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

Welcome to the Summer issue of Trojans Today, Trojans for Life!

As our cover shows, Bishop Chatard recently graduated another group of talented and spirited seniors, ready to take on new challenges. It is always inspiring when a class reaches the high school finish line, and we learn what they are planning next. The Trojan Class of 2023 will be attending colleges from coast to coast, making an impact on our world in many diverse fields. See a list of the colleges and universities these graduates will attend and read about other achievements on pages 10 to 13.

It is really not surprising that 97 percent of our graduates plan to continue their education. While at BCHS, this group demonstrated initiative by leading the student body in some remarkable accomplishments. In this issue, you will read about the school's "Trobotics" team's experience competing in the VEX Robotics World Championship in Dallas, Texas. Successful athletic seasons, theatre productions, student fundraisers and so much more will be the high school legacy of the Class of 2023.

The faculty and staff that these young men and women have spent their last four years learning from and being mentored by were also instrumental in shaping their futures. I am fortunate to have a front row seat to the interactions that occur at Bishop Chatard, and I see how genuinely our teachers care. You will read about some of these dedicated men and women in this issue, and there are many more.

Enjoy the Summer 2023 issue of Trojans Day! As always, we encourage you to reach out if you have thoughts or updates to share. You can always share your news at <https://alumni.BishopChatard.org/share-news/>.

Enjoy the publication!

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BILL SAHM
President

Dear Trojans,

This is a very exciting time in the life of Bishop Chatard High School and our ability to fulfill our mission – to help our students get to heaven!

We are especially excited to welcome back to school the classes of 2024, 2025, and 2026 and the freshmen class of 2027! Total enrollment is at a 17-year high, but we are still a size that allows us to know and serve our students as individuals while providing a broad spectrum of classes and activities. The faculty, staff, and administration are as strong as ever, and we have had record financial support from our community members over these past few years.

More exciting news – Bishop Chatard has just successfully completed a feasibility study to determine if we can raise sufficient funds for a Performing Arts/Multi-Purpose Center. The results indicate that we can actually raise more than needed for the arts center and the additional funds would potentially be used to build a new chapel.

Our first priority is the arts center that will serve the needs of the performing arts programs for Bishop Chatard and the other North Deanery schools, as well as our visual arts programs. Due to its retractable seating, multipurpose design, we will also be able to expand our ability to more fully meet the academic and extracurricular needs of our students.

The chapel would seat over 200, which allows us to accommodate an entire class for prayer services, reconciliation, and other devotionals and prayer opportunities as well as class and team liturgies. The construction of the chapel and arts center will also allow us to connect the main building to the St. Benedict Center and, therefore, provide for a safer campus.

The Bishop Chatard High School community has the opportunity to accomplish what could be the singularly most impactful improvement to our school and thus to the lives of our students and long-term vitality since our doors opened in 1961.

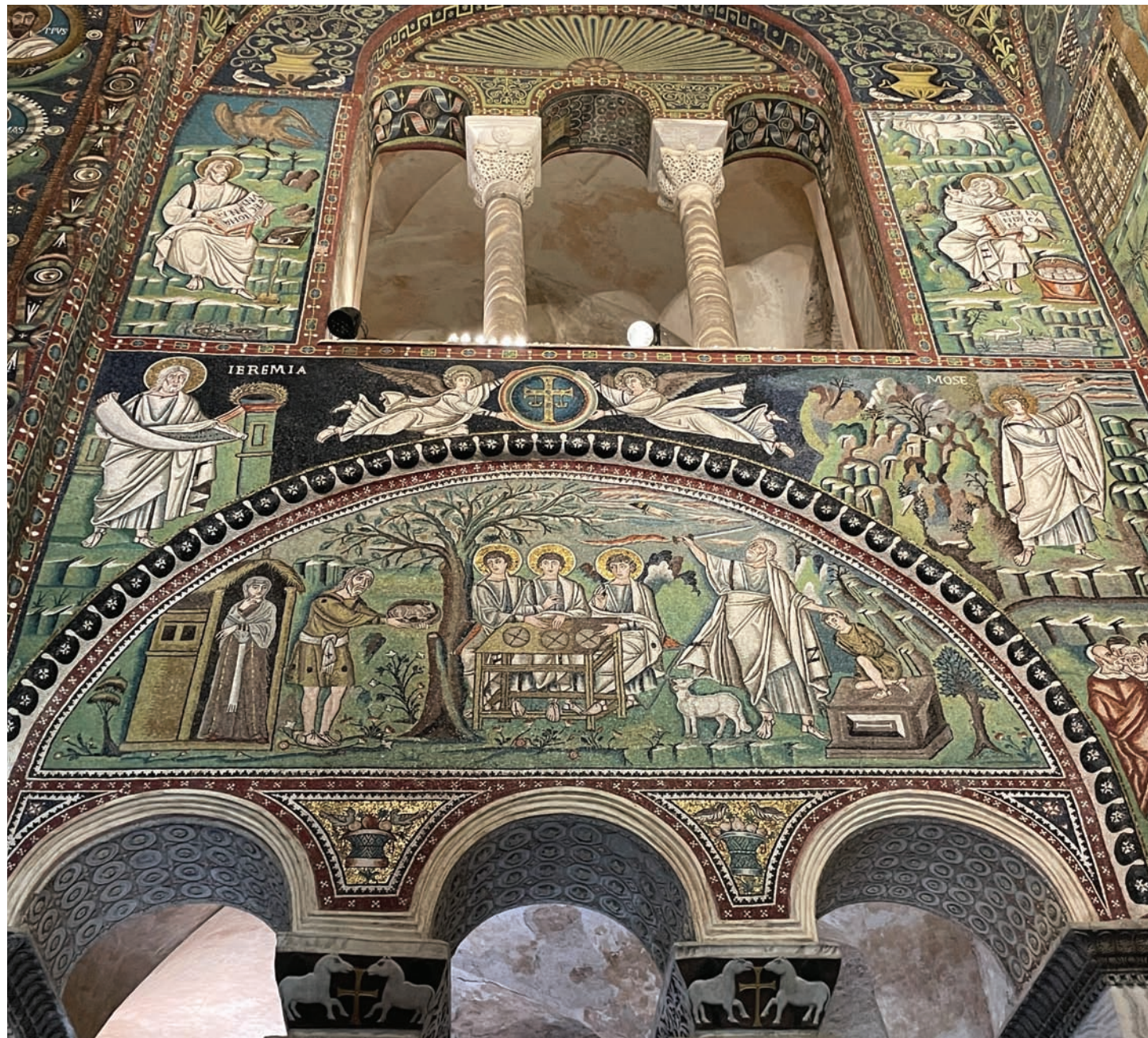
Please pray for the success of the campaign and the flourishing of our Bishop Chatard students.

May God richly bless you,

Bill Sahm

BILL SAHM,
President





EAT, PRAY, LOVE ART

BY KELLY LUCAS

Bishop Chatard art teacher Lisa Johnson traveled to Italy this summer to explore the mosaic works of the region thanks to a \$8,764 award received from the Lilly Endowment. In the spring of 2023, Mrs. Johnson was named a recipient of the Lilly Endowment Teacher Creativity Fellowship.

Mrs. Johnson spent three weeks visiting museums and churches in cities including Venice, Ravenna, Rome, and Naples. While in Ravenna, she took a five-day intensive mosaic class which she says was the highlight of her adventure, but also a bit humbling.

"I'm such an idealist, I thought I'd make a giant mosaic," Mrs. Johnson laughed. "I wanted to make Mary, but that was way too

intricate. The class was just five days and I had to cut all of the tesserae (glass and marble) myself with a hammer on a log!"

While her ambition was tapped down a bit when the reality of the intricate mosaic process was presented, she did leave the class with two beautiful pieces and said that she could not have enjoyed her time any more than she did.

"I think that it is the master and skill involved in creating a mosaic that intrigues me as an art teacher," Mrs. Johnson said. "I'm very interested in how mosaics are used in Byzantine churches.

The Byzantine mosaics were created to illustrate a spiritual realm

on earth, Mrs. Johnson explained. The exteriors of Byzantine churches were purposely plain and ugly to mirror the natural, earthly, and sinful world outside the church, while the interiors were designed to create an otherworldly space that mimicked the spiritual realm of heaven.

"I teach AP Art History, and this artistic pilgrimage is meant to see the stunning mosaic works in Italy which will assist me as an AP Art History educator," she wrote in her fellowship proposal. "An even more important reason for the trip is to nourish my spiritual soul."

While Mrs. Johnson has earned two master's degrees – a Master of Fine Arts from Pratt Institute and a Master of Art Education from the University of Cincinnati – she has never, until now, been offered the opportunity to work with mosaics. Bishop Chatard does not currently include mosaics in its art class curriculum, but this experience, she said, may open the door to including it in AP 2-D classes if students are interested.

Spending 22 days traveling via bus and train throughout Italy afforded Mrs. Johnson the opportunity to immerse herself in the region and explore the various types of mosaics found there.

"I have really good photos of all of the churches with mosaics in Ravenna. Now, when I teach about it, I will be more of an expert because we were taught how these are made in the traditional way."

Traveling by herself, Mrs. Johnson had a lot of time for self-reflection and praying in churches. She spent a lot of time sketching and found that to be a spiritual, prayerful experience. While she said that most Italians don't speak English, she attended a number of Masses and did her best to follow along in Italian.

"I used every moment to learn something," she said.

During her travels, Mrs. Johnson studied the transition from Greeks and Romans to Christians. She explained that the artistic shift from antiquity to Byzantine mosaics is mostly due to the use of glass tesserae, cubes of glass used in Byzantine works. The gold tesserae specifically represented the otherworldly, unlike Roman mosaics that were set flat in grout. Byzantine mosaics were set at different levels in grout and meant to capture light, and specifically for the gold pieces of multi-leveled tesserae, to catch the light that comes through windows in the church creating a glistening effect.

Prior to her trip, Mrs. Johnson said, "I have never witnessed this otherworldly use of materials to create an interior space that is meant to represent heaven, and I so much want to experience this effect firsthand. Although I appreciate the craftsmanship and labor intensity of mosaics from antiquity, Byzantine mosaics will make me appreciate my Catholic faith and allow me to experience what these artists wanted me to experience Christ in as a visual experience filled with joy and light."

Mrs. Johnson is one of 102 Indiana teachers awarded a 2023 fellowship grant. The fellowship program, according to the Lilly Endowment, is designed to renew teachers' curiosity and capacity to learn.

See photos of Mrs. Johnson's travels on Twitter @BCHSArts.



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- LISA JOHNSON



Her trip, which she now calls her "Eat, Pray, Love Art" adventure, was mystical, Art teacher Lisa Johnson said. A lot of amazing food, spirituality and impressive art were packed into the three-week experience. She enjoyed authentic Italian pizza and lit candles in churches throughout Italy. The highlight of her trip was a five-day immersive class learning to create mosaics.



A CAREER IN THE CLASSROOM

JOHN HASTY
Principal

Most of us remember a situation in which we said something we wish we could take back. We wish we could forget it, despite how vividly we remember. One of mine was sitting in high school German class.

The class was discussing possible future careers. Having two parents who were both well respected educators, the question, “what about teaching,” was posed to me. My response haunts me. “Frau,” I said, “I am way too ambitious to be a teacher.”

I did not consider the immediate hurt my answer may have caused. Here was Frau Price, a woman who had committed a better portion of her life to educating and mentoring young people, being told by an 18-year-old student she was not ambitious. Sadly, to 18-year-old me, curing cancer, being the first to land on Mars, or living in the Hamptons, just simply wasn’t enough. Ironically, six short years later, I was teaching in the classroom right above Frau’s.

While I would like to forget that moment, it became a cornerstone of my mission. The world needs great teachers. Our young people need transformational mentors. If not to help them find and fulfill their purpose, then to demonstrate that there are few roles in this world as powerful, meaningful, and lofty as being an educator. Sadly, society all too often advances the worldview I held as an 18-year-old. So, what do we do?

Following every senior of the day’s rhyme and photo-op, I typically ask our senior what their future plans are. Regardless of their answer, finance, business, medical school, journalism, I usually tell them it sounds like the fast track to being a really good teacher. Most laugh, some are perplexed, but a few are

open to it, and I always tell them to reach out if they want to talk about it more. We are taking that a step further this year.

I am excited to share that our Intro to Education course is returning. It currently has twenty-three students enrolled! I say twenty-three with exclamation because the course typically has three to five students on average. The course will work with students on the practices of teaching, giving them real-life experience in our high schools and North Deanery Elementary schools. There is no better way to improve the practice and perception of education than to give our students real-life experience. I look forward to celebrating their successes and learning with them.

Lastly, we must keep strong ties with our future educators – to follow them each step of the way in their life past Crittenden Avenue. We hope this support will shed even more light on the number of Bishop Chatard graduates who are positively impacting the world through their education. We hope featuring these students and their work will help chip away the societal belief that being a teacher is not ambitious.

That is not to say that we hope all graduates next year are teachers. We hope our students find their calling, the vocation that God is

calling them to serve. We need great priests, doctors, IT technicians, and more. But we must also realize that most of these professionals at one point of their lives were inspired by a great educator. We need great, ambitious teachers. I am thankful for the team of them we have at Bishop Chatard, and I pray for the future educators walking our halls.

Go Trojans!

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INDIANA CHOICE SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS EXPAND IN 2023

The Indiana General Assembly significantly increased the income threshold used to determine eligibility for the state’s Choice Scholarship Program, a state-funded scholarship that helps cover the cost of tuition at a private school. As a result, leaders in Catholic education estimate that school choice eligibility will now extend to 97 percent of Indiana families.

Indiana has long been a leader in school choice initiatives that support parents of children in accredited private and parochial schools. The newest enhancements to school choice in Indiana include the following:

- The income level eligibility for a School Choice Scholarship was increased to 400 percent of Free/Reduced income requirements (see the eligibility chart right).
- There are no longer any pathway requirements for a student to be eligible for a School Choice Scholarship.

These changes dramatically alter the program and allow many new families to participate for the first time. The Income Eligibility Chart shows the maximum income that families of varying sizes can earn to qualify for the Indiana Choice Scholarship. While there are a few exceptions or potential add backs to this number, the Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) listed on the tax return is the dollar amount used. For example, a family of five earning up to \$260,036 will qualify for the scholarship.

The actual amount of a School Choice Scholarship is determined by the public school district in which the student resides. In the Bishop Chatard area, awards currently range between \$6,000 and \$7,000.

School choice was introduced in Indiana 12 years ago as an effort to provide choice for families that could not afford it. Over time, the focus has shifted to giving taxpayers the ability to use a small percentage of their tax dollars to make a private school choice for their children.

While the award will not fully cover high school tuition costs, it will significantly alleviate the budget pressure felt by many middle-class families, BCHS President Bill Sahm explained. School leaders applaud this change because it enables BCHS to redirect dollars raised for financial assistance to provide additional support to needier families that are unable to cover the additional tuition costs.

“The longstanding mission of Bishop Chatard, as the Archdiocese of Indianapolis North Deanery high school, has been to ensure that any family that wants a Catholic education for their children can afford it,” Mr. Sahm said. “The Choice Scholarship program continues to help us meet that goal.”

CHOICE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM INCOME LIMITS BY HOUSEHOLD SIZE

(CALCULATION OF 400% REDUCED LUNCH ELIGIBILITY)

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	INCOME ELIGIBILITY
1	\$107,892
2	\$145,928
3	\$183,964
4	\$222,000
5	\$260,036
6	\$298,072
7	\$336,108
8	\$374,144
9	\$412,180
10	\$450,216

Legislation passed in 2023 also eliminated required qualification ‘pathways’, and it extended school choice access to kindergarteners.

More information about Indiana’s School Choice Scholarship program is available at www.BishopChatard.org/business/tuition/ or myschooloptions.org.



BISHOP CHATARD HIGH SCHOOL

Congratulations **BCHS** Class of 2023

The 156 members of the Trojan Class of 2023 have collectively earned more than \$24.4 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.



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May God Bless & Protect the class of

2023

TROJANS FOR LIFE!

Congratulations to Bishop Chatard's Class of 2023 Valedictorian, Salutatorian and Top 10 Percent.

VALEDICTORIAN

Jackson Herrera

SALUTATORIAN

Catherine Joven

TOP 10 PERCENT

Maria Agostino
Madeleine Barbar
Christopher Board
Caroline Clapacs

William Dietrick
Davis Falcon
Jackson Herrera
Morgan Heim

Donovan Hibbeln
Catherine Joven
Agnes Moriarty
Claire O'Gara

Margaret Ryan
Sarah Semon
Nolan Stiffler
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JACKSON HERRERA
Valedictorian

Bishop Chatard's Class of 2023 valedictorian Jackson Herrera has been interested in learning languages for as long as he can remember, and he began exploring the field of linguistics while in middle school. This fall he will continue his pursuit of linguistics education in the hallowed halls of Harvard University.

Jackson speaks seven languages – English, Spanish, Portuguese, Korean, French, Italian and Japanese – and has a thorough reading comprehension of Latin, which is no longer spoken. He explained that studying linguistics, the study of language as a whole, will allow him to delve into questions surrounding the evolution of languages, how children acquire languages, what languages that are no longer spoken today look and sound like, and more. At Harvard, he plans to focus on historical linguistics, centered primarily on reconstructing dead languages that were the ancestors to today's modern languages, but is looking forward performing research in other subfields.

"I'm most looking forward to meeting some of the brightest teenagers and young adults in the world who are already at the top of their fields," Jackson said. "I have already seen some of my future classmates' accomplishments, and it is truly mind-boggling what they have already been able to achieve at such a young age."

Jackson said that the rigor of his high school coursework and flexible schedule allowed him to take classes he felt were necessary to be able to succeed in high school and beyond. "BCHS has introduced me to subjects that I would not have had the ability to explore as in-depth at other schools, and the amazing teachers that I have had throughout my four years has only helped that," he added.



VALEDICTORIAN JACKSON HERRERA IS HARVARD-BOUND BY KELLY LUCAS

Since starting his freshman year at BCHS, Jackson said that he has become particularly fascinated with the Latin language despite only having a passing knowledge of it before high school. Today, he serves as president of the Indiana Junior Classical League and intends to further his study of the language.

He received two perfect scores on the National Latin Exam, something less than 1,000 young people nationwide do each year. Jackson was also named a recipient of the Gates Scholarship, a highly selective award given to students who demonstrate exceptional academic achievement, leadership, and personal success skills. The Gates Scholarship covers all college costs.

His tip for those beginning their college search: Research the institution(s) that you would like to attend and know what you will need to do in high school both in and out of the classroom to succeed there.

"Many successful college applications, especially to schools that are notoriously difficult to get into, have what is known as a 'spike,' that is, some sort of narrative that is woven throughout your application based on one of your unique hobbies or interests," Jackson explained. His was about his love of languages, particularly Latin, and the awards he won and leadership positions he held related to that.

"Colleges don't want well-rounded students; they want well-rounded classes," he added. "Find something that you really think will make you stand out from the rest of the applicants and craft your application around that."

MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2023 WERE ADMITTED TO THESE OUTSTANDING COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES. GRADUATES COLLECTIVELY WERE AWARDED MORE THAN \$24.4 MILLION IN SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS.

ALABAMA A&M UNIVERSITY	FORDHAM UNIVERSITY
ALABAMA STATE UNIVERSITY	FRANKLIN COLLEGE
AMERICAN UNIVERSITY	GRACE COLLEGE
ANDERSON UNIVERSITY	HANOVER COLLEGE
ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY	HARVARD UNIVERSITY
AUBURN UNIVERSITY	HAWAII PACIFIC UNIVERSITY
AUGUSTINA UNIVERSITY	HIRAM COLLEGE
AURORA UNIVERSITY	HOLY CROSS COLLEGE
BALL STATE UNIVERSITY	HOPE COLLEGE
BAYLOR UNIVERSITY	ILLINOIS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
BELMONT ABBEY COLLEGE	INDIANA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
BELMONT UNIVERSITY	(INDIANA TECH)
BENEDICTINE COLLEGE	INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY
BENNINGTON COLLEGE	INDIANA UNIVERSITY-BLOOMINGTON
BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY	INDIANA UNIVERSITY-FORT WAYNE
BRADLEY UNIVERSITY	INDIANA UNIVERSITY-NORTHWEST
BUTLER UNIVERSITY	INDIANA UNIVERSITY-PURDUE UNIVERSITY
CARTHAGE COLLEGE	INDIANAPOLIS (IUPUI)
CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY	INDIANA UNIVERSITY-SOUTHEAST
CHAMPLAIN COLLEGE	IVY TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE
CLAFLIN UNIVERSITY	JOHN CARROLL UNIVERSITY
CLEMSON UNIVERSITY	KENT STATE UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF MOUNT ST. VINCENT	KENYON COLLEGE
DEAN COLLEGE	LIPSCOMB UNIVERSITY
DENISON UNIVERSITY	LONG ISLAND UNIVERSITY
DEPAUL UNIVERSITY	LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO
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FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY	MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH UNIVERSITY
FLORIDA TECH UNIVERSITY	MOUNT UNION COLLEGE



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NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON
NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT MERCY
OHIO UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF EVANSVILLE
PROVIDENCE COLLEGE	UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA
PURDUE UNIVERSITY-WEST LAFAYETTE	UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS
RINGLING COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN	UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY
ROLLINS COLLEGE	UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE
ROME CITY INSTITUTE	UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA-TWIN CITIES
ROSE-HULMAN INSTITUTE	UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI (OLE' MISS)
OF TECHNOLOGY	UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
SAINT JOSEPH UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
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SETON HALL UNIVERSITY	UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO
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(SEWANEE)	UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
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LARGER FRESHMAN CLASSES LEAD TO NEW ADMISSIONS PROCESS

J.T. FUNK

Vice President of
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Advancement

Enrollment may seem like a relatively straightforward concept at private, Catholic high schools. Families evaluate their school options through open houses, shadowing, or other enrollment activities; they then apply, receive admission decisions, and make decisions to enroll or not.

Easy, right? For families, yes, it is pretty basic. But for schools, it's one of the more complex and ever-changing processes we have. Here at Bishop Chatard, the Archdiocese of Indianapolis North Deanery high school, it is especially interesting. We are situated in one of the most competitive high school markets in the entire country. Not only are we situated in a highly competitive market with many options for Northside families to choose from, but we also have a mission to uphold – provide an authentic Catholic education for our North Deanery families and all students who desire a rigorous education rooted in the teachings of Jesus Christ.

While we welcome any student desirous of a Bishop Chatard education, we must maintain our role as the Archdiocese of Indianapolis North Deanery high school. Our leadership, along with our Enrollment and Admissions Department, spends considerable time, effort, and resources examining and analyzing enrollment data and trends to ensure our process coincides with our school's mission. Recent enrollment trends and the expansion of School Choice legislation has made this even more interesting.

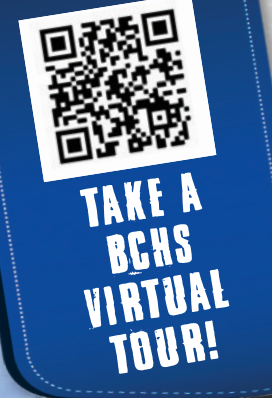
Bishop Chatard's incoming freshman classes have filled faster than ever before over the past two years. We pray and are confident that this will continue. This confidence comes, in part, from our families who continue to put their faith and trust in us to provide outstanding and challenging educational and extracurricular opportunities for our students while also affording them the time and space to deepen their faith and understand who God is calling each of them to be. This confidence also comes from the recent expansion of School Choice legislation which provides greater access to School Choice Scholarships that help make a BCHS education more affordable for many more families. As a result of this continued confidence and faith in our leadership, faculty, and staff, paired with increased

opportunities for families through School Choice Scholarship, we knew we had to update our admissions process.

What does the updated admissions process look like? The application for incoming freshmen opened on July 15 rather than in September. We have also shifted to a rolling admission. Upon submission of a completed application and all required documentation, student's applications will be time stamped and assigned a Preference Priority. This Preference Priority is our long-standing admission hierarchy that prioritizes our North Deanery Catholic families while still affording all families an opportunity to apply. All students can increase their likelihood of acceptance by applying as early as possible. With increased interest in Bishop Chatard, it is paramount that North Deanery families adhere to the posted deadlines and requirements to preserve their opportunity for admittance.

We're excited that all incoming freshman applicants can get this important step completed early in their 8th grade year, find out if they have been admitted earlier than ever before, and enjoy all of the fun 8th grade year activities and class trips knowing that the following year they will begin their journey as a Bishop Chatard Trojan.

Bishop Chatard is excited to implement these necessary updates to our admission process, and we are excited to welcome in the next class of BCHS Trojans earlier than ever before.



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/ OR CONTACT ENROLLMENT MANAGER KAREN ARUTA AT KARUTA@BISHOPCHATARD.ORG.

2023 OPEN HOUSE RSVP IS NOW OPEN!

Bishop Chatard's 2023 Open House will be held on Thursday, Oct. 26, 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 to tour BCHS from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. or from 6:30 to 7:30 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.



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



THE IMPORTANCE OF ALUMNI GIVING BACK

MARGARET RUFFING
Executive Director of
Development



There is something special about your children looking forward to attending your alma mater and then watching them complete four years and walk the same stage at commencement with just as much excitement and gratitude as you once experienced.

Mike Knapp '88 recently shared his sense of gratitude on the occasion of his youngest son's graduation. "Just a short 35 years ago I was tossing my cap in the air, and now, watching my youngest son graduate, I was overwhelmed with appreciation for my time at Bishop Chatard. Now, for both of my sons to have that experience, I am filled to overflowing."

While we share in Mike's joy, we remember too, the numerous and varied accomplishments of this past year. From the outstanding performance of Fiddler on the Roof to the Trobotics team earning a spot at the national championships in Dallas, to our state champion cross country winner breaking the state record and 134 of our student athletes receiving academic all-state distinction, it's obvious we have plenty to be grateful for at Bishop Chatard High School.

Underpinning these achievements are our generous alumni. We would not achieve these results without the resources and support of so many. We find our alumni at every turn – as mentors for our business class students, committee members and leaders of our special events, members of our Alumni Board and Board of Regents and, without surprise, as cheerleaders for nearly every activity throughout the year. Each year, our alumni are equally present with their inspirational financial gifts, answering the call to care for our students and teachers. We are able to accomplish all we do with the help of our alumni, all year long. Thank you, thank you, thank you, for your generosity.

As you read through this Trojans Today magazine, I trust you'll find numerous reasons to join the effort in taking care of our students. Every time you share your personal gifts with us, be that with time out of your schedule or money out of your pocket, you create opportunities for every one of our students. The return on that gift is more important and more valuable than we can measure, but we know it provides amazing leaders that strengthen our community, making a better today and even better tomorrow. Thank you.



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Chatard-A-Bratton 2023, A Night in the Caribbean, brought a warm and breezy atmosphere to Bishop Chatard High School. Sharing in the excitement of the auction and the live entertainment, 550 generous supporters helped raise nearly \$350,000 to support the Archdiocese of Indianapolis North Deanery high school.

Bishop Chatard extends a sincere thank you to all who donated auction items, sponsored the event, volunteered for committees, donated to the Cafeteria Kitchen Renovation Fund-A-Need and, of course, attended A Night in the Caribbean. Special thanks to event chairs Steve Koers and Aaron Dixon for the time and talent they dedicated to creating an event that helps Bishop Chatard remain the outstanding Catholic high school it is today.

SAVE THE DATE FOR CHATARD-A-BRATION 2024 – DANCING THROUGH THE DECADES – ON FEBRUARY 10, 2024.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CASH RAFFLE WINNER!

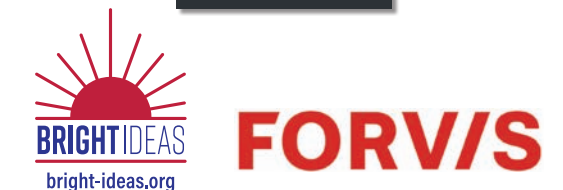
Congratulations to Angi Burkard who took home the \$10,000 grand prize in the 2023 Cash Raffle! Thank you to all who purchased raffle tickets and supported Bishop Chatard.

THANK YOU TO OUR CAB 2023 SPONSORS!

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ALL EVENT TROJAN SPONSORS



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A SNAPSHOT OF BISHOP CHATARD

Bishop Chatard students are offered the opportunity to take photography 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 2023 Celebration of the Arts in May. 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 for their creative work: Nick Belby, Lydia Campbell, Anna Caskey, Eva Dessauer, Katie Figura, Quinn Johnson, Abby Funk, Kennedy Leppert, Avery Nagel, Maggie Ryan, Mary Kate Ryan, Miles Talib, Mia Wann and Cole Weber.





Dan and Anna Cage purchased Ambrosia, their first restaurant, from Anna's father and Ambrosia's founder, Gino Pizzi, in 2019. Their portfolio also includes The Commodore, a modern speakeasy located in Fountain Square (pictured here).

TROJAN ALUMNI MAKE IMPACT ON INDY RESTAURANT LANDSCAPE

BY MAUREEN (MALARNEY) JONES '12

Growing and maintaining a family business isn't for everyone, but Dan '03 and Anna (Pizzi) '03 Cage make it sound easy. Having just come off the opening weekend for their new cocktail lounge, Nowhere Special, Dan was excited about adding another business to their portfolio.

"Opening weekends are always exciting for the staff, exciting for the guests and the public, but from a leadership standpoint it's more about working out the kinks," Dan said.

Nowhere Special is one of four restaurant and bar locations that Dan and Anna own and operate. After opening Ambrosia in 1979, Anna's father, Gino Pizzi, sold it to them in 2019. "My father-in-law came to the United States in the 1960's as an immigrant from Italy," Dan said. "His parents helped him some with the business, and here we are 44 years later and that's still what we are doing."

After playing professional basketball in Europe for three years and coaching at Vanderbilt University for eight, Dan was looking for an opportunity to start something new and fresh.

"We moved back to Indy and my father-in-law was ready to step back and slow down," he said. "That's when my wife and I said, 'well we are looking for something different.' We didn't want the restaurant to be sold outside the family, so we thought 'why don't we step up and run the family business for a little bit and see if it is a good fit for us.'"

When asked to describe the culture that he and Anna try to cultivate at their different restaurant and bar locations, Dan said that it is connected to two things: recruiting the very best staff that they can and hospitality. The creativity in terms of the food and beverage programs offered to guests is also important to them.

"I'M VERY PROUD OF WHAT WE DO AND I'M VERY PROUD OF OUR TEAM. IT'S [ABOUT] GROWING, BUT IT'S ALSO IMPROVING WHAT WE DO NOW AND TRYING TO BE THE BEST THAT WE CAN BE IN WHAT WE DO." - DAN CAGE

"It's about what we do to provide authentic hospitality from the heart to our guests," he said. "What that looks like for us is to actually connect and engage with the people who walk through our doors and make sure they feel special and taken care of."

The emphasis on serving others, creating unique experiences for guests, and providing a place to celebrate special occasions was instilled in both Dan and Anna through their experience at Bishop Chatard High School. Having met their freshman year at Bishop Chatard, Dan credits much of what has formed their lives together to the values that they were taught while in high school.

"That's at the core, recruiting a team to come together and make sure everyone feels supported and respected. The only way to do that is you don't focus on yourself; you focus on trying to make someone else's day a little better and make

sure people feel like you care about them. I think that a lot of that stems from our Catholic upbringing and what we learned at Chatard," he said.

When asked what was next for them, Dan said that they wanted to do two things simultaneously – improve their current operations and have some measured growth. One of the specific things that Dan and Anna are trying to improve is their approach to wine at their restaurants. Currently, they have two Level 1 sommeliers on staff, and they will have another three by the end of the year. Other staff members have also traveled to Italy and gone through other certifications and classes.

"In terms of growth, there's a project that we are developing right now with Mike Mattingly '03, over on Cornell Avenue, and it's a project that we are excited about," he said. "There's still a long way to go, but Mike was the best man at my wedding and so that's kind of fun, that a couple Chatard kids are going to partner up, develop a property, and put a restaurant there."

Dan reiterated that they are not working to grow only for growth's sake. He wants to create something that his staff and team can get behind, and that includes mentoring his current group of employees. Staff members that start out as a host or a server grow and develop, take on more responsibilities, may become managers, and some have even opened their own restaurants.

"I'm very proud of what we do and I'm very proud of our team," he said. "It's [about] growing, but it's also improving what we do now and trying to be the best that we can be in what we do."

NEW ADDITION TO THE FAMILY?

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

PLEASE COMPLETE OUR "SHARE YOUR 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!

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LET YOUR CLASSMATES KNOW WHAT IS HAPPENING IN YOUR LIFE!

VISIT THE BCHS ALUMNI WEBSITE AT ALUMNI.BISHOPCHATARD.ORG/SHARE-NEWS/ TO SUBMIT YOUR NEWS OR UPDATE.

Alumni updates in this issue include submissions received through July 31, 2023.

CALLING THE CLASSES OF 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003, 2008, 2013, 2018!

2023 is the year to celebrate your 'milestone' reunion. If you would like to help organize your class reunion, please contact Deanna Murphy, Director of Alumni Relations, at dmurphy@BishopChatard.org to get started.

ALUMNI UPDATES

1975

SUSAN (FEIST) FUGO celebrated the birth of her grandson, Christopher Mark, on May 26.

1979

MIKE BUTING retired after a 38-year career as a federal banking regulator with the U.S. Treasury Department. Mike spent his entire career living and working in California, with extensive travel throughout the United States. Mike plans to spend his retirement years enjoying sunny California with his wife, Rina, and two children.



2003

MATTHEW QUIGLEY recently received the Zionsville Professional Firefighters Leadership Award from Local 5195 as well as a Unit Commendation Award.



2005

EILEEN (ZANDER) SURPRENANT and her husband, David, welcomed their fourth child, Claire Léonie, in January. Claire joins big sisters Molly and Callan, and big brother, John. Eileen is currently a stay-at-home mom, active in their parish school. David is a Mohs dermatological surgeon affiliated with Deaconess Hospital in Evansville.



2007

KELLY (GARDNER) WOHLER and her husband, Andrew, welcomed their fourth child, Bennett Andrew, on Jan. 9. He joins siblings Michael, Willa and Miles. The family recently moved to Indianapolis when Andrew joined Forte Sports Medicine and Orthopedics as a foot and ankle surgeon. Kelly is a physician's assistant and started a new position at Riley Children's Hospital in Pediatric Hematology/Oncology following her maternity leave.



2009

KATIE (BATES) O'BRIEN & KEVIN O'BRIEN welcomed their fourth child, Margaret (Maggie) Jean, on Dec. 2, 2022.



SARAH (DENARDIN) OLVEY and her husband, Austin, welcomed their first baby, Noah, in February.

2010



LAUREN (PARAS) HAGAN and her husband welcomed twin boys, John Maxwell and Thomas Lincoln, on June 23.



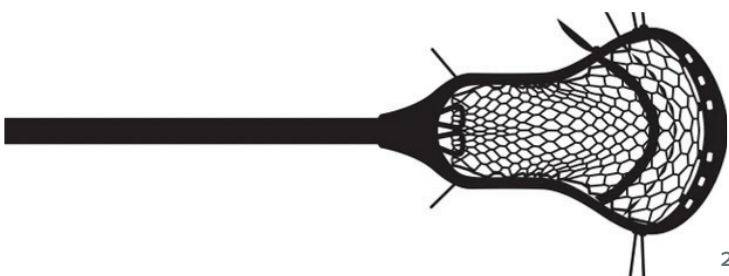
EMILY MORAN & JOHN GERMANO were married at Christ the King Catholic Church on July 8.

2011

ADRIANA (ZERMENO) TRIEBOLD and her husband welcomed their first baby, Roscoe, on Dec. 8, 2022.



RACHEL WARD is in her fourth year as a women's lacrosse coach at East Stroudsburg University, and in spring 2023 served as the team's interim head coach while the head coach was on maternity leave. Rachel was named the IWLCA's Division II Outstanding Assistant Coach in 2022 after the team made its first-ever appearance in the NCAA Division II championship game.





2019

GRACE MCGINLEY has published a book titled “Sheets of UD” featuring the distinctive tradition on the University of Dayton campus of creating and hanging sheet signs on houses to commemorate events, holidays, and student good-byes. Grace, a 2023 UD graduate, hopes this book brings UD Flyers from across the country together by reflecting on great memories and traditions. All photos in the book were taken by Grace, and 100 percent of the book’s first-year proceeds will be donated to UD for tuition assistance, with 50 percent thereafter.

2012

MARY WESSEL married Dylan Martin in Nashville, Tennessee, on March 18. The Martins will reside in Nashville.

2013

JOE FAGAN and Julia McMahon were married on June 23 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church.



MORGAN (PARAS) DAVIDSON and her husband welcomed Claire Kathleen on June 14.

2016

CAMRON BROWN is now co-owner of Grind Goods, a natural charcoal-based toothpaste company, whose products will soon be on the shelves at Wal-Mart.

The company donates 25% of its profits to Homeless not Toothless, a non-profit that works to give disadvantaged groups, including homeless veterans, the ‘confidence to smile’.

In Memory

Bishop Chatard remembers and offers prayer 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 2023 Trojans Today magazine. This issue includes remembrances received through June 30, 2023.

STEPHEN STIPHER '65	RALPH THOMAS HATCHER '02
JANE (CANGANY) HUMPHRIES '72	ERRICK FREEMAN '02
JOHN LEACH '73	BENJAMIN HARVEY '03
BARBARA (LEVELL) KELLY '77	KRISTEN ALLEN '03
KELLY STONEBRAKER '78	
STEVEN LAURENZANA '90	
KIMBERLY (RUSE) ROBERTS '92	
KELLY FUNK '98	

BISHOP CHATARD SPIRIT SHOP

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

Get ready for the new school year and busy fall sports season with a visit to the Trojan Spirit Shop! Lots of new items to showcase your Trojan Pride. The Spirit Shop is open Tuesday – Friday on regular school days. Hours are 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For more information, visit <http://BishopChatardathletics.org/spirit-shoppe/>

NEW ITEMS ARRIVE FREQUENTLY!

Scan the QR code to shop online anytime! Follow us on twitter to learn about new arrivals, sales, special hours and more Spirit Shop news.

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FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE

CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS SEPARATED BY TIME, BUT NOT BY SPIRIT.

SUBMITTED BY STEVE DAVIS, TROJAN CLASS OF 1970



Steve Davis during his days at Bishop Chatard, and today (below).



1968 CITY CHAMPIONS 10-0



Bishop Chatard’s winning football tradition began with Carol Purichia. Joe Bastardi once said the foundation you stand on today to reach for tomorrow was built on yesterday. And what a superb foundation Purichia built. During his five years coaching the Trojans, his record was 36-13-1.

Over the next 58 years, what was started in 1964 has led to a record 16 Indiana high school football titles. Had there been playoffs in the early years, the undefeated teams of 1968 and 1971 were formidable and talented enough to take their place beside Bishop Chatard’s impressive list of champions. Back then, our school’s winning ways extended to the three-time state champion cheerleaders (1969, 1970, 1971).

During Bishop Chatard’s football’s infancy, it was a challenging task to persuade parents and their athletes to reject the

allure of larger, more established all-boys schools and attend the co-ed start up. The undefeated team of 1968 had so few players they could ill afford any season-ending injuries. Shortly after the season began, Purichia instituted a policy of low-to-no contact practices. By game time on Friday nights, players were so starved for live action that other teams had no idea what was about to hit them.

On “Carol Purichia Day” last December 28, a day declared by the mayor of Indianapolis, Purichia looked back at his time coaching.

“When they hired me, I promised the administration that nobody will outwork us, no one will out-coach us, and the only way we’d accept defeat is if the other team had better personnel. The players bought into the program and worked



COACH CAROL PURICHIA

their tails off and we put them in the right positions. Never once did they give up trying to win it all. In 1968, only 26 points were scored against us the entire year and we won it all. We had great kids, and I stayed the h--- out of their way!”

But the real truth? Former Trojan Coach Dick Dullaghan hit the nail on the head when he said, “Purichia’s ability to motivate was so effective, players would run through brick walls for him.”

And back then, Bishop Chatard football was way ahead of its time. A week before the game, assistant coaches supplied a thick dossier on the opposing team’s offensive formations, along with the odds of what they might do on any given play. I’ll never forget the time Scecina lined up to do a sweep my way. I flew across the line from my outside linebacker position to tackle the halfback the moment he received the lateral from the quarterback. His eyes were big as saucers just prior to impact.

Dullaghan, Purichia’s replacement, took the handoff and quickly carried the ball over the goal line by producing 35 wins against five losses in four years as head coach. And his 1971 team was undefeated. Fast-forward to today: Rob Doyle has compiled a 63-20 record in six years. Last year’s state title added to our long-standing legacy by giving him a third state title in the last four years (2019, 2020, 2022). On Purichia Day, Rob reiterated what it takes to maintain a winning football tradition: “Trojan pride and a brotherhood atmosphere, putting the team first, hard work, and repetition, repetition, repetition!”

Bishop Chatard has had so many successful coaches over the years, “High School Cradle of Coaches” could be our school motto. Bishop Chatard state champion coaches who preceded Doyle and secured Indiana gridiron’s gold ring include Chuck Schwanekamp 1983, 1984; Craig Barr 1997, 1998; Tom Dilley 2001, 2002; and tallying seven, Vince Lorenzano 2003, 2006, 2007, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2015.

How did this powerhouse, this incredibly successful football dynasty, the winningest football program in Indiana history, get started? Bishop Chatard coaches played valuable roles as mentors for their players. They taught us to always fight fair, compete every day, get back up when thrown down, and never give up

In the movie Rocky Balboa, Rocky gives this advice to his son: “The world ain’t all sunshine and rainbows. It’s a very mean and nasty place and I don’t care how tough you are, it will beat you to your knees and keep you there permanently – if you let it.” In terms of player size and number of players, Bishop Chatard entered games as the decided underdog against far bigger foes. By sticking to their game plan and ignoring dire predictions, coaches and players became giant killers.

Rocky continued his life lesson with his son: “You, me, or nobody is gonna hit as hard as life. But it ain’t about how hard you hit. It’s about how hard you can get hit and keep moving forward. How much you can take and keep moving forward – that’s how winning is done.” Sports prepare players for potentially challenging times ahead, long after they’ve played their last snap from scrimmage. Bishop Chatard alumni know how to get up off the mat to answer the challenge.

They first learned this on the field, the mat, the court, the course, or the baseball diamond – wherever their sport took them.

LIFE SOMETIMES IMITATES ATHLETICS. OR IS IT THAT ATHLETICS IMITATES LIFE? OR MAYBE, IT’S JUST SIMPLY GOOD OLD TROJAN PRIDE.

MANY COACHES HAVE POSTED IMPRESSIVE WIN PERCENTAGES DURING THEIR TENURE COACHING TROJAN FOOTBALL							
TENURE	HEAD COACH	WIN/LOSS	WIN %	TENURE	HEAD COACH	WIN/LOSS	WIN %
1963	Tom Deem	0-9	0%	1988-1989	Tom Blanck	9-9	50%
1964-1968	Carol Purichia	36-13-1	73%	1990-1998	Craig Barr	74-30	71%
1969-1972	Dick Dullaghan	35-5	88%	1999-2002	Tom Dilley	35-16	69%
1973-1982	Steve Purichia	86-19	82%	2003-2016	Vince Lorenzano	158-39	80%
1983-1986	Chuck Schwanekamp	47-6	89%	2017-present	Rob Doyle	63-20	76%
1987	Bill Tucker	8-3	73%				

BISHOP CHATARD CONGRATULATES THESE OUTSTANDING STUDENT ATHLETES WHO HAVE BEEN HONORED FOR ACADEMIC AND ATHLETIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING THE 2022-2023 SPRING SPORT SEASON.

ACADEMIC ALL STATE RECOGNITIONS

BASEBALL

William Dietrick (IHSBCA)
Aiden Duncan (IHSBCA)
Danny Sitzman (IHSBCA)
Jack Underwood (IHSBCA)

BOYS GOLF

William Pruitt – Honorable Mention (IHSGCA)

BOYS LACROSSE

Zade Kalesperis (IHSLA)
Wade McAllister (IHSLA)
Nolan Stiffler (IHSLA)

ACADEMIC ALL AMERICAN (USA LACROSSE)

GIRLS LACROSSE

Lainie Anderson (INGLA)
Ella Bayha (INGLA)
Neve Bielefeld (INGLA)
Maddie Bolchini (INGLA)
Greta Borowski (INGLA)
Katie Figura (INGLA)
Jenna Garing (INGLA)
Camryn Hart (INGLA)
Maeve Kalesperis (INGLA)
Emma Kroner (INGLA)
Mary Mason (INGLA)
Maggie Piatt (INGLA)
Mary Kate Ryan (INGLA)
Charlotte Tuschong (INGLA)
Mia Wann (INGLA)

RUGBY

Daniel Albright (RI)
Will Calvert (RI)
Nathan Meyer (RI)
John Paul Sherby (RI)
Mathew Woods (RI)

SOFTBALL

Anna Jennings – Honorable Mention (ICGCA & SCAI)
Avery Nagel (SCAI)
Lucy Pyrz (SCAI)
Stella Schulte (SCAI)

TEAM ACADEMIC ALL STATE (SCAI)

GIRLS TENNIS

Avery Bruce – Honorable Mention (ICGSA)

BOYS TRACK

Max Bourgeois – Honorable Mention (IATCCC)

Harrison Campbell – Honorable Mention (IATCCC)

Gavin Colasessano (IATCCC)

Noah Dudik – Honorable Mention (IATCCC)

Jack Dixon – Honorable Mention (IATCCC)

Davis Falcon (IATCCC)

Ian Kolbus (IATCCC)

Gavin Marsh (IATCCC)

Gabe Martinez (IATCCC)

Cole Weber – Honorable Mention (IATCCC)

Charles Wright (IATCCC)

Jonah Wuensch – Honorable Mention (IATCCC)

GIRLS TRACK

Caroline Bell – Honorable Mention (ICGSA & IATCCC)

Caroline Clapacs (ICGSA & IATCCC)

Morgan Engelman (IATCCC)

Grace Felts – Honorable Mention (ICGSA & IATCCC)

Claire Monahan – Honorable Mention (ICGSA)

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Christopher Board (IHSLA)
Garin Colasessano (IHSLA)
Jackson Herrera (IHSLA)
Van Hibbeln (IHSLA)
Zeke Jarzyniecki (IHSLA)
Will Szentes (IHSLA)

TEAM ACADEMIC ALL AMERICANS (AVCA)

WRESTLING

(Wrestling recognitions were not available for winter publication.)

Ethan Brown (IHSWCA)

Jack Dixon (IHSWCA)

Jef Waugh – Honorable Mention (IHSWCA)

ATHLETIC RECOGNITIONS

BASEBALL

Aiden Duncan: All City(Coaches), All Conference

Ryan Keating: All Conference

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

BOYS GOLF

Nick Belby: All Sectional

Colin Kirchgessner: All City

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

BOYS LACROSSE

Harrison Forestal: All State (IHSLA)
Zade Kalesperis: All State (IHSLA)

Wade McAllister: All State (IHSLA)
Gabe McNamee: All Conference
Billy Nash: All Conference

GIRLS LACROSSE

Mary Mason: All Conference, All State (INGLA)
Maggie Piatt: All Conference

RUGBY

Nathan Meyer: All State (RI)
Jakob Moore: All State (RI)
Luke Peters: All State (RI)

SOFTBALL

Avery Nagel: All City (MCCGSA), All Conference

Lucy Pyrz: All City (MCCGSA), All Conference

Stella Schulte: All City (MCCGSA), All Conference

Sydney Shaw: All City (MCCGSA), All Conference

GIRLS TENNIS

Cathy Beckmann: All Conference, All District (IHSTeCA)
Eileen Forsee: All Conference

BOYS TRACK

Phoenix Boyer: Conference & City Champion (300M Hurdles & 1600M Relay), State Qualifier (1600M Relay)

R.J. Bradshaw: City Champion (110M Hurdles)

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

Davis Falcon: City Champion (1600M), Sectional & Regional Champion (3200M Relay), State Qualifier (3200M Relay)

J.D. Haines: Conference & City Champion (800M), Sectional & Regional Champion (3200M Relay), State Qualifier (3200M Relays)

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

Keaton Kuehr: Conference Champion (1600M Relay), State Qualifier (1600M Relay)

Kalen Sargent: City Champion (200M)

Cole Weber: Conference Champion (1600M Relay), Sectional & Regional Champion (3200M Relay), State Qualifier (1600M Relay & 3200M Relay)

GIRLS TRACK

Caroline Bell: City Champion (400M Relay)

Brianna Buels: Conference, City, Sectional & Regional Champion (400M Relay), State Finalist (400M Relay & 1600M Relay), Conference Champion (1600M Relay), City Champion (200M)

Caroline Clapacs: State Finalist (3200M Relay)

Addison Duncan: City Champion (400M), Conference Champion & State Finalist (400M Relay & 1600M Relay), Regional Champion (400M Relay)

Morgan Engelman: State Finalist (3200M Relay)

Grace Felts: Conference Champion (300M Hurdles, 1600M Relay), City Champion (1600M Relay), State Finalist (1600M Relay)

Mary Kate Felts: Conference & City Champion (1600M Relay), Sectional Champion (400M Relay), State Finalist (400M Relay)

Ceci Jackson: State Finalist (3200M Relay)

Reece McKinney: Conference Champion (100M Hurdles, 400M Relay, 1600M Relay), City Champion (400M Relay, 1600M Relay), Sectional & Regional Champion (400M Relay), State Finalist (400M Relay & 1600M Relay)

Adeline Miller: Conference, City, Sectional & Regional Champion (400M Relay)

Maggie Rushenberg: State Finalist (3200M Relay)

Julia Score: City Champion (800M, 1600M), State Finalist (1600M & 3200M)

Lena Stickel: City Champion (1600M Relay)

Anna Thompson: Conference, City & Sectional Champion (Discus)

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Christopher Board: All Conference, All State (IBVCA)
Bryce Corbett: All Conference

WRESTLING

(Wrestling recognitions were not available for winter publication.)

Sam Bustamante: Conference Champion (132 lbs.)

Jack Davis: Conference Champion (126 lbs.)

Jack Dixon: Conference Champion (170 lbs.)

Kade Rickard: City Champion (170 lbs.)

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

Jef Waugh: City, Sectional & Regional Champion (195 lbs.)

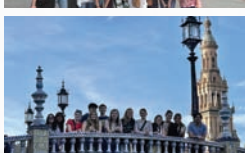
OTHER TROJAN RECOGNITIONS

Lily Cridge: Female City Athlete of the Year (MCCGSA & MCAA)

Sean McGinley: MCCGSA City Girls Track Coach of the Year

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)



SPRING BREAK EXCURSION PROVIDES CULTURAL AND SPIRITUAL JOURNEY

LIBBIE STEINER *Executive Director of Mission Integration*

There seems to be an endless variety of options students have when it comes to Spring Break plans. Some relax at home, while others travel to spend time with family, or head south seeking some much-needed sunshine. Whether students are near or far from home, the week is always a welcome respite from routine.

This past Spring Break, I certainly got a break from routine as I traveled to Portugal and Spain with 14 Bishop Chatard students and Lisa Johnson, Fine Arts Department Chair. It was a whirlwind Iberian tour as we explored Lisbon, Evora, Seville, Cordoba, Madrid, and Toledo in the span of eight days. We saw countless masterpieces of art, visited stunning cathedrals, palaces, and mosques, and were introduced to new cultures and foods. Everywhere we went, there was so much to discover and learn.

While we were traveling, I enjoyed walking with students, whether it was physically as I navigated the group across Madrid from El Retiro park to the cathedral, or metaphorically as they shared their stories with me over a tapas lunch. Getting to accompany students as we traveled thousands of miles from home was a gift. Most of them had never traveled outside of the United States before, so seeing the world through their perspectives was refreshing.

I watched their eyes widen as we stepped into a pristine courtyard in the Alcazar, a palace constructed by a Muslim caliph and later expanded by Christians, marveling at the intricacy of the architecture. I laughed with the students as we attempted to learn the basics of flamenco dancing, struggling to keep up with our talented teacher. I watched them try adventurous new foods, speak other languages, and grow more comfortable in cultures and countries not their own. Students noticed the differences between religions, and we processed together the way Catholicism was expressed differently in other cultures. They asked thoughtful questions and represented Bishop Chatard well as cultural ambassadors. Their curiosity, maturity, humor, and adaptability made for a memorable trip.

Throughout the week, everywhere we went, we observed communities getting ready for Holy Week. There was a massive float carrying Jesus on a donkey surrounded by flowers inside the cathedral in Madrid, ready to be carried through the streets on Palm Sunday. In Seville, there were metal parade barricades already

lining the main streets, covered with bright red cloth that had a simple white outline of a cross. The processions held each day during Holy Week are based on centuries of history and tradition, as Catholics throughout Spain remember the passion and death of Jesus Christ in a truly embodied way.

Our guide in the city of Toledo, Carlos, told us that for the last 50 years, he has carried the same float in a procession which depicts Joseph of Arimathea taking Jesus down from the Cross. Carlos said that it takes at least twenty people to carry the heavy platform through the city. They move slowly and deliberately, sharing the weight together. We were struck by Carlos' commitment to carrying this heavy burden, together with his companions, every Good Friday for the last 50 years. In learning about Holy Week practices that were so different from our own, we left with a reinvigorated appreciation of our Catholic faith.

Bishop Chatard's Spring Break educational tour program provides a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for young Trojans to see the world, and in doing so, to appreciate the diversity of culture and religious expression that exists within our universal Church. One can't help but be awestruck by the fact that nearly every famous painting, beautiful ancient building, and cultural practice that we saw stemmed from expression of faith. It is our hope that in bringing our students to encounter the vast richness of the Church in Spain and Portugal, they return home transformed by their experience.

Maybe their eyes have been opened to the diversity of our faith, and the ways in which Catholics around the world worship in different ways. Perhaps, for the first time in their lives, they are not familiar with the language of the place they are in and are able to reflect on that experience which is so common for immigrants across the world. Or maybe they encounter the traditions of other religions in a tangible way, appreciating the beauty to be found in the Muslim or Jewish faiths as a result of seeing ancient mosques and synagogues. Or perhaps they simply connect with someone from another country for the first time, learning that despite their differences, they actually have a lot in common.

When students are challenged to get outside of their comfort zones, they grow in maturity. We are all enriched by their reflections, knowing that they will continue to reflect on and grow from their experiences in the years to come.



2 TROJANS HONORED IN 2023 SERRA CLUB COMPETITION



Congratulations to Bishop Chatard students Van Hibbeln '23 and Josh Puno '24, winners of the Serra Club of Indianapolis 2023 John D. Kelley Vocations Essay competition in the 12th grade and 11th grade categories respectively.

Van's essay, titled "The Eucharist, Our Cornerstone," and Josh's essay, titled "In the Life of Thomas Aquinas," were published in The Criterion. Both students were honored at a Serra Club luncheon.

This year, the Serra Club asked students to write about how a saint's devotion to the Eucharist enabled him or her to fulfill their vocation, and how that love of the Eucharist inspires people today. The John D. Kelley Vocations Essay contest is open to any Catholic student in grades 7 through 12 in parochial, public or homeschool systems in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.



STUDENTS HOST 'SENIOR PROM' FOR ST. AUGUSTINE HOME RESIDENTS

Bishop Chatard students continued the annual tradition of hosting a "Senior Prom" at the Indianapolis St. Augustine Home for the Aged on April 14. About 75 students attended the festive evening, decorating the prom space and making corsages and boutonnieres for their guests prior to the event.

Each student was assigned a resident for the evening, escorting him/her from their room, placing a corsage or boutonniere on them, talking and dancing throughout the evening, and escorting them back to their room at the end of the evening. As with a traditional prom, a highlight of the night was the crowning of the king and queen at the end of the evening.

BCHS TROBOTICS COMPETES AT VEX WORLD COMPETITION IN DALLAS

BY KELLY LUCAS



Six members of the BCHS robotics team, along with Trobotics coach Gary Pritts, boarded a flight on April 25 to take part in the VEX Robotics World Championship in Dallas, Texas. The 2023 competition, which ran April 25 – 27, marked the first time a Trojan team has participated in-person in a VEX World Championship.

The BCHS Trobotics team competed in 10 qualifying matches and finished with a record of 5-5. While they did not make it to the final tournament, Mr. Pritts said, “I’m so proud of this team for going head-to-head with the best robots in the world and showing that we absolutely belong in that group.”

Bishop Chatard’s 5690T team, along with their robot “High Maintenance,” qualified for Worlds based on scores received during its November – March competition season and at the state competition in March. The 5690T team included Jacqui Felts ’23 and Shafer Hofmann ’23; Mark Gejdos ’24, Zoe Williamson ’24 and Andie Adams ’24; and Meg McNamar ’25.

Teammates Mark and Zoe said that they began to realize in February that qualifying for the World competition was a possibility for 5690T. “At state,” Zoe added, “we were trying not to get our hopes up but we really wanted to go to Worlds!”

While qualifying for the journey to Dallas was a victory in itself, the team looked forward to competing with the best of the best from all over the world.

“Going to the VEX World competition this year has been one of the greatest accomplishments of my life thus far,” Shafer said. “I had never even considered possibly going to Worlds, but we made it and even had a winning record in the qualifying rounds.”

Mr. Pritts credits “fantastic individual talent” on this year’s team as one of many keys to success. “All had jobs,” he said, “and they did them well.”

Participation in the school’s robotics program helps students to see how the concepts they learn in school are applied, explained Mr. Pritts, who teaches Physics, AP Physics and Principals of Engineering. “The better you understand the mechanisms that you are working with, the better you can apply them.”

Shafer plans on studying computer science at Purdue University, and he is confident that the programming experience he gained as part of Trobotics will support his college pursuits. He also points to his coach’s teaching style as a factor in helping the team reach this new level.

“Mr. Pritts has been an incredible coach and teacher throughout the years. He always has great solutions to any problem we come upon, but first he lets us think it through and try to work the problem out on our own,” Shafer added.

HOOSIER SUPPORT FOR STEM

Indiana is known for having strong STEM and robotics programs, and that is due in great part, Mr. Pritts said, to the work of former Indianapolis Mayor Greg Ballard. Mayor Ballard started the Indianapolis VEX Robotics Championship in 2012 to provide an opportunity for all Indianapolis high school students to participate in a world class robotics event.

Since that time, in conjunction with TechPoint Foundation for Youth and other public and private entities, middle school and grade school divisions have been added and the competition was expanded to a statewide event. The expansion of STEM education in the state made Indiana a national leader in STEM education efforts and led to Indiana sending 119 teams to this year’s VEX World Championship, more than any other state in the nation.

The “filter-down effect” of early STEM education, Mr. Pritts said, is becoming evident in high schools. Success begets success, he said, and early exposure builds both skills and confidence.

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GARY PRITTS
Trobotics Coach

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GARY PRITTS NAMED INDIANA’S PHYSICS TEACHER OF THE YEAR

The Indiana Chapter of the American Association of Physics Teachers (INAAPT) has named Bishop Chatard teacher Gary Pritts its 2023 Physics Teacher of the Year. The award was presented to Mr. Pritts at the INAAPT’s 2023 spring meeting.

Mr. Pritts has been teaching at Bishop Chatard High School for 10 years. He teaches Physics, AP Physics, and Principals of Engineering, and serves as head coach of the school’s award-winning robotics team. He was named a Claes Nobel Educator of Distinction by the National Society of High School Scholars in 2022.

Mr. Pritts makes a strong impression on both students and colleagues, Principal John Hasty said of his science department chair. He is an “inspiring educator who makes learning relevant, establishes rigor, and builds lifelong relationships.”

SETTING THE BAR

Bishop Chatard currently has three robotics teams. The teams are coached by Mr. Pritts, along with assistant coaches including Joe Bormann, a 2015 BCHS graduate who now works as a computer engineer writing code and designing electronics with Helmer Scientific. Many of the students who participate in Trobotics, Mr. Pritts said, continue in STEM fields in college.

While only one of the teams is traveling to the VEX Robotics World Championship this year, the goal, team members say, is to have all teams qualify for the state competition next year and for more than one to continue to Worlds.

“The last part of the competition is the reveal for the next year’s game, and our team has already started planning,” Mr. Pritts said, “with their sights set on returning to Worlds in 2024.”

In addition to the academic benefits of robotics team competition, the coach said that he has enjoyed watching how participation has encouraged his students to dream big. “At the beginning of the season, they are unsure about what they can achieve, and at this point in the year (late winter) they can see it. This process helps you to dream big!”

Follow Bishop Chatard Trobotics at twitter.com/Trobotics.

While Mr. Pritts has worked to shift the class toward Standards Based Grading to encourage students in the “productive struggle oriented toward growth,” his real strength, Mr. Hasty said, is in his “genuine investment in the whole person that empowers his teaching. His students know that he is passionate about physics, but they also know that he is personally invested in their wellbeing and success.”

Receiving an award from this accomplished peer community, Mr. Pritts said, provides encouragement to keep working hard. “Teaching is inherently a grind. You don’t reach a plateau and suddenly it is easy. Being recognized is encouragement to keep looking for the next opportunity to improve,” he added.

The INAAPT presents this award annually to an outstanding high school physics teacher. Recipients have had at least five years of teaching experience, show innovative instructional techniques, collaborate well with other teachers, and are leaders in science in their school.



BCHS FOR KIDS DANCE MARATHON SUPPORTS PEYTON MANNING CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

The BCHS for Kids Executive Committee visited Peyton Manning Children's Hospital in April to present a \$602,748 check from the money raised at this year's Dance Marathon for Kids. Students raised the money in February and chose Peyton Manning Children's Hospital as the benefactor.

Following the presentation, students had the opportunity to tour the facility and learn about the new Women and Children's Tower, currently under construction, where their donation will help fund many programs and resources. The new Women and Children's Tower is expected to be completed in mid-2024 and will enable care for every member of the family under one roof.

"We've been doing dance marathons at Bishop Chatard for a few years now, but this is the first year we did it for Peyton Manning Children's Hospital which is really nice, and we just worked together as a group to make the whole thing come together," said Wade McAllister, class of 2023.



TROJAN HISTORY BOWL STUDENTS ADVANCE TO NATIONALS

BCHS hosted a History Bowl & Bee on Saturday, Feb. 25. Competition was intense, with both Trojan teams advancing to Nationals! Congratulations to the team of Tommy O'Gara, Ben Lam and Lawrence Deypalubos for placing second in the bowl. Jack Dixon won the Varsity (Junior/Senior) History Bee, and Tommy O'Gara was the top JV (Freshman/Sophomore) finisher. Congratulations to all of the Bishop Chatard competitors.



MOCK TRIAL TEAM ADVANCES TO STATE

Bishop Chatard's 2023 Mock Trial team, "Art Eliminates Life," placed 5th in Indianapolis Regional Competition on February 24, qualifying to move on to state competition on March 11 - 12. The BCHS team is among 24 high school teams statewide that advanced to state in the Indiana Bar Foundation-sponsored competition.

Two Trojan teams participated in the 2023 Mock Trial competition. Art Eliminates Life competitors (pictured) included: Claire O'Gara, Jake Weber, Catherine Joven, Megan Kramer, Van Hibbeln, Marguerite Bourgeois, Kaylee Durnil, Maci Knoll, and Zeke Jarzyniecki. The "Trojan Surprise Party" team made up of Emily Meckauskas, Sam Byrd, Addie Sandifur, Simon Lehmkuhler, Georgia Kramer, Olivia Krause, and Ava McCurdy also did an admirable job representing BCHS.

The teams were coached by attorneys and BCHS dads Tom Kramer and Tom Jarzyniecki. The mock trial team members and their attorney coaches spent countless evening and weekend hours practicing to achieve this level of success.

Mock Trial introduces Indiana students to our legal system and the judicial branch of government. Through Mock Trial, students get a deeper understanding and appreciation of the American courts.

Taking on the roles of attorneys and witnesses, students experience in-depth, hands-on learning, leading to an appreciation of our society's approach to dispute resolution and justice. Students take case background information and witness statements and apply it to the law. They craft arguments, support it through testimony and physical evidence, and present it to a panel of attorneys, judges, and community members who evaluate their arguments and presentations.

Roncalli was the only other Archdiocese of Indianapolis High School finishing in the Indianapolis Regional Top 10. The Royals finished 10th in the competition.

Academic Excellence, FORMED IN FAITH

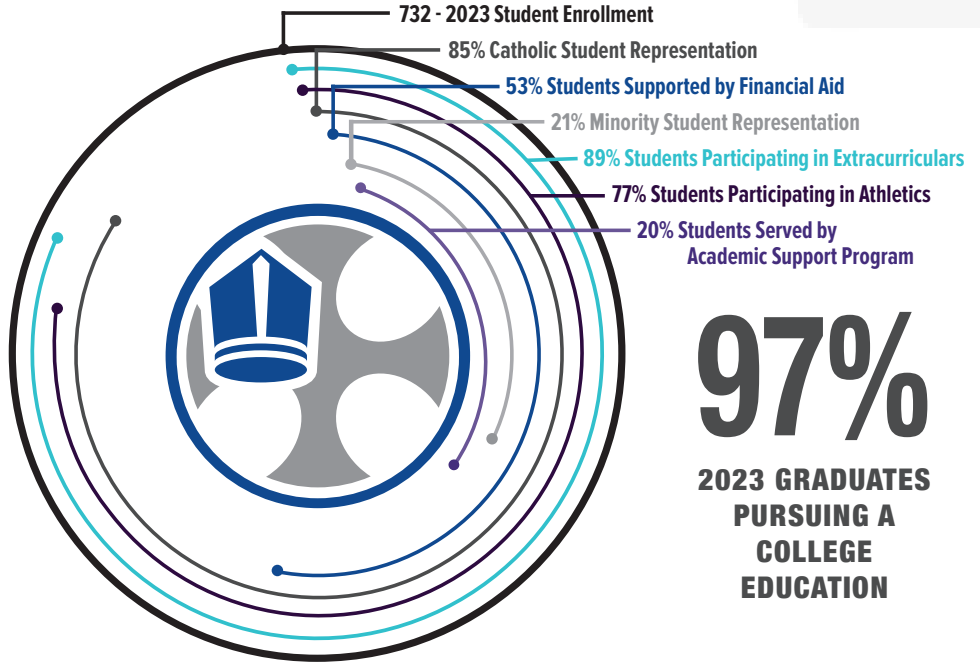
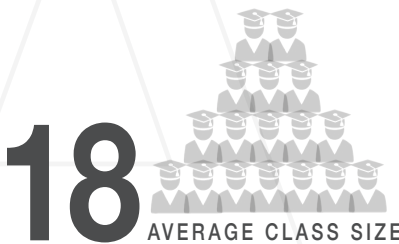
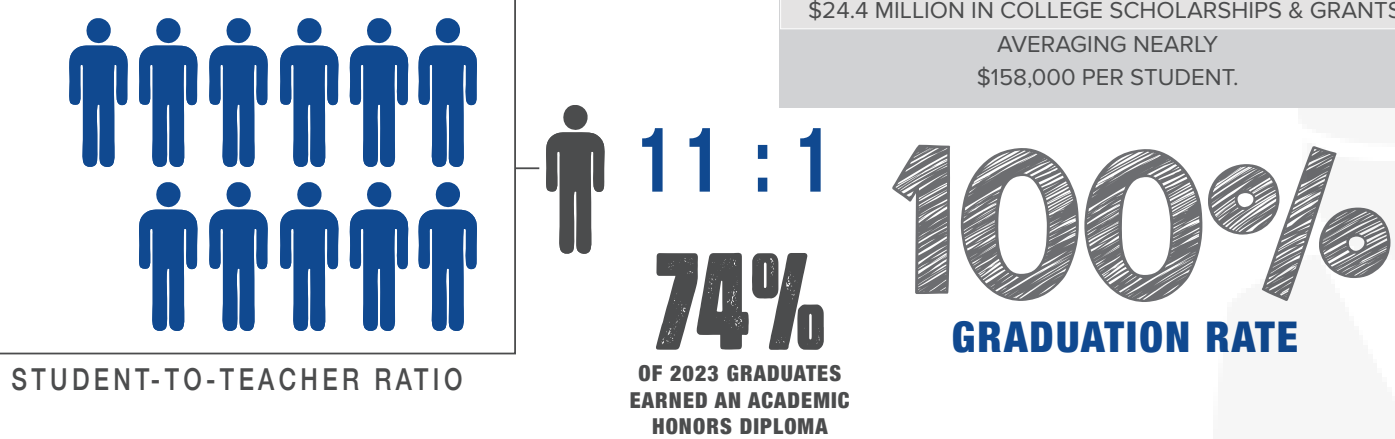
Bishop Chatard's academic program builds strong foundations for success. The program is rooted in a vision that every student will reach his or her academic potential while contributing to the life of the school in a significant way. Weaknesses are challenged, strengths are supported, and young people are led by caring and compassionate educators to discover new interests. Bishop Chatard students are encouraged to be who they truly are, while learning who God is calling them to be.

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