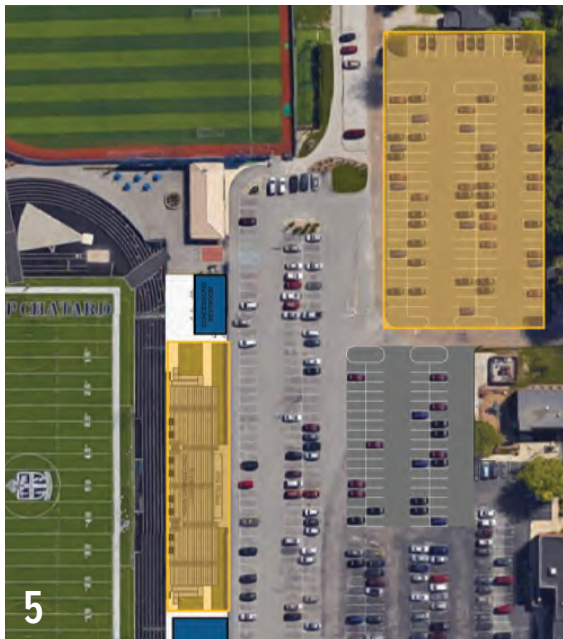


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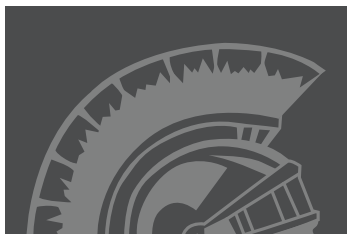
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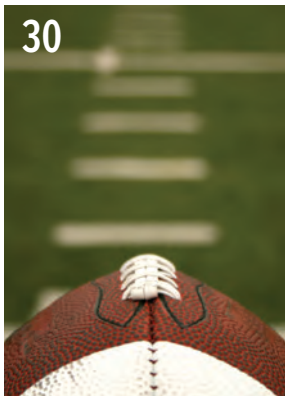
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## HOW DO TODAY'S TROJANS DEFINE EXCELLENCE?

### KELLY LUCAS

Director of Marketing  
& Communication

Welcome to the Summer issue of Bishop Chatard's semiannual magazine, *Trojans Today*, *Trojans for Life*. Here at Bishop Chatard, students, faculty and staff work diligently every day in the pursuit of excellence in the classroom, the arts, on the playing field and in their personal lives. But just how do we define excellence?

In this issue, we provide data, stories and commentary that reveal how Bishop Chatard is doing in its mission to form faith-filled men and women who graduate ready to pursue college and careers. Howard Thurman, a prominent author, theologian, educator and civil rights leader, once said, "Don't ask yourself what the world needs. Ask yourself what makes you come alive and then go do that. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive." Helping students find that passion – what makes them come alive – is a goal woven into daily life at BCHS.

Beginning on page 8 of this issue, we are sharing statistics that demonstrate student achievement and involvement. If excellence is defined by results, these show that our academic program is among the best in the state. Surprising for some is the fact that

academic achievement does not come at the expense of student life. In fact, the more our students do, the better their grades are!

Throughout this issue, you will read stories about students, teachers and alumni, demonstrating how each defines excellence. You will learn about how Bishop Chatard is adapting to safety and security challenges that face schools today and follow several young alumni on their discernment to religious life. You will also hear from administrators who support and serve our students and, hopefully, learn a little bit about what it means to be a Trojan today.

As marketing & communications director for Bishop Chatard High School, I have a front-row seat to the inspiring moments that happen in this high school daily. I look forward to opportunities to share that news, and I ask you to do the same when things happen in your life or the life of your child that we can report in our alumni magazine. Please share your news with us at <https://alumni.bishopchatard.org/share-news/>.



### BILL SAHM

President

There are many ways to understand excellence and its place in the formation of high school students. At Bishop Chatard, we strive for excellence in academics, excellence in our extracurricular activities, and excellence in our faculty, staff and administration, our engagement with alumni, our communication to prospective families, our fund-raising activities and the facilities that support all of these priorities.

At the heart of this striving for excellence, why we dedicate all of our resources toward this end, is our faith. Faith, as articulated in our mission statement, is what compels us to achieve at extraordinary levels so that our students can fulfill God's calling for them – not only what He wants them to do with their lives, but who He wants them to become.

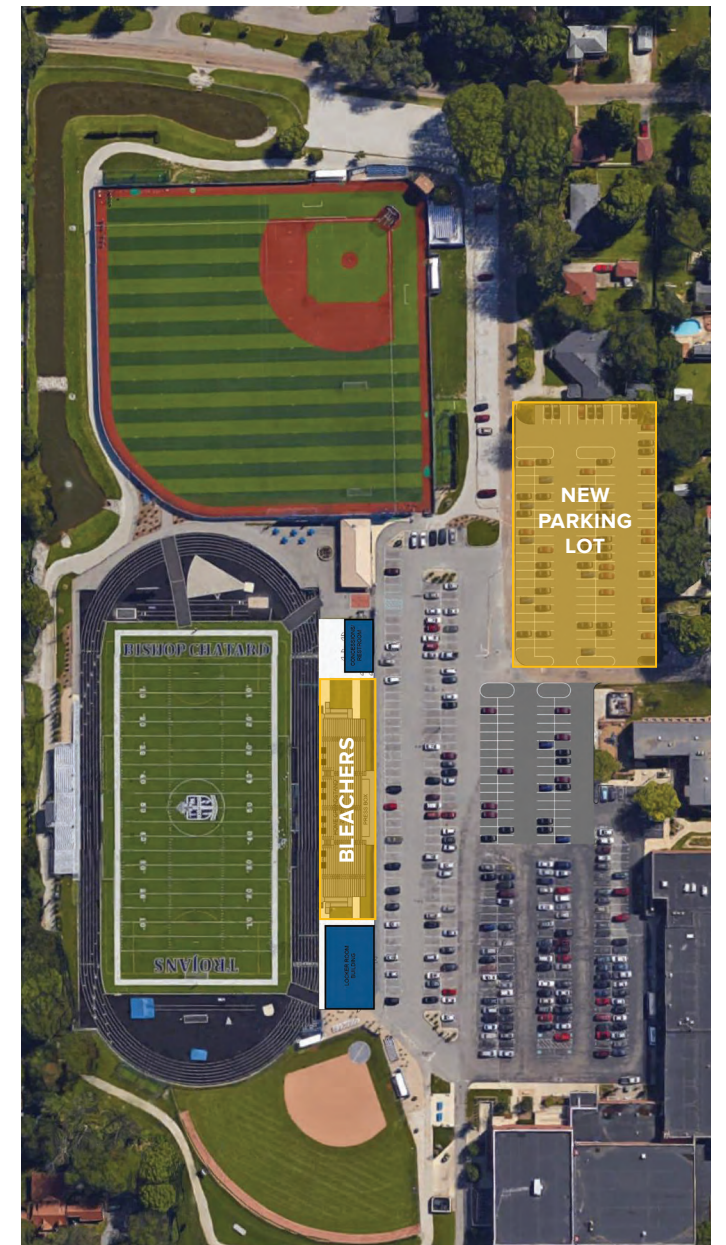
As president, I am responsible, along with the Board of Regents and the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, for the integration of the mission of Bishop Chatard into all facets of our students' high school experience. I am routinely humbled by the quality of the adults at Bishop Chatard who answer God's call to do their part in forming our students, by the support of our school families, past and present, and by the support of our alumni. The results are nothing short of remarkable.

A beautiful example of the support we receive is the generosity of some of our community members to a recently completed, silent capital fund-raising effort we named the Moments Build Momentum campaign. We raised \$3,000,000 from a small contingency of donors that will allow us to expand the campus for the first time in over 5 decades and complete the stadium with home side bleachers.

We will soon be demolishing the four northernmost homes on Evanston Avenue (picture the houses that face the west side of the baseball field) that we purchased to make room for a new parking lot. One hundred additional parking spaces will allow all students to park in close proximity to the school and support the many large events we host at BCHS every year. Home-side stadium bleachers will allow us to save money on bleacher rental for home football games, facilitate a home/visitor environment for soccer, lacrosse and track, and accommodate broader-based activities such as the citywide CYO track meet.

More importantly, the success of this campaign ensures a more expedient path to the accomplishment of the remaining master plan projects – a performing arts facility and the expansion of the main building to include a chapel and additional classrooms. All of these capital projects contribute to the long-term vitality of Bishop Chatard, all the while supporting the formation of the whole person experience that we all desire for our students.

God bless you for all you do to help us love our students as our faith impels us.



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## 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  
& SERVICE.**



**JOE HANSEN**  
*Principal*

## DEFINING EXCELLENCE: A 50,000 FOOT VIEW

At the Class of 2019 Commencement I spoke about a movie that changed my life. It was the movie *Dead Poet's Society*. It might be one of the biggest reasons I am an educator. When I need motivation, that movie never fails to charge me up.

In the movie, the late Robin Williams plays a teacher named John Keating. Mr. Keating builds relationships with the kids, makes them laugh, and teaches unconventionally. The students are inspired by his passion. In a key scene he has his students stand up on his teacher desk and look at the classroom. He wants them to look at the classroom differently. Thinking big picture, he is trying to inspire them to look at the world with a broader view.

Since coming to Bishop Chatard High School I have been able to see our school with a very broad view, and thankfully I don't need to stand on my desk to get what the business world calls a "fifty-thousand-foot view." While the "fifty-thousand-foot view" might be a perk of being a principal, I am keenly aware of the importance of also getting a micro-view of our day-to-day operations. I have been able to do that by building relationships and by getting to know the wonderful people within the Bishop Chatard community.

In getting to know the Bishop Chatard community I have learned a great deal about what exists within our culture. Each intimate interaction like sharing in worship, conducting classroom observations, attending fine arts performances or sporting events, as well as one-on-one conversations with students, parents, teachers or graduates has helped me understand the landscape of our school. And what I have discovered is that excellence, both academic and spiritual, is alive and well at Bishop Chatard High School.

While this magazine contains lots of data on our academic success, one thing we cherish and take seriously at Bishop Chatard is the faith formation opportunities that exist within our school. The first standard in the National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective Catholic Schools states that, "Effective Catholic schools are guided and driven by a clearly communicated mission that embraces a Catholic identity rooted in gospel values, centered on the Eucharist, and committed to faith formation, academic excellence and service." And I am pleased to report that goal number one, our primary focus, is the faith formation of our students at Bishop Chatard High School.

I often remind our teachers that each conversation with a student has the potential to be a teachable moment and an opportunity to form our students into the Catholic leaders of tomorrow. In 15+ years of working in Catholic education, one of my favorite things to tell students is something Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta

once said: "God does not call on you to be successful, He calls on you to be faithful." St. Mother Teresa found her voice by, first and foremost, being faithful. Even during the darkest of times and the greatest of challenges she stayed faithful. Her excellence was celebrated and defined well after her passing as she was canonized by Pope Francis in 2016.

Each day I have the opportunity to view Bishop Chatard High School from many different angles. I constantly see a community that trusts God, is faithful, and always focused on helping our students. And that, in my opinion, is the definition of excellence.



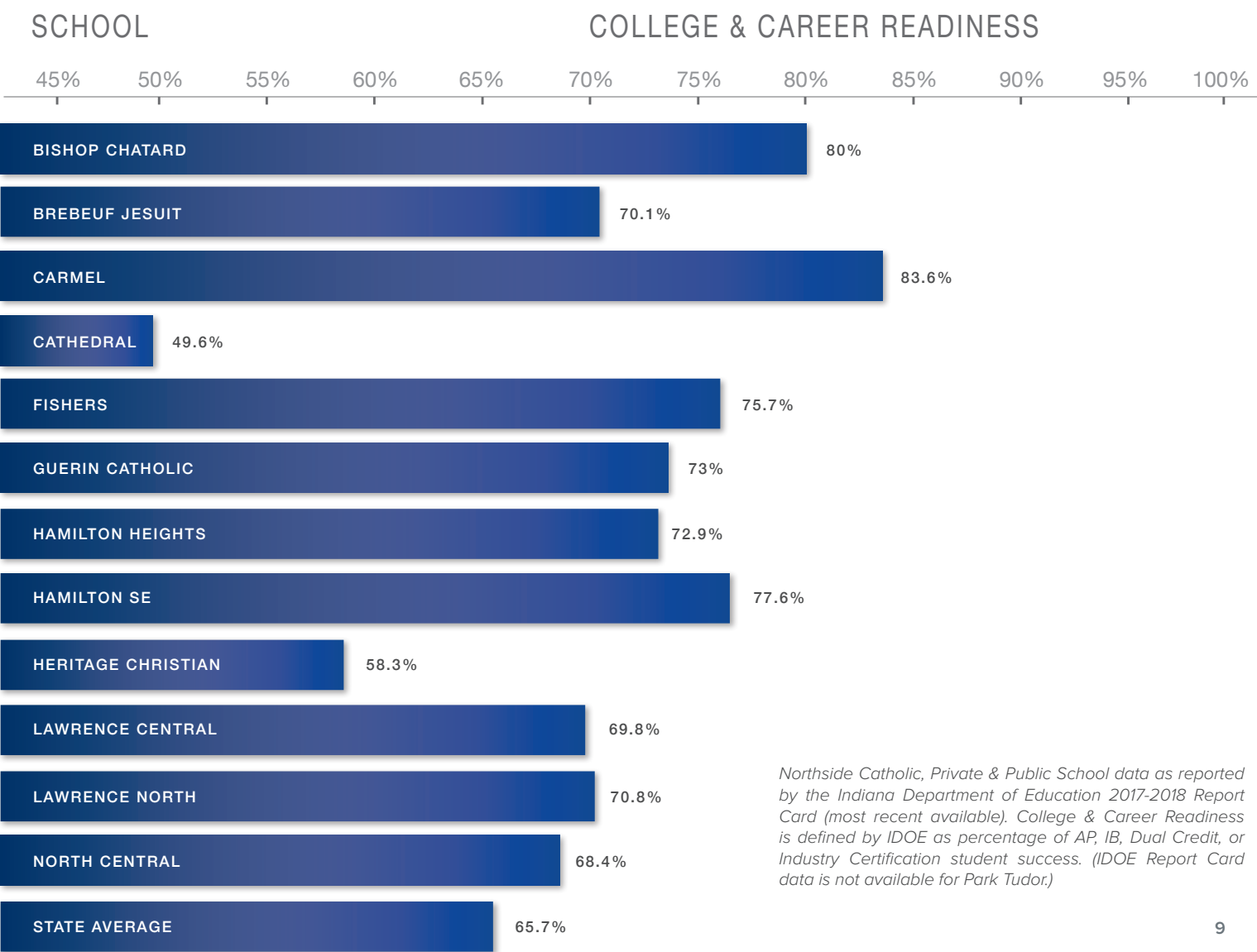
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ST. MOTHER TERESA



## DEFINING EXCELLENCE: A 4-Year Journey

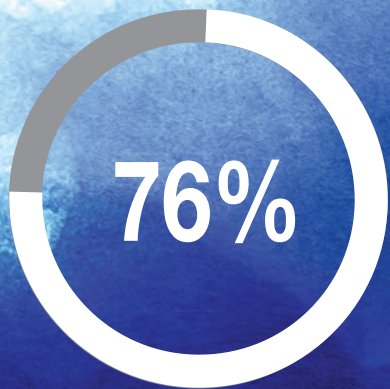
Fulfilling its mission to serve all students who seek a Catholic education, Bishop Chatard High School welcomes students at all learning levels. While eliminating exclusivity from the school’s admissions policy leads some to question its academic rigor, the latest College & Career Readiness numbers issued by the Indiana Dept. of Education dispel that myth, placing Bishop Chatard at the top among northside Catholic Schools in terms of college prep.



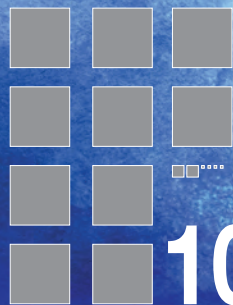
*Northside Catholic, Private & Public School data as reported by the Indiana Department of Education 2017-2018 Report Card (most recent available). College & Career Readiness is defined by IDOE as percentage of AP, IB, Dual Credit, or Industry Certification student success. (IDOE Report Card data is not available for Park Tudor.)*

ADVANCED PLACEMENT & DUAL CREDIT

Advanced Placement (AP) classes are an important ingredient in a high school’s college preparatory program. Each year, the Indiana Dept. of Education presents its Advanced Placement Award to schools that have had at least 25% of the graduating class earn a 3 or higher on AP exams. For the third consecutive year, BCHS has been recognized with this award. BCHS ranked 13th in the state of Indiana for success on AP exams, placing it in the top 3% of high schools receiving this award, and the highest-achieving diocesan school in Indiana. (Award is based on Class of 2018 data, the latest AP data available.)



CLASS OF 2018 GRADUATING WITH COLLEGE CREDIT EARNED THROUGH AP OR DUAL CREDIT CLASSES

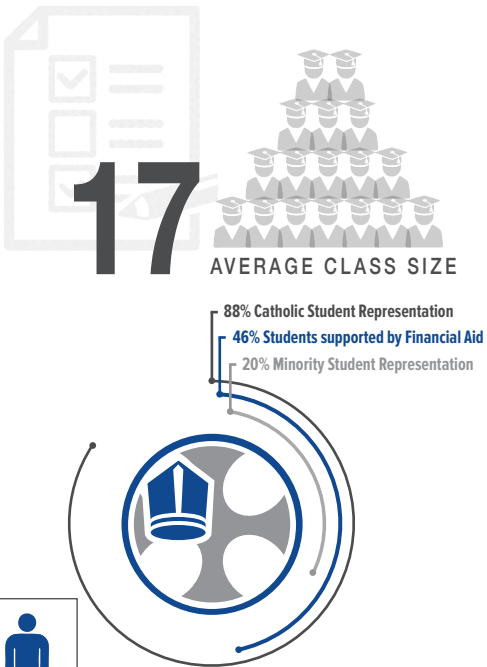
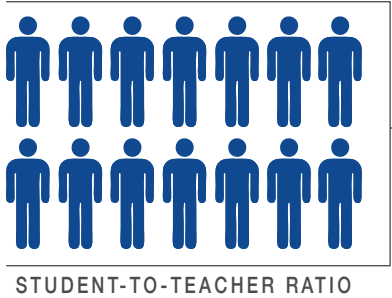
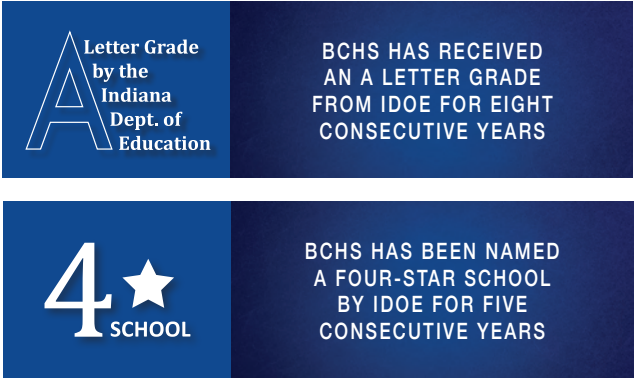


AVERAGE COLLEGE CREDITS EARNED BY GRADUATES TAKING AP OR DUAL CREDIT CLASSES



WHO WE ARE

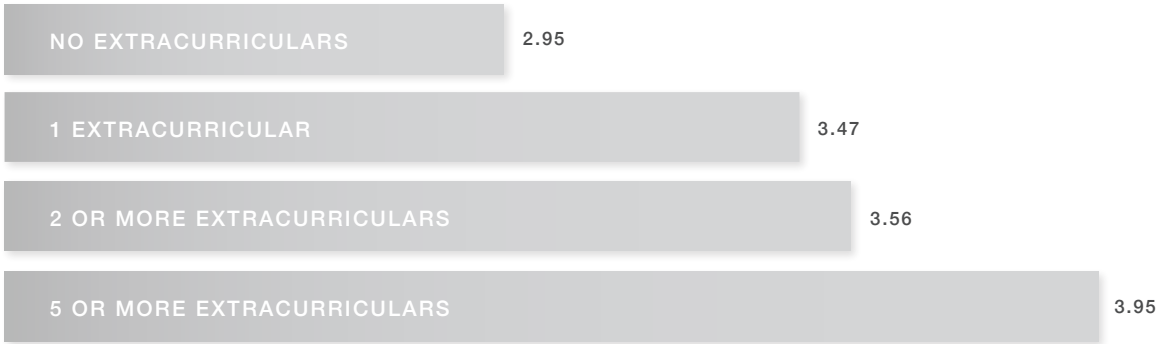
Bishop Chatard prepares its students for college now, heaven later. Academic excellence supported by faith formation creates a unique learning environment to nurture development of the whole person. Small, collaborative classrooms support student and teacher interaction, while a robust student life program challenges every student, beginning in the freshman year, to try new things.



FAITH, SERVICE & STUDENT LIFE

Formation of the whole person is engrained in the Bishop Chatard mission statement. We believe that students are more successful when they are involved in activities outside of the classroom, and students are encouraged to explore new interests and grow in their faith.

AVERAGE GPA

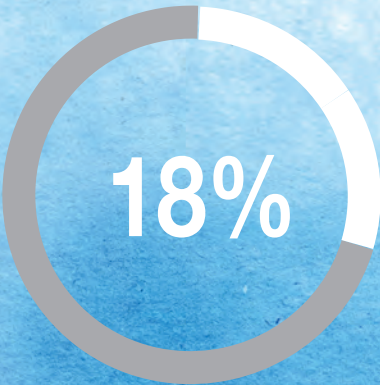


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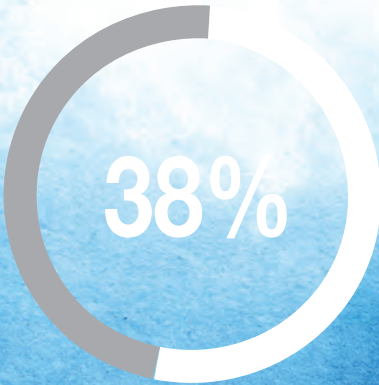


# ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Bishop Chatard’s Academic Support Program is an inclusive four-year program designed to ensure that students with a wide range of documented learning challenges are included in all aspects of the school community. This collaborative approach is key to fulfilling our mission as the Archdiocese of Indianapolis North Deanery high school.



PERCENTAGE OF STUDENT BODY SERVED BY THE ACADEMIC SUPPORT PROGRAM



PERCENTAGE OF CLASS OF 2019 GRADUATES SERVED BY ACADEMIC SUPPORT PROGRAM WHO EARNED ACADEMIC HONORS DIPLOMAS

# THE CLASS OF 2019

The 167 graduates of the Class of 2019 collectively earned more than **\$20.8 MILLION IN SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS**, averaging nearly \$125,000 per student, to attend colleges and universities throughout the United States and abroad. Members of the Class of 2019 are pursuing post-secondary education at the academic institutions designated below.

99% GRADUATION RATE

61% CLASS OF 2019 GRADUATES WHO EARNED AN ACADEMIC HONORS DIPLOMA

93% GRADUATES PURSUING POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION



ITALY



- Ancilla College
- Aveda Fredric’s Institute
- Ball State University
- Boston College
- Butler University
- Capital University
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Eastern Kentucky University
- Emlyon Business School (France)
- Florida Institute of Technology
- Franklin College
- Hanover College
- Indiana State University
- Indiana University

FRANCE

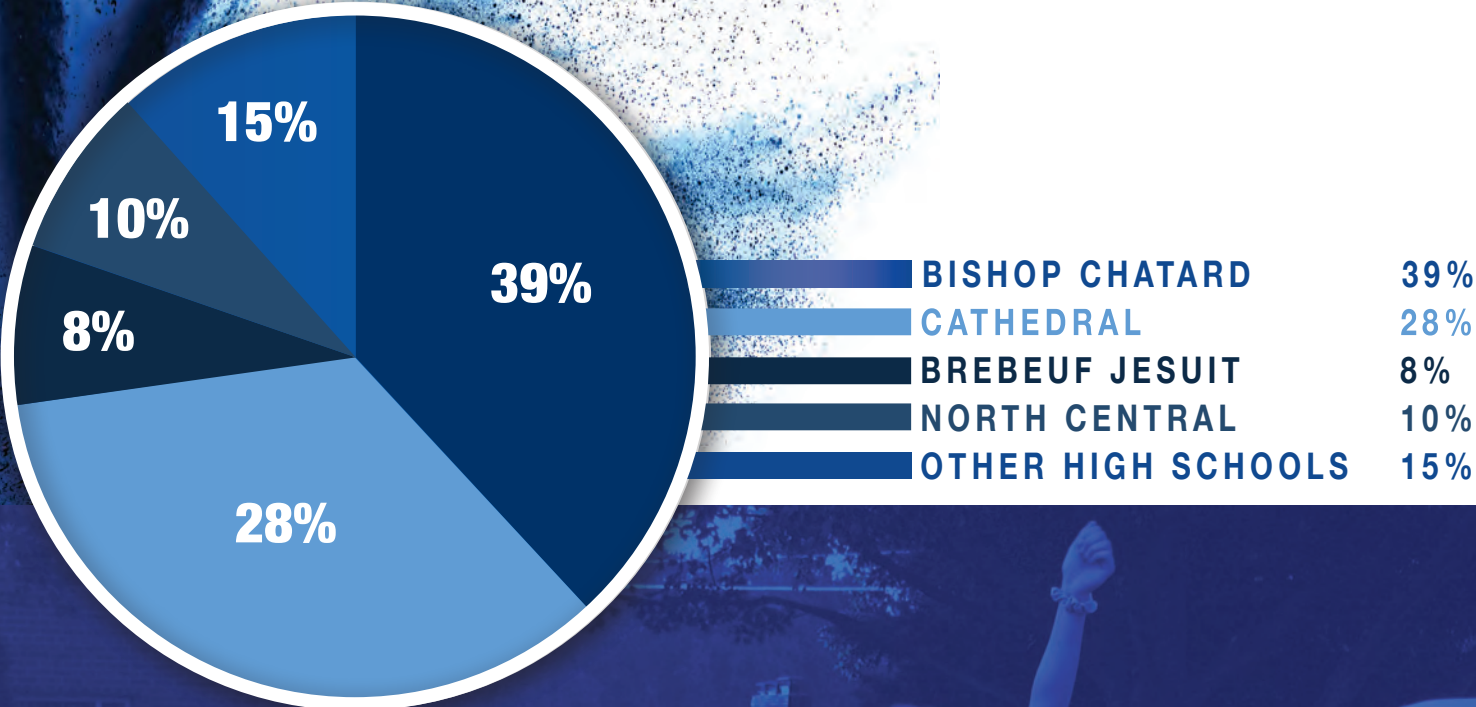


- IUPUI
- Indiana Wesleyan University
- Ivy Tech Community College
- Jefferson Community Technical College
- Loyola University of Chicago
- Marian University
- New York University
- Northwestern University
- Polimoda (Italy)
- Purdue University
- Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
- Savannah College of Art and Design
- St. Joseph’s College of Marian
- St. Louis University

- St. Mary’s College Notre Dame
- Texas Christian University
- University of Alabama
- University of Cincinnati
- University of Dayton
- University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
- University of Indianapolis
- University of Kentucky
- University of Notre Dame
- University of Saint Francis
- Vincennes University
- Wabash College
- Wittenberg University
- Xavier University

WELCOMING NEW TROJANS

Bishop Chatard’s incoming freshman class – the Trojan Class of 2023 – holds great promise. Enrollment data provided by North Deanery schools indicates that Bishop Chatard is the top Catholic high school choice among their 8th grade graduates, with 39 percent choosing to attend BCHS in 2019-2020.



JAMIE MARX  
Director of  
School Counseling

DEFINING EXCELLENCE:  
A FOUR-YEAR JOURNEY

As I watched the class of 2019 graduate in May, I realized how quickly those four years had gone. More importantly, I saw students who had grown in so many ways since freshman year. They were getting ready to embark on a whole new world, whether that be at a college, a trade school, the military or the workforce. Their experiences at Bishop Chatard over the four years helped to get them to that place — a place where their individual growth and experiences prepared them for their next step in life and a chance to continue pursuing their own individual excellence.

Before students begin their first day of freshman year in August, they and their parents have met one-on-one with a school counselor during the Spring of their 8th grade year to start planning their four years of high school. This is the first time that we meet our new class and start to discover their strengths, their interests, their talents, their dreams. We help them to choose classes that will challenge them and move them forward, always keeping in mind their future goals after high school. We encourage them to become involved, whether that be as an athlete or an artist or a journalist. We understand that they will be the happiest if they are active participants in their school life, both academically and socially. We hope to help set that foundation for a successful high school journey.

As a small school, we are fortunate to have the opportunity to really get to know our students and work as a team with their teachers and parents. We are that extra support layer for students to help them navigate the complexities of high school. Each of the four years presents different challenges and opportunities for students, and we strive to arm them with as much information as possible. Maybe it is a summer architecture program at a university that sparks a career interest, or a much-needed ACT/SAT preparation course that further develops math or reading skills, or an invitation to a career luncheon with a BCHS alumni engineer or electrician that exposes a sophomore to a career possibility. Every student is different, and every student has different bumps in the journey, but we consistently strive to help students find answers and keep moving toward their own success story. No two stories are ever the same.

Because we want all of our students pursuing college or some other form of postsecondary training, we pay significant attention to planning for after high school. Our college counselor, Pam Nixon, meets individually with all juniors and their families, helping them to pull together their high school “data” and creating a concrete plan of college options, possible college majors, paths to a trade school, or the military. Pam is a constant resource to families and students as they work through the details of applications, financial aid, and scholarships. Because Pam has had

that individual time with the students and families, she is able to use her expertise to help each student follow his/her unique path to life after high school.

Our students come to us as unique and individual learners. We have multiple levels of classes for students to choose during their four years of high school, including over 20 AP classes and 4 college-level dual credit courses. Some may choose an AP course freshman year and others strive to reach that goal their senior year. We know that challenging courses prepare students well for college and other postsecondary work, and our goal is to put supports, and sometimes a little bit of push, in place to keep students growing intellectually. We are proud that our graduation rate for most years is 100%, no matter what the education level of our students as they enter freshman year. We are so fortunate to have a staff that knows each student, tools that help in narrowing skills and interests, organizations and activities that expose students to so many new experiences, families that are truly invested in their children’s education and future, and students who are willing to grasp all that Bishop Chatard has to offer and find their own excellence.



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**BISHOP  
CHATARD  
HIGH SCHOOL**

# *Congratulations* BCHS

Class of 2019

The 167 members of this year's graduating class have collectively earned more than \$20 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 have accomplished and are excited about the possibilities that lie ahead.



## BISHOP CHATARD HIGH SCHOOL

THE NORTH DEANERY HIGH SCHOOL OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF INDIANAPOLIS

### TROJANS FOR LIFE!

*Congratulations to Bishop Chatard's  
Class of 2019 Valedictorians,  
Salutarian and Top 10 Percent.*

#### VALEDICTORIANS

Matthias Benko  
Steven Good

#### SALUTATORIAN

Greg Oldiges

#### TOP 10 PERCENT

Peter Agostino – Christ the King  
Heidi Bartz – St. Luke  
Matthias Benko – St. Luke  
MaryClaire Cooke – Christ the King  
Isabelle Corns – St. Simon  
Simon Didat – St. Pius X

Oskar Eisgruber – Immaculate Heart of Mary  
Rylan Elliott – Christ the King  
Janie Gleaves – Immaculate Heart of Mary  
Steven Good – St. Matthew  
Alysa Guffey – Christ the King  
Alison Matheny – St. Matthew

Ryne Meloy – Christ the King  
Greg Oldiges – St. Luke  
Lucy Park – St. Luke  
Colette Pauta – St. Pius X  
Claire Williams – Christ the King

May God Bless & Protect  
the Class of *2019*



## CONGRATULATIONS TO BISHOP CHATARD'S 2019 SUMMA GRADUATES

Bishop Chatard's Summa Cum Laude Distinction recognizes academic excellence as well as more extensive participation in Bishop Chatard 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 2019 Summa class are highlighted below.

- Matthias Benko researched conservation and ornithology as they relate to the impact global environmental issues have on issues that face birds.
- Isabelle Corns investigated how exposure to visual art in schools and workplaces can help to boost morale, raise productivity, and foster a sense of community.
- Simon Didat researched discrepancies in the American defense system and their impact on the larger legal system in the United States.
- Steven Good conducted an analysis of various approaches to chess endgames and established a chess club at Bishop Chatard.

- Alysa Guffey investigated the impact of the Special Olympics Tennis program on athletes and volunteers in the greater Indianapolis area.
- Abigail Harkness and Colette Pauta worked as a pair to conduct research and interviews and create a video exploring the effects of gender stereotypes on modern society.
- Kacee Haslett conducted research on the acceleration of teenage mental health and proposed interventions to benefit teenagers in our current society.
- Gregory Oldiges explored the natural formation of petroleum, its extraction, refinery, and formation into petroleum products.
- Eric Osborn examined stem cell research as it relates to the morality of using human embryos, possible medical benefits, and regulations necessary for it to be successful.
- Lainey Scroggins researched the history of inclusion of the Deaf community in Indianapolis.
- Carmen Sullivan researched the role of Physics in dance.
- Claire Williams studied the history of and collaboration between world religions.



## TROJAN HONORED AS ACADEMIC ALL-STAR AND WELLS SCHOLAR

Bishop Chatard co-valedictorian Matthias Benko was named a 2019 Regional Academic All-Star by the Indiana Association of School Principals. Matthias was one of 90 seniors from throughout Indiana honored as Academic All-Stars and Regional Academic All-Stars at a ceremony in Indianapolis on April 25. Students were nominated based on GPA and SAT/ACT scores, both academic and non-academic extracurricular involvement, and leadership and community service.

Matthias also earned the honor of being named an Indiana University Wells Scholar. The Wells Scholar is recognized as one of the most competitive and prestigious merit-based scholarships awarded to undergraduates by an American university. Named in honor of the late IU Chancellor Herman B Wells, the award provides scholars automatic admittance to the IU Hutton Honors College along with full tuition, a living stipend covering room and board, and funding that covers fees and other academic opportunities.

CONGRATULATIONS, MATTHIAS!

**95% OF BCHS PARENTS ARE CONFIDENT IN THE SAFETY AND SECURITY MEASURES IN PLACE AT BISHOP CHATARD, RATING SCHOOL SAFETY GOOD, VERY GOOD OR EXCELLENT.**

Source: May 2019 Parent Survey

Like many high schools throughout the United States, Bishop Chatard's security preparedness plan was tested during the 2018-2019 school year when online posts threatening members of the BCHS community led school leaders to question the advisability of bringing students onto the campus.

The call was made to keep students away while the threat was being assessed, but that decision did not come at the expense of educational time. Due to the adoption of e-learning at Bishop Chatard in the spring of 2018, the school day continued online while Bishop Chatard's Threat Assessment Team did its work.

## ASSESSING SAFETY

Several years prior to the Spring 2019 incident, Bishop Chatard leadership made the decision to add the position of Director of Safety to its administrative team. Vince Lorenzano assumed that role, and he has spent the past two years developing protocols for a multitude of potential weather or man-made situations. That process included the creation of a Threat Assessment Team which can be called into action when a potential threat occurs.

In addition to his role at Bishop Chatard, Mr. Lorenzano, a certified School Safety Specialist, also works with Catholic schools throughout the Archdiocese of Indianapolis to improve safety procedures and protocols. The creation of a Threat Assessment Team, he advises, is an important first step for all schools to take.

"You don't have to meet, you just need to have a team that is made up of people in the building who can meet immediately, if needed," he explained. While the archdiocese and other outside entities can assist with decision making when an incident occurs, it is important to have an internal team made up of people who can be convened instantaneously and who are familiar with each school's unique physical and learning environment.

Bishop Chatard's nine-person Threat Assessment Team met on several occasions during Bishop Chatard's 2019 situation. The first conversation occurred just hours after the initial online post was made.

"Decisions that had to be made could be made almost instantaneously," President Bill Sahm recalls. "We weren't just reacting to this incident. We were developing a comprehensive plan about how to keep faculty and staff safe. We were able to make real-time decisions that had to be made because we had this in place."

As the Threat Assessment Team worked, Mr. Lorenzano's longtime relationship with the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department enabled him to quickly bring law enforcement into the process and consult with them about the appropriate steps for the school to take. Having IMPD officers provide security on campus eased concerns of students, faculty and parents immediately following the Spring

incident, and school administration made the decision to continue to maintain that presence in 2019-2020.

While it was unfortunate that the Bishop Chatard community experienced a situation that required safety protocols to be activated, school leaders believe it reinforced the importance of dedicating resources to school security and revealed that BCHS is on the right track.

"When you have protocols that are in place, you can enact the policy and it will work. Decision making has to be set up through the protocols and what you have organized into your policy, and you don't want to veer from your policy," Mr. Lorenzano said.

Bishop Chatard's recent situation did reinforce, Mr. Lorenzano added, the impact that communications has on a school's management of a crisis situation.

"I knew that was very important, but I don't think I realized how important until we went through this scenario," he said. Given the impact of social media in today's world and the speed that news travels, a school needs to be able to address things very quickly with viable information and then tell people what they need to know, he added. Bishop Chatard communications emphasized that all decision-making was directed to the goal of protecting students and staff and made sure that parents and school personnel were always the first to receive updates.

"You have to have someone running that piece, vetting information that is going out to parents. Through my assessments with other schools, we are finding that it is often the principal who has to do it, and it can be hard on the principal to wear that many hats," Mr. Lorenzano said. It is an area that many schools are being advised to address.

## GOING FORWARD

Bishop Chatard holds between 10 and 15 safety drills per year to address fire, weather emergencies, lock downs and other situations that can occur during a school day. Mr. Lorenzano, who continually attends school safety and security training, updates the high school's policies and protocols to address the evolving recommendations of school security experts.

In addition to drills, in the Fall of 2018 the school reevaluated access points in the building, reinforced door locks and installed shades on all classroom door windows, upgraded its emergency system with new software, and enhanced its camera system.

"We took control of all the access points for the building during the school day so that every visitor to the school had only one entry point, and that was staffed by our Director of Safety, Vince

Lorenzano," Mr. Sahm said. "We installed new cameras, adding to our current system, and put in the infrastructure for better quality video as well as better capacity for data storage for our camera system. All of these things were done proactively."

Lessons learned have also led to additional security enhancements.

"We felt like having the students all in one building was the right thing to do if we could make that work, and we came up with some creative solutions so that we don't have students crossing between our two buildings at scheduled times every day," Mr. Sahm explained.

Construction occurring during the summer months allowed four classrooms to be permanently moved from the St. Benedict Center to the main school building. A campus expansion resulting from the purchase and upcoming demolition of four houses immediately south of the SBC will soon provide 100 additional parking spaces immediately adjacent to the school building, Mr. Sahm added.

Securing a school in 2019 comes at a price. Upgrades and the need for additional security personnel accelerated an increase in the school budget in this area to offset rising costs. That was going to happen anyway, Mr. Lorenzano added, but this event may have moved the timeline quicker and given it priority.

Cost is one reason that Mr. Sahm feels it is important to share the school's resources with other archdiocesan schools.

Vince Lorenzano's certification and expertise in safety training for school staff is rare in the archdiocese, and schools would have to spend a lot more money to develop safety plans if they had to go outside of the Catholic school structure and use a third party, Mr. Sahm explained. "We feel that it is our responsibility since we have this wonderful resource in Vince, we want to share that with our sister schools in the archdiocese.

"The threat could be different tomorrow, but how we react is at the forefront of our minds. We are concerned about our students' physical safety, their emotional well-being, and most important their spiritual well-being. Every adult in the building understands what their role is in supporting that, and every decision we make has been filtered through that lens," Mr. Sahm added.

# SCHOOL SECURITY:

## THE NEW NORMAL

By: Kelly Lucas

# 2019 Celebration of the



**BY CLAIRE WILLIAMS**  
BCHS Student Publications

On May 6, Bishop Chatard hosted a Celebration of the Arts to showcase and honor the talented students studying in the school's Fine Arts Department. Performances by student musicians as well as displays and a juried art show of photography, ceramics, painting, drawing, 2D and 3D art and digital design, all created by BCHS students, were on display.

Those in attendance also enjoyed unique interactive opportunities throughout the night. Guests were asked to help design a new BCHS mural that will be displayed in the school, create a keepsake print using an antique 1800s printing press provided by Julie Hall of the Hedge in Ft. Wayne, and watch visiting artist Bryce Paul of AMACO, Brickyard Ceramics throwing on the pottery wheel.

"Making art is an opportunity for creatives to share their work and their talents," Art teacher Ms. Jaydene O'Donoghue said. The 2019 Celebration of the Arts provided the Bishop Chatard community a glimpse into the diverse pool of artistic talent that exists in the school's student body. Congratulations to all of the accomplished student artists who participated.

2019 Celebration of the Arts was generously sponsored by College Tutors and Nannies.



## BCHS WELCOMES THEATRE DIRECTOR HOLLY STULTS

Bishop Chatard has named Holly Stults Haas as its theatre director for the 2019-2020 school year.

Ms. Stults is an experienced dancer, choreographer, performer and teacher, currently serving as education programs director at Booth Tarkington Civic Theatre. A Ball State University graduate with a degree in Dance and Theatre Performance, she has taught at Ball State, Taylor and Anderson universities, along with the University of Indianapolis, and various dance studios, churches and schools. She has performed in 18 Beef & Boards shows and has appeared at the Phoenix Theatre, Actors Theatre of Indiana, Civic Theatre, Indy Fringe and others.



Visit the Bishop Chatard website at [www.BishopChatard.org](http://www.BishopChatard.org) for information about 2019-2020 school year productions.



**DEACON  
RICK WAGNER**  
*Vice President of  
Mission & Ministry*

# FORMING THE WHOLE PERSON



## HOW MANY SEEDS ARE WE PLANTING?

- We celebrate all-school Mass every week, a rarity for a Catholic high school. Through the generosity of our North Deanery priests, we are able to receive the Eucharist each week – the source and summit of our faith. Students are enlisted as altar servers, lectors, and choir members and musicians, and are trained to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

- Again, thanks to the support of our North Deanery priests, we offer bi-weekly opportunities for the sacrament of Reconciliation. This is in addition to the all-school penance services conducted during both the Advent and Lenten seasons.

- We offer monthly opportunities for Adoration.

- We offer faith-based retreat opportunities for each grade level.

- We engage our students in service, pushing them outside of their comfort zones in many cases so that they can understand what washing feet truly means. In addition to required service hours, we also conduct a Community Service Day – a day when the entire school community "hits the streets" to serve nearly 50 agencies throughout central Indiana.

- We offer special experiences such as the Living Rosary, a Good Friday service, pro-life speakers and Catholic Schools Week activities.

- And, most importantly, we pray. We pray at the beginning of the day as a community. Then, throughout the day, classroom teachers begin each class with prayer: Praying is what we say; living a prayerful life is what we do.

## HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE WORKING IN THE FIELD?

- Classroom teachers at Bishop Chatard understand that they are catechists. They are expected not only to teach their course content, but also to promote and help nurture the faith lives of their students.

- Each year begins with a staff retreat. We spend time focusing on our role as intentional disciples and our call to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

- Staff members are exposed to faith formation opportunities and instruction. Our schedule allows for professional development for staff each Monday morning. Some of those Monday mornings are focused on faith formation – witness talks given by fellow staff members, instruction from an outside presenter, required online Theology courses, etc.

- Each January, we give the students a day off so we, as a staff, can spend a morning in service to Gleaners Food Bank. We want to show the students we don't just talk the talk, we walk the walk.

- And, most importantly, we pray. Every meeting we have as a staff begins and ends with prayer. Praying is what we say; living a prayerful life is what we do.

I am very proud of Bishop Chatard's efforts to form young people in the faith and bring them into a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. That being said, defining excellence in faith formation is a difficult task.

Most often people define excellence by providing data or pointing to specific accomplishments. For example, for academics, we can point to grades, standardized test scores, graduation rates and scholarship dollars as evidence of excellence.

What data would we use as proof of excellence in faith formation? Number of vocations to the priesthood or religious life? That would be unfair; there are many well-formed young men and women that are not called to be priests or religious. Attending Mass at BCHS is required, as is service; so that data would be skewed.

Faith formation is about planting seeds. The work we do may not bear fruit until our students have left Bishop Chatard. We do not get immediate results, so we have to trust that the work we do will produce results down the road.

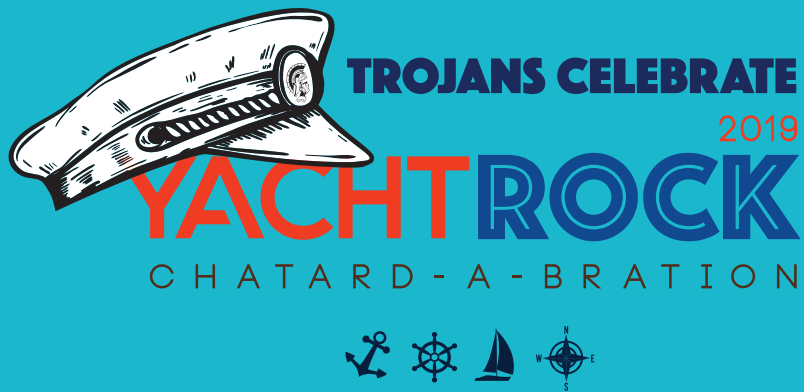
In an effort to provide a rich faith formation experience (strive for excellence), we ask ourselves two questions: First, how many seeds are we planting? And second, how many people are working in the field? In other words, how many quality faith formation experiences are we offering to our students, and is our entire staff willing to help?

I believe our answers to these questions offer evidence that we are indeed providing excellent faith formation for the students at Bishop Chatard.



While we cannot point to definitive data that proves our faith formation efforts are working, we can strive for excellence each day. We, the entire BCHS staff, can offer quality formation experiences for our students. We can plant the seeds and pray those seeds take root.

**WE CAN AND WILL DO THAT.**

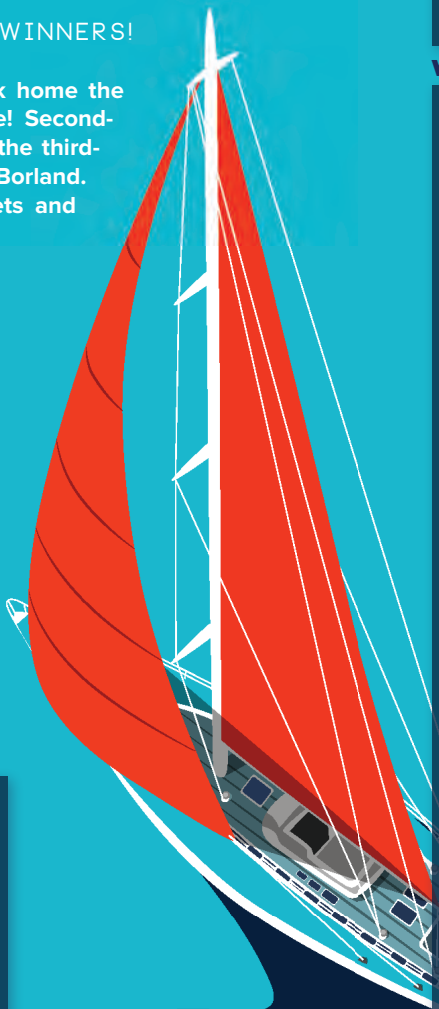


A capacity crowd came out ready for a good time at Chatard-A-Bration's 'Yacht Rock', and the celebration lasted *All Night Long!* Our auctioneer encouraged guests to *Take It to the Limit* bidding on enticing live auction items, and guests enjoyed *Reelin' in the Years* listening to the 80s and 90s sounds of Spinrut.

Bishop Chatard extends a sincere thank you to all who donated auction items, sponsored the event, volunteered for committees and, of course, joined us on February 16. Led by our Yacht Rock event chair, Rob Shumaker, the funds raised at Chatard-A-Bration continue to help make Bishop Chatard the outstanding Catholic high school it is today. A significant amount of money was raised this year to support academic and extracurricular programs at BCHS, including our Yacht Rock Fund-A-Need which will help purchase new instruments and other equipment to support Bishop Chatard's growing band and choir.

#### CONGRATULATIONS CASH RAFFLE WINNERS!

Congratulations to Caroline Giedd, who took home the \$8,500 grand prize in the 2019 Cash Raffle! Second-place prize of \$1,000 went to JR Stum, and the third-place prize of \$500 was awarded to Andrew Borland. Thank you to all who purchased raffle tickets and supported Bishop Chatard!



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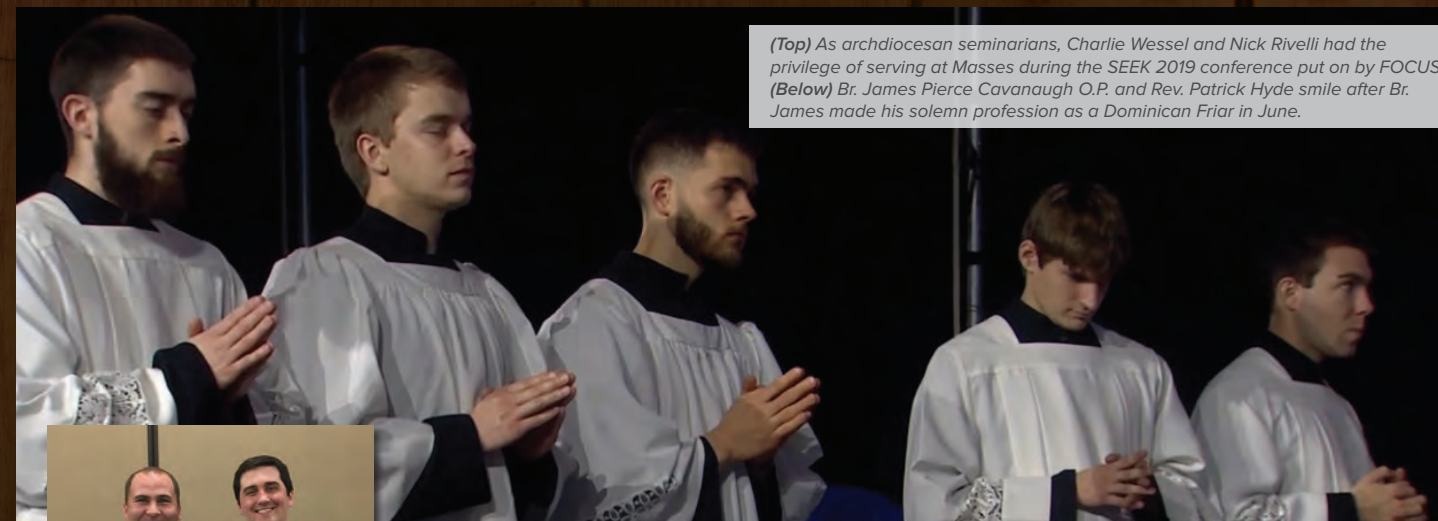


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(Top) As archdiocesan seminarians, Charlie Wessel and Nick Rivelli had the privilege of serving at Masses during the SEEK 2019 conference put on by FOCUS. (Below) Br. James Pierce Cavanaugh O.P. and Rev. Patrick Hyde smile after Br. James made his solemn profession as a Dominican Friar in June.



## ANSWERING GOD'S CALL

BY MAUREEN MALARNEY

It's a question that haunts many of us when starting a career: What am I called to do? What

am I passionate about? Some people refer to it as a mission while others see it as a life purpose. Whatever you call it, Bishop Chatard has been preparing young people to answer these questions since it opened its doors in 1961.

During their time as students at Bishop Chatard, young men and women are taught the importance of being open to and determining their "calling" in life. They know what it feels like to belong somewhere, but then have to figure out how to apply that knowledge when looking toward the future, beyond the halls of Bishop Chatard. For some, the calling leads to religious life.

For many, that "ah-ha" moment is a gradual one. According to Deacon Rick Wagner '78, Bishop Chatard's vice president for mission and ministry, middle school and high school years are a critical time for young people discerning their faith. "They need to be surrounded by people that openly share their faith – the joys and struggles – and help them see the presence of Christ in their lives each day," Deacon Rick said.

Nick Rivelli '16 transferred to Bishop Simon Brute college seminary at Marian University last year as a junior. He plans to complete his philosophy degree there this school year and continue on for another four years at St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology before being ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

His path to priesthood has been filled with detours, but he eventually answered God's call that had been there all along. "I think that the first inkling of wanting to be a priest hit me one day during the spring semester of my first year in college," Rivelli said. "I was at daily Mass and I distinctly remember for the first time in my life having a vivid experience of the Mass, and specifically the priest's role in it. That was the first moment where I was like, 'Hmm

... that's super cool ... I wouldn't mind doing that someday."

Brother James Pierce Cavanaugh, O.P. '10 professed his solemn vows in June as a Dominican Friar and is now vowed to the Order of Preachers. He said that it was not until his sophomore year at Indiana University that he understood what he was being called to do. "I knew that I was running away from something that I felt called toward and I didn't want to do it because it didn't fit with my plans for my life in broadcasting," Brother James said.

Even though he did not consider the priesthood until his college years, he described his time at Bishop Chatard as the period when he began to build his Catholic identity. "There are little seed moments and people that I can look back on and be appreciative of like Damian Schmitt, Sister Kathleen (Yeadon) and the weekly school Masses," Brother James said.

He continued, "My pastor at Blessed Sacrament told me: 'If you know it in your heart that this is something that is good, important and true, and that God loves you, then Catholic education in a lot of ways did its job. There is more that can be done to build it, but you have that as a bedrock, don't underestimate that.'"

Charlie Wessel '15, now enrolled at the Bishop Simon Brute College Seminary at Marian University, was a sophomore when he began considering the idea of discernment. BCHS helped him to build the vital relationships that became important during his discernment.

"Chatard was deeply influential in just allowing me to grow into myself. It was at Chatard that I discovered my love for the arts, for acting, for tech-theatre, for frisbee, lacrosse and cross country," he said. "It was through these opportunities that I developed incredible friendships and discovered myself in a deeper way."

Monsignor Tony Volz '75 was ordained a priest in 1985, a decade after graduating from Bishop Chatard. He was recently named the new rector at the Bishop Simon Brute College Seminary at Marian University. When asked about the significance of his Catholic education in his decision to enter the priesthood, he said that it played a vital part in his formation. "It got me thinking about what it meant to be Catholic," he said.

Richard Powell, who taught at Bishop Chatard for 43 years, was instrumental in the monsignor's faith formation and discernment. "Mr. Powell was very influential in helping me guide my faith. He is the one who really made the faith more real as far as understanding it academically and just living out the faith in general."

The faculty and staff at BCHS assist students in helping them discover their calling. BCHS helps reveal a natural outcome of faith formation with the help of campus ministry. Deacon Rick believes that the Bishop Chatard community helps students enter into religious life. "I know it helped me. Beyond theology classes, it was about people," he said. "I was surrounded by loving servant leaders I know cared about me and my well-being."

He believes that the North Deanery high school's youth ministry has helped students to learn more about religious life both indirectly and directly. Indirectly, it is done by offering retreats, service opportunities, weekly Mass, opportunities for Reconciliation and Adoration. Students have regular exposure to the Church and to the loving presence of God. Directly, it is done by promoting vocations via SERV (Students Encouraging Religious Vocations),

activities during National Vocations Week, speakers focused on vocations, and regularly praying for vocations as a community, whereby students are continually asked to be open to God's call.

All of the men, either in the priesthood or studying for it, said that they believe Catholic education starts in the home, and with the help of Catholic schools, faith only grows.

"My own Catholic upbringing was vitally important in developing my relationship with Jesus," Wessel said. "Life with my parents and in Catholic schools was my first 'seminary' where I was taught about God, how to encounter Him, and how to have a relationship with Him."

According to Monsignor Volz, God's call may be difficult to hear, but it can be heard at times when a person least expects it. "God still calls," he said. "It's harder to hear his calls today than it was 30 years ago with so much more going on in people's lives and in society. But he does call."



# SUPPORTING EXCELLENCE

**MARGARET RUFFING**  
*Director of Development*

**WHAT YOU CARE ABOUT IS CHANGING THE WORLD OF BCHS**

Thank you for your participation in enriching the lives of our students at Bishop Chatard High School. Showing your love for BCHS with your resources strengthens the work that our students, faculty and staff do every day.

In this 2018-19 school year, you, our alumni, parents, past parents, grandparents and friends of Bishop Chatard, contributed to a record-breaking \$1.5 million in financial gifts. While this makes a formal statement of your generosity this past year, the impact of your giving will be felt for years to come.

**YOU ENHANCE THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE AND IT IS HAVING AN EXPANDED IMPACT**

By investing in Bishop Chatard's annual fund, you are fueling the possibility and making a Catholic education more accessible for our students. Your support deepens the whole high school experience our students have through retention of our exceptional teachers, accelerated programs in all academic arenas, a broad range of athletic and club opportunities, and several service program opportunities.

**YOU EMPOWER POSSIBILITIES IN AND OUT OF THE CLASSROOM**

Through your philanthropy, you are strengthening our students in every aspect. Traditional extracurricular opportunities exist for our students in areas including fine arts, athletics, music and theater. Additionally, unique opportunities such as the Investment Club, Model UN and Mock Trial Team serve an important role in the enrichment of many students. Sophomore Clay Williams found great success through the Investment Club, finishing the Stock Market Game as the top mock investor in the region and third overall in the state!

Students write, edit, photograph and design content for The Blueprint, Bishop Chatard's award-winning student-run website. Our fine arts program continues to produce exceptional work with several BCHS students from the AP Studio Art and Advanced Photography classes receiving awards; including one Gold Key, two Silver Key and several Honorable Mention awards from the nation's largest and longest-running recognition program for creative teenagers in the visual and literary arts, the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. Amazing results from amazing opportunities!

Your investment, and your belief that together we can have a strong and lasting impact on students today, is changing the world of Bishop Chatard, thus allowing our students the opportunity to enrich and change the world! Thank you!

For an opportunity to participate in the enrichment of our students, contact Margaret Ruffing, Director of Development at [mruffing@bgishopchatard.org](mailto:mruffing@bgishopchatard.org) or 317-251-1451, ext. 2242.



**TOM GROOT**  
*Chief Information Officer*

# TECHNOLOGY SUPPORTS EXCELLENCE IN FORMATION

Catholic education provides excellent formation for young people as Christians and citizens. Bishop Chatard applies technology both to support our educational activities and to form young people for a healthy life in a technological age.

Our school has invested in a high-quality technology platform over the last ten years. This platform includes iPads and MacBooks, the Canvas learning management system, and PowerSchool for grades and reporting. Our faculty is constantly exploring new digital tools and content to deliver an excellent learning experience for our students. These tools extend naturally into our fine arts, athletics and extracurricular programs, giving our students more opportunities to learn and grow in their use of technology.

One example is Albert, a digital learning tool that is widely used for Advanced Placement (AP), SAT and ACT exam preparation. We introduced this tool last year based on faculty requests, and it has been strongly adopted. AP courses are very popular with our students, and Albert helps them learn with practice assignments that reflect the questions they will see on these national exams. Bishop Chatard students demonstrate excellent performance on AP exams every year, and our digital learning platform is a key enabler of their success.

Another example is Hudl, an application that is used in our football program for capturing game video. Players watch instant replays on the sideline with Hudl using iPads and review game video with their coaches to pursue championships.

Our mission as parents is to prepare our sons and daughters to excel in life, not simply to survive but to succeed and lead with the gifts God has given them. Formation in the appropriate use of technology is an essential part of our mission today in Catholic education.

We have an ongoing discussion about the appropriate level of technology use in Catholic schools. This is a healthy debate that I encourage in our schools and in our families. All of us, including our young people, recognize the substantial risks presented by technological advancement. We also recognize the tremendous benefits of technology in medicine, transportation and many other parts of our society.

Consider your own personal engagement with social media, smart phones and software systems that help you in your work life. Even our cars are becoming tech centers. Do you own an iWatch? Do you have Alexa, Google Home or an Apple HomePod at home? For our young people, this technology is all taken for granted, a natural part of the landscape in which they have always lived. And for better or for worse, it will be a part of their future as adults.

Excellent formation in technology use is a difficult assignment for teachers, administrators, students and parents. People have varying opinions about what "appropriate use of technology" means. As adults, we don't have fully-formed answers in our own lives, and the rapid pace of technology change presents new challenges and opportunities every week. What do we teach our kids? What should the rules be, for us and for them? We all wrestle with these questions.

Catholic education is a unique and excellent source of help for families in this area. We turn to the Church for guidance in living a fully human life, a life that is moral and just and healthy. We share that with our young people in our Catholic schools. Our topics with them are concrete, and include how to live with a smart phone, how to behave on social media, and how to take a digital exam.

Some of this may be covered in public schools as well, but not in the same way. Technology education is a point of distinction for Catholic schools like Bishop Chatard. Our teaching is rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the tradition of the Catholic Church. We approach education with thousands of years of wisdom handed down to us through the Church, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Our approach is consistent and complete: our online behavior is governed by the same principles as IRL (in real life).

Catholic schools in the North Deanery have invested heavily in digital learning platforms over the last ten years. Why? Certainly, because it supports excellence in academics, but also because it creates an environment in which we can teach the appropriate use of technology from a Catholic perspective. This is the best way to prepare our young people to succeed and lead, both today and in their future lives.



**"OUR MISSION AS PARENTS IS TO PREPARE OUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS TO EXCEL IN LIFE, NOT SIMPLY TO SURVIVE BUT TO SUCCEED AND LEAD WITH THE GIFTS GOD HAS GIVEN THEM. FORMATION IN THE APPROPRIATE USE OF TECHNOLOGY IS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF OUR MISSION TODAY IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION."**

ALUMNI UPDATES

1977



**MAUREEN (O'BRIEN) KOHLER** was inducted into Saint Mary's College Athletic Hall of Fame on May 31. She was inducted as a four-year varsity player in tennis and basketball.



**TOM HAYES** has been named a Special Recognition Advisor by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association and was awarded the CSPA Gold Key for 2019. The Gold Key was presented in March at Columbia University in Manhattan.

2003

**MELISSA (POPP) NIMRY** and her husband welcomed Gwentyth Elise to the family in November 2018. She joins big sisters Vivian and Laila.



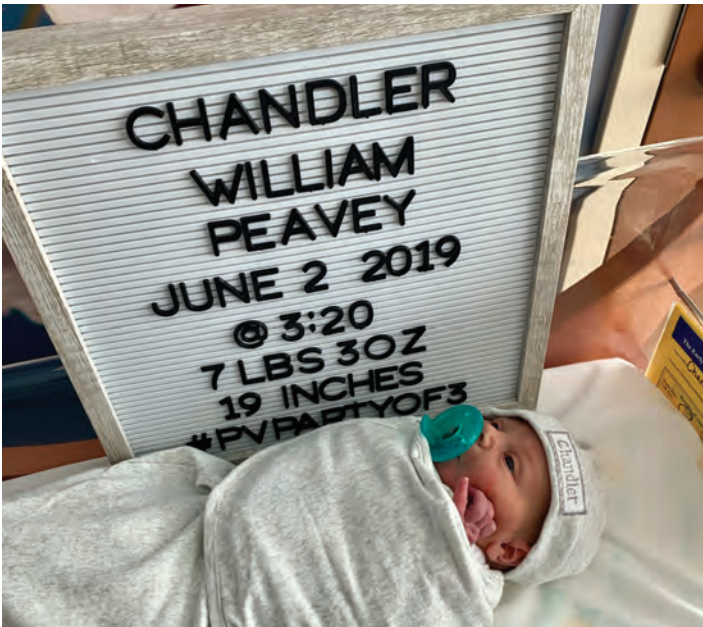
**TOM JOHNSTONE** and his wife, Amber, welcomed Ruby to the family in April.

2004

**WILL HURRLE** and his wife welcomed Jackson Xavier to the family in March. Jackson joins two big brothers.

2006

**ANNE (HURRLE) HOMAN** and her husband welcomed Olive Margaret to the family in June 2018. Olive was born on the day that would have been her maternal great grandmother's 100th birthday.



**ASHLEY (CHANDLER) PEAVEY** and her husband, Jerry, welcome Chandler William to the family in June.

2007



**EJ ORUCHE** married Chelsea J Willett in October 2017. The Oruches live in Los Angeles, California.

2009



**KATIE (BATES) & KEVIN O'BRIEN** welcomed Luke Joseph to the family in July 2018. Luke joins big brother Jack.

BC ALUM SERVED AS MILITARY BODY BEARER DURING 41ST PRESIDENT'S FUNERAL SERVICES



**CAPTAIN STEVE WEBSTER, BISHOP CHATARD CLASS OF 2009**, recently served as Body Bearer OIC (Officer in Charge) for the funeral services of President George H.W. Bush. Steve is an infantry captain serving as a platoon leader in Honor Guard Company 4th Battalion, 3rd US Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard). He is currently stationed at Fort Myer in Virginia.

Pictured here, Captain Webster is the soldier following the 41st president's casket. His duties included executing the funeral salute at each transfer of the president's body and riding the train to the president's place of burial.

**ZACK MARTIN**, a professional football player with the Dallas Cowboys, was named First Team All Pro by the National Football League.

2011

**RACHEL WARD** has been named assistant coach of the East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania's Women's Lacrosse Team.

**LUKE JOHNSTONE** and his wife, Katie, welcomed Nora to the family in April.



2012

**ANNIE BATES & CHRIS TARPEY '11** were married on May 5, 2018, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.




2015

**MATT MCCANN** received Honorable Mention All Big Ten, Coaches Team and Media Selection designation as a member of the Purdue Boilermaker football team.

**MACY POHL** was selected as a 2019 500 Festival Princesses. As a princess, Macy served as an ambassador for the festival and Indiana. As part of the honor, Macy received a \$1,000 scholarship as well as countless leadership and outreach opportunities. Selection for the honor was based on communication skills, academic performance and community involvement. Macy is currently a senior at IUPUI, majoring in health sciences.

**BROOKS HEPP** was named First Team All Conference as a member of the DePauw University football squad.



Visit the BCHS alumni website at [ALUMNI.BISHOPCHATARD.ORG/SHARE-NEWS/](http://ALUMNI.BISHOPCHATARD.ORG/SHARE-NEWS/) to submit your news or update.

Have you joined the Alumni Directory? Learn more at [ALUMNI.BISHOPCHATARD.ORG/DIRECTORY/](http://ALUMNI.BISHOPCHATARD.ORG/DIRECTORY/).

Alumni updates in this issue include submissions received through July 15, 2019.

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

2016



**ANN MARIE MATHENY** competed as a member of the inaugural Godspeed team in the 2019 Indiana University Little 500. (Ann Marie is pictured wearing a black helmet.) Other Trojans competing included Abby Park '17 for Alpha Delta Phi and Abby Teed '18 for the Melanzana team.

**DANNY GODLEVSKE** was named Third Team All Mid-American Conference for football at Miami of Ohio University.

**ROSEMARY SKRIPSKY** won a Community Service Award and a People's Choice Award for Most Recognized Athlete on the University of Indianapolis campus in April.

2017

**LUCIE MARSHALL** is working on a project as a member of the Solar Ambassador student team at Coastal Carolina University. The team will be installing solar panels on VFW Post 10420 in Murrells Inlet. The project seeks to prevent 456,000 pounds of carbon dioxide emissions through its solar panel projects.

**THANK YOU TO OUR 2018-2019 "CAREER & A SANDWICH ALUMNI LUNCH PROGRAM" PARTICIPANTS**

**OCT 2018:** Rob Doyle '08, Accounting, Darby O'Connor & Zaleski LLC

**NOV 2018:** John Scheidler '02, Commercial Pilot, Delta Airlines

**DEC 2018:** Michael Gin '89; Engineering

**JAN 2019:** Kyle Fairchild '04; Chairperson, Horizon League



**FEB 2019:** Colin McSharrar '07; Business, Anderson University Lacrosse Coach

**MAR 2019:** Macy Pohl '15; IUPUI Senior studying Health Sciences and Health Psychology; 500 Festival Princess Program

Bishop Chatard's School Counseling and Alumni offices bring current students and accomplished alumni together through the school's Career & A Sandwich Program. High school students are introduced to real-world occupations via informal, lunchtime conversations with alumni. Current students are encouraged to consider interesting and challenging professions, learn what is required to follow certain career paths, and develop connections in those areas.

Through this program, students are challenged to take advantage of opportunities they have to develop skills while at Bishop Chatard to better prepare for careers they are interested in pursuing.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2019 BISHOP CHATARD ALUMNI BASKETBALL LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

A League Champions (Class of 2012) included: Nick Traub, Greg Gardner, Daniel Wagner, Dan Buhler, Tyler Brazill, Tim Sauer, Ryan Kleinschmidt and Sam Giudice. (TOP LEFT)

B League Champions (Class of 2009) included: Steve Commiskey, Andrew Howard, Keith Thibodeau, Ricky Rivelli, Chase Hofmeister, Pat Archey, John Sahm, Colin Smart, Kevin O'Brien, John Brumleve, Nick Sahm and Jack Sahm. (BOTTOM RIGHT)

TROJANS WELCOME TAYLOR WAYER AS BOYS BASKETBALL COACH

Bishop Chatard alumnus and former Junior Varsity head coach Taylor Wayer '10 has been named the head coach of the Bishop Chatard boys basketball team.

Coach Wayer's experience with the game of basketball includes playing at both Bishop Chatard and Indiana University; where he was a four-year letter winner, an Academic All-Big Ten selection, and a member of the 2013 Big Ten Championship team; followed by assistant coaching positions at Mt. Vernon and Bishop Chatard high schools. He has also served as a coach in several basketball clubs and elite-level camps, providing instruction and skill development.

A fitness and conditioning enthusiast, Coach Wayer runs two strength and athletic performance consulting businesses, and he will bring his expertise and knowledge of fitness training to the BCHS basketball program. After being announced as the program's new leader, Coach Wayer said his goal is to "build a high school basketball program that teaches athletes how to set goals, strive for success and effectively pursue their vision, individually and as a group, in an environment that emphasizes leadership, progress, work ethic, selflessness, communication, faith and spirituality on and off the floor."

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 between November 30, 2018, and June 30, 2019.

- JACK CARR BOYD '65
- MIKE DELEHANTY '75
- MARY PAT FLYNN '73
- AARON HAVERLY '00
- ERIN (MAZELIN) MCNAMARA '92
- AARON MOREILLON '10
- CAROLE JOAN SCHAEFER '76
- BRENDA MARIA (NICHOLS) TOLLIVER '70
- JULIE ANN (HANNON) WRENTMORE '81

Bishop Chatard has changed its "Remembrance" publication policy. Beginning with this issue of Trojans Today, only alumni who have passed away will be included in this section. While we understand that many in our school community also appreciated the opportunity to read about family members who had passed, the risk associated with missing some individuals has increased as our alumni community has grown. All members of the Bishop Chatard family who have passed continue to be in our prayers.



**MIKE FORD '76**  
*Director of Athletics*

# EXCELLENCE IN COMPETITION BEGINS OFF THE FIELD

I have been asked to define “Excellence” from our Athletic Department point of view. My definition of excellence as it pertains to our athletic endeavors harkens back to the Bishop Chatard community being about family and faith.

Within our BC family of students, about 84% participate in one of our yearly sports! Over half of those students are also participating in at least one other sport. Those are very healthy numbers and speak loudly to our students’ desire to be involved and strive to do their best.

This past school year had many athletic accomplishments from team sport sectional championships in four sports to several individuals who advanced in post-season competitions to the state championships. Those were very admirable accomplishments, but I am even more impressed with the faith formation endeavors and academic accomplishments of our student-athletes.

Our student-athletes strive to include prayer and service in each of their team activities. This includes practices, competitions and broader faith functions such as confirmations and spiritual retreats.

Our Bishop Chatard student-athletes also know how to reach for excellence in their academic pursuits. This past school year our student-athletes achieved 78 1st Team Academic All State, 15 Honorable Mention Academic All State, and 8 Academic All American distinctions. We also had two teams earn Academic All State and two other squads earn Academic All American recognition! Wow! Now that is getting it done in the classroom by our student-athletes and their teachers.

Thank you for your support and encouragement of each of the Trojan squads in their pursuits of “Excellence”!

Go TROJANS!

Retired football coach Mr. Vince Lorenzano, currently director of safety at Bishop Chatard, has been selected for the Indiana Football Hall of Fame for his many years of coaching.

Mr. Dave Whittemore, assistant football coach with Coach Lorenzano, said his resume is impressive, but his impact will go on for generations. “He has never been about recognition and will likely wave this off as well. Vince’s main goal has not been about winning, rather it has been toward building men and a strong community.”

Coach Lorenzano served as head football coach at Bishop Chatard for 14 years, from the 2003 through the 2016 football season. During that time, the Trojan football team won seven Indiana state championships, taking home the trophy in 2003, 2006, 2007, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2015. During his tenure, the team also accrued a number of sectional, regional and state-runner up titles.

He began his coaching career at Scecina Memorial High School in 1983 and his career included assistant and head coach positions at Cathedral, Cardinal Ritter and Mississinewa high schools.

Lorenzano retired from coaching in December 2016, and he continues to serve at Bishop Chatard as the school’s Director of Safety & Wellness.

Coach Lorenzano began each season with the football mission statement: “Bishop Chatard Trojan Football, a dynamic educational and athletic environment for young men with different life experiences, is directed to the success of each player, focused on the growth of the whole athlete, and modeled on the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. Bishop Chatard Trojan Football prepares its players and personnel to reach their unique potentials in their quest for the highest goal, the Indiana State High School Football Championship.”



BISHOP CHATARD HIGH SCHOOL INDUCTED 34 CLASS OF 2018 GRADUATES INTO THE ATHLETIC WALL OF FAME THIS YEAR. CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MOST RECENT TROJAN ALUMNI ON THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS (LISTED BELOW) THAT QUALIFIED THEM FOR THIS RECOGNITION.



**JOEY ANNEE**  
Football:  
All City (Coaches) 2017

**ALYSSA BEHRINGER**  
Cross Country:  
All City 2015

**JIMMY BOSO**  
Football:  
All Conference 2017;  
All City (Coaches) 2017

**RYAN BURNS**  
Baseball:  
All City (Coaches) 2018

**KATIE DUGGAN**  
Lacrosse:  
All Conference 2018

**MAEVE FLYNN**  
Lacrosse:  
All Conference 2017

**JESS FRIEDERICK**  
Soccer:  
All City (MCCGSA) 2017

**PATRICK GUYMON**  
Golf:  
All City 2017, 2018

**PATRICK HAIMBAUGH**  
Volleyball:  
All Conference 2017

**HAYLIE HALL**  
Volleyball:  
All City Tournament Team 2017

**DAVID HANNON**  
Rugby:  
All State 2015;  
All American 2015

**JOE KEEFE**  
Soccer:  
All City (Coaches) 2015;  
All City Tournament Team 2015

**JACKSON KEHRER**  
Lacrosse:  
All Conference 2017

**WILL KELLISON**  
Football:  
All Conference 2017;  
All City (Coaches) 2017;  
SUPERTEAM 2017;  
All State (IFCA) 2016, City  
Athlete of the Year (MCAA) 2018

**EMMA KENNEDY**  
Lacrosse:  
All Conference 2017, 2018;  
All State (INGLA) 2017, 2018;  
All American (USL) 2018

**NATHAN KOLBUS**  
Cross Country:  
All Conference 2017;  
All City 2015, 2016, 2017;  
Track: City Champion  
(3200M-2017)

**T.J. MANN**  
Baseball:  
All Conference 2017, 2018;  
All City Tournament Team 2018

**SARAH MASTRAIN**  
Softball:  
All Conference 2017, 2018;  
All City (MCCGSA) 2015, 2016, 2018;  
All City Tournament Team 2016

**KEVIN McNELIS**  
Football:  
All Conference 2017

**PAYTEN MORRIS**  
Volleyball:  
All Conference, All City  
(MCCGSA), All City Tournament  
Team, All District 2017

**BRIDGET NASH**  
Soccer:  
All City (MCCGSA) 2017

**CHRISTINE OPPOLD**  
Softball:  
All Conference 2017, 2018;  
All City (MCCGSA) 2015, 2016,  
2017, 2018

**JORDAN ORTMAN**  
Swimming:  
City Champion (200y Freestyle  
Relay-2015, 2016); Track:  
City Champion (Discus-2017, 2018)



CONGRATULATIONS TO BISHOP CHATARD CLASS OF 2019 STUDENT-ATHLETES WHO HAVE SIGNED TO PLAY COLLEGE SPORTS

SITTING: *Rebekkaha Guess (Soccer, Ancilla College), Izzy Corns (Lacrosse, Savannah College of Art & Design), Claire Hurley (Soccer, Franklin College), Beth Barnes (Track, Indiana University), Katie Dietrick (Track, Indiana University), Elizabeth Jacobson (Soccer, Indiana University)*

STANDING: *David Whittemore (Football, Indiana State University), Mitchell Ayers (Baseball, Indiana Wesleyan University), Will Meyer (Football, Marian University), Cooper Lewis (Basketball, Wittenberg University), Michael Mates (Baseball, Marian University), Drew Murray (Baseball, Hanover College), Mark Nondorf (Football, Ball State University)*

NOT PICTURED: *Nick Ford (Cheerleading, Marian University), Will Freiburger (Lacrosse, Capital University)*

**ANDREW PENRY**  
Volleyball:  
All Conference 2017, 2018;  
All State (IBVCA) 2018

**ELENA REDMOND**  
Volleyball:  
All Conference 2016, 2017;  
All City (MCCGSA) 2015, 2016, 2017;  
All City Tournament Team 2015,  
2017; All District 2017, All State  
(ICGSA & IHSVCA) 2017; Indiana  
All Star 2017

**ABBY SAUNDERS**  
Lacrosse:  
All Conference 2017, 2018

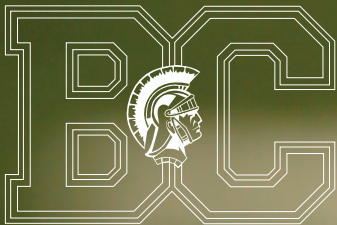
**MARCOS SCHMITZ**  
Soccer: All City (Coaches) 2016

**SOPHIE SERGI**  
Soccer:  
All Conference 2017;  
All City (MCCGSA) 2015, 2016, 2017;  
All Tournament Team 2016, 2017;  
Tennis: All District (IHSTeCA) 2018

**ABBY TEED**  
Cross Country:  
All City 2014, 2016, 2017;  
Swimming:  
City Champion (200y Freestyle  
Relay-2014, 2015, 2016 and  
400y Freestyle Relay-2014)

**TYLER THOMPSON**  
Swimming:  
Conference Champion (200y  
Freestyle-2017 and 100y Fly-2018);  
City Champion (100y Fly-2017;  
200y Freestyle-2015, 2016;  
200y Freestyle Relay-2015,  
2016 and 400y Freestyle  
Relay-2015)

**LINDSEY TRAUB**  
Lacrosse:  
All Conference 2017, 2018;  
All State (INGLA) 2018



**COACH LORENZANO**  
**EARNS HALL OF FAME HONOR**  
*BCHS Student Publications*



BISHOP CHATARD CONGRATULATES THE FOLLOWING WINTER AND SPRING SPORT ATHLETES WHO HAVE BEEN HONORED FOR ACADEMIC AND ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS:	(NISCAA) Rylan Elliott (IHSSCA) also Academic All American (NISCAA) Adam Pemberton (IHSSCA) also Academic All American (NISCAA) Charlie Steadham (IHSSCA) also Academic All American (NISCAA)		ATHLETIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS	Zakia Rasheed: All Conference, All City (MCCGSA)			RUGBY	Claire Williams: North South All Star		Katie Dietrick: City Champion (400M, & 1600M Relay); Conference Champion (1600M Relay); State Finalist (1600M Relay) Alex Gantz: Sectional Champion (800M) Mary Bea Sowinski: City & Conference Champion (1600M Relay), Sectional Champion (1600M Relay), State Finalist (300M Hurdles & 1600M Relay) Mayan Stickel: Conference Champion (HJ), Sectional Champion (HJ & 1600M Relay), State Finalist (HJ & 1600M Relay) Miranda Stickel: Conference Champion (1600M Relay) Coach Sean McGinley: MCCGSA Coach of the Year
			BASEBALL	BOYS GOLF				BOYS TRACK		
	Jack Phelps (IHSBCA)		Ben Schrage: All City Matthew Semler: All City		Adam Pemberton: City Champion (Shot Put) Curtis Richardson: Conference Champion (100M & 200M), State Finalist (100M)					
	GIRLS BASKETBALL		BOYS LACROSSE		GIRLS TRACK					
	Janie Gleaves (ICGSA)		Martin Duffy: All Conference Michael Duffy: All Conference Will Freiburger: All Conference		Beth Barnes: City Champion (100M Hurdles, 300M Hurdles & 1600M Relay); Conference					
	BOWLING									
	Izzy Corns (IHSB) Steven Good (IHSB) Claire Hawkins (IHSB) Josh Tonner (IHSB)									
	BOYS GOLF									
	Ben Annakin (Honorable Mention) (IHSGCA) Ben Schrage (Honorable Mention) (IHSGCA)									
	BOYS LACROSSE									
Carter Berry (IHSLA) Scott Davis (IHSLA) Noah Mazzei (IHSLA) Eric Osborn (IHSLA) Erik Bowes (IHSLA) Michael Duffy (IHSLA) Carter Wong (IHSLA)										
GIRLS LACROSSE										
Izzy Corns (USL) Academic All American (USL) Colette Pauta (USL) Academic All American (USL) Sarah Meek (USL)										
RUGBY										
Joe Bates (RI) Will Meckaukas (RI) Greg Oldiges (RI) Jackson Sherby (RI) Wyatt Schrader (RI)										
SOFTBALL										
Janie Gleaves (ICGSA & ICGSA)										
BOYS SWIMMING										
Mike Chi (IHSSCA) also Academic All American (NISCAA) Oskar Eisgruber (IHSSCA) also Academic All American										
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## MARTIN BROTHERS HOST FOOTBALL CAMP AT BCHS

On Saturday, June 8, close to 80 young men between the ages of 11 and 15 years old attended a USA Football FUNdamentals clinic at Bishop Chatard High School led by NFL players and Trojan football alumni Zack Martin of the Dallas Cowboys and Nick Martin of the Houston Texans. It was a wonderful learning event for the aspiring football players who attended and got tips on the game from the pros!

The camp, provided through a grant from the NFL Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of those touched by the game of football, included drills designed to teach passing, catching and running skills in a non-contact setting. All skills and drills selected for the camp were based on USA Football's Player Progression Development Model, ensuring children are learning in an age-appropriate manner based on their cognitive and physical maturity.

Thank you to BCHS alums (pictured left to right) Nick Martin '11, Zack Martin '09 and Josh Martin '07, and all involved in hosting!



## BISHOP CHATARD NAMED MASTER LEVEL THRIVING SCHOOL

Science teacher Cameron Huffman and Counselor Catherine Welch accompanied a group of Bishop Chatard students to the Indiana State Museum in January to be recognized by the City of Indianapolis and Mayor Joe Hogsett as an Indianapolis Thriving School.

The Indianapolis Thriving Schools Challenge, a green schools certification program, focuses on early education about sustainability and engaging children and young adults around important topics like environmental stewardship, social responsibility, waste reduction and conservation of resources. "We

applaud the efforts of our youngest residents who are providing a path to a cleaner, greener city and world – a world that uses less and re-uses more," Hogsett said.

Mrs. Welch, who also moderates the school's Green Team, and retired cafeteria manager Brenda Henry successfully wrote a grant proposal and received funding from the city to begin a composting service for campus in 2019-2020. All food waste from the cafeteria will be processed by local composting service, Green with Indy. It is estimated that this will divert 30 pounds of food waste per day from the landfill to compost.

Indianapolis Thriving Schools Challenge is part of the city's larger initiative, Thrive Indy, which seeks to reach carbon neutrality in Indianapolis by 2050. Grant funds for the composting project were provided by Thrive Indy.



Latin teacher Kelly Williams-Ihlendorf with  
BCHS President Bill Sahm and Principal Joe Hansen

## BCHS LATIN TEACHER RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE

BCHS Latin teacher Kelly Williams-Ihlendorf was recognized in April as the recipient of the 2019 Indiana Classical Conference Secondary Teacher of the Year Award.

In a letter advising Principal Joe Hansen of Mrs. Williams-Ihlendorf's selection for this award, ICC President Megan Beckman said, "As the sponsor of an already successful Latin program, Kelly has never rested on her laurels. She continues to grow her program and advance her students. She has always emphasized the importance of hard work and dedication in the face of adversity, and her students have risen to the occasion. Her matter-of-fact nature shows her students what they need to do to be successful in her class, and she provides the encouragement needed to get them there."

TROJANS RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE  
AT ANNUAL HONORS NIGHT

BY PATRICK FELTS, *BCHS Publications*



More than 150 students received recognition for their academic and extracurricular accomplishments through the 2018-19 school year at Honor's Night held in May. Students were recognized for their work in the classroom, on the athletic fields and in the area of service and faith.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS YEAR'S AWARD RECIPIENTS!

The evening began by recognizing students earning the highest academic marks in each Bishop Chatard course, along with several additional academic-related awards.

THEOLOGY

Theology I Scripture – Daniel O’Gara  
Theology II – Lucy Schulte  
Theology III Sacraments – Isabelle deCastro  
Theology IV Sacred Scripture – MaryClaire Cooke  
Theology IV Social Justice – Julia DeSalvo  
Theology III Morality and Ethics – Margaret Corns  
Theology IV Ecumenical Issues – Claire Williams  
Theology IV: History of the Church – Carter Berry

ENGLISH

Sports Literature – Cassie Wilcox  
W131 Elementary Composition – Claire Williams  
English Composition 11 – Lydia Kern  
English 9 – Mara Foley

Contemporary Literature – Katie Barnes  
Honors English 10 – Liam Murphy  
AP Literature & Composition – Simon Didat  
Creative Writing – Abby Butcher  
Etymology – Daniel Lyons  
English Composition 12 – Joseph Bartone  
English 10 – Mabry Teter-McCurdy  
World Literature – Carter Berry  
Introduction to Public Speaking – Joe Bates  
Debate – Matthew Williford  
Dramatic Literature – Sophia Duray  
Yearbook – Most Valuable Staff Member – Abby Stehlik  
Yearbook – Most Valuable Photographer – Jaeden Crawford  
Magazine/Website – Most Valuable Staff Member – Janie Gleaves  
Magazine/Website – Most Valuable Photographer – Nathan Horlander  
Beginning Journalism – Abby Butcher  
Honors English 9 – Mary Bea Sowinski  
Themes in Literature- Short Stories – Reilly Thomas and Lydia Kern  
AP Language & Composition – Ethan Clapacs  
Honors: Genres of Literature – Claire Williams

BUSINESS/COMPUTER SCIENCE

Computer Science Discovery – Alex Duda  
AP Computer Science – Liam Murphy and Thomas Joven  
Business Law – Grace Rightley  
Accounting – Claire Williams  
Personal Finance – Joseph Reynolds

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Girls’ Physical Education – Grace Adams  
Lifetime Fitness – Ben Schrage  
Health – Chelsea DeVettori  
Boys’ Physical Education – Anthony Roseman

Athletic Weight Training – Jackson Sherby

FINE ARTS

Concert Band – Joseph Ochoa  
Beginning Guitar – Sidney Howe  
Concert Choir – Mabry Teter-McCurdy  
A Cappella Choir – Monica Babbey  
Piano and Electronic Keyboarding – Niko Asano  
Theatre I – Elizabeth Ogorek  
Theatre Production – Grace Rightley  
Technical Theatre I – Tristyn Schott, Mason Fellwock, and Presley Willhoite  
Beginning Photography – Erika Pemberton  
Introduction to 2-D Art – Remington Colasessano  
Introduction to 3-D Art – Reilly Thomas  
Digital Design – Rachel Brown  
Ceramics – Ruby Mason  
Architectural Design I – Clara O’Brien  
Architectural Design II – Emily Mees  
AP Art History – Julianne Ferguson and Eleanor Bain  
Painting – Kim Bowers  
AP Studio Art – Sam Fu and Rachel Sullivan  
Drawing – Jackson Alvis  
Music/Drama Director’s Award – Jillian Hurley  
Outstanding Thespian Awards – Monica Babbey and Chandler Sims  
Outstanding Technical Theatre – Sarah Fillenwarth

SCIENCE

Chemistry – Grace Dillon  
AP Chemistry – Steven Good and Simon Didat  
Earth/Space Science – Lucas Vazquez  
Environmental Science – Lauren Duffy  
AP Environmental Science – Rylan Elliott  
Integrated Chemistry/Physics – Gloria Vazquez  
Principles of Engineering – Wyatt Schrader and Elizabeth Kolbus

Physics – Thomas Fischer  
AP Physics – Margaret Corns  
Biology – Jackson Alvis  
Honors Biology – Margaret Timpe  
Honors Anatomy/ Physiology – Olivia Countryman  
AP Biology – Margaret Corns  
Honors Chemistry – Liam Murphy  
2018 Bausch and Lomb Science Award and Scholarship – Ethan Clapacs

SOCIAL STUDIES

Government – Cassie Wilcox  
AP Government – Simon Didat  
Sociology – Joseph Reynolds  
U.S. History – Lydia Kern  
Honors U.S. History – Matthew Williford  
AP U.S. History – Elizabeth Hofmeister  
AP World History – Daniel O’Gara  
Geography/History of the World – Ethan Pratt  
World History and Civilization – Kaila Richardson  
Psychology – Grace McGinley  
AP Psychology – Maddi Felts  
Economics – Katie Barnes  
AP Macroeconomics – Margaret Corns  
Hoosier Boys’ State Award – Liam Wojciechowski  
D.A.R. Good Citizen Award – Greg Oldiges

WORLD LANGUAGES:

Spanish I – Alex Gantz  
Honors Spanish I – Danny O’Gara  
Spanish II – Abby Butcher  
Honors Spanish II – Liam Murphy  
Spanish III – Zakia Rasheed  
Honors Spanish III – Danielle Harr  
Honors Spanish IV – Margaret Corns  
AP Spanish- Ana Apfelbacher  
American Sign Language I – Kenzi Gaynor  
American Sign Language II – Ben Schrage  
Latin I – Maggie Timpe  
Latin II – Patrick Smith  
Honors Latin II – Linda Li  
Honors Latin III – Kim Bowers  
AP Latin – Claire Williams

Spanish Level 1 State Competition – 1st place overall in the state of Indiana.  
Owen Fischer, Alex Gantz, Arianna Chavis, Danny O’Gara, Cameron Stevenson, Mary Bea Sowinski, Osinachi Osuji, Zarya Brown, Maddi Felts and Joslyn Wims

National Latin Exam. Gold medalists Steven Good, Madison Loiselle. Silver medalists James Haas, Will Taylor, Kyle Haslett, Clay Williams, Emily Loiselle and Ryne Meloy.

MATH

Algebra I – Cameron Stevenson  
Honors Algebra I – Jacqueline Figura  
Algebra II – Gloria Vazquez and Lucy Bain  
Honors Algebra II – Julianne Ferguson  
Geometry – Abigail Butcher  
Honors Geometry – Margaret Timpe  
Pre-Calculus – Shay Donnelly  
Honors Pre-Calculus – Ethan Clapacs  
Probability & Statistics – Sarah Scheidler  
M118 – Finite Math – Lucy Park  
AP Statistics – Ethan Clapacs  
Honors Calculus – Emily Loiselle  
AP Calculus AB – Simon Didat  
AP Calculus BC – Sam Fu  
American Math Competition Exam – 11th-12th grade test – Sam Fu; 9th-10th grade test – Clay Williams

FOLLOWING THE ACADEMIC AWARDS, HONORED GUESTS PRESENTED SPECIAL AWARDS FOR THE EVENING.

The Theology Department selects a senior who not only shows that she is capable of the highest level of academic achievement in theological studies, but also has shown a true servant’s heart and a willingness to live out the gospel: Claire Williams.

Heidi Schmitz Pro Life Award: MaryClaire Cooke

Susan McDowell Spanish Award: Ana Apfelbacher

Army ROTC Scholarship – Lily Johnson

Navy ROTC Scholarship – Jack Phelps

Kappa, Kappa, Kappa Inc. Philanthropic Award – Nicholas Ford

Creativity and love of theater is evident and proven in their dedication and professionalism to Bishop Chatard’s Theatre Department. The winner is considered by others to be a true example of authentic Christianity. Kyle Guyton  
Memorial Award: Anthony Cuevas

The faculty-voted Stephen F. Noone Award goes to a young man and a young woman from each of the four classes who consistently demonstrate school spirit, qualities of leadership, willingness to cooperate and accept responsibility, sincerity, honesty, courtesy and a genuine concern for the needs of others.  
**Freshmen:** Mary Bea Sowinski & Nate Joven  
**Sophomores:** Bella Duray & Will Mason  
**Juniors:** Dee Dee Caskey & Zach Konvolinka  
**Seniors:** Carmen Sullivan & Nick Ford

Ben Fillenwarth Award: A student is chosen based on classroom work and extracurricular activities, but most importantly for being the person that we remember Ben as – a person who had a great sense of humor and was very helpful to his fellow students and his teachers. – Emma Washington

Phi Beta Kappa’s Alpha Association of Indiana presents an award for outstanding academic achievement – Thomas Joven

Outstanding Student Ambassadors – Grace McGinley, Mary Horlander

Williams C. Lawless Award – To a student “who has exemplified courage, heart and a positive Christian attitude in the face of adversity” – Anthony Cuevas

Athletes of the Year – Beth Barnes, Mark Nondorf

Father Higgins Award – Athletes based of leadership, performance, attitude, character and citizenship – Katie Dietrick, Will Meyer

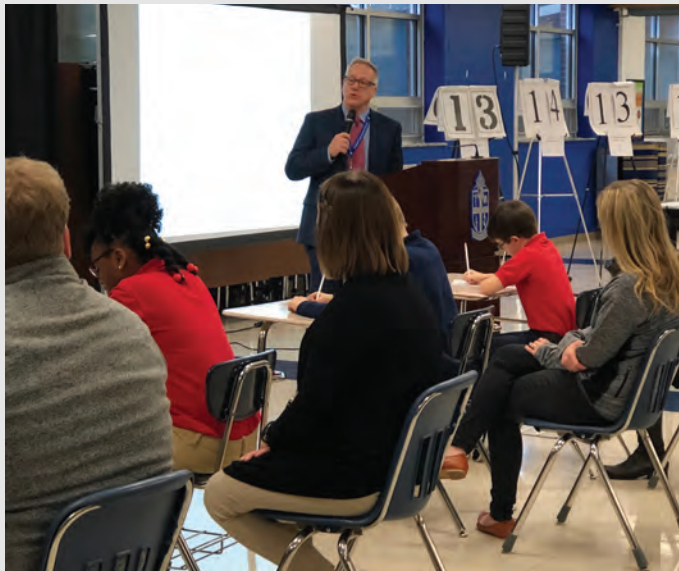
Joseph P. Harmon Award – Athletes with outstanding qualities of scholarship, character, loyalty, leadership, service and reliability – Claire Williams, Michael Mates

Behind the Scenes Scholarship – Grace McGinley

BCHS Faith in Action for her Christian attitude toward BCHS and her community – Monica Babbey

St. Lawrence Honor Cords: Worn at graduation, signifying a senior who has completed 200+ hours in their four years at Bishop Chatard – Brooklyn Reitz, Sarah Fillenwarth, Chandler Sims, Elaine Scroggins, Elias McQueary, Monica Babbey, Ann Gerdenich, Simon Didat, Mary Ward, Caroline Hunsicker, Miles Lockrem, Steven Good, Joseph Bartone, Izzy Corns, Anthony Cuevas, Abby Harkness, Claire Hurley, Grace McGinley, Carmen Sullivan, Max LeMark

View Class of 2019 Valedictorian, Salutatorian, Top 10 Percent & Summa Award Recipients on page 17.



# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SPELL BOWL CHAMPIONS FROM ST. SIMON

The house was packed and only a few points separated the teams, but this was no athletic contest. It was Spell Bowl 2019, and the best spellers from all nine North Deanery grade and middle schools were at Bishop Chatard on Feb. 5 to compete.

Fourth through eighth grade students from Christ the King, Immaculate Heart of Mary, St. Joan of Arc, St. Lawrence, St. Luke, St. Matthew, St. Pius X, St. Simon and St. Thomas Aquinas lined up to test their academic strength. Words like “hieroglyphic” and “symmetry” and proper names including “Zimbabwe” and “Okeechobee Lake” were among the words students were asked to spell.

Like other teams at their schools, Spell Bowl teammates had to deal with weather delays – the event was originally scheduled during Catholic Schools Week on Jan. 30, a day that began with many schools cancelling classes and went down in history as one of Indianapolis’ coldest days on record – and some had to overcome pregame jitters. In the end, all participants did an impressive job and demonstrated the outstanding academic education offered at all of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis North Deanery schools.

Congratulations to St. Simon, this year’s Spell Bowl champion; St. Matthew, 1st Runner Up; and IHM, 2nd Runner Up.

To find out more about getting involved in Spell Bowl competitions at your school, contact your principal.



TOP: BCHS Principal Joe Hansen served as emcee of the 2019 Spell Bowl, hosted at BCHS. BOTTOM LEFT: The team from St. Joan of Arc came dressed to impress in their matching tie-dye Spell Bowl shirts. BOTTOM RIGHT: Academic excellence on display at Spell Bowl 2019!



# EISGRUBER MAKES TROJAN DIVING HISTORY

BY CLAIRE WILLIAMS, BCHS Publications

“Relieved.”

The one word senior Oskar Eisgruber used to encapsulate his emotions after qualifying for the State Diving Finals. Eisgruber has become the first BCHS student in school history to qualify for Diving State.

Eisgruber has been a member of the BCHS Swimming and Diving Team for four years. Making it to state has been a goal of Eisgruber’s ever since his freshman year. Eisgruber knew this year, his senior season, provided the final opportunity for reaching his goal. “I didn’t want to have any regrets,” Eisgruber said.

Going into this year, Eisgruber made a few changes in his practice plan. In the past, he had practiced at The University of Indianapolis but made a switch this year to Lawrence North with a different coach. Eisgruber says the change had nothing to do with the coach, but rather with convenience. “It took me two times as long to commute to Ulndy, and the practices there were always crowded with other divers,” Eisgruber said.

His best 6-dive meet occurred during his senior season, where he scored 240.55 points.

Practicing at Lawrence North gave Eisgruber more board time, which clearly paid off in his Regional meet. Although Eisgruber felt anxious during his first five dives and doubted his ability to move forward in the competition, he was able to focus and regain hope for advancing. “During my last 6 dives, my nervousness subsided which helped my score surpass my competitors,” Eisgruber said.

While Eisgruber’s personal favorite part of this season has been qualifying for state, he has equally loved the moments he’s shared with his teammates at meets and team parties. Eisgruber has formed connections even outside the BCHS team. “I’ve also enjoyed meeting other divers from meets and practices,” he said.

The Trojan alum will continue his diving career next year at Carnegie Mellon University.



Senior Kahlen Roney’s work “Memory Lane” received a Gold Key Award.

Pictured beginning bottom left: Lottie Ogorek (St. Pius X), Lainey Scroggins (St. Matthew), Kim Bowers (IHM), Sydney Roney (SJOA), Kahlen Roney (STA), Katie Grote (CKS), Sarah Fillenwarth (CKS), Sophia Duray (Westfield), Anthony Cuevas (St. Philip Neri), Jaeden Crawford (CKS) and Paige Zehner (St. Simon). School in parenthesis following each name denotes middle school attended.



# NATIONAL ART PROGRAM RECOGNIZES TROJANS FOR EXCELLENCE

Eleven Bishop Chatard students have been recognized for their talent and creativity in art and photography by the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards program. These students, who collectively received 13 awards, were celebrated along with other regional winners at the Visions & Voices Scholastic Awards Ceremony on March 17 at Butler University’s Clowes Memorial Hall.

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards is the nation’s largest and longest-running recognition program for creative teenagers in the visual and literary arts. Students in grades 7 – 12 may apply in 29 categories to earn scholarships and have their work exhibited and published. This year, nearly 350,000 entries were submitted nationwide.

BCHS students from the AP Art Studio and Advanced Photography classes received one Gold Key Award, two Silver Key Awards and 10 Honorable Mentions.

Senior Kahlen Roney was awarded a Gold Key, the program’s highest honor, for his artwork titled “Memory Lane.” Juniors Katie Grote and Lottie Ogorek won Silver Keys for their creative works, while seniors Lainey Scroggins, Sydney Roney, Sarah Fillenwarth, Anthony Cuevas and Jaeden Crawford, along with juniors Kim Bowers, Sophia Duray and Paige Zehner received Honorable Mentions.

All Gold and Silver Key honorees were featured in the Visions & Voices Exhibition at Clowes Hall and the Schrott Center for the Arts.



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