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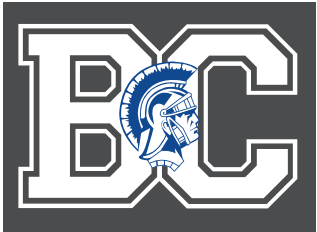
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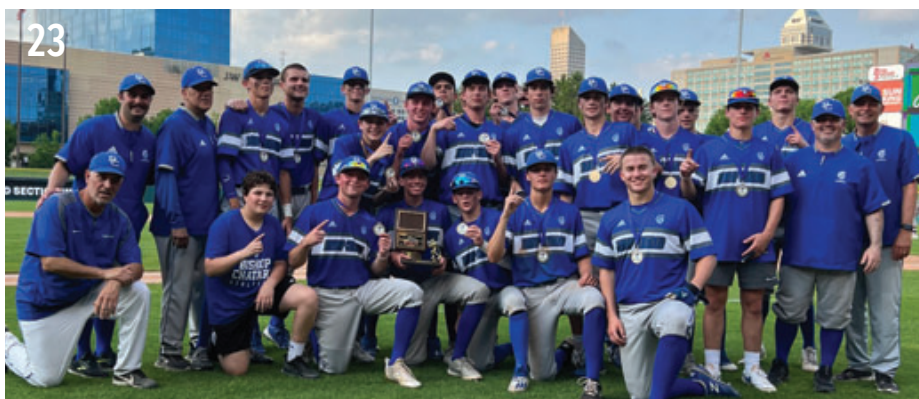
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# WELCOME TO THE SUMMER ISSUE OF TROJANS TODAY, TROJANS *for Life*

It is a new year at Bishop Chatard High School! As is typical in our North Deanery high school, the possibilities seem endless. While the threat posed by the pandemic is not gone, the school community is experiencing a return to normal, and we feel very blessed about that. It's funny ... normal is a world that used to denote 'average' or 'nothing special', and it took a pandemic for us to all realize what a beautiful state of affairs 'normal' can be.

We are opening up and welcoming groups of people back to campus again. In this issue, you will read about a new space, our Grotto, where we invite our community to gather for prayer and quiet meditation. Something that I have always personally valued and loved about the Catholic Church is its devotion to Mary, Queen of Heaven. I feel like that translates to a reverence for the work and commitment of all mothers, and we see that clearly at BCHS. For example, the behind-the-scenes time and care contributed to this school community by our Trinity Club parent organization, made up primarily of mothers, is immeasurable.

We welcomed a number of new faces to our faculty, staff and administration this year, and in this issue of Trojans Today you will meet Principal John Hasty. He comes to us from our sister school on the southside of Indy, Roncalli. Mr. Hasty hit the ground running when arriving at BCHS during the summer, and we thank the Roncalli community for sharing him with us!

Enjoy the Summer 2022 issue of Trojans Today! As always, we encourage you to reach out if you have thoughts or updates to share.

Enjoy the publication!

**KELLY LUCAS**

*Executive Director of Marketing & Communication*

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# A NEW ERA

**BILL SAHM**  
*President*

It is a New Era at BCCHS in that we are coming out of the past two years with an abundance of hope and a deeper understanding of how much our students and their families need us. I am very excited about the new school year and the numerous opportunities our students will have to thrive in this Christ-centered environment at BCCHS. And I believe my excitement is well founded.

Each moment in our recent history when we have been faced with the replacement of leadership, God has given us the right people for that time. I am convinced that He has graced us once again with dynamic, skilled and passionate leaders who will provide the environment for faculty, staff, and especially our students to become the best version of themselves as they prepare to be salt and light to the world of their futures.

Another reason for my hope and excitement is the many veteran faculty and staff who continue to dedicate themselves to living out our mission, serving our students with remarkable results. And, we have many new or relatively new gifted faculty and staff who have been guided here by the Holy Spirit to join us in this life-giving adventure.

As president, I am charged with ensuring that our student experience, including academics, extracurriculars and faith formation, aligns with our mission, which states, Bishop Chatard High School ... is directed to the success of each student, focused on the growth of the whole person, and modeled on the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church ... and prepares students for a life-long commitment to faith, learning, leadership and service.

At the dawn of this New Era, with your prayers and support, we will continue the important, hopeful, fulfilling work of forming our students to the life God has called them to.

May Our Lord richly bless you,

**BILL SAHM,**  
*President*











# TROJANS WELCOME PRINCIPAL JOHN HASTY

## **JOHN HASTY**

*Principal*

After navigating the COVID-19 pandemic for the past several years, the Bishop Chatard community is looking forward to a fresh start. Principal John Hasty, in his first year as the school's academic leader, is ready for the challenge.

In his previous role as a teacher and a vice principal at Roncalli High School, Mr. Hasty said that he received an invaluable glimpse into the life of a principal and everything it entails. That experience positioned him to take on this new role.

"The responsibility net is cast far, and it is cast wide," he said. "My goal is to make sure I focus my time on what makes Bishop Chatard so amazing, and that is the people. My goal is to be out of the office and engaging with every student, to support and affirm the great things our faculty and staff are doing, and to build strong bonds with present, past and future parents."

While teaching in a classroom, Mr. Hasty said he had about 170 students to focus on at any given time. As a principal, he knows that classroom is wider and broader, and he will have the opportunity to reach and impact more people in so many ways. That, he said, is exciting.

Mr. Hasty is a 2008 graduate of Roncalli High School. After earning his bachelor's degree from Marian University in 2012 he worked as a graduate assistant at Walsh University while pursuing his MBA. He moved back to Indianapolis to work as a national accounts manager for a logistics company and soon thereafter acted on a feeling that he said had been percolating for a couple of years. He went back to Marian to get his Master's in Teaching.

"People always say that you will find your purpose, but really it is stalking you," he said. Raised by parents who are educators, a passion for teaching is in his DNA.

Bishop Chatard's new principal describes himself as pragmatic and said it is fairly easy for him to pivot. "I'm not so rigid in my thoughts on how to do things that I have trouble being open to change. I think that is important."

While he served as a vice principal in his final year at Roncalli, Mr. Hasty continued to teach. That connection to the classroom, he said, is beneficial as a principal.

"Sometimes, there can be a disconnect with people in leadership and the administrative offices from what is actually happening in a classroom. Three months ago, I was teaching, and I think that is something I'd like to do again in the future as the principal."

He said that he will work to support, affirm and advance Bishop Chatard's team of professional educators, who he calls the number one factor in whether a student learns and develops a

lifelong commitment to faith, learning, leadership and service.

Mr. Hasty has big shoes to fill. Former principal Joe Hansen left Bishop Chatard at the end of the 2021-2022 school year to take a leadership position with the Archdiocese of Indianapolis Office of Catholic Schools.

"In my new role as Assistant Superintendent for Personnel and Policy, one of my major responsibilities is providing support to all principals in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis," Mr. Hansen explained. "Over the past few months, I have worked closely with John Hasty and I am impressed with his vision, enthusiasm, and love of Catholic education. He is a shining star and Bishop Chatard is in great shape with him leading the way."

Mr. Hasty has not felt alone in navigating the path to becoming a principal. Both Mr. Hansen and Chuck Weisenbach, the former principal, now president, at Roncalli, have shared advice about being effective in the job, primarily the need to maintain a robust prayer life and a clear work/life balance.

"You are in an environment where you are in partnership with parents molding probably the most important thing to them in their lives," Mr. Hasty said. As the father of three children, he recognizes the heavy weight and responsibility of that and is grateful for the collaboration that occurs in Catholic schools.

Since traveling north to Bishop Chatard, the Royal-turned-Trojan is often asked how the two schools compare.

"When I was at Roncalli, I would definitely look at it through the lens that envisions Bishop Chatard as Roncalli's brother or sister school on the north side. Of all the archdiocesan schools, there was mutual respect between Bishop Chatard and Roncalli because we saw each other as very similar.

"Coming here, I think those things that I thought have been affirmed. Our Catholic identity and our Catholic mission are very similar in how we approach them and how significant they are. I think the importance that we put on effective and engaging classrooms is very similar, but we may have slightly different ways of getting there," Mr. Hasty said.

But the people, that may be the greatest similarity. "There is a very similar feeling of community," he concluded.





# PLAN TO GIVE BACK

## MARGARET RUFFING

*Executive Director of Development*

There are many great schools out there, but Bishop Chatard stands strong in tradition and mission to form each student, focusing on the whole person, resulting in young men and women who seek the fullest development of their God-given talents and awareness of their faith and how to put it into action.

In 1998, when it was time for John Scheidler '72, to send his oldest son to high school, there was no question that Bishop Chatard was just where he and his late wife, Jamie, wanted all three of their sons to spend their high school years.

Reflecting on the last 50 years as he prepares for his 50th class reunion, John said, "Life moves fast, but I have always carried Bishop Chatard in my heart. My high school years at Bishop Chatard prepared me for the peaks and valleys of my life. My Catholic upbringing has been enhanced because of Bishop Chatard, and I love being a part of the family community it offers. I also love how no student is left behind. I was always encouraged to use the gifts God gave me and I feel so fortunate that I was able to have that experience and so too, did my sons, their spouses, three siblings, two of their spouses, and several of my nephews and nieces."

John long considered making Bishop Chatard a beneficiary in his estate plans, so when the time came to review his will, Bishop Chatard was given priority. "This is just another opportunity for me to help -- Bishop Chatard continue its mission and be here for my eight grandchildren and their families, as well as for other families who, like me, value the benefits and blessings of a Bishop Chatard Catholic education."

Remembering a lesson taught to him by his mother -- that every little bit helps -- John wanted to ensure he does his little bit to help Bishop Chatard carry on well into the future. A planned gift does not have to be a 'game changer' or 'landmark' gift. The important piece is in doing your little bit, no matter the size of the gift.

So many young men and women have been positively impacted by the experience of Catholic education and by remembering Bishop Chatard in your

will or estate plan, you create opportunities for so many, well into the future. Making a planned gift back to the school is easy to do and most importantly, it transforms lives.

**Contact Margaret Ruffing, Executive Director of Development, [mruffing@bishopchatard.org](mailto:mruffing@bishopchatard.org) 317-251-1451, ext. 2242.**



*John Scheidler '72 with son, John '02 and wife, Sarah Ball '03; son, Jimmy '05 and wife, Katie Dominguez '05; and seven of his eight grandchildren. Not pictured: son, Joey '04 and Jimmy and Katie's 14-month-old daughter.*





## BISHOP CHATARD HIGH SCHOOL

# *Congratulations* BCHS

Class of 2022

The 156 members of the Trojan Class of 2022 have collectively earned more than \$28 million in college scholarships and grants.

The faculty, staff and administration of Bishop Chatard are very proud of all that these young men and women continue to accomplish. They've challenged themselves, embraced their faith, and are prepared to make their own unique impact in our world. The prayers and support of the entire Trojan community accompany them on their journey.



## BISHOP CHATARD HIGH SCHOOL

THE NORTH DEANERY HIGH SCHOOL OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF INDIANAPOLIS

May God Bless & Protect the class of

# 2022

### TROJANS FOR LIFE!

*Congratulations to Bishop Chatard's Class of 2022 Valedictorian, Salutatorian and Top 10 Percent.*

#### VALEDICTORIAN

Daniel O'Gara

#### TOP 10 PERCENT

Peyton Bean  
Cooper Berry  
Kate Bowers

Patrick Countryman  
Jacqueline Figura  
Owen Fischer

Alexandria Gantz  
Nathaniel Joven  
Emma Kirby

Madison Loiselle  
Ella Moore  
Kylie Nagel

Daniel O'Gara  
Benjamin Sitzman  
Mary Sowinski  
Margaret Timpe

#### SALUTATORIAN

Patrick Countryman





## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2022 TOP 10 PERCENT

Front row (L to R): Margaret Timpe, Mary Sowinski, Emma Kirby, Peyton Bean, Kate Bowers, Jacqueline Figura, Alexandria Gantz, Madison Loiselle, Kylie Nagel, Ella Moore. Back row (L to R): Mr. Ben Reilly, Benjamin Sitzman, Owen Fischer, Nathaniel Joven, Daniel O'Gara, Patrick Countryman, Cooper Berry, Mr. Joe Hansen, Mr. Bill Sahn.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO BISHOP CHATARD'S 2022 SUMMA GRADUATES

Bishop Chatard's Summa Cum Laude Distinction recognizes academic excellence as well as more extensive participation in BCHS and the community at large. To earn this designation, Summa students must complete a senior thesis involving extensive research, a creative endeavor, or a community service project that culminates in an academic report. Topics selected by our 2022 Summa class are highlighted below.

Congratulations to Bishop Chatard's 2022 Summa students! Front row (L to R): Mary Sowinski, Deirdre Hostettler, Natalie Priser, Madison Loiselle, Alexandria Gantz, Jacqueline Figura, Peyton Bean. Back row (L to R): Corbin Wentworth, James Haas, Samuel Koers, Owen Fischer, William Hasbrook, Patrick Countryman, Sara Borland.

### SUMMA THESIS TOPICS

**PEYTON BEAN:** Examination of the Effectiveness of Teaching Handwriting to Children in Schools

**SARA BORLAND:** An Analysis of the Data related to the Bishop Chatard Sports Network

**PATRICK COUNTRYMAN:** Effect of Obedience on NFL Unsportsmanlike Conduct Rules

**JACQUELINE FIGURA:** Sugar: Addiction, The Effects on the Body, and Breaking Addiction

**OWEN FISCHER:** The Creative Process of Writing a Novel

**ALEXANDRIA GANTZ:** The Efficiency of Multitasking

**JAMES HAAS:** Why Continued Funding of NASA is Necessary

**WILLIAM HASBROOK:** Are Humans Inadvertently Causing the Destruction of Animal Life?

**DEIRDRE HOSTETTLER:** The Role of Social Justice in the Catholic Church through the Lens of Catholic Social Teachings and how that applies to the Modern World

**SAMUEL KOERS:** The Folly of Standardized Tests

**MADISON LOISELLE:** A Study of Medical Illustrators and Medical Illustration on Post Tibial Tendonitis Sports Injury

**NATALIE PRISER:** Student Perception of Service Hours and Impact of both Service on Students and Service Ministries on Bishop Chatard

**MARY SOWINSKI:** Examining the Prevalence of Eating Disorders in the Female Running Community

**CORBIN WENTWORTH:** The Effects of Climate Change on Humans and the Environment



Bishop Chatard High School has a robust arts program offering numerous band, choir, theatre, and art classes for students. Scan the QR code or visit [www.BishopChatard.org/arts/](http://www.BishopChatard.org/arts/) to learn more!





# GROTTO DEDICATED TO MARY, PATRONESS OF BISHOP CHATARD

Bishop Chatard High School has a long history of honoring Mary, Queen of Heaven, as its patroness. For decades, a statue of Mary has overlooked the school's main entrance as generations of Trojans have entered as freshmen, graduated as seniors, and returned as supportive alumni.

This summer, a Grotto located on the southwest corner of the Bishop Chatard campus, in front of the St. Benedict Center (SBC), was completed as a place where students, teachers and school groups can visit for prayer and adoration. The new Grotto is adjacent to the school's chapel, which is located inside the SBC.

A private dedication ceremony held July 19 was attended by members of the Semler family, who donated funds for the Grotto construction, and the Konrad family, who donated funds to install new windows and make other enhancements to the SBC exterior. Christ the King Pastor Father Rob Hankee officiated the dedication ceremony.

According to Bishop Chatard President Bill Sahm, the addition of the grotto "demonstrates that our faith is the foundation of everything we do here, it shows our reverence for Mary, our patroness."

"It is visual recognition of who we are as a Catholic school and what is most important to us in the formation of our students," Mr. Sahm said. "The Grotto is a reminder to all of us that the successes we have with our students are by the grace of God and Mary's intercession."

Members of the Class of 2022 gathered at the Grotto on August 7 for a prayer service and to receive their final BCHS yearbooks before heading off to college and other post-secondary pursuits.

"We were thrilled to be able to pray at the Marian grotto with the Class of 2022. It's a beautiful, prayerful space that immediately brings a sense of peace," said Libbie Steiner, Bishop Chatard Executive Director of Mission Integration. "Campus Ministry looks forward to inviting students, staff, and parents to ask for Mary's intercession in a new way thanks to this addition to our campus."

While the Grotto will be gated and fenced for security, members of the public are invited during daylight hours to visit the space for prayer.

In addition to thanking Jerry and Rosie Semler and the Semler Family Foundation, along with Jerry Konrad, whose gift was in memory of his late wife, Nancy, Mr. Sahm acknowledged the contribution of Noll Landscape Group for the beautiful landscaping and hardscape that creates a welcoming environment for visitors, along with the Christ the King Men's Group for providing the manpower to install the fence around the Grotto.

"We thank these donors for making this beautiful sacred prayer space possible, and for their generosity through the years in support of our Catholic mission," Mr. Sahm added.









## ALUMNUS RETURNS HOME TO LEAD BCHS ADVANCEMENT TEAM

### **JT FUNK**

*Vice President of  
Institutional  
Advancement*

It is a pleasure to be back at BCHS serving as our Vice President of Institutional Advancement. I am a Bishop Chatard graduate of the class of 2001, and I also taught English here from 2005 through 2013 and was Department Chair for my final three years. I then left education to pursue a law degree and open my own law firm. I practiced business, real estate, construction, and estate planning law. This was a rewarding and challenging experience for me and gave me the skills and experiences necessary for this new adventure.

When I originally left BCHS my teaching colleagues joked about how long it would take before I came running back home. I initially told them, “No...no...this is it. I’m off to be a lawyer now. I won’t be back.” Well, God had other plans for me. While I cherish the time I spent in the law and worked alongside some wonderful people, God indeed had other plans for me and the call to be back at BCHS and work in Catholic education again was simply too great to ignore. That said, I am very blessed to be back at BCHS and I would be remiss if I didn’t take a moment to thank all those who have welcomed me back to the Bishop Chatard family – this faith community is truly one-of-a kind! In fact, many people have said to me, “Welcome home.” BCHS is home for me and for so many who know how special it is.

With a new school year upon us and the world getting “back on track” after the past few years, now seems like a good opportunity to remind our community what the Advancement Office at BCHS does and how we serve BCHS and our North Deanery community. People often ask me, “what is it you actually do?” While I typically joke that I have no idea or that I am here to institutionalize the advancement of BCHS, I will try and explain here.

The BCHS Advancement Office oversees a variety of departments: enrollment, marketing and communications, fund development, alumni relations, and our special events (events like, Chatard-A-Braton, Annual Fund, and our Golf Outing). Essentially, we are the outward facing arm of BCHS. Part of our mission is to increase North Deanery outreach and be a welcoming face and resource for our North Deanery parishes and families to increase the faith and confidence that their archdiocesan high school is a place of faith formation, academic rigor, athletic competition, a home for the arts as well as many other non-athletic endeavors our students seek.

I’ll focus my attention on enrollment for a moment. As your North Deanery archdiocesan high school, we seek to be a welcoming place for all of our deanery students; however, BCHS accepts a wide range of learners. Despite the variety of students, we typically achieve a 100 percent graduation rate and send approximately 95 percent of graduates on to college. In addition, all our students leave us being college and career ready. We seek to welcome our students where they are and take them where they want to be. You may be asking yourself: How can I find out more?

There are many ways our prospective families can get to know BCHS. The easiest way is to head to our website: [www.BishopChatard.org](http://www.BishopChatard.org) and click on the “Enrollment” tab at the top. There you’ll find information about Shadow days, Wednesday Walk-Thrus, and One-to-One tours. You can also view our facilities through virtual tours; see fun, promotional videos and experience us through social media, school communications, and North Deanery events. We encourage our North Deanery families to take advantage of these opportunities to find the best fit for their student. As the archdiocesan high school for the North Deanery of Indianapolis, we want all of you to come and experience BCHS through the many opportunities listed above. We also want to come to you!

Look for us at your North Deanery parish or school in the 2022-2023 school year as we work to increase our presence at our North Deanery parishes and grade schools and be a champion and supporter of the great work our North Deanery parishes and schools already do.

I want to thank all of you for entrusting your children to us and considering Bishop Chatard High School. I can personally say that being a part of this one-of-a-kind faith community is as rewarding as it is fun. As a Bishop Chatard Trojan myself, we are all Trojans for Life!

God bless our North Deanery parish families and may God continue to bless Bishop Chatard!





FALL IS ONE OF THE BUSIEST SEASONS OF THE YEAR AT BISHOP CHATARD, AND IT IS A GREAT TIME FOR FAMILIES TO VISIT THE CAMPUS AND DISCOVER MORE ABOUT THE ACADEMIC, EXTRACURRICULAR AND FAITH-BASED OPPORTUNITIES THAT THE NORTH DEANERY HIGH SCHOOL OFFERS TO STUDENTS. FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT [WWW.BISHOPCHATARD.ORG/PROSPECTIVE-STUDENTS/](http://WWW.BISHOPCHATARD.ORG/PROSPECTIVE-STUDENTS/) OR CONTACT ENROLLMENT MANAGER KAREN ARUTA AT [KARUTA@BISHOPCHATARD.ORG](mailto:KARUTA@BISHOPCHATARD.ORG).

## 2022 OPEN HOUSE RSVP IS NOW OPEN!

Bishop Chatard's 2022 Open House will be held on Thursday, Nov. 3, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Tour and explore Bishop Chatard High School and learn about the unique academic and extracurricular opportunities that await your student.

Visitors are invited to make a reservation beginning at 5:30, 6:00, 6:30 or 7:00 p.m. While on a guided tour of the campus, students and their parents will visit classrooms, talk with educators, visit the Trojan Club & Team Fair, and discover why more North Deanery families choose Bishop Chatard than any other high school for their children's high school experience.

## SCHEDULE YOUR 8TH GRADER'S SHADOW EXPERIENCE TODAY

Bishop Chatard invites 8th grade students to spend a school day shadowing a current Bishop Chatard student. Your student will attend classes, interact with teachers and other students, enjoy lunch and experience life as a BCHS Trojan.

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

Parents of 7th and 8th grade students are invited to spend a morning getting to know Bishop Chatard High School. During the Wednesday Walk-thru, parents will hear a brief presentation from a school administrator, take a tour of the school while classes are in session, and have an opportunity to ask questions.

Families seeking a more personal conversation are invited to schedule a one-to-one appointment. Parents and students may meet with a school administrator and/or teacher and ask questions, explore topics in detail and get a closer look at the school.



Bishop Chatard



Christ the King



Immaculate Heart of Mary



St. Joan of Arc



St. Lawrence



St. Luke



St. Matthew



St. Pius X



St. Simon



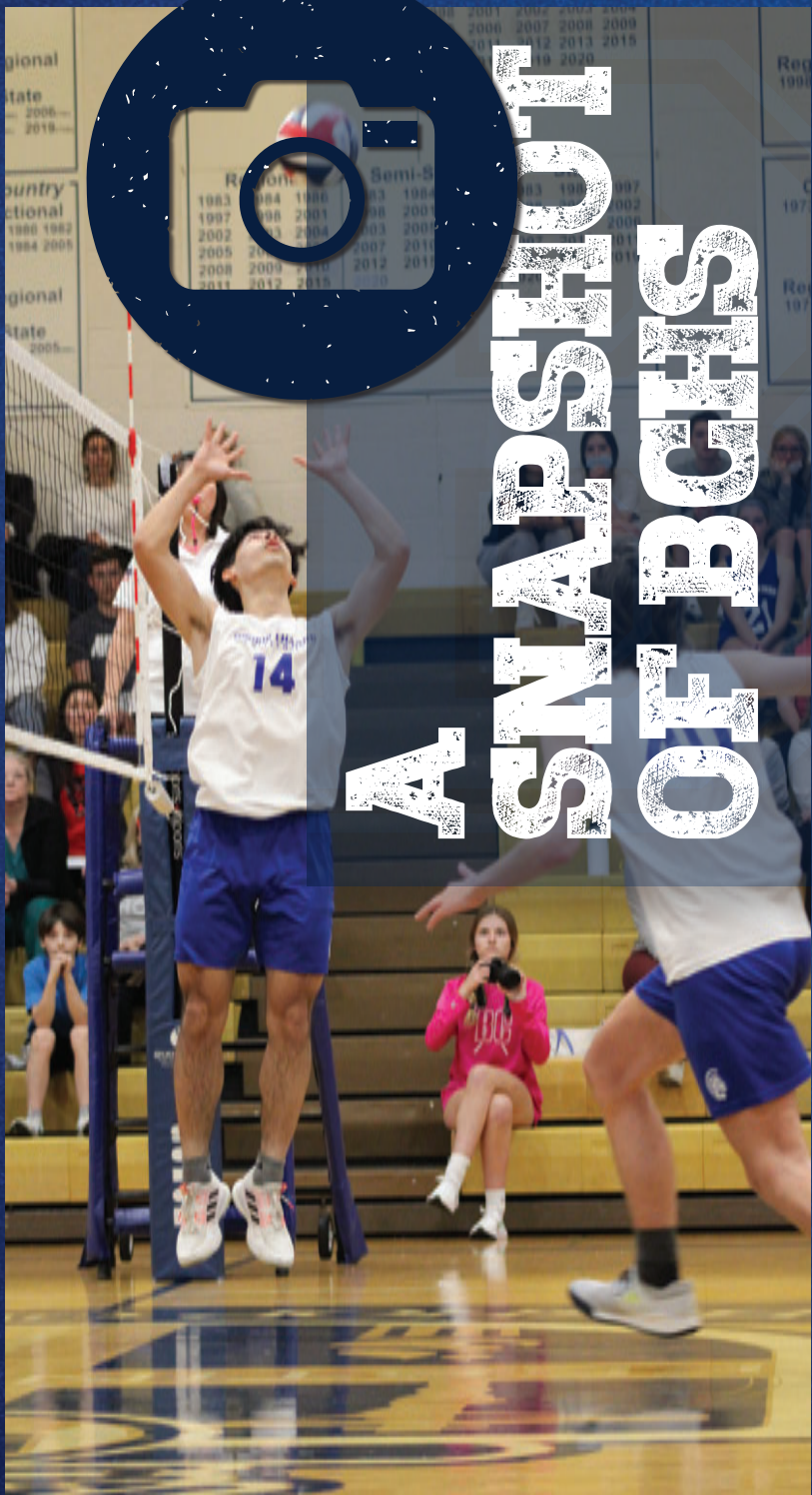
St. Thomas Aquinas

TO LEARN MORE, RSVP FOR THIS YEAR'S OPEN HOUSE, OR SCHEDULE OTHER ENROLLMENT OPPORTUNITIES, VISIT [WWW.BISHOPCHATARD.ORG/ENROLLMENT/EVENTS/](http://WWW.BISHOPCHATARD.ORG/ENROLLMENT/EVENTS/).





# A YEAR OF SNAPS OF BGS







Bishop Chatard students are offered the opportunity to take a photography class as part of the school's Visual Arts program. In it, students are introduced to the tools, procedures, concepts and application of photography. They use digital cameras to stimulate creativity for personal expression and communication.

The creative work of the past year's photography students was on display at the 2022 Celebration of the Arts. Through the photographs, visitors were able to imagine a day in the life of many BCHS students. While space does not allow the totality of activities occurring on the North Deanery campus to be captured, this photographic collage provides a 'snapshot' of life as a Trojan.

Congratulations to the contributing student photographers Mary Kate Ryan, Alex Gantz, Alison Stevens, Charley Szydylyk, Elsie Rohan, Jackie Figura, Kaitlyn Stehlik, Kennedy Leppert, Maggie Ryan, Mary Bea Sowinski, and Mia Todd for their creative work.







## SULLIVAN'S HARDWARE: WHERE EVERYBODY KNOWS YOUR NAME

### ANNE HOMAN

*Director of Alumni Relations*

Sullivan's Hardware. I think most of us who grew up and live on the northside of Indy have a fond memory from Sullivan's. I can remember every Christmas going with my dad and siblings to the 49th and Penn location and picking out the best-looking Christmas tree for our home. Or stopping by and grabbing some popcorn while dad picked up the lawn products and tools he needed. The place feels nostalgic and intimate.

That feeling has held true to this day. The store has grown and expanded into a multi-faceted retail and event space. There is a restaurant, Sully's Grill, beer and wine sales, the Yellow House, special event nights, a train at Christmas to visit Santa and pumpkin town in the fall to name just a few. They have even recently added a new location, Allisonville Home & Garden by Sullivan, only expanding their reach and creative capabilities in the Indianapolis area. Yet the feeling you get when you walk into the store remains the same. It is warm and inviting and truly feels like a family.

The store has humble beginnings, as it was founded in 1954 by Robert Sullivan as Sullivan Hardware, now Sullivan Hardware & Garden, after serving in World War II and the Korean War. His wife, Rita, ran their first store located on East Washington Street in Indianapolis while he continued running his contracting business. In 1963, the store was moved to 71st and Keystone where it remains today.

After 35 years in the hardware business, Robert retired in 1989, and his son, Pat, took over the store. Since then, Pat has opened additional locations; the first at 49th and Penn, the second in Cicero, Indiana, and the most recent being the property on Allisonville in Fishers. He has also continued to expand and grow the 71st and Keystone location. Adding square footage to include a restaurant, indoor event space and room to create a magical and winding train path during the holiday season.

Throughout the years, Sullivan's Hardware & Garden has remained a mainstay in the Indianapolis community. They continue to give back throughout the area and in particular to the Bishop Chatard community. Donating not only financially but also through their time, use of their facilities, and store resources given back to the school and community at large.

Pat, Beth, and the whole Sullivan family have also hired countless Bishop Chatard students and alumni throughout the years. According to their oldest daughter Becky, "It would be hard to get an accurate number of the BCHS alumni and students who have worked here, but it would have to be over 300 throughout the years."



Jo (Boyle) Keating '83 & Richard (Dick) Proffitt '69



For those of you who know the Sullivans, this number should come as no surprise. They are Bishop Chatard Trojans through and through. Pat and Beth met at BCHS in the late 1970s, and eventually all five of their children graduated from Bishop Chatard. They continue to show up and support Bishop Chatard in countless ways.

You can't go far in the store without seeing someone you know who is working or shopping. It is a microcosm of the Northside of Indianapolis, particularly that of the Bishop Chatard High School community. There are current students working the register and loading cars with products. There are alumni driving the train, working events, selling patio furniture and helping around the store. I think Cathy (Hayes) Ciresi said it best about her time working at Sullivan's Hardware.



Jamie (Cotton) Garlock '10, Cathy (Hayes) Ciresi '75, Will Ayer '22

"I'm showing my age, but sometimes I feel like I work at 'Cheers' where everyone knows your name! Over the years, seven members of my extended family, including me, have worked here. On any given day, someone comes in that I know! It's a fun and flexible place to work."

There are countless stories like this from BCHS alumni that have worked at Sullivan's throughout the years. It really does feel like that. And the warm, fun, and inviting environment starts at the top with the Sullivan family. They make it a place you want to work and want to come back to and visit. Anna Ayer from the class of 2020 said, "Working at Sullivan's Hardware & Garden has given me the opportunity to connect with my co-workers and even customers. It is a super fun environment to work in and I have learned so much during my time here."

For me, being at Sullivan's Hardware in a way feels like an extension of the Bishop Chatard family. Still to this day every time I go in there, I run into someone I know from our community. When I take my own kids to the store for the Christmas train and to have a visit with Santa, it is truly magical. Their eyes light up at the wonder and joy along the train's path and even though it is cold outside, we feel the warmth in that train car. The warmth of the love and care the Sullivan family puts into everything they do at the store.



## 2022 ALUMNI EASTER EGG HUNT

On a sunny but chilly April morning, about 275 Future Trojans stormed Bishop Chatard's front lawn in search of Easter Eggs. Even more parents, grandparents and friends were in attendance to cheer them on! After the hunt was over, face-painting, treats, and Hedgehog Hannah's assortment of critters entertained kids of all ages.





## ALUMNI UPDATES

1971



**NINA RAY & SHERRI (OTTO) McCLEOD** reconnected thanks to their 50th BCHS reunion in September 2021 and decided to go on a Viking River Cruise together in April 2022 on the Duoro River. They were old traveling buddies in high school, and after not really being in touch for 50 years they immensely enjoyed the traveling experience together again. They visited wineries, old castles and buildings, and just relaxed and admired the views. They even got lost a time or two (especially in Lisbon) but did make it on time for Mass in a lovely old local church, as preparations were being made for Easter.

1976

**CARL HENN** recently published a book titled "My Two Centuries in Africa," which is now available as an eBook on Amazon Kindle. Carl has spent his career fighting infectious diseases in Africa.

1980



**LT. GEN. JOHN JANSEN** recently retired from the U.S. Marines as deputy commandant of programs and resources within headquarters in Washington, D.C. He served as the keynote speaker at the 2022 American Legion 500 Festival Memorial Service.

1982



**JIM WOOD** was ordained a permanent deacon on July 25 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. Deacon Jim will continue to serve the poor and sick, as well as parishioners at St. Simon the Apostle Catholic Church.

2000



**MEREDITH (SMITH) FREDRICKSON** spent almost a decade working in the admissions and communications offices at Bishop Chatard before pursuing her lifelong dream of becoming a nurse. Meredith graduated with her bachelor's degree in nursing in May 2021 and now works at IU North Hospital in Carmel, Indiana. She is in the postpartum unit and loves caring for new mothers and babies. Meredith resides in Indianapolis with her husband, Sean, and their three children who attend St. Pius X Catholic School.

2001



**JULIE (HORNBACH) FUNK** welcomed Jack Andrew to the family on March 21. He joins siblings Max (8), Leo (6) and Chloe (5).

2003



**JAMES BROOKS** married Caitlyn Ellis of Riverton, Utah, in a private ceremony on Nov. 12, 2021, in Bermuda. James resides in Juneau, Alaska.



## 2005



**ETHAN BREMER** and his wife, Melissa, welcomed their first child, Beckett William, on May 16.



## 2006 (CONTINUED)



**WILL ZANDER** is engaged to marry Mary Kate Knorr in August 2022 at St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church in Chicago. Will has lived in Chicago for four years, working as a Special Agent with the FBI. Mary Kate formerly served as the executive director of Illinois Right to Life. She is the founder and director of Feminae Vero, an organization whose vision is to serve, educate and evangelize girls and women by sharing the truth about their reproductive health and how it connects to their Catholic faith.

## 2006



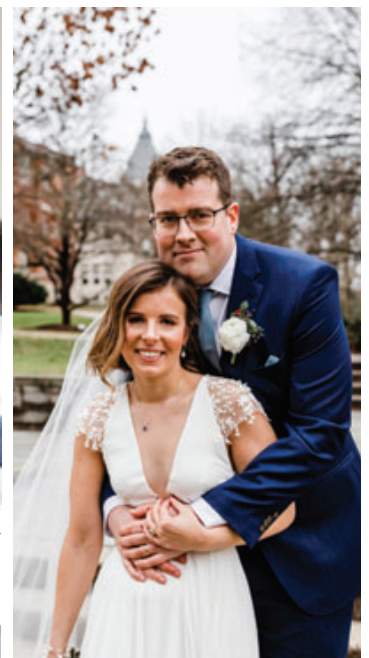
**ALLISSA (BATTOCLETTI) NOFFKE** has been recognized by Purdue University as a 2022 Rising Professional. Allissa works for the Human Spaceflight Operations at NASA Johnson Space Center as a Certified Extravehicular Activities (EVA) Astronaut Instructor and Flight Controller. She is in charge of leading on-orbit operations for US EVAs on the International Space Station. Known as a "Professor of Spacewalking,"

she teaches classes to astronauts in the Neutral Buoyancy Lab and works with Mission Control to write procedures when astronauts are up in space.

## 2012



**ANNIE (BATES) & CHRIS '11 TARPEY** welcomed their second child, Oliver Vincent, on January 9.



**PAIGE POWERS & LUKE McHUGH** were married at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Bloomington, Indiana, on Dec. 18, 2021.



**HEATHER (O'BRIEN) HUNT** and her husband, Matt, welcomed their first baby girl, Maeve Margaret, on March 31.



**LOGAN COOK** was named a 2022 Indianapolis Business Journal 40 Under 40 Honoree.



## ALUMNI UPDATES

2014



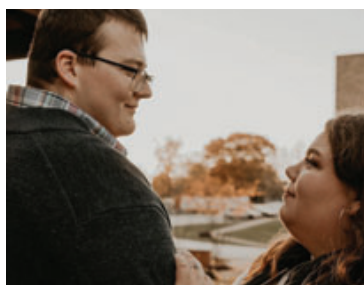
**BRIDGET MURRAY** teamed up with fellow Indiana University graduates and Hoosier filmmakers in April to film “White Elephant,” a thriller-comedy about two best friends embracing their instincts after an unexpected terror interrupts their first holiday together. Bridget starred in the 2019 horror short “Dyscrasia” which won a Gold Award at the Spotlight Horror Film Awards.

2018 (CONTINUED)



**JESS FRIEDERICK** spent 10 days in Los Angeles, working at Super Bowl LVI on February 13, as part of a program sponsored by Living Sport, an organization that provides work and study experiences for students interested in sports careers. Jess graduated from Trine University in May.

2016



**SARAH WOOD** married her college sweetheart, Drew Sullivan, of Kokomo, Indiana, at St. Simon the Apostle Catholic Church on July 30. Sarah currently works as a youth minister.

2018



**ABBY TEED**, holding the trophy, and her teammates on Melanzana Cycling won the 34th running of the 2022 Indiana University Women’s Little 500 bicycle race April 22 in Bloomington, Indiana.

## In Memory

Bishop Chatard remembers and offers prayers for our beloved alumni who have passed away in recent months. The list below includes those whose obituaries were received by the Bishop Chatard Alumni Office since the publication of the Winter 2022 Trojans Today. This issue includes remembrances received through July 31, 2022.

CHRISTINE KNUTH '68

JOSEF R. DICKERSON '72

MARK BROSIUS '76

KELLY STONEBRAKER '78

JORDAN KONTOR '13

NATHAN OTOLSKI '14







## NEW ADDITION TO THE FAMILY?

Bishop Chatard would love to  
send you a Future Trojan onesie!

PLEASE COMPLETE OUR  
"SHARE YOUR NEWS"

[ALUMNI.BISHOPCHATARD.ORG/SHARE-NEWS/](http://ALUMNI.BISHOPCHATARD.ORG/SHARE-NEWS/)



AND WE WILL MAIL ONE TO YOU.  
BE SURE TO INCLUDE A PHOTO.  
IF YOU HAVE ONE, SO THAT WE  
CAN SHARE YOUR JOY WITH  
OTHER BCHS ALUMNI!

## LET YOUR CLASSMATES KNOW WHAT IS HAPPENING IN YOUR LIFE!

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*Alumni updates in this issue include submissions received through July 31, 2022.*

## CALLING THE CLASSES OF

**1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002, 2007, 2012, 2017!**

2022 is the year to celebrate your 'milestone' reunion. If you would like to help organize your class reunion, please contact Anne (Hurrie) Homan, '06, Director of Alumni Relations, at [ahoman@BishopChatard.org](mailto:ahoman@BishopChatard.org) to get started.

**BISHOP CHATARD CONGRATULATES THESE OUTSTANDING STUDENT ATHLETES AND TEAMS THAT HAVE BEEN HONORED FOR ACADEMIC AND ATHLETIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING THE 2021-2022 WINTER AND SPRING SPORT SEASONS.**

### ACADEMIC ALL STATE RECOGNITIONS

#### BASEBALL

Ben Wright (IHSBCA)

#### BOWLING

Greta Corns (IHSB)

#### BOYS BASKETBALL

T.J. Alexander – Honorable Mention (IBCA)

Carter St. John – Honorable Mention (IBCA)

Ben Wright – Honorable Mention (IBCA)

#### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Grace Adams (ICGSA)

Sara Borland (ICGSA)

Kate Caskey (ICGSA)

Carly deCastro (ICGSA)

Ella Grace Giedd – Honorable Mention (ICGSA & IBCA)

#### BOYS GOLF

John Schaffer – Honorable Mention (IHSGCA)

#### BOYS LACROSSE

Sam Bella (IHSLA)

Cooper Berry (IHSLA)

Nicholas Mates (IHSLA)

Ben Sitzman (IHSLA)

Zade Kalesperis (IHSLA)

#### GIRLS LACROSSE

Samantha Ball (INGLA)

Carly deCastro (INGLA)

Raleigh Dixon (INGLA)

Ella Grace Giedd (INGLA)

Sara Kelly (INGLA)

Mary Mason (INGLA)

Ruby Mason (INGLA)

Mary Mastrian (INGLA)

Hilary Meek (INGLA)

Kylie Nagel (INGLA) & Academic All American (USL)

Ellie Pratt (INGLA)

Maggie Smith (INGLA)

Kaitlyn Stehlik (INGLA)

BB Wuensch (INGLA)

#### RUGBY

Tanner Quackenbush (RI)

Brandon Salas (RI)

#### SOFTBALL

Kate Caskey (ICGCA & SCAI)

Ruby Durham (ICGCA)

Rachel Foley – Honorable Mention (ICGCA & SCAI)

TEAM ACADEMIC ALL STATE (SCAI)



*The BCHS Softball Team secured its first City Championship since 1999 with a 2 – 1 win over Cathedral High School.*

#### BOYS SWIMMING

Patrick Countryman (IHSSCA) & Academic All American (NISCAA)



Owen Fischer (IHSSCA) & Academic All American (NISCAA)

Nate Flora (IHSSCA) & Academic All American (NISCAA)

Will Hasbrook (IHSSCA) & Academic All American (NISCAA)

Danny O'Gara (IHSSCA) & Academic All American (NISCAA)

### GIRLS SWIMMING

Peyton Bean (ICGSA), (IHSSCA) & Academic All American (NISCAA)

Sarah Christoff (ICGSA), (IHSSCA) & Academic All American (NISCAA)

Jackie Figura (ICGSA), (IHSSCA) & Academic All American (NISCAA)

Deidre Hostetler (ICGSA), (IHSSCA) & Academic All American (NISCAA)

Madison Loiselle (ICGSA), (IHSSCA) & Academic All American (NISCAA)

Margaret Timpe (ICGSA), (IHSSCA) & Academic All American (NISCAA)

Mia Todd (IHSSCA) & Academic All American (NISCAA)

Mara Foley – Honorable Mention (ICGSA & IATCCC)

Alex Gantz (ICGSA & IATCCC)

Deidre Hostetler – Honorable Mention (ICGSA & IATCCC)

Mary Bea Sowinski (ICGSA & IATCCC)

Emma Stapleton – Honorable Mention (ICGSA)

Cameron Stevenson – Honorable Mention (ICGSA)

Mayan Stickel – Honorable Mention (ICGSA & IATCCC)

### BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Christopher Board (IHSLA)

Nate Flora (IHSLA)

Charlie Harr (IHSLA)

Jackson Herrera (IHSLA)

Zeke Jarzyniecki (IHSLA)

Will Szentes (IHSLA)

TEAM ACADEMIC ALL AMERICAN (AVCA)

### BOYS BASKETBALL

A.J. Roseman: All City, All City Tournament Team, All Conference

Carter St. John: All Conference

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Grace Adams: All City Tournament Team, All City (MCCGSA), All Conference

Caroline Bell: All Conference

Izzy Davis: All City Tournament Team, All City (MCCGSA), All Conference

Carly deCastro: All City Tournament Team

### BOYS GOLF

Colin Kirchgessner: All City

William Pruitt: All City, All Conference, All Sectional, All Regional, State Finalist

### BOYS TENNIS

TEAM ACADEMIC ALL STATE (IHSTeCA)

### GIRLS TENNIS

Peyton Bean (ICGSA & IHSTeCA)

Zizi Wuensch – Honorable Mention (ICGSA & IHSTeCA)

TEAM ACADEMIC ALL STATE (IHSTeCA)

### WRESTLING

Raudel Arteaga – Honorable Mention (IHSWCA)

Ethan Brown (IHSWCA)

Eli Bustamante (IHSWCA)

Will Hudson – Honorable Mention (IHSWCA)

Jef Waugh – Honorable Mention (IHSWCA)

### BOYS TRACK

T.J. Alexander – Honorable Mention (IATCCC)

Noah Dudik – Honorable Mention (IATCCC)

Davis Falcon (IATCCC)

George Gamble (IATCCC)

Nate Joven (IATCCC)

Daniel O'Gara (IATCCC)

Cole Weber – Honorable Mention (IATCCC)

### ATHLETIC RECOGNITIONS

#### BASEBALL

Jack Annee: All Conference

Aiden Duncan: All City(Coaches)

Jack Murray: All City(Coaches)

J.P. Polakin: All City(Coaches), All Conference

### GIRLS TRACK

Grace Adams (ICGSA & IATCCC)

Caroline Bell – Honorable Mention (IATCCC)

Caroline Clapacs (IATCCC)

Jackie Figura (ICGSA & IATCCC)



Congratulations to William Pruitt, finishing 49th out of 100 high school golfers who qualified for the 2022 Indiana State Golf Finals.

### BOYS LACROSSE

Zade Kalesperis: All Conference

Nicholas Mates: All Conference



The Trojan Baseball Team pulled off a huge 7th inning rally to defeat Cathedral High School in the 2022 City Championship.



## GIRLS LACROSSE

Ella Grace Giedd: All Conference

Mary Mason: All Conference

Ruby Mason: All Conference, All State (INGLA), All American

Hilary Meek: All Conference

Kylie Nagel: All Conference, All State (INGLA)



*Congratulations to the Lady Trojan Lacrosse Team, 2022 Sectional Champions!*

## BOYS SWIMMING

Max Bourgeois: City Champion {200y Medley Relay, 500y Free, 200y Free Relay, 100y Breast}, Conference Champion {200y Medley Relay, 100y Breast}

Patrick Countryman: City Champion {200y Medley Relay, 200y Free Relay}, Conference Champion {200y Medley Relay}

Will Hasbrook: City Champion {400y Free Relay}

Aaron Loiselle: City Champion {200y Medley Relay, 200y IM, 200y Free Relay}, Conference Champion {200y Medley Relay}

Donovan McMahon: City & Conference Champion {Diving}

Jack Steadham: City Champion {200y Medley Relay, 50y Free, 200y Free Relay, 100y Back}, Conference Champion {200y Medley Relay, 100y Back}

## GIRLS SWIMMING

Jackie Figura: City Champion {200y Medley Relay, 200y Free Relay}

Gabriella Herner: City Champion {500y Free, 200y Free Relay, 400y Free Relay}

Grace Hurley: City & Conference Champion {Diving}, State Finalist {7th}

Madison Loiselle: City Champion {200y Medley Relay, 100y Back, 400y Free Relay}

Mary Claire McCarthy-Young: City Champion {400y Free Relay}

Hanna Ross: City Champion {200y Medley Relay, 100y Free, 200y Free Relay, 400y Free Relay}

Mia Todd: City Champion {200y Medley Relay, 200y Free Relay}

## BOYS TENNIS

*(not reported in Winter issue)*

William Dietrick: All Conference

William Pruitt: All Conference

## BOYS TRACK

Max Bourgeois: City Champion (1600M)

Noah Dudik: Conference Champion (400M), Conference, City & Sectional Champion (1600M Relay)

Davis Falcon: Conference, City & Sectional Champion (3200M Relay), State Qualifier (3200M Relay)

George Gamble: Conference Champion (LJ, 400M Relay), City Champion (HJ, LJ, 400M Relay, 1600M Relay), Sectional Champion (LJ), State Qualifier (LJ), Indiana All Star

Nate Joven: Conference & City Champion (400M Relay), Conference, City & Sectional Champion (1600M

Relay), State Qualifier (PV)

Ian Kolbus: Conference, City & Sectional Champion (3200M Relay), State Qualifier (3200M Relay)

Luke Monahan: Conference, City & Sectional Champion (3200M Relay), State Qualifier (3200M Relay)

Connor Moriarty: Conference, City & Sectional Champion (3200M Relay), State Qualifier (3200M Relay)

Mike Nash: Conference, City & Sectional Champion (1600M Relay)

Danny O'Gara: Conference Champion (100M, 200M, 400M Relay), City Champion (400M Relay), Sectional Champion (1600M Relay)

Sylvester Williams: Conference & City Champion (400M Relay)

## GIRLS TRACK

Brianna Buels: Conference & City Champion and State Qualifier (400M Relay), Conference Champion (1600M Relay), City Champion (200M)

Caroline Clapacs: Conference Champion (3200M Relay)

Lily Cridge: City Champion (3200M), State Qualifier (3200M Relay)

Addison Duncan: City Champion (400M Relay, 1600M Relay), Conference Champion (400 Relay), State Qualifier (400M Relay), State 3rd Place (1600M Relay)

Morgan Engleman: Conference Champion (3200M Relay)

Mara Foley: Conference Champion (400M, 1600M Relay), State 3rd Place (1600M Relay)

Alex Gantz: Conference Champion (3200M Relay), State Qualifier (3200M Relay)

Adeline Miller: City & Conference Champion (400M Relay), State Qualifier (400M Relay)

Mary Bea Sowinski: Conference Champion (100M Hurdles, 300M Hurdles, 1600M Relay), City Champion (1600M Relay), State Qualifier (100M Hurdles), State Finalist (300M Hurdles), State 3rd Place (1600M Relay), Indiana All Star



Emma Stapleton: City Champion (400M Relay), Sectional Champion (LJ), State Qualifier (400M Relay)

Mayan Stickel: Conference Champion (800, 1600M Relay), City Champion (800M, 1600M Relay), State Qualifier (3200M Relay), State 3rd Place (1600M Relay), Indiana All Star

Alex Teed: Conference Champion (3200M Relay), City Champion (1600M), State Qualifier (3200M Relay)

Anna Thompson: Conference & City Champion (Discus)

### BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Nolan Bosley: All Conference, All State (IBVCA)

Charlie Harr: All Conference, All State (IBVCA)

Michael Yurk: All Conference, All State (IBVCA)

### WRESTLING

Eli Bustamante: City & Sectional Champion (152 lbs.)

Tommy Hannon: City & Sectional Champion (182 lbs.), State Qualifier

John Rushenberg: City & Sectional Champion (160 lbs.)

### OTHER TROJAN RECOGNITIONS

Coach Kristin Ennis-Pulliam: MCCGSA City Swimming Coach of the Year

Coach Dan Kinghorn: MCCGSA City Cross Country Coach of the Year

Coach Kerry Lynch: MCCGSA City Softball Coach of the Year

Coach Sean McGinley: MCCGSA City Track Coach of the Year

Mary Bea Sowinski: Female City Scholar Athlete of the Year (MCCGSA)

### HONORING ORGANIZATIONS

AVCA-American Volleyball Coaches Association

IATCCC-Indiana Association of Track & Cross Country Coaches

IBCA-Indiana Basketball Coaches Association

IBVCA-Indiana Boys Volleyball Coaches Association

ICGSA-Indiana Coaches of Girls Sports Association

IFCA-Indiana Football Coaches Association

IHSBCA-Indiana High School Baseball Coaches Association

IHSB-Indiana High School Bowling

IHSGCA-Indiana High School Golf Coaches Association

IHSSCA-Indiana High School Swimming Coaches Association

IHSLA-Indiana High School Lacrosse Association (Boys)

IHSTeCA-Indiana High School Tennis Coaches Association

IHSVCA-Indiana High School Volleyball Coaches Association

IHSWCA-Indiana High School Wrestling Coaches Association

INGLA-Indiana Girls Lacrosse Association

ISCA-Indiana Soccer Coaches Association

ISHSHA-Indiana State High School Hockey Association

IWCA-Indiana Wrestling Coaches Association

NISCAA-National Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association of America

RI-Rugby Indiana

SCAI-Softball Coaches Association of Indiana

USCA-United Soccer Coaches of America

USL-USLacrosse (Girls)





# BISHOP CHATARD SPIRIT SHOP



The spirit shoppe has a shirt to support your favorite team! T-shirts for all Trojan athletic teams are now available year round!

The Bishop Chatard Spirit Shop has moved! Our new in-school location is outside of the cafeteria, next to the concession stand. We are open Tuesday – Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on full school days and look for the Spiritwear Trailer at Home Varsity football games. Visit <https://BishopChatardathletics.org/spirit-shoppe/> for updates on Spirit Shop hours or scan the QR code for 24/7 shopping at our online store!

**NEW ITEMS ARRIVE FREQUENTLY!**

Can't stop in? Trojan gear is available 24/7 online! Visit [https://shop.distinctimages.net/bishop\\_chatard/shop/home](https://shop.distinctimages.net/bishop_chatard/shop/home) or scan the QR code. Follow us on Twitter and Instagram for special store hours and new merchandise updates!

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## BC BALLERINA COMPETES ON WORLD STAGE

The talents of Bishop Chatard sophomore Ashlie Rohan were on display at the Youth American Grand Prix, the world's largest ballet competition, in April.

Roughly 12,000 students participated in YAGP semifinals in 29 U.S. cities and nine international locations. Ashlie, who is also a student at the Indiana Ballet Conservatory, participated and qualified for the world finals in Tampa, Florida. As a junior ballet dancer, she competed against 150 other ballerinas from around the world who made it to the finals.

"I enjoyed the finals so much because I love being around so many other dancers from around the world. We all came from different backgrounds, spoke different languages but shared the same passion," Ashlie said. "I also loved dancing on the amazing stage."

Along with her solos, two of Ashlie's ensembles made it to the finals as well. Ashlie said that she feels very fortunate to be able to receive a Catholic education at Bishop Chatard while pursuing her dream, and the family appreciated the support the school provided.







## TROJAN COMPETES IN INTERNATIONAL HISTORY OLYMPIAD

Bishop Chatard senior Jack Dixon traveled to New York City during the summer to represent BCHS in the International History Olympiad. Jack qualified for the event during the History Bowl hosted at Bishop Chatard in February.

The International History Olympiad is a week-long celebration of history attended by the best young history students from around the world, featuring numerous competitive and non-competitive events. This event is organized by International Academic Competitions, which administers academic competitions. This year's events took place at Princeton University and New York City.

Jack competed in a history bowl and bee, and participated in various simulations, exams, and games. Groups toured NYC, including lower and Midtown Manhattan, Central Park, a Broadway show and the USS Intrepid (for closing ceremonies). Jack finished 9th in Overall medal competition, and his "midwest" bowl team qualified for Finals. Of course, Jack also medaled in the talent show with his rendition of "You'll Be Back" by King George from the musical *Hamilton*.

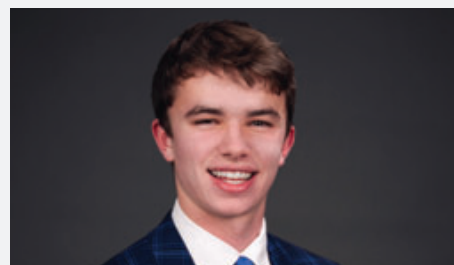
Jack hopes to qualify for next year's event which will be held in Krakow, Poland.



## EPA EXPERTS ENGAGE WITH BC SCIENCE STUDENTS

Two former EPA administrators met via Zoom with Bishop Chatard's AP Environmental Science students on April 11 to discuss their professional experience with air and water pollution studies and regulation. During Period 4, John Bachmann discussed air pollution and his work writing the framework of the Clean Air Act in 1970. During Period 5, Bob Wayland discussed his experience as EPA Director of the Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds (OWOW!) Mr. Wayland testified before Congress in 1997 about harmful algal blooms.

Big thanks to these two giants in the field of public science and health policy for sharing their expertise with Bishop Chatard students!



## DANIEL O'GARA NAMED REGIONAL ACADEMIC ALL-STAR!

Senior Daniel O'Gara has been selected as a 2022 Regional Academic All-Star by the Indiana Association of School Principals. Daniel, who is also the BCHS Class of 2022 valedictorian, was selected as one of 50 Regional Academic All-Stars from 289 seniors nominated throughout the state of Indiana. Daniel will be honored at an awards luncheon hosted by the IASP in April. Congratulations, Daniel!





## PHYSICS & ENGINEERING TEACHER GARY PRITTS HONORED FOR EXCELLENCE

### GARY PRITTS

*Physics & Engineering  
Teacher*

Bishop Chatard teacher Gary Pritts was honored in June by The National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS) as a recipient of the Claes Nobel Educator of Distinction. This student-nominated award is presented for outstanding dedication and commitment to excellence in the teaching profession.

Each year student members of NSHSS are invited to nominate the educator who has made the most significant contribution to their academic career. In 2021-2022, Maria Agostino nominated Mr. Pritts. The Claes Nobel Educator of Distinction award recognizes exemplary educators whose passion and devotion inspire their students to grow and develop as scholars, leaders, and citizens.

According to the NSHSS, the organization encourages young people around the globe to embrace their responsibility as

future world leaders, always striving to be their best. It seeks to advance the goals and aspirations of high-achieving students through unique learning experiences, scholarships, internships, international study and peer networks.

“Dedicated educators who exhibit a commitment to excellence deserve our highest praise and appreciation,” said NSHSS President James W. Lewis.

“Dedicated educators who exhibit a commitment to excellence deserve our highest praise and appreciation,” said NSHSS President James W. Lewis. “Through our Educators of Distinction program and the grants we provide to support professional development and enrich classroom instruction, we hope to acknowledge and encourage the vital work of the teachers, counselors and administrators who are shaping the

intellect and character of our young scholars.

Mr. Pritts has been a member of Bishop Chatard’s science department for 10 years. He currently teaches Physics, AP Physics, and Principals of Engineering in addition to serving as club moderator for the school’s award-winning robotics team, “Trobotics”.



### ARCHDIOCESE HONORS COMMITMENT TO CATHOLIC EDUCATION

In the spring of 2022, the Archdiocese of Indianapolis recognized teachers and staff members with 21 – 25 years of experience in Catholic education. Flanked by President Bill Sahm on the left and Vice Principal Ben Reilly and Principal Joe Hansen on the right, the following 2021-2022 faculty members were honored: (L to R) Catherine Welch, Jamie Marx, Jeff English, Stephanie Tebbe and Gayle Mass.



# OUR MISSION

BISHOP CHATARD HIGH SCHOOL, a dynamic educational environment for young men and women with different life experiences, is directed to the success of each student, focused on the growth of the whole person, and modeled on the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church.

Bishop Chatard High School prepares students for a life-long commitment to faith, learning, leadership and service.

Academic Excellence  
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COURSES OFFERED

Scholarships and Grants earned by Class of 2022:

**OVER \$28.2 MILLION**

averaging nearly \$181,200 per student.



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STUDENT-TO-TEACHER RATIO

63%

2022 GRADUATES WHO EARNED ACADEMIC HONORS DIPLOMAS



83% OF SENIORS GRADUATED IN 2022 WITH EARNED COLLEGE CREDIT

100%

GRADUATION RATE

**BISHOP CHATARD'S ACADEMIC PROGRAM BUILDS STRONG FOUNDATIONS FOR SUCCESS. WEAKNESSES ARE CHALLENGED, STRENGTHS ARE SUPPORTED, AND YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN ARE ENCOURAGED TO DISCOVER NEW INTERESTS.**

20%

Students Served by Academic Support Program

95%

2022 GRADUATES PURSUING A COLLEGE EDUCATION

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The Chatard-A-Bratton \$10,000 Raffle is now underway! Only 300 tickets will be sold. Enter early to have a chance to win the \$500 Early Bird Prize. Tickets are \$100 each — learn more by scanning the QR code or visiting [www.BishopChatard.org/giving/giving-events/](http://www.BishopChatard.org/giving/giving-events/).

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