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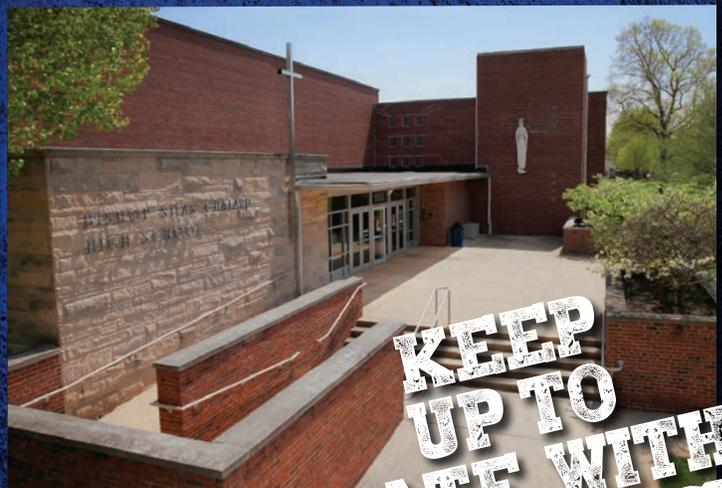
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ON THE COVER: Senior Ruby Murphy (red shirt) on a recent missionary trip to Honduras, pictured with the young girl she has sponsored for eleven years and met in person for the first time. Turn to page 18 for more inspiring stories of Bishop Chatard students and staff living their faith on campus and beyond.

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MORE ABOUT
OUR CAPITAL
CAMPAIGN.**



Dear Trojan Family,

This is an exciting time to be a Trojan! Bishop Chatard High School has received numerous accolades in recent years, thanks in large part to the talent and dedication of our faculty, staff, and administration, along with the generous support of our community. What often goes unheralded, however, is the intentional planning that underpins the transformative educational environment at Bishop Chatard.

Over the past 16 years, Bishop Chatard has developed and implemented four strategic plans that have served as the foundation for our growth and continuous improvement, all centered on the “whole person” formation of our students. These plans addressed all aspects of our mission and were developed with input from students and families, faculty and staff, the Board of Regents, alumni, and school leadership. Below are a few highlights that demonstrate the impact of these strategic efforts.

FAITH FOCUS

A strong focus on Campus Ministry and Theology leadership has resulted in dynamic student retreat and service opportunities, a robust Theology curriculum, and ongoing faith formation support for faculty and staff. These efforts have strengthened our ability to integrate faith across the curriculum and extracurricular activities.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

We have also invested in meaningful professional development for our faculty, supporting both personal growth and innovation in the delivery of an increasingly rigorous curriculum. Strong administrative leadership has been foundational to the success of our faculty, staff, and students.

TUITION & TEACHER COMPENSATION

Over the last 16 years, we have raised more than \$20 million through our Annual Fund, primarily supporting tuition assistance and teacher compensation. This has enabled us to attract and retain exceptional educators while ensuring that a Bishop Chatard education remains accessible to families who seek it.

SUPPORTING OUR GROWTH

During this time, enrollment has grown from a low of 650 students to a current enrollment of 778, with expectations to reach approximately 780 students for the 2026–2027 school year. Even with the School Choice Scholarship, approximately 50% of our students require financial aid. We are deeply grateful for the generosity of our community, which makes this possible each year.

We have also raised \$7.9 million through two capital campaigns, allowing us to expand and renovate facilities and grow our endowments. Most recently, we have embarked on a historic capital campaign to further expand our campus and better meet the needs of all students.

As we conclude the development of the 2025–2028 strategic plan, we ask for your prayers as we continue to fulfill our sacred mission in service to our students and the North Deanery parish communities. Thank you for your continued support of this vital ministry of Catholic education at Bishop Chatard.



Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of our Bishop Chatard community, we have successfully met our original \$13 million goal for the *Rooted in Faith – Inspiring Futures* Capital Campaign. Now, with \$15.4 million raised and momentum continuing to build, we are expanding the vision to include additional, critically important projects that will further strengthen our campus and serve generations of Trojans to come. Building on the success of two previous campaigns that raised \$7.9 million for facility expansion, renovation, and endowment growth, we are poised to break ground in Spring 2026—turning faithful commitment into lasting impact.

Campaign Minimum Goal: \$13M

Campaign Minimum Stretch Goal: \$16M

**AMOUNT
PLEGGED:**

\$15,400,000

**CASH
RECEIVED:**

\$10,305,000



A COMPASS FORMED IN FAITH

JOHN HASTY

Principal

At different points in our lives, we all encounter moments or phrases that quietly shape who we become. Sometimes they come from parents or teachers, sometimes from coaches or friends, and sometimes they come from experiences that stay with us long after the moment has passed. Over time, those influences begin to form a compass, one that helps guide our decisions, especially when the path forward isn't always clear.

At Bishop Chatard High School, that compass is rooted in faith. Not a faith reserved for a single class period or an occasional prayer, but one that is lived, practiced, and modeled every day. It is present in our classrooms and hallways, on athletic fields and stages, in service projects and silent moments in the chapel. It is visible in the way our students treat one another, the way our teachers approach their vocation, and the way our community responds to the needs of others.

In the pages of this magazine, you will encounter powerful examples of faith put into action. You'll see students leading retreats, serving the marginalized, and supporting one another through prayer and friendship. You'll read about young people who understand that service is not something added to their schedules, but a way of life. And you'll meet faculty and staff who model what it means to integrate faith naturally and authentically into their teaching, coaching, and daily interactions with students.

These stories reflect the heart of our mission and the integration of our pillars of faith, learning, leadership, and service. Our goal is not simply to educate students academically, but to help form them spiritually and morally, to prepare them to enter the world as compassionate, thoughtful, faith-filled leaders who recognize the dignity of every person they encounter.

As we partner with parents and families in this important work, we are grateful for a community that believes in the formation of the whole person. Together, we strive to help our students recognize God's presence in the ordinary moments of life and respond with courage, generosity, and hope. Thank you for being part of that journey and for the many ways you support Bishop Chatard High School.

Go Trojans!

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EARLY EXPOSURE, INFORMED FUTURES: EXPANDING CAREER EXPLORATION AT BISHOP CHATARD

JULIA HASBROOK
Vice Principal of Academics



Career exploration courses are designed to help students discover their interests, strengths, and potential career pathways, as well as make informed decisions about college, training, or entering the workforce. While career exploration and exposure have long been an integral part of the academic programming at Bishop Chatard, we recently expanded our offerings to include two additional courses: Introduction to Education and Introduction to Healthcare. These courses join a range of existing career exploration options, such as Introduction to Business, Introduction to Accounting, Introduction to Entrepreneurship, Principles of Engineering, Architectural Design, Computer Science, and Journalism, among others.

Introduction to Education and Introduction to Healthcare are unique in that they share the values of service, ethics, and responsibility. In addition, both are dual credit courses taught by Bishop Chatard faculty, and each includes intentional local partnerships that provide students with meaningful, real-world exposure to the profession.



The Introduction to Education course is taught by Mrs. Amy Bultinck, who holds a master's degree in Effective Teaching and Leadership from Butler University. Mrs. Bultinck is deeply committed to inspiring and supporting future educators.

This course blends classroom instruction with meaningful field experiences and reflection. Students observe classes at Christ the King School through a partnership established by Mrs. Bultinck. Students observe both elementary and middle school classrooms before selecting a grade level for deeper engagement. Students eventually take on assistant roles, supporting teachers and students.

The course culminates in a formal interview process with administrators from Christ the King and Bishop Chatard. Students reflect on their experiences and consider whether

they might pursue a career in education. Mrs. Bultinck is especially proud that many students express an interest in the field, while others are able to clearly articulate the valuable skills they gained. Bishop Chatard looks forward to maintaining connections with students interested in careers in education.



The Introduction to Healthcare course is taught by Mr. John Mitchell, who holds a master's degree in Human Anatomy and Physiology, Cell Biology, and Education. A retired firefighter and paramedic, Mr. Mitchell brings extensive academic knowledge and real-world experience to the course, along with a deep passion for inspiring students.

The course includes an overview of healthcare systems, legal and ethical considerations, and exposure to various healthcare professions through assignments, observations, interviews, and field experiences. Through a partnership with Ascension St. Vincent—established by Dr. Peter Bustamante, Regional Chief Medical Officer and Bishop Chatard parent—students benefit from guest speakers, job shadowing, and volunteer opportunities.

As new diploma requirements place greater emphasis on work-based learning, these career exploration courses align seamlessly with our mission and complement a range of existing programs that expose students to potential careers and foster meaningful connections. These include our Business Mentor Program and Fall and Spring Career Days. Bishop Chatard's career exploration initiatives empower students to discover their interests, develop essential skills, and make informed decisions about college and future career paths. Bishop Chatard looks forward to continuing to grow and expand these career exploration opportunities in the years ahead.

PROVEN EXCELLENCE IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION



2023 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

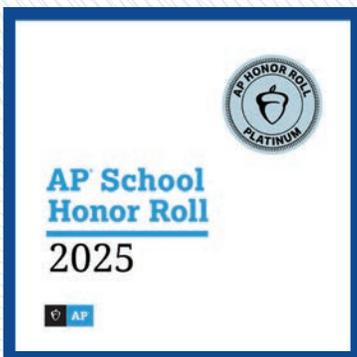
Bishop Chatard was named a 2023 National Blue Ribbon School in the Exemplary High-Performing Schools category by the U.S. Department of Education, recognizing outstanding student achievement, graduation rates, and a school culture where students thrive.



INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION GRADUATION PATHWAYS

Indiana's Graduation Pathways ensure students are prepared for college, career, or military service through academic achievement and employability skills. At Bishop Chatard, these requirements are intentionally embedded into the student experience, resulting in a 100% Graduation Pathways completion rate and graduates who are well prepared for life beyond high school.

100% BISHOP CHATARD'S GRADUATION PATHWAYS COMPLETION RATE (INDIANA STATE AVERAGE: 90%)



AP COLLEGE BOARD PLATINUM SCHOOL

Bishop Chatard High School earned Platinum-level recognition on the College Board's 2025 AP® School Honor Roll for the third consecutive year, reflecting its commitment to expanding access to AP coursework and supporting student success.



LUMEN ACCREDITATION

Bishop Chatard High School is accredited by Lumen, offered through The Catholic University of America, recognizing the school's commitment to academic excellence rooted in Catholic values. Lumen Accreditation is recognized by the State of Indiana.

20 NUMBER OF AP COURSES TAUGHT AT BISHOP CHATARD, ACROSS 40 SECTIONS, TAUGHT BY A TEAM OF 15 TEACHERS

26% PERCENTAGE OF THE CLASS OF 2025 WHO TOOK FIVE OR MORE AP EXAMS

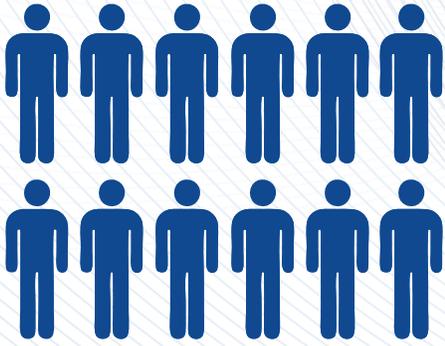
94% PERCENTAGE OF THE CLASS OF 2025 WHO TOOK AT LEAST ONE AP COURSE BEFORE GRADUATING (AP PLATINUM THRESHOLD: 80%)

65% PERCENTAGE OF THE CLASS OF 2025 THAT EARNED COLLEGE CREDIT BY EARNING AN AP EXAM SCORE OF 3 OR MORE (AP PLATINUM THRESHOLD: 50%)

NICHE.COM 2026 BEST SCHOOL

Bishop Chatard High School was named one of Niche's 2026 Best Catholic High Schools, earning an A+ rating—a distinction awarded to only the top 10% of schools nationwide based on academics, student life, and parent and student feedback.





STUDENT-TO-TEACHER RATIO

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19



AVERAGE CLASS SIZE



21%
Students Served
by Academic
Support Program

87% Catholic Student Representation
65% Students Supported by Financial Aid
19% Minority Student Representation

**CURRENT
AVERAGE
GPA: 3.7**



778

CURRENT ENROLLMENT

19,886
STUDENT
SERVICE HOURS
COMPLETED IN 2024-2025

79% 2025 GRADUATES WHO EARNED AN
ACADEMIC HONORS DIPLOMA

95% 2025 GRADUATES WHO PLANNED TO PURSUE A
COLLEGE EDUCATION

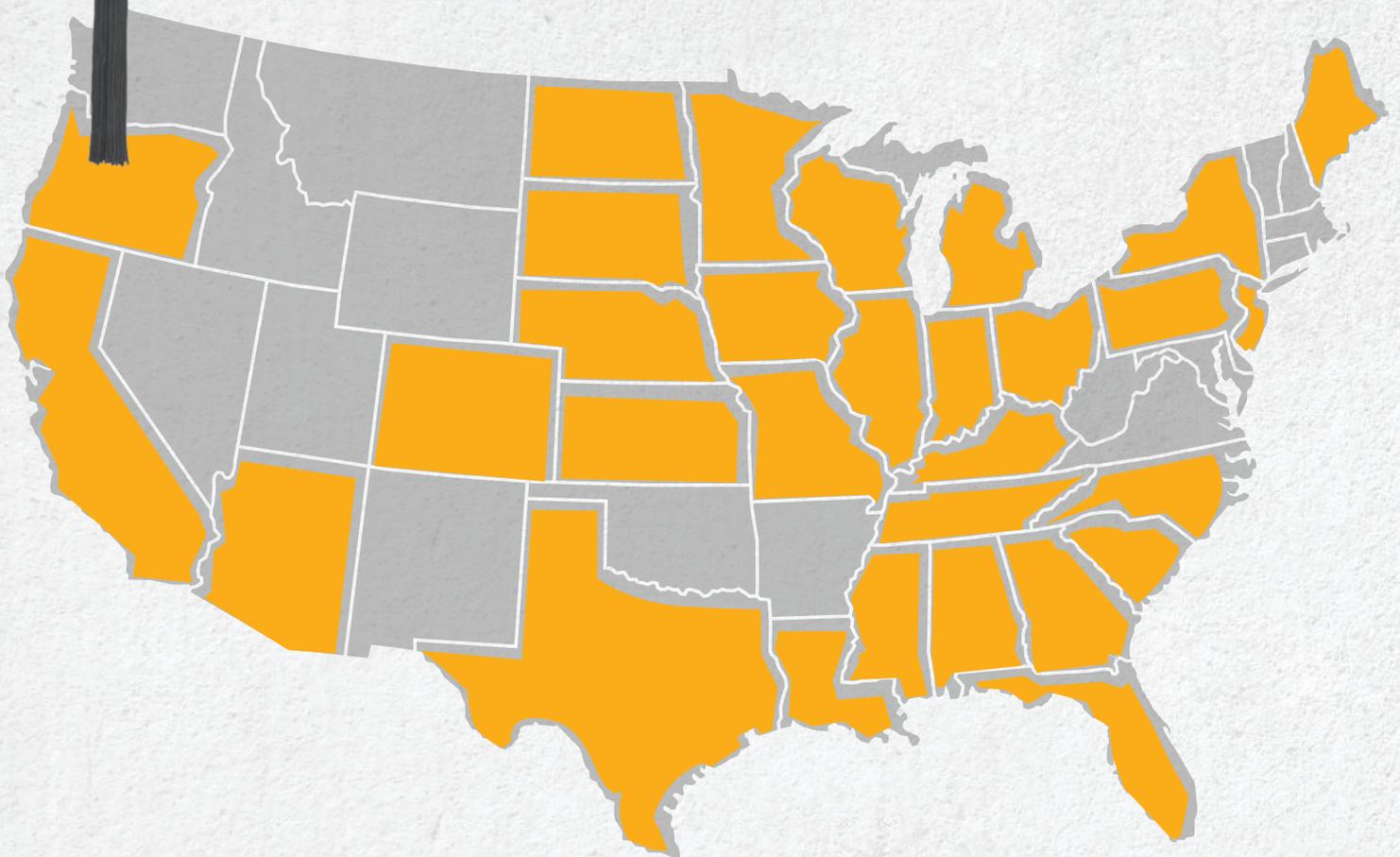
24M SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS COLLECTIVELY
EARNED BY THE CLASS OF 2025

100%
GRADUATION RATE

THE CLASS OF 2025: DESTINATIONS & DISTINCTIONS



MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2025
WERE ACCEPTED TO THESE
OUTSTANDING COLLEGES AND
UNIVERSITIES ACROSS THE
UNITED STATES:



ALABAMA

Auburn University
The University of Alabama

ARIZONA

Arizona State University

CALIFORNIA

Pepperdine University
Santa Clara University
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco

COLORADO

Colorado School of Mines
Fort Lewis College
University of Colorado
University of Colorado Boulder
District of Columbia

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Howard University

FLORIDA

Barry University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Florida Atlantic University
Florida Institute of Technology
Florida State University

GEORGIA

Palm Beach Atlantic University
Saint Leo University
The University of Tampa
University of Central Florida
University of Florida
University of Miami
Georgia State University
Savannah College of Art and Design
Spelman College

ILLINOIS

Bradley University
DePaul University
Eastern Illinois University
Illinois State University
Kendall College of Culinary Arts
Lake Forest College
Loyola University Chicago
Millikin University
University of Illinois at Chicago
University of Illinois at
Urbana-Champaign

INDIANA

Anderson University
 Ball State University
 Butler University
 DePauw University
 Earlham College
 Franklin College
 Grace College
 Hanover College
 Holy Cross College
 Huntington University
 Indiana Institute of Technology
 Indiana State University
 Indiana University (Bloomington)
 Indiana University (East)
 Indiana University Indianapolis
 International Business College (Indianapolis)
 Ivy Tech Community College
 Manchester University
 Marian University
 Purdue University
 Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
 Saint Mary's College
 Trine University
 University of Evansville
 University of Indianapolis
 University of Notre Dame
 University of Saint Francis
 University of Southern Indiana
 Valparaiso University
 Wabash College

IOWA

Simpson College
 University of Iowa

KANSAS

Benedictine College

KENTUCKY

Bellarmino University
 Centre College
 Morehead State University
 University of Kentucky
 University of Louisville
 Western Kentucky University

LOUISIANA

Louisiana State University

MAINE

Bates College
 University of Maine

MASSACHUSETTS

Northeastern University

MICHIGAN

Adrian College
 Alma College
 Calvin University
 Hope College
 Kalamazoo College
 Michigan State University
 Spring Arbor University
 University of Michigan
 Western Michigan University

MINNESOTA

University of Minnesota

MISSISSIPPI

Jackson State University
 University of Mississippi

MISSOURI

Culver-Stockton College
 Missouri State University
 Saint Louis University

NEBRASKA

Creighton University
 University of Nebraska

NEW JERSEY

Monmouth University
 Rutgers University

NEW YORK

Fordham University
 St. John's University
 Syracuse University

NORTH CAROLINA

Appalachian State University
 Belmont Abbey College
 High Point University
 Queens University of Charlotte
 University of North Carolina at Charlotte

NORTH DAKOTA

University of Mary

OHIO

Bowling Green State University
 Case Western Reserve University
 Cedarville University
 Cleveland State University
 Franciscan University of Steubenville
 Hiram College
 John Carroll University
 Kent State University
 Kenyon College
 Miami University (Oxford)
 Ohio Northern University
 The Ohio State University
 Ohio University
 The University of Findlay
 University of Cincinnati
 University of Dayton
 University of Toledo
 Wittenberg University
 Wright State University
 Xavier University

OREGON

University of Oregon
 University of Portland

PENNSYLVANIA

Duquesne University
 Grove City College
 Mercyhurst University
 University of Pittsburgh
 Villanova University

SOUTH CAROLINA

Clemson University
 Coastal Carolina University
 College of Charleston
 University of South Carolina

SOUTH DAKOTA

University of South Dakota

TENNESSEE

Belmont University
 Fisk University
 Lipscomb University
 The University of Tennessee

TEXAS

Baylor University
 Texas A&M University
 Texas Christian University

WISCONSIN

Marquette University

164 CLASS OF 2025 GRADUATES

GRADUATES PURSUING COLLEGE EDUCATION **95%**

\$24M SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANT DOLLARS EARNED

79% GRADUATES WHO EARNED ACADEMIC HONORS DIPLOMAS

AVERAGE NUMBER OF COLLEGE CREDITS EARNED PER GRADUATE **13.6**

1010-1250 AVERAGE SAT SCORES OF THE MIDDLE 50% OF GRADUATES

98% GRADUATED WITH COLLEGE CREDIT



BISHOP CHATARD EARNS PURPLE STAR DESIGNATION FOR EXCEPTIONAL SUPPORT OF MILITARY FAMILIES



Last fall, Bishop Chatard High School was honored by the Indiana Department of Education with the prestigious Purple Star School designation, recognizing the school's exceptional commitment to service members, veterans, and military-connected students and families. This statewide distinction is awarded to schools that go above and beyond in providing meaningful support, stability, and resources for those who serve our nation.

The Purple Star designation, which is valid for three years, was part of a statewide recognition in 2025 that included nearly 100 newly designated or renewed schools, selected in collaboration with the Indiana National Guard.

"We are blessed to have so many veteran alumni, parents, and grandparents, as well as alumni active service members, in the Bishop Chatard community," said BCHS President Bill Sahn. "It is our privilege to honor them throughout the year for all they have sacrificed to protect and defend our country. They also serve as powerful witnesses to our students, faculty, and staff of God's call to 'lay down one's life for a friend.'"

At Bishop Chatard, this commitment is woven into daily life and rooted deeply in the school's mission of faith, learning, leadership, and service. Ongoing initiatives such as the annual Veterans Day Mass, intentional recognition of alumni who have served, and access to community and counseling support for transitioning families all reflect this dedication.



United States Marine Corps veteran Jeff Getty and his son. Getty is a Bishop Chatard teacher, founder of Trojans Supporting Troops, and the school's Purple Star Military Family liaison.

WHAT MAKES A PURPLE STAR SCHOOL?

To earn the Purple Star designation, schools must show a strong, ongoing commitment to military-connected students and families. This includes naming a staff member to serve as a dedicated point of contact, completing training to better understand the unique challenges these students may face, and providing visible resources and recognition through the school's website and campus displays. Purple Star Schools also host at least one annual military-focused event, formally affirm their support through a school resolution, and commit to offering qualified service members and their immediate family members an interview for open positions. Together, these requirements ensure that support for military families is not just symbolic, but an intentional and active part of school life.

A CULTURE OF SERVICE AND SUPPORT

One of the most meaningful expressions of this mission is led by Jeff Getty, a Bishop Chatard teacher and United States Marine Corps veteran. Inspired by letters he received from Chatard teachers while deployed, Getty founded Trojans Supporting Our Troops, a club that connects current students with alumni serving around the world.

"I wanted our service members to feel what I felt — that they are remembered, supported, and still part of this community," Getty said.

The club meets monthly to pray for service members, write letters, assemble care packages, and share updates about BCHS alumni in uniform. It reflects Bishop Chatard's long-standing tradition of honoring veterans and creating a strong network of support that extends well beyond graduation.

STATEWIDE PERSPECTIVE

"Our schools play a vital role in uniting communities to honor and celebrate our service members and military-connected families," said Katie Jenner, Indiana Secretary of Education. "At our Purple Star Schools, this is a part of their culture, constantly seeking ways to make life a little easier for those who give so much. In doing so, our educators are helping students understand the meaning of service, the importance of giving back, and how — through civic pride and responsibility — they too can help make our communities, our state, and our nation a better place."

LEARN MORE & GET INVOLVED

Visit bishopchatard.org/military-families to learn more about resources available for military-connected families. Families or alumni who wish to add a loved one to the club's prayer and support list may contact Jeff Getty at jgetty@bishopchatard.org.

"IT IS OUR PRIVILEGE TO HONOR THEM THROUGHOUT THE YEAR FOR ALL THEY HAVE SACRIFICED TO PROTECT AND DEFEND OUR COUNTRY." - BILL SAHM



STAYING TRUE AS WE GROW

J.T. FUNK

*Vice President of
Institutional
Advancement*

As we anticipate another near-capacity class at Bishop Chatard High School, and look to welcome the class of 2030 to our halls, I feel it necessary to reflect upon our continued upward trend in enrollment. Since 2022 we have seen growth in our incoming classes that have filled our hallways and stairwells. It's truly a blessing to see so many bright, happy faces at BCHS. It has also challenged us in positive ways.

While we have always strived to provide the highest quality educational experience and unique extracurricular offerings to our students centered on the teachings of Jesus Christ and His church, we recognize that there are always new challenges. God offers us these challenges to push us, to help us grow, and to help us remain focused on what is truly important—our faith in Him.

It's easy to be excited about growing enrollment and all that comes with it. For example, our enrollment has in part enabled and challenged us to embark on a transformational capital campaign that will provide a new 200-plus-seat chapel, a 450-plus-seat performing arts center, a new student life center in our cafeteria, a Robotics STEM lab, updates to our music and band room with state-of-the-art sound capabilities, new classroom spaces, and an operational endowment to ensure the vitality of these wonderful additions to our campus. All of this is necessary and exciting, but the real challenge is that with so many North Deanery families and non-North Deanery families desiring an authentic Catholic education, we must stay committed to who we are and who we are called to be.

How do we accomplish this? Our administrators, advancement team, business office, faculty, staff, and coaches work daily to stay committed to our mission and stay grounded and rooted in our faith. It is no easy task, but it's the task we are called to. We've worked hard to build a team that believes in what we do and that is consistently looking to improve. When that is in place you have a team that is rowing the boat in the same direction. A boat with that many individuals rowing in unison generates immense force and challenges are met with a full head of steam. So as we look to welcome another record class of students, we also look to continue to row that boat in the same direction, meet exciting new challenges, and stay focused on the ultimate goal in front of us. We pray families will continue to feel that and feel called to join us as we look to row our boat ever closer to who we are called to be and lead lives centered on Jesus Christ and His church.

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BISHOP CHATARD'S *Annual Fund*

2024-2025 ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The Bishop Chatard High School Achievement Awards are the school's highest honors, celebrating individuals who have selflessly dedicated their talent and resources to support Bishop Chatard High School and its students. These honorees embody the school's Catholic mission and values, showing exceptional generosity and commitment. Nominated by the BCHS community, honorees are recognized each year at the Annual Fund Dinner.

WE CONGRATULATE OUR ACHIEVEMENT AWARD HONOREES:



BETSY & DAN BRUNETTE
OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY MEMBERS



LISA JOHNSON
OUTSTANDING FACULTY/STAFF



JENNY & PETER '85 FORSEE
OUTSTANDING PARENTS/VOLUNTEERS



PATRICK ZIMMERMAN '02
OUTSTANDING ALUMNI



THE HEATHER & MIKE MCGINLEY FAMILY
ANNA '22, ROSE '24, HEATHER, MICHAEL '25, MOIRA '21, GRACE '19 & MIKE



CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME

MARGARET RUFFING

*Executive Director of
Development*



I fondly remember many things my mother said throughout my childhood, and this one resonates much in my work: “Charity begins at home.” She meant many things by it, but most often it was her gentle way of reminding her seven children to soften toward one another—to speak kindly, to look out for one another, and to let love show itself in our everyday actions. Before we could offer anything meaningful to the world, she believed that we had to learn how to care for the people right in front of us.

In my work as a fundraiser, people often ask me, “Do you enjoy what you do?” On days when I’ve made meaningful connections, when I see generosity in action, my answer is a clear yes. But on days when conversations feel heavy or results seem distant, I search for something deeper. I ask myself, “Am I doing this the right way? Am I remembering what matters most?” And my mother’s words come back to me, a gentle reminder guiding me to focus on who’s in front of me.

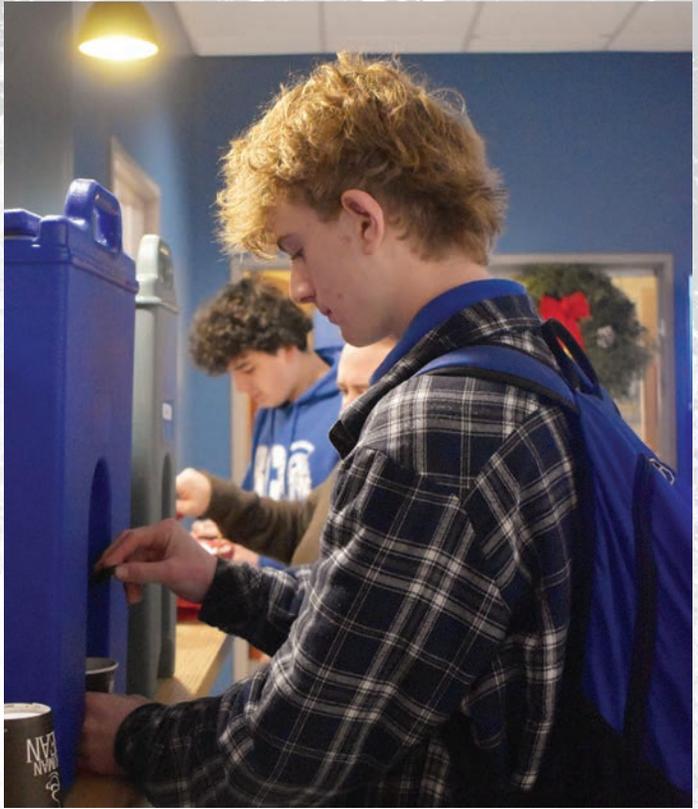
Fundraising, at its core, is not just about asking for donations. It’s about people. And it’s about connecting hearts with hearts and hope with hope. It’s about building a bridge between someone with a need and someone with the compassion to meet it, creating that vital connection.

Sometimes, that need looks like a student longing to join the liturgical band but lacking a musical instrument. All it takes is a donor who recognizes the need and is moved enough to give something of themselves, so that a child can have the chance to participate and excel. When I connect those two worlds, something beautiful happens. That’s when I can say, not just with certainty but with gratitude, that I genuinely love what I do.

Because I get to witness generosity in its purest form: a donor realizing that their gift has done more than fill a gap; it has lifted a spirit. It has opened a door. It has shown a young person what compassion looks like in action, and how much joy there is in giving from the heart. In those moments, I understand my mother’s words more than ever.

Charity does begin at home. The more we practice it, the more it grows, far beyond any expectation.

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



STUDENTS MAKING THE SEASON BRIGHT



It was a joyful season of fun and giving during Thanksgiving and Christmas 2025. Our students showed up in a big way during the November canned food drive, collecting more than 12,000 cans for local charities. The magic of Christmas was on full display at Christmas on Crittenden and at our annual Christmas concert, featuring performances by students from all BCHS choir and band ensembles. As finals approached, students fueled up at the annual Caffeination Station hosted by the Trinity Club. Together, these moments made the season one filled with generosity, community, and true Christmas spirit.



WE ARE INCREDIBLY GRATEFUL FOR THE GENEROSITY OF OUR ENTIRE TROJAN COMMUNITY. PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE ABOVE TO VIEW THE 2024-2025 BISHOP CHATARD HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT.

Learning,
Leading &
Living the
FAITH



A walk through the halls of Bishop Chatard High School reveals a community where faith shapes each day's rhythm. It appears in small and significant moments: a team pausing to pray before a game, a student supporting a grieving classmate, the hush of an all-school Mass, or the quiet leadership of students who simply care for others. Here, Catholic identity extends beyond theology classes and chapel walls. It is lived and carried outward—forming young people who understand that faith shapes who they are and how they live.

*Faith in Action,
Not Just in Words*

At Bishop Chatard, faith formation and servant leadership sit at the heart of the school's mission. Students are immersed in prayer and sacramental life in ways that are both structured and organic. Through Campus Ministry, students encounter frequent opportunities for worship, including Reconciliation during Tuesday lunches, monthly Adoration, and Mass celebrated throughout the school year. Many students serve as altar servers, Eucharistic ministers, lectors, and sacristans, taking active roles in the liturgical life of the school.

Just as meaningful are the quiet moments that aren't on a schedule: a classmate offering to pray with a friend, a peer minister walking alongside a struggling student, or a senior mentoring a younger Trojan. These everyday encounters

reinforce a simple truth Bishop Chatard students come to know well—faith is not confined to certain places or occasions; it is meant to be lived each day.

In the months ahead, that lived experience of faith will be strengthened even further—both in daily practice and in the spaces that support it. Bishop Chatard is preparing to break ground on a new chapel, a central component of the *Rooted in Faith, Inspiring Futures* capital campaign.

According to Director of Faith Formation Matt Hilton, the chapel plays a vital role in daily student life. "Our students spend a great deal of time in our current chapel," Hilton said. "This new, larger space will be intentionally designed to be more prayerful and inviting, helping students more fully encounter God in moments of reflection and worship."

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“PEER MINISTERS ARE DISCIPLES BEFORE THEY ARE LEADERS.”

— BRIAN SHAUGHNESSY



A Curriculum Rooted in Faith

Faith formation at Bishop Chatard extends beyond Campus Ministry and is woven throughout the curriculum. Theology teacher Brian Shaughnessy sees this clearly in the newly expanded Peer Ministry class. Once a club, the program now reflects students' desire to lead as disciples of Jesus Christ. Grounded in the four pillars of formation outlined by St. John Paul II—human, intellectual, spiritual, and pastoral—students focus first on interior transformation, understanding that authentic ministry begins with who they are, not simply what they do.

“Peer ministers are disciples before they are leaders,” Shaughnessy said. “The goal is to help students walk with others in humility and faith.”

Though visible at liturgies and retreats, much of their leadership takes place quietly within their teams, clubs, and daily conversations—forming their peers in the everyday contexts of high school life.

This integration of faith and curriculum is evident in other classrooms as well. English teacher Emily Parsons uses literature as a pathway for students to reflect on faith, values, and moral choice. Through stories and writing, students encounter themes of human dignity, solidarity, and community—often connecting them to Catholic Social Teaching. “Storytelling helps students recognize deep truths about humanity and faith,” Parsons noted, “and better understand themselves as children made in the image and likeness of God.”

In Environmental Science, teacher Everett Mitchel bridges faith and reason through *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis's 2015 encyclical on care for creation. Students examine issues such as fast fashion, consumer culture, and environmental justice through the lens of Catholic Social Teaching. Discussions and activities invite them to see themselves as both citizens and stewards—called to protect the earth and one another with hope for the future.

Leadership & Service as a Way of Life

Service is a vital pillar of the Christian life, and therefore, each Bishop Chatard student is asked to complete 20 hours of Christian service each academic year. The Christian Service Program's goal is to help students discover the joy of putting the Gospel into action. Through weekly service trips and student-led initiatives such as BCHS for Kids, Best Buddies, the annual canned food drive, and Walk-a-Thon, students respond to real needs within the school and the broader Indianapolis community.

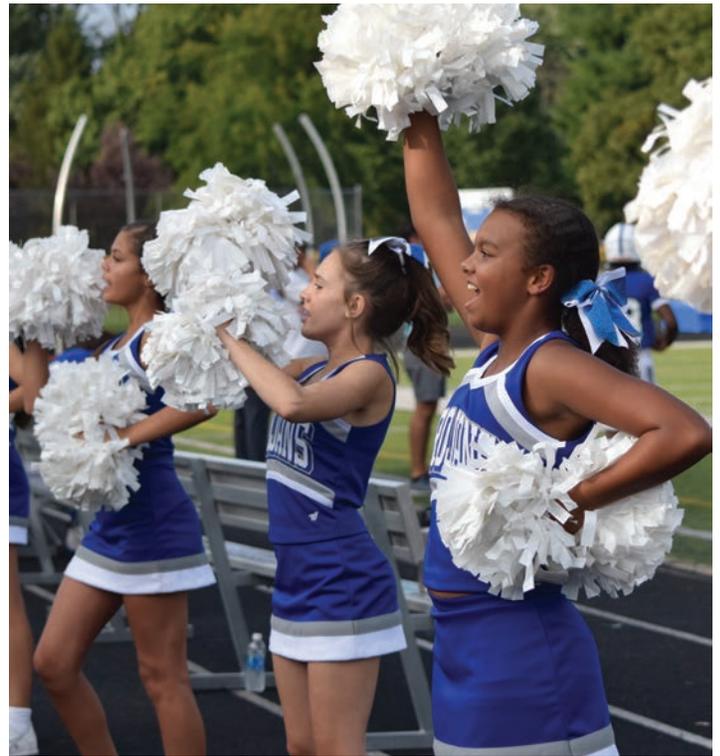
Art teacher Lisa Johnson has witnessed this firsthand through service trips to Second Helpings, a Central Indiana food rescue nonprofit where students help prepare meals for those in need. “When students are off their phones and working together toward a common goal, you can actually see the joy of Christ in them,” Johnson said. “They begin to understand that service isn't just volunteering for a few hours—it's a way of living the Gospel.”

For PE and Health teacher and club moderator Amy Bultinck, Best Buddies offers another powerful expression of lived faith. The club, which invites students to build relationships with individuals with developmental disabilities, has been eye-opening for many students. “Best Buddies reminds our students that human dignity is not something we talk about—it's something we practice,” Bultinck said.

Servant leadership comes naturally to senior Mary Claire McCarthy through her involvement as a Student Ambassador, peer minister, and retreat leader. Guided by the question, “What would Jesus do?”, she views service as a joyful expression of her Catholic faith. One of her most meaningful experiences was leading a Christian Awakening Retreat, where she witnessed students form lasting connections with their classmates.

Senior Nicholas Proctor has helped transform Bishop Chatard's Gaming Club into a welcoming community where belonging is intentionally built. Under his leadership, the club has grown into a space where students from different backgrounds feel accepted, gain confidence, and form genuine connections—demonstrating how inclusion and respect reflect Catholic values in everyday student life.

That same sense of purpose extends into acts of service that meet real needs beyond those of the Bishop Chatard community. As student leader Samuel Berzai reflected after the annual canned food drive, “On the outside, it looked like we were just moving cans—but in reality, we were feeding families.”



Witness Beyond Our Walls

Faith at Bishop Chatard extends far beyond campus. Students serve in parish ministries, participate in mission trips, attend the March for Life in growing numbers, and engage in initiatives that reflect a deep respect for the dignity of every person.

That reverence is powerfully illustrated by junior Ruby Murphy, who is following in her grandmother's footsteps of service. Inspired by her grandmother's leadership of Friends of Honduran Children, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish's mission program, Ruby joined a mission trip to Honduras last summer, hoping to finally meet the child she had sponsored for 11 years.

The experience stretched her faith in unexpected ways. "I struggled at first to see God through this trip," Ruby shared, "but at just the right moment, He revealed Himself to me through the people I met."

Since returning, Ruby has founded a youth organization to support the ministry, carrying forward her grandmother's legacy while weaving lessons of gratitude, service, and reverence for the Mass into her daily life.

It's More Than Our Students

Faith in action at Bishop Chatard is modeled by faculty and staff as well. Beginning in the second semester of 2026, the school has expanded adult faith formation through weekly faculty witness reflections and intentional opportunities for shared service and retreat leadership—recognizing that students learn faith most powerfully when they see it lived by the adults around them.

That modeling is especially visible in athletics. Teams across Bishop Chatard intentionally integrate faith into their cultures through prayer, service, and worship. For head football coach Rob Doyle, formation comes before competition.

"Our goal is to develop great men first, and great football will follow," Doyle said. "Being part of a team teaches young men how to put their skills to work for others, which is at the heart of our Christian faith."

The program closes every game with a prayer of thanksgiving, reinforcing gratitude as a foundation for joy and character.



Cheerleading reflects this same intentionality. Guided by the theme *Auspice Maria*—“Under the Protection of Mary”—the team weaves prayer into every practice and honors the feast day of St. Padre Pio, grounding athletic excellence in faith, perseverance, and trust in God. This year, the cheerleaders shared *Auspice Maria* stickers with fellow athletes as a reminder that they are under Mary’s protection and held in the prayers of the cheerleading squad and coaches.

Coach Dan Wagner integrates faith into every layer of the Bishop Chatard girls’ basketball program. Each game and practice begins and ends with student-led prayer, and before games, the team gathers for a chapel service that includes Scripture, the Creed, and personal reflections—led entirely by players. What began with adult guidance has become a student-driven tradition.

“We’ve had officials tell us they look forward to our games because our players and coaches show such strong Christian sportsmanship,” Wagner said. “That’s just as much a part of who we are as the prayers and chapel services.”

From soccer and lacrosse to basketball and cross country, coaches share a common desire to form students not only as competitors, but as people of character. In each program, physical discipline becomes a pathway to spiritual growth, reinforcing the belief that faith is not set aside when the game begins, but carried onto the field, court, and course.



Faith That Endures

At Bishop Chatard High School, Catholic identity is not simply taught—it is lived, practiced, and carried forward. Through prayer, service, leadership, and authentic witness, students are formed to understand that faith is not confined to the classroom, but lived as a calling. As Trojans graduate and step into the wider world, they carry with them a faith that has been nurtured, tested, and put into practice—one that will guide them long after they leave Crittenden Avenue.



“SERVICE ISN’T JUST VOLUNTEERING FOR A FEW HOURS—IT’S A WAY OF LIVING THE GOSPEL.” — LISA JOHNSON



ANDY REEL
Director of Student Life

A SEMESTER FULL OF SPIRIT, SERVICE, AND TROJAN PRIDE

There is never a dull moment for students and staff at Bishop Chatard High School. This past fall semester was chock full of extracurricular, athletic, and academic successes that only served to round out the strong, faith-centered lives of our students.

The freshman class has brought fantastic energy to so many of our programs, including the Speech Team, who competed with great success in November, and the Improv Team, whose roster is as big as ever, with students performing to a full Theater Room once a month. Similarly, Model United Nations is experiencing a renaissance, with the sophomore class leading the charge and representing Bishop Chatard at Marian University in October.

The student section traveled by bus to IU Indianapolis on a cold night to cheer on the Boys Soccer team in their first-ever State Final. Despite the unlucky end, the team and their fans stood together. While I was disappointed by the result of the game, I was awestruck by the immediate support students offered one another—both on the team and off. It was a true testament to the sense of community that is inseparable from the student experience at Bishop Chatard High School.

Faith, as always, is an ever-present aspect of everything we do. Our Director of Campus Ministry, Mr. Matt Hilton, kicked the semester off by polling students and compiling a list of organizations to support through our Charity Spirit Days. He followed that by designing a service outing for every week of the school year, focused on serving the poor, the homeless, and the needy through handing out meals, working at food pantries, and spending time at St. Augustine's Home for the Aged. Each one of these trips was fully attended and led by a teacher. Of course, our Canned Food Drive and retreat programs were in full swing, too, but these weekly trips provided a different opportunity for our students: to engage directly with underserved populations and see the human side of living out their faith.



STUDENT AMBASSADORS: SIGNS, SERVICE & SPIRIT

SARAH BUSTAMANTE

Coordinator of Enrollment Advocacy

Most Bishop Chatard fans recognize the Student Ambassadors for their most visible role each year: welcoming freshmen on the first day of school.

Our first day of school for freshmen is legendary. Our Student Ambassadors show up at 6 am, make dozens of homemade signs, and bring the noise, the spirit, and the love as freshmen families drop their students off for the first time. Most of the Ambassadors don't drink coffee, but somehow they still have enough energy to deliver the most enthusiastic, over-the-top, and spirited welcome for our newest Trojans.

But there is so much more to our Ambassadors than screaming and waving signs. In my role, I've had the opportunity to watch them not only roll up their sleeves and pitch in for Chatard events, but also openly share their faith as part of their service to our community.

If you have ever attended a Wednesday Walk-Thru at Bishop Chatard, you've likely seen this firsthand. These events give parents of potential new Trojans a chance to learn about our community in a more intimate setting. Visitors hear from Mr. Sahm and Mr. Hasty, watch a video, and tour the school—but the highlight of the morning is always our students. Two senior Trojans speak with guests and answer questions. They can ask anything. And without fail, our students find a way to talk about their faith.

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As the Ambassadors advisor, I don't coach students on what to say before these events. I want their answers to be authentic to their experience. I explain what to expect, but I never script their responses. I am continually proud of how our students answer questions about Bishop Chatard, especially when they speak about their faith. They share how retreats have brought them closer to God; they talk about serving as peer ministers and supporting underclassmen; and they reflect on how prayer has become part of their daily lives. Honestly, they tell the Bishop Chatard story far better than I ever could.

This year, we have a record number of Ambassadors—more than 320—and some of the best moments of my job come from working alongside them. While our Student Ambassadors are excellent at setting up and tearing down tables before and after events, they are even better at what truly matters: living their faith and leading by example within our community.





BCHS ALUMNI, BY THE NUMBERS

DEANNA MURPHY

Director of Alumni Relations
& Special Events



At Bishop Chatard High School, our alumni remain an essential part of who we are. Long after graduation, Trojans continue to stay connected, give back, and support the mission that helped shape them. From cheering in the stands to mentoring students and serving in leadership roles, our alumni community is active, generous, and deeply invested in the life of our school.

Today, alumni can be found throughout the Bishop Chatard community in meaningful ways. Many have returned to campus as faculty and staff, sharing their gifts and walking alongside students each day. Alumni also serve on our Board of Regents and Alumni Board, offering guidance and leadership that help move Bishop Chatard forward. And we can't forget about all of the alumni who help us plan reunions, along with the hundreds that attend!

Each number represents a Trojan who has chosen to stay connected and give back. Together, these stories reflect a strong sense of pride, gratitude, and commitment to the values that define Bishop Chatard. We are truly thankful for the many ways our alumni continue to support our students and strengthen our community.

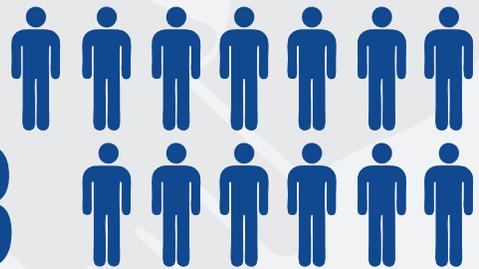
Go Trojans!

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ALUMNI WHO
HELPED PLAN OUR
REUNIONS IN 2025

24 ALUMNI
WORKING AS
BCHS STAFF

13



ALUMNI CURRENTLY SERVING ON OUR BOARD OF REGENTS

540 THE NUMBER
OF ALUMNI
ATTENDING
REUNIONS

21 - ALUMNI CURRENTLY COACHING AT BCBS

GOLF OUTING



TROJAN FELLOWSHIP ON THE FAIRWAY

The 2025 Harv Sutton Memorial Golf Outing brought together Trojan alumni, parents, and friends for a memorable day of golf and connection at Highland Golf & Country Club on October 6, 2025. With 36 foursomes enjoying a beautiful fall day, the outing once again proved to be one of Bishop Chatard's most beloved traditions.

Each year, this event honors the legacy of Harv Sutton by raising essential support for tuition assistance and teacher compensation, helping ensure that more students can benefit from a Bishop Chatard education. Thanks to the dedication of our players, sponsors, and volunteers, the outing generated over \$75,850 for the fund.

We extend a heartfelt thank you to our Title Sponsors, Acuity Capital Group + Industrial Manufacturing, and Merchants Foundation, for their continued commitment to Bishop Chatard High School.

We congratulate the following top performers:

Men's First Place: Ben Perkins, Brandon Podzielinski, Ryan Winkle, and Patrick Henry; **Women's First Place:** Julia Kaercher '05, Molly Rago '05, Megan Andress '03, and Allison Roe '00; **Additional contest winners included:** **Closest to the Pin (Women):** Julia Kaercher '05; **Closest to the Pin (Men):** Tony Lewis; **Longest Drive (Women):** Julia Kaercher '05; **Longest Drive (Men):** Lee Thompson '02

The day reflected everything that makes the Bishop Chatard community strong—shared purpose, friendly competition, and the kind of fellowship that continues to honor Harv Sutton's legacy in meaningful ways.

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GIFTS IN KIND

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1998



Bishop Chatard alum **DUJUAN DANIELS**, a key member of the 1997 state-championship football team and Indiana Mr. Football, has co-founded ASCEND Football and will serve as General Manager, leading scouting and player evaluation for the new agency. After a standout career at Boston College and nearly 20 years in NFL front offices with the Patriots and Raiders, he is now focused on helping athletes reach their professional goals.

2008



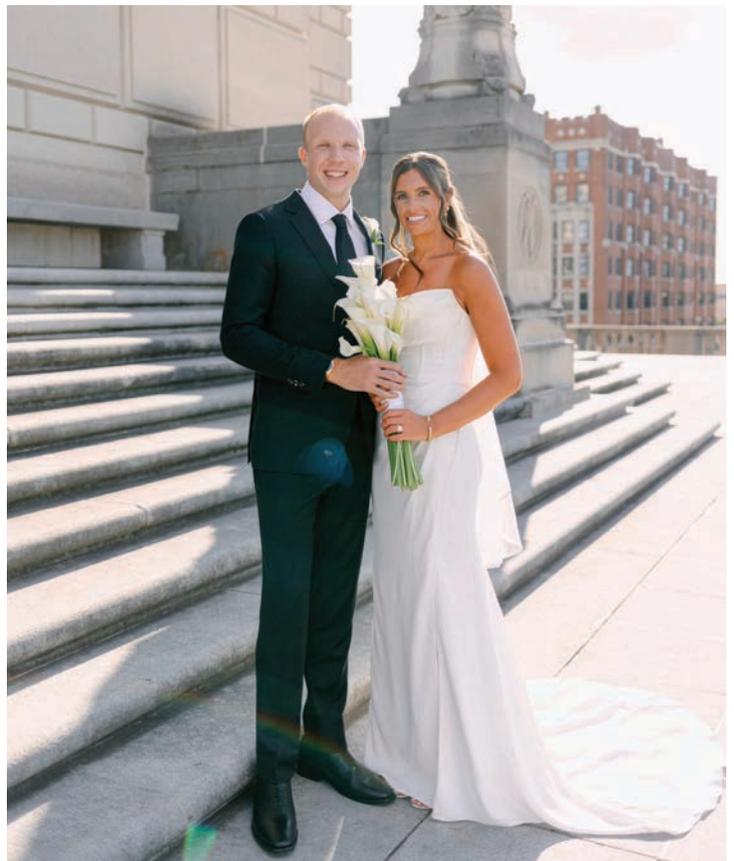
STEVE VALDISERRI is now a founding partner of a healthcare strategy firm, but he traces much of his approach to leadership back to his days at Bishop Chatard High School. As a member of the football program, Valdiserri won two state championships and learned early how structure, preparation, and accountability lead to success. Those lessons from the classroom and the field helped shape his mindset long before his career in healthcare began. Today, he often reflects on how the discipline and teamwork instilled at Bishop Chatard continue to guide the way he leads, solves problems, and measures success.

2000



SARAH (MUNDELL) SPENCER is back in Indianapolis after living around the U.S. and abroad for many years. She married Cody Spencer on May 31, 2025 at Our Lady of Lourdes on the east side of Indianapolis.

2012



LEXI SIEGLER AND COREY LYONS were married on August 30, 2025, at St. Luke Catholic Church, with a reception following at The Columbia Club. They are excited to begin this new chapter together.

2013

REBECCA (FADALE) KENNEY welcomed twins—a son, Jameson, and a daughter, Lena—in October 2024.



Alumnus **JORDAN KONTOR** passed away in 2022 at age 28 from sudden unexpected death in epilepsy (SUDEP). Diagnosed with epilepsy at age 4 and living with dyslexia, Jordan faced his challenges with resilience and determination. In his memory, his parents established Jojo's Jumpstart Foundation, which provides scholarships and business support to help students pursue continuing education, trade school, or entrepreneurial paths.

2019

ANNIE GERDENICH began working at the Jewish Community Center Preschool and Daycare in April of 2025.

2022



ELLA GRACE GIEDD became the first player in Marian University's women's lacrosse history to earn a spot on the College Sports Communicators (CSC) Academic All-District Team. A standout both on the field and in the classroom, Ella Grace maintained a 3.50 GPA last year and was named an NAIA All-America Third Team member and First Team All-WHAC honoree this past season. She led the Knights with 71 points, including 41 goals and 30 assists, helping Marian finish 10-5 and secure their first-ever WHAC co-championship.

2015

MARY CLAIRE (SILER) FOSTER and her husband celebrated their wedding in October 2024, surrounded by a bridal party filled with fellow Trojans: Amelia Siler '13, Elizabeth Siler '17, Anna Siler '21, Lauren Collins '15, Cora Butrum '15, Matthew Siler '09, Wade Knotts '13, Bobby O'Brien '13, and Brian Goldner '16. The couple also marked another exciting milestone last spring, purchasing their first home in Indianapolis in May of 2025.

2023

LUKE PURICHIA, currently a student at Wabash College, interned with Neighbor Serve last year, an Indianapolis home concierge company, where he took the initiative to secure a promotional interview on WXIN Fox 59. An economics major, Luke also led a team developing a nonprofit startup focused on fostering rural economic growth.

2017

COLLIN AYCOCK and his wife welcomed their second child, Catherine June Aycock, in October of 2025.



Three cheers for **GARIN COLASESSANO**, proud member of the Indiana University Cheerleading Cream Co-Ed Team! Garin cheered on the Hoosiers through an unforgettable football season, bringing energy, spirit, and Trojan pride every step of the way.

2024

Cycling is a family affair for the Zyromski kids! ANNA '24 and her brother JAKE '26 competed in several races this past year in Belgium. Jake even earned an impressive second-place finish, earning the nickname “demon on wheels” from his proud grandfather!



MARGUERITE BOURGEOIS was part of the ensemble cast in Footlight Musicals of Indianapolis's production of *Hadestown: Teen Edition* at the Hedback Theatre.



Congratulations to MAX BOURGEOIS on his victory in the Boilerman Triathlon last summer! Hosted annually by the Purdue Triathlon Club, the Olympic-distance race challenges athletes with a 1500-meter swim, 40K bike, and 10K run — and Max came out on top!

Alumni updates include submissions received through January 23, 2025.

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IN MEMORY

Bishop Chatard remembers and offers prayer for our beloved alumni and staff 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 2025 issue of *Trojans Today*, *Trojans for Life* magazine.

Robert Dietrich '73

Michael J. "Mike" Doyle '67

Janet Jackson '65

Joi (Weeden) Johnson '85

Richard "Rick" Mendez '73

B. Douglas "Doug" Pendleton '67

James Quatman, Sr. '65

Kevin Parrish '75

Randy Sage '75

Jeffrey Sauer '68





FAST, FIERCE, AND FEARLESS: TROJANS MAKE THEIR MARK THIS FALL



Athletics at Bishop Chatard High School during the first half of the school year once again reflected the heart of the Trojan community: competitive excellence paired with resilience, teamwork, and pride in representing the blue and white.

FOOTBALL: EXCELLENCE BEYOND THE FIELD

The Bishop Chatard football program continues to prove that true excellence extends far beyond the scoreboard. For the second consecutive year, the Trojans were named National Football Foundation (NFF) 4A Academic State Champions, earning the 2025–2026 NFF National High School Academic Excellence Award. Bishop Chatard was one of just five teams in Indiana to receive this distinction. In 2024, the Trojans were also recognized as Indiana’s overall Academic State Champions. This recognition is a testament to the coaches, teachers, and young men who prioritize scholarship, character, and accountability alongside competition.

GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL: BUILDING MOMENTUM

Girls flag football continues to gain traction across Indiana and is now recognized by the IHSAA as an emerging sport, with participation surging statewide. Bishop Chatard has been part of that early momentum. Under Coach Vance Erwin, the Trojans have welcomed athletes of all backgrounds and experience levels while building a strong, inclusive team culture. “This is a sport where everyone can contribute,” Erwin shared. “We’re interested in all grade levels and skill levels. The growth we’re seeing—from interest to confidence to teamwork—has been incredibly rewarding.” As enthusiasm for the sport continues to rise, Bishop Chatard is well positioned to remain part of its foundation in Indiana.

BOYS TENNIS: STATE RUNNER-UP

Boys tennis celebrated individual excellence as Casey Beckmann finished second at the IHSAA State Finals in singles. Competing in a single-class tournament featuring the top players in Indiana, his achievement reflects both personal dedication and the continued strength of the program.

CROSS COUNTRY: DEPTH AND DETERMINATION

Both cross country teams enjoyed exceptional seasons. The boys captured the Circle City Conference Championship, and the girls earned an impressive eighth-place finish at state. Julia Score led the way with a seventh-place individual finish, highlighting a season defined by consistency and grit.

GIRLS GOLF: BACK-TO-BACK SECTIONAL TITLES

Girls golf claimed its second consecutive sectional championship, showcasing poise and strong team scoring throughout the postseason. The repeat title reinforces the program’s reputation as one of the area’s most consistent contenders.

From emerging sports to championship runs and unforgettable finishes, the fall 2025 season once again demonstrated what Trojan athletes bring to every competition: commitment, character, and belief in one another.





BOYS SOCCER: A HISTORIC RUN

Few seasons will be remembered as vividly as the boys soccer team's journey to the state championship match. After a dominant postseason, the Trojans advanced to the final against Guerin Catholic, battling through regulation and overtime in a scoreless draw.

The championship was decided in penalty kicks that extended 13 rounds before Bishop Chatard fell by the narrowest margin. While heartbreaking, the second-place finish stands among the program's finest achievements. Coach Mike Carney reflected, "These guys never stopped believing. They trusted each other and went on an unbelievable run. I couldn't be prouder."

THEY TRUSTED EACH
OTHER AND WENT ON
AN UNBELIEVABLE
RUN. I COULDN'T BE
PROUDER.



ATHLETIC RECOGNITIONS

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

ACADEMIC ALL STATE RECOGNITIONS

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

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

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

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

FOOTBALL

Patrick Belby (IFCA)
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Zach Gantz (IFCA)
Zion Haney (IFCA)
AJ Harmon (IFCA)
Jack Harrington (IFCA)
Ross Hartman (IFCA)
Henry Hartwell (IFCA)
Toby Hibbeln (IFCA)
Sully Kuehr (IFCA)
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Zach Waggoner (IFCA)
Team Academic All State (NFF)

GIRLS GOLF

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

BOYS SOCCER

Daniel Delima (ISCA)
Lawrence Deypalubos (ISCA)
Jude Forestal (ISCA)

Drew Kramer (ISCA)
Walker Mann (ISCA)
Sean O’Gara (ISCA)
Jack Ryan (ISCA)
Andrew Taylor (ISCA)
Cooper Teeple (ISCA)
Vikas Walling (ISCA)
Elijah Wright (ISCA)

GIRLS SOCCER

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

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

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

ATHLETIC RECOGNITIONS

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Quinn Anderson: All City
Damian Cain: Conference & City
Champion, All Sectional
Quinn Hostettler: All Conference, All City
Marcus Pivec: All Conference, All City

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Genevieve Freeman: All City
Ceci Jackson: All Sectional, All
Regional
Grace Leppert: All Conference, All
City, All Sectional, All Regional, All
State
Julia Score: Conference, City &
Regional Champion, All Sectional, All
State, State 7th Place

FOOTBALL

Danny Adams: All Conference, All
City (Coaches), Superteam
Maddox Dwyer: All Conference, All
City (Coaches)
Zach Gantz: All Conference, All City
(Coaches)
Julio Graves: All Conference
Jax Guidry: All Conference, All City
(Coaches)
Zion Haney: All Conference, All City
(Coaches), Superteam
Anthony Hoekstra: All Conference
Drew Swickheimer: All Conference

GIRLS GOLF

Charlotte Becker: All Sectional
Caroline Boyd: All City, Sectional
Champion/Medalist
Clare Kirchgessner: All Conference,
All City
Sam Paberz: All City
Emily Wendt: All Conference, All
City, All Sectional

BOYS SOCCER

Sam Kauffman: All Conference, All
City (Coaches)
Andrew Taylor: All Conference, All
City (Coaches)
Vikas Walling: All Conference,
All City Tournament Team, All
City (Coaches), All District (ISCA),
Superteam
Eli Yancey: All Conference

GIRLS SOCCER

Olivia Berzai: All Conference, All City Tournament Team, All City (MCCGSA), All District (ISCA)
Marcy Boyle: All Conference, All City Tournament Team, All City (MCCGSA)
Maggie Ellis: All City (MCCGSA)
Addy Jahn: All Conference, All City (MCCGSA)

BOYS TENNIS

Casey Beckmann: City, Sectional & Regional Champion (#1 Singles), All Conference, State 2nd Place (#1 Singles), All District (IHSTeCA), All State (IHSTeCA)

BOYS VOLLEYBALL*

Reiley Kumler: All City, All Region (IBVCA)
Andrew Moriarty: All City, All Region (IBVCA)
Maddox Wynn: All Conference, All City, All Region (IBVCA)
Pierson Wynn: All Conference, All City, All Region (IBVCA)

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Charlotte Dudik: All Conference, All City (MCCGSA), All City Tournament Team
Reese McKinney: All City (MCCGSA), All City Tournament Team

OTHER RECOGNITION

Ali Beam: MCCGSA City Girls Golf Coach of the Year
Tommy Borchers: Colts Academic All Star Team, Kiwanis Football Academic MVP
Dan Kinghorn: MCCGSA City Girls Cross Country Coach of the Year

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HAIL TO VICTORY

ALWAYS REMEMBER

TROJANS WE WILL BE *Rah! Rah! Rah!*

ACTIVE AND GAME

READY TO FIGHT

DEFENDING HER COLORS

THREE CHEERS FOR THE

BLUE AND WHITE

FIGHT!

* Editor's Note: Boys Volleyball was unintentionally omitted from the Athletic Recognitions section of the Summer edition of Trojans Today, Trojans for Life and is now recognized here.



HOLLY STULTS
Theatre Director

RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN *Cinderella*

A CLASSIC FAIRY TALE TAKES THE STAGE AT BISHOP CHATARD

Bishop Chatard High School Theatre is proud to present its spring musical, *Cinderella*, April 16–18, 2026. Inspired by the timeless fairy tale tradition, Rodgers and Hammerstein’s beloved musical brings to life the story of a young woman trapped in hardship who dares to believe in something more. And through courage, kindness, and hope, makes that dream come true.

Brimming with romance, humor, and heart, *Cinderella* sparkles with unforgettable songs including “In My Own Little Corner,” “Impossible,” and “Ten Minutes Ago.” The production promises a magical theatrical experience for audiences of all ages, blending classic storytelling with vibrant choreography, vibrant music, and a message that resonates as strongly today as ever.

Theatre Director and Choreographer Holly Stultz says the energy behind this year’s production has been evident from the start. “The version of Rodgers and Hammerstein’s *Cinderella* we’re presenting is known as the ‘Enchanted Version,’” she says. “It brings together the best music from Broadway and the televised productions, including a song from the 1997 movie starring Brandy and Whitney Houston. The Prince is hosting a ball, everyone is invited—just be sure you leave on time with both shoes on your feet!”

Tickets will be announced soon. Be sure to follow Bishop Chatard High School on social media for ticket sale information.



NORTH DEANERY SUPER SPELLERS COMPETE

Congratulations to our North Deanery super spellers, who competed in the annual Bishop Chatard Spell Bowl on January 29 as part of Catholic Schools Week. Christ the King earned first place, followed by St. Luke in second and St. Simon in third. The competition was as exciting as ever, with all participants demonstrating impressive spelling skills, teamwork, and school spirit.

TROJAN SPIRIT SHOP

Spring is just around the corner, and so is the busy spring sports season! Gear up with a visit to the Trojan Spirit Shop, where new items are added daily to help you show off your Trojan pride. Plus, team t-shirts for all Trojan athletic teams are available year-round—so you're always ready to cheer on your favorites!

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