

SEF 17 SCHOOL EXCELLENCE FUND

Can we count on your participation in the School Excellence Fund 17 drive? Consider investing in this transformational fund drive for our four Columbus Catholic Schools, Scotus Central Catholic, St. Anthony, St. Bonaventure, and St. Isidore. Guided by the Columbus Catholic Schools Strategic Plan and the new Columbus Catholic Schools board of directors, SEF 17 will first address the tuition assistance needs of our school families, fund needed safety and accessibility improvements to our schools including an elevator at Scotus, recruit and retain excellent teachers, and fund the addition of High Ability Learning (HAL) programs and Academic Intervention/Special Education programming. You can help us achieve these goals and more through your philanthropy and prayers. Use your pledge card or donate online through the Columbus Catholic Schools website.

We need every Shamrock's support to reach our \$1.5 million dollar goal. As of October 16, 2023, campaign pledges totaled \$1,026,251.75. If you have immediate questions about the campaign, contact John Schueth, 402-564-7165 x109 or Erin Schmidt 402-564-7165 x114.



Alumnae of the Year

The Alumna/Alumnus of the Year award was established in 1999 to recognize graduates of our school who are strong supporters of Catholic Education, have excelled in their vocation and are engaged in their parish and community. This year's winners are Karen (Bierman '82) Merrill and Susan (Heimann '73) Kobus. These two Shamrock graduates were heavily involved in the 2022 remodeling of Scotus Central Catholic's Chapel of the Immaculate Conception. By articulating project director, Gene Bierman's vision for the chapel renovation project, these two women were instrumental in transforming the chapel into a more sacred place for worship and prayer for our students and staff as well as for the members of the St. Bonaventure Parish perpetual adoration. The Scotus chapel continues to serve St. Bonaventure Parish's perpetual adoration program and Scotus students may participate in adoration before and after school and during study hall periods.



L-R: Susie Kobus, Karen Merrill & Jeff Ohnoutka

Morning rosary is offered in the chapel on Mondays and Thursdays, and Mass on Tuesdays and Fridays before the start of classes.

Bid-a-Bag is Back!

The Scotus Booster Club is sponsoring the return of this fun, social, evening out for ladies, featuring a fabulous silent auction of purses, bags, accessories, and jewelry. The event will be held on Thursday, November 2nd from 6-9 pm at the KC Hall in Columbus. Admission is \$15 presale, \$20 at the door. Guests will enjoy signature mock-tail drinks, appetizers, and desserts, and possibly a few surprises! Guests must be twenty-one or older. All proceeds will be used to support student activities at Scotus Central Catholic. To donate for the auction, or to ask about reservations, contact Erin Schmidt, Director of Development and Family Engagement for the Columbus Catholic Schools at eschmidt@colcath.org or phone 402-564-7165 x114.



Outstanding Service Award

Beginning in 1982, this award was created to recognize individuals who have served Scotus Central Catholic High School with distinction and who have an unwavering dedication to the mission and vitality of this school. This year's honorees are Janice Rosenquist and the Dean & Ann Hefti Family.

Janice Rosenquist started volunteering for the gala dinner/auction fundraiser in the year 2000. In 2014 she joined the Scotus development office to direct the Gala and Dash-For-Cash lottery and to support fund drives such as the SEF and annual appeal. Janice's leadership, organizational and people skills were crucial to the success of the development office's efforts. Janice and her husband Dr. Daniel Rosenquist are Scotus parents of Megan '05 (Mark) Kelly and Ryan '07.

The Dean and Ann Hefti family has been an important contributor in a variety of ways at Scotus including transportation, coaching, first aid training and building security for decades. Dean has driven and helped maintain Scotus busses for many years and Ann (Siegel '66) is a volunteer at St. Anthony pre-school. As a Columbus police officer, Jodi Hefti '94 has been a school resource officer and she has provided first aid training for faculty and staff. Amy (Hefti '87) Sokol is a cross-country coach at Scotus while also serving as the principal of St. Anthony School. Kudos to Janice and to the Hefti Family for your outstanding service to Scotus Central Catholic!



L-R: Jeff Ohnoutka, Janice Rosenquist, Callie Sokol, Ann, Dean & Jodi Hefti, Amy Sokol

25-Year State Championship Celebration

Scotus Central Catholic recognized the players of the 1998 volleyball team for the 25-year anniversary of their state Class C-1 championship season at halftime of the Friday, August 25th home football game with Aquinas Catholic High School. The 1998 team had a perfect 29-0 record. A large home crowd cheered for the honorees and the football game ended with a 3-0 Scotus win.



Those able to attend the recognition included l-r: coach John Petersen, Michell (Moser '00) MacNair, Shanna (Melliger '00) Niedbalski, Meghan (Pile '02) Campbell, Melinda Hanus '01 and coach Janet Tooley.

ALL SCOTUS ALUMNAE ARE INVITED!

The 18th Biennial Alumnae Volleyball Tourney will be held on Saturday, November 25, 2023 (Thanksgiving weekend)
Please use this QR code to register!



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

Hall of Fame

Earlier this fall, two former Scotus athletes were inducted to the Shamrock Athletic Hall of Fame. Kara Moore '13 and Morgan Benesch '13. In volleyball, Kara (pictured at right) played on the 2011 undefeated (29-0) state Class C1 championship team, and on the 2012 state runner up and 2010 state 3rd place teams. She held the school record for career most digs in a single match at 31. She was also selected first team, All-State in 2011 and 2012; and played in the 2013 NE Coaches Association volleyball all-star game. In basketball Kara was on the varsity team for three years and played in the 2013 Columbus all-star game. As a soccer player, she was a four-year starter and selected to the first team, all-state in 2013. Kara was also the 2013 Scotus Female Athlete of the Year.



Morgan Benesch (pictured below) was a four-time all-state runner in cross country. She finished 3rd at state in 2009 and second at state in 2010, 2011, and 2012. She was a member of the 2012 state champion cross country team and she currently holds the school record for both the Scotus 4k home course at 15 minutes, 13 seconds, and the state 4k course at 14 minutes, 57 seconds. At state track, Morgan was a four-time participant in the 3200-meter finishing 2nd in her junior and senior years and she also ran the 1600 meter placing 4th her junior year and 3rd her senior year. She was a 4-time academic all-state in both cross country and track and she was selected as the 2013 Sertoma Female Athlete of the Year. At UNK she was a 3-time NCAA all-American in cross country and she holds several UNK track records. Thank you, Kara, and Morgan, for being amazing Shamrocks! You are now included in a great lineage of Shamrocks in the Scotus Athletic Hall of Fame.



Here and There...

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

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

Monty Schmidt '94 included in his summer vacation trip to Europe a pilgrimage to the burial site of Blessed John Duns Scotus. "During the summer of 2023, I went to Lisbon, Portugal to attend World Youth Day 2023; and while there I also took a side trip over to Cologne, Germany. In Lisbon I went to the beautiful church built on the site of the home of the Saint known as Anthony of Padua, who was born in 1195 and lived most of his life there. Locally, they still prefer to refer to him as "Saint Anthony of Lisbon" due to it being his birthplace and where he spent most of his life. Padua, Italy is where he spent his last 5 years, passed away, and is buried. This was of interest to me because my home church and elementary school in Columbus, NE were named after him. And in Cologne, among other sites, I visited the burial place of Blessed John Duns Scotus, after whom Scotus Central Catholic High School was named. I discreetly left behind a Scotus prayer card, as well as a small decal of our logo near the memorial candles by his tomb. It was especially meaningful to me that I was able to see both these places relating to the two schools I attended while growing up. Both have been quite good to me!" -- Monty Schmidt '94



Ryan Eikmeier '95 has recently taken on a teaching position with Purdue University Global's Doctor of Education (EdD) in Leadership and Innovation program. Ryan continues to serve as the Assistant Dean of Curriculum for Purdue University Global. Eikmeier, who completed his doctorate at Creighton University in 2021, lives in Oak Park, IL (just outside Chicago.)

~ Addresses Needed! ~

The most recent Shamrock newsletter was returned by the post office as undeliverable to the addresses on file for the following Shamrocks: Luke Bettenhausen '19, Jenna '12 (Dubas) Blankers, Tisa Kasik '18, Tara (Wondercheck) Klemke '92, Joe McMeekin '74, Bill Messing '52, Rachel (Nosál '97) Shore, Courtney Kosch '19, Emily Stutzman '19, and Don Tinius '70. 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 CCS website, <https://columbus-catholic.org> and then to the Alumni Info tab.

Worth Noting

• **2023 graduate Mark Buhman and his father, Phil**, were given the amazing opportunity last summer to be extras for the



fourth season of **The Chosen**. Mark and his dad traveled near Goshen, Utah to spend four days on set and film four different scenes. While there, they were able to meet Dallas Jenkins, the director, co-executive producer, and co-writer of the series. Mark is unable to say which scenes he filmed so as not to give away any spoilers, so be sure to keep an eye out for both Mark and Phil Buhman as you watch this season of The Chosen!

• **Scotus Central Catholic** was the recipient of the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA) Safe Sports School award. The award champions safety and recognizes secondary schools that have met the recommended standards to improve safety in sports. It reinforces the importance of providing the best level of care, injury prevention and treatment for student athletes. Scotus Central Catholic is honored to receive this 1st Team recognition from NATA, made possible through the support of the Columbus Community Hospital and Scotus athletic trainer, Andrew Sheridan.



• **Ron Mimick '75** was inducted into the Nebraska High School Sports Hall of Fame on October 8th. Ron was the ninth Nebraska high school coach to reach the 300-win milestone in football, and he has been teaching and coaching at Aquinas Catholic High School since 1991. His football teams have won seven state titles and been in two other finals, and his boys track teams have won two titles and been runners-up twice.

• **Effective July 1, 2023**, our four Columbus Catholic Schools joined together as a Columbus Catholic Schools system (CCS.) For more information, visit the new website, www.columbus-catholic.org or contact the CCS development office located at Scotus Central Catholic.

• The **junior high marching band** earned a Superior rating at the Columbus Parade in September and in October the senior high marching band earned a Superior at the Harvest of Harmony Parade in Grand Island.

• Scotus had great participation numbers at the October 1st **Life Chain** in Columbus (photo at right).



• The **CHS/Scotus co-op softball team** finished the season at 13-22. The Shamrocks had seven girls on the team.

• The four Columbus Catholic Schools held their first **Mass, Dash, and Burger Bash** event at Pawnee Park Stadium on October 1st. More than 450 individuals packed the stadium for Mass concelebrated by Fr. Patrick Harrison and Fr. Jim Heithoff; and after the Mass there was a fun run and burger bash. It was an amazing event celebrating our Catholic faith, Catholic schools, and Catholic community.



• The **Shamrock girls' golf team** captured their fourth straight Centennial Conference title with a team score of 372 at Quail Run Golf Course in Columbus. Scotus senior Cecilia Arndt finished individually in second place with a round of 73. Scotus then went on to win the Class C-2 district crown with a team score of 363. Cecilia Arndt was the district champion with a score of 74 and Quinn VunCannon finished as runner up. At the state Class C tournament, the Shamrocks finished in 3rd place and Cecilia Arndt finished in 6th place individually.

• Named to Nebraska's local school **2023-24 Currency Believers & Achievers** were seniors Cecilia Arndt, Mary Faltys, Addison Schoenfelder, and Joanna Rusher. Addison Schoenfelder was later selected as one of 48 state finalists from which eight will receive a \$500 scholarship at a banquet next spring to use for the college or university of their choice. Believers & Achievers is a state-wide program designed to give recognition to Nebraska's future leaders.

• The **Shamrock girls' cross-country team** won the Centennial Conference title. This was Scotus' first team title since 2019. The Shamrock girls also captured the district title and the team will compete at the state Class C meet. District medalists were Hannah Heinrich (1st), Mary Faltys (3rd), Emilyn Kavan (4th), and Mia Fehringer (13th.) Jude Maguire also qualified for the state meet on the boys' side, placing 10th at district. The boys' team finished in 5th place.

• Scotus had 13 of the 21 players on the **CHS/Scotus co-op tennis team** which had mixed success this season.

SOCCKER TOURNEY

The 16th Annual Scotus Alumni Soccer tournament was held on August 4-5, 2023, at the Warren and Shirley McLaughlin Activity Field. There were 146 players in the men's and women's tournament from graduating classes of 1992-2023. This year's winners were the Men's Green Division – 1998-99, Men's Gold Division – 1992-97, Women's Division – 1998-2011. The weekend concluded with an evening social at Sahara. A big thank you to our tournament sponsors, Sahara and Jeff Thiele '81, Alyssa (Foltz '13) Held, Carly Foltz '14, Nicole Fraundorfer-Saalfeld '04, and LaVonne Kaup. Special thanks to Brooke (Rayman '99) Rogers and Jeff Hall for taking the photographs. Next year's tournament will be held August 2 and 3, 2024. Thank you to all who attended and participated in the weekend!



Green Division Champion – Team of 1998-99

Left to right: EJ Brezenski '99, Matt Mroczek '99, Jon Brezenski '98, Robbie Diederich '99, Justin Fry '98, Jason Cieloha '99, Tom Rogers '99, Troy Van Dyke '98, Joe Madden, Evan Trofholz '98, Sean Mohatt '98, Ryan Tooley '98, Adam Cieloha '98.



Gold Division Champion – 1992-97

Front Row – AK Mohamed, Gary Rief '94, Greg Hunt, Mitchell Plance, Travis Morris '95, Tyler Stenger, Ben Johnson '96, Boys Soccer Coach PJ Miller. Back Row – Brett Swierczek, Jack Haenggi '95, Shawn Diederich '92, Kyle Diederich '95, Patrick Diederich, Eric Beiermann '94, Erik Hash '94, Brian Wessel-Draper '95.



Women's Division Photo – 1999-2011

Front Row – Grace Diederich, Tiffany (Haney '11) Roberts, Jen (Haney '06) Wemhoff, Katie Walz, Morgan Duren '11. Back Row – Ceisha (Kudron '00) Dietering, Holly (Van Ackeren '98) Sutter, Megan Gardner, Heather (Van Ackeren '00) Diederich, Girls Soccer Coach Kristie (Korth '98) Brezenski. Not Pictured: Kellie (Johnson '07) Ceder and Katie (Korth '02) Severa.



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2023 Reunions

Class of 1963 The Class of 1963 had a wonderful time celebrating their 60th reunion on September 15-16. Front row l-r: Jim Jonas, Patti Jonas, Jane Tooley, Ann Kudron, Linda Holy. Back row, l-r: Tom Byrnes, Gary Jones, JoAnn Svajgr, Jim Jasper, Judy Miner, Connie Stachura, Mike Stachura, Darlene Asche, Jane Ferris, Bill Shonka, Barb Hunter, Barb Engel, Tom Obal, Dianne Foltz. Not pictured but attending, Nancy Welker, and Gen Smejkal.



Class of 1972 The Pawnee Bar in Columbus was hopping Sunday afternoon, Aug. 27, as 15 members of the Scotus Class of 1972 (and seven spouses) gathered for an impromptu 51st class reunion. The group spent about four hours enjoying cocktails or soft drinks, sharing stories about our younger days, and laughing at (or complaining about) how old we look, feel, and are. In the photo, those in attendance included (back row, left to right) Larry Cannon, Doug Gubbels, Tom Feehan, Steve Abbott, Doug Beard, Dave Micek, Dan Zoucha, and (seated, left to right) Pat Sackett, Terry Hyland, Milton Roddy, Frank Mielak, Dave Melliger, Sandi (Yosten) Abbott, Pam (Michaelsen) Baumert, Jerry Tworek. Spouses who joined the party included Cathy Micek, Sara Cannon, Claudia Feehan, Keith Baumert, Connie Tworek, Susie Melliger, and Annelle Hyland. Thanks to all of you for making this "experiment" a tremendous success! To everyone who could not make it to the 51st, we missed you and hope to see you at a future reunion (maybe next year??). Stay tuned and stay in touch! Go (Old) Shamrocks!!!



Class of 1973 The Class of 1973 celebrated a 50th reunion weekend together August 11-12 including Mass in the Scotus chapel, school tour and dinner at the Friedhoff. Top row left to right. Fr. Damien Zuerlein, Bill Heimann, Joe Fischer, Fritz Schwank, Tim Ebner. 2nd row - Susi (Heimann) Kobus, Steve Niedbalski, Kim Robak. 3rd row - Tim Sutko, Addie (Haney) Mailliard, Gregg Mrzlak, Debbie (Maguire) Jamieson. 4th row - Mary (Lueke) Yokley, Jim Holmberg, Ken Schrad. 5th row - Tom Blahak, Mike Malmstrom, Jackie (Uphoff) Loseke, Maribeth (Casey) Went. Front row - Larry Moser, Tom Zabawa, Bonnie (Schmitz) Sorell, Wesley Thiele Not pictured - Jennifer (Jasper) Hollmann, Kathy (Kopetzky) Haas, Dan Kneifel, Karen (Gdowski) Mroczek.



Class of 1978. On September 23rd, the Class of 1978 got together for their 45th reunion. 17 classmates were in attendance at the Barrel House in downtown Columbus.



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2023 Reunions

Class of 1983 The Class of 1983 (right) celebrated their 40th reunion with a tour of Scotus and Mass with Fr. Wayne Pavela in the Scotus Chapel of the Immaculate Conception followed by dinner and drinks at the Friedhoff Building.

Class of 2013 The class of 2013 (below) had their class reunion the weekend of July 21-23. It was their 10th class reunion and they had one-third of their class represented throughout the weekend including their significant others and children!



In Sympathy

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

Georgia Beard '67 – survived by brothers, John '66, Robert '68, Douglas '72; three nephews; two great-nieces; and four great-nephews.

Gerald Carl Brundo – survived by his wife, Dr. Barbara (Mrzlak '64); daughters Nicole, Tricia (Patrick); son, Gerald II; sisters-in-law, Margaret '60 Matejka, Maxine '62 Brown, Betty '67 (Ron) Mann, Carol '68 (Peter) Rygol, Paulette '69 (John) Power, Rosemarie '71 Reidel, Terese '72 (Leon) Barden, Dr. Suzanne '76 (Dave '72) Melliger; brothers-in-law, Jim Mrzlak '65, Gregg '73 (Lydia) Mrzlak; five grandchildren; many nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

Charles "Chuck" Dallman – survived by his wife, Dianne (Thiele '66); daughter, Kendra '97 (Ryan) Blaser; sons, Chad (Mindy), Brett '92 (Jodi); seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mary Euteneuer – survived by sisters-in-law, Mary Ann Ciecior '52, Bea '52 (Robert) Cary; Elaine Euteneuer; brothers-in-law, Ray '64 (Lois) Euteneuer, Bob Holzbach; and many nieces and nephews.

Eugene "Gene" German '63 – survived by sisters, Marlene '60 Altmanshofer, Diane '65 (Ron) Anderson, Lois '67 (Marshall) Logan, Kathy '71 (Jay) Jackson, Barb '73 (Brad) Nelson; brothers, Mark (honorary '66) (Kathy), Louis '67; many nephews and nieces, great-nephews and great-nieces, and former wife, Sue Beuz and her son, Roger.

Steven "Woody" Hoffman '75 – survived by his mother, Rose Marie; sisters, Deanna '76, Heidi '83 (Joe) Plance; brothers, Chris '77 (Julie Sokol '89), Tom '79 and six nieces and nephews.

Mary Sue (Rathbun '65) Huff – survived by her husband, Gary; sons, Nick, Chris; sister, Lee Meyer; brother, Tom '64; and daughter-in-law, Megan Huff.

Harriette Janicek – survived by her husband, Randy; daughters, Virginia '95 (Jason) Anderson, Laura '01 (Robert) Glanville; son, Terry (Jessica); brother, Courtney (Julie) Ross, and five grandchildren.

Douglas Kline – survived by his wife, Mary Ann; daughters, Sarah Kline (Zachary Nie), Megan Kline, Andrea (Kevin) Padilla; son, Jon (Amy); sisters, Kathleen '71 McArdle, Barbara Becker; brother, Kurt '75; and three grandchildren.

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In Sympathy continued.....

Elaine (Blahak '58) Kurtenbach – daughter, Lora '82 (Jim) Schroeder; sons, Gary '79 (Linette), Mark '80 (Janet); sister and brother-in-law, Connie '63 (Mike '63) Stachura, sister and brother-in-law, Theresa '70 (Ron) Coon; brother and sister-in-law, Tom '73 (Susan) Blahak, brothers and sisters-in-law, Ed & Joan Heimann, Gerry & Kathy (Kurtenbach '58) Engelbert; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Shirley (Jiranek '54) Lingo – survived by husband, Ward; daughters, Mary Beth (Jim) Reichle, Lori (Stephen) Lozier, Anne Tickle; son, John (Karrie); seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Barbara Mielak – survived by daughter, Debra; brothers, Martin Jones, Jack Jones '57, Eugene '61 (DeeDee) Jones, Gary '63 (Dorothy) Jones and several nieces and nephews. Barbara worked in the Scotus cafeteria for fourteen years.

Margaret “Margie” Miksch – survived by her sister, Mary E. “Betty” Reinig; brother, Father Joseph Miksch; and many nieces and nephews.

Dr. Staci (Rosche '97) Lamberty – survived by her husband, Bob; sons, Kam, Sam; parents, Bruce '71 & Charleen Ebner; sister, Natalie (Jason) Christofferson; brothers, Matthew Rosche, Mitchell (Megan) Ebner; brother-in-law, Ben (Elizabeth) Lamberty; grandmother, Betty Rosche; many aunts and uncles; six nephews and one niece.

Larry Sanders '53 – survived by his wife, Marilyn; daughter Jennifer (Terry) Markfort; grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Joseph “Joe” Tooley '55 – survived by his wife, Jane; daughters, Karen '85 (Jim) Sulentic, Megan '91, Andrea '95; sons, Joe Jr. '87 (Kristen), Jeff '92 (Sheila); sisters, Mary “Pat” Baumert '52, F. Jane Tooley '63; one nephew and ten grandchildren.

Jean (Markhofer '61) Watson – survived by her daughters, Diane, Mary Pat (Nick), Christine (Michael); and five grandchildren.

† Memorials †

(Received between 7/18/2023 and 10/15/2023)

Georgia Beard '67
MM Bob Rickert

Charles Dallman
Sue Hengglar
LeRoy Sprunk, Jr.

Dave Duren
MM Arthur Andersen
MM Scott Andersen
Mary Armour
MM Jerald Barkmeier
Alan Beebe
Wendy Boyer/Jeffrey Carney
MM Ed Brezenski
Maxine Brown
MM Dean Cerny
MM John Codling
MM Kevin Collins
MM Ken Ebel
Margaret Egger
MM Len Fleischer
Deanne Fleischer
MM Charles Gonka
Rick Grubaugh
MM Tim Gutz
Connie Hajek
MM Alan Haney
DRM Rick Haney
MM Tim Harrington
MM John Heck
MM Grant Janke
Gwyn Jarrett
MM Cecil Jones
MM Ken Kluck
MM Lavern Kobus

MM Mike Krause
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MM Gregg Melliger
MM Brent Melliger
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Gregg Mrzlak
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MM Jeff Pekarek
MM Gary Puetz
MM Doug Rieger
MM Dennis Ryba
MM Greg Salerno
MM John Schueth
MM Dave Sellhorst
Noreen Shaughnessy
MM John Shotkoski
MM Fred Spies
Virginia Staroscik
MM Bryce Todd
MM Tom Tooley
Lana Torczon
MM Eugene Trouba
MM Robert Walgren

MM Jeff Watson
MM Gary Witt
MM Vern Younger
MM Tom Yungdahl
MM Dave Zabawa
MM Tom Zabawa

Gary Ebel '66
Bill Mimick

Bill Ferguson
Dorie Schrad

Bruce Foreman
Rick Grubaugh
Bill Mimick

Eugene German '63
Dianne Foltz

Steve Hoffman '75
MM Jim Bator
Alan Beiermann
MM Steve Beiermann
MM Mark Bell
MM Gary Bock
Janet Brezinski
MM Dean Cerny
Kelli Cielocha
MM Tim Cielocha
MM Joe Dahlkoetter
Dennis Duren
MM Todd Duren
Carroll Ebner
Mike Ebner
MM Gerry Engelbert
MM Pat Feehan
MM Bud Fleischer
Carly Foltz
MM Chuck Gonka

Rick Grubaugh
MM Ray Hajek
MM Tim Harrington
MM Ed Heimann
MM John Heimann
Ken Heimann
MM Steve Heimann
MM Joe Held
Sue Hengglar
MM John Hoebing
Lynette Hogelin
MM Chris Houfek
Shirley Hroza
MM Roger Iwansky
MM Jerry Jarecke
MM Tom Jarecke
MM Paul Jazwick
MM Brent Kamrath
Bruce Karges
MM Kurt Kline
Bob Klopnieski
MM Larry Kobus
MM Tim Koch
Lynn Krings
MM Rick Kubler
MM Bret Kumpf
Theresa Kumpf
William Kurtenbach
MM Brian Kuta
MM Merlin Lahm
MM Bob Lange
MM Tom Lange
MM Gregg Melliger
MM Jerry Micek
Ron Mimick
Ron Miksch
MM Don Mroczek
MM Jordan Newman

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MM Al Niedbalski
 MM Bob Niedbalski
 MM Mike Novicki
 MM Pat Novicki
 Tim Novicki
 MM John Obrist
 MM Mike Peck
 MM Jeff Pekarek
 Mable Pekarek
 Agnes Placzek
 MM Sam Proski
 MM Gary Puetz
 MM Chuck Putnam
 Ron Reilly
 Sandra Rhode
 MM Dennis Ryba
 MM John Schueth
 MM James Schumacher
 MM Rick Schumacher
 MM John Shadle
 MM Bill Shanle
 Conrad Slusarski
 MM Ernie Snitily
 MM Regan Spangler
 MM Al Starzec
 MM Ron Starzec
 MM Dan Steiner
 Dave Steiner
 MM Jerry Svehla
 MM Dick Tooley
 MM Tim Tooley
 Lu Torczon
 Brenda Tubbs
 MM Mike Walter
 MM Steve Weis
 Joan Witt
 Norman Witt
 MM Tim Wojcik
 MM Verl Wurtz
 MM Charlie Wozny
 MM Dave Young
 MM Vern Younger
 MM Dave Zabawa
 MM Tom Zabawa
 MM Steve Zaura
 Randy Zoucha
 MM Rick Zoucha

Mike Honke '66

MM Tom Adkins
 MM Vaughn Blum
 MM Bob Brakenhoff
 MM Jason Brezenski
 MM Pat Brockhaus
 MM Jim Cadwallader
 MM Joe Chin
 MM John Claus
 Trish Colfack
 MM Douglas Demuth
 MM Chuck Eddie
 Mary Egger
 Jennifer Georgis
 Rick Grubaugh
 Matt Honke
 MM Duane Hodge
 Gen Hodge
 MM Kevin Johnson

MM Jim Kelly
 MM Rick Koch
 Connie Kramer
 Margaret Krings
 Gary Kruse
 DRM Larry Malicky
 Elaine McGuire
 Don Miller
 Bill Mimick
 Jim Murphy
 MM Jeff Overturf
 MM Tim Parker
 Travis Patocka
 Willie Piitz
 MM Joe Pilakowski
 Alice Plettner
 MM Gary Puetz
 MM Terry Ricchiard
 MM Fritz Schwank
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Rick Grubaugh

Elaine Kurtenbach

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 Marlene Beiermann
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 MM Tom Beiermann
 Gene Bierman
 MM Jerry Bierman
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 MM Kurt Bogus
 MM Joel Brett
 Louise Bridges
 MM Doug Buescher
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 MM Dennis DeWispelare
 Charlotte Dreifurst Family
 MM Dan Duren
 MM Dennis Duren
 Jerry Duren
 MM Todd Duren
 MM Rick Ebel
 MM Gerry Engelbert
 MM Pat Engelbert
 MM Dean Engquist
 MM Gregg Ernst
 MM Jeff Frohberg
 MM Joe Graham
 MM Bob Haney
 Dave Harrington
 MM Ed Heimann
 MM John Heimann

Ken Heimann
 MM Steve Heimann
 MM Dan Hile
 MM Kelly Hoffschneider
 MM Jim Hoppenstedt
 Dwayne Jackson
 Torri Jackson
 Tracy Jackson
 MM Craig Jessen
 MM Matt Jilek
 MM Joe Kelly
 Kathy Klug
 MM John Kopetzky
 Bonnie Kudron
 MM Mark Kudron
 MM Dale Kurtenbach
 MM Bob Kuta
 MM Tom Lange
 Imelda Loeffler
 MM Joe Loeffler
 MM Mike Maguire
 MM John McPhail
 MM Pat Merrill
 Jerry Micek
 MM Mel Miksch
 MM Dan Muhleisen
 MM Bob Niedbalski
 MM Mike Novicki
 MM Pat Novicki
 MM Kevin Paul
 MM Gary Puetz
 MM John Schueth
 MM Gene Schumacher
 MM Jeff Schumacher
 MM Rick Schumacher
 MM Todd Schwank
 Harry Starzec
 MM Ron Starzec
 MM Dan Steiner
 MM Jim Van Lent
 MM Paul Weeder
 MM Kris Weiland
 MM Tom Wrigley
 MM Vern Younger
 MM Gary Zywiec

Staci (Rosche '97) Lamberty

MM Terry Hash
 MM Gary Puetz
 MM Gene Trouba
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Alumnae Volleyball Tourney Results

The 18th biennial Shamrock Alumnae Volleyball tournament was held on Saturday, November 25th at Scotus. The turnout was great with seven teams participating. Bringing home the championship was the 2001/2002/2006/2007 team! Kudos to Kim (Rickert '98) Dreesen for organizing the event and making it fun for everyone!

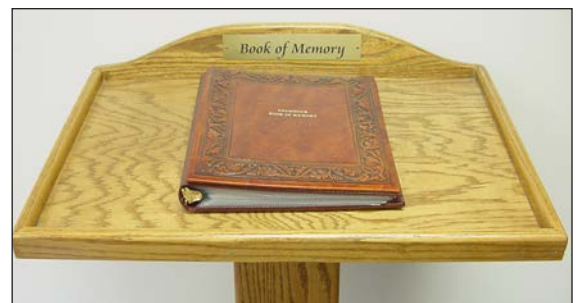


L-R: Kendra (Schnieders '01) Thiem, Meghan (Pile '02) Campbell, Amanda (Cielocha '02) Malone, Jen (Haney '06) Wemhoff, Liz (Hadland '07) Hegge, Kristen (Ostdiek '07) Schmidt



Book of Memory

Located in the Scotus Chapel of the Immaculate Conception is the *Shamrock Book of Memory* which provides a list of names of every person for whom Scotus has received a memorial donation. Although the book was created in the year 2005, it includes the names of those honored since the mid-1990's. Each year we remember everyone listed in the Book of Memory at a Mass celebrated at Scotus on the feast day of Blessed John Duns Scotus (November 8th.) Memorials to Scotus can be designated to support the school's scholarship fund, a particular academic program or student activity, the endowment, or directed to the general memorial fund which is used to support special projects or unexpected major expenses. Scotus friend, George Dohmen, crafted the podium for the book in 2005.



Here and There...

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

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

Liza Zaruba, Scotus graduate from the Class of 2020, visited Mrs. Lahm's Intro to Health Science classes to discuss her educational journey to date. Zaruba is a senior at Creighton University, majoring in Health Administration and Policy, on a Pre-med track. Last summer, she interned with the World Health Organization in Switzerland, learning about intellectual properties for health products. One day she hopes to work in the global health equity field. Zaruba said Scotus Central Catholic does an excellent job of teaching students how to be critical thinkers and how to make connections early. She felt the Scotus teachers did an amazing job of helping students become passionate about their goals. As a Shamrock, she enjoyed doing hands-on experiments with friends in Chemistry and other classes.



Dr. Dillon Clarey, Scotus graduate from the Class of 2010, visited our Intro to Health Sciences classes. Clarey completed his undergraduate degree at UNL in biology. He attended medical school at UNMC in Omaha and is now a dermatologist at Columbus Community Hospital, Columbus, Nebraska, providing medical, surgical, and cosmetic services. Clarey wanted to come back to Columbus to give patients local service, so they no longer must drive to Omaha or Lincoln for dermatology services. Clarey said Scotus means a lot to him because the teachers left such a positive impact on him. The structure taught at Scotus helped him throughout college and medical school and he still applies tools he learned here in his current vocation.



SEF 17 SCHOOL EXCELLENCE FUND

Thank you to every Shamrock who has supported the School Excellence Fund 17 drive! Launched last fall, this transformational fund drive was directed to support our four Columbus Catholic Schools, Scotus Central Catholic, St. Anthony, St. Bonaventure, and St. Isidore. The campaign's goals were to address the tuition assistance needs of our school families, fund needed safety and accessibility improvements to our schools including an elevator at Scotus, recruit and retain excellent teachers, and fund the addition of High Ability Learning (HAL) programs and Academic Intervention/Special Education programming.



We need every Shamrock's support to reach our \$1.5 million dollar goal. Can we count on your participation? Use your pledge card that we mailed last fall or donate online through the Columbus Catholic Schools website, www.columbus-catholic.org. As of January 15, 2024, we had 630 campaign pledges that totaled \$1,309,755.97. If you have questions about the campaign, contact John Schueth, 402-564-7165 x109 or Erin Schmidt 402-564-7165 x114.

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~ Addresses Needed! ~

The most recent Shamrock newsletter was returned by the post office as undeliverable to the addresses on file for the following Shamrocks: Luke Bettenhausen '19, Jenna (Dubas '12) Blankers, Janess Ellis '09, Tisa Kasik '18, Lynette Lafferty '81, Bill Messing '52, Rachel (Nosal '97) Shore, Courtney Kosch '19, Katherine Smith '09, Mollimarie Smith '11, Emily Stutzman '19, Don Tinius '70, and Diane (Hoebing '80) Christianson. 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 CCS website, www.columbus-catholic.org and then to the Alumni Info tab.

Scotus Receives Legacy Gift

Scotus Central Catholic, St. Bonaventure Grade School and St. Bonaventure Parish each received legacy gifts from the estate of the late Catherine Wibbels. Catherine was a 1947 graduate of St. Bonaventure High School and spent most of her professional life in education. She taught in high schools for ten years and was a guidance counselor in the Columbus Public Schools for twenty-one years. More importantly, Cathy actively practiced her Catholic faith and supported Catholic education any way she could. Scotus and St. Bonaventure Grade School each received a little more than \$14,000 from Catherine and we will be good stewards of her investment in the Catholic education of our students.



New Scholarships Recently Created!

Thanks to a \$20,000.00 donation to the Scotus endowment from JoAnn (Stavas-Braun) Svajgr, a 1963 alumna of St. Bonaventure HS/Scotus CCHS, and her husband Al, a new scholarship was established to provide tuition assistance to students attending Scotus Central Catholic. The scholarship is named the **G. J. (Jerry) Braun and JoAnn (Stavas-Braun) Svajgr Scholarship**. It is the intention of the donors that two-\$500 scholarships will be annually awarded; and as an endowed fund, the corpus of the fund (\$20,000) will never be spent--only the fund's annual earnings will support the scholarships.

A second new scholarship was also recently created by alumnus, Dr. John '93 Hain and his wife, Jaci. This scholarship will be annually funded by the couple, providing two \$500 awards—one for a female student and one for a male student attending Scotus. Eligible students must have a need for tuition assistance to attend Scotus and demonstrate strong moral character and academic achievement. The scholarship is named the **John and Jaci Hain Scholarship**.

Thank you, JoAnn & Al and John & Jaci for your investment in the Catholic education of students at Scotus Central Catholic Jr/Sr High School! It is also a wonderful example of Catholic stewardship for JoAnn and John to give back to their alma mater in this way. Scotus now manages twenty-three endowed scholarships and nineteen annually funded scholarships to support our students. Scotus students are also eligible to receive a number of community funded scholarships that offer tuition assistance to attend post-secondary education.

2024 Reunions

The St. Bonaventure/Scotus Class of 1964 will celebrate their **60th reunion** May 31-June 1, 2024, in Columbus. Everyone will gather at Dave & Bev Kudron's home on the 31st, and on June 1st we will gather at the VFW Club. For more information contact Bev Kudron at: b.kudro@hotmail.com.

The Scotus Class of 1969 will celebrate their **55th reunion** on August 9th and 10th, 2024 in Columbus. Please mark your calendars. A mailing with the scheduled activities will be sent out early this summer. Please send your updated contact information to Jane Cromwell at: janelcromwell69@yahoo.com or text her at (402) 615-0305.

The Scotus Class of 1974 is planning their **50th reunion** with a tentative date of August 16-18, 2024. Please feel free to offer suggestions and help coordinate by emailing Bev (Maguire) Baker, bevbaker@cox.net or Shelly (Michaelsen) Adcox, shellyadcox@allophone.com. This will be a casual event. Please spread the word!

The **Class of 1975** is looking ahead to celebrating their 50th reunion in 2025, and organizers need your help to get correct contact information (mailing address, phone number, Email address) for their classmates. We especially need information for: Cindy (Bruegger) Kubisch, Charles Savage, Jean Steckelberg, and Deb (Slovinski) McPhillips. If you have new contact information to share, please send it to the Scotus development office at jschueth@colcath.org, 402-564-7165 x109.

Worth Noting

- Fifty-five guests attended Scotus Central Catholic's **Bid-a Bag** event at the KC Hall in November. Although intended to be more for engagement than for fundraising, the event had net proceeds of \$2,814.57. Proceeds were deposited in the Scotus Booster Club account where they will become available to support student activities at Scotus.
- The **girls' cross-country team** finished in fifth place at the state meet. Top individual placers were senior Mary Faltys (12th) and freshman Emily Kavan (15th).
- The **football team** lost in the first round of playoffs and finished the season at 5-5.

• Once again, the **Scotus journalism** department brought home a Cornhusker Award from the Nebraska High School Press Association. This is the highest award for journalistic excellence in the high school newspaper category. This is the sixth year in a row Scotus has brought home a Cornhusker award: 2018: Newspaper, 2019: Newspaper, 2020: Broadcasting, 2021: Broadcasting, 2022: Newspaper, and 2023: Newspaper. Two of the students involved in winning this award are seniors (left to right), Joanna Rusher and Mary Faltys.



• The **Scotus one act** cast, and crew finished second at the district competition held at Wayne State College. Madden Saenz was awarded most outstanding male actor.

• Thank you to the **Class of 1983** and principal donors Michelle (Brooks '83) & Bob Soulliere who made it part of their 40th class reunion to underwrite the purchase of a new crucifix for the Dowd Activity Center. The crucifix came from Italy and including shipping costs, was nearly \$2,800.00. The cross looks great and reminds everyone that what we do, whether it is work, prayer or sports, we do for the glory of God!

• Congratulations to Scotus senior **Macey Johannes** for placing second in the Big Idea Columbus contest! Johannes runs her own snow cone business called Macey's Snow Cones. She purchased the snow cone business from a family friend last spring and opened it in the summer of 2023. She has always had an entrepreneurial mindset and when this opportunity was presented to her, she could not say no. Johannes employs her siblings and friends who work at the snow cone shack. She enjoys working with her siblings and learning the aspects of what it takes to run a business. The business courses offered by Mr. Mroczek at Scotus have really helped her grow her knowledge in all aspects of how to operate a business from marketing to accounting and to overall management. Johannes plans on majoring in business management in college and to continue to grow her education in the business world.



*Campus Ministry members
Josie Sliva and Kamren Kudron.*

• The **Dash for Holiday Cash Lottery** was again a success with Scotus students selling 2,949 tickets or 134 more than in 2022. Net proceeds of approximately \$12,900 were deposited in the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Scholarship Fund which provides tuition assistance annually to Scotus students. Students involved in the ticket sales also enjoyed a dress down week at the end of November. The winner of the \$1,000 cash prize was Lakeview HS student, Eli Colegrove.

• A **new speaker system** was installed in the Dowd Activity Center over the Christmas break providing a significant improvement for both spectators and those viewing events broadcasted on YouTube. The system is both Bluetooth and USB hardwired, providing versatile functionality.

• Selected as Fall 2023 Nebraska Chiropractic Physicians Association **Academic All-State Award** recipients were: Jude Maguire & Caleb Schumacher (boys' cross country), Mary Faltys & Sofia Karges (girls' cross country), Jackson Heng & Evan Kiene (football), Cecilia Arndt & Quinn VunCannon (girls' golf), Madden Saenz & Kirsten Sucha (play production), Kyra Bowen (softball), and Joanna Rusher & Meah Sackett (volleyball).



• In October, 31 new members were inducted in the **National Honor Society** creating a new record number of NHS members at Scotus (84.)



• Senior **Cecilia Arndt** signed a letter of intent to join the golf team at Long Island University, Brooklyn, New York, where she also plans to major in biology and then attend either medical or pharmacy school. Joining Cecilia at the signing were her parents Ted and Stacy Arndt, brother and Scotus senior, Patrick, and Coach Tanya Niedbalski.



In Sympathy

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

Diane (German '65) Anderson – survived by husband, Ron; daughters, Rachel Tinsley, Laura Anderson; sisters, Marlene Altmanshofer '60, Lois '67 (Marshall) Logan, Kathy '71 (Jay) Jackson, Barb '73 (Brad) Nelson; brothers, Mark (Kathy), Louis '67; sisters-in-law, Beverly, Terry, Peggy, Virginia, Belinda; brother-in-law, Robert; three grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Lorraine (Pickhinke '55) Bittner – survived by her husband, Jack; daughters, Cathy Luchtel, Barb (Doug) Drevo, Cathy (Mike) Diercks; son, Gary (Ellen) Luchtel, Patrick (Shiva) Luchtel, John (Stephanie) Luchtel, Tom (Joanie) Bittner; sisters, Agnes '50 Placzek, Sister Rita-Mary Ann Pickhinke, Gladys (Jerry) Collison, Delores Kingston, Janet (Gordon) Welch, Diane Chadwell; ten grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Duane Dowd – survived by his children, Kelley (Greg) Curley, Meghan (Brian) Schlattmann, Matthew (Mary) Dowd; sisters, Deana, Coni '64 (Charlie) Dowd-Molvig, Colleen '72 (Thomas) Hall, Noreen '77 (Terry) Shaughnessy; brothers, Larry '63 (JoAnn), Michael '68 (Marilyn); and ten grandchildren.

Denise (Kuta '73) Gdowski – survived by sons, Tyson (Kami), Sean (Stephanie Albert); sister, Rena (Ken) Lee; four grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and one special cousin.

Colby Greiner – survived by his parents, Karen Beck, Jim (Leana) Greiner; sister, Shauna '96 (Eric) Flach, Shelby (Joe) Zeleny; brother, Ryan '99 (Schuyler) Greiner; many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and a large family of cyclists.

William "Bill" Haney – survived by his wife, Marilyn; daughters Jean (Orbie) Bowles, Joni (Al) Starzec; sons, Robert (Margie Krings '81), Richard "Rick" (Julie Schieffer '81), Alan (Kelly Miller '81); sister, Joyce '59 (Bill '59) Schuele; thirteen grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Charlene (Gerber '66) Helgoth – survived by her husband, Roger; daughters, Lesley (Patrick) McLaughlin, Allison (David) Dibelka; sisters, Barbara '68 Gerber, Sharon '72 (Charlie) Bahr; brother, Fred "Fritz" '76 (Bonnie); four grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Edward Hittner – survived by his wife, Mary; daughter Karen "Kari" '88 (Tim) Gleason; sons, Brian '90 (Nikki), Andrew "Andy" '90 (Zoey); and five grandchildren. Ed was the Scotus principal for seven years.

Shirley (Kurtenbach '68) Hoessel – survived by her husband, Gene; daughters, Tammy (Steve) Melcher, Kristina Lewis, Sheila (Mike) Circello, Penny (Stelios) Lampadarios; stepsons, Jason Hoessel, Jeremy (Sheila) Hoessel, Justin Hoessel; brothers, Randy '75 (Joan) Kurtenbach, Dale '80 (Hyon) Kurtenbach; brother-in-law, Tom Campbell; twelve grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

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In Sympathy continued.....

Claire Korgie – survived by daughter, Michelene '65 (Ray) Pilakowski; sons, Thomas '69 (Sue Zabawa '70), Robert '74 (Dianne), Ron '78 (Renee); daughter-in-law, Kim Westby Korgie; thirteen grandchildren and twenty-one great-grandchildren.

Suzie Korth – survived by her husband, Terry; daughters, Kristie '98 (Jon '98) Brezenski, Katie '02 (Dan) Severa, Kellie '08 (Scott '07) Jarecke; sons, Nick '00 (Ashley), Tony '05 (Sam); sisters, Alda (Lange '69) (Keith) Karel, Marie (Lowell) Elliott, Elisa (Greg) Paprocki; brother, Clayton (Beverly) Lange; in-laws, Alvin and MaryAnn Korth; sister-in-law, Michele (Randy) Oppliger; seventeen grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Joe McMeekin '74 – survived by brothers Mike '70 (Margaret) and Ted.

Mary "Sue" Messersmith – survived by her husband Richard '66; daughters, Carrie Prosocki, Chris (Spencer) Ivory, Laurie (Tim) Cech, Merri (Luke) Lutjelusche; son, Scott (Krista); sisters, Margaret (Lloyd) Stevenson, Beth Cerny Tooker; brother, Mike (Pattie) Rea; sixteen grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren.

Mildred Miksch – survived by daughter, Marilyn '70 (Allen) Small; sons, Gene '72, Ron '72, Melvin '80 (Karen), Joe '84 (Roberta); brothers, Fr. Vernon Olmer, Bill (Mary Jo) Olmer, Gene (Marge) Olmer, George (Marilyn) Olmer; fourteen grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Robert "Bob" Moss '70 – survived by daughters, Dawn (Mark) Henry, Mandi (Wayne) Wuest; brother, John (Stella); sister-in-law, Mary Moss; and six grandchildren.

DeWayne Nicolas – survived by his wife, Barbara (Sokol '60); daughters, Jeanne (Shannon) Wright, Julie (Scott Sommers) Henninger; son, Jeffrey (Kathie); sister-in-law, Nina Nicolas; brother-in-law, John Sokol; three grandchildren and many nieces and nephews and cousins.

Ruth Rall – survived by daughters Betsy (Craig Potthast), Theresa; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Betsy is a current Scotus STEAM teacher and athletic coach.

Connie (Zuerlein '72) Schneider – survived by her husband, Bruce; daughter, Michelle (Josh) Mueller; son, Brian (Courtney); mother, Rosemary Zuerlein Moore; sisters, Margaret "Peg" '75 (Tim) Graf, Mary '82 (Brad) Emanuel; brother, Peter '74 (Karen Wennekamp '74); and five grandchildren.

Diane (Mimick '67) Shada – survived by her husband, Randy; daughters, Marla (Keith) Milliken, Rachel; son, Alex (Megan); six sisters; two brothers; eleven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Julia Stachura – survived by sons, Rick (Sandy), Ron (Chantelle), Roger (Jocelyn); brothers and sisters-in-law, Eva '78 Lantz, Mike '63 (Connie Blahak '63) Stachura, Mike '65 (Mary Stachura '65) Maguire; twelve grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews and special friend, Sandy Schamp.

Orin Stepanek – survived by his wife, Marcia (Morgan '62); daughter, Tammy '84 (Tim '82) Korger; son, Todd '82; sister, Carol (Delvin) Goff; sister-in-law, Delphine Stepanek; brother-in-law, Rich (LoJean) Morgan; special family friend, Etta Bennefeld; two grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Richard "Rich" Topinka '73 – survived by daughter, Sarah; mother of his daughter, Sheri Topinka; sister, Cindy '76 (Leon) Warnick; brother, Bob; brother-in-law, Richard Goins; numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Bernard Zelasney – survived by daughters, Mary '68 (Bill) Nickolite, Debra Braveheart; son Bernard "Bernie" '67 (Bonnie); twelve grandchildren; twenty-one great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Eugene "Gene" Zywiec '59 – survived by his wife, Dee; daughter, Sherri Zywiec '84; son Gary '80 (Cindy Ebner '81); sisters-in-law, Gerry (Leo) Majorek, Kathleen Davis, Pat Zywiec, Donna Zywiec; daughter-in-law, Mic Zywiec; and four grandchildren.

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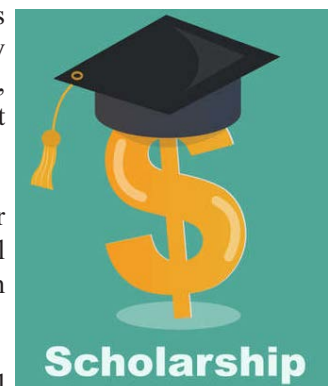
Would you like to create a Scholarship?

Whether it is an annually funded scholarship or one that is endowed, scholarship support has become an essential means to help students and their families afford a Scotus education. Many Shamrocks have established scholarships through direct gifts, planned gifts from their estate, memorials received by the family and pooled gifts from family, friends, and classmates. Do not forget to use your company's matching gifts program to help establish your scholarship.

Annually funded scholarships are awards that are either funded entirely each year by a donor, or the donor provides a larger sum and then scholarships at a set value are annually awarded until the gift is entirely used. We suggest that annually funded scholarships be a minimum of \$250 in value.

Endowed scholarships, established with a suggested minimum gift of \$5,000, provide perpetual scholarships for Scotus students. The corpus of the gift, in this example, \$5,000, is never spent and the annual earnings of the corpus are used to fund the annual scholarship. Additional contributions to the scholarship's corpus are welcomed.

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Alumni/nae Basketball Tourney

144 men and 14 women returned to Scotus for the 41st annual Shamrock alumni/nae basketball tourney on March 22-23. 22 teams competed this year. Participants also enjoyed a celebration banquet after the tourney concluded in the Scotus cafeteria.

C Division. Team 1993/1994 defeated 1990/1991/1995 with a tie-breaking 3-point buzzer shot to finish the contest at 31-28.

C Division Champions (shown at right) were front row, l-r: Chad McKown '93, Gary Rief '94; back row, l-r: Steve Beiermann '93, Chad Dohmen '93, Matt Gonka '93, Jamie Lisko '93, Keith Morris '93 and Jim Springer '93.



B Division. The B Division title was captured by Team 2004/2006 over Team 2003/2005/2007 with a score of 48-41.



B Division Champions were, l-r: Shane Reardon '06, Eric Puckett '06, Joe Held '04, Wes Zach '04, Ryan Ames '04, Dominic Heimann '04, and Chad Trofholz '04.

A Division. In the A Division, team 2009/2010 defeated team 2016 with a score of 48-46.



A Division champions were l-r: Chase Beiermann '09, Taylor Suess '09, Trace Murray '10, Cameron Wiehn '10, Derrick Dierman '10 and Bill Kurtenbach '09.

Ladies Division. Participating in the ladies game were front row, l-r: Kamryn Chohon '21, Camille Pelan '21, Kate Maguire '22, Sierra Kravig '23, Hailey Steffensmeier '23, Ava Kuhl '21; back row, l-r: Emma Strecker '17, Eastyn Klink '17, Camille Pelan '21, Elle Klink, Morgan Duren '11, Jill Brichacek, Jordan (Chohon '12) Brewster, Alyssa (Foltz '13) Held, and Jen (Haney '06) Wemhoff.



Gala

Thank you to everyone who played a part in making the 43rd annual Gala dinner/auction another success! After hosting the Gala in the St. Bonaventure Parish Center the last three years, Gala 2024 returned to Scotus with the dinner and oral auction held in the Dowd Activity Center. More than 360 guests were in attendance and organizers feel that the 2024 Gala was the most successful to date. The event raised an estimated net of \$375,000 plus more than \$20,000 for the creation of a new health science lab at Scotus and for the purchase of a mini-van to replace a twenty-year-old van the school currently uses. The grand auction had forty-one amazing items this year including a pheasant hunt for fourteen selling for \$11,000, a private plane flight for six individuals from Columbus to Kansas City for a Chiefs football game selling for \$7,700 and a captain's table for next year's Gala going for \$11,500. This is Scotus' largest annual fundraiser, and the proceeds are used to balance the school's budget.

Special thanks go to the Gala committee co-chairs: Dr. Scott & Kelly Cameron, Clete & Lisa Borchers, and Roger & Jill Krienke. And kudos to the vice-chairs who also worked very hard this year and will be chairs for next year's event: Mike & Kim (Rickert '98) Dreesen, Fred '91 & Carrie Maguire, Jack & Lisa Meers.



l-r: Fred '91 & Carrie Maguire, Roger & Jill Krienke, Clete & Lisa Borchers, Dr. Scott & Kelly Cameron, Mike & Kim (Rickert '98) Dreesen, Jack & Lisa Meers.

SEF 17 SCHOOL EXCELLENCE FUND

Launched last fall, this transformational fund drive was directed to support our four Columbus Catholic Schools, Scotus Central Catholic, St. Anthony, St. Bonaventure, and St. Isidore. The campaign's goals were to address the tuition assistance needs of our school families, fund needed safety and accessibility improvements to our schools including an elevator at Scotus, recruit and retain excellent teachers, and fund the addition of High Ability Learning (HAL) programs and Academic Intervention/Special Education programming.

Donations are still encouraged to help us reach our \$1.5 million dollar goal. Gifts can be mailed directly to Scotus or completed online through the donation link on the Columbus Catholic Schools website, <https://columbus-catholic.org/>. As of April 18, 2024, we had 664 campaign pledges that totaled \$1,329,120.97. Thank you to every Shamrock who has supported the School Excellence Fund 17 drive!

The Columbus Catholic Schools mission statement reads, "We are a unified school community that equips students to know, love and serve God through intentional faith formation and academic excellence."



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Gerhold Family Teacher of the Year

The recipient of the 26th annual William and Barbara Gerhold Family Teacher of the Year award for the Columbus Catholic Schools was Jan Foltz, the current elementary guidance counselor and P.E. teacher for St. Anthony Elementary. Jan has dedicated many years as a teacher and counselor in our Columbus Catholic schools. She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Nebraska-Kearney. At St. Anthony School Jan is on the CATCH committee, assists with the STEAM after-school and summer programs and the Sprint program. Outside of school involvement, she is active in the Ladies of the Lord, serves as an EMHC, participates in Eucharistic Adoration, and serves on the church cleaning crew and the Catholicity committee at St. Bonaventure Parish.

The award announcement was made at an all-school Mass at St. Anthony Church on February 2nd, 2024. The Mass was part of the Columbus Catholic Schools' celebration of Catholic Schools Week. Besides a trophy, Jan also received a stipend of \$1,500 for her personal use.

The Teacher of the Year award is made possible through funding from the William and Barbara Gerhold Family endowed fund. Besides supporting the annual teacher of the year award, this fund also provides an annual distribution of \$3,500 to one of the four Columbus Catholic schools on a rotating basis, and it provides support for the departments of Mathematics, Science and English at Scotus.



*Shown with Jan Foltz are Gerhold family friends,
Nancy & Mike Munson*

17th Annual Shamrock Open

The 17th Annual Shamrock Open is set for Saturday, June 1, 2024, with a shotgun start at 1:00 pm. The tournament will be held once again at Tiburon GC in Omaha, and it is open to everyone! Players can count on a tourney known for its excellent flight and flag prizes, good food and exceptional camaraderie!

Both registration and sponsor forms are available on the Scotus web site, <https://columbus-catholic.org/scotus-central-catholic/>. Early Bird: \$85/participant (checks must be mailed by May 6th.) Entry Fee: \$100/participant (entry deadline is May 24th.) Checks should be made out to Scotus Central Catholic and mailed to: SCC Development Office, 1554 18th Ave 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@colcath.org, 402-564-7165 ext. 109.

Worth Noting

- The books are closed for the **SEF 16** fund drive which launched in the fall of 2020. Three-year pledges for the campaign totaled \$1,231,052 – just short of the campaign goal of \$1,275,000. However, we had an amazing pledge completion rate of 98.6% raising a total of \$1,228,370.35 in receipts to support three campaign goals: provide tuition assistance for our students over three school years, make safety improvements to the school and install a new floor in the Dowd Center. Thank you to all our supporters for making this fundraiser a success!

- Scotus educator, **Angie Rusher**, was selected as the Nebraska Schools Activities Association journalism champion of coaches. Angie was recognized with the award at the boys' state basketball tournament. Rusher has led the journalism and yearbook departments at Scotus since 2008. In her time as an advisor, multiple students have won medals at the state competition. Under her leadership, she has coached the Shamrocks to five NSAA state journalism championships.

- Scotus presented the **musical**, "Little Women" on February 9-11 in Memorial Hall.

- This year's **band dinner/concert** was presented on February 5th with the theme, "Wild West."

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• Sophomores Hunter Brunkhorst and Kobe Micek qualified for the **NSAA Class C state wrestling championships**. They each placed second at the district competition.

• Scotus senior, Addison Schoenfelder, was selected as a **Nebraska School Activities Association Believer and Achiever**. Addison participates in volleyball, basketball, track, cheerleading, HOSA, NHS, and student council. She is also a class officer, an honor roll student, and is involved with Habitat for Humanity and the Red Cross.



• The **boys' basketball** team lost in the C-1-1 district final to Omaha Concordia and finished their season at 11-14.

• Senior **Kyra Bowen** signed her letter of intent to join the softball and track teams at Doane University. Kyra plans to major in forensics or sociology. Shown with Kyra are her parents, Rory & Serina.



• The 2023-2024 Winter Nebraska Chiropractic Physicians Association **Academic All-State Award** recipients were: Boys Basketball: Jackson Heng & Cohen Pelan; Girls Basketball: Kensey McKay & Joanna Rusher; Speech: Caroline Klitz & Rebecca Policky.

• The **speech team** won the District B-4 championship and qualified 18 students for the Class B state speech meet in Kearney. The Shamrocks had 8 district champions and seven district runners-up, the most in school history.



• The **Scotus speech** team finished in 5th place at the NSAA Class B State Speech Meet. Winning state medals were Rebecca Policky Class B State Champion Informative, Jessica Jackson Class B State Champion Poetry, Jessica Jackson Class B State Champion Program of Oral Interpretation, Jordan Kouma Class B State Runner-up Extemporaneous Speaking, Jessica Jackson Class B State Runner-up Serious Prose, and Logan Erickson Class B 5th place Poetry. Jessica Jackson was also selected as one of the 2024 Speech *Best of the Best* performers!



left to right, Logan Erickson, Rebecca Policky, Jessica Jackson, and Jordan Kouma.

• 15 students qualified for the Nebraska School Activities Association **Class B State Journalism** competition set for April 22nd. The defending state champion Shamrocks will have a total of nineteen entries.

• Senior **Makenna Barel**s signed her letter of intent to join the cheerleading team and study psychology at Doane University. Shown with Makenna are her parents, Neil & Bobbi.



• The **Scotus Robotics** team ended the year with a strong showing in the national tournament held in Council Bluffs, IA. The team finished in 6th place out of 24 teams in the competition rounds and finished third in the championship rounds.

• Columbus Catholic Schools Executive Director, **Jeff Ohnoutka**, was honored as the 2024 Archdiocese of Omaha Rural Administrator of the Year. Ohnoutka has led Columbus Catholic Schools for the last year as the executive director and was an integral part in creating the CCS system. Before his time as executive director, he served as the President/Principal at Scotus Central Catholic for seven years. Before entering administration, Ohnoutka taught for 11 years at Scotus in the history department. He was also the head boys' basketball coach for nine seasons. Prior to his arrival at Scotus, he taught and coached at Hartington Cedar Catholic for seven years. Ohnoutka's passion for the Columbus Catholic Schools system is unmatched. He is a true believer in Catholic education and how it can change lives forever. Ohnoutka is married to Deb, a 7th grade English and Literature teacher at Scotus, and they have five children: Katie, Ryan, Kristen, Megan, and Lindsay, who all graduated from Scotus Central Catholic. Ohnoutka will formally receive his award at the Archbishop's Dinner for Education in Omaha this fall.





In Sympathy

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

Karla Baumert – survived by daughter, Debbie '78 (Dan) Braun; sisters, Karen Sabatka, Rita Kafka; sister-in-law, Pat (Tooley '52) Baumert; two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Steven Blahak – survived by his daughters, Chrissy Blahak, Samantha Bohanan, Latasha Lincoln, Kendell Blahak, Kim Blahak, Kisha (Josh) Fabisiak; son, Zach; sisters, DeEtte '67 (Gary) Krumland, Cheryl Fleeman; brother, Robert '70 (Lynda Bowen); sister-in-law, Sylvia Blahak; ten grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Daniel Brock '72 – survived by his wife, Barbara; daughter, Jennifer (Jeff Curry) Brock; son, Chad (Danielle); sisters, Cathy '71 (James) Rosenbury, Sandra, Carol '77 Ernst; brothers, Robert, James '74; two grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Joyce (Schaefer '56) Cooley – survived by her husband, Allan; daughters, Sharon (Bert) Irish, Cheryl (Bob) Perrine, Kathy (Kim) Schroeder, Beth (CJ) Holmes; sons, Dennis (Kristin), Ronald (Jody), David (Dan); sister, Sherry Howell '61; more than twenty grandchildren and twenty-five great-grandchildren.

Roland "Rollie" Davidson – survived by daughters, Debbie '76 Wissler, Shelly '78 (Jerome) Stolinski, Christy '80 (Dave) Insinger, Suzanne '84 (James) Davis; son, Brian '81 (Della); eleven grandchildren and twenty-five great-grandchildren.

Regina (Ebner '44) Egger – survived by daughters, Linda Micek '69, Connie '71 (Stanley) Tworek, Diane '76 (Tony) Krings; brother, Caroll Ebner '51; ten grandchildren and twenty-one great-grandchildren.

Germain "Gerry" Engelbert – survived by his wife, Kathy (Kurtenbach '58); daughter, Sarah '01 (Joel) Brett; sons, Tim '80, Dave '82 (Kristina), Alan '83 (Carin), Pat '87 (Jill Pilakowski '88); siblings, Ted (Marge) Engelbert, Mary Ann (Alvin) Korth, Jack (Arlene) Engelbert, Gene (Jan) Engelbert, Joe (Judy) Engelbert; eighteen grandchildren, one great-grandchild and many nieces and nephews.

Chuck Gonka '62 – survived by his wife, Nancy; sons, Jeff '89 (Meg), Chad '96 (Liz); sisters, Virginia (George) Schultz, Barbara (John '60) Shotkoski, Shirley Zych, Eileen '75 (John) Csukker; brother, Duane '73; sister-in-law, Sue (German '69) Gonka; and five grandchildren.

Kelly Gutierrez – survived by her husband, Jack; daughter, Jaisa '08; sons, Drew '02 (Jessie), Jake; sisters, Kristie (Mike) Lampkin, Kim Gonzalez; brother, Kevin (Lori) Gregory; sisters-in-law, Kathleen Gutierrez, Judy Gutierrez; brothers-in-law, Robert Gutierrez, Willaim (Catherine) Gutierrez; two grandchil-

dren and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

George Kretz '67 – survived by his wife, Teresa; daughters, Jessica (Jim) Macholan; Abbie Kretz; sisters, Marge '55 (Marv) Papa, Marilyn '60 (Bill) Wondra; brother, Bob '69; sister-in-law, Mary Kretz; brother-in-law, Lester Crumley; in-laws, Bob Coufal, Bill (Kathy) Coufal, Pat Cox, Mary Welch; one grandchild and one great-grandchild and numerous nieces and nephews.

Morgan Kuehler – survived by her parents, Donovan and Marcia; sister, Jessica '06; brother, Darin '04; one niece; three nephews and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Alan Kusek '59 – survived by his wife, Betty; sons, Patrick (Tamara), Kyle (Brittany); five grandchildren and numerous cousins.

Donald Mostek '60 – survived by his wife, Tammy; daughter, Tammy; sons, Jim, John, Mark; sister, Marilyn '68 (Bruce) Motley; sisters-in-law, Betty (Mike) Grell, Cindy Gdowski; brothers-in-law, Dan (Ann) Gdowski, Bob (Lisa) Gdowski; and many nieces and nephews.

Mable Pekarek – survived by daughters, Marsha Sterba '76, Laurie '80 (Tom) Lange, Sandy '84 (Jay) Olson; son, Jeff '78 (Ethel); sister, Mary (Joe) Molacek; sisters-in-law, Irene Fiala, Jan (Bert) Mahalek; eleven grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. Mable taught in all four Columbus Catholic Schools. She taught Mathematics at Scotus from 1967 to 2004 and then in retirement was a substitute teacher for many more years.

Sister Roseria Slusarski – survived by brothers, Marion, John, Francis; and many nieces, nephews, grand and great-nieces and nephews. Sister Roseria was a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration and taught at St. Bonaventure HS/Scotus Central Catholic HS in the 1960's and then taught for fifteen years at St. Bonaventure Grade School.

Michael Strong '66 – survived by his brother, Joe (Bev Bonk '78) Dahlkoetter; one nephew; and partner, Nicole English.

Frederic "Fred" Trofholz, honorary '55 – survived by daughters, Christine, Stacey; son Frederic; sister, Carol (Trofholz '57) Kehm; eleven grandchildren; eighteen great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Anne (Shank '73) Volkl – Obituary was not available.

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In Sympathy continued.....

Cathern “Cathy” (Hoffman ’67) Wiehn – survived by her husband, Kevin ’74; sons, Robert (Kristi) Walters, Matthew ’97 (Janell) Walters; step-son, Benjamin (Leah) Wiehn; sister, Jean (Richard) Veach; brother, Robert (Joyce) Hoffman; four grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Douglas “Doug” Woods – survived by his wife, Linda; daughter Kelli ’93; son, Kevin ’95; brother, Roger (Marie); brothers and sisters-in-law, Dick (Marge) Kohmetscher, Clyde (Susan) Schulte, Dale (Julie) Bonifas, Carl Kohmetscher, Paul (Michelle) Kohmetscher, Kevin (Jane) Bruntz; and many nieces and nephews.

Dorothy (Gladfelter ’54) Wolfe – survived by her daughters, Jackie (Mark) Olson, Jane ’85 (Mark) Skinner; son, Tom; brother, Jack ’53 (Leona) Gladfelter; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Wilma Zimmerman – survived by sons, Jeff ’89 (Alyssa), Dean (Sharon); many siblings, and six grandchildren.

† Memorials †

(Received between 1/16/2024 and 4/18/2024)

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MM Tim Cave

**Tom & Sally O'Hearn,
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Pat (O'Hearn '72) Cieloha,
Kelly O'Hearn,****Joe Tooley '55**

MM Shawn Diederich

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2024 Reunions

• The St. Bonaventure **Class of 1959** is planning a 65th reunion on May 15th. If anyone is interested, please contact Catherine (Huhman) Placzek. cplaczek875@gmail.com.

• The **Class of 1962** will celebrate their 62nd reunion on Oct 1 & 2, 2024. More information to follow. For more information contact Ted Starostka, t.starostka@centurylink.net, phone: 515-249-5583.

The St. Bonaventure/Scotus **Class of 1964** will celebrate their 60th reunion May 31-June 1, 2024, in Columbus. Everyone will gather at Dave & Bev Kudron's home on the 31st, and on June 1st we will gather at the VFW Club. For more information contact Bev Kudron at: b.kudro@hotmail.com.

The Scotus **Class of 1969** will celebrate their 55th reunion on August 9-10, 2024, in Columbus. Please mark your calendars. A mailing with the scheduled activities will be sent out early this summer. Please send your updated contact information to Jane Cromwell at janelcromwell69@yahoo.com or text her at (402) 615-0305.

The Scotus **Class of 1974** is planning their 50th reunion on August 16-18, 2024. Plans include a school tour on Saturday at 3:00 pm followed by a Mass in the chapel at 4:30 pm. Please feel free to offer suggestions and help coordinate by emailing Bev (Maguire) Baker, bevbaker@cox.net or Shelly (Michaelsen) Adcox, shellyadcox@allophone.com. This will be a casual event. Please spread the word!

Class of 1984! Get ready for our 40th reunion the weekend of October 18-19, 2024, at Riverland Cabins and Campground in Columbus, NE. A private invite on Facebook has been sent. For more information contact Julie (Engelbert) Eastridge, julieeastridge66@gmail.com, Roger Konwinski, rkonwinski@outlook.com, or Jill (Hoebing) Clarey jclarey1965@gmail.com.

The **Class of 1989** is planning to hold a 35th reunion in Columbus on the weekend of August 2-3, 2024. For more information, please contact Jason Mielak at jason.mielak@fmflaw.com.

Plans are underway for the **Class of 1994's** 30th reunion set for October 18-19, 2024. For more information and to assist with planning contact Monty Schmidt, hfbploosecannon@yahoo.com, 402 981 0770.

****The **Class of 1975** is looking ahead to celebrating their 50th reunion in 2025, and organizers need your help to get correct contact information (mailing address, phone number, Email address) for their classmates. We especially need information for: Deb (Slovinski) McPhillips. If you have new contact information to share, please send it to the Scotus development office at jschueth@colcath.org, 402-564-7165 x109.



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BOLIVIAN EXCHANGE STUDENTS EMBRACE LIFE AT SCOTUS

Embarking on a foreign exchange program is not just about crossing borders - it's about transcending cultural boundaries, forming lasting friendships, and immersing oneself in a new way of life. In Nebraska, two Bolivian exchange students, Mariano Azurduy and his brother Joaquin, embarked on a remarkable journey. Their experience not only enriched their lives, but also left a mark on the Scotus Central Catholic community.

Mariano arrived in the United States with a mix of excitement and apprehension in 2018. He was fueled by his desire to learn more about the English language. He had a little help before arriving because he's a third-generation exchange student. His grandmother studied in Argentina, and his mother was an exchange student in Wisconsin.

"Everything in the American system was different," Mariano said. "Having lockers, having lunch at school instead of with our families. We also have school on Saturdays."

For Joaquin, arriving in the fall of 2023, he had a background on life in America firsthand through his brother.

"Mariano told me that Scotus was a small school, but everybody knows you," said Joaquin. "He told me everybody is truly kind in Nebraska, and said it was going to be a great experience for me."

After graduating from Scotus in 2020, Mariano went to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He graduated from UNL with degrees in finance and economics in May of 2024. He was a member and president of the Wall Street Scholars of Nebraska and will start his career on Wall Street.

Joaquin enjoyed his experience so much this year in America and at Scotus, he will be returning to Scotus for his senior year. He has built a strong bond with his American family, Steven and Jill Ramaekers, and their children, Henry and Adele.

Steven said he wanted to have Mariano and Joaquin join their family and live with them because he believes in sharing American values with others.

"This opportunity was easy for us to say yes to," said Steven. "Students who want to be in the exchange program are ready to make that effort to learn a new language and come to a new country."

Mariano came into the Ramaekers' lives and plugged into their small family perfectly, which Ramaekers said he wasn't expecting to happen so quickly.

"We are a small family with just two children. When they came to us, it was perfect. This has been the best experience of my life."

The story of Mariano and Joaquin is a testament to the transformative power of cultural exchange and the Scotus experience.



Left to right Mariano '20 and his brother Joaquin pose in front of the Scotus logo in the Dowd Activity Center. Mariano came back to visit with his parents in May of 2024.

Welcome, Class of 2024

Cecilia Arndt
Patrick Arndt
Kaden Backman
Makenna Barels
Aidan Bettenhausen
Joshua Bixenmann
Kyra Bowen
Haden Brabec
Ella Broberg
Rudy Brunkhorst
Luke Chard
Alexanda Chavez
Juan (David) DeLeon
Tori Dush

Olivia Ehlers
Logan Erickson
Mary Faltys
Francis Fehringer
Kaitlyn Fleming
Nicholas Fleming
Gabriel Gassen
Matthew Gokie
Mason Gonka
Cooper Greisen
Jackson Heng
Caitee Hutchinson
Rylie Jarecki
Macey Johannes

Evan Kiene
Eli Kreikemeier
Kamren Kudron
Max Lancaster
Abigail Laska
Ashlee Leffers
Anna Lovell
Jude Maguire
Kensey McKay
Alex Medina-Perez
Savanna Muchmore
Neve Pavlik
Nicole Peterson
Mason Puntney

Joanna Rusher
Addison Schoenfelder
Benjamin Schumacher
Caleb Schumacher
Josie Sliva
Amber Spawn
Alexander Sucha
Kirsten Sucha Serena
Swiatek Kalee Ternus
Karol Torres
Isabel Zaruba



Mr. Vancura instructs the class of 2024 to move their tassels during the graduation ceremony..

17th Annual Shamrock Open

63 golfers participated in the 17th annual Shamrock Open on June 1. The open was held at Tiburon Golf Course in Omaha. This event has always been about spending time with each other and reminiscing about past Shamrock memories. This year, the event also raised money to be used towards renovations of the McLaughlin Activity Field. The winners this year were Seth VunCannon '22, Mike VunCannon, Nick Fleming '24 and Shane Fleming.



Left to right: First flight winners, Seth VunCannon '22, Mike VunCannon, Nick Fleming '24, and Shane Fleming.

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State Journalism

The Shamrocks were once again represented well at the NSAA Class B State Journalism competition. The Shamrocks sent 15 students to state and finished as state runner-up behind Gretna East. We are proud of the continued success of the journalism program, competing as one of the smallest Class B teams in the state.

Results

Advertising: Logan Erickson - 3rd

Editorial Cartooning: Jessica Jackson - 6th

Editorial Writing: Joanna Rusher - 3rd

Newspaper Sports Feature Writing: Kirsten Sucha - 1st

Sports News Writing: Ella Hash - 4th

Yearbook Sports Feature Writing: Rylie Jarecki - 4th

Yearbook Theme Copy Writing: Josie Sliva - 7th

Info Graphic: Kalee Ternus - 6th

Photo/Artistic Illustration: Kalee Ternus - 6th,

Jessica Jackson - 4th

Sports/Action Photography: Addison Schoenfelder - 5th

Yearbook Theme Development: Isabel Zaruba, Macey

Johannes, Addison Schoenfelder - 6th

Broadcast News Story: Josie Sliva - 7th, Joanna Rusher - 6th

Broadcast Sports Story: Josie Sliva - 7th, Joana Rusher &

Isabel Zaruba - 6th, Mason Gonka & Evan Steffensmeier - 3rd

Broadcast Feature Story: Joanna Rusher & Isabel Zaruba - 6th

Broadcast PSA: Rebecca Kosch & Alyssa Nelsen - 4th,

Josie Sliva & Isabel Zaruba - 2nd

Here and There...

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

E-mail to: tdahl@colcath.org Photos encouraged!

Dr. Amanda Levos '98 - was one of eight women recognized at the annual Grand Island (NE) 2024 Inspire ceremony with the Excellence in Education award. Each year, eight women in the community are recognized for their inspiring professional achievements and their dedication to making the Grand Island community a great place to live and work. With over 20 years of experience in Grand Island Public Schools, Dr. Levos currently serves as the English Learner (EL) Director and Equity Systems Navigator. Her focus is on continuing to develop a comprehensive English Learner Program that celebrates diversity and addresses the unique needs of multilingual learners, especially as new families from nearly sixty countries have made Grand Island their home. In 2019, she earned her Doctor of Education in Educational Administration from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, complementing her Master of Education in Education Leadership from Doane College and Bachelor of Science in Education from UNL. Amanda actively serves on the board for MENTOR Nebraska, mentors with the TeamMates Program, and is on the College Park Board of Directors. She is involved in the GI Welcoming Initiative and Alpha Delta Kappa, Epsilon Chapter. She has served on the boards and continues championing the Multicultural Coalition and YWCA of Grand Island.



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SCHOOL EXCELLENCE FUND

Donations are still encouraged to help us reach our \$1.5 million dollar goal. Gifts can be mailed directly to Scotus or completed online through the donation link on the Columbus Catholic Schools website:

<https://columbus-catholic.org/>.

As of July 16, 2024, we had 668 campaign pledges that totaled \$1,355,075.97. Thank you to every Shamrock who has supported the School Excellence Fund 17 drive!



Worth Noting

• **John Schueth moving to part-time:** Since the 1997-1998 school year, John Schueth has served as the development director for Scotus Central Catholic. Schueth has poured countless hours into making Scotus Central Catholic a place that has been fiscally responsible, but has also shown all Shamrocks the importance of giving back to the place that was formative for all alumni. Schueth moved to his part-time schedule on July 1 and is enjoying more time at home, as he's deserved it! Thank you John for all your years of service as a Shamrock. You have made such an impact on Scotus Central Catholic!

• **District music results:** On Friday, April 19, the Scotus band and choir students competed at the District Music Contest at Columbus Middle School. All 33 entries received either a superior (I) or an excellent (II) rating. Additionally, the high school band received a superior rating from all three judges, resulting in a I+ score.

o **Superior ratings:** Treble Chorus; Abigail Schumacher (Clarinet Solo); Jessica Jackson (Flute Solo); Drumline; Nicole Peterson & Rachel Spawn (Snare Duet); Flute Ensemble; Brooke Krienke & Abigail Schumacher (Clarinet Duet); Mixed Chorus, Saxophone Ensemble; Helene Chard (Baritone Solo); Henry Chard & Lily Humphrey (Vocal Duet); Isabella Chasteen & Giselle Chilapa-Bello (Vocal Duet); Lily Humphrey & Caroline Klitz (Vocal Duet); Nicole Peterson, Amber Spawn, Kalee Ternus (Vocal Trio); Cecilia Arndt (Vocal Solo); Giselle Chilapa-Bello (Vocal Solo), Helene Chard & Olivia Ehlers (Baritone/Bass Clarinet Duet); Kaitlyn Fleming & Leah Fleming (Flute/Clarinet Duet); Henry Chard & Jessica Jackson (Saxophone/Flute Duet); Baritone Quartet; Lillian Miller (Piano Solo); Band.

o **Excellent ratings:** Brooke Krienke (Clarinet Solo); Kaitlyn Fleming (Flute Solo); Henry Chard (Saxophone Solo); Flute Trio; Mixed Clarinet Quartet; Logan Erickson & Lillian Miller (Vocal Duet); Cecilia Arndt & Neve Pavlik (Vocal Duet); Caroline Klitz (Vocal Solo); Nicole Peterson (Vocal Solo); Low Brass/Woodwind Ensemble; Logan Erickson (Viola Solo).

• **Golf Recap:** The Shamrock boys golf team finished the year as the Class C state runner up, just missing the state championship by one stroke to Kearney Catholic. The team had a very successful year including winning their district meet in Oakland.

• **Track Recap:** The Shamrock boys and girls track and field teams had great success in the spring. Seven boys qualified for the state track and field meet in Class B, while two girls qualified. Those who qualified were Owen Lindhorst (4x1, 4x4, 4x8, 400), Cohen Pelan (4x1, 4x4), Evan Kiene (4x1, 100), Jackson Heng (4x4, 4x8), Luke Wemhoff (4x1, 4x4), Kamren Kudron (4x8), Jude Maguire (4x4, 4x8, 400), Kyra Bowen (Long Jump), Grace Hamling (Long Jump). Jude Maguire broke the school record in the 800 meter run with a time of 1:57:6. The record was held by Tim Zuerlein in 1982, he ran a 1:57.7.

• **Soccer Recap:** Both boys and girls soccer programs put up winning records this season. The boys finished 8-7, with four of their seven losses coming by one goal. The girls finished 13-4 and earned a trip to the Class B state tournament, where they fell in the first round to the number 1 seed and eventual state champion Gretna East.

• **The Shamrock Green Room Podcast:** The Shamrock Green Room Podcast is a podcast dedicated to all Shamrocks. Whether that's a current student, teacher, alumni, or supporter, we want to hear their stories on why Scotus is a special place in education. The podcast is hosted and produced by Communications and Marketing Director Taylor Dahl.



As the school year starts, students will produce different segments about their current life at Scotus, weekly recaps and more. Please consider subscribing on Spotify or Apple Podcasts by searching "The Shamrock Green Room". Episodes will also be available to listen on our YouTube Channel at youtube.com/c/ScotusCentralCatholicMedia.

• **New Nevco scoreboards and video board:** With the NSAA mandate approving shot clocks in Nebraska high school basketball, athletic director Merlin Lahm chose to look at all opportunities to make some updates to the Dowd Activity Center. With multiple weeks of planning, a decision came to replace the scorers table, scoreboards, and add shot clocks and a video board to the Dowd Activity Center. Installation began in late June. The video board will be able to run advertisements, play student-created content, show presentations and more. These upgrades will make the Dowd Activity Center even better moving forward!



• **School uniform updates:** Starting in August, there will be a few updates to the uniform policy at Scotus Central Catholic. We want our school color (Kelly green) to be represented in our school. We are also adding our Scotus primary logo to each uniform item to highlight our brand instead of the SCC letters.

We are excited about this refresh for our students! Items that are no longer being produced are hunter green polos, hunter green sweatshirts, and sky blue polos. These items can still be worn for three years (through May 2027).

o Polos allowed starting this fall are Kelly Green, Black, White, Sky Blue, and Hunter Green. ***Starting in the fall of 2027, the Hunter Green and Sky Blue polos will no longer be in our uniform rotation.***

o Sweatshirts allowed starting this fall are Kelly Green, Black, Grey, Navy Blue and Hunter Green. ***Starting in the fall of 2027, the Hunter Green sweatshirt will no longer be in our uniform rotation.***

o There will be an additional t-shirt available in the uniform rotation starting in the fall. The T-shirt is Kelly green with the white Scotus logo in the left corner. This option comes in short sleeve and long sleeve. Students can wear this shirt every day to school.



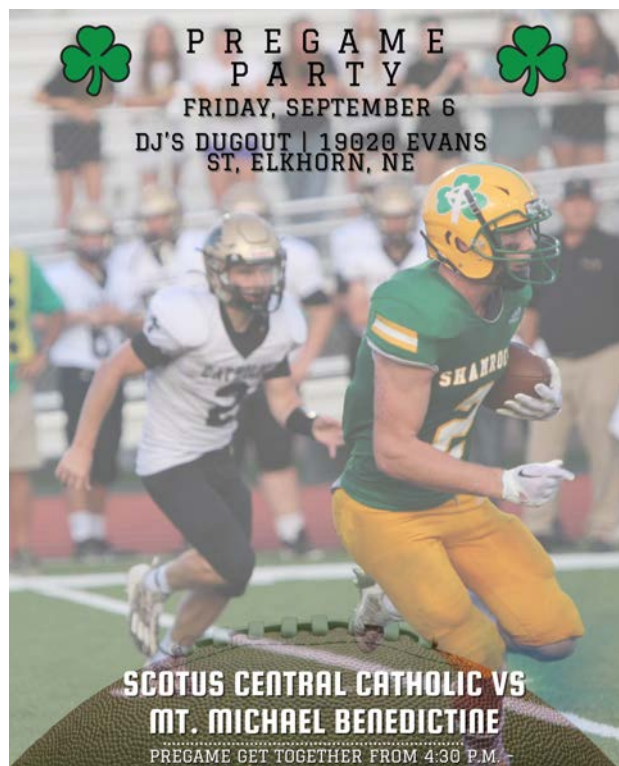
2025 Reunions

The Class of 1975 is looking ahead to celebrating their 50th reunion on August 15-16, 2025. To provide input or to assist with planning, please contact Gregg Melliger at 402-270-4350, gmelliger@yahoo.com. If you have new contact information to share, please send it to Gregg and also to the Scotus development office at tdahl@colcath.org 402 564 7165 x112.

The Scotus Class of 1980 will celebrate their 45th class reunion on August 22-23, 2025 in Columbus; future details to follow. Please forward any updated contact information or questions to Mark Kurtenbach at mdkbach2914@gmail.com. We especially need contact information for Cathy Hackney, Kylie Brown, Jamie Maslonka, Julie Spies, and Torri Van Berg. Save the date!

• **Scotus Booster Club kickoff dinner:** The Scotus Booster Club kickoff dinner will be on August 20 beginning at 6 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Columbian Club Hall. Everyone is invited to join the booster club which supports all Scotus activities and many faculty wish list needs. The club takes gate at all athletic contests, provides volunteer support for many Scotus events, and raises funds through burger bashes, the Shonka Golf Tourney, Scotus Gala and the Scotus Craft Boutique to name a few.

• **Shamrock football pregame party at DJ's Dugout:** Calling alumni in the Omaha area! There will be a pregame party before the Shamrocks take on Mt. Michael Benedictine at DJ's Dugout in Elkhorn (19020 Evans St., just off 192nd and Maple) on Friday, September 6th from 4:30-6:30. Appetizers and give-aways included! Kickoff for the game at Mt. Michael is at 7 p.m. and we would love to have a big crowd at the game as well!



Online Scotus Alumni Business Directory

We are building an online alumni business directory that will help connect Scotus alumni, but also let our current parents and supporters know what alumni have businesses and practices throughout the United States. Whether you own a law firm practice, an auto body shop, or you work in finance, childcare, manufacturing, etc. we want to showcase you on our website. Or if you are searching for a certain service offered by one of our alumni, this directory will be helpful!

Please fill out **this short survey** and we will publish this information in our directory. To see the Scotus Alumni Business Directory link or to fill out the survey, visit columbus-catholic.org/development/.



In Sympathy

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

Judi Abegglen – survived by her husband, Gary; daughter, Jaci (Brent) Behlen; sons, Jeff '79 (Cheryl Schieffer '79), Mike (Sheryl Liebig '81); brother, Jack '65 (Cathy) Baldwin; eight grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

Bruce Andresen – survived by his wife, Kris; daughter, Kara (Nathan) Lilienthal; sons, Chase '18 (Shania Borchers '18), Danny; and fur child, Archie. Kris was the Scotus registrar from 2014-2019.

Dennis Beck – survived by daughter, Patricia '89 (Troy) Kassmeier; sons, Eric '87 (Robyn Gammill), Kelly '79 (Laura); brother, Roger (Dianne); eleven grandchildren, and special friend, Terri Lab.

Jerome “Jerry” Gaver '61 – survived by his wife, Marjorie; sons, Joseph (Angie), Michael, Jason (Kelly); and five grandchildren.

Constance “Connie” (Jahn '67) Gormley – survived by her husband, Ron; daughter, Jennifer (Christopher) Zierott; brothers, Steve '65 (Joan Borer '65), Michael '80 (Christine); aunt, Rose (Jahn '50) Pratt; brother-in-law, Dennis (Pat) Gormley; two grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Christine (Kaasch '78) Heins – survived by daughters, Nicole (Mike) Moore, Crystal (Tucker) Neale, Analeisha (Nevin) Androyna; son, Robbie (Grace) Androyna; stepfather, Ron Graus; brothers, Patrick (Julie), John (Susan); stepsister, Sarah (Dustin) Graus; stepbrother, Sam (Hailey) Graus; five grandchildren, one great-grandchild and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Mary Holmberg – survived by daughters, Mary Jane '76 (Tony) Rupp, Holly '79 Justice; sons, James III '73, Jeff '75 (Cheryl); sisters, Donna Dailey, Leanette Thompson; brother, Roland Schwery; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Frederick Liss '72 – survived by his wife, Shari (Kyriss '77); daughter, Katy Ganskow; sisters, Patricia '59 Triba, Phylis '61 (Alfred) Stopak; brother-in-law, Jeff Kyriss; two grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Jack Nosal '60 – survived by his wife, Kathy; daughters, Courtney '94 (Ryan) Eklund, Melissa '98; son, Matt '97; sister, Sylvia '53 (Virgil) Mostek; and four grandchildren.

Eugene Savage '53 – obituary not available.

James Springer '93 – survived by his children, Samantha and Alex.

David Timms – survived by his mother Joan (DeLarme '54); sisters, Barbara, Sandy, Lisa; and brother Roger.

Mary Tinius – survived by daughter, Joan '72 (Rick) Morris; sons, Ralph “Don” '70, Ray '73, Patrick '76, Tim '72 (Cassie); ten grandchildren; seventeen great-grandchildren and one great-grand-grandchild.

Michael Starzec – survived by sisters, Mary (Dan) Baldwin, Sue (Steve) Souders, Patty (Eugene) Levos; brothers, Joe, Ron '81 (Donna), Steve '86 (Kim); and many nieces and nephews.

Michael VunCannon Sr. – survived by his wife, Lana; daughter, Michelle (Doug) Heacock; son, Michael Jr. (Jenni Styskal '92); brother, Carl Jr. (Leta); eight grandchildren and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. Mike VunCannon Jr. is the current Scotus boys basketball coach.

✠ Memorials ✠

(Received between 4/19/2024 and 7/17/2024)

Dennis Beck

MM Edward Brezenski
Janet Brezinski
MM Dave Kudron
MM John Shotkoski
MM Dick Tooley
MM Tim Tooley
MM John Whitehead

Dan Brock '72

Bill Mimick

Rollie Davidson

Jo Sokol
MM Lawrence Soukup

Regina (Ebner '44) Egger

Jo Sokol

Gerry Engelbert

Leigh Anderegg
MM Butch Christiansen
DRM Larry Malicky
MM William Parr
MM Bob Rickert
DRM Daniel Rosenquist
MM John Thomazin
MM Al Wunderlich

Mark German '66

Bill Mimick

Chuck Gonka '62

MM Tom Balkman
MM Jim Bator
Karen Beck
MM Tom Bertsch
MM Travis Bock
Jacqueline Borer
MM Richard Borer
Louise Bridges
MM Pat Brockhaus
MM Butch Christiansen
MM John Cieloha
MM John Csukker
Norma Duren
MM Todd Duren

MM Fred Engelker

MM Mike Evans
MM Pat Feehan
MM Shane Fleming
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Karol Godsey
Andy Gonka
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Deanna Hoffman
MM Paul Jazwick
Imogene Jilek

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 MM Harold Krings
 MM Nate Kroenke
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 MM Dave Kudron
 MM Mark Kudron
 MM Paul Kudron
 MM Tim Kudron
 MM Rex Kumpf
 Theresa Kumpf
 MM Merlin Lahm
 MM Mike Maguire
 MM Jason Mielak
 MM Don Mroczek
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 MM Bruce Ebner
 Sheri Fritz
 Jennifer Georgis
 Girls of the Class
 of 1997
 Nancy Gonka

MM Tim Harrington
 MM Chad Hissong
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2024 Reunions

The **Class of 1962** will celebrate their 62nd reunion on Oct 1 & 2, 2024. More information to follow. For more information contact Ted Starostka, t.starostka@centurylink.net, phone: 515-249-5583.

The Scotus **Class of 1969** will celebrate their 55th reunion on August 9-10, 2024, in Columbus. Please mark your calendars. A mailing with the scheduled activities will be sent out early this summer. Please send your updated contact information to Jane Cromwell at janelcromwell69@yahoo.com or text her at 402-615-0305.

The Scotus **Class of 1974** is planning their 50th reunion on August 16-18, 2024. Plans include a school tour on Saturday at 3:00 pm followed by a Mass in the chapel at 4:30 pm. Please feel free to offer suggestions and help coordinate by emailing Bev (Maguire) Baker, bevbaker@cox.net or Shelly (Michaelson) Adcox, shellyadcox@allophone.com. This will be a casual event. Please spread the word!

Class of 1979 is planning their 45th reunion on August 16-17. On Friday, August 16 we will meet at the new Columbus horse races, this is opening night and should be super fun and exciting! Saturday, August 17 we will be having brunch before noon, time and location to be determined. Then on Saturday evening, we will gather in downtown Columbus at the Barrel House, a new place in town with open-air seating. The owner will try to get us a food truck, they have Pickleball and outdoor games, very casual! Please, please join us!

Class of 1984! Get ready for our 40th reunion the weekend of October 18-19, 2024, at Riverland Cabins and Campground in Columbus, NE. A private invite on Facebook has been sent. For more information contact Julie (Engelbert) Eastridge, julieeastridge66@gmail.com, Roger Konwinski, rkonwinski@outlook.com, or Jill (Hoebing) Clarey jclarey1965@gmail.com.

The **Class of 1989** is planning to hold a 35th reunion in Columbus on the weekend of August 2-3, 2024. For more information, please contact Jason Mielak at jason.mielak@fmflaw.com.

Plans are underway for the **Class of 1994's** 30th reunion set for October 18-19, 2024. Plans include a gathering Friday evening at Ski's Bar & Grill and Saturday's plans include a Mass at Scotus on Saturday afternoon followed by a school tour before dinner and socializing. For more information and to assist with planning contact Monty Schmidt, hfbploosecannon@yahoo.com, 402-981-0770.