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ALUMNI BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT RECAP: MARCH 28-29, 2025

March 28 and 29 saw the return of one of the most beloved traditions—our annual Alumni Basketball Tournament! With two days of non-stop action, spirited competition, and heartwarming reunions, the event brought generations of alumni back to the court for an unforgettable celebration of school pride.

A special shoutout to all the incredible alumnae who hit the court for the Girls Alumni Basketball Game! From the Class of 1998 to 2024—and many in between—your passion and dedication made this game truly special. Thank you for keeping this tradition alive and thriving!

The tournament was packed with energy as alumni laced up for both friendly matchups and fierce championship play. This year, we were thrilled to crown three Boys Division Champions:

Division A Champions – Classes of 2017/2019

Division B Champions – Classes of 2004/2006

Division C Champions – Classes of 1993/1994

Beyond the scoreboards, the tournament was about connection—old friends reuniting, new stories being written, and everyone coming together to celebrate our shared roots. The sidelines were buzzing with cheers from alumni families, current students, and faculty who came out to support.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to the organizers, volunteers, referees, and all who helped bring this event to life. And to every alum who showed up, played hard, or simply came to cheer—you made this weekend unforgettable.

Until next year—same court, same pride, even more memories to make.

Check It Out!

The Shamrock Green Room Podcast! A place for current and former Shamrocks to share their journey, memories, and deep love for Scotus Central Catholic.

Follow us on [Spotify](#) or [Apple Podcast](#)! Or check us out on [Youtube](#)!





Division A Champions

Front Row (L:R) Grant Shanle ('19), Trevor Halligan ('17), Duncan Paczosa ('17). **Back Row:** Cody Mroczek ('17), Tate VunCannon ('17), Dalton Taylor ('17), Caden Pelan ('19), Zack Beiermann ('19).



Division B Champions

(L:R) Eric Puckett ('06), Joe Held ('04), Ryan Ames ('04), Shane Reardon ('06), Dominic Heimann ('04), Wes Zach ('04), Austin Zach ('06).



Division C Champions

Front Row (L:R) Keith Morris ('93), Chad McKown ('93), Craig Rueschhoff ('93), Steve Beiermann ('93). **Back Row:** Gary Rief ('94), Jesse Kosch ('93), Chad Dohman ('93), Jamie Lisko ('93).



Girls Tournament

Front Row (L:R) Ava Kuhl ('22), Grace Wickham ('18), Camille Pelan ('22), Sierra Kravig ('23), Kensey McKay ('24), Kamryn Chohon ('22), Hailey Steffensmeier ('23). **Back Row:** Kristie (Korth) Brezenski ('98), Jen (Haney) Wemhoff ('06), Anna (Wickham) Brandenburg ('16), Allie (Kohnson) Wilkinson ('16), Alyssa (Foltz) Held ('13), Jordan (Chohon) Brester ('12), Kim (Rickert) Dreesen ('98), Sami (Spencer) Richardson ('09).



COLUMBUS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS 2025 GALA RECAP

On Saturday, April 12, the Columbus Catholic Schools community gathered for the 2025 Gala, marking not just the largest fundraising event of the year, but a historic evening for all four Catholic schools—Scotus Central Catholic, St. Anthony, St. Bonaventure, and St. Isidore.

This year's Gala was the first time funds were raised to benefit all four schools, emphasizing the strength and shared mission of the Columbus Catholic Schools system. The event drew hundreds of supporters, including alumni, parents, faculty, and friends, all united in the goal of supporting Catholic education and the next generation of students.

The purpose of the Gala is to bridge the gap between what parents pay for their child to attend school and the actual cost of education. The funds raised directly support academic programs, tuition assistance, and campus improvements across all four schools, ensuring that a high-quality education remains accessible to every student.

The evening featured a festive dinner, silent and live auctions, student testimonials, and remarks from school leaders. Thanks to the incredible generosity of donors and sponsors, the Gala exceeded expectations, setting a new fundraising record.

The 2025 Gala not only raised vital funds but also reinforced the shared values that connect the entire Catholic school family in Columbus. The event's success ensures that faith-based, quality education will continue to thrive in the community.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the night a success. We look forward to seeing everyone again next year!



UPCOMING EVENTS

CHIP KAUP APRIL 26TH

The Chip Kaup Golf Tournament is back! Join us for a day of golf, laughs, and community spirit. Whether you're out to shoot your best round or just enjoy time with friends, it's sure to be a memorable day on the course.

SAVE THE DATE - SHAMROCK OPEN JUNE 7TH

The Alumni Shamrock Open Golf Tournament is just around the corner, taking place on June 7th at 1 PM! Registration is currently being accepted, and we encourage you to sign up early. The early bird rate is \$85 if you register by May 6th. After May 6th, the fee increases to \$100. Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to reconnect with old friends, enjoy a day on the course, and support the Columbus Catholic Schools community!

ALUMNI SOCCER - AUGUST 1 & 2

Alumni, get ready for the annual Alumni Soccer Weekend! Join us on August 1st and 2nd for a weekend full of fun, competition, and reconnecting with old teammates.

Be on the lookout for registration details coming soon — you won't want to miss this!

SHONKA GOLF AUGUST 16TH - BOOSTER CLUB

Get your clubs ready for the Shonka Golf Tournament on August 16th, hosted by the SCOTUS Booster Club! It's a day of great golf, friendly competition, and supporting our Shamrock athletics.

Be on the lookout for more details and registration information coming soon!

STAY CONNECTED: JOIN OUR SCOTUS ALUMNI FACEBOOK GROUP

Scotus Central Catholic alumni share a special bond forged through faith, tradition, and unforgettable memories. Whether you graduated last year or decades ago, staying connected with the Shamrock community has never been easier—or more meaningful. We're excited to invite you to join the official Scotus Alumni Facebook Group, a vibrant online space where you can:

- Reconnect with former classmates
- Share your life updates and accomplishments
- Celebrate school milestones and alumni achievements
- Stay up-to-date on Scotus events and news

Let's build a community that celebrates the enduring spirit of Scotus Central Catholic. Whether you're near or far, you'll always have a home here. Join today! **#Go Rocks!**

How to Join

Scan the QR code below to be taken directly to the group. Simply request to join, and you'll be part of this growing digital Shamrock network in no time!



CURRENT ACHIEVEMENTS

- The Scotus Speech Team ended a spectacular season winning their conference meet with Shamrocks winning all 10 events, they were Class B-1 District Champions and sent nine Shamrocks to the state tournament in Kearney.
- At state, the speech team finished as Class B Runner-Up. Winning state medals were Jessica Jackson who earned three state titles in Program of Oral Interpretation, Poetry, and Serious Prose. Madden Saenz placed as Class B State Runner-Up in Humorous Prose, while Jordan Kouma secured 4th place in Extemporaneous Speaking. Saenz and Kouma also teamed up for Duet Acting, earning 4th place.
- Boys Basketball Team ended their season at the C-1 district final against Cozad.
- Girls Basketball won their districts and went on to state where they lost to Minden.
- The Robotics team had a stellar season and finished it out with a win at Nationals.
- The Scotus Wrestling Team had seven wrestlings go to state in Omaha, Favio Rivero earned 6th place.
- The Cheer team also had success at state cheer in Grand Island earning 4th place in Non-tumbling and 6th place in Gameday.



UPCOMING CLASS REUNIONS

The Scotus **Class of 1970** will celebrate their **55th reunion on the weekend of August 8-9, 2025**. Join us Friday night, August 8, at Glur's Tavern and Saturday afternoon and evening, August 9, at Boyd and Kate's acreage. More details will follow soon. For questions or information, contact Kate (Melliger) Jones at 402-910-1400.

The **Class of 1975** will celebrate their **50th reunion on August 15-16, 2025**. On the 15th we will meet and share "old stories" at Glurs Beer Garden, 7PM. On Saturday the 16th we plan to tour Scotus at 3PM and have Mass together in the school's chapel at 4:30 PM. That evening we will gather at the Barrel House and have drinks and hors d' oeuvres. If you have new contact information to share, please send it to Gregg Melliger at gmelliger@yahoo.com or 402-270-4350

The Scotus **Class of 1980** will celebrate their **45th reunion on August 22-23, 2025**. Friday plans are not set as yet, but we will be gathering at Chris Driefurst's quonset for Saturday night festivities. 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!

The **Class of 1985** will celebrate their **40th reunion on June 13th and 14th, 2025** in Columbus, NE. We'll kick things off on Friday, June 13th, with Horse Races and Casino Night. On Saturday, June 14th, join us for a Golf and Brunch in the morning, followed by an evening of Cabin Fun, Dinner, Campfire, and Music. The cost is \$25 per person. For more details or to RSVP, please contact Todd Duren at 402-564-3386 or Colleen Belitz 402-270-9120.. We look forward to celebrating with you!

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

CALLIE (SOKOL) ASMUS, CLASS OF 2014, NAMED NE FARM BUREAU TEACHER OF THE YEAR

We are excited to share some incredible news about one of our own! Callie (Sokol) Asmus, a proud member of the Class of 2014, has been named the Nebraska Farm Bureau Teacher of the Year. This prestigious recognition highlights her dedication to education, her commitment to students, and her passion for teaching.

Callie began her teaching career at St. Anthony's, where she taught for four years before getting married and transitioning to a new school. Throughout her time at St. Anthony's, Callie was known for her enthusiasm, compassion, and innovative teaching methods that inspired her students and created a positive learning environment.

After leaving St. Anthony's, Callie continued to make a significant impact in education at her new school. Her passion for agriculture and community engagement shines through in her work, making her a standout educator. As the Nebraska Farm Bureau Teacher of the Year, Callie is recognized not only for her excellence in the classroom but also for her contributions to shaping the future of her students and instilling in them the importance of agriculture in Nebraska.

We are so proud of Callie's achievements and wish her continued success in her teaching career. Her recognition serves as a reminder of the lasting impact our alumni make, both in the classroom and in the community.

SHEENA (ZOUCHA) WERTS, CLASS OF 2002, RETURNS TO SCHOOL TO PURSUE A MASTER'S IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

We're thrilled to share the inspiring story of Sheena (Zoucha) Werts, Class of 2002, who returned to school later in life to pursue her true calling. After earning a Bachelor's in Business in 2006, Sheena felt a strong calling to become a teacher. At the age of 38, she took the leap and enrolled in a Master's program in Education, focusing on Special Education. Two years later, she proudly graduated, ready to make an impact in the lives of her students.

Sheena credits much of her success to the continued support of her teachers from both St. Anthony and Scotus, who played a significant role in her journey. She says, "I feel very blessed to have had their support, along with the support of my family, as I pursued this new path."

Sheena is now making a difference in the lives of students as the K-6 Special Education teacher at St. Edward Public School. Her dedication to her students and passion for teaching special education has made her an invaluable member of the school community.

We are incredibly proud of Sheena's perseverance and commitment to education. Her story is a reminder that it's never too late to follow your passion, and the support of family and mentors can truly make a difference.

We want your story! Email eschmidt@colcath.org or scan the QR code to share your stories.



MEMORIALS

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Lawrence Cannon '72

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Denette (Olk '68) Drum

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MM Shane Fleming
Susie Henggeler
Joan Laird
MM John Obrist
MM Gary Puetz
MM Gene Trouba
MM Vern Younger

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Jerry Duren
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Class of 1983

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Friends & Family

Joan "Jo" Sokol

MM Michael Ciecior
Janet Brezinski
MM Pat Sackett
MM John Schueth
Friends & Family

Kenneth Soulliere

MM Larry Sleddens

Deacon Art Spencer

MM Pat Novicki
Friends & Family

In Sympathy

Darrell Arlt – survived by daughters, Debbie '80 (Jeff) Bremer, Linda '81 (Ben) Little, Lori '87 (Jeff) Rockwell, Traci '91 (John) Schmitz; sister, Mariette Christensen; brothers, Ken (Bernice), Bob (Judy), James (Melanie); seventeen grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Mark "Barney" Bartholomew '77 – survived by his wife, Carlene; daughters, Chelsea '09, Carie '13 (Adam Kiehn); mother, Marilyn (Gahan '44) Bartholomew; sisters, Diane '65 (Mark '62) Kudron, Pat '67 Brezina, Julie; brother, Dick; brothers and sisters-in-law, Lenny (Miriam) Preister, Kenny Preister, Mary Birkel, Linda (Jim) Davis, Carol (Doug Chmelka); and many nieces and nephews.

Lawrence "Larry" Cannon '72 – survived by his wife, Sara; daughter, Jessica; son, Andrew (Ashley); sisters, Regina '69 (Jim) Lehnhoff, Joan '71, Janelle (Scott) Giannola; sisters-in-law, Kathleen Cannon, Lori Slates; three grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Rogelio Campos Chavez – survived by his ex-wife, Sonia; son Quezelmex '15 (Kaitlyn); one grandchild and many other family members and friends.

Janice "Jan" Done' – survived by her husband, Ken; daughter, Jenny '89 (Fredrik) Esping; Brad '93 (Jen); many sisters and brothers-in-law, two grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

Michael Dreifurst – survived by daughter, Kayla; son, Dalton (Emily); sister, Shelley '83 Brougham; brothers, Chris '80 (Lynette), Ben (Vern), Steve (Darci), Joey (Jeannie), Mark; one grandchild and many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Denette (Olk '68) Drum – survived by her husband, Greg; daughter, Andra '97 Vandenberg; son, Brandon '95 (Cecilia); six grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Henry "Hank" Heimann, Jr – survived by his wife, Betty; daughter, Sue '82 (Jim) Hoge; sons, Bob '80, Jim '83; sister, Germaine Sorenson; brother, Ed (Joan); four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Rose Marie Hoffman – survived by daughters Deanna '76 Hoffman, Heidi '83 (Joe) Plance; sons, Chris '77 (Julie Sokol '89), Tom '79; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Jane Jarecke – survived by sons, Tim '82 (Nancy), Todd '85; sisters, Joan (Pete) Oberfoell, Janet (Bob) Koerner, Jeannine Nakashima; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Tom Kobus '68 – survived by his wife, Debbie; children; siblings; grandchildren; and many nieces & nephews.

Sister Winifred Moersen OSF '45 – survived by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews as well as the sisters in the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration Congregation. Sister Winifred celebrated her 75th jubilee as a sister in 2021, and her ministry included teaching music at elementary and secondary schools and universities in Nebraska, New Mexico and Colorado, teaching at St. Bonaventure Elementary and St. Bonaventure High School from 1959-1964. She also served as an organist for many parishes and in 1986 was assigned organist at the Provinciate in Colorado Springs until the time of her death.

Leo Moschenross '55 – survived by his wife, Elaine; daughter, Nancy Swanson; son Dan; sisters, Margaret Moschenross, Rose Marie '59 Wilds; in-laws, Ann Marie (Don) Thies, Don Moes, Florance (Jim) Glenn, Cathy Moes, LaVon Moes; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild and many nieces and nephews.

In Sympathy

Rita Murray – survived by daughters, Kathy Murray-Oberg, Mary Kay '85 (Jeff) Higgins; sons, Mike (Lori), Pat (Bonnie), Tim '82 (Sharol); eleven grandchildren; two step grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren and one step great-grandchild.

Udell Podliska – survived by his wife, Jeraldine "Jeri" (Harris '61); daughter, Kim (Brett) Dettmann; sons, Kirt (Chris), Dan (Marcia), Lyndell (Susan); twelve grandchildren and twenty-four great-grandchildren.

Karen Pokorny '83 – survived by her mother, Lenore (Nosal '59); sisters, Kim '85 (Bart) Cline, Kelly (Jason) Gibson, Colleen (Eric) Spies; brother, Chris '83; ten nieces and nephews and ten great-nieces and great-nephews.

Joan "Jo" (Kosiba) Sokol – survived by sons, Jerry '79 (Carla), Jim '93 (Rachel); sisters, Lucy, Rosaline (Tom) Flam, Margaret, Ann Schwartz, Patricia '72 Caffrey, Louise '73 (Lon) Tastad, Bernadette '76 Schreiber, Jacqueline '81 (Kevin) Shotkoski; brothers, Louis '53, Leo '59 (Elizabeth), Edward (Loretta), John '77; sister-in-law, Mary Jane (Sokol) Van Berg; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Kenneth "Kenny" Soulliere – survived by his wife, Barbara (Foltz '64); daughters, Shelli (Tom) Hintz, Kim (Dan) Radenz; sons, Kenny II (Rachelle), Shaun (Miranda); sisters, Jerilyn '64 (Dr. Ken) Jordan, Michelle '68; nine grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Ken attended St. Bonaventure HS.

Gerald "Jerry" Thalken – survived by his wife, Darlene; son, Mark (Katie); sisters, Carol '69 Bruner, Conne '70 Thalken; brothers, James '59 (Diana), Tom '60; sister-in-law, Mary Kay Thalken; one grandchild and many nieces and nephews.

Gary Trofholz – survived by his wife Sharon (Pavel '69); daughters, Kelly (Steve) Rodriguez, Kari (Chris) Voichahoske; son, Greg (Jodie); sister, Colleen (Randy) Dodds; sisters-in-law, Trish Trofholz, Judy Pavel '71 (Dean) Foltz; brother-in-law, Duane '65 (Kyle) Pavel; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Doris Van Dyke – survived by her daughter Alana (Van Dyke '74) Berlin.

Deacon Art Spenner – survived by daughters, Anne '76 (Keith Hastings), Patricia '78 (Scott) Baker; sons, Carl (Debbie), Joseph '85 (Debbie Lordeman); sister, Martha Kluthe; brother, Bernard (Pam); eleven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



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SHAMROCKS THROUGH THE YEARS

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Left to Right: Clare Marie Kaipust, Adeline Wozny, and Harriette Reifenrath.

MAY CROWNING

Adeline Wozny, president of Our Lady's Sodality, crowned the Blessed Virgin Mary Queen of May in a solemn ceremony, which marked the beginning of the month of Our Lady, May 1, in St. Bonaventure Church.

The procession consisted of the following: First communicants, and grade school children dressed in white, underclassmen clad in white blouses and dark skirts, senior girls attired in formals of pastel shades, boy and girl scouts in uniforms, and the clergy. Four senior girls wearing formals carried the statue of Our Lady.

Miss Wozny, clad in a white formal and a cape of blue velvet with a long train was followed by two small train-bearers. She was preceded by Harriette Reifenrath, the crown-bearer; Clare Marie Kaipust and Jo Ann Olivetti, flower girls.

During the singing of "Bring Flowers of the Fairest" Adeline crowned the Blessed Virgin.

Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament followed and the devotion closed with the singing of "Holy God" by the entire congregation.

SHAMROCKS THROUGH THE YEARS



NEW SPONSOR REACTIVATES THESPIANS

Under the direction of Ms. Sandi Bernt, the Scotus chapter of the Thespians became active again. Outstanding actors and actresses were honored at the school's annual awards night. OFFICERS: Mary Jo Chlopek, Carl Zoucha, John Kopetzky, Ken Zoucha.

Jamie Maslonka
Sue Svoboda
Peg McGillivray
Marlene Bonk
Ms. Sandi Bernt
Deb Arlt
Connie Gonka
Maria Riley
Patrice Oppliger
John Kopetzky
Ken Zoucha
Elaine Zoucha
Carl Zoucha



SHAMROCKS THROUGH THE YEARS

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VOLLEYBALL

Perfect

from beginning to end

During what was claimed to be a rebuilding year, with only two returning starters, the Shamrocks reloaded and won their sixth state title. The team stepped up to the challenge of defending three consecutive state championships with senior leadership and the talents of underclassmen. Jewelia Grennan summed up her feelings after the state tournament when she said, "It was sad to know that the end

JUST THE BEGINNING Sept. 5...Jewelia Grennan gets the first of 231 kills as Scotus defeats Aquinas in the first game of the Shamrock Invite.

of the season was here, but exhilarating to know that we ended it the best that we could." Many Shamrocks received post-season honors. Stephanie Kruse, Jewelia Grennan and Heather VanAckeren received All-State and All-Conference honors. Meghan Pile was named to the Honorable Mention All-State and All-Conference teams.



front row: Stephanie Kruse, Amy Hash, Trophy #4, Jewelia Grennan, Ashley VanDyke second row: Anne Heiser, Amanda Sackett, Sharna Meilger, Lon Beller, Kristin Blair, Amanda Fritz third row: Asst. Coach Julie Blair, Asst. Coach Wendy Willets, Geisha Kudron, Heather VanAckeren, Meghan Pile, Asst. Coach Janet Tooley, Coach John Peterson, Melinda Harus

SHAMROCKS THROUGH THE YEARS

What game was your favorite to cheer at this year?



"The subdistrict boys' basketball game against Boone Central because the student section was filled up to the top, and everyone was having the time of their lives. Plus the boys were on fire that night."

Kade Wiese, 10



"Football because it is my favorite sport."

Eli Kreikemeier, 7



"The football games because this year was my first season not playing football, and it was really cool to see what the game looks like from a different angle. My favorite part is simply being able to be out with my friends on Friday nights and just having a good time together."

Cole Demuth, 11



A group of seniors pose for a picture in the student section during the football game against Aquinas. The theme of the game was gold-out.

Developing Rowdiness

"It is about leading, having fun, making friends, and being a part of the Scotus family." -Braden Labenz

The Shamrock student section is filled with dozens of students ranging from first time seventh graders to experienced senior leaders. The seniors do their best to develop the underclassmen into future Rowdy Dowdy leaders.

Senior **Abe Perault** has been an active member of the student section since he was young. Even though he was a part of the football team, he made it to almost every volleyball or basketball game to cheer on the athletes and lead the student section.

"Leading the student section is much more difficult than I thought it would be. When people want to cheer, they will cheer, and when they don't, they don't. In the end, the more creative we got, the more fun we had," **Perault** said.

One benefit the seventh graders received when coming to Scotus was being given the title of a Rowdy Dowdy. Seventh grader **Max Lancaster** enjoyed getting in on cheers and representing Scotus at the games.

"It was very crazy [sitting in the student section for the first time], and we did a lot of chants," **Lancaster** said.

Senior **Braden Labenz** played a key role in creating new cheers the senior class came up with. He was also a part of the football team, but he was able to lead the student section during the basketball and volleyball games.

"Being a Rowdy Dowdy has taught me how to lead positively. We lead the student section well, and there was never a dull moment. I couldn't wait to be a senior and sit in the front row. But it is more than just sitting in the front. It is about leading, having fun, making friends, and being a part of the Scotus family," **Labenz** concluded.

