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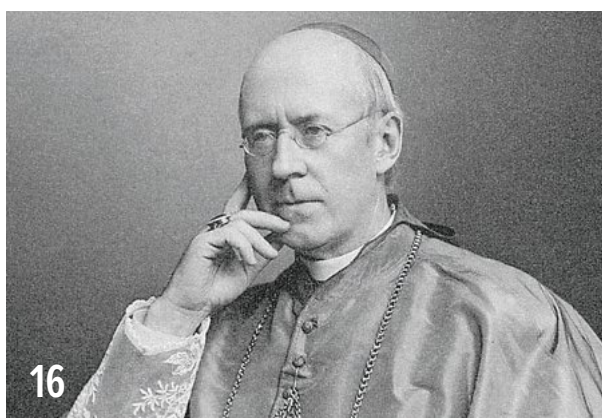
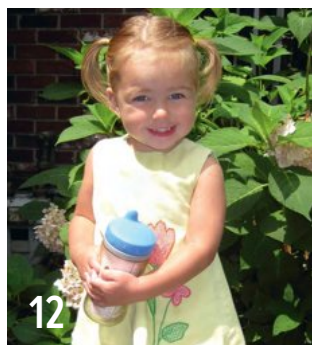
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BILL SAHM
BISHOP CHATARD HIGH SCHOOL
President

Dear Trojans,

This is truly an exciting time for all of us who love Bishop Chatard High School for all it has done for generations of students since our inception in 1961. You will read more about many of the special “firsts” of our 65-year history elsewhere in this edition, but I will address some of the more current news regarding recent developments and accomplishments.

In the last two years, we have raised over \$15,600,000 for projects and initiatives through the Rooted in Faith, Inspiring Futures capital campaign that we couldn’t even imagine 65 years ago. As a result of our campaign’s success, we completed the Student Life Center last Summer and are in the active construction phase of building the Performing Arts Center and Chapel, which will connect the main building to the St. Benedict Center and recreate the music room, which will be ready for the 26/27 school year!

The campaign continues, with the hope of raising still more funds to ensure that we can build the “stretch goal” projects in the very near future. These include the Robotics/STEM facility, six tennis courts, the expansion of Crittenden Avenue to improve parking and traffic flow, and lights for the Baseball/Multi-purpose Field. With 10 percent of all funds raised being earmarked for a maintenance and upkeep endowment, these new facilities will serve our school well into the future.

This school year, we are welcoming 218 Freshmen, the largest class since 2000! This puts our entire enrollment at just under 800 and bodes well for a lasting, healthy enrollment future.

We have been blessed for many years with an outstanding faculty and staff and continue to build on this foundation as our students excel in all of the ways that our mission calls us – forming our students to “a lifetime commitment to Faith, Learning, Leadership and Service.” Your support through the Annual Fund allows us to more justly compensate



and retain our gifted and mission-centered faculty. It also helps us support 55 percent of our students who could not afford a Bishop Chatard educational experience without your financial support.

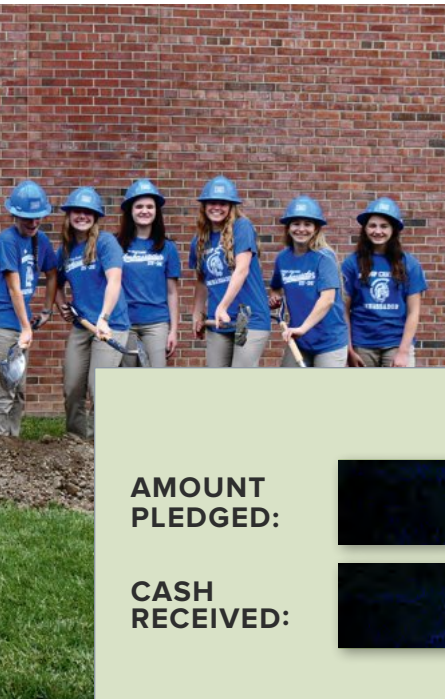
It takes all of us: faculty, staff, administrators, alumni, parents, and past parents who serve as volunteers, donors, and most importantly, people who pray for our beloved school. May Our Lord richly bless all of you who support us in our efforts to form saints!

Bill Sahm





SCAN HERE
TO LEARN
MORE ABOUT
OUR CAPITAL
CAMPAIGN.



Campaign Minimum Goal: \$13M

Campaign Minimum
Stretch Goal: \$16M

AMOUNT
PLEDGED:

\$15,500,000

CASH
RECEIVED:

\$10,900,000



A COMPASS **FORMED IN FAITH**

JOHN HASTY
Principal

If you ask most school administrators what the most difficult part of their role is, you would likely hear responses such as time, decisions, and balance. Similar challenges test each of us in a variety of roles in a number of fields. But the most distinct challenge, and probably the one you would hear most frequently from administrators, is the more distant, less personal connection with our young people, our students. There are several ways to try and bridge this distance, but it will never quite be the same as bonds built in a classroom, on a field, or on a stage. I will attest—it is the single greatest challenge I have faced since stepping out of the classroom.

This summer, I was fortunate to step back into the classroom to teach a Personal Finance class here at Bishop Chatard. It was a great reminder of the many blessings and challenges of teaching—the balance between technology, innovation, and genuine human connection. The importance for young people to know you love what you teach, you love teaching, and most importantly, you love them. The pressures that exist, internally and externally, that weigh on our classrooms, our students, our families, and our teachers. But most importantly, our ‘why’ is our young people. It is a commitment to building meaningful relationships that inspire, form, and motivate them to use their gifts to become the person God is calling them to be, and to share a personal relationship with Christ.

I have a great appreciation for our faculty and staff. I am thankful for the challenges they overcome, the blessings they share, and their continued commitment to our young people. We are fortunate to have a team of educators who continue to keep this ‘why’ the focus of all they do.

As I reflect on my time in the classroom, I am reminded of the words a student shared with me recently: “Mr. Hasty, to me, Bishop Chatard is, and has always been, about the people.”

As we celebrate 65 years of Bishop Chatard, we are fortunate to be growing in a number of areas— facilities, educational opportunities, career exposure, enrollment, staffing, and extracurriculars. These advancements have been made possible by the generosity of our community and our commitment to people: our families, faculty, staff, and most importantly, our past, current, and future Trojans.

Go Trojans!

**LORD, GUIDED BY THE
TRUTH, GOODNESS
AND BEAUTY OF JESUS
CHRIST AND THE
EXAMPLE OF BISHOP
SILAS CHATARD,
DEEPEN OUR FAITH
IN YOU. INSPIRE US
TO ALWAYS LEARN,
ALWAYS LEAD, AND
ALWAYS SERVE. AMEN.
MARY, QUEEN OF
HEAVEN, PRAY FOR US!**



FAITHFUL THROUGH CHANGE

MATT HILTON

*Director of
Faith Formation*

As Bishop Chatard High School approaches its 65th anniversary, we have the opportunity not only to celebrate our past, but also to reflect on the enduring mission that continues to guide our future. It's exciting to think about those students who first walked into a brand new school building in the fall of 1961. The environment must have been electric. The paint on the walls would have been barely dry, and the hum of construction equipment still echoed along Crittenden Avenue. It was an exciting time, but it was also an uncertain one.

Would this new addition to Catholic education in Indianapolis stand the test of time? Would it prove worthy of the trust that Catholic families placed in it? Would we be able to compete and hold our own against the Cathedral Irish?

The wider world into which Bishop Chatard was born was no less uncertain. Social change and political entrenchment would have been a regular feature on the evening news. The Civil Rights Movement and the potential for increased violent conflict abroad made the future difficult to predict. Even within the Church, the preparations for the Second Vatican Council invited Catholics to imagine how the timeless Gospel would be proclaimed to the modern world. Our founders certainly did not know what the future would hold, and would have had good reason to look forward with trepidation. Yet history reminds us that the Church has always carried out her mission amid uncertainty.

Our own moment is marked by different circumstances but similar uncertainties. We live in a society marked by polarization, rapid technological change, and new moral questions that often emerge faster than we are able to answer them. Every generation experiences the temptation to believe that its challenges are unprecedented. And yet, then, as now, we are reminded of God's fidelity. Our motto for the coming 2026/2027 school year speaks to the enduring faithfulness of God. Borrowed from the motto of the Carthusian order, our banner this year is "while the world turns, the cross stands still." The genius of the Carthusian motto is that it never promises a world without change. It assumes that the world will turn. What remains constant is not our circumstances but Christ. Our confidence has never rested in the stability of the culture around us, but in the One who remains faithful through every age.



While the world changes,
THE CROSS STANDS FIRM.

St. Bruno of Cologne

Sixty-five years after the first students walked through Bishop Chatard's doors, we continue to live out that same mission. New buildings will go up, new generations will fill our classrooms, and new challenges will inevitably emerge. Yet our calling remains unchanged: to form young men and women whose lives are rooted in Christ. As the world continues to turn, may Bishop Chatard always remain firmly planted at the foot of the Cross.

CELEBRATING 2026

The Class of

The Bishop Chatard High School community came together on May 17, 2026 to celebrate the graduation of 185 seniors during the school's 62st Commencement Ceremony. Surrounded by family, friends, faculty, and fellow Trojans, the Class of 2026 was recognized for its accomplishments, leadership, and commitment to faith-filled service throughout their time at BCHS. The ceremony featured inspiring messages from Archbishop Charles Thompson and Father Pat Beidelman, who encouraged graduates to move forward with courage, compassion, and trust in God as they begin the next stage of their journey.

One of the day's most meaningful moments included recognition of the LeMark Family for their lasting Bishop Chatard legacy. Joe and Caren celebrated the graduation of their sixth BCHS student: Samuel '17, Max '19, Tom '20, Isaac '21, Gemma '23, and Clare '26. We also recognize the Woods/Tromiczak Family. Marcus Woods and Eric and Kelli Tromiczak celebrated the graduation of their fifth BCHS student: Alex '17, Nick '19, Elijah '21, Matthew '24, and Joshua '26.

In addition, President Bill Sahm and Principal John Hasty presented the Bishop Chatard Medal to Charlotte Becker. The award, considered the school's highest student honor, recognizes a graduate who best embodies Bishop Chatard's mission through excellence in faith, learning, leadership, and service.

As the Class of 2026 looks ahead to new opportunities, the Bishop Chatard community proudly sends them forth with gratitude, prayers, and confidence in all they will accomplish.



The Bishop Chatard Medal is the highest honor awarded at BCHS, recognizing a student who exemplifies excellence in academics, leadership, faith, and service.

Honorees are leaders in every sense, committed to growth intellectually, physically, spiritually, and personally, while serving as a positive example within our school and throughout the community.



THE LEMARK FAMILY



THE WOODS/TROMICZAK FAMILY

TOP 10 PERCENT

Olivia Berzai
Thomas Borchers
Timothy Boyle
Katherine
Countryman
Lawrence Depalubos
Ari Finn
Julian Forestal
Maria Gejdos
Clare Kirchgessner
Georgia Kramer
Olivia Krause
Nina Marsh
Marissa Post
Sophia Reed
John Ryan
Josette Sandifur
Julia Score
Cooper Teeple
Spencer White

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Olivia Berzai
Katie Bush
Maria Gejdos
Georgia Kramer
Olivia Krause
Aidan Mahaney
Nina Marsh
Anabelle Monahan
Sarah Orr
Cristian Perez
Marissa Post
Andrew Taylor
Emma Turner
Spencer White

ST. LAWRENCE HONOR CORD

Charlotte Becker
Katie Bush
Katherine Countryman
Annabel Dill
Kellen Ford
Julia Frank
Maria Gejdos
Henry Hartwell
Clare Kirchgessner
Georgia Kramer
Nina Marsh
Emilie Martin
Anabelle Monahan
Marissa Post
Joshua Salinas
Julia Score
Andrew Taylor



SPENCER WHITE CLASS OF 2026 VALEDICTORIAN

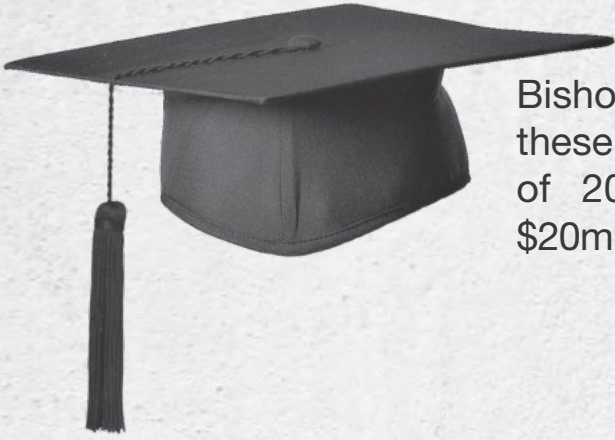
Bishop Chatard High School proudly recognizes Spencer White as the Valedictorian of the Class of 2026. The son of Matthew and Molly White and a graduate of St. Matthew parish and school, Spencer distinguished himself through academic excellence, leadership, and service throughout his time at Bishop Chatard. He earned 56 credits upon graduation, including 12 AP credits, 10 Honors credits, and 3 Dual credits. Spencer was named Homecoming King in 2025 and served as a BCHS Ambassador, Peer Tutor, and member of Peer Ministry, while also participating in Investment Club and Spanish National Honor Society. In addition, he helped organize an annual neighborhood Thanksgiving food drive benefiting a local food bank, continuing a tradition his family has supported for many years. Spencer will attend the University of Notre Dame this fall, where he plans to study finance and accountancy.



LAWRENCE DEYPALUBOS CLASS OF 2026 SALUTATORIAN

Bishop Chatard High School is proud to celebrate Lawrence ("LJ") Deypalubos as the Salutatorian of the Class of 2026. The son of Larry and Cecilia Deypalubos, LJ is a member of St. Matthew parish and a proud graduate of St. Matthew School. Throughout his time at Bishop Chatard, LJ demonstrated an exceptional commitment to academic excellence, earning 57 credits upon graduation, including 11 AP credits, 9 Honors credits, and 3 Dual credits. Beyond the classroom, LJ was actively involved in the Bishop Chatard community as a member of the Investment Club and Mock Trial team, while also serving in Peer Ministry and as a Peer Tutor. He was selected to both the Homecoming and Prom Courts, reflecting the respect and admiration of his classmates and the broader BCHS community. LJ will attend Indiana University this fall, where he plans to study art history and psychology.

THE CLASS OF 2026: DESTINATIONS & DISTINCTIONS



Bishop Chatard students have been admitted to these outstanding colleges and universities. Class of 2026 graduates were collectively awarded more than \$20million in scholarships and grants.

ADRIAN COLLEGE

ALABAMA STATE UNIVERSITY

ANDERSON UNIVERSITY (INDIANA)

ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

AUBURN UNIVERSITY

AUGUSTANA COLLEGE

BALL STATE UNIVERSITY

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY

BELLARMINE UNIVERSITY

BELMONT ABBEY COLLEGE

BELMONT UNIVERSITY

BENEDICTINE COLLEGE

BETHEL UNIVERSITY (TENNESSEE)

BOSTON UNIVERSITY

BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY

BUTLER UNIVERSITY

CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

CENTRAL STATE UNIVERSITY

CENTRE COLLEGE

CLARK ATLANTA UNIVERSITY

CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON

COLORADO COLLEGE

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY (WISCONSIN)

CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY

DENISON UNIVERSITY

DEPAUL UNIVERSITY

DEPAUW UNIVERSITY

DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY

EARLHAM COLLEGE

ECKERD COLLEGE

FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL AND
MECHANICAL UNIVERSITY

FORT LEWIS COLLEGE

FRANCISCAN UNIVERSITY OF
STEUBENVILLE

FRANKLIN COLLEGE

FURMAN UNIVERSITY

GETTYSBURG COLLEGE

GOSHEN COLLEGE

GRACE COLLEGE

GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY

HANOVER COLLEGE

HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY

HOLY CROSS COLLEGE

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY

INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

INDIANA UNIVERSITY (BLOOMINGTON)

INDIANA UNIVERSITY COLUMBUS

INDIANA UNIVERSITY INDIANAPOLIS

IVY TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

JARVIS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY

LINCOLN COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY
(INDIANAPOLIS)

LINDENWOOD UNIVERSITY

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO

MANHATTAN UNIVERSITY

MARIAN UNIVERSITY (INDIANA)

MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY

MIAMI UNIVERSITY

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

MILLIKIN UNIVERSITY

MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
MOUNT ST. JOSEPH UNIVERSITY
NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY
NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY
NORTHWEST UNIVERSITY
OHIO UNIVERSITY
OREGON INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
PENN STATE UNIVERSITY
PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY
PIEDMONT UNIVERSITY
PROVIDENCE COLLEGE
PURDUE UNIVERSITY
PURDUE UNIVERSITY (FORT WAYNE)
REGIS UNIVERSITY
ROSE-HULMAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY
SAINT MARY-OF-THE-WOODS COLLEGE
SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE
SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY
SAVANNAH COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN
SCHREINER UNIVERSITY
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY (EDWARDSVILLE)
SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AND A&M COLLEGE
STETSON UNIVERSITY
SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY
SUNY COLLEGE OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND FORESTRY
SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY
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THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
TRINE UNIVERSITY
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UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY AT WEST POINT
UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY
UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA
UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI
UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI (BLUE ASH)
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO (BOULDER)
UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON
UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT MERCY
UNIVERSITY OF EVANSVILLE
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS (URBANA-CHAMPAIGN)
UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS
UNIVERSITY OF IOWA
UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE
UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS (AMHERST)
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA
UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME
UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH
UNIVERSITY OF SAINT FRANCIS (FORT WAYNE)
UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA
UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE
UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH
UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY
VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY
VINCENNES UNIVERSITY
WABASH COLLEGE
WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY
WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY
WESTERN NEW ENGLAND UNIVERSITY
WINTHROP UNIVERSITY
WITTENBERG UNIVERSITY
WOFFORD COLLEGE
XAVIER UNIVERSITY

165 CLASS OF 2026 GRADUATES

GRADUATES PURSUING COLLEGE EDUCATION **98%**

\$20.1M GRANT DOLLARS EARNED

79% GRADUATES WHO EARNED ACADEMIC HONORS DIPLOMAS

AVERAGE NUMBER OF COLLEGE CREDITS EARNED PER GRADUATE **15.7**

98% GRADUATED WITH COLLEGE CREDIT

FROM CRIBS TO CAPS: FIRST TROJAN TOTS GRADUATE FROM BISHOP CHATARD



LIZZIE ALLEN



This spring, Bishop Chatard High School celebrated more than just another graduating class—we marked a full-circle milestone in the life of our school community. Among the Class of 2026 were several students who were members of the very first group of children enrolled in Trojan Tots Preschool, our on-campus early childhood program launched in 2008.

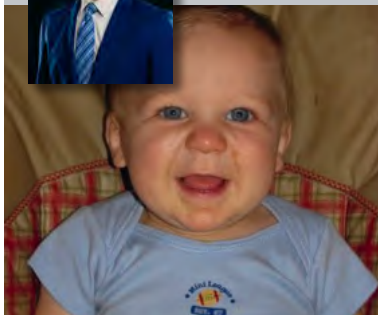
Trojan Tots was created to offer affordable, high-quality preschool and childcare for the children of Bishop Chatard faculty and staff, as well as for families of our North Deanery parishes. Housed in the St. Benedict Center on the BCHS campus, the preschool welcomes children from six weeks to five years old. Rooted in Christ's teachings and built on a flexible, project-based curriculum, the program helps lay a strong spiritual and educational foundation in the lives of our youngest learners.

Now, more than 17 years later, we watched with pride as the very first "Tots" walked across the BCHS stage as graduates—no longer the toddlers in the hallway, but young men and women ready to step into their next chapter.

Their journey is a testament to the mission of Trojan Tots: creating a loving, Christ-centered environment where children can grow in faith, curiosity, and community from the very beginning. These graduates represent the full vision of Bishop Chatard High School, in nurturing students from their first steps to their final year.



LUKE FUNK



ALLISON KATRA



AIDAN MAHANEY



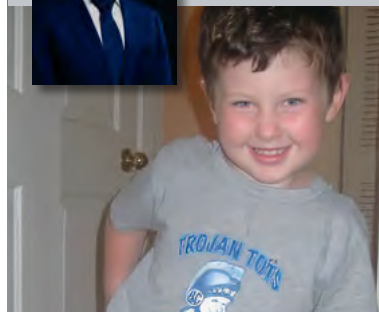
NINA MARSH



LILY HASBROOK



PADDY BOYLE



CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR ORIGINAL
TROJAN TOTS WE'RE
SO PROUD OF HOW
FAR YOU'VE COME!

HONORS NIGHT 2026



130 STELLAR BISHOP CHATARD STUDENTS WERE RECOGNIZED FOR ACADEMIC, ARTISTIC AND ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENT AT HONORS NIGHT ON MAY 5.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

BCHS HELD ITS 2026 NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION ON FEBRUARY 17. WE CONGRATULATE THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS ON THEIR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT:

Adam Abdoulaye
Daniel Adams
Hope Andrews
Jacob Arquette
Oscar Bard
Morgan Barkley
Kaitlyn Bartenbach
Ezra Berry
Samuel Berzai
Oella Berty
Karla Bethancourt-Andrade
Trent Blume
Emmerson Bloede
Taylor Boester
Abraham Borg
Sebastian Bourgeois
Caroline Boyd
Lillian Braun
Julianne Brickley
Ian Brown
Lauren Brown
Patrick Brown
Addison Burcham
Micah Bustamante
MaryJane Castillo
Owen Cox
Alexandra Cunningham

Lilly Dangler
Ellis Dawson
Daniel Delima
William Dilts
Rogelio Dominguez-Sarmiento
Maria Dudley
Annika Eble
Molly Faris
Evan Finn
Daniel Fisher
Jonden Folck
Genevieve Freeman
Elena Garner
Sienna Gates
Hadley Gebke
Mackenzie Geise
Alina Gramman
Harper Greene
Jagger Guidry
Jax Guidry
Brooks Haines
Bridget Hanrahan
Lucy Heslin
Ophelia Hileman
Quinn Hostettler
Jenna Hurtz
Quinn Johnson
Murphy Kinnett
Lexi Knoll
Lola Kobets
Michael Lake Jr.
Oliver Lam
Olivia Lehmkuhler
Grace Leppert



Gianna Lilla
Shayli Lopez-Ayala
Kate Lowry
Walker Mann
Caroline Mason
Zachary McCormack
Henry McHugh
Sylvia Miller
Mary Kate Monahan
Ruby Murphy
Andrew Naab
Clara Nagel
Nora-Tiffany Nyamede
Sean O'Gara
Quinn O'Neil
Luke Ochall
Harrison Odom
Sally Otte
David Park
Isaac Phillips
Graydon Pivec

Marcus Pivec
Kael Priser
Nathan Prevost
Addison Rader
Garrett Ratterman
Aydri Reynolds
Todd Reynolds
Madison Robinson
Valery Rodriguez-Vazquez
Jacob Rohan
Daniela Ruano-Moreno
Ari Sahn
John Sandifur
Gabrielle Seaton
Sotero Shereh
Paige Small
Noah Stornetta
Roman Strashovskiy
Jada Taylor
Benjamin Teed
John Theriac

Macie Thompson
Max Townsend
Stephanie Velasquez-Bethancourt
Leila Vicars
Madeline Welty
Lucas White
Caroline Wilmering
Elijah Wright

NOT PICTURED:

Daniel Delima
Ari Sahn
Sienna Gates
Noah Stornetta
Oliver Lam
Jada Taylor
Gianna Lilla

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 CALLING THEM TO BE.

19
AVERAGE CLASS SIZE 19

13:1
STUDENT-TO-TEACHER RATIO

30
NUMBER OF LOCAL SERVICE EXPERIENCES FOR STUDENTS

86%
CATHOLIC STUDENT REPRESENTATION

79% OF THE 2026 GRADUATING CLASS EARNED AN ACADEMIC HONORS DIPLOMA

98% OF 2025 GRADUATES PLANNED TO PURSUE A COLLEGE DEGREE

15.7
NUMBER OF COLLEGE CREDITS EARNED BY GRADUATES

65%
STUDENTS RECEIVED FINANCIAL AID

20%
MINORITY STUDENT REPRESENTATION

90%
STUDENT EXTRACURRICULAR PARTICIPATION

78%
STUDENT ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION

100%
GRADUATION RATE

14 GRADUATES EARNED SUMMA CUM LAUDE DISTINCTION

21,428 SERVICE HOURS WERE COMPLETED BY STUDENTS DURING THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

156
STUDENTS SERVED BY ACADEMIC SUPPORT PROGRAM

980-1210
MIDDLE 50% SAT SCORES

98% OF SENIORS GRADUATED WITH COLLEGE CREDIT EARNED THROUGH EITHER AP OR DUAL CREDIT COURSES

AVERAGE STUDENT GPA 3.7

100% OF THE SENIOR CLASS PARTICIPATED IN EITHER AP OR DUAL CREDIT COURSES WHILE AT BCHS.



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JOIN US FOR OPEN HOUSE OCTOBER 29

The Bishop Chatard Open House will take place on Thursday, October 29, from 5:30 to 8PM. Families are invited to tour campus, meet teachers and students, and discover the academic, extracurricular, and faith-filled opportunities that make Bishop Chatard a special place to learn and grow. During guided tours, prospective students and their parents will explore classrooms, connect with educators, visit the Trojan Club & Team Fair, and experience firsthand why more North Deanery families choose Bishop Chatard than any other high school for their child's high school journey.

SCHEDULE YOUR EIGHTH GRADERS SHADOW EXPERIENCE

Spending the day at Bishop Chatard is a great way for eighth grade students to experience life as a BCHS Trojan through our student shadow program. Prospective students will attend classes, meet teachers and students, enjoy lunch, and get a firsthand look at daily life at Bishop Chatard High School. To register your student for a shadow visit, visit bishopchatard.org/enrollment/shadowing.

PARENTS! HAVE QUESTIONS? SCHEDULE A WEDNESDAY WALK-THRU!

Parents of seventh- and eighth-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 campus tour while classes are in session, and time for questions. Families looking for a more personalized experience are also encouraged to schedule a one-on-one visit, offering the opportunity to meet with an administrator or teacher, explore specific academic or extracurricular interests, and gain a deeper understanding of life as a BCHS Trojan.



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The Firsts That Built BISHOP CHATARD

From a new school on the north side of Indianapolis to one of Indiana's most accomplished Catholic high schools, Bishop Chatard's story has always been a story of firsts.

Every school has traditions. Every school celebrates championships. But before there could be traditions or trophies, there had to be someone willing to be first.

As Bishop Chatard High School approaches its seventh decade, it is worth looking back at the milestones—large and small—that helped shape today's Trojan community.

A NEW BEGINNING

In 1960, construction crews broke ground on what would become the first of three new Catholic high schools planned by the Archdiocese of Indianapolis to meet the needs of the city's rapidly growing Catholic population. The first new school was named for Bishop Silas Chatard, the first Bishop of Indianapolis, whose leadership helped establish the Church's permanent presence in the capital city at the turn of the twentieth century.

On September 13, 1961, the doors officially opened.

Only 236 freshmen, no other classes, walked the halls that first year, guided by a faculty composed largely of Benedictine Sisters from Beech Grove alongside diocesan priests and lay educators. Everything—from class schedules to school songs—was brand new.

Those students were not just freshmen. They were the first Trojans.

CREATING TRADITIONS

Many of Bishop Chatard's best-loved traditions can trace their roots back to that inaugural year.

The first all-school Mass brought students together as one community of faith. The first candle-lit Living Rosary established a tradition that continues more than six decades later, connecting generations of students through prayer.

Student Council was organized. Clubs were formed. Homecoming celebrations began. The first school newspaper, the Trojan Shield, and yearbook, the Citadel, gave students a voice and preserved memories that continue to tell the school's story today.

And in the spring of 1965, Bishop Chatard celebrated its first graduating class. Those graduates established something more important than a commencement ceremony—they became the school's first alumni, beginning a network of alumni that today numbers in the thousands.

GROWING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Athletics were part of Bishop Chatard from the very beginning.

The first football team, basketball teams, cheerleaders, marching band, and other athletic programs helped establish school spirit before there were decades of history to celebrate.

Then came one of the defining moments in school history. In 1983, Bishop Chatard football captured the school's first IHSAA State Championship. It would not be the last.

That victory launched one of Indiana's premier football traditions, with the Trojans eventually earning seventeen Football State Championships—an achievement few schools can match. Boys basketball added the school's first state title in 2003, followed by girls volleyball in 2004, demonstrating that Trojan excellence extended far beyond one sport.

2003 FIRST IHSAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP IN BOYS BASKETBALL

"Winning the state title at Bishop Chatard in 2003 is one of my proudest achievements in basketball. It represented four years of hard work, overcoming adversity, and believing in something greater than ourselves. We went from winning 3-4 games our freshman year to a state championship three years later. The lessons I learned through that journey, and more importantly the relationships I forged along the way, are things I'll always carry with me." —Dan Cage



1965



1973



1975



1983

2004 - FIRST IHSAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP IN GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

"I remember it was a really hard road to state! Our semi-state match went to 5 games, was over 2.5 hours long, and was by far the toughest match vs Ft Wayne Concordia, but we had the amazing support of our families and friends there to help us to victory. Watching from the back row as Kortney got the final kill at Hinkle Fieldhouse in our state match is a moment I'll never forget." – Emily Schroeder Schwalbach

This past school year saw another first. The Lady Trojans won the Girls Lacrosse State Championship for the first time in Bishop Chatard's history!

OPENING NEW DOORS

As education evolved, so did Bishop Chatard.

Science laboratories expanded. College-preparatory coursework became increasingly rigorous. Advanced Placement offerings grew to prepare students for college-level work. Technology transformed classrooms from chalkboards to computers and eventually to connected digital learning environments. A big leap into the digital world was in 2012, when students were first required to have their own iPads in the classroom. Long gone are the days of the required freshman typing class on typewriters - now they walk into school with their own Apple iPad.

"Teachers received new MacBooks and iPads, and there was a lot of staff training to get everyone up to speed," one faculty member recalled. "We did use Canvas back in 2012, but it was a very early version—not nearly as user-friendly or advanced as what people know today."

2021 marked another historic "first" for Bishop Chatard. The Trobatics Team qualified for the VEX Robotics World Championship, which was held remotely. They qualified two more times. In 2023, they participated in person in Dallas, Texas. And most recently, this past year (2026), they earned a spot by winning the Think Award at State and went on to participate on the global stage in St. Louis, Missouri.

The school also continued investing in its campus. The former convent space found a new purpose as the St. Benedict Center, while athletic facilities, classrooms, and student spaces were continually updated to meet the needs of new generations of Trojans. More recently, plans for a dedicated performing arts center, student life spaces, and a central chapel reflect the school's ongoing commitment to forming the whole student—mind, body, and spirit.

BREAKING BARRIERS

The expansion of girls' athletics following Title IX in the early 1970s opened new opportunities for female student-athletes and changed the culture of high school sports across Indiana—including Bishop Chatard. In 1973, the freshman class continued to break down barriers and elected the first all-female class officers in Chatard's history.

Other equally meaningful changes included: evolving academic programs, increased leadership opportunities for women, modernized uniforms, expanded arts programs, and new extracurricular activities that reflected students' changing lives.

Some milestones are more quiet—the first year girls were permitted to wear uniform pants. Like many everyday "firsts," it reminds us that school history is not written only in championship banners or new buildings, but also in the ordinary moments that shape student life.

STILL MAKING HISTORY

While the outside building still retains many of the features and construction of its very first days, the classrooms of Bishop Chatard would be almost unrecognizable to the 236 freshmen who first walked through its doors in 1961.

Today's Trojans learn in technology-rich classrooms, compete on state and national stages, participate in robotics, fine arts, campus ministry, and service programs, and graduate from a school recognized nationally for academic excellence, including designation as a National Blue Ribbon School (2023). BCHS has been named an AP Platinum School for the last 4 years, earning a spot in the top one percent of schools nationwide each year. Yet the mission remains remarkably familiar: forming young men and women in faith, scholarship, and service.

More than sixty-five years after construction first began, Bishop Chatard continues to add new chapters to its history.

Every graduating class experiences its own "firsts."

Every new tradition begins with someone willing to try something that has never been done before.

And somewhere on campus today is a student who doesn't yet realize they are about to become another first in the long and rich story of the Trojans.

1965 - The first Trojan Citadel published, 1973 - The first all-female class officers, 1975 - First Wrestling Team to win Sectional Regional Championship, 1983 - Early Trojan mascot, 1986 - Freshman typing class, 2003 - State Championship win for Boys Basketball, 2004 - State Championship win for Girls Volleyball, 2012 - New Apple Computers





A CIRCLE OF GENEROSITY: BISHOP CHATARD LAUNCHES THE BCHS WOMEN'S GIVING CIRCLE

MARGARET RUFFING

*Vice President of
Institutional Advancement*

Behind every great school is a community that truly believes in its mission. The Women's Giving Circle was built on that conviction, uniting women to strengthen Bishop Chatard's endowment and invest in advancing the student experience.

Launching this summer, the Women's Giving Circle invites all BCHS women- alumnae, mothers, grandmothers, faculty, staff, and friends- to come together in shared generosity, service, and friendship.

MORE THAN A GIFT

Membership in the Women's Giving Circle is both a philanthropic commitment and a community experience. With an annual \$1,000 donation and a three-year commitment, members receive voting privileges in the grant selection process. Beyond the philanthropic benefits, members will gather for social events and educational programs, building friendships rooted in a shared passion for our mission to focus on the growth of the whole student, preparing them through faith, learning, leadership, and service.

BRINGING IDEAS TO REALITY

Each year, half of the funds raised by the Women's Giving Circle will go to the Bishop Chatard Endowment Fund, strengthening the school's long-term financial foundation. The other half will fund a grant for a student, faculty, or staff initiative that enriches school life or advances the Bishop Chatard mission.

Students, faculty, and staff are invited to submit grant applications by December 15. Members will review the proposals and vote on the winning initiative, with grants announced each March.

The process is transparent and intentional, fostering creativity, innovation, and leadership.

AN INVITATION TO EVERY BCHS WOMAN

The inaugural membership deadline is October 15, 2026. Gifts may be made by check, credit card, or securities such as stock, IRA, or DAF transfers, making participation accessible in a variety of ways.

Together, we can build something extraordinary.

Questions? Please feel free to reach out to Margaret Ruffing, Vice President of Institutional Advancement, at mruffing@bishopchatard.org.

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BCHS ALUMNI, BY THE NUMBERS

DEANNA MURPHY

*Director of Alumni Relations
& Special Events*

Close your eyes for a minute and imagine you are back in 1961.

John F. Kennedy was inaugurated in January, and space exploration was exploding, as Alan Shepard became the first American in space during a 15-minute suborbital flight. Billboard charts were topped by legends like Elvis Presley, Ben E. King, and Patsy Cline. Breakfast at Tiffany's and West Side Story were released at the box office. Kids were playing with Barbie's first boyfriend as the Ken Doll was introduced. Pampers were invented, the Coca-Cola Company introduced the lemon-lime soda Sprite to the US market to directly compete with 7Up, and casual styles like capri pants, "clam diggers," and slim-fit drainpipe jeans became widely accepted for women's everyday streetwear.

And in Indianapolis, Bishop Chatard High School opened its doors on Crittenden Avenue.

Fast forward 65 years, and we are celebrating an incredible milestone at 5885 Crittenden Ave. Things couldn't be more exciting. Our campus is transforming as construction begins on the new Performing Arts Center and Chapel. While parking may look a little different these days, the heart of Chatard remains the same.

Summer on campus is exploding with Trojan spirit. Sports teams are practicing in the early morning hours to beat the heat, the laughter and excitement of summer camps fill the halls and fields, and the slower pace of summer gives everyone a chance to enjoy the familiar sights and sounds of our campus.

I hope this gave you a fun glimpse of both 1961 and 2026 at Bishop Chatard High School. Sixty-five years is no small achievement. It represents decades of memories, friendships, traditions, and the countless people who have shaped our school. As alumni, you are an important part of that story. You helped build the foundation that brought us from 1965 to where we are today.

Now, it's your turn to join in the excitement and make an impact.

To celebrate our 65th year, we are launching an alumni Reunion and Class Giving campaign: "\$65,000 for 65 Years." Every gift made by an alumnus during our Reunion season (August 1 through October 31, 2026) will count toward this special goal.

Whether you graduated last year or 65 years ago, your connection to Chatard matters. Your generosity helps ensure that future generations of Trojans have the same opportunities, traditions, and experiences that made your time here so meaningful.

Help us make our 65th year one to remember! Together, we can honor the past, celebrate the present, and invest in the future of Bishop Chatard High School.

Go Trojans!



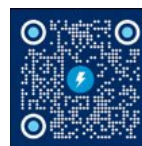
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Chatard-a-Bration continues to be a highlight for the Bishop Chatard community, bringing together over 400 guests for a memorable evening of celebration, generosity, and school spirit. Braving the cold, attendees enjoyed an outdoor cocktail hour in a festive winter village, complete with cozy firepits, curling, and espresso martinis, before gathering in the Lodge for a delicious dinner, lively entertainment by The Downstairs Dads, and both live and silent auctions filled with excitement and camaraderie.

The event's success is due to the incredible generosity and support of the BC community, raising over \$400,000 for the Bishop Chatard Annual Fund, which provides tuition assistance and supports our dedicated teachers. Additional funds were raised through a special Fund-a-Need initiative to convert the existing Kyle Guyton Theatre into a lecture hall.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to the many sponsors, donors, volunteers, and committee members whose hard work made the evening possible. Special appreciation is extended to Advisory Chairs Kelli and Russ Lawrence, emcee Andy Schroeder, and the more than 60 families who helped with planning, logistics, and auction item donations. Their leadership and dedication ensured the event's financial and social success, filling hearts with gratitude and making Chatard-a-Bration one of Bishop Chatard's favorite annual traditions!

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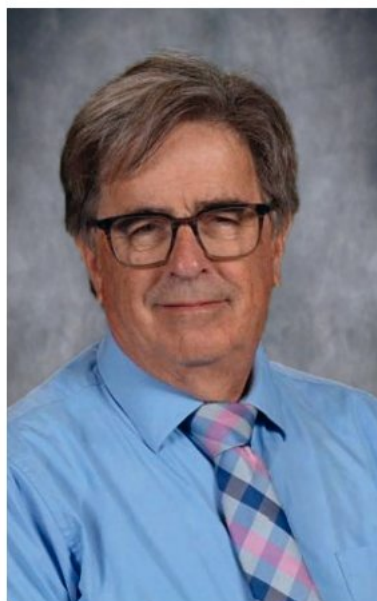
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1977



Veteran journalism educator and alumnus **TOM HAYES** was recently named 2026 Journalism Educator of the Year by Youth Journalism International, an honor recognizing his dedication to student journalism and mentorship. Hayes, who has led Ben Davis High School's journalism program for more than two decades, was praised for inspiring generations of students and shaping future storytellers through his passion for responsible journalism. He was sports editor of the Trojan Shield newspaper during his years at Bishop Chatard.

2000



KATRINA (WARE) MCGEE welcomed her 7th child, Zachariah McGee, on September 7, 2025.

1996



Alumna **PEGGY CAMPBELL** opened The Nest, Indianapolis' first play café, in April of this year. Designed as a welcoming space for families of all sizes, The Nest offers safe, imaginative play for children ages 0–6 and a comfortable place for parents and caregivers to relax and connect.



We congratulate alumna **SIA NYORKOR**, anchor and reporter at WKYC Channel 3 in Cleveland, who was honored with a Gracie Award this year—a prestigious honor recognizing outstanding programming and individual achievements by, for, and about women in media.

2008

KELSEY (SHANNON) BECKER welcomed a baby boy, Jack Stephen, on November 20.

2012

ANNIE (BATES) TARPEY '12 and **CHRIS TARPEY '11** welcomed their fourth baby boy, Frederick “Eddie” Matthew Tarpey, on December 30, 2025.





HEATHER (O'BRIEN) HUNT and husband Matthew welcomed their third child, Bennett Patrick Hunt, on February 27, 2026.

2013

TOMMY BARRETT and his team are bringing back the Indianapolis Pizza Festival on October 17 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. This year's festival, held alongside the World Food Championships, is expected to feature 40 food and beverage vendors and draw 5,000 pizza fans. A portion of proceeds will benefit Indiana Wish, supporting children facing life-threatening illnesses.



2014

SHEA JOYCE was appointed Deputy Mayor for Operations and Government Affairs in Indianapolis by Mayor Joe Hogsett, a new leadership role in city government. In this position, Shea oversees key city departments and helps guide strategic initiatives to support community services, infrastructure, and city priorities.

2015



REBECCA (DOYLE) YOUNG shares that she is currently serving on the Board of The Tamarindo Foundation. She fondly recalls the many members of the Bishop Chatard community who traveled to El Salvador over the years, building lasting relationships with the community of Guarjila following the end of the civil war in 1992. That important work continues today. Alumni

who participated in these mission trips, or who would like to stay connected, can receive updates on the community and reconnect with friends made along the way by joining the foundation's mailing list. To learn more or get involved, Rebecca welcomes contacting her at rebecca@tamarindofoundation.org.

2019



SIMON DIDAT graduated from the University of Dayton School of Law on May 9, 2026 and was selected as the student speaker for Commencement. In September, he will begin a career in Patent Prosecution at Dinsmore & Shohl LLP.

2020



Bishop Chatard brought them together, and now they've begun their next chapter as husband and wife. **SYDNEY (SORENSEN) DAGON** and **LEO DAGON**, both from the Class of '20, were married on January 3, 2026 at St. Joan of Arc. They currently reside in Houston, Texas.

2020 (CONTINUED)



MATTHEW WILLIFORD is the new owner of Illinois Street Food Emporium, a longtime Butler-Tarkington neighborhood favorite. A native Hoosier who grew up in SoBro, Matthew attended Bishop Chatard before graduating from Purdue University and beginning his career with C-SPAN in West Lafayette. Drawn by a desire for connection and community, he ultimately chose entrepreneurship over office life and is now focused on building a welcoming neighborhood gathering place.
Photo Credit: Jay Golz

2022



NATALIE PRISER was selected as one of just 33 outstanding Indiana women to serve as a 2026 500 Festival Princess. Representing 19 colleges and universities and 21 cities across the state, this year's class boasted a cumulative 3.75 GPA. Chosen from hundreds of applicants, the Princesses are recognized for their academic achievement, community involvement, exceptional leadership, and pride in their Hoosier heritage.

2023



CHRISTOPHER BOARD has made an impact at Wabash College as both a student-athlete and assistant volleyball coach. As a team captain and campus leader, Board brought a "next-ball mentality" to his roles, focusing on growth, teamwork, and resilience—values shaped during his time at Chatard and now guiding his leadership on and off the court.



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IN MEMORY

Bishop Chatard remembers and offers prayer for our beloved alumni who have passed away in recent months. These names include those whose obituaries were received by the Bishop Chatard Alumni Office since the publication of the Summer 2026 issue of *Trojans Today*, *Trojans for Life* magazine.

Michael Valentine 2000

Mary Beth Lies Reardon 1967

Alexandra Ludwig 2004

John P. Compton 1981

Chris Lilienkamp 1981

Phil Kenney 1979

Randall Degan 1993

Larry Shelby 1985

Jennifer "Jenny" Chapman Cotter 1985

Tina Clift Ward 1985

Timothy Curtis Joyce 1974

Mark Lammers 1978

Jason Estridge 1994

Steven Schmutte 1980

Ashley Graves Edwards 2013

Mary Box Bowman 1978

Kristie Gill Krachenfels 1966

Theresa Mickler Kenney 1966

Tonya Hull Wilkes 1981

Ryan Fitzgerald 2015

Bob Harr 1979

Katherine "Kathy" Elizabeth Bartel Griffin 1966

Peg McIntosh Battista 1966

Robert Paul "Bob" Berzette 1966

Norma Kelly "Kelly" Strang Woolen 1979



RISING HIGHER: TROJANS INSPIRED BY HISTORY AND DRIVEN BY VISION

ANDY REEL

Director of Student Life

Anyone who has set foot in Bishop Chatard High School is acutely aware of how special this school is. The Trojans of Bishop Chatard are a different class; driven by the pursuit of something greater than themselves, their efforts make them stand out among other high schoolers. In my role as Director of Student Life, I get to be a first-hand witness to the achievements of our students.

High school has many purposes, but if you ask me, the primary goal of high school is to prepare students for life after high school by fostering a well-rounded education rooted in a myriad of academic and extra-curricular experiences. Our teachers certainly inspire students to greatness, but we are lucky to have students who seek greatness in extra-curricular endeavors. Coaches are spoiled for choice when it comes to captaincies, and clubs are constantly being started and reworked by students with greater vision than generations before.

The building of a performing arts center could not come at a better time. The Trojans in our halls are the sort to seize every opportunity provided to them. Just in the last month, I have seen students leading their own jazz quartets and directing self-chosen plays. I have had conversations with recent graduates who plan to spend the summer playing in open mics at the Jazz Kitchen and preparing auditions for the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir. These Trojans have been inspired by Bishop Chatard to continue rising, continue learning, and continue growing. No matter how high the ceilings reach in the new performing arts center, I know our students, inspired by Trojans before them, will reach even higher.





ADVENTURE IN THE MOUNTAINS: STUDENTS EMBARK ON SUMMER FIELD STUDIES EXPEDITION

This summer, 20 Bishop Chatard Trojans joined peers from Roncalli and Cardinal Ritter high schools on a two-week Summer Field Studies expedition out West.

Their journey took them through Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks, as well as the mountains surrounding Leadville, Colorado. Each destination offered beautiful views and hands-on adventure in some of our country's most stunning natural environments.

A highlight of the trip was summiting Mt. Sherman, one of Colorado's 14,000-foot peaks!

For some students, one summit was not enough, and they continued their adventure with a climb to the summit of Mt. Massive, another 14,000-foot mountain. The reward was a sweeping 360-degree view of the Sawatch Range. Throughout the trip, students tackled rock climbing routes, trekked across snowfields, and wandered trails through ghost towns. The drive to Grand Teton took 26 hours! Plenty of euchre was played (an absurd amount of euchre), there were early 6 AM wake-up calls, and only one shower the whole time.

None of it would have been possible without the dedication of chaperones Mr. Ben Reilly and Mr. Andy Reel, whose leadership and enthusiasm made this trip an adventure these students will never forget.

2026 EAGLE SCOUTS



JACOB ARQUETTE

Rising senior Jacob Arquette earned the rank of Eagle Scout with BSA Troop 174 through a service project that benefited St. Luke Catholic School. His project included the construction of a staircase providing safer access between the gym and football field, as well as two benches overlooking the bocce courts for parishioners and visitors to enjoy.



ANDREW TAYLOR

Andrew got involved in 1st grade, brother and dad influential, Eagle completed a 9-foot-tall stained glass cross at St. Simon. Enjoys the life skills he can use for all of his life.

DYLAN CORNFORTH

Rising junior Dylan Cornforth earned the rank of Eagle Scout with BSA Troop 174 through a service project that benefited IPS Christian Park School 82 on Indianapolis' near east side. His project included the construction of an outdoor classroom featuring tree-stump seating and a custom chalkboard, as well as three raised garden beds that support the school's gardening program and provide fresh fruits and vegetables for students to enjoy.



CADEN MCQUEEN

Rising junior Caden McQueen earned the rank of Eagle Scout with BSA Troop 174 through a service project that benefited American Village. With the help of fellow Scouts, Caden completed several improvements across the campus, including handcrafted birdhouses, a "Little Free Library," a rebuilt wooden bridge, and a raised garden bed for residents in Assisted Living and Memory Care.



GRAYDON PIVEC

Rising senior Graydon Pivec earned the rank of Eagle Scout with BSA Troop 174 through a service project that benefited the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. His project included the construction of a walking path from the parking lot to the main entrance, providing clients with a safe, clean, and accessible route to the facility. Graydon and fellow Scouts also completed landscaping and grounds cleanup to further enhance the property.



Reese Hill, a senior at Bishop Chatard, is shown in his football uniform, shaking hands with a man in a white jacket and cap. A woman in a white sweatshirt with a red rose pin stands behind them. The background shows a football field.

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Several Trojans received top individual honors. These achievements truly reflect the talent, and creativity of Bishop Chatard's student journalists and their continued commitment to excellence.

A woman with long brown hair is kneeling and showing a black DSLR camera to a group of four young children. The children, dressed in winter clothing like hooded jackets, are looking at the camera with interest. The woman is holding the camera and pointing at it, while the children look on.

HONORABLE MENTION :
Oella Berty
(Mixed Media)



HONORABLE MENTION :
Lucy Kreutz
(Drawing)



HONORABLE MENTION :
Oella Berty
(Painting)



GOLD KEY – CERAMICS & GLASS : Rosie Naab



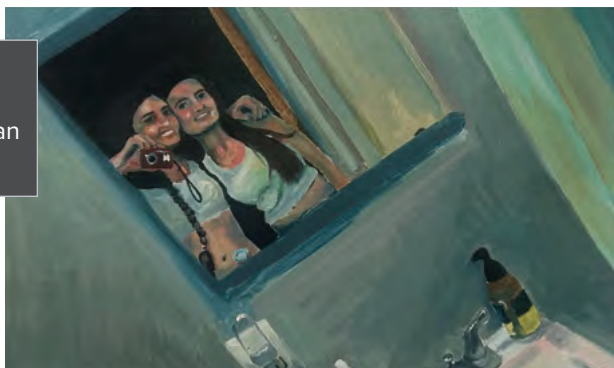
REGIONAL SCHOLASTIC AWARDS

We're proud to celebrate our Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, the nation's longest-running and most prestigious program recognizing creative teens.

Gold Key winners advance to New York City on June 10, 2026, at Carnegie Hall for national medal judging!

Congratulations to these incredible artists and to their amazing teacher and mentor, Mrs. Lisa Johnson.

HONORABLE MENTION :
Genevieve Freeman
(Painting)



HONORABLE MENTION :
Nicholas Proctor (Drawing)



HONORABLE MENTION :
Alina Gramman
(Sculpture)





GIRLS LACROSSE WINS 2026 IGLA 2A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP!

Congratulations, Lady Trojans, on the first Girls Lacrosse State Championship in school history!! The Trojans prevailed after a hard-fought battle with the Guerin Catholic Golden Eagles, coming out on top with a 15-14 victory. Special congratulations to Head Coach Julie Jerrell and her entire coaching staff for leading this team in a historic season! Their success has set a new standard for Bishop Chatard Girls Lacrosse.

TRACK AND FIELD IHSAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP HIGHLIGHTS



Our boys and girls track and field teams capped off an outstanding season under the lights at the IHSAA State Championships, highlighted by record-breaking performances and a State Championship title.

Congratulations to Zach Gantz, Cam Harden, Hank Simmons, and Phoenix Boyer for making history by capturing Bishop Chatard's first boys track and field State Championship in 20 years!

Individually, Phoenix placed 4th in the 400-meter run, while Zach placed 5th in the 800-meter run. Cam Harden also represented the Trojans in the long jump, and Tate Chesebrough competed in the pole vault.

Our girls' track and field team also delivered fantastic performances at the IHSAA State Championships, earning multiple podium finishes.

The 4x800-meter relay team of Ceci Jackson, Grace Leppert, Maggie Rushenberg, and Julia Score placed 4th in the state, while the 4x400-meter relay team of Ruth McHugh, Caroline Gries, Reese McKinney, and Mary Kate Felts finished 5th.

Individually, Reese McKinney finished 5th in the 100-meter hurdles with a new school record, and Julia Score finished 5th in the 3200-meter run. Ceci Jackson also qualified for state in the 1600-meter run, while Ruth McHugh and Mary Kate Felts qualified for the 400-meter run.

Overall, both the boys' and girls' teams finished 7th in the state, wrapping up incredible careers for our seniors!

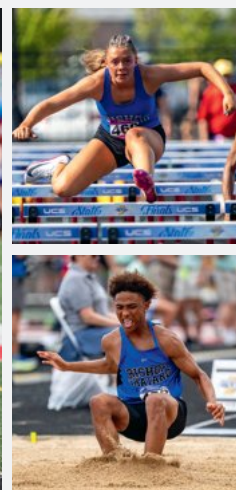
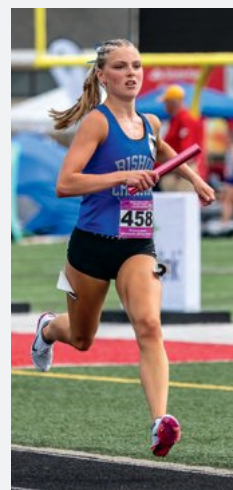


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BISHOP CHATARD SWEEPS INDIANAPOLIS CITY ATHLETE OF THE YEAR HONORS

INDIANAPOLIS — In a historic testament to its powerhouse athletic culture, Bishop Chatard High School captured both the male and female Indianapolis City Athlete of the Year awards for the 2025–2026 school year. Seniors Phoenix Boyer and Julia Score secured the prestigious honors, marking a rare clean sweep for the Trojans and cementing a legendary chapter in the school's sports history.

For Bishop Chatard, this dual victory is more than just hardware for the trophy case. It represents the pinnacle of the school's commitment to cultivating well-rounded, elite student-athletes. Sweeping both citywide awards proves that Chatard's athletic program provides an environment where both male and female sports programs thrive equally at the highest level. This monumental achievement sets a new benchmark for future Trojans and brings immense pride to the entire Northside Catholic community.

Massive congratulations go out to the two individual trailblazers who earned these titles:

Phoenix Boyer dominated the track all season, shattering school records in the 400m, 110m hurdles, 300m hurdles, and the 4x400m relay. A multi-time state runner-up, Boyer's relentless work ethic has rightfully earned him a spot at the next level running for the Indiana Hoosiers.

Julia Score ends her Trojan career as one of the most decorated distance runners in city history. Earning All-City and All-State honors every single year across both cross country and track, her three city cross country titles cemented her legacy before she heads off to compete for Wake Forest University.

Kudos to Phoenix and Julia for their years of dedication, sacrifice, and exceptional representation of Trojan excellence.



TENNIS DUO MAKES PROGRAM HISTORY



Congratulations to Aidan Mahaney and Sam Paberzs, our No. 1 doubles team, on an incredible season and historic state tournament run!

The pair concluded the season with a trip to the IHSAA State Quarterfinals on June 12 at Park Tudor before falling to Fort Wayne Snider.

Their postseason run ranks among the deepest in program history and reflects the dedication and commitment they demonstrated throughout the season.



WRESTLING STATE CHAMPIONSHIP



Congratulations to Jack Davis (157), who placed 3rd in state competition. With two takedowns in the final 25 seconds, he stunned No. 3 Will Vander Luitgaren with a 6-5 decision for 3rd place. This is the highest state finish by a Trojan since 1975!

Jack ends his high school career with a record of 149-22, three state appearances, and two state medals.

SEMI-STATE RESULTS

Jack Davis (157) advanced to the 2026 IHSAA State competition with a 3rd place in Semi-State.

REGIONAL RESULTS

Jack Davis (157): 1st Place in Regionals

Rex Reynolds (138): 4th Place in Regionals

Jaxson Washburn (215): 4th Place in Regionals

SECTIONAL RESULTS

2nd place: Tristan McSherry (113)

3rd place: Rafa Hadad (120)

2nd place: Jack Howay (126)

2nd place: Rex Reynolds (138)

4th place: John Schaffner (144)

4th place: Oliver Welsh (150)

1st place: Jack Davis (157)

1st place: Jaxson Washburn (215)

3rd place: Maddox Dwyer (285)



ATHLETIC RECOGNITIONS

BISHOP CHATARD CONGRATULATES THESE OUTSTANDING STUDENT ATHLETES WHO HAVE BEEN HONORED FOR ACADEMIC AND ATHLETIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING THE 2025-2026 WINTER AND SPRING SPORTS SEASONS.

ACADEMIC ALL STATE RECOGNITIONS

BASEBALL

Sully Kuehr (IHSBCA)
Cristian Perez (IHSBCA)

BASKETBALL (GIRLS)

Olivia Berzai (ICGSA & IBCA)
Betsy Tragesser – Honorable Mention
(ICGSA & IBCA)

CROSS COUNTRY (BOYS)

Paddy Boyle (IATCCC)
Sebastian Bourgeois (IATCCC) -- Junior
Marcus Pivec (IATCCC) -- Junior
Jacob Rohan (IATCCC) -- Junior

CROSS COUNTRY (GIRLS)

Ceci Jackson – Honorable Mention
(ICGSA)
Julia Score (ICGSA & IATCCC)
Ophelia Hileman (IATCCC) -- Junior

FOOTBALL

Patrick Belby (IFCA)
Thomas Borchers (IFCA)
Jack Chase (IFCA)
Tate Chesebrough (IFCA)
Jack Finegan (IFCA)
Zach Gantz (IFCA)
Zion Haney (IFCA)
AJ Harmon (IFCA)
Jack Harrington (IFCA)
Ross Hartman (IFCA)
Henry Hartwell (IFCA)
Toby Hibbeln (IFCA)
Sully Kuehr (IFCA)
Thad Lawrence (IFCA)
Connor Murphy (IFCA)
George Park (IFCA)
Joe Sherby (IFCA)
Zach Waggoner (IFCA)

TEAM ACADEMIC ALL STATE (NFF)

**TEAM ACADEMIC ALL AMERICAN
(NFF)**

GOLF (BOYS)

Charlie Belch – Honorable Mention
(IHSGCA)

GOLF (GIRLS)

Clare Kirchgessner (ICGSA)
Emily Wendt – Honorable Mention
(ICGSA)

SOCCER (BOYS)

Lawrence Deypalubos (ISCA)
Jude Forestal (ISCA)
Jack Ryan (ISCA)
Andrew Taylor (ISCA)
Cooper Teeple (ISCA)
Vikas Walling (ISCA)
Elijah Wright (ISCA) -- Junior

SOCCER (GIRLS)

Olivia Berzai (ICGSA & ISCA)
Katie Bush (ISCA)
Maggie Ellis (ISCA)
Addie Fleming (ISCA)
Georgia Kramer (ICGSA & ISCA)
Nina Marsh (ICGSA & ISCA)
Sophia Reed (ICGSA & ISCA)
Mackenzie Geise (ISCA) -- Junior
Garrett Ratterman (ISCA) -- Junior

SOFTBALL

TEAM ACADEMIC ALL STATE (SCAI)

SWIMMING (BOYS)

Alec Clements (IHSSCA) also
Academic All American (NISCAA)
Nolan Kenworthy (IHSSCA) also
Academic All American (NISCAA)
Connor Murphy (IHSSCA) also
Academic All American (NISCAA)
Jack Ryan (IHSSCA) also
Academic All American (NISCAA)

Cooper Teeple (IHSSCA) also
Academic All American (NISCAA)

**TEAM ACADEMIC ALL AMERICAN
(NISCAA)**

SWIMMING (GIRLS)

Charlotte Becker (IHSSCA) also
Academic All American (NISCAA)
Katie Countryman (ICGSA &
IHSSCA) also
Academic All American (NISCAA)
Elaine Dilts (ICGSA & IHSSCA) also
Academic All American (NISCAA)
Addie Fleming (IHSSCA) also
Academic All American (NISCAA)
Maggie Piatt (IHSSCA) also
Academic All American (NISCAA)
Sophia Reed (ICGSA & IHSSCA)
also Academic All American (NISCAA)

**TEAM ACADEMIC ALL AMERICAN
(NISCAA)**

TENNIS (GIRLS)

Elaine Dilts – Honorable Mention
(ICGSA)
Aidan Mahaney – Honorable Mention
(ICGSA)

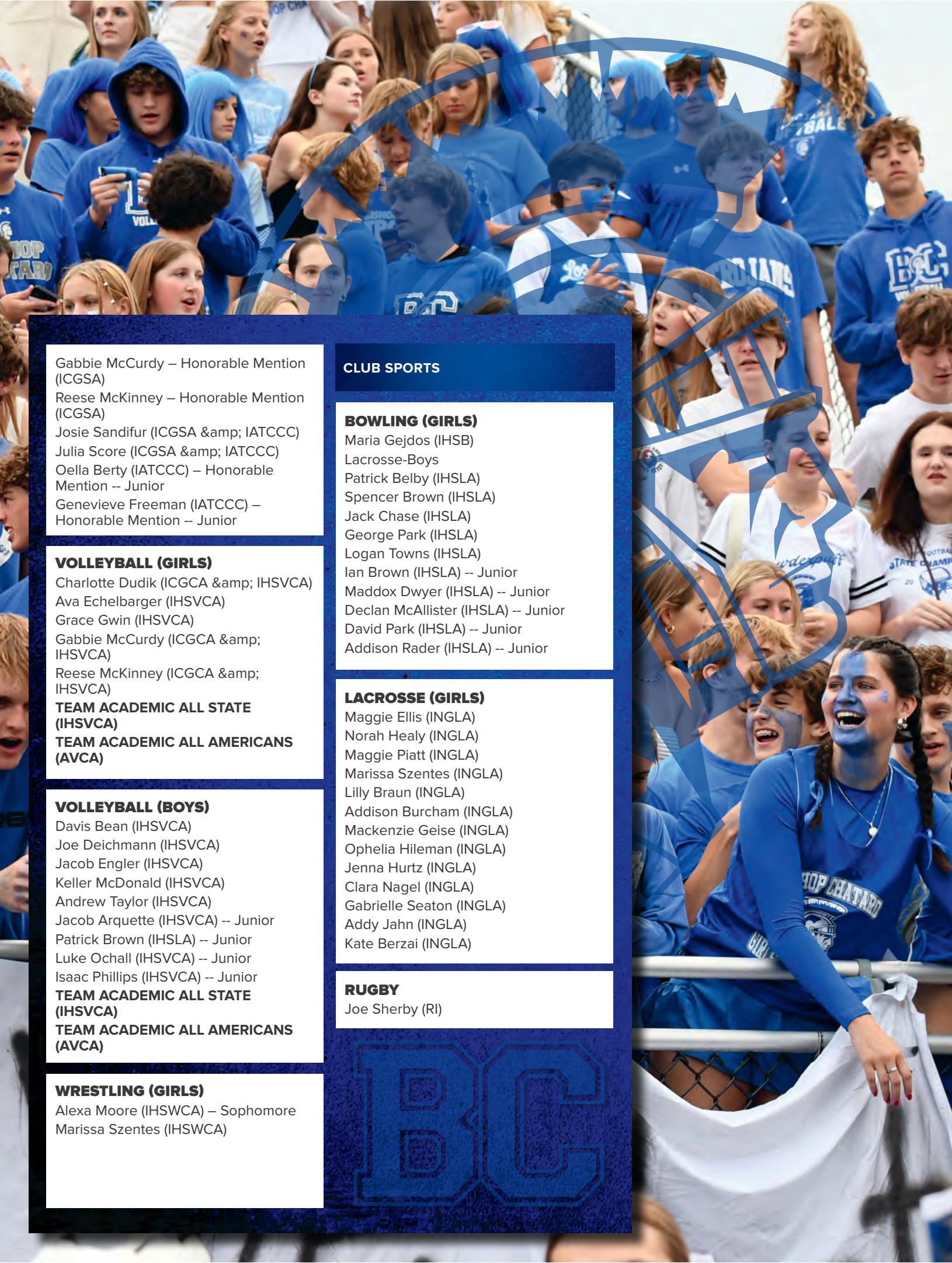
**TEAM ACADEMIC ALL STATE
(IHSTeCA)**

TRACK-BOYS

Paddy Boyle (IATCCC)
Daniel Adams (IATCCC) -- Junior
Sebastian Bourgeois (IATCCC) -- Junior
Brooks Haines (IATCCC) -- Junior
Marcus Pivek (IATCCC) -- Junior

TRACK-GIRLS

Charlotte Dudik – Honorable Mention
(ICGSA & IATCCC)
Mary Kate Felts – Honorable Mention
(ICGSA)
Ceci Jackson – Honorable Mention
(ICGSA)



Gabbie McCurdy – Honorable Mention (ICGSA)
Reese McKinney – Honorable Mention (ICGSA)
Josie Sandifur (ICGSA & IATCCC)
Julia Score (ICGSA & IATCCC)
Oella Berty (IATCCC) – Honorable Mention -- Junior
Genevieve Freeman (IATCCC) – Honorable Mention -- Junior

VOLLEYBALL (GIRLS)

Charlotte Dudik (ICGCA & IHSVCA)
Ava Echelbarger (IHSVCA)
Grace Gwin (IHSVCA)
Gabbie McCurdy (ICGCA & IHSVCA)
Reese McKinney (ICGCA & IHSVCA)

TEAM ACADEMIC ALL STATE (IHSVCA)

TEAM ACADEMIC ALL AMERICANS (AVCA)

VOLLEYBALL (BOYS)

Davis Bean (IHSVCA)
Joe Deichmann (IHSVCA)
Jacob Engler (IHSVCA)
Keller McDonald (IHSVCA)
Andrew Taylor (IHSVCA)
Jacob Arquette (IHSVCA) -- Junior
Patrick Brown (IHSLA) -- Junior
Luke Ochall (IHSVCA) -- Junior
Isaac Phillips (IHSVCA) -- Junior

TEAM ACADEMIC ALL STATE (IHSVCA)

TEAM ACADEMIC ALL AMERICANS (AVCA)

WRESTLING (GIRLS)

Alexa Moore (IHSWCA) – Sophomore
Marissa Szentes (IHSWCA)

CLUB SPORTS

BOWLING (GIRLS)

Maria Gejdos (IHSB)
Lacrosse-Boys
Patrick Belby (IHSLA)
Spencer Brown (IHSLA)
Jack Chase (IHSLA)
George Park (IHSLA)
Logan Towns (IHSLA)
Ian Brown (IHSLA) -- Junior
Maddox Dwyer (IHSLA) -- Junior
Declan McAllister (IHSLA) -- Junior
David Park (IHSLA) -- Junior
Addison Rader (IHSLA) -- Junior

LACROSSE (GIRLS)

Maggie Ellis (INGLA)
Norah Healy (INGLA)
Maggie Piatt (INGLA)
Marissa Szentes (INGLA)
Lilly Braun (INGLA)
Addison Burcham (INGLA)
Mackenzie Geise (INGLA)
Ophelia Hileman (INGLA)
Jenna Hurtz (INGLA)
Clara Nagel (INGLA)
Gabrielle Seaton (INGLA)
Addy Jahn (INGLA)
Kate Berzai (INGLA)

RUGBY

Joe Sherby (RI)

2025/2026 SCHOOL RECORDS SET

SWIMMING & DIVING

200 Individual Medley: Katie Countryman - 2:11.23

50 Freestyle: Katie Countryman - 23.59

100 Breaststroke: Katie Countryman - 1:08.37

TRACK, FIELD, AND CROSS COUNTRY

400M - Phoenix Boyer - 47.37

800M - Zach Gantz - (i)1:51.35

800M - Julia Score - 2:13.55

1600 - Julia Score - 4:49.89

1600M Relay - Ruth McHugh, Caroline Gries,
Reese McKinney, Mary Kate Felts - 3:51.36

TRACK & FIELD (INDOOR)

800M - Zach Gantz - 1:51.35

3200M Relay - Zach Gantz, Quinn Anderson, Damian Cain,
Quinn Hostettler - 8:02.43

60M - Reese McKinney - 7.67

200M - Reese McKinney - 25.35

60M Hurdles - Reese McKinney - 8.67

800M Relay - Mary Kate Felts, LaTeja Bentley, Caroline
Gries, Ruth McHugh - 1:42.95

1600M Relay - Caroline Gries, Ruth McHugh, Grace
Leppert, Mary Kate Felts - 3:58.93

Distance Medley Relay - Ceci Jackson, Genevieve
Freeman, Grace Leppert, Julia Score - 12:17.67

High Jump - Charlotte Dudik - 5'7"



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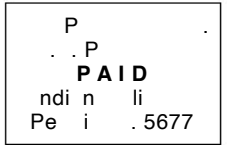
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