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BILL SAHM
President

Dear Trojans,

It is a great time to be a Trojan! With so many student and faculty accomplishments and recognitions this past year, I will leave the specifics to the respective leaders of each department in this edition of *Trojans Today, Trojans for Life* and focus on the reasons why I believe BCHS is thriving.

Without question, the foundation of our students' success is our prioritization of faith formation. The formation of the whole person, modeled on the person of Jesus Christ and the teachings of His Church, are at the center of everything we do. This focus shapes all aspects of our school, from curriculum and instruction to extracurricular activities, the celebration of the sacraments, retreats, faculty and staff development, marketing and communications, fundraising efforts, and financial assistance for families in need.

The dedication of our talented faculty, staff, and administration to delivering the highest quality high school experience is unmatched. Equally vital is the support of our parents, whether through volunteering with the Trinity Club and various booster clubs, or most importantly, choosing BCHS for their children for all the right reasons. Together, these efforts play a significant role in our continued success.

Finally, our financial benefactors and prayer warriors also contribute to our success. As most of you know, we are in the middle of a capital campaign that will allow us to more fully meet the needs of our students and secure the long term vitality of our beloved school. The gifts of prayer and financial contributions already received, and those yet to come, will surely result in a generational transformation of Bishop Chatard.

We are truly blessed to have so many give so much in support of the Bishop Chatard mission. May Our Lord bless you in return.

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MORE ABOUT
OUR CAPITAL
CAMPAIGN.





A CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Bishop Chatard High School's *Rooted in Faith–Inspiring Futures* capital campaign is making tremendous strides, with construction actively underway in the cafeteria on the new Student Life Center. Once complete, the Student Life Center will offer students a comfortable, welcoming space to socialize, study, and hold meetings for student organizations before and after school. This vibrant hub is just one part of our broader initiative, designed to enhance our campus and address critical facility needs.

And there's so much more in store! We continue to work closely with the city and potential construction partners as we plan the future Performing Arts Center and Chapel. We're excited to share that we remain on track to break ground on these projects early next spring.

We are deeply grateful to our alumni, parents, grandparents, and loyal supporters who have joined us on this transformative journey. Thanks to the remarkable generosity of our community, the campaign has already secured over \$13.8 million in pledged support from 310 commitments—an impressive 88% of our \$15.6 million stretch goal.

We can't wait to see our students gather, grow, and connect in these new spaces. As we continue this important endeavor, we respectfully and prayerfully invite your support. Together, we can make this vision a reality!

Want to learn more? Visit capitalcampaign.bishopchatard.org.

Campaign Minimum Goal: \$13M

Campaign Minimum

Stretch Goal: \$15.6M

PLEDGED TO DONATE:

\$13,836,427

CASH RECEIVED:

\$8,541,953



JOHN HASTY Principal

Many of us often think of impactful coaches, teachers, friends and family members, and the unique sayings they'd share time and time again. For me, it was a coach reminding us that teams "work and win, or loaf and lose." A boss who constantly lived by the quote, "Ideas are great, execution is everything," and a former teacher who constantly asked, "How do you want to be remembered?" Few sayings echo as much, though, as the one my dad shared every time I'd leave the house: "Be careful, it's a jungle out there."

I imagine that saying resonates with many today. And still, our young people will inherit a world vastly different than it was then or even now. Just two years ago, I asked the Class of 2023 in a commencement address, "Who would have predicted how much the world would change in your four years? Who would have predicted private citizens would be sending people into space, the world would face a global pandemic, or that artificial intelligence would be able to write your paper for you?"

It is interesting to think that these once attention-demanding events are now commonplace. New COVID variants come and go. The space race between private citizens is old news. Chat GPT is utilized by more people each and every day. And yet, we have no idea just how different the world will be four years from now. While that may be exciting for some, and unnerving for others, it is a great reminder of just how important our mission is.

In the pages of this magazine, you will read and see living examples of how important it is to foster lifelong commitments to faith and personal relationships with Christ. You'll see the continuous formation of our students as community servants, and appreciate the numerous positive examples provided by our faculty, parents, alumni, and more. And you'll see a clear commitment to transformational learning, and the growing academic opportunities afforded to our students.

Each of these examples reflects our fourth pillar—leadership. We are blessed with mentors, instructors, and peers who inspire our students daily and model what it means to lead with purpose. Through meaningful experiences, intentional instruction, and targeted programming, we're committed to helping students grow as leaders both organically and through structured opportunities.

"WE ARE BLESSED WITH MENTORS, INSTRUCTORS, AND PEERS WHO INSPIRE OUR STUDENTS DAILY AND MODEL WHAT IT MEANS TO LEAD WITH PIIRPOSF."

As we partner with parents to prepare our young people to be sent out into the world, we know they grow closer to who God is calling them to be when they are rooted in their faith, open to always learning, and committed to serving something greater—and when they are equipped with the tools and courage to lead, no matter the jungle that lies ahead.

Thank you for your continued partnership, and go Trojans!

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FORMATION BEGINS AT HOME

MATT HILTONDirector of
Faith Formation

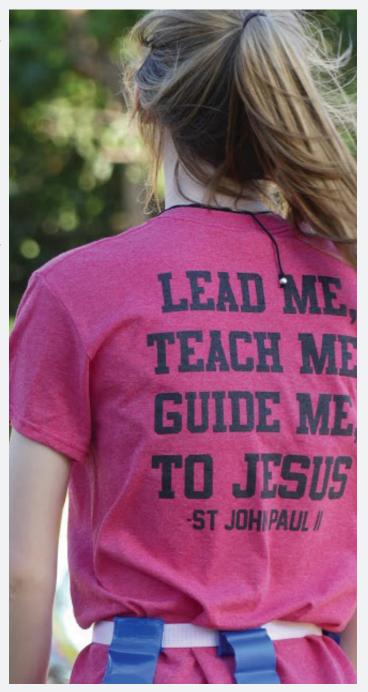
At Bishop Chatard, we believe faith formation is not just imparting facts about faith to young people. Rather, it is the work of shaping living stones that will build the Church of Jesus Christ now and in the future. As committed to this work as we are, we know that the finest, most detailed work takes place in the family.

Study after study about the sources of vocations for priests and religious point to the fact that faith is formed primarily in the home. As director of faith formation, I am privileged with the opportunity to help students craft reflections for retreats, class presentations, and other events. I find that the same theme emerges time after time: when speaking about their faith lives, students almost always credit parents, siblings, and grandparents for instilling in them the love of God.

Given the importance of family in the faith development of young people, I wanted to share a few of the wonderful ways that parents at BCHS are already leading their children to God. Here are some ideas you might try at home:

- Celebrate baptismal anniversaries and patron saint feast days to help young people feel connected to the holy men and women praying for them.
- Offer a blessing over your children in the morning before they head off to school to help them remember their identity in Christ.
- Create low-pressure prayer experiences for the family using Spotify Rosary or other prayer apps like Hallow. This can take the pressure off of creating something new.
- Find time to engage in Christian service together as a family. Nothing can set our faith lives on fire quite like serving others.
- Work daily Mass into your family schedule if possible.
 Going to Mass in the middle of the week can be a great way to refocus.

At school, we know that the work we do in forming young people in Christ is really only a scaffold for the work already happening at home. Thank you for your efforts in laying the foundation of faith for these young people. We look forward to continuing this building project together.



CELEBRATING2025 The Class of

May 18, 2025 marked a memorable milestone for the Bishop Chatard High School community, as we celebrated the 164 members of the Class of 2025 during the school's 61st Commencement Ceremony. The day was filled with joy, reverence, and inspiration, highlighted by the presence of Archbishop Charles Thompson and Father Pat Beidelman, who offered heartfelt messages of hope and encouragement to our graduates.

A special moment during the ceremony honored Mike and Heather McGinley and their family, recognized for having five or more children graduate from Bishop Chatard. Their Trojan legacy includes Grace '19, Moira '21, Anna '22, Rose '24, and Michael '25.

President Bill Sahm and Principal John Hasty presented J.D. Haines with the Bishop Chatard Medal—the school's highest honor. This award is given to a graduating senior who exemplifies the core values of our mission: a life rooted in faith, learning, leadership, and service, lived out both at school and in the broader community.

As we bid farewell to the Class of 2025, Bishop Chatard High School gives thanks to God and to the parents and families who have supported these graduates along the way. We send them forth with pride, confidence, and our continued prayers as they embark on the next chapter of their journey.





TOP 10 PERCENT

Elaine Anderson
Lucy Frasier
Gavin Guffey
James Haines
Karsyn Heim
Nolan Jahn
Blake Konger
Andrew Kroner
Keaton Kuehr
Nicholas Marrano
Annie McAllister
Marcus Monachino
Luke Monahan
Thomas O'Gara
Alexander Paz
Grayson Ratterman
Hanna Ross

SUMMA CUM LAUDE Gavin Guffey Margaret McGowan Alexander Paz

ST. LAWRENCE HONOR CORD

Katelyn Bray Elisabeth Christenberry Matthew Haas Margaret McGowan Luke Monahan Alexander Paz Alyssa Polackin Leonelle Stickel



THOMAS O'GARA CLASS OF 2025 VALEDICTORIAN

Bishop Chatard High School is proud to recognize Thomas O'Gara as the Valedictorian of the Class of 2025.

Thomas is the son of Thomas and Elizabeth O'Gara and a proud graduate of St. Pius X Parish and School. A dedicated and high-achieving student, Thomas earned an impressive 57 academic credits during his time at Bishop Chatard, including coursework in 13 AP classes, 11 Honors classes, and 2 dual credit courses.

In addition to his academic accomplishments, Thomas was a standout student-athlete, competing all four years on both the swimming and soccer teams.

This fall, Thomas will take the next step in his academic journey at the University of Notre Dame.

We are incredibly proud of all that Thomas has accomplished and are excited to watch his continued growth and success. Congratulations, Thomas—your Trojan family is cheering you on. God bless!



ALEXANDER PAZ CLASS OF 2025 SALUTATORIAN

A graduate of Immaculate Heart of Mary and the son of Rob and Susan Paz, Alex earned a summa cum laude diploma—

the highest academic distinction awarded at BCHS.

His academic excellence extended beyond the classroom. Alex was honored as one of Indiana's 40 Academic All-Stars, a prestigious statewide recognition of top-performing students. At Bishop Chatard, he received the Stephen J. Noone Award and was named a Rising Star of Indiana during his junior year.

A true scholar-athlete, Alex also served as captain of both the swim and soccer teams, earning Academic All-State honors in soccer during his junior and senior seasons.

This fall, Alex will attend the University of Notre Dame as a pre-med student, majoring in Biology.

Congratulations, Alex! Your Trojan family is proud of you—Godspeed on your next adventure!

OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS, BISHOP CHATARD STUDENTS HAVE BEEN ADMITTED TO THESE OUTSTANDING COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES. CLASS OF 2025 GRADUATES WERE COLLECTIVELY

AWARDED MORE THAN \$24 MILLION IN SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS.

ADRIAN COLLEGE

ALMA COLLEGE

AMHERST COLLEGE

ANDERSON UNIVERSITY

APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY

ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY (TEMPE)

AUBURN UNIVERSITY

BALL STATE UNIVERSITY

BARRY UNIVERSITY

BATES COLLEGE

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY

BELLARMINE UNIVERSITY

BELMONT ABBEY COLLEGE

BELMONT UNIVERSITY

BENEDICTINE COLLEGE

BOSTON COLLEGE

BOSTON UNIVERSITY

BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY

BRADLEY UNIVERSITY

BUTLER UNIVERSITY

CALVIN UNIVERSITY

CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY

CEDARVILLE UNIVERSITY

CENTRAL STATE UNIVERSITY

CENTRE COLLEGE

CLAFLIN UNIVERSITY

CLARK ATLANTA UNIVERSITY

CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY

COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY

COLGATE UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON

COLLEGE OF THE HOLY CROSS

COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES

CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY

CULVER-STOCKTON COLLEGE

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE

DAVIDSON COLLEGE

DEPAUL UNIVERSITY

DEPAUW UNIVERSITY

DUKE UNIVERSITY

DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY

EARLHAM COLLEGE

EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

EMBRY-RIDDLE AERONAUTICAL UNIVERSITY (DAYTONA BEACH)

FISK UNIVERSITY

FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL UNIVERSITY

FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY

FLORIDA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

FORDHAM UNIVERSITY

FORT LEWIS COLLEGE

FRANCISCAN UNIVERSITY OF

STEUBENVILLE

FRANKLIN COLLEGE

GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY

GRACE COLLEGE

GROVE CITY COLLEGE

HANOVER COLLEGE

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY

HIRAM COLLEGE

HOLY CROSS COLLEGE

HOPE COLLEGE

HOWARD UNIVERSITY

HUNTINGTON UNIVERSITY

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY

INDIANA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

INDIANA UNIVERSITY (BLOOMINGTON)

INDIANA UNIVERSITY (EAST)

INDIANA UNIVERSITY (KOKOMO)

INDIANA UNIVERSITY INDIANAPOLIS

INDIANA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS COLLEGE

(INDIANAPOLIS)

IVY TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY

JOHN CARROLL UNIVERSITY

KALAMAZOO COLLEGE

KENDALL COLLEGE OF CULINARY ARTS AT
NATIONAL LOUIS UNIVERSITY

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY

KENYON COLLEGE

LAKE FOREST COLLEGE

LIPSCOMB UNIVERSITY

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO
LOYOLA UNIVERSITY NEW ORLEANS

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY

MARIAN UNIVERSITY

MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY

MERCYHURST UNIVERSITY

MESSIAH UNIVERSITY

MANULUNIVERSITY (OXFORD)

MIAMI UNIVERSITY (OXFORD)
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
MILLIKIN UNIVERSITY

MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY (SPRINGFIELD)

MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY
NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY

NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY
NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY
OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY

OHIO UNIVERSITY (MAIN CAMPUS)

PALM BEACH ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY

PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

QUEENS UNIVERSITY OF CHARLOTTE

ROSE-HULMAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY (NEW BRUNSWICK)

SAINT LEO UNIVERSITY

SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY

SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY, MADRID

SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE

SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY

SAVANNAH COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN

SIMPSON COLLEGE

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY

SPELMAN COLLEGE

SPRING ARBOR UNIVERSITY

ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

THE UNIVERSITY OF FINDLAY

THE UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA

THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE (KNOXVILLE)

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON

TRINE UNIVERSITY

TULANE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT

BIRMINGHAM

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI (BLUE ASH)

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO (BOULDER)

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO (COLORADO SPRINGS)

UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON

UNIVERSITY OF EVANSVILLE

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT

URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

UNIVERSITY OF LA VERNE

UNIVERSITY OF LIMERICK

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE

UNIVERSITY OF MARY

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

(COLLEGE PARK)

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA (TWIN CITIES)

UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA (LINCOLN)

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHARLOTTE

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT GREENSBORO

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

UNIVERSITY OF PORTLAND

UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND

UNIVERSITY OF SAINT FRANCIS

(FORT WAYNE)

UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO

UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA

UNIVERSITY OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN (MADISON)

VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY

VINCENNES UNIVERSITY

WABASH COLLEGE

WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY

WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS

WEBBER INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

WILLIAM & MARY

WITTENBERG UNIVERSITY

WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY

XAVIER UNIVERSITY

XAVIER UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA

YALE UNIVERSITY

FORMING LEADERS IN FAITH, LEARNING & SERVICE

BISHOP CHATARD'S ACADEMIC PROGRAM BUILDS STRONG FOUNDATIONS FOR SUCCESS. THE PROGRAM IS ROOTED IN A VISION THAT EVERY STUDENT WILL REACH HIS OR HER ACADEMIC POTENTIAL WHILE CONTRIBUTING TO THE LIFE OF THE SCHOOL IN A SIGNIFICANT WAY. WEAKNESSES ARE CHALLENGED. STRENGTHS ARE SUPPORTED AND YOUNG PEOPLE ARE LED BY CARING AND COMPASSIONATE **EDUCATORS TO DISCOVER NEW** INTERESTS, BISHOP CHATARD STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO DISCOVER WHO GOD IS

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STUDENT-TOTEACHER RATIO

95% OF 2025 GRADUATES PLANNED TO PURSUE A COLLEGE DEGREE

79% OF THE 2025

GRADUATING

CLASS EARNED AN

ACADEMIC HONORS

DIPLOMA

STUDENTS

RECEIVED

FINANCIAL AID

22%
MINORITY

MINORITY STUDENT REPRESENTATION 90%

NUMBER OF LOCAL SERVICE EXPERIENCES FOR

STUDENTS

2024-2025

STUDENT

ENROLLMENT

STUDENT EXTRACURRICULAR PARTICIPATION 78%
STUDENT ATHLETIC
PARTICIPATION

86%

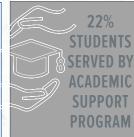
CATHOLIC

STUDENT

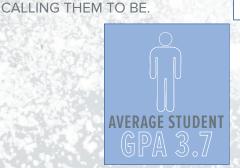
REPRESENTATION

100%

GRADUATION RATE



19,886 SERVICE
HOURS WERE
COMPLETED BY
STUDENTS DURING
THE 2024-2025
SCHOOL YEAR











180 BISHOP CHATARD STUDENTS WERE RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING COMMITMENT TO FAITH, LEARNING, LEADERSHIP, AND SERVICE AT HONORS NIGHT ON MAY 6, 2025.



BCHS HELD ITS 2025 NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION ON FEBRUARY 18. WE CONGRATULATE THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS ON THEIR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT:

NOLAN ARMOUR, OLIVIA BASTIAN, CHARLOTTE BECKER, PATRICK BELBY, CHARLES BELCH, OLIVIA BERZAI, THOMAS BORCHERS, PHOENIX BOYER, TIMOTHY BOYLE, HANNAH BRIDENSTINE, SPENCER BROWN, MIA BULTINCK, KATIE BUSH, JACK CHASE, TATUM CHESEBROUGH, ALEC CLEMENTS, LILIANA CONARD, KATHERINE COUNTRYMAN, ANTON CUNIFFE, JOSEPH DEICHMANN, LAWRENCE DEYPALUBOS, ANNABEL DILL, ELAINE DILTS, ABIGAIL DONNELLY, AVA ECHELBARGER, ALEXANDER ELLIS, MARGARET ELLIS, JACOB ENGLER, MARY FELTS, OWEN FELTS, ARI FINN, ADDISON FLEMING, JULIAN FORESTAL, ZACHARY GANTZ, MARIA GEJDOS, MADELEINE GREB, GRACE GWIN, ZION HANEY, ANDREW HARMON, MADELYNN HARRELL, HENRY HARTWELL, LILIAN HASBROOK, NORAH HEALY, MARY HENEGHAN, LEONA HENNING, TOBIAS HIBBELN, GRACE ISAKSON, CECILIA JACKSON, RYLEN JAMES, MEG JENNINGS, ALLISON KATRA, NOLAN KENWORTHY, CLARE KIRCHGESSNER, GEORGIA KRAMER, OLIVIA KRAUSE, LUCY KREUTZ, SULLIVAN KUEHR, THADDEUS LAWRENCE, BRADY LEPPERT, AIDAN MAHANEY, NINA MARSH, EMILIE MARTIN, MARY CLAIRE MCCARTHY, GABRIELLA MCCURDY, KELLER MCDONALD, REESE MCKINNEY, ANABELLE MONAHAN, CONNOR MURPHY, ADDISON NAAB, SARAH ORR, GEORGE PARK, CRISTIAN PEREZ, SOPHIA PIAMO, MARGARET PIATT, MARISSA POST, SOPHIA REED, JOHN RYAN, JOSETTE SANDIFUR, JULIA SCORE, SARA SEDLAK, HOLLYN SUSEMICHEL, EMMA SWICKHEIMER, MARISSA SZENTES, ANDREW TAYLOR, COOPER TEEPLE, MEGAN TODD, ELIZABETH TRAGESSER, EMMA TURNER, ZACHARY WAGGONER, EMILY WENDT, SPENCER WHITE, DANIEL WHITE, SAMUEL WILLIAMS, ANN WIRTS, MADDOX WYNK

EXPANDED SCHOOL CHOICEMAKES CATHOLIC EDUCATION MORE ACCESSIBLE FOR HOOSIER FAMILIES

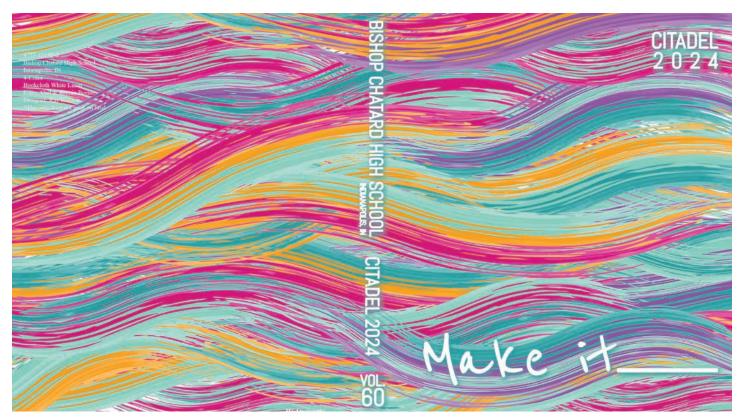
In a significant step toward educational access for all, Indiana Governor Mike Braun signed a state budget in April that further expands school choice for Hoosier families. Beginning in June 2026, the state will eliminate the current income cap of \$250,000, making all K–12 students in Indiana eligible for the Choice Scholarship Program—commonly known as the voucher program. Much like public schools, voucher eligibility will no longer be tied to family income, opening new doors for families who seek private, faith-based education.

This expansion is welcome news for Bishop Chatard High School, the North Deanery's Catholic high school, which has long prioritized making Catholic education accessible. "Parents today have more choices than ever when it comes to their children's education," said BCHS President Bill Sahm. "We believe families shouldn't have to choose between affordability and a Christ-centered, academically rigorous environment."

While school choice scholarships cover approximately 40% of the cost of tuition, Bishop Chatard continues to offer a robust tuition program, ensuring that no student will be turned away due to finances. With the upcoming voucher expansion, even more families can consider BCHS a viable, mission-driven option for their child's high school journey.

THE SILAS PERIOD

New this school year is The SILAS (Support, Instruction, Learning, And, Students) Period. SILAS will take place on most school days from 7:45 to 8:30 am. This period is designed to allow students the opportunity to seek academic support. SILAS is optional in most cases, but under certain circumstances, student attendance may be required.



BCHS JOURNALISM DEPARTMENT NAMED FINALIST FOR PRESTIGIOUS HOOSIER STAR AWARD

The Bishop Chatard Journalism Department has been named a finalist for the Hoosier Star and Rowena Harvey Awards, two of the state's highest honors in high school journalism. Sponsored by the Indiana High School Press Association (IHSPA), these awards recognize outstanding individual and staff achievements in responsible, effective student media.

In the 2023–2024 IHSPA State Competition, Bishop Chatard's yearbook received a "Superior" rating—the highest possible—and was honored in three key categories: Theme/Concept, Coverage, and Design. Students Logan Baker, Lucy Lake, Grayson Ratterman, Mary Kate Ryan, Megan Todd, and Catherine Thrasher also earned individual recognition for their contributions.

The Hoosier Star highlights media programs that demonstrate journalistic excellence, strong storytelling, and ethical integrity. "The media department works throughout the year to ensure that every student, club, and athletic team is represented with excellence," said journalism teacher Maggie Kassenbrock. "It's incredibly rewarding to see that dedication recognized."

The cover of The Citadel 2024, which earned superior ratings in four of six categories in the Hoosier Star Award competition, reflects the excellence that helped make it one of the top yearbooks in Indiana.



Yearbook staff member Megan Todd received a first place award in the Division 1 Spot News category for her photo featuring members of the BCHS girls lacrosse team.



Grayson Ratterman earned third place in the Division 1 Spot News Photo category for capturing this image of students viewing the April 2024 solar eclipse.



THE POWER OF TRANSFORMATION — ROOTED IN KINDNESS

J.T. FUNK
Vice President of
Institutional
Advancement

At Bishop Chatard, we host what we call *Wednesday Walk-Thrus* throughout the school year. These 90-minute morning sessions are designed for prospective parents navigating high school decisions and offer a glimpse into the Bishop Chatard experience.

We begin with prayer, coffee, and bagels, followed by a short video that captures the spirit of our school. President Bill Sahm and Principal John Hasty then speak about their roles and our mission. Most importantly, two of our seniors share their personal experiences and answer questions from visiting parents. The morning concludes with a guided tour of the school, led by President Sahm and me.

During these visits, President Sahm or Principal Hasty often describes Bishop Chatard as a *four-year transformational experience*—one that challenges students in their faith, academics, extracurriculars, and athletics. While we are proud of the growth we help foster, we know that transformation begins at home, with our families.

As part of the Bishop Chatard community, we see every day how families lay the foundation. Students who enter as shy, eager freshmen grow into confident, faith-filled leaders, ready for the future. I've seen this transformation first hand—especially in my own daughter and her Class of 2025. Over the past four years, I've watched them thrive in joyful moments and persevere through challenges. I've seen them perform on stage, compete on the field, and lead us in prayer. When they walked across the stage in May, they did so as capable young adults, ready to take on the world.

Amid all their growth, one thing remained constant: kindness. That, too, comes from home. While teens inevitably make mistakes, this group consistently returned to kindness. They say "please" and "thank you" without prompting, and they meant it. A small act, but one that is rooted in genuine kindness.

This kindness extended beyond school walls. At our daughter's graduation open house, as the night wound down, my wife and I began tidying up the patio. A few students stopped their conversations and offered to help clean up the cups, plates, and trash without being asked. We politely declined, but one insisted, "Are you sure? If we all help, it'll take like five seconds." Again a small gesture, but one we've recounted many times since.

Reflecting on that moment reminded me of the countless other "thank yous" I've heard this year—from my daughter's friends, from my son's teammates. These simple words reflect the spirit of our community and part of the foundation of our transformation: kindness.

Kindness is woven into the fabric of Bishop Chatard. While we work hard to nurture students during their four years with us, our job is made easier by welcoming families who lead with faith, love, generosity, and compassion. These families set the tone, and we build on that foundation together.

Because ultimately, this is a part of who we are and who we strive to be.

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FALL IS ONE OF THE BUSIEST—AND BEST!—TIMES TO VISIT BISHOP CHATARD HIGH SCHOOL. FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO EXPLORE CAMPUS AND LEARN MORE ABOUT THE ACADEMIC, EXTRACURRICULAR, AND FAITH-BASED OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE AT THE NORTH DEANERY'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL. TO LEARN MORE, VISIT WWW.BISHOPCHATARD.ORG/PROSPECTIVE-STUDENTS OR CONTACT ENROLLMENT MANAGER KAREN ARUTA AT KARUTA@BISHOPCHATARD.ORG.

JOIN US FOR OPEN HOUSE OCTOBER 23

The Bishop Chatard Open House will be held on Thursday, October 23 from 5:30 to 8 pm. Tour and explore Bishop Chatard High School and learn about the unique academic and extracurricular opportunities that await your student. While on a guided tour of the campus, students and their parents will visit classrooms, talk with educators, visit the Trojan Club & Team Fair, and discover why more North Deanery families choose Bishop Chatard than any other high school for their children's high school experience.

SCHEDULE YOUR 8TH GRADER'S SHADOW EXPERIENCE TODAY

Bishop Chatard invites 8th grade students to spend a school day shadowing a current Bishop Chatard student. Your student will attend classes, interact with teachers and other students, enjoy lunch and experience life as a BCHS Trojan. Visit www.BishopChatard.org/enrollment/shadowing to register your student for a shadow experience.

PARENTS HAVE QUESTIONS, TOO. SCHEDULE A WEDNESDAY WALK-THRU!

Parents of 7th and 8th grade students are invited to experience Bishop Chatard High School firsthand through our Wednesday Walk-Thrus. These informative mornings include a brief presentation from a school administrator, a guided tour while classes are in session, and time for questions. Families seeking a more personalized visit are encouraged to schedule a one-on-one appointment. These meetings offer the opportunity for parents and students to connect with an administrator or teacher, explore specific interests, and gain a deeper understanding of life at Bishop Chatard.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ENROLLMENT ACTIVITIES, VISIT WWW.BISHOPCHATARD.ORG/ENROLLMENT.



YOU GIVE WHAT MATTERS TO YOU

MARGARET RUFFING Executive Director of Development

Generosity enriches the lives of our students at Bishop Chatard High School, and meaningfully supports the work our students, faculty, and staff do each day. We are so grateful to everyone who partners with Bishop Chatard to make it the exemplary school and "home" it is for all of us.

There's truth in the saying, "You give to what matters to you." This is evident through your generous financial gifts to Bishop Chatard. During the 2024-25 school year, our alumni, parents, past parents, grandparents, and friends raised nearly \$1.7 million, demonstrating your passionate commitment to our students and teachers.

This support opens new opportunities for all our students. Additionally, it strengthens every aspect of the high school experience by enhancing academic programs, expanding athletic and extracurricular opportunities, and growing our service initiatives.

One noteworthy achievement this year is the recognition earned by our art students through the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards—one of the nation's most prestigious programs for creative teens. Showcasing the best in Indiana, newly graduated senior Addie Sandifur had her mixed-media piece, The Diner, selected for publication in the 2025 Central & Southern Indiana Scholastic Art and Writing Awards publication—an honor awarded to just a few student artists each year. Way to go, Addie! And good luck at the University of Michigan!

Your investment and belief that together we can create a strong and lasting impact on students today provide wonderful opportunities to enrich and transform the world! Thank you!

If you're interested in contributing to our students' experience, please don't hesitate to contact me at mruffing@bishopchatard.org or 317-251-1451 x 2242.

TROJAN ARTISTS EARN REGIONAL RECOGNITION IN ARTS COMPETITION

Six Bishop Chatard High School students earned honors in the 2025 Central and Southern Indiana Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, a regional division of the nation's longest-running and most prestigious recognition program for creative teens. Among the standout submissions was The Diner by Addie Sandifur, which received a Gold Key—the highest regional distinction—in the visual arts category. Her work was also selected for display at the Indianapolis Central Library and was featured in the official 2025 Scholastic Awards publication, a recognition extended to just eight student artists in the region.

STUDENT ARTIST AWARD WINNERS INCLUDED:

RENAE WAUGH

HONORABLE MENTION: CLAY & MIXED

ADDIE SANDIFUR

GOLD KEY AWARD: MIXED MEDIA

JOY TETER-MCCURDY

SILVER KEY AWARD: MIXED MEDIA -COLORED PENCIL. ACRYLIC PAINT & TWIGS

SOPHIA PIAMO

HONORABLE MENTION: MIXED MEDIA -WATERCOLOR, INK, POSCA® PENS

GENEVIEVE FREEMAN

HONORABLE MENTION - ACRYLIC PAINT

NORAH DUNCAN

HONORABLE MENTION - ACRYLIC PAINT





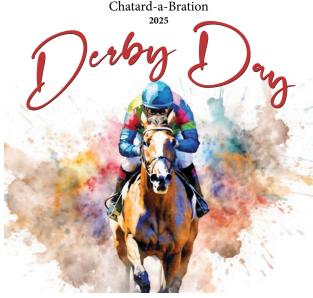












Over 400 guests entered the Bishop Chatard paddock dressed for the race of a lifetime at this year's Chatarda-Bration, Derby Day! Attendees enjoyed one of our most creative and intriguing auctions yet, joined by several hundred online bidders. The evening was filled with lively music from the Jai Baker Trio, dancing, and a showcase of best-dressed Derby fashions, all culminating in an impressive \$335,000 raised for our annual fund to support students and teachers.

A huge thank you goes to all our sponsors and especially to our dedicated co-chairs, Nicole and Kip Chase, whose leadership helped make this event such a success. We're also deeply grateful to the many volunteers, generous families, committee members, businesses, and friends who contributed auction items and time to our second-largest fundraiser. Chatard-a-Bration has truly become one of our favorite traditions—thank you all for making it so special!

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Kip Chase (Co-Chair)
Nicole Chase (Co-Chair)
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Claire Becker
Eileen Countryman '90
Brad Countryman
Aaron Dixon
Angie Hovermale
Russ Lawrence '89
Kelli Lawrence
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Heather McGinley
Dave Monahan
Adriana Ratterman

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FRESHMAN ORIENTATION, TAKE TWO: LET'S DO THIS!

ANDY REELDirector of
Student Life

With my second Freshman Orientation around the corner, it's hard to believe how much has happened in just one year at Bishop Chatard High School. The sense of community here is impossible to ignore, and I feel blessed to be part of such an outstanding group of educators, students, and families. It's incredibly motivating to work in a place filled with passionate people.

This past year was full of new experiences for all of us. Each week brought fresh challenges and ideas, creating a buzz of energy throughout the school. Student-driven clubs like Film Club and Hiking Club kept things exciting, while traditions such as Senior Sunrises and the Walk-a-Thon reminded us of the strong community bonds that define BCHS.

The coming year promises even more. Friday night football games, the Living Rosary, and the Canned Food Drive will continue to unite us in community, faith, and service. New opportunities like Ski Club and the SILAS Period will allow students to explore both extracurricular and academic interests. A new wave of students will bring their own creativity to events like Senior Scenes, Hallway Decoration, and Prom. It's incredibly rewarding to watch our students' ideas take shape, and I can't wait to see what they create this year!



CHARTING THEIR COURSE TROJANS ACHIEVE EAGLE SCOUT STATUS

AT BISHOP CHATARD HIGH SCHOOL, WE'RE INCREDIBLY PROUD OF THE MANY EAGLE SCOUTS WHO COME FROM OUR TROJAN COMMUNITY, SHOWING WHAT IT MEANS TO LEAD, SERVE, AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE. THESE STUDENTS GO ABOVE AND BEYOND, EARNING SCOUTING'S HIGHEST HONOR WHILE LIVING OUT THE VALUES WE CHERISH AS A SCHOOL. WE'RE ESPECIALLY EXCITED TO CELEBRATE A NEW MILESTONE: THE FIRST FEMALE EAGLE SCOUT IN OUR SCHOOL'S HISTORY! IT'S A POWERFUL REMINDER THAT THE SPIRIT OF SCOUTING—AND THE POTENTIAL OF OUR STUDENTS—KEEPS GROWING AND REACHING NEW HEIGHTS.



MARISSA SZENTES



Marissa Szentes proudly holds the honor of being Bishop Chatard's first female Eagle Scout! She earned her rank through Troop 171, an all-girls troop sponsored by St. Luke, where she started her Scouting journey in 6th grade. For her project, she built mobile shelf carts for AYS (At Your School), making it easier for IPS schools to store books and materials and support literacy—a project that not only helped the community but also landed her a part-time job. Outside of Scouting, Marissa is a standout at BCHS. She helped launch the girls flag football team—earning MVP honors and even appearing on the news before a Colts game. She also joined the girls wrestling team as a junior, and plays for the BCHS Girls Lacrosse team. She's also involved in the National Honor Society, serves as a Student Ambassador, and is part of the Hiking Club.



NOLAN JAHN



Nolan began his Scouting journey in first grade and earned his Eagle Scout rank in December 2023 as a member of St. Simon's Troop 446. For his Eagle project, he rejuvenated the Community Shelter at St. Simon by reroofing, staining, and cleaning the area. At Bishop Chatard, Nolan was actively involved in soccer, bowling, golf, the Investment and Trivia Clubs, and served as a Student Ambassador. He also attended the BCHS Summer Field Studies trip and notably won the statewide Smart Indiana Stock Market Simulation Competition twice while participating in the Investment Club.



GRADY KUMLER



LIAM WHEELER

Rising sophomore Grady Kumler earned his Eagle Scout rank in April of this year. After beginning his Scouting journey in first grade at St. Luke, Grady joined Boy Scouts Troop 174 in fifth grade. For his Eagle project, he led over 100 hours of work-even in freezing December temperatures—to enhance the Williams Creek community by building four benches and a 10-foot bridge to ensure safe creek crossings. He also undertook extensive landscaping, clearing leaves, trimming overgrown trees, and removing unsightly bushes to create a more inviting area. Grady expressed deep gratitude to the volunteers who helped complete the challenging project in just eight hours, crediting his troop and his father for their invaluable support. At BCHS, Grady is a member of the boys volleyball team.

Liam, a senior at Bishop Chatard High School, earned his Eagle Scout designation this year through Troop 174, continuing a seven-year journey in Scouting inspired by his father. For his Eagle project, he and his team of volunteers devoted over 100 hours to benefit IPS School 106, constructing a landscaped labyrinth and enhancing the school's grounds to create a more beautiful and welcoming environment. At BCHS, Liam stays busy as a member of the varsity golf team and serves as a Student Ambassador, Peer Minister, Eucharistic Minister, and member of the Investment Club.



JOHN HARRELL



GREGORY BROWN

2024 as a member of Troop 441 at St. Pius X. For his Eagle project, Gregory replaced deteriorating wooden posts and directional signs at Fatima Retreat House and added new signage to highlight the recently developed outdoor areas. At BCHS Greg was active on the Trobotics and ultimate frisbee teams all four years. This fall, he will be attending Purdue University.

Gregory Brown earned his

Eagle Scout rank in the fall of

For John Harrell, Scouting is truly a family affair! A member of Troop 174, John earned his Eagle Scout rank in May 2024, becoming the tenth member of his extended family—including his brother Kevin, six uncles, and cousins Sam and Phil Touhy—to achieve this honor through Troop 174! A current junior at Bishop Chatard High School, John began his Scouting journey in first grade at St. Luke and was awarded the Rob Durrett Award in 2024 for outstanding Scout spirit. For his Eagle project, he rebuilt a dilapidated dock system and canoe launch area at Eagle Creek Park, trimming surrounding shrubs to encourage use—a project requiring nearly 300 hours of work. At Bishop Chatard, John is active on the football field and also plays golf, exemplifying dedication both in and out of the classroom.





For centuries, the parables of the Bible have offered wisdom, moral clarity, and comfort—timeless stories that transcend generations. For Bishop Chatard High School alumna and former teacher Jennifer Klee, these parables have become something even more personal: a roadmap for her own life and a foundation for creative expression.

"As a storyteller and performer, I wanted to explore a couple of Jesus' parables and connect them to personal stories—stories about my growth as a human being, learning to love the people God has put in my life," Klee explains.

That vision came to life last year at the Eugene & Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center, where she performed My Life in Parables, a collection of original stories tying together biblical truths and personal transformation. The show included pieces like The Pearl of Great Price, a tale of romantic missteps; Unless a Grain of Wheat Falls to the Ground and Dies: Becoming Mom, a raw and joyful reflection on motherhood; and The Good Samaritan, which unexpectedly involved a neighbor and his notoriously destructive cat. The event was presented by Storytelling Arts of Indiana, a nonprofit dedicated to preserving the art of storytelling.

Klee's goal was simple but profound: to remind people that stories connect us. "I hope that people walk away willing

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to share their own stories," she says. "I feel that if I can do it, anyone can. Stories are one of the things that make us human."

A lifelong writer and performer, Klee earned a Master of Fine Arts from Chatham University before returning to Bishop Chatard, where she taught Creative Writing and Sacred Scripture for a decade and was involved in both directing and supporting several school theater productions. "I have been richly blessed by Bishop Chatard, as a student, an alum, and an educator. My BCHS education helped to foster my faith and develop my gifts," said Jennifer. "In my work as an educator, I was blessed to be able to share my faith and teach Sacred Scripture, the very Word of God. Though much

more than a story, in Scripture God shares his very self with us through story. Stories have the power to teach, unite, and provide meaning."

After becoming a stay-at-home mom to her two sons, Klee looked for an outlet to continue her creative work, and found one in the vibrant storytelling community of Indianapolis. "I was looking for a way to get out of the house a little bit and get my writing fix and performance fix," she recalls. That search led her to Indy Story Slam, a monthly live event hosted by Storytelling Arts of Indiana, where participants share five-minute true stories inspired by a theme. Klee not only participated—she won her first night.

"It was just so much fun. The community was so welcoming and warm, so I ended up doing it every month," she says. "I challenge myself to just write and perform a new five-minute story for each Slam."

Klee has since become a regular winner at the event, as well as a two-time Indiana State Fair Liar's Contest Champion. In 2023, she was awarded the Merle Davis Story Listener Fund Scholarship by the International Storytelling Center, giving her the opportunity to attend the National Storytelling Festival.

No matter the setting, Jennifer Klee continues to live out the message at the heart of every great parable: that life's deepest truths are often found in the stories we tell—and the ones we choose to share.





THANK YOU, MRS. CHURCH: CELEBRATING A BELOVED BISHOP CHATARD ICON

Bishop Chatard High School bids a fond farewell to Kathie Church, who retired this spring after an incredible 38 years of dedicated service. Since joining the school in 1987, Kathie has worn many hats, from managing the bookstore and running the spirit shop, to ultimately finding her longest and most beloved role in the cafeteria where she kept operations running smoothly with skill, warmth, and a welcoming smile.

Known for her honesty, kindness, and tireless work ethic, Kathie has been both a grandmotherly presence to generations of students and a trusted friend to colleagues. As a proud Trojan parent and grandparent, she has truly embodied Bishop Chatard's values of faith, learning, leadership, and service.

We are deeply grateful for the countless ways Kathie has enriched our community. Thank you, Mrs. Church! You will be dearly missed!



INSPIRING FUTURES: CAREER SPEAKER DAY AND BUSINESS MENTORS EMPOWER BCHS STUDENTS

DEANNA MURPHYDirector of Alumni Relations
& Special Events





Last school year, Bishop Chatard juniors and seniors had the exciting opportunity to explore their futures during our two Career Speaker Days. First semester's event focused on business, communications, and healthcare. Second semester brought education, technology, engineering and the humanities to center stage. These events, designed to connect learners with professionals, aimed to ignite curiosity, provide valuable career insights, and help students envision the possibilities that lie ahead.

An impressive lineup of speakers came together to share personal stories about their career journeys, challenges they've faced, and the motivations that drive them each day. The speakers ranged from CPAs to teachers, lawyers, and even a NASA engineer. Some lucky students were even able to hear from an event planner who plans Lollapalooza!

Students chose sessions aligned with their interests, where they heard short presentations followed by a Q&A discussion. These sessions offer valuable first-hand insights into job responsibilities, educational pathways, and the skills needed to succeed in a variety of careers. Beyond just information, the speakers offered inspiration—emphasizing the importance of hard work, adaptability, and following one's passion.

Bishop Chatard provides another valuable career exploration opportunity through Mr. Tayt Odom's Introduction to Business class, where alumni and local professionals serve as Business Mentors. During the first semester, more than 50 mentors are paired with one or two students to share their expertise through in-person meetings, a meet-and-greet, presentations, and a mentor-led interview. This program offers students meaningful connections with professionals while helping them explore and refine their future career paths.

We are very blessed at BCHS to have alumni and friends who generously give of their time and talent for the benefit of our students. Thank you!





MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE IMPORTANT BCHS EVENTS! ANNUAL FUND DINNER 8/27

CHRISTMAS ON CRITTENDEN
12/5

HARV SUTTON MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING 10/6

CHATARD-A-BRATION
2/21



Scan Here for Upcoming BCHS Reunions

ALUMNI UPDATES

1975

PEGGY (ROLL) BRENGLE is now happily spending much of her free time with grandchildren.

Boxing promoter, trainer, and Bishop Chatard alum KEITH BOGGS has played a pivotal role in the growth and organization of amateur boxing in Indiana. His passion for the sport and the excitement of a well-executed event led him to a longstanding career in boxing promotion. As the organizer of Indiana's annual Golden Gloves tournament—one of the most prestigious events in boxing—Boggs oversees six consecutive weeks of competition from March to April. Beyond promoting, he has dedicated himself to training and developing young athletes, including those with special needs. In addition to his contributions to boxing, Boggs is a nationally-ranked karate athlete and holds a third-degree black belt.

1977

MAUREEN DOYLE recently relocated to Chicago after thirty years on the East Coast.

1979



BOB BECK '79 was recently named a non-resident Senior Fellow with the Foreign Policy Research Institute (FPRI), a Philadelphia-based policy think tank. Bob spent over 30 years serving in U.S. embassies across Europe, the Middle East, and Asia before retiring to New Hampshire in 2020. Since then, he has become a regular columnist for two New England newspapers, a frequent speaker on foreign policy throughout Hampshire and Vermont, and an instructor of international relations in lifelong learning programs at Keene State College and Rivier University.

CINDY (BRAMES) SCHEUER retired in May after 27 years in high school education. She is spending her free time traveling and visiting her three children and grandchild.

1995

NYAMEKYE ADE'KOLA PROCTOR released a compelling new book, *Spoken Words Can Never Be Unsaid*, a powerful exploration of how words shape our lives. Grounded in biblical principles, the book delves into the power of the tongue (Proverbs 18:21), encouraging readers to speak life, faith, and victory into every situation.

2000

SARAH (MUNDELL) SPENCER recently got married and has been living back in Indianapolis for the past five years.

2004



DRU (SHIELDS) CARLISLE celebrated the birth of her second baby, Quinn, in October 2024.

2005



MO MCREYNOLDS was recently named Director of the Office of Sustainability for the City of Indianapolis. She has been serving the city for seven years and will now lead efforts through Thrive Indianapolis, the city's comprehensive sustainability and resilience plan.

2007

LAUREN DEROSE was promoted to the Director of Quality at a Nuclear Medicine startup called Nucleus RadioPharma, as reported by her brother Michael. The startup is collaborating with the Mayo Clinic on groundbreaking cancer treatments.

2009



ZACH HARTLEY (pictured far right), a talent agent at United Talent Agency's Nashville office, is celebrating a major industry milestone alongside his client, country artist Drew Baldridge. Baldridge recently made history with his hit single "She's Somebody's Daughter"—the first country track to reach #1 without the support of a record label. Now signed with Broken Bow Records, Baldridge is continuing his momentum with his follow-up single "Tough People," which has already cracked the top 10 and is on its way to the top of the charts. On June 6, Baldridge performed at the TCU Amphitheater in Indianapolis, opening for Bailey Zimmerman. Hartley's work continues to shine a spotlight on independent success stories in the music industry.



ZACK MARTIN retired after an impressive 11-season career with the Dallas Cowboys. A dominant force on the offensive line, Martin earned seven first-team All-Pro selections, two second-team honors, and made nine Pro Bowl appearances, starting all 162 games he played. Before his standout NFL career, he excelled at Notre Dame, earning second-team All-American recognition in 2012. His journey to football greatness began at Bishop Chatard, where he played a key role in leading the Trojans to back-to-back Class 3A state championships. *Photo credit: Andrew Dieb-Imagn Images*.

2010

CAROLINE (KNOTH) WEISMILLER welcomed a new baby girl, Charlotte Rose.



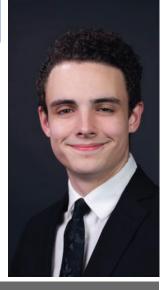


2013

To help settle the age-old debate over who has the best pizza in Indiana, alum **TOMMY BARRETT** brought together pizza lovers from across the state for the inaugural Indianapolis Pizza Festival on August 9. Held on Monument Circle in downtown Indianapolis, event featured celebrity judges sampling pies from South Bend to Evansville. Barrett, a food critic and host of "StartsWithAQuestion" on TikTok and Instagram, organized the festival to spotlight Indiana's top pizzerias.

2024

LOUIS RIVELLI, currently pursuing a theatre degree at Marian University, has been accepted into the prestigious National Theatre Institute (NTI) in Waterford, Connecticut. This fall, Louis will join top theatre students from across the country for a semester immersive, conservatorystyle training. Admission to NTI is highly competitive, with a rigorous application process that includes essays, interviews, letters of recommendation, and video auditions.





Scan this QR code or visit the BCHS alumni website to share your news or updates!

Alumni updates in this issue include submissions received through July 30, 2025.

2017

JOSEF EISGRUBER competed in the 2025 Best Ranger Competition earlier this month. This prestigious annual U.S. Army event challenges the most elite, Ranger-qualified soldiers to compete in teams of two, testing their physical endurance, mental toughness, and tactical skills over an intense three-day competition that included land navigation, marksmanship, and a series of grueling physical challenges. Eisgruber, an Army First Lieutenant with the 1st Cavalry Division, and his teammate, Tyler Mackenzie, finished 30th out of 52 teams.

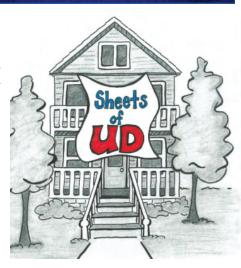
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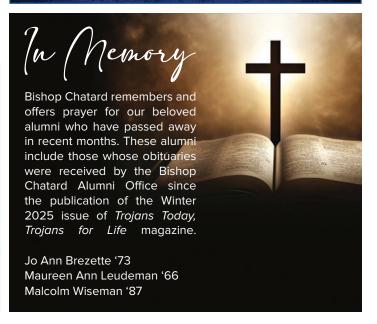
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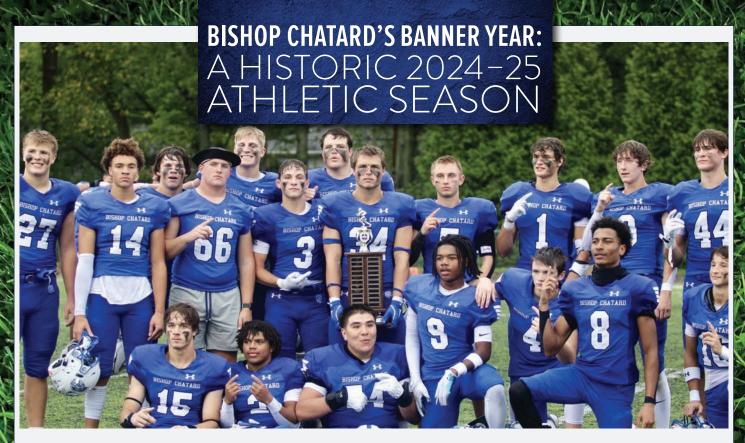
would like to organize your class reunion this year, please contact Deanna Murphy, Director of Alumni Relations, at dmurphy@ bishopchatard.org.

2023

University of Dayton student and alumna GRACE **MCGINLEY** created ล book celebrating one of University the Dayton's most iconic traditions—bed sheet signs. Featuring a collection of creative signs from recent years, the book entitled Sheets of UD showcases photos taken by Grace herself during her time as a UD student.







The 2024–25 school year will long be remembered as a golden era in Bishop Chatard High School athletics. With a record number of city, conference, and state titles, plus historic firsts across multiple programs, the Trojans demonstrated not only athletic dominance but also academic excellence, grit, and sportsmanship at the highest level. From the tennis courts to the wrestling mats, the track to the soccer pitch and lacrosse fields, Chatard athletes made history at nearly every turn.



GIRLS TENNIS: A BREAKTHROUGH SEASON

The Bishop Chatard girls tennis team shattered expectations and rewrote the record books. For the first time in 50 years, the Lady Trojans claimed the sectional title with a thrilling win over North Central, then continued their momentum by capturing the program's first-ever regional championship against the Irish. They didn't stop there—Bishop Chatard went on to secure its first semi-state title in school history with a victory over Fishers High School.

The team finished the season ranked 13th in the state, the highest ranking ever for the program, and notched another milestone with their first win over Guerin Catholic. Senior Eileen Forsee added her own mark on history, setting the school record for career wins to cap off an extraordinary year.



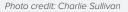
BOYS TENNIS: HISTORIC FIRSTS ALL AROUND

In a season to remember, the boys tennis team claimed both their first-ever conference championship and first sectional title. The Trojans compiled a school-best 16-2 overall record, setting a new bar for excellence in the program.



BOYS SOCCER: REGIONAL CHAMPIONS AND MORE

The 2024 season marked a dramatic rise for boys soccer. The team captured their first conference championship, followed by their first regional title—culminating in the program's first-ever Semi-State appearance.



CROSS COUNTRY, TRACK & FIELD SHINE WITH CITY AND STATE SUCCESSES

Bishop Chatard's Track & Field and Cross Country programs delivered recordbreaking seasons. The girls cross country team, led by mostly freshmen and sophomores, advanced to State and is poised for another strong year. Junior Julia Score, consistently ranked as one of the state's best distance runners, placed 4th, and on the boys' team senior JD Haines also qualified individually.

In Track & Field, both boys and girls teams won Indoor State titles, setting multiple records and earning several event titles. The girls claimed their 15th straight City title, and both teams continued to break records throughout the outdoor season. At the outdoor State meet in June, 15 Trojans qualified to compete for titles, cementing the program's elite status.

Junior Phoenix Boyer and Julia Score placed 2nd in the 300 hurdles and 3200 meter run, respectively. Julia, along with Grace Leppert, Ceci Jackson, and Maggie Rushenburg, placed 4th in the 4x800 relay, setting a new school record. Charlotte Dudik took 7th in the high jump, and Kalen Sargent placed 9th in the 400 meter. Kalen also helped lead the boys 4x400 relay team—alongside Zach Gantz, JD Haines, and Phoenix—to a State runner-up finish. The girls 4x400 team of Lena Stickel, Caroline Gries, Reese McKinney, and Mary Kate Felts also reached the podium, finishing 7th.

Senior Kalen Sargent capped off a record-setting year by being named City Male Athlete of the Year. A standout in both track and football, he will continue running at Indiana University. Two additional teammates will move on to compete at the university level: JD Haines will continue in competition at Saint Louis University, with Keaton Kuehr heading to Villanova.

WRESTLING: A PROGRAM ON THE RISE

The Trojan wrestling team made history on several fronts. Jack Davis and Sam Bustamante became the first Chatard wrestlers in 15 years to place at state, and their 6th-place finishes were the program's best in 26 years. Bustamante also achieved an all-time wins record. They also marked the first time in 49 years that two Trojans qualified for state in the same season—and first in 50 years.

SHOP CHATAR

The team qualified for the Team State competition for the first time ever, finishing an impressive 5th place overall. On the girls' side, the program continued to gain ground, with several standout performances featured in the winter issue of Trojans Today, Trojans for Life magazine.



LACROSSE: AN HISTORIC **PLAYOFF RUN**

The Bishop Chatard boys lacrosse team wrapped up the regular season ranked third in Class 1A, then embarked on a historic playoff run, battling fiercely in the program's firstever semi-state appearance. The girls lacrosse team also made waves, finishing the season ranked fifth in Class 2A and advancing to the semi-state

game for an impressive postseason showing of their own. Both teams showcased remarkable determination and talent, marking HOCKEY: CENTRAL INDIANA KNIGHTS SKATE TO a season of milestones for Trojan Lacrosse.

Honorable Mention, All-Class, and All-Circle City Conference represent multiple schools in the Indy area, again played for honors. His exceptional performance in goal, highlighted by a a state title this season. They have played in the state final or 67% save percentage, was instrumental in leading the Trojans. semi state final in four of the past five seasons.





ANOTHER STATE TITLE RUN

A standout for the boys team, Luke Funk earned All-State The Trojan hockey club, The Central Indiana Knights, who



SWIMMING & DIVING: TROJAN SWIMMERS MAKE WAVES WITH STATE QUALIFICATIONS

Katie Countryman qualified for state, capping a season of dominant performances in the pool. Her leadership helped elevate the entire program. A consistent top finisher in dual meets and invitationals, Donovan McMahon also made it to state finals in 2025, placing 9th overall.



The Lady Trojans basketball team made history in 2025, capturing their first-ever Circle City Conference title. Standout players Alyx Kendall and Olivia Berzai were recognized for their exceptional seasons with invitations to the Indiana All-Star Basketball Classic, showcasing some of the state's top rising seniors.





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ICGSA & STATEWIDE RECOGNITION

Bishop Chatard student-athletes continue to excel both on the field and in the classroom, earning recognition for their dedication, leadership, and academic achievement. This year, several Trojans were honored with scholarships from the Indiana Coaches of Girls Sports Association (ICGSA), reflecting their exceptional commitment to excellence in both

athletics and academics. We proudly congratulate these athletes for making their mark:

Katie Figura – Wrestling Anni Felts – Softball Eileen Forsee – Tennis

Photo credit: Bob Zyromski

Lena Stickel – Track Anna Caskey – Patricia Roy Memorial Scholarship

In addition to earning the prestigious ICGSA scholarship, Anna Caskey was named a District 3 All-Star and was a finalist for Softball Player of the Year honors. She also showcased her talents at the SCAI All-Star Games in Bloomington in June.

SCHOOL RECORDS SET IN 2024-2025

TRACK AND FIELD

400 Meter Dash: Phoenix Boyer - 47.39 300 Meter Hurdles: Phoenix Boyer - 36.79 4x400 Meter Relay: Zach Gantz, Quinn O'Neil, Kalen Sargent, Phoenix Boyer - 3:14.09 1600 Meters: Julia Score - 4:53.89 4x400 Meter Relay: Lena Stickel, Reese McKinney,

Caroline Gries, Mary Kate Felts - 3:53.90
4x800 Meter Relay: Ceci Jackson, Grace Leppert,
Maggie Rushenberg, Julia Score - 9:04.75
High Jump: Charlotte Dudik - 5'7"

SWIMMING AND DIVING

200 Freestyle: Katie Countryman - 1:54.33 50 Freestyle: Katie Countryman - 23.87 100 Butterfly: Katie Countryman - 57.11 100 Freestyle: Katie Countryman - 52.58 100 Breaststroke: Katie Countryman - 1:11.78 Diving/6 Events: Donovan McMahon - 304.10 Diving/11 Events: Donovan McMahon - 522.85

LACROSSE

100 Goal Milestone: Clara Nagel, Maggie Piatt, Harrison Forestal, Gabriel McNamee 400 Saves Milestone: Luke Funk

TENNIS

Eileen Forsee: All-Time Wins Leader - 61 Career Wins

WRESTLING

Century Club Honorees (Winning at least 100 matches in their careers):

Sam Bustamante, Jack Davis, Gabriel McNamee, Kade Rickard

Sam Bustamante: All-Time Wins Leader - 132 Career Wins

FOOTBALL

Jack Harrington: Most Passes Completed in a Single Game (Brebuf)

BASKETBALL

Anna Caskey: Single Season Rebounds Record -369



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE: A CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM IN THE CLASSROOM

Bishop Chatard's football program proved success isn't just measured on the field. The team was named the 2024–25 NFF National High School Academic Excellence Indiana State Champion (4A) by the National Football Foundation and the Rose Bowl Legacy Foundation. The award honors teams with a minimum 3.0 GPA, outstanding academic performance, and competitive success. Chatard was one of only 65 state winners nationwide—another milestone in Trojan pride.

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ATHLETIC RECOGNITIONS

ACADEMIC ALL-STATE RECOGNITIONS

BISHOP CHATARD CONGRATULATES THESE OUTSTANDING STUDENT ATHLETES WHO HAVE BEEN HONORED FOR ACADEMIC AND ATHLETIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING THE 2024-2025 WINTER AND SPRING SPORTS SEASONS.

BASEBALL

Sam Bardach (IHSBCA) Matthew Haas (IHSBCA)

BASKETBALL - BOYS

Oliver Gebke - Honorable Mention (IBCA) Cash Moore - Honorable Mention (IBCA)

BASKETBALL - GIRLS

Anna Caskey (IBCA)
Anna Dixon – Honorable Mention
(ICGSA & IBCA)
Annie McAllister (ICGSA)

GOLF - BOYS

Matthew Marrano - Honorable Mention (IHSGCA) Nate O'Brien - Honorable Mention (IHSGCA)

SOFTBALL

Anna Caskey (ICGSA)
Anni Felts (ICGSA & SCAI)
Emma Swickheimer – Honorable
Mention (SCAI)
TEAM ACADEMIC ALL-STATE (SCAI)

SWIMMING - BOYS

Marcus Monachino (IHSSCA) also Academic All American (NISCAA) Thomas O'Gara (IHSSCA) also Academic All American (NISCAA) Alex Paz (IHSSCA) also Academic All American (NISCAA) TEAM ACADEMIC ALL AMERICAN (NISCAA)

SWIMMING - GIRLS

Carlotta Bolchini (ICGSA & IHSSCA)
also Academic All American
(NISCAA)
Cassie Hunt (ICGSA & IHSSCA) also
Academic All American (NISCAA)
Zoey Kidwell (IHSSCA) also Academic
All American (NISCAA)
Grayson Ratterman (ICGSA &
IHSSCA) also Academic All
American (NISCAA)
Hanna Ross (ICGSA & IHSSCA) also
Academic All American (NISCAA)
TEAM ACADEMIC ALL AMERICAN
(NISCAA)

TENNIS - GIRLS

Cassie Hunt (ICGSA & IHSTeCA)
TEAM ACADEMIC ALL STATE (IHSTeCA)

TRACK - BOYS

Paddy Boyle (IATCCC) Gavin Guffey (IATCCC) J.D. Haines (IATCCC) Keaton Kuehr (IATCCC) Tommy O'Gara (IATCCC) Alex Paz (IATCCC)

TRACK - GIRLS

Charlotte Dudik (IATCCC) —
Honorable Mention
Jaice Hoosier (ICGSA Honorable Mention)
Gabbie McCurdy (IATCCC) —
Honorable Mention
Maggie Rushenberg (IATCCC) —
Honorable Mention
Addison Sandifur (ICGSA & IATCCC)
Josie Sandifur (IATCCC)
Julia Score (IATCCC)
Lena Stickel (ICGSA & IATCCC —
Honorable Mention)

VOLLEYBALL - BOYS

Davis Bean (IHSVCA)
Blake Konger (IHSVCA)
Reiley Kumler (IHSVCA)
Patrick Mark (IHSVCA)
Keller McDonald (IHSLA)
Andrew Moriarty (IHSVCA)
Zach Smith (IHSVCA)
Andrew Taylor (IHSVCA)
Maddox Wynk (IHSVCA)
TEAM ACADEMIC ALL AMERICANS (AVCA)
TEAM ACADEMIC ALL STATE (IHSVCA)

WRESTLING - BOYS

Sam Bustamante (IHSWCA) Jaeden Mendez (IHSWCA) Kade Rickard (IHSWCA)

WRESTLING - GIRLS

Katie Figura (ICGSA & IHSWCA)

CLUB SPORTS

BOWLING - BOYS

Nick Herrera (IHSB) Nolan Jahn (IHSB) John Noel III (IHSB)

LACROSSE - BOYS

Beckett Adler (IHSLA) Spencer Brown (IHSLA) Harrison Forestal (IHSLA) A.J. Kroner (IHSLA) George Park (IHSLA) Sam Williams (IHSLA)

LACROSSE - GIRLS

Lainie Anderson (INGLA) Neve Bielefeld (INGLA) Greta Borowski (INGLA) Lilly Braun (INGLA) Addison Burcham (INGLA) Maggie Ellis (INGLA) Katie Figura (INGLA) Camryn Hart (INGLA) Norah Healy (INGLA) Ophelia Hileman (INGLA) Jenna Hurtz (INGLA) Addy Jahn (INGLA) Maeve Kalesperis (INGLA) Annie McAllister (INGLA) Clara Nagel (INGLA) Maggie Piatt (INGLA) Catherine Roberson (INGLA) Marissa Szentes (INGLA) Charlotte Tuschong (INGLA)

ATHLETIC RECOGNITIONS

BASEBALL

Declan Hostettler - All Conference Brady Keating - All City (Coaches), All Conference

BASKETBALL - GIRLS

Olivia Berzai - All City Tournament Team, All City (MCCGSA), All Conference Anna Caskey - All City Tournament Team, All City (MCCGSA), All Conference

GOLF - BOYS

Charlie Belch - All City Matthew Marrano - All City, All Sectional

LACROSSE - BOYS

Luke Funk - All Conference Gabe McNamee - All Conference

LACROSSE - GIRLS

Clara Nagel - All Conference, All State (INGLA) Maggie Piatt - All Conference Marissa Szentes - All Conference, All State (INGLA)

SOFTBALL

Anna Caskey - All City (MCCGSA),
All City Tournament Team,
All Conference, North/South All Star
Anni Felts - All City (MCCGSA),
All City Tournament Team,
All Conference
Avery Gries - All City (MCCGSA)
Meg Jennings - All City (MCCGSA),
All City Tournament Team

SWIMMING - BOYS

Marin Bonhomme - City Champ (200y Medley Relay, 200y Free Relay, 100y Breast]; Conference Champ {200y Medley Relay) Sebastian Bourgeois - City & Conference Champ (200y Medley Relay) Kellen Ford - City Champ (200y Medley Relay, 200y Free Relay Donovan McMahon - Conference, Sectional & Regional Champ {Diving}; State Finalist {Diving-9th Marcus Monachino - Conference Champ (200y Medley Relay) George Park - City Champ (200y Free Relay Alex Paz - City Champ (200y Medley

Relay, 100y Free, 200y Free Relay]; Conference Champ {200y Medley Relay, 50y Free, 100y Free}

SWIMMING - GIRLS

Katie Countryman - City Champ (50y Free, 100y Fly, 200y Free Relay); Conference Champ (200y Medley Relay, 200y Free, 100y Fly); Sectional Champ (200y Free, 100y Fly), State Qualifier (200y Free, 100y Fly) Elaine Dilts - City Champ (200y Free Relay); Conference Champ (200y Medley Relay) Mackenzie Massengale - City Champ (200y Free Relay); Conference

Champ (200y Medley Relay) Hanna Ross - City Champ (100y Free, 200y Free Relay); Conference Champ (200y Medley Relay, 100y Free)

TENNIS - GIRLS

Cathy Beckmann - City Champion {#1 Singles}, All Conference, All District (IHSTeCA), All State (IHSTeCA)

Maggie Bertram - City Champion {#2 Singles}, All Conference, All District (IHSTeCA)

Aidan Mahaney - City Champion {#1 Doubles}, All District (IHSTeCA)

Sam Paberzs - City Champion {#1 Doubles}, All District (IHSTeCA)

TRACK - BOYS

Phoenix Boyer - Conference Champ {400M, 1600M Relay}, City Champ {300M Hurdles & 1600M Relay}, Sectional Champ {300M Hurdles}, Regional Champ {1600M Relay}, State 2nd Place {300M Hurdles & 1600M Relay}

Tate Chesebrough - City Champ {110M Hurdles, PV}

Zach Gantz - City Champ (400M), Regional Champ (1600M Relay), State 2nd Place (1600M Relay)

Brooks Haines - City Champ {1600M Relay}

J.D. Haines - City Champ (1600M, 800M), State 2nd Place (1600M Relay)

Cam Harden - City Champ (HJ)
Quinn O'Neil - Conference, City &
Regional Champ {1600M Relay}
Marcus Pivec - City Champ {3200M}
Kalen Sargent - Conference & City
Champ {100M, 200M, 1600M Relay},
Regional Champ {1600M Relay},
State 2nd Place {1600M Relay};
State Finalist {400M-9th}

TRACK - GIRLS

Macy Betz - Conference Champ {3200M Relay}

Emmerson Bloede - City Champ {3200M Relay}

Maisie Chesebrough - Conference & City Champ {3200M Relay} Charlotte Dudik - State Finalist {HJ}

Mary Kate Felts - Conference & City Champ {200M, 1600M Relay}, State Finalist {1600M Relay}

Caroline Gries - Conference & City Champ {1600M Relay}, State Finalist {1600M Relay}

Ceci Jackson - Conference & City Champ (800M), Sectional Champ (3200M Relay), State Finalist (3200M Relay) & Sectional Champ {3200M Relay}, State Finalist {3200M Relay} Reese McKinney - Conference & City Champ {100M Hurdles, 1600M Relay}, State Qualifier {100M Hurdles} Maggie Rushenberg - Conference, City & Sectional Champ {3200M Relay}, State Finalist {3200M Relay} Julia Score - Conference & City

Grace Leppert - Conference, City

Champ (1600M, 3200M), Sectional Champ (3200M Relay, 3200M), State Finalist (3200M Relay - 4th), State 2nd Place (3200M)

Lena Stickel - Conference Champ {300M Hurdles, 1600M Relay}, City Champ {1600M Relay}, State Finalist {1600M Relay}

WRESTLING - BOYS

Danny Adams - All Conference, City (165 lbs.), Sectional & Regional Champ (157 lbs.)

Sam Bustamante - All Conference, City (150 lbs.), Sectional & Regional Champ (144 lbs.), State 6th Place (144 lbs.)

Jack Davis - All Conference; City (144 lbs.), Sectional & Regional Champ (138 lbs.), State 6th Place (138 lbs.)

Gabe McNamee - All Conference (150 lbs.)

Kade Rickard - All Conference, City (175 lbs.), Sectional Champ (175 lbs.) Eddie Tomlinson - All Conference (106 lbs.)

WRESTLING - GIRLS

Jillian Donnelly - Sectional Champ (125 lbs.)

ADDITIONAL ATHLETIC ACCOLADES

Anna Caskey - Kiwanis Female
Athlete of the Year, ICGSA Patricia
L. Roy Memorial Scholarship,
MCCGSA Priscilla Dillow Future
Leader Award

Coach Molly Card Beckmann IHSTeCA Boys Tennis District
Coach of the Year, IHSTeCA Boys
Tennis State Coach of the Year,
IHSTECA Senior All-Star Coach,
MCCGSA City Girls Tennis Coach
of the Year, IHSTeCA Girls Tennis
District Coach of the Year

Kalen Sargent - MCAA City Male Athlete of the Year

Coach Dan Kinghorn - MCCGSA
City Girls Cross Country Coach of
the Year

Annie McAllister - Kiwanis Girls Basketball Academic MVP

Anni Felts - ICGSA Scholarship Award Winner for Softball

Katie Figura - ICGSA Scholarship Award Winner for Girls Wrestling

Cassie Hunt - ICGSA Scholarship Award Winner for Girls Tennis

Lena Stickel - ICGSA Scholarship Award Winner for Girls Track

Coach Sean McGinley - MCCGSA
City Girls Track Coach of the Year

Coach Michael Mohler - City Boys Swimming Coach of the Year

Luke Monahan - Indianapolis Colts Man of the Year Award Winner

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