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Dowd Center Court Dedication

On September 16th, the new gym floor in the Dowd Activity Center was dedicated in the name of Scotus coaching legend, John Petersen. Coach Petersen was the volleyball coach for 37 seasons at Scotus. He led the Shamrocks to 15 state championships, seven runner-up finishes, and the Shamrocks made the state finals 14 consecutive years--a streak that is unmatched in Nebraska high school sports. Under his watch Shamrock volleyball also had a one hundred and fifteen match winning streak from 2001-2004. He compiled a head coaching record in volleyball of 863-136. John was also the girls head basketball coach for 23 seasons, in which he coached teams to three state championships and one runner up finish. He compiled a head coaching record in basketball of 358-148. During his time at Scotus, John was also a well-respected teacher of Mathematics.

In 2012, John was named the National Coach of the Year by the National High School Athletic Coaches Association; and in 2014 he was inducted in the Shamrock Athletic Hall of Fame. Most certainly, Coach Petersen left an impact on Scotus Central Catholic that will never be duplicated. Of course, we also thank the many Shamrock student-athletes on those successful volleyball and girls' basketball teams who made all of these accomplishments possible. The John Petersen Court is really a celebration of the proud tradition of Shamrock athletics including the support of our parents, fans and boosters! Thank you, John, for your dedication to the students on the court and in the classroom and for being a great representative of our school!



Nebraska High School Hall of Fame

In September, the 1996 Scotus volleyball team was inducted into the Nebraska High School Hall of Fame. The program was hosted at Lincoln East High School. This is an amazing honor for a wonderful group of players and coaches. The team finished with a perfect 28-0 record, were the Class C1 state champions and they received a final ranking of #1 All Class in Nebraska. The Shamrocks were led by the five All-State Seniors: Carmen Burbach, Audrey Pfeifer, Staci Rosche, Julie Trouba, and Rhea Wemhoff.

The entire varsity roster included: Andrea Torczon, Sara Kunneman, Kristie Korth, Mandy Beiermann, Staci Rosche, Holly Van Ackeren, Jodi Eikmeier, Nikki Jazwick, Kim Rickert, Jenny Levos, Jewelia Grennan, Julie Trouba, Audrey Pfeifer, Carmen Burbach, and Rhea Wemhoff. Head coach John Petersen, assistant coaches Janet Tooley and Julie Blaser. Congratulations Shamrocks!



Here and There...

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

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

EMILY CARSTENS '18 - hosted an art exhibition last August at Scotus. Emily is a senior art major at Benedictine College, Atchison KS.

To learn more about Emily's passion for art, go to:
www.emilymcarstensart.com



DR. JACOB TOOLEY D.O., M.S. '03 - has joined the Child and Adolescent Psychiatry team at the Boys Town National Research Hospital in Omaha, NE. Jacob has a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine and a Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences, from Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences, Kansas City, MO. He completed his general psychiatry residency and child/adolescent psychiatry fellowship through Creighton University, School of Medicine and the University of Nebraska Medical Center. Boys Town Child and Adolescent Psychiatry has grown to a team of ten physicians and advanced practitioners who specialize in the behavioral, developmental and mental health care of children and adolescents.



Alumnae Volleyball Tournney

ALL SCOTUS ALUMNAE ARE INVITED!

The 17th Biennial Alumnae Volleyball Tournney was postponed from last fall and will be held on Saturday, November 27, 2021 (Thanksgiving weekend)

Cost is \$35 (checks may be made out to: Kim Dreesen or Venmo @Kim-Dreesen)

Registration deadline is Friday, November 5

GET ALL YOUR FRIENDS TO SIGN UP!!!

To register and send your shirt size please contact:

Kim (Rickert) Dreesen, 362 S Deer Creek Pl, Columbus 402-290-6529 OR email: kkdreesen@yahoo.com

Shanna (Melliger) Niedbalski, 3478 25th Ave, Columbus 402-276-4071 OR email: smniedbalski@gmail.com

At the conclusion of the tournament, a party will follow for all the players & significant others at Cork n Barrel.

Reunions



1970 Reunion. The Class of 1970 enjoyed their 51st reunion late this summer.



1971 Reunion. Front Row, L to R: Anna Marie Szatko; Regina (Bonk) Stowe; Mary Lynn Thomas; Kathy (Kline) McArdle; Karen Cerny; Joan Cannon. Middle Row, L to R: Mike Steiner, Joe Krumland, Jacqueline (Stavas) Pletan; Patty (VanAckeren) Bogus; Kathie (Roschynialski) Lueke; Kathy (Meysenberg) Haile; Anne (Gerhold) McCoy; Kathy (German) Jackson; Mary Jane (Kosch) Noble; James Bonk. Back Row, L to R: Larry Honke; Leo Hamling; Dave Schaecher; Al Niedbalski; Bruce Ebner; Jerry Shank; Bob Lueke; Terry Mausbach; Don Braun.



1980 Reunion. First of all, a huge THANK YOU to Chris "Moon" and Lynette Dreifurst for hosting us on Saturday night! They were very gracious in opening up the doors of their home to all of us - - what a great place to have a reunion!



1981 Reunion. Front Row, L to R – Colleen (Parolek) Dake, Theresa (Chlopek) Varner, Johna (Konwinski) Duren, Patrice Oppliger; 2nd row – Julie (Kelly) Beal, Sheila (Stopak) O’Brien, Kelly (Miller) Haney, Kelly (McGuire) Hajek; 3rd row – Tim Cielocha, Mike O’Hearn, Karen (Ebner) Swenson, Mary (Brezinski) Atkinson, Doug Duren, Mark Duren, Joe Pensick, Ron Starzec, Cindy (Ebner) Zywiec and 4th row – John Eckholt, Doug Stopak, Ken Heimann, Bret Kumpf, Mike Wieser, John Determan, Lana Torczon.



Worth Noting

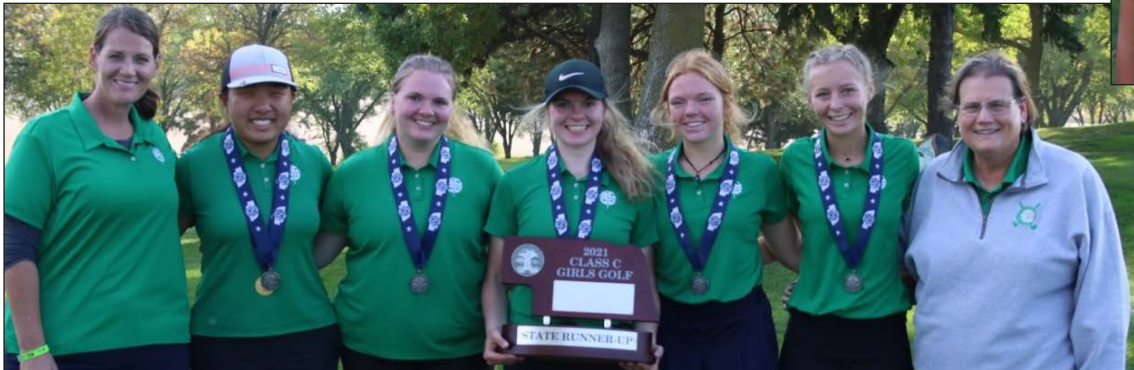


- Members of the Scotus National Honor Society will be volunteering to **phone alumni and alumnae** in November to seek support for the annual appeal. Calling dates are Nov. 10, 11, 14-16, 21-23 & 29 between 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm. We hope you will take their call and also ask for a Scotus update!
- The annual Scotus Booster Club **Craft Boutique** is set for Sunday, December 5, 2021, at Scotus. The boutique usually features 100 or more vendors and runs from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Check out details on the Scotus Facebook page at: Scotus Central Catholic High School or email organizers at: scotuscraftboutique@gmail.com.
- Scotus 8th grader, **Jacqueline Stoner**, had her artwork selected to be featured in the 2022 Environmental Calendar titled, "Nebraska: Don't Waste It!" Her work was entered into a statewide contest sponsored by the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy and was chosen along with 12 other winners from nearly 1,100 participating students. The winners were recognized by Governor Pete Ricketts at a ceremony at the Nebraska State Capital in August.
- According to newly released census data, the **city of Columbus**, NE grew 8.7% over the past decade to 24,028 people.
- The Scotus **marching band** received a Superior Division 1 rating at the Harvest of Harmony Parade in Grand Island.

- This past summer we received **two transformational donations** from alumni: one for \$100,000 which was directed to the new Scotus bus leasing fund—bringing 2 new large busses for Scotus to use in a five-year lease; and the second donation was \$200,000 directed to support our STEAM program. Thank you so much for your philanthropy and support for Catholic education at Scotus!
- The **41st annual Gala** dinner/auction is set for Saturday, April 9, 2022. This year's theme will be "Caribbean Nights", and the co-chairs are Cory & Tricia Faust, Matt & Sharee Jedlicka and Tim '81 & Caree Cielocha. Vice-chairs are Gerry & Christi Wiese, Chad & Michelle Oakley and Matt '00 & Shanna (Melliger '00) Niedbalski. This is the school's largest annual fundraiser and please consider participating!
- This fall, Shamrock students have been running the **StrivTV** live streams for home events. This is a great opportunity for our students to learn how a live broadcast is directed, produced and managed. To watch our home activities, go to this link: <https://striv.tv/channel/columbus-scotus/> and if you have any questions regarding StrivTV, please email Taylor Dahl at tdahl@scotuscc.org.



- The Shamrock **girls' golf team** captured the Centennial Conference championship, the Class C District 2 meet and finished as the runner-up team at the state tournament. Shamrock sophomore, Cecilia Arndt, shot rounds of 78 and 79 to capture the individual state champion medal—a first in school history for girls' golf. Other team members and their final positions at state included junior, Kaelyn Dierman (T-20), and seniors Avery Dierman (T-28), Alaina Dierman (36) and Halle Langan (76).



Addresses Needed!

The last Shamrock Newsletter was returned by the post office as undeliverable to the addresses on file for the following Shamrocks: Dustin Becher '03, Christopher Goettsche '93, David Gubbels '00, Scott Jones '89, Kourtney Kaminski '88, Joe McMeekin '74, Dale Miksch '73, Theresa (Horne) Poulas '93, and Tricia (Korger) Wilson '89. If you have their correct mailing address, please contact the Scotus development office.

Reunion Information

Class of 1982. The 40-year class reunion for the Class of 1982 is set for June 2-4, 2022, at the Flamingo Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. We would also love to invite the teachers of the Class of 1982. You are the ones who molded us into the model citizens we all became. Our Group Name: Scotus Class of 1982. Our Group Code: VF3SCO2. There will be a variety of activities to choose from, including a social hour. For reservations, call 888-373-9855. Using the call center will incur an extra fee instead of booking online. For more information or suggestions, contact Bob Kuta 402-910-7593 or Jay Jarecki 531-247-9095.

14th Annual Alumni/Alumnae Soccer Tournament

The 14th annual alumni/nae soccer tournament was held on August 6-7, 2021, at the Warren & Shirley McLaughlin Activity Field. Coordinating the event were Jon '98 & Kristie (Korth '98) Brezenski. Even though our region was still feeling the weight of the Covid pandemic, the tourney had an excellent turn-out fielding nine men's teams (six in the Green Division and 3 in the Gold Division) and three women's teams. Overall, 125 players took part in the action. Division Champions were:

Green - 1998-1999; Gold - 2007/2010 and Women's - 2005-2014. Team photos credit: Brooke (Rayman '99) Rogers.



Soccer Tourney Participants (photo by Jackie Smith)



State Championship 25-Year Anniversaries Scotus celebrated the 25-year anniversaries of several state championship teams at the home football game with David City Aquinas. Honored teams were: 1995 Volleyball, 1996 Volleyball, 1995 Girls Basketball, 1996 Girls Basketball and 1997 Boys Soccer. 15 Shamrocks were able to attend the game and post-game celebration at the KC Hall.



In Sympathy

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

Karen Avery – survived by her husband, Jerry; daughter, Cathy '97 (Chris) Hutchinson; sons, Justin '00 (Amy), Jason '03 (Christy); sisters, Diane (Rich) Svehla, Barb (Frank) Payne, Arlene (Bob) Dickes, Nancy Yount; brothers, Al (Rita) Fuchs, John (Bernice) Fuchs, Kenny (Rachel) Fuchs, Gary (Lisa) Fuchs; ten grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

James “Jim” Beller – survived by his wife, Mary Catherine (Bothe '55); sons, Terry (Karla), Marc (Bonnie), Mike (Julie); sisters, Bonnie Hegemann, Pat Heimann; brothers, Jerry (Joanie), Harry (Mary Byers '67), Bob (Lorrie); fourteen grandchildren; thirty great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Phillip Czuba – survived by his wife, Liz; sisters, Darlene '59 Elston, Phyllis '65 (Keith) Barg, Mary Lou '68 (Larry) Cook, Dee Hasselbach-Artz; and brother-in-law, Ed (Diann) Herdzina.

Velma Mae Dreifurst-Shupe – survived by daughters, Tonja '77 (Vince) Lusche, Lori '81 (Kevin) Busse, Kim '84 (Jerry) Alt; son, Steve (Jody); step-daughter, Brenda (Pat) Eisenmenger, step-daughter-in-law, Teri Shupe; sister, Linda (Jim) Scheffler; brothers, Gary Ashby, Larry (Lorraine) Ashby; sisters-in-law, Lucy Ashby, Beverly Dreifurst, Donna Laska, Janie (Bob) Pensick, LaRue Shupe; brother-in-law, Dale Holley; eighteen grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren.

Richard Dush '59 – survived by his wife, Judy; sons, Douglas '83 (Lori), Brad '89 (Beth); sisters, Mary Jo Boro '58, Ann (Gene) Prosocki; brothers, Frank '64, Conrad (Sue); sisters-in-law, Donna (Don) Wemhoff, Cathy (Warren) Janssen, Connie Hegemann; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Vincent Galley '54 – survived by daughters, Kim (Dan '83) Korger, Lori Hall; sisters, Jean (Adrian) Iwan, Cathy Sansoni; brother, Cliff; seven grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren.

Myrle Hadcock '51 – survived by sons, Mike (Linda), Scott (Holly), Greg (Donna); sister, Bonnie (Gary) Benson; brother, Ralph '57 (Jackie); son-in-law, Ronald Stone; ten grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Tim Kobus – survived by daughters, Nicole '03 (Craig '03) Staroscik, Andria '06 (Eric) Vetick; sisters, Mary Jo '71 (Lee) Way, Pam (Ralph) Merry, Jamie (John) Brakenhoff, Lori (Shane) Wake, Geri (Jeff) Reichmuth, Paulette (Dan) DeRock, Marianne (Harry) Blazek, Deb '69 (Lee) Sander; brothers, Tom '68 (Debbie), John '74 (Debbie), Jim (Linda), Joe (Jessica) and two grandchildren.

Christine Kuta – survived by sisters, Karen '62 (Peter) Ward, Marilyn '63 Broz, Patrice (Roy) Orr, Mary Ellen Watchorn; brothers, Tim (Elaine), Terry; brothers-in-law, Don Hegi, Dennis Kruse; and nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews and great-great-nieces and nephews.

Craig Melliger '69 – survived by his wife, Judy; daughters, Brenda (Raymond) Hughes, Tracey (Eric) Clark; sister, Debra '71 (Ron) Getchell; brother, Curt '74; six grandchildren and two step-grandchildren.

William “Bill” Neater – survived by daughters, Kim '83, Holley (Korey) O'Dell; sons, Robert (Christine), Rich (Rebecca) Sargent, Chris (Jeri), Eric, Dain '91 (Melissa), Travis (Amanda), Troy (Carissa); sister, Joan (Gordon) Specht; sister-in-law, Marianne (Gregorius '66) Neater; twenty-two grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

Ricky Paczosa – survived by daughters, Mackenzie '12 (Joshua) Paczosa, Gabrielle '14 (Austin) Paczosa; son, Duncan '17; ex-wife, Lisa (Kneifel '83); brothers, Ben (Tammy), Todd, Corey (Michelle); two grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Dennis “Denny” Podany – survived by his wife, Jane; daughter, Kim '79 (Mark) McBride; sons, Chris '78 (Sandra Gdowski '79), Paul '81 (Sherry); brother Marvin (Janet); five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Diane (Gray '84) Posthumus – survived by her husband, Derrik; daughters, Henrietta, Zoey; step-sons, Kyle, Ryan, Tate; brothers, Tim '83, Dan '88; and father and mother-in-law, Jerry and Joan Posthumus.

Phillip Raimondo – survived by his wife, Mary; daughters, Rachel '03 (Brandon) Hays, Natalie; sons, Matthew '06 (Kayla), Nicholas '09 (Katy Dyas), Patrick (Kayla); father, T.R. Raimondo; sisters, Linda (Tom) Bock, Diana '89; three grandchildren with one on the way and thirteen nieces & nephews.

Tony Robak – survived by his wife, Lisa; sisters, Karen '71 (Stanley) Brashears, Kim '73 (William Mueller), Andrea (Kyle) McAllister; brothers, Frank '76 (Marcy Wyrens), Kurt (Susan) and many nieces and nephews.

James “Jim” Roberts – survived by his wife, JoAnn Bothe '58; daughters, Pam (Bob) Johnson, Amy (Royce) Case, Cindy; son, David (Jill); honorary son, Mike Sliva; sisters-in-law, Phyllis Roberts, Marilyn Roberts; eleven grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Angeline (Tworek '40) Slovinski – survived by daughters, Sharon '67 (Phil) Whitefoot, Julie '74 (Michael) Kunes, Debra '75 (Gerald) McPhillips; son, Bill '82 (Beth) Slovinski; ten grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. Editor's Note: we regret that the posting of Angeline's obituary in the printed summer newsletter edition was not correct.

Dr. Louis Sojka – survived by his wife, Jackie (Michaelsen '56); daughters, Anne '83 (Vince) Stanco, Joan '86 Grinbergs, Mary '87 (Troy) Sydzyk, Sara '88 (Paul) Smith; sons, Matthew, Mark (Marcy), Fr. Louis “Luke”, John (Whitney); and twenty-two grandchildren.

Patricia Spenceri – survived by her husband, Frank; daughter, Lisa '85 (Galen) Moes; son, Scott '83 (Kelly); three siblings, five grandchildren; one great-grandchild and many other in-laws, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. Frank Spenceri coached and taught at Scotus from 1970-1988.

Dennis “Bud” Steiner – survived by daughter, Joan (Tim) Satorie; sons, Richard (Gwen), Daniel (Nancy), Kenneth (Kathy Melcher ’86), Douglas (Heather); sister, Rose ’59 Wahlgren; brother, Joe (Mary); eighteen grandchildren and twenty-one great-grandchildren.

Thomas Stevens ’56 – survived by former wife, Kay; life partner, Virginia Daisley; sons, Thomas (Teri), Michael (Deb), Christopher, Jeffrey (Nancy), Robb (Jennifer), Corey, Jordan (Karen), Joel (Angee), Devon (Jaime); daughter-in-law, Nikki Stevens; sister, Patricia Mueller; brother, John ’53 (Georgia); sister-in-law, Karen Stevens; thirty grandchildren; nineteen great-grandchildren; and twelve great-great-grandchildren.

William “Bill” Tarnick – survived by his wife, Theresa; daughter, Katrina ’76 (Fred ’76) Spies; sons, William “Bill” ’77 (Kerry), Rock ’80 (Denise); sister, Agnes Anderson; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Kenneth Vetick ’82 – survived by his daughter, Megan (Bryan) Kiene; son, Kellen (Leah); parents, Carroll (Janet Smith ’58); sister, Angie ’88 (Steve) Lundstrom; two grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Catherine (Hauser ’47) Wibbels – survived by children, Kathy (Dick Peschke) Austin, Bill (Denise) Hadley, Steve (Leslie) Hadley, Shannon (Terry) McDaniel; step-children, Kevin ’67 (Linda Kresha ’68) Wibbels, Colleen ’72 (Bob) Botsios, Thane ’74 (Kathy) Wibbels; sister-in-law, Marcella Hauser, eight grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren and one niece.

Edward Zywiec ’77 – survived by his wife, Margo; sons, Jeremy (Erica), Adam (Julia), Bradley; mother, Elizabeth; sister, Deb (Dennis) Hadcock; brother, Chuck (Kathy); and six grandchildren.

James Zuerlein – survived by daughters, Tami ’85 (Chip) Pippert, Tara ’87 (Brad) Kearney; sons, Terry ’77 (Nancy), Todd ’79 (Sheri), Tim ’82 (Tammy); sisters, Elaine (George) Pfeifer, Carolyn (Norm) Mejstrik, Nancy (Steve) Milbourn, Donna (Ron) Lehman; brothers, Gene (Eileen), Tom; brother-in-law, Alvin Backes; fourteen grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

✠ Memorials ✠

(Received between 7/22/2021 and 10/14/2021)

George Bixenmann Jr
MM Ted Starostka

Virgil Lassek
Dennis Duren

Michele Schumacher
MM Ray Staroscik

Jeff Van Lent ’82
Tim Gray

Patricia (O’Hearn ’72) Cieloha
MM Jerome Gates
MM Edward Meekins

Bob Legenza ’62
MM Ted Starostka

Angela (Tworek ’40) Slovinski
Marvin Boyle

Ken Vetick ’82
MM Tom Jarecke
MM Ray Staroscik
MM Gene Zywiec

Velma Dreifurst-Shupe
MM Larry Buntgen
MM Dennis Ryba
MM Vern Younger

Jerry Liss ’73
MM Rey Liss

Dr. Louis Sojka
MM John Adcox
MM Doug Fleetwood
Mark Gdowski
Richard Gdowski
Nancy Huston
MM Larry Sleddens
MM Vern Younger

Catherine (Hauser ’47) Wibbels
MM Dennis Budde
MM Doug Farrar
Rachel Perkins
MM Bob Rickert
MM John Schueth
MM Ray Staroscik
Lucille Torczon
MM Melvin Wibbels
Phyllis Zelasney

Vince Galley ’54
Carroll Ebner
MM Jerry Jarecke
MM Tom Jarecke
MM Fritz Schwank

Camilla (Moersen ’43) Nelson
Marvin Boyle

Margaret (Melliger ’46) Nosal
MM Dave Melliger
MM Al Wunderlich

Ricky Paczosa
MM Tim Harrington

Pat Spenceri
MM Al Niedbalski
MM Terry Hash

Bob Gangel
MM Vern Younger

Reola Pelster
MM Tim Harrington

Myrle Hadcock ’51
Carroll Ebner

Diane (Gray ’84) Posthumus
Dan Gray
Tim Gray

Dennis “Bud” Steiner
MM Larry Sleddens
Rose & Sandy Wahlgren

Patricia Wiese ’82
MM Vern Younger

Elizabeth Hegi
Columbus Community
Hospital
Donald Hegi
Nathan Hegi
MM Don Hingst
Ivan Micek
Friends & Family

Phillip Raimondo
MM Rick Chochoy
MM Mark Ingram

Dan Riley
MM Vern Younger

William “Bill” Tarnick
MM Tom Jarecke
MM Boyd Jones
MM Dave Melliger
MM Dennis Ryba
MM Vern Younger
MM Tom Yungdahl

Edward Zywiec
MM Jerome Gates
MM Gary Zywiec
MM Gene Zywiec
Sherri Zywiec

James Zuerlein
MM Jerome Gates
MM Dave Jarecke
MM Todd Zuerlein

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Annual Appeal 2021

The Shamrock Nation is so wonderful! You believe in the mission of Scotus Central Catholic, to provide a Catholic faith-based education to our students, and we so much appreciate your support! Your generosity provides the academic excellence that will challenge our students, the career development skills to prepare them for lifelong learning, and the faith development that will keep them grounded in their love for God, desire to serve others and respect for their individuality.

This fall, I ask for your support to address several urgent needs.

- 1) We had an unplanned expense of taking down the trees on the southside of campus—they were damaging the school's sewer line and sidewalk. (\$10,000)
- 2) With the tree removal and work the city was doing on 15th Street, we are creating a possible drop-off zone for students and add parking spaces for school guests. (\$45,000)
- 3) We need to make needed enhancements to the heating of the girls' locker room and add heating to the hallway of the Dowd Center. (\$10,000)
- 4) It is important that we make our bus transportation safe and reliable. Later this fall, Scotus will lease 2 large new busses, over a 5-year period, at a total cost of \$205,950. The busses should arrive in January. With a generous lead gift of \$100,000 from an alumnus, we seek additional support for the bus lease fund in this campaign. (\$40,000)

We are committed to meet both our final lease payments for the busses and create a new \$100,000 down payment to lease 2 new busses in 2026--keeping the bus plan sustainable.

Your donation to the annual appeal will also allow Scotus to keep important resources directed to the faith development, education, and activities we offer for our students. God bless you! -- Jeff Ohnoutka, President

P.S. Thank you to the Class of 1981 for recently making a donation of \$250 to the annual appeal from their class reunion fund! As of October 7th, we have raised \$13,250 in the appeal.



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Shamrock Nation *Rocks* Annual Appeal

Thank you, Shamrock Nation for supporting the mission of Scotus Central Catholic through our 2021-22 annual appeal. You exceeded our goal to raise \$105,000 and to date we received 613 donations totaling \$189,139!

Your support will accomplish so much! You paid for the tree removal on the south side of campus (\$10,200 actual) and for the paving of new parking spaces and sidewalk also on the south side (\$41,038 actual.) These are major improvements that impact the safety and convenience of those visiting our school.

Our original campaign goal also included the addition of a new back-up heating system in the girl’s locker room and heating to the Dowd Activity Center hallways (\$10,000 estimated) and to support our new bus lease fund (with a minimum of \$40,000.) Delivery of the two new busses has been delayed until the end of February. Work on the heating systems will start soon, and barring supply issues we hope to have this work completed soon!

We also promise to be good stewards with the additional support you have provided. Consideration is currently being given to renovating the Dowd Activity Center entrance so that entry might be from the west or east instead of north. This will reduce the hallway exposure to north winds. We are also considering adding more support to the bus lease fund. Again, we are very grateful for your support, prayers and for your confidence in the mission of our school!



New parking on south side of campus.

“Our annual appeal has been a huge success. Much of that credit goes to our generous alumni and alumnae. I am so grateful that they support our school with such a tremendous spirit of giving. It is clearly a representation of Once a Shamrock, always a Shamrock.”

Jeff Ohnoutka, Scotus President





Alumnae Volleyball Tourney



42 women returned to Scotus to participate in the Shamrock Alumnae Volleyball Tourney on Saturday, November 27th. Six combined alumnae teams from the years 1998-2021 and one coaches team competed in pool play in the morning. In the afternoon the six alumnae teams competed in a single elimination tourney. The winners were team 2012/2021. Second place was 2015/2020. At the conclusion of the tournament, the players and significant others attended a social at Cork n Barrel. Thank you to tourney organizers, Kim (Rickert '98) Dreesen and Shanna (Melliger '00) Niedbalski. It was a great day to be a Shamrock! Tourney participants also donated \$550.00 to Scotus to help purchase a "JustJump Plyometric System" for the PE/Strength Training department!

Tourney champions and participants shown below.



New Scholarship

In the fall of 2021, Scotus received a \$55,847.35 planned gift from the estate of Leonard Engler. Leonard's spouse was the late Doris (Jaax) from the St Bonaventure HS class of 1944. A family spokesman indicated that Leonard wanted to recognize the work that Scotus Central Catholic does "to educate the children of Columbus, Nebr." The funds from the Leonard Engler estate were therefore used to create the Leonard & Doris Engler Memorial Scholarship; and the primary intention of the scholarship will be to assist families who cannot afford the full cost of attendance at Scotus. Scotus Central Catholic thanks the Engler family for their parents' investment in the Catholic education of our students!

Reunions

Class of 1972. Hey Class of 1972! It's the Big 5-0! Our 50-Year Class Reunion is scheduled for Aug. 26-28, 2022, in Columbus. Invites with complete details will be mailed (or emailed) later. (If your contact information hasn't been updated through the Scotus alumni office, please contact Terry Hyland at 402-203-1628 or ash31356@cox.net.) Save the date and hope to see you all next August!

Class of 1973. Planning is underway for their 50th reunion in the late summer or fall of 2023. For more information or to offer suggestions, contact Ken Schrad, kjschrad@gmail.com or 804 334 6454 (cell); or Tom Zabawa, tzabawa@frontiernet.net; or Fritz Schwank, 402 270 1127 (cell).

Class of 1977. The class of 1977 will hold their 45th reunion on July 15-16, 2022. Friday evening will be a social get together. Saturday will include a morning walk, golf outing and a catered dinner at the Henry Building. Any classmates that are on Facebook and are not already a member please look for the "Scotus Central Catholic Class of 1977" group. For more information, please contact Tim Harrington at 402-270-0258 or Jacki Ryba at 785-201-7862.

Class of 1982. The 40-year class reunion for the Class of 1982 is set for June 2-4, 2022, at the Flamingo Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. We would also love to invite the teachers of the Class of 1982. You are the ones who molded us into the model citizens we all became. Our Group Name: Scotus Class of 1982. Our Group Code: VF3SCO2. There will be a variety of activities to choose from, including a social hour. For reservations, call 888-373-9855. Using the call center will incur an extra fee instead of booking online. For more information or suggestions, contact Bob Kuta 402-910-7593 or Jay Jarecki 531-247-9095.

Worth Noting

- **The alumni/alumnae basketball tourney** is set for March 25-26 at Scotus. More details will be coming by social media and Email!
- **The Scotus Musical, Anastasia:** The Musical will be presented on February 11, 12, and 13 (at 7:00 pm, 7:00 pm, and 2:00 pm) in Memorial Hall. Tickets can be purchased at the door or online. For details, see the Scotus website: www.scotuscc.org.
- **The 41st annual Gala dinner/auction** is set for Saturday, April 9, 2022. The theme is “Caribbean Nights”, and the co-chairs are Cory & Tricia Faust, Matt & Sharee Jedlicka and Tim '81 & Caree Cielocha. Vice-chairs are Gerry & Christi Wiese, Matt '00 & Shanna (Melliger '00) Niedbalski and Chad & Michelle Oakley. This is the school's largest annual fundraiser and proceeds are used to balance the school's budget. Please consider donating to one of the auctions (Grand, Super Silent or Silent) and reserve the date to participate as a guest or volunteer! You don't have to be present to bid on any auction item. All the auction items will be available for online bidding through the school's auction platform beginning about 3 weeks before the Gala. More information will be available on the school's website.
- **The Gala Lottery** has only 600-\$100 tickets and the first prize is \$12,000 with four 2nd place prizes of \$500 each. Gala Raffle tickets are \$25 each and there are 3 prizes: \$\$1,000 in Scrip gift cards, and 2 second place prizes of \$500 in Scrip gift cards – you choose where the Scrip cards are from. For Ticket information contact the Scotus development office or purchase them online through the school's website.
- Congratulations to students who were in our video production class last year for bringing home the **Cornhusker Award** from the Nebraska High School Press Association! This is the highest award for journalistic excellence in the high school broadcasting category.
- **The Scotus One-Act Team** was named District B3 Champions, placing first with all three judges. Acting award winners were Chris Adame, Alex Casperson, Henry Chard, Tori Dush, Zoe Euteneuer, Lily Humphrey, Jasmine Jackson, Jessica Jackson, Caroline Klitz, Dominic McPhillips, Neve Pavlik, Luke Przymus, Shay Smith, Kavan Splittgerber, Kirsten Sucha, Regan Sucha and Serena Swiatek. The Crew won the Outstanding Theater Tech Award. Kudos for sponsors Melanie Mimick and Clyde Ericson. This was the first time since 2007 that the Shamrocks qualified for state.

At the state Class B One-Act competition hosted at the Johnny Carson Theater in Norfolk, Scotus finished in 4th place with their presentation of “The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.” Scotus senior, Luke Przymus, was named the Outstanding Male Performer. One-Act co-sponsor and Scotus English and speech teacher Melanie Mimick adapted the play that the students performed. The team's other sponsor was Scotus art teacher, Clyde Ericson.



- **The Scotus volleyball team** ended a great season at 21-11 and the football team finished 9-2 after suffering a loss in the quarter finals. Named to the C-1 Volleyball All-State Honorable Mention were seniors Kate Maguire, Grace Mustard, and Chloe Walker. Named to the C-1 All-State football team were seniors Garrett Oakley and Devon Borchers. Receiving Honorable Mention: seniors Chance Bailey, Seth VunCannon, and junior Trenton Cielocha. The football team received a final season ranking of 7th in the Omaha World Herald.
- **We regret** that two Shamrock players were omitted in the last Shamrock Alumni News from the list of Scotus 1996 volleyball team members who as a team were inducted into the Nebraska Hall of Fame. The team finished 28-0, won the Class C-1 state title and were ranked #1 All-Class in Nebraska. The entire varsity roster included: Head Coach John Petersen, Assistant Coach, Janet Tooley, Assistant Coach, Julie Blaser, Manager Jennifer Levos, Manager Mandy Beiermann Konwinski, Rhea Wemhoff Berglund, Kristie Korth Brezenski, Carmen Burbach, Sara Kunneman Carlson, Stephanie Kruse Kros, Heather Van Ackeren Diederich, Kim Rickert Dreesen, Andrea Torczon Foltz, Audrey Pfeifer Forney, Nicole Jazwick Hessel, Staci Rosche Lamberty, Jody Eikmeier Langan, Julie Trouba Strain, Holly Van Ackeren Sutter and Jewelia Grennan Wagner.
- Congratulations to current teacher and head volleyball coach, **Janet Tooley**, for being recognized by the NSAA in their fifty years of state volleyball celebration. She along with John Petersen received their awards the weekend of the state volleyball tournament. Thank you both for your contributions to the storied history of Shamrock volleyball!
- Congratulations to the **NSAA Academic All-State** selections for Fall 2021: Cross Country - Lily Dohmen, Ian Karges, Whitney Klug, Jude Maguire; Football - Nick Ehlers, Luke Przymus; Golf - Cecilia Arndt, Alaina Dierman; Play Production - Zoe Euteneuer, Luke Przymus; Tennis - Ted Fehringer, Bohden Jedlicka; Volleyball - Kate Maguire, Grace Mustard.



• **Students from the Scotus STEAM III and STEAM II** classes went to Central Community College to learn more about welding and how to weld. Through a recent gift to the STEAM program, Scotus is working to create two welding stations at the school.



The Class of 1991 gathered for their 30-year reunion on August 6 & 7 in Columbus. Shown in the photo, front row, 1-r: Nicki (Votava) Auman, Lori (Wessel) Pytlik, Tara (Mohatt) Benson, Suzanne (Soulliere) Schneider, Cary Kudron and Megan Tooley. Back row, 1-r: Chris Mustard, Rachelle (Schieffer) Wehner, Dan Gablenz, Peter Wemhoff, Cory Christiansen, Bob Oppliger, Mark Keating, Fred Maguire and Mike Woerth.

The Class sends a thank you to Mike Woerth and his wife Sherri who hosted at their home on Friday. Those also in attendance but not pictured were: Kelly (Peterson) Schaad, Kari (Beiermann) Jakub and Brett Heimes.

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• **Senior Garrett Oakley** signed his letter of intent to join the Kansas State University football team. Shown with Garrett are his parents Chad & Michelle.



• **Senior Chloe Walker** signed her letter of intent to join the track & field program at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Shown with Chloe are her parents, Laurie (Beerbohm '87) and Monty.

Here and There...

-- Tell us What's Happening in Your Life!
 E-mail to: jschueth@scotuscc.org Photos encouraged!

TARA (MOHATT) BENSON '91 – was recently promoted to Vice-President, Operations at Assurity. For the past 24 years Tara held various actuarial positions with Assurity, most recently, Senior Director & Actuary, Product Management. Tara is a 1995 graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, is a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries and member of the American Academy of Actuaries. She served on the Board of Directors for the Nebraska Actuaries Club from 2015 to 2018 and she currently serves on the UNL Actuarial Science Advisory Board.

Addresses Needed!

The last Shamrock Newsletter was returned by the post office as undeliverable to the addresses on file for the following Shamrocks: Dustin Becher '03, Jeff Bruegger '77, Margaret (Iwan '47) Cerny, Chris (Melcher '86) Donnelly, Kim Dreifurst '84, Christopher Goettsche '93, David Gubbels '00, Kourtney Kaminski '88, Joe McMeekin '74, Dale Miksch '73, Elizabeth (Coupens '45) O'Leary, Brian & Niki Palmer, Theresa (Horne '93) Poulas, Joyce (Melcher '54) Risor, Jim Thraen '63, Eric Wemhoff '90, and Tricia (Korger '89) Wilson. If you have their correct mailing address, please contact the Scotus development office.



In Sympathy

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

Duane Beiermann – survived by his wife, Jan; daughter, Kari '91 (Craig) Jakub; sons, Eric '94 (Kim Corner), Travis '98 (Trisha); sisters, Lenore (Don) Pfeifer, Mary (Richard) Hladik; brothers, Paul (Lois), Charlie (Marlene), Richard (Mary), Sylvester (Lori), Gary (Marie), Leonard (Deb), Luke (Shar), Mel (Brenda), Erv (Lori); sisters-in-law, DiAnn (Andy) Peitzmeier, Sharon (Dan) Zach, Carol (Rick) Torczon, Kathy (John) Petersen, Patsy (Shane) Finkral; brothers-in-law, Tom (Shelly) Lindhorst, Mark (Nicole) Lindhorst; and eight grandchildren.

Kenneth “Ken” Bernt '66 – survived by his wife, Mary; son, Eric (Sarah); siblings Keith (Beverly), Carrol, Kevin '75 (Anne), Constance '77 (David) Teece; and three grandchildren.

Frank Blahak (Honorary '55) – survived by his sister, Phyllis Snell; sister-in-law, Donna Blahak and one nephew.

Germaine (Jareski '44) Cummins – survived by children and their spouses William, Robert, Bruce, Barbara, Jan, Donna and Lee Ann (Sammi); and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Betty (Ewert '44) Greiner – survived by sons, Jim (Elena), Ken '66 (Deborah), Tom (Glennis); fourteen grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Betty Henggeler – survived by her husband, Ron '65; daughters, Theresa (George) Langabeer, Rhonda (Clement) Wiederholt, Anne (Randy) Gerdes, Sandra (Christopher) Schuster; son, Keith (Sandra); sister, Janet (Earl) Koch; brothers, Dennis (Dorothy) Houdek, Donald Houdek; nine grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Howard Hughes – survived by daughters, Linda (Dan) Kuhlen, Susan (Bob Searle) Skinner, Sharon '83 Karmann; sons, Paul, John, David (Anna), Richard '84 (Beth); brother, Francis (Sheila); brother-in-law, Ron (Carolyn) Harmon; nine grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren.

Gerald Janicek – survived by daughters, Gail (Mel) Bomar, Wendy (Myron) Marquis, Joyce (Allan) Thorson, Jeri (Dan) Truksa, Theresa (Mark) Ingram; sons, Gary (Connie), Greg (Ronda Hogan); brother, Melvin; twenty grandchildren and thirty-three great-grandchildren. Gail Bomar is a retired Scotus Spanish teacher and Theresa & Mark Ingram's printing business has produced this newsletter for more than twenty-five years.

Georgia Jasper – survived by daughter, Amy '87 (Curt) Crinklaw; sons, Aaron '89 (Melissa), Anthony; brother, Greg (Denette Olk '68) Drum; sister, Gerri (Chuck) Putnam and six grandchildren. Georgia passed on 11/24.

Betty (Koch '52) Jasper – survived by daughters, Linda (Mark) Jenny, Sandy (Randy) Nelson; sons, Bill (Jill), Dan (Julia); daughter-in-law, Georgia Jasper; sister-in-law, Jean (Clark '52) Koch; sixteen grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren plus one due in February. Betty passed on 11/22.

Michael Kaup – survived by his wife, LaVonne; sister, Kathy Yates; sisters-in-law, Lillian Kaup, Linda (George) Gottschall, Sue Henggeler; many cousins, nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews and great-great nieces and nephews.

Tim “TK” Kelly – survived by his wife, Paula (Slusarski '76); daughters, Laura '04 (Jonathan) Graham, Paige '07 (fiancé Joseph Schutt) Kelly; son, Shane '03 (Amy); sisters, Micki Johnson, Shannon (Scott) Taylor, Renee (Leonard) Hackworth; brothers, Dan, Brad, Shawn (Susan), Tracey (Kelly), Troy (Christin); and five grandchildren.

Tony Klassen – survived by daughters, Linda (Dave) Henggeler, Pat (Kent) Preister, Sue (Larry) Bender, Mary (Don) Peterson, Teresa (Kevin) Scholl; sons, Bill (Georgia), Jim (Cindy), John (Denise), Mike (Sandy), Tony Jr (Kathy), Paul (Cindy); sister, Ceil McGill; forty-five grandchildren; seventy-nine great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Theresa (Moritz '49) Kresha – survived by daughters, Sharon (Mike) Johnson, Karen (Roger) Thompson; sons, David, Donald (Diane); siblings, Loretta, Rose, Raymond, Zigmond; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Marcia Locher '50 – survived by two nieces and four nephews.

Mark Micek '64 – survived by his wife, Linda (Egger '69); daughter, Jane '00 (Zach) Neville; sons, John '96, Stephen '03 (Madelyn), Kevin '07; sisters, Sr. Michelle Micek, Rose Bernhard, Anne (Dave) Zalewski, Joan (Roger) Kinsey; brothers, Mike '57 (Gail), Joe '74 (Gina); mother-in-law, Regina (Ebner '44) Egger; seven grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Bertie Modelski – survived by daughters, Joanie, Jan '84, Barb (Dale) Hoessel; son, Gary (Vickie); sister, JoAnn Dahl; brothers, Lee, Jr, Jeff (Evonne); sister-in-law, Kathleen Modelski; five grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Richard Nosal – survived by daughter, Sharon Robbins '71; sons, Darold '72, Lester '76 (Terri Weiler '78); sisters, Lenore Pokorny '59, Barb Kopecky '63; brothers, Mel, Con '55, Len '56, Don '61; eleven grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren.

Deacon Michael Placzek – survived by his wife, Agnes (Pickhinke '50); daughters, Joan '75 (Doug) Gubbels, Ann '77 (Lance) Lindquist, Sharon '80 (Everett) Carlson, Mary '82 (John) Boyle, Karla '89 (Tim) Jones, Chris '90 (Noel) Sommers; sons, Tom '72 (Kathy), Jerry '73 (Bev), Mark '76 (Tammy), Jim '84 (Lori), Paul '86 (Pamm); daughter-in-law, Barb Placzek; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Kathryn “Katie” Paprocki – survived by her daughter, Carol '70 (Michael) Nowak; brother, Samuel Prosocki; sisters-in-law, Connie (Iwanski '60) Krzycki, Darlene Krzycki, Annie (Jim) Schaecher, Mary Jean (Kelly) Schrant, Dorothy (Don) Schaecher, Charlotte (Ray) Jamison; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Linda (Topinka '74) Roebuck – survived by her husband, John; daughters, Heather (Mark) Wagner, Amber Conway; sons, Matt Topinka, Nathan (Cassie) Roebuck, Robert (Chelsey) Roebuck; sister, Cindy '76 (Leon) Warnick; brothers, Rich '73, Bob (Pat); aunt, Doris Jaworski; eight grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

JoAnn (Bothe '58) Roberts – survived by daughters Pam (Bob) Johnson, Amy (Royce) Case, Cindy Roberts; son, David (Jill); best friend, Sheila Hoshor; honorary son, Mike Sliva; sisters, Donna '61 (Ray) Barton, Mary Catherine '55 Beller, Sue '68 (Bob) Placke; brother, James '59 (Bonnie Brooks '62) Bothe; sisters-in-law, Phyllis Roberts, Marilyn Roberts; eleven grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

In Sympathy cont'd

Jack Ross '44 – survived by daughters, Marla, Verona (Bernard) Jandeliet; son, Bennett; brother, Robert '49, four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Marie Stavas – survived by daughter, Jacqueline '71 (Warren) Pletan; sons, Joseph (Maureen), Kenneth; sister, Rose Brinks; sister-in-law, JoAnn Svajgr '63; nine grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Kimberly Stachura – survived by parents Rich & Charlene; sister, Pam (Jarod) Wozniak; brother, Todd (Amy Held '92); two nieces and one nephew.

Richard Ternes '43 – survived by his wife, Rose; nephew Tom Melcher and nieces Ann & Jane. Dick was a member of the first track and football teams at Scotus.

Lorraine "Jo" Tooley – survived by daughter, Kelli '78 (Robert) Csukker; sons, Kevin (Pamyla), Dan '80 (Debbie); eight grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Richard Triba – survived by his wife, Patricia (Liss '59); daughter Denise (Jason) Palmer; sisters Marilyn Hallett, Joann Moss and many nieces and nephews.

Elizabeth "Betty" Wessel – survived by daughter, Pamela; sons, Gregory '76, Douglas (Karen), Dana; sisters, Lenore (Earl) Backes, Kathy Borer '60 (Dave) McCauley, Marie (Paul) Glause, Joan Borer '65 (Steve '65) Jahn, Bonnie Borer '68 Risk; brothers, Dick (Marge Jarecki '60) Borer, Jim Borer; two grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

The Frank Spenceri Family would like to thank the Shamrock Nation for your prayers and words of support with the passing of our beloved Pat.

† Memorials †

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Kris Almquist '91

MM Cory Christiansen

Karen Avery

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Jan Beiermann

MM Mike Dreesen

MM Paul Jazwick

Gary Kruse

MM Gregg Melliger

MM John Petersen

MM Gary Puetz

MM Bob Rickert

MM Fritz Schwank

MM Gene Trouba

Wednesday Afternoon Club

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Rick Grubaugh

MM Paul Jazwick

Judith Puetz

MM Vern Younger

Germaine (Jareski '44) Cummins

MM Bob Micek

Mary Nickolite

Jeanne (Kopetzky '71)

DeRuyscher

Cathy Brock Rosenbury

Vincent Galley '54

Rick Grubaugh

Bob Gangel

Rick Grubaugh

Mary Goc

Anonymous

Lynette Topinka '71 Goins

Cathy Brock Rosenbury

Elizabeth "Betty" Hegi

Sue Henggeler

Gerald Janicek

MM Jim Bogus

Rick Grubaugh

Janicek Family

MM Randy Johnson

Connie Krzycki

MM Bob Kuta & Family

MM Merlin Lahm

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MM Gene Schumacher

MM Tim Tooley

Georgia Jasper

Rick Grubaugh

Mike Kaup

MM Allen Albrecht

MM Pat Albrecht

MM Steven Anderson

MM Ron Augustine

MM Darrell Ausborn

Jan Badstieber

MM Jim Bator

Emmy Bayer

MM Ryan Blaser

MM Travis Bock

MM Dave Boman

Joyce Bonk

MM Ed Brezenski

Keri Brichacek

MM Marv Charipar

MM Dale Ciboron

Ron Cieloha

MM Allen Cooke

MM Gerry Czarnick

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Jonathan Henggeler

Sue Henggeler

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MM Chad Homolka

MM Keith Huffman

Rita Ingold

MM Gary Jasper

MM Cliff Jensen

MM Mike Johannes

Kay Johnson

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MM Dick Keller

MM Brian Kluck

MM Tony Krings

MM Melvin Kruse

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MM Aaron Legenza

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MM Merlin Lahm

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MM Joe Micek

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Judy Spohr

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MM Gary Stenger

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MM Gene Trouba

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Rick Grubaugh

Eric Liebig '91

MM Cory Christiansen

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MM Brent Melliger

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— What will be your Legacy? —

One definition of the word "legacy" is to leave something behind after you are gone, or to be remembered for what you have contributed to the world. Legacies can be many things: your faith life and the values you lived by, the love you share with others, dedicated service to an employer, community or country, inspirational teaching in the classroom or coaching on the playing field, the home that you built, the trees that you planted or your stewardship of farmland, or business. It can be your children and grandchildren, a hobby, or a book or poem you wrote. A legacy can be all of these and more—it is a celebration of life, a celebration of you! And by thinking about what your legacy to the world will be, your life can be enriched with meaning, purpose, and joy.

Leaving a legacy can also be created as a future gift from your will. By including Scotus Central Catholic in your final plans, you will impact the lives of students for generations to come. Your bequest can be directed to something specific at Scotus, such as creating a new scholarship, support for an athletic, fine or performing art or academic program or left unrestricted for the general support of the school. If you have a will already and you'd like to include Scotus in your plans, a simple and inexpensive form called a "codicil" can accomplish your goal. Think about it. Contact the Scotus development office to discuss ideas and reach out to your attorney. Your legacy is multi-faceted—why not add to it today and be joyful!

Our legal name is Scotus Central Catholic Secondary School of Columbus, Nebr.

Academic Excellence

There are many reasons why families choose to send their children to Scotus Central Catholic. Faith development is the most important. Next is academic preparation and our Class of 2021 did a wonderful job in the academic department in spite all the challenges of the epidemic. The Class of 2021 earned a place on Scotus' top ten ACT Composite Scores List with a class composite of 24.6. This mark is tied for 4th best all-time at SCC!

| Top Ten ACT Composite Scores | |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Graduating Class | Class Composite |
| 2015 | 25.9 |
| 2016 | 25.5 |
| 2020 | 25.2 |
| 2006 | 24.6 |
| 2009 | 24.6 |
| 2021 | 24.6 |
| 2008 | 24.4 |
| 2010 | 24.4 |
| 2011 | 24.3 |
| 2013 | 24.3 |
| 2017 | 24.3 |

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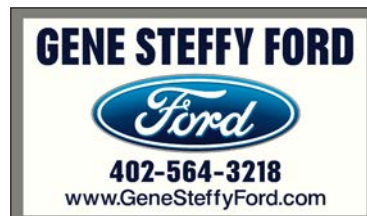
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Alumni/nae Basketball Tourney

175 players fielding 21 teams returned to Scotus for the 39th annual Shamrock alumni/nae basketball tourney. The first tourney took place in 1994 and organizers plan to bring back the tourney dinner at Scotus for next year's big 40th celebration.

Ladies Division. Green beats White 50-37. Both teams, *front row, l-r:* Eastyn Klink '17, Kristie (Korth '98) Brezenski, Grace Wickham '18, Maggie Feehan '18, Melissa (Schmidt '01) Kosch, Jen (Haney '06) Wemhoff and Camille Pelan '21. *Back row:* Alyssa Kuta '17, Allie Johnson '16, Kimberly (Rickert '98) Dreesen, Morgan Duren '11, Elle Klink, Jordan Chohon '12 and Kamryn Chohon '21.



C Division (above). After leading 27-15 at halftime, Team 79/81/85/86, held on to take the C division with a score of 55-36 over Team 1993 that also included one member from the class of 1994 and one from 1968. Pictured above *Front row, l-r:* Mike Cielocha '79, Joe Pensick '81, Bret Kumpf '81; *back row, l-r:* Todd Duren '85, Matt Jilek '86, Don Brakenhoff '85, Tom Beiermann '86, Greg Jarecke '85, Mark Love '86. Also playing but not in the photo, Mark Krings '85 and Chris Miller '85.



B Division (above). Team 2002/03/07 led this game 16-10 in a fast-paced but low-scoring first half and prevailed to win 36-24 against the 2012/2013 team. *Shown l-r:* Kyle Fritz '03, Brad Bowns '03, Scott Jarecke '07, Josh Romberg '03, Wade Wemhoff '03, Eric Hall '02 and Shane Kelly '03.



A Division (left). Team 2017 led the entire way in this division championship with a 27-13 lead at halftime and finishing the game with a score of 57-33. *Shown l-r:* Nathan Ostdiek, Mitchell Halligan, Cody Mroczek, Evan Chohon, Trevor Halligan, Dalton Taylor, Tate VunCannon, Matt Hoenk, and coach Cam Grandy.

Gala 2022

Thank you to everyone who played a part in making the 41st annual Gala dinner/auction another success! Organizers estimate that the 2022 Gala was the best ever, with a net of about \$250,000 along with an additional \$22,435 raised for the school's bus lease fund. This is Scotus' largest annual fundraiser, and the general proceeds are used to balance the school's budget.



Special thanks go to the Gala committee co-chairs: Tim '81 & Caree Cielocha, Cory & Tricia Faust and Matt & Sharee Jedlicka. And kudos to our vice-chairs who will chair next year's event: Matt '00 & Shana (Melliger '00) Niedbalski, Chad & Michelle Oakley and Gerry & Christi Wiese.

Gala Lottery Winners were: \$12,000 Grand Prize: Lori (Swanson '01) Zegar; \$500 each: Rich & Barb McPhillips, Gerry Wiese, Carrie Kearney and Joe & Bobbi Fehringer. **Gala Raffle Winners:** \$1,000 in Scrip cards: Jeanine Trofholz. \$500 in Scrip cards: Glenn Schmidt, \$500 in Scrip cards: Agueda Medina. **Coozie Winners:** (\$250 each) Brian Olberding, Tony Kreikemeier; **House of Colour Winners:** Sharee Jedlicka, Jenny Gearhart and **Rifle winner:** Ryan Fleming.

Thanks again Shamrock Nation and be sure to reserve April 15, 2023, for next year's Gala!

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DAN SWOBODA '95 – was named co-owner of Anderson Partners, an Omaha marketing and advertising agency. Dan been with the company since 1999 when he began as art director. He has held the role of director of creative services since 2011.

LEAH ENGQUIST '16 – graduated in August 2021 with a bachelor of science degree in biochemistry from UNL. A month later, she moved to Don Benito, Spain, to teach English in both a primary and a secondary school for a year and is enjoying it very much. In a few months, after completing her teaching in Spain, she plans to move back to the U.S. and attend the UNMC College of Medicine, expecting to graduate in 2026, with plans to go into rural primary care.



Reunions

Class of 1967. Plans are underway to celebrate their 55th Reunion on September 2, 3 & 4, 2022. For more information or to offer input contact, Gene Konwinski, gkonwinski@cox.net; Helen Neemeyer, helen.neemeyer@frontier.com; or Peggy Pfeifer, pfeif67@hotmail.com.

Class of 1972. Hey Class of 1972! It's the Big 5-0! Our 50-Year Class Reunion is scheduled for Aug. 26-28, 2022, in Columbus. Invites with complete details will be mailed (or emailed) later. (If your contact information hasn't been updated through the Scotus alumni office, please contact Terry Hyland at 402-203-1628 or ash31356@cox.net.) Save the date and hope to see you all next August!

Class of 1973. Planning is underway for their 50th reunion in the late summer or fall of 2023. For more information or to offer suggestions, contact Ken Schrad, kjschrad@gmail.com or 804 334 6454 (cell); or Tom Zabawa, tzabawa@frontiernet.net; or Fritz Schwank, 402 270 1127 (cell).

Class of 1977. The class of 1977 will hold their 45th reunion on July 15-16, 2022. Friday evening will be a social get together. Saturday will include a morning walk, golf outing and a catered dinner at the Henry Building. Any classmates that are on Facebook and are not already a member please look for the "Scotus Central Catholic Class of 1977" group. For more information, please contact Tim Harrington at 402-270-0258 or Jacki Ryba at 785-201-7862.

Class of 1982. The 40-year reunion for the Class of 1982 is set for June 2-4, 2022, at the Flamingo Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. We would also love to invite the teachers of the Class of 1982. You are the ones who molded us into the model citizens we all became. Our Group Name: Scotus Class of 1982. Our Group Code: VF3SCO2. There will be a variety of activities to choose from, including a social hour. For reservations, call 888-373-9855. Using the call center will incur an extra fee instead of booking online. For more information or suggestions, contact Bob Kuta 402-910-7593 or Jay Jarecki 531-247-9095.

Class of 1992. The Class of 1992 will have its 30-year reunion on the weekend of July 8-10, 2022. Details will be provided via email. For more information, please contact Bridget (O'Hearn) Diederich at: bridgetdiederich@gmail.com or 402-314-8014.

William & Barbara Gerhold Family Teacher of the Year

The 24th annual William and Barbara Gerhold Family Teacher of the Year award was presented to Joan Pauley. Joan has taught music at St. Anthony Elementary and St. Isidore Elementary for 31 years and she offers an outstanding example of Catholic stewardship for her schools, parish, and community.

Joan earned her bachelor's degree in Fine Arts from Wayne State College. She is active at St. Isidore parish as an accompanist, Divine Mercy Chaplet prayer group leader, Christians Encounter Christ retreat music leader, St. Isidore bazaar, St. Isidore piano committee and she is involved at St. Anthony's with the Angels Choir.

Joan is also a volunteer as a 4-H leader, a board member of the Columbus Aquatics Association, and a past board member of the Columbus Friends of Music. She started many programs at St. Anthony and St. Isidore Elementaries including the mentoring programs for new school families, prayer buddy programs with 2nd graders and parishioners, and the explore the music program with 4th graders in conjunction with the Friends of Music.

This award, which includes a \$1,500 stipend, is made available to any Columbus Catholic School teacher, and is funded by an endowed gift from the family of the late Bill & Barbara Gerhold.



Joan is shown here with friends of the Gerhold family, Mike and Nancy Munson.

Worth Noting

- **Senior Liz Adamy** signed her letter of intent to play soccer and study at Northeast Community College, Norfolk, NE. Shown with Liz are her parents, Amy & John.



- **Senior Chance Bailey** signed his letter of intent to play soccer and study at Doane College. Shown with Chance are his parents, John and Casey.



- **Senior Grace Mustard** signed her letter of intent to study and join the track & field team at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Shown with Grace are her parents, Janell and Chris.



- The **boys' basketball team** ended their season with a 4-19 record. Mike VunCannon was the first-year head coach. The highlight of the season was winning the Holiday Tournament, defeating Twin River 66-15, and beating Lakeview in the finals by a score of 52-39. Senior players included Carson Czarnick, Nolan Fleming, and Seth VunCannon. Honorable mention all-state honors were earned by junior, Jack Faust and Seth VunCannon.

- **The Cheer squad** finished 7th in Gameday and 5th in non-tumbling at the state competition in February.

- At 220 pounds, sophomore Spencer Wittwer was 1-1 at **state wrestling** and finished with a record of 28-13. Senior Riley Eickmeier won two matches at state and finished the year with a record of 40-11 and a career mark of 100 wins. Riley also owns four school wrestling records.

- The Shamrock **girls' basketball** team fell in the district finals to St. Paul. The team finished with a 16-9 record for the season and a #10 ranking in the final C-1 *Omaha World Herald* rankings. The team was coached by Jarrod Ridder. Seniors on the team were Kate Maguire and Grace Mustard. Honorable mention all-state recognition was earned by freshman, Emma Brezenski, Grace Mustard and junior, Hailey Steffensmeier.

- The **speech team** won the Centennial Conference for a second consecutive year and for the first time in eighteen years, they were crowned district champions. District medalists and state qualifiers were Luke Przymus and Chris Adame, Champion, Duet Acting; Stephanie Hoenk, Champion, Entertainment; Chris Adame, Champion, Humorous Prose; Luke Przymus, Champion, Serious Prose; and Jasmine Jackson, Champion, Persuasive. Other district medalists were Tori Dush, Neve Pavlik, Caroline Klitz, Jessica Jackson and Lily Humphrey, 4th, Oral Interpretation of Drama; Becky Policky, 4th, Informative; Jessica Jackson, 5th, Persuasive; Hannah Pflum, 5th, Informative; Kavan Splittgerber, 5th, Extemporaneous; Neve Pavlik, 6th, Serious Prose; and Roxanne Beshelar and Nathan Eisenmenger, 6th, Duet Acting.

- As a team, Scotus finished in 7th place at the **State Speech**



- Meet. Luke Przymus was the Class B State Runner-up in Serious Prose, Chris Adame and Luke Przymus finished in 3rd place in Duet Acting, and Chris Adame finished in 4th place in Humorous Prose.

- Congratulations to the **NSAA Academic All-State** selections for winter 2021-22: basketball - Carson Czarnick, Jack Faust, Kate Maguire, Grace Mustard; speech - Stephanie Hoenk, Luke Przymus; and wrestling - Evan Kiene.

- Senior **Camille Cox** signed her letter of intent to join the Benedictine College athletics band program. Camille is joined by her parents, Kristen & Mark.



• Scotus presented the musical, “Anastasia” on Feb 11, 12 and 13th. The cast and crew provided an amazing performance in Memorial Hall.



• UNMC brought one of their four **SIM-NE trucks** (Simulation in Motion) to Scotus to offer Scotus students a hands-on experience with various medical equipment, especially equipment used in emergency medical care.

•Scotus is still accepting donations to the **Children’s Scholarship Fund**. Each donation dollar is forwarded to CSF where it is matched, and returned to Columbus in the form of tuition assistance scholarships for students attending one of the Columbus Catholic Schools. For information, contact the Scotus development office.



15th Annual Shamrock Open

The 15th Annual Shamrock Open is set for Saturday, June 4, 2022, with a shotgun start at 1:00 p.m. The tournament will be held at Tiburon GC in Omaha, and is open to everyone! Players can count on a tourney known for it’s excellent flight and flag prizes, good food and exceptional camaraderie!

Both registration and sponsor forms are available on the Scotus website, scotuscc.org. Early Bird: \$75/participant (checks must be mailed by May 6th.) Entry Fee: \$90/participant (entry deadline is May 27th.) Checks should be made out to Scotus Central Catholic and mailed to SCC Development Office, 1554 18th Avenue, Columbus, NE 68601. Payment may also be made at the clubhouse registration table.

For more information about registration or becoming a tourney sponsor, contact Nick Puetz ‘97 at: shamrockopen@gmail.com or Joe Puetz ‘01 at puetzfinancial@gmail.com or John Schueth in the Scotus Development office at jschueth@scotuscc.org, 402-564-7165 ext 109.



Our Friend, the Codicil

The codicil, as you probably know, is an appendage to a will that adds to or modifies something in the will. For example, if you want to change the personal representative named in your will, you can do so with a codicil. If you want to add someone or a certain charity like Scotus Central Catholic to receive a bequest, you can also use a codicil.

Codicils are effective. They do the job. They are just as legal and binding as the main document. If you want to add Scotus Central Catholic as a beneficiary of your will or to adjust the amount you had previously decided to give, this can be done effectively through a codicil.

Codicils are inexpensive. A quick call to your attorney will tell you just how reasonable this service is compared to other estate-planning documents.

Codicils are easy. It's not necessary to go through the time and expense of redoing the entire will; all it takes is the creation of a brief legal document that is then stored in a safe place with the will.

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In Sympathy

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

Lindsay Bator - survived by her father, Todd Bator '85; sister, Sydney; brother, Jackson; grandparents, Jim '60 (Carol Brownell '64) Bator.

Bruce Brandenburgh – survived by his wife, Betty (Dineen '56); daughters, Kim (Thomas) Grubaugh, Pam Weber; son, Bruce (Linda); sister-in-law, Lois '50 (Dr. Arnold) Pieri; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Frances Buzynski '54 – survived by several nieces and nephews and special friend and neighbor, Mary Ellen Watchorn.

Charles Case – survived by his wife, Delores (Zywiec '58); sons, Charles Jr., David (Kelly), Daniel, Robert (Angelika); brothers, Samuel (Jane), Michael (Phyllis); ten grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Calvin “Cal” Corcoran '61 – survived by his wife, Karen; daughters, Charissa (Rob) Hofpar, Chandra Corcoran-Roberts; son, Clay (Joni); brother, Paul '62; five grandchildren and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

David Egger, Sr – survived by his wife, Sue; daughters, Elizabeth, Jamie (Karl) Heiman, Jenny (James) Schultz, Jaci (Danny) Divis; sons, Mark (Amy), Jamie (Robyn), Mike (Michele), David, Jr., Jacob Schwartz; brother, Gary (Teresa); twenty grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Larry Fritz '72 – survived by his wife, Sheri; daughters, Kerry '95 (Alex) Eddy, Amanda '01; son, Kyle '03 (Ashley); one brother; three sisters; two aunts; six grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Sandra (Klopnieski '82) Griffiths – survived by daughters, Megan, Reba (special friend Jeremy) Williams, Shania (Bill) Ervin; sons, Jacob (special friend Daiana), Trevor (Estela), Garth (Maria); former husband Tom Griffiths; mother, Donna; sister, Kris '87; brother, Bob '86 (special friend Karen); uncle, David (Loretta) Kwapnioski; eight grandchildren, special friends, cousins and nephews.

Leo “Lee” Hroza – survived by his wife, Shirley; daughters, Teresa '80, Patricia '83 (Chad) Nelson, Juli '87 Townsend, Pamela '88 (Mike) Horton; sons, Timothy '78, Karl '86 (Silvia); sisters, Elsie Hatwan, Violet Carda; and fourteen grandchildren.

Anita (Molczyk '59) Ksiazek – survived by her husband, Ray; sons, Michael (Tamara), Brian (Brenda), Daniel; and sister-in-law, Jan Molczyk.

Bernard “Bernie” Langan – survived by his wife, Jane (Burzynski '58); daughter, Cathy (Britton) DeWeese; sons, Rob (Isabel), Terry (Jodi Reese), Tom (Geya); sisters, Barlene (Dave) Replogle, Mary Hart, Betty Roddy, Sally Langan; six grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

John Lueschen – survived by his wife, Lynn; daughter, Sara (Dave) Schoenauer; sons, Brian '92, Cory; four grandchildren; step-children, Jamie (Steve) Stubben, Cassi Newan (Robert Miller), Jason (Melanie) Karel; four step-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren.

Mary Jane (Thompson '64) Mitera – survived by her husband, James “J.C.”; daughter, Michele (Tony) Koch; son, Jason (Melanie); sisters, Barbara (Dick) Abel, Francie (Steve) Linegar, Kim Schulte; brothers, Charles (Carol), Russell (Jeannie), Roger (Suzanne), Dana (Sheri); three grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and many nieces and nephews.

Kaleb Puntney '16 – survived by his son, Ryker; parents, Aaron & Jayme; brothers, Cheydon '19, Mason (sophomore at Scotus); grandparents, Dallas & Darlene Puntney, Donald & Charol Zakrzewski; and special friend, Tori Hager

Erwin “Erv” Reiser – survived by his wife, Carol Dee; daughters, Linda Anderson Hammock (Donald), Jill '86 (Doug) Trull; sons, James '79 (Gwen), David '81 (Bernice Zuerlein '82), Michael '84 (Jodi); sister Arlene Oberle; thirteen grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Delores Rupprecht '54 – survived by her sisters, Loretta '62 Sirdashney, Marilyn '64 (Gary) Schaefer, Phyllis '68 (Ken) Wellensiek; fifteen nieces and nephews; and many grand and great-grand nieces and nephews.

Elizabeth “Betty” (Sleddens '54) Schumacher – survived by her husband, Herman; daughters, Denise (Doug) Dierks, Joan (Byron) Bakenhus, Stacia (Cary) Lyons; sons, Paul (Sally), Kent (Cecilia); sister, Patty '58 (Dave '55) Vanek; brothers, Larry '56 (Frances Pfaff '59) Sleddens, Albert (Betty) Sleddens, David Sleddens '62; sister-in-law, Stella Sleddens; twelve grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

Keith Siemek – survived by sister, Pegg '82 (Jeff) Siemek-Asche; brothers, Vern (Willa), Tim (Connie Byers '70), Alan (Amy), Ken (Deb Collins); brother-in-law Nolan Bomar; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Dorothy Spies – survived by daughters, Rita '69 Bohnenkamp, Diana '70 (Larry) Soulliere, Valerie '72 Spies, GERALYN '77 Gallagher, Julie '80 (Michael) Minturn; sons, Dominic '74 (Nenita), Fred '76 (Katrina Tarnick '76), Michael '78 (Dorene); sister, Barbara Incontro; brother, Walter Niedbalski; eleven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Frank Torczon '69 – survived by his son, Matt '98 (Jamie); sister, Gina (Sutko '86) (John) DeBord; brothers, Tim Sutko '73, Joe Sutko '81; other family, Ron & Connie Stempek, Karen Terry; two grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Lucas Torczon – survived by daughters, Jaylen Faulkner, Laylah Torczon; parents, Jay (Bonnie Bierman '72); sister, Megan (fiancé Craig Sindelar) Levos; aunts, Kathy Wetjen, Jean (Gary) Sherman; uncles, John '63 Torczon, Dave (Mel) Torczon, Bob '64 (Bonnie) Bierman, Tom (Janet) Bierman; nephews and a niece.

✠ Memorials ✠

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Correction! We received a memorial donation for Christine (Kuta '80) Knake and listed her name as we normally do in the newsletter's memorial section. However, after receiving her copy of the newsletter, and after several contacts from classmates, Christine was anxious to confirm that she is not deceased! We regret any emotional stress to Christine and to her classmates for not second guessing the name given to us by the memorial donor.

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State Champions!

The Scotus Journalism team captured the state 2022 NSAA Class B title for a second straight year. Rounding out the top 5 finishers were 2nd place Elkhorn, 3rd place Grand Island Northwest, 4th place Adams Central, and 5th place West Point-Beemer. Competing as one of the smallest schools in Class B, Scotus has now earned state titles in 2022, 2021, 2018 and 2017 and finished in 3rd place in 2019 and 2016. Here are the individual results:

- 1st Editorial Cartooning, Maysa Kuhl
- 1st Yearbook Feature Writing, Ashley Steiner
- 1st Yearbook Sports Feature Writing, Kaelyn Dierman
- 1st Broadcast Sports Story, Hailey Steffensmeier
- 2nd Editorial Cartooning, Jessica Jackson
- 2nd Photo/Artistic Illustration, Jessica Jackson
- 2nd Broadcast PSA, Trenton Cielocha & Alex Zoucha
- 3rd Newspaper Feature Writing, Hannah Pflum
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- 6th Headline Writing, Lily Dohmen
- 6th In-Depth Newspaper Coverage, Camille Cox, Lily Dohmen, Jessica Jackson, Kate Maguire, Grace Mustard & Kavan Splittgerber
- 6th Broadcast PSA, Hailey Steffensmeier & Taylor Neville
- 6th Broadcast News Story, Ted Fehringer & Evan Ostdiek
- 7th Editorial Writing, Gavin Brabec

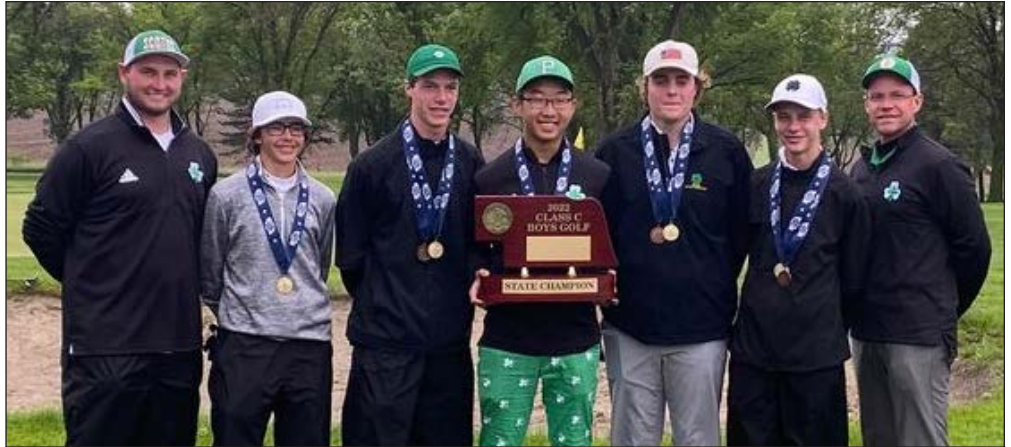


State Champions!

The boys golf team captured the NSAA Class C Boys Golf Championship! On a rainy two-day tourney, the team won with a team score of 640 which was 31 shots better than the second-place finisher, Doniphan-Trumbull. This was the Scotus boys first state golf title since 1981. Last year's Shamrock team finished 2nd at state after a one-hole team play-off.

Senior Seth VunCannon fired a 79-77 and tied for 3rd place with sophomore teammate Nick Fleming who shot a 78-78. Senior Nolan Fleming carded 85-76 to finish tied for 10th place, sophomore Patrick Arndt fired a 90-79 and tied for 19th place and sophomore Mason Gonka finished with an 88-86 and tied for 32nd place. The Elks Country Club in Columbus hosted the tourney.

This was the Shamrocks' 50th state title in school history!



Winning team members, l-r: head coach Brady Vancura, Mason Gonka, Nolan Fleming, Patrick Arndt, Seth VunCannon, Nick Fleming, and assistant coach Shane Fleming.

Welcome Class of 2022!

Joining the ranks of Scotus alumni and alumnae this spring were 58 graduates. Class president, Chris Adame-Hernandez gave the senior address. Fr. James Heithoff gave the homily. Named as the Spirit of Scotus Award winner was Eden Broberg, daughter of Phillip & Jill Broberg.

Christopher Adame-
Hernandez

Elizabeth Adamy

Callie Backman

Chance Bailey

Zane Beiermann

Roxanne Beshaler

Noah Bierman

Devon Borchers

Gavin Brabec

Eden Broberg

Kyanne Casperson

Adriana Cieloha-Carreto

Tyler Cline

Camille Cox

Carson Czarnick

Alaina Dierman

Avery Dierman

Jesse Dreifurst

Nicholas Ehlers

Riley Eickmeier

Nathaniel Eisenmenger

Zoe Euteneuer

Nolan Fleming

Stephanie Hoenk

Abee Hutchinson

Berlin Kluever

Jamison Kozak

Halle Langan

Kate Maguire

Ruby Martinez

Dominic McPhillips

Jacob Melliger

Grace Mustard

Garrett Oakley

Calder Obal

Lyndon Obal

Hannah Pflum

Benjamin Policky

Luke Przymus

Adam Quinn

Sierra Quinn

Sydney Quinn

Emiliano Rodriguez

Jack Ryan

Payton Schroeder

Trevor Schumacher

Timothy Sliva

Audrey Sprunk

Ashley Steiner

Tyler Stuart

Regan Sucha

Makenna Svehla

Seth VunCannon

Chloe Walker

Nathaniel Wemhoff

Vijayalakshmi Wemhoff

Ethan Wulf

Jin Lin Yang

15th Annual Alumni/Alumnae Soccer Tournament

This year's tourney will be held on August 5-6, 2022, at the Warren & Shirley McLaughlin Activity Field. For more information contact Jon Brezenski '98 at coachbrez@gmail.com.

Addresses Needed!

The Shamrock Newsletter was returned by the post office as undeliverable to the addresses on file for the following Shamrocks: Dustin Becher '03, Evelyn (Koziol '57) Bosak, Margaret (Iwan '47) Cerny, Gina (Sutko '86) DeBord, Chris (Melcher '86) Donnelly, Kim Dreifurst '84, Christopher Goettsche '93, David Gubbels '00, Joe McMeekin '74, Elizabeth (Coupens '45) O'Leary, Karen Pokorny '83, Theresa (Horne '93) Poulas, Joyce (Melcher '54) Risor, Jim Thraen '63, Eric Wemhoff '90, and Tricia (Korger '89) Wilson. If you have their correct mailing address, please contact the Scotus development office. For a full list of those for whom we need addresses go to the Scotus website, scotuscc.org, and then to the development/alumni drop down box.

Reunions

Class of 1967. Plans are underway to celebrate their 55th Reunion on September 2, 3 & 4, 2022. For more information or to offer input contact, Gene Konwinski, gkonwinski@cox.net; Helen Neemeyer, helen.neemeyer@frontier.com; or Peggy Pfeifer, pfeif67@hotmail.com. Plans include a bus tour of Columbus, tour of Scotus and a Mass with Fr. Wayne Pavela.

Class of 1972. Hey Class of 1972! It's the Big 5-0! Our 50-Year Class Reunion is scheduled for Aug. 26-28, 2022, in Columbus. Invites with complete details will be mailed (or emailed) later. (If your contact information hasn't been updated through the Scotus alumni office, please contact Terry Hyland at 402-203-1628 or ash31356@cox.net.) Saturday plans include a school tour followed by a Mass with Fr. Wayne Pavela. Save the date and hope to see you all in August!

Class of 1973. Planning is underway for our 50th reunion, and the tentative date is August 11-12, 2023. We hope to time the reunion to coincide with Columbus Days. For more information or to offer suggestions, contact Susi (Heimann) Kobus, susikobus@gmail.com 402-910-6504 (cell), Ken Schrad, kjschrad@gmail.com or 804-334-6454 (cell); or Tom Zabawa, tomz-abf73@gmail.com 402-276-1936 (cell), or Fritz Schwank, 402-270-4997 (cell).

Class of 1983. Planning is underway for the 40-year reunion in the summer or fall of 2023. For more information, or to offer suggestions or volunteer to help plan, contact Jack Cheloha, jackcheloha@yahoo.com, or call 402-306-9712.

Class of 2002. The Class of 2002 has timed their 20th reunion to coincide with Columbus Days and they will gather on Saturday, August 13, 2022. Saturday activities will include golf in the morning, a tour of Scotus at noon and then a picnic. For information contact Matt Kudron, mkudron@hotmail.com.

Class of 2012. The 10-year reunion for the class of 2012 will be held on August 13th, 2022. Plans include a school tour at 3:00 p.m. If you did not get a save the date email, please reach out to Brad Steiner, bradasteiner@gmail.com for details.

Outstanding Service Awards

Scotus Central Catholic's highest honor is the Outstanding Service Award. This honor was established in 1982 and serves to recognize individuals who have an exemplary record of dedicated service to Scotus. This year's award winners have a combined 107 years of employment at Scotus, and it is this example of loyalty and service that truly makes our school a special place for learning, faith development and achievement. The 2022 Outstanding Service Award was presented at the Scotus Achievement Program to Janet Tooley (35 years) and to Tom Salyard (35 years.) Our third award recipient, Merlin Lahm (37 years) was not available to attend the Achievement Program and he will be recognized at half time of a home football game this fall. Thank you, Janet, Tom, and Merlin!



Annual Appeal 2022-23

Faith is the reason for the existence of our Columbus Catholic Schools, and it is such a joy to see how strongly our Catholic faith community embraces the missions of St. Anthony School, St. Bonaventure School, St. Isidore School, and Scotus Central Catholic High School.

The most important resource of our schools is, without question, our students. Our second most important school resource is our outstanding dedicated faculty.

I encourage you to pray for our teachers. I also ask for your prayerful support and give to the first ever, Columbus Catholic Schools Annual Appeal. This year's appeal goal is to support the benefit plan of our four-school teachers, all of whom work for far less salaries and benefits compared with their public-school counterparts.

We are fortunate to have a faculty in our schools who view their assignment as a vocation and not a job, who genuinely care about the academic achievement and faith-development of each and every student, and who are committed to providing a faith-centered, loving, and safe environment in the classroom. Our teachers practice their faith and are good stewards of God's gifts in their lives.

Your support will help us continue our outstanding tradition of retaining experienced teachers in our classrooms and to recruit new teachers when that time arises. I thank you for investing in the Catholic education of our students and in the professional service provided by our teachers.

Jeff Ohnoutka, Executive Director of the Columbus Catholic Schools and President of Scotus Central Catholic

Worth Noting

• Naming of the 23rd annual Alumna and Alumnus of the Year and new inductees to the Shamrock Hall of Fame were both postponed to the fall of 2022.

• **Senior Eden Broberg** signed her letter of intent to join the Wayne State College Wildcats cheerleading team. Eden was joined by her parents, Phillip & Jill Broberg.



• Named to the **Omaha World Herald All Academic Program**, Honorable Mention: Benjamin Policky, Christopher Adame-Hernandez, and Stephanie Hoenk..

• The NSAA 2022 spring season **Academic All-State selections** were: Golf - Nick Fleming, Mason Gonka; Journalism - Gavin Brabec, Ashley Steiner; Music - Camille Cox, Jacob Melliger; Soccer - Libbie Brezenski, Ted Fehringer, Carter Filipi, Kate Maguire; Track & Field - Nick Ehlers, Evan Kiene, Grace Mustard, Hailey Steffensmeier.

• Both boys' and girls' **soccer teams** had successful seasons. Girls' soccer finished 16-3 with a state semi-final loss to Class B state champion, Skutt HS. The boys finished 12-5 with a district championship loss to GI Northwest. In the top ten state rankings, the girls were 4th, and the boys were 9th. Named to the Omaha World Herald All-Nebraska second team was junior Libbie Brezenski. Libbie was also named to the all-state Class B first team along with Scotus freshman, Emma Brezenski. Named to the boys all-state first team was senior, Chance Bailey and listed on the second team all-state was sophomore, Jose Cruz. Receiving all-state honorable mention were Kate Maguire, Maysa Kuhl, Izzie Kadavy, Faith Weber, Trenton Cielocha, Devon Borchers and Ted Fehringer. The Lincoln Journal Star selected Emma Brezenski to its Super-State First Team.

• In **track & field** at the state meet, senior Chloe Walker placed 7th in the discus and junior Hailey Steffensmeier placed 9th in the discus. Senior Tim Sliva finished in 18th place in the high jump and senior Grace Mustard placed 13th in the long jump. Grace stumbled in the finals in the 100-meter hurdles and placed 8th.

• Named as the 2021-22 Scotus **Athletes of the Year** were Kate Maguire and Devon Borchers.



• Betsy Rall and Amy Sokol will be co-head coaches for the **cross-country** programs this fall. Merlin Lahm will be stepping aside after 17 years

as the head cross-country coach. Mrs. Rall has been an assistant for the Shamrocks for two years and a track assistant for four years. She coached cross-country at CHS for ten years and track for thirteen years before coming to Scotus. Mrs. Sokol has been an assistant cross-country coach for Scotus since 2011. Coach Lahm led the Shamrocks to four state cross-country championships, 2011 (boys), and 2012, 2013, 2016 (girls); and he coached two state runner-up teams, 2010 (girls) and 2014 (boys). Mr. Lahm is the current Scotus athletic director and assistant principal and during his 37-year tenure he taught mathematics and coached cross country, boys' basketball, track, and field.

• At the end of the 2021-22 school year, Scotus said farewell to English instructor, Becki Zanardi; interim instructor Kristi Heng and long-time activities office/development office administrative assistant, Annette Hash. New faculty announced for the 2022-23 school year included: Autumn Johnson, Spanish; Cody Mroczek '17, Business; Wendy Shotkoski, Mathematics and Alaina Wallick '18, English.

• In the 2021-22 **NSAA Cup** final standings for Class C, the Scotus girls finished at the top and the boys finished in second place. The All-School Division Cup went to GICC with Scotus placing second.

• In District Music, Scotus students earned 24 Superior (I) and 4 Excellent (II) scores:

Avery Dierman – Cornet/Trumpet – Superior

Stephanie Hoenk – Piano – Excellent

Hailey Steffensmeier – Cornet/Trumpet – Excellent

Jasmine Jackson/Jessica Jackson – Flute/Alto Saxophone Duet – Superior

Nick Ehlers/Dominic McPhillips – Tuba Duet – Superior

Jessica Jackson – Flute – Superior

Abigail Schumacher – Soprano Clarinet – Superior

Hannah Pflum – Soprano Clarinet – Superior*

Stephanie Hoenk – Alto Saxophone – Superior

Jasmine Jackson – Alto Saxophone – Superior

Emiliano Rodriguez – Alto Saxophone – Superior

Caroline Klitz – Baritone/Euphonium – Excellent

Alaina Dierman/Emiliano Rodriguez – Saxophone Duet – Superior

Henry Chard/Ian Karges – Saxophone Duet – Superior

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 Caroline Klitz – Soprano/Alto Voice – Superior
 Caroline Klitz/Neve Pavlik – Euphonium Duet- Superior
 Sophia Mowrey – Soprano/Alto Voice – Superior
 Kaitlyn Fleming/Sophia Mowrey – Duet – Superior
 Henry Chard – Tenor/Bass Voice – Superior
 Luke Przymus – Tenor/Bass Voice – Superior*
 Mark Buhman – Tenor/Bass Voice – Superior
 Chris Adame-Hernandez – Tenor/Bass Voice – Superior
 Band – Excellent
 Mixed Chorus – Superior

Drumline – Superior
 Mixed Clarinet Quartet – Superior
 Flute Ensemble – Superior
 Saxophone Ensemble – Superior*

* Receiving Outstanding Performance Awards were: Hannah Pflum, Soprano Clarinet Solo; and Alaina Dierman, Stephanie Hoenk, Jasmine Jackson, Hannah Pflum, Emiliano Rodriguez, and Vijayalakshmi Wemhoff, Saxophone Ensemble. Receiving Outstanding Performance Honorable Mention was Luke Przymus, Tenor/Bass Voice.

Shamrock Open

The Shamrock Open was held on June 4, 2022, at Tiburon Golf Course in Omaha with ninety golfers participating. The tourney net was an estimated \$14,992, which will be used to support the new Scotus bus lease fund.



The first flight, first prize champions were:
 L-R: Mark Henggeler '94, Jonathan Leymaster, Jeff Herdzina '94 and Jason Mielak '94.

Thanks to our 2022 Shamrock Open Sponsors

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 Mahan Family (Bill Mayhan)
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 Scotus Soccer (John Brezenski '98)
 Tailored Fit Lifestyle (Mark Henggeler '94)
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 The Good Life Sports Bar and Grill

1992 Reunion



The Class of 1992 celebrated their 30-year class reunion on July 8-9, 2022. They had several events, including a Mass with Fr. Jeff Loseke at St. Isidore Church, and dinner/drinks at the home of Craig and Michele Foreman. Classmates pictured, front row l-r: Jennifer (Braun) Huss, Lora Sypal, Bridget (O'Hearn) Diederich, Nicole (Jones) Davidson, Jenni (Styskal) VunCannon, back row l-r: Mike Henggeler, Craig Foreman, Jason Citta, Shane Wemhoff, Scott Harmeier, Jenna (Mullin) Higgins, Shawn Diederich, Tony Merrill, and Eileen (Dobesh) Korth. Not pictured: Fr. Jeff Loseke, Paula (Welsh) Banks, and Jeff Tooley.



In Sympathy

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

Monica “Moni” Albracht – survived by her husband, Keith; sons, Brent '07 (Tiffany), Cale '11; mother, Mary Lou Nienaber; sisters, Sandy (Doug) Reigle, Patty (Pat) Tobey, Pam, Marci (John) McElroy, Mandy (John) Kubler; brothers, Steve, Terry (Mary Beth); father and mother-in-law, Wayne & Nancy Albracht; brother-in-law, Kevin (Tammie) Albracht; two grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Lloyd “Louie” Bartholomew '56 – survived by his wife, Phyllis; sons, Jamie, Jimie (Gail); brother, Robert; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and one on the way; and seven nephews.

Norma Jean Beiermann – survived by daughters, Susan '68 (Paul) Weeder, Linda '69 (Pat) Wemhoff, Marlene '72 Beiermann, Cindy '74 (Dennis) DeWispelare; sons, Alan '76 (Kelly), Mike '78 (Sandi), Tom '86 (Pam); sister-in-law Elaine (Blahak '58) Kurtenbach; twenty-two grandchildren and thirty-two great-grandchildren.

Joseph Citta, Jr – survived by his wife, Sue; daughter, Deborah '96 (Thomas) Ford; sons, Dr. Jason '92 (Megan), Dr. Joseph '00 (Amber); sister, Linda (Patrick Scolla) Citta; sister-in-law, Wendy Citta; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and many nieces and nephews.

Carol J. Duren – survived by her husband, Jerry; daughter, Traci '88 (Sean) Wickham; sons, Dennis '80 (Suzi), Douglas '81 (Ellen), Todd '85 (Lisa Cielocha '85); sister, Nancy (Dwayne) Lanc; brother, James (Dawn) Dallegge; eleven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Michael Egger – survived by his wife, Mary (Maguire '66); daughters, Sara (Ryan) Kopiasz, Mallory (Brandon) Denney; son, Nathan (Whitney); mother, Lila Egger; sisters-in-law, Ann (Maguire '63) Kudron, Colleen Morris, Debbie (Maguire '73) Jamieson, Bev (Maguire '74) Baker, Amy (Maguire '78) Harrington, Lori Maguire '80, Kelly (Maguire '83) Sinclair; brother-in-law, Mike Maguire '65; and four grandchildren.

Margaret “Peg” (Czapla '69) Fiala – survived by her husband, Harry; daughters, Heather (Bud) Engel, Jill (Ricky) Wellman;

sons, Luke (Bridget), Daniel (Shari), Patrick (Jamie), Scott (Maryjan), Heath (Karen), Brent (Robyn), Jonathan; sister, Mary (Dean) Kobza; brothers, Jerry '71 (Carol), Joe (Julie); and twenty-seven grandchildren.

Ina Claire Frischholz '50 – survived by her many friends and fellow members of the Shamrock nation including her classmates from the St. Bonaventure HS Class of 1950.

Phyllis Ann Kush – survived by daughter, Aimee Kush; son-in-law, Jim Legenza '67; thirteen grandchildren; twenty great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Robert Speicher '47 – survived by his wife, Lois; daughters, Cindy Kreutzer, Suzie (Rocky) Oaklund, Diane (Dwayne) Plambeck, Kay (Robert) Ailor, Lori (Donivan) Lee, Lisa (Randy) Grossnicklaus; sons, Dale, Larry (Andrea); nineteen grandchildren and twenty-one great-grandchildren.

Shirley Szatko – survived by her husband, Joseph; sons, David '76 (Barbara) Jenson, Jerome “Jerry” '88 (Judy) Szatko; sister-in-law, Betty Wilch Crosby; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Joan (Wieser '69) Wrobel – survived by her husband, Scott; daughter, Michelle Shingle; son, Paul; sisters, Diane '69 (Don) Vanecek, Rose '77 (Bill '75) Held, Sandy '79 (Joe) DiSomma, Jayne '84 (Ed) Martin; brothers, Ted '72 (Teresa), Paul (Stacy), Andy (Paulette), Bill '80 (Sandy), Bob '82 (Cindy), Joe (Sonya); father-in-law, Joseph Wrobel; sister-in-law, MaryJo (Robert) Freeman; brothers-in-law, Doug Hayden, George Menke, David (Beverly) Wrobel; and four grandchildren.

Janet (Smith '58) Vetick – survived by her husband, Carroll; daughter, Angie '88 (Steve) Lundstrom; sisters, Charlene (Rich) Stachura, Jane '58 Buresh; daughter-in-law, Cheri Vetick; five grandchildren; two great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Wills and Wishing Wells

Toss a coin in a fountain and make a wish. If you're thinking about your future and what would happen should you die, you might say: "I wish that my brother, Tom, would manage my estate." Or perhaps, "I wish Aunt Etta would take care of my daughter." Or maybe, "I wish that any estate taxes would be kept to a minimum." You might also say, "I wish to give a portion of my estate to Scotus Central Catholic and other charities I care about."

Wishes, wishes, wishes – that's all they are. And tossing coins into a wishing well won't help. The only way you can be sure of these things – to change them from wishes to certainties – is to prepare a will or other appropriate estate-planning document.

A will is a way to make your wishes come true. In it, you list what you want to happen: Who will represent you through the process of probate? Who will care for any minor children? Who will look after any trusts? Who will receive your estate? What charities will benefit from your estate? A will, properly prepared, lets you sleep better at night. It makes your family rest better, too.

Wishing wells may be fun for some things, but not when it comes to estate planning. When you're dealing with your estate assets and family responsibilities, it's far better to "toss a coin" toward a qualified attorney who can help you do things right. Granted it will take more than a penny or two, but the certainty and satisfaction you receive will far outweigh any cost. And if you have a will already, a codicil is a simple and relatively inexpensive way to make new wishes into certainties!

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✠ Memorials ✠

(Received between 4/19/2022 and 7/15/2022)

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1997 Volleyball, 1998 Girls Basketball & 1998 Girls Soccer Teams
Friday, September 2, 2022 • Pawnee Park Football Stadium

Scotus Central Catholic will recognize these teams for the 25-year anniversary of their state championship seasons at halftime of the Friday, September 2nd Scotus home football game with visiting Pierce HS. Players, spouses & immediate family members will be our guests for the event. Please RSVP by 8/30/22 - and if you can attend, let us know how many family guests you will be bringing. Phone: John Schueth, Scotus Development Director at 402-564-7165 ext. 109 or Email: jschueth@scotus.org. Go Shamrocks!

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