. and our school is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit corporation. Our federal tax ID number is 47-0483045.

Charitable IRA Rollover

On December 18, 2015 the President signed a bill retroactively reinstating the Charitable IRA Rollover provision for all of 2015 and removing any expiration date on the provision, thereby permanently extending the Charitable IRA Rollover into the future. This law allows an individual who is 70½ or older to gift up to \$100,000 from his or her IRA directly to a qualified charity such as Scotus Central Catholic High School without having to recognize the IRA distribution as taxable income.

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