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SCIENCE STAR

Melanie Capshaw '19 graduated from Seccina in May wearing her Project Lead The Way Biomedical Science honor stole. Melanie, a graduate of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School, entered Seccina's Biomedical Science (BMS) program as a freshman and finished the four-year curriculum. She will study forensic science at IUPUI.

Seccina's BMS program, a partnership with Project Lead The Way, is a sequence of courses, all aligned with appropriate national learning standards, which follows a hands-on, real-world problem-solving approach to learning. High school students explore the concepts of human medicine and are introduced to topics such as physiology, genetics, microbiology and public health. ■



Melanie Capshaw '19



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On the cover: Students discover opportunities at a great Catholic high school: (clockwise, from top left) The 2019 Spring Musical, "Once on This Island;" the Crusaders lacrosse team; performing service in the community; building lifelong friendships at Seccina.

With more than \$10 million in scholarships, graduates of the Class of 2019 were accepted into these colleges and universities:

Adrian College, Alderson Broaddus University, American University, Aquinas College, Auburn University, Ave Maria University, Baylor University, Ball State University, Bellarmine University, Benedict College, Bethune-Cookman University, Bluffton College, Borough of Manhattan Community College, Boston University, Butler University, Central Michigan University, Central State University, Clemson University, Concordia University, Cornerstone University, DePaul University, DePauw University, Dominican University, East Tennessee State, Eastern Michigan University, Eureka College, Ferris State University, Franciscan University of Steubenville, Franklin College, Hanover College, Henry Ford College, Hesston College, Holy Cross College, Indiana State University, Indiana University, IUPUI, Ivy Tech Community College, John Paul the Great Catholic University, Lake Land College, Lindenwood University, Loyola University-Chicago, Manchester University, Marian University, Marquette University, Miami University, Michigan State University, Mid Michigan College, Murray State University, Ohio Dominican University, Ohio State University, Pennsylvania State University, Philander Smith College, Presentation College, Purdue University, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Rutgers University, Saint Louis University, Saint Mary's College, Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, San Diego State University, School of Visual Arts, Silver Lake College of the Holy Family, Stony Brook University, Syracuse University, Taylor University, Tennessee State University, Thomas More College, Trine University, Tuskegee University, University of Alabama, University of Buffalo, University of California-Merced, University of California-Riverside, University of Cincinnati, University of Dayton, University of Delaware, University of Evansville, University of Findlay, University of Illinois, University of Illinois-Chicago, University of Indianapolis, University of Lynchburg, University of Kansas, University of Massachusetts-Amherst, University of Nevada-Las Vegas, University of Pittsburgh, University of St. Francis, University of Tennessee, Utica College, United States Air Force Academy, Valparaiso University, Wabash College, Walsh University, Wilberforce University, Xavier University, Xavier University of Louisiana

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Scecina Community,

Welcome to the Summer 2019 issue of the Father Scecina Magazine! Our school community is incredibly blessed by a wonderful group of immensely gifted students as well as an outpouring of support every year.



Herein, you can see and read about our students' accomplishments, our alumni and friends' invaluable engagement, and our talented and hard-working staff — all for the advancement of Church and society.

Scecina has begun an exciting and transformative venture that is the first of its kind for the school— the **Our Faith, Our Journey, Our Time Capital Campaign**. The campaign is moving quickly from a silent phase to the public phase. Three years ago, school leaders and a nationally respected consultant began exploring and addressing the feasibility of a Scecina campaign and archdiocesan support for a Scecina campaign. Both inquiries resulted in green lights to proceed.

As a result, the vision for the campaign and future plans for Scecina will be announced at a **Capital Campaign Public Kickoff Event on the evening of Thursday, September 26, at Scecina**. More information about the event will follow. Please come and enjoy fellowship, food, and exciting news at this fun and family-friendly event!

As we go forward, I want to thank and extend prayerful best wishes to three valued members of our faculty and administration as they begin well-deserved retirements and new ventures after making unique and strong impacts upon Scecina. Thank you to . . .

- Mrs. Diane Knight — Spanish teacher, Master Teacher, and holder of various roles at Scecina — as she begins retirement this summer
- Mr. Bob Golobish — Vice President of Advancement — as he begins retirement this summer after a successful tenure at Scecina
- Dr. Joe Brettnacher — Principal — as he becomes Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend after making numerous contributions to Scecina.

Thank you for your role in the past, present, and future of our school, and Go Crusaders!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Joe Therber".

Joseph S. Therber
President



Scecina Memorial High School graduated its 63rd class on Friday, May 24, in the Scecina gymnasium. The members of the Class of 2019 received their diplomas from Gina Kuntz Fleming, Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, Scecina President Joe Therber and Principal Joseph Brettnacher. ■

SECCINA WOMEN'S CIRCLE SCHOLARSHIP

Angelica Gonzalez Morales '19 is the 2019 Scecina Women's Circle scholarship winner. She will attend Ball State University. The SWC scholarship is given to a graduating senior based upon essays seniors write about how their Scecina experience has shaped their lives. This is the third year for the scholarship from the SWC, a philanthropic women's group that supports the students of Scecina. ■



Angelica Gonzalez Morales was presented the Scecina Women's Circle award by Amy (Wagner) Begley '93, who is co-chair of the SWC with Nancy (Wagner) Leming '85.

LILLY ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP

Hollie Harper '19 was one of nine Marion County graduating seniors to receive a 2019 Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship. Recipients receive up to four years of full tuition to attend any accredited public or private not-for-profit college or university in Indiana.



Area high schools submitted two students for consideration by the nominating committees at The Indianapolis Foundation. Students were interviewed, and finalists' names were submitted to Independent Colleges of Indiana Inc. for final selection.

Hollie, a graduate of Little Flower Catholic School, will attend DePauw University. ■

CLASS OF 2019



VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN



Katelyn Renee Hartman was the valedictorian for the Class of 2019, and **Andrew Kriech Smith** was the salutatorian.

Katelyn plans to study chemical engineering at Ohio State University. She is the daughter of Carl and Lisa Hartman, attends Holy Spirit Catholic Church and is a graduate of Holy Spirit Catholic School.

Andrew, the son of Jason and Ruth Smith, will attend the U.S. Air Force Academy and major in mechanical engineering technology. He also is a Holy Spirit parishioner and school graduate. ■

INTERNATIONAL GRADUATES

Eleven international students from China graduated from Scecina in the Class of 2019:

Zixia (Anna) Dong

Undecided

Qianxi (Lydia) Feng

University of Delaware

Hongbo (Andre) Fu

Michigan State University

Hengfeng (Amy) Li

Undecided

Hao (Lance) Luo

Rutgers University

Ziming (Ryan) Qiu

Michigan State University

Yaokang Wang

Ivy Tech Community College

Fei (Eric) Xie

University of Buffalo

Yunfan (Jasmine) Xu

School of Visual Arts

Yuxuan (Sean) Ye

Stony Brook University

Dongze (Tom) Zhao

Boston University



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INDIANA ACADEMIC ALL-STAR AWARDS

Scecina valedictorian **Katelyn Hartman** was honored April 25 as a Regional Indiana Academic All-Star, a program of the Indiana Association of School Principals. Katelyn also wrote an essay in appreciation of her science teacher at Scecina, **Sarah Smith**. Based on Katelyn's essay, Mrs. Smith was awarded the Marian University Klipsch Educators College Academy for Teaching and Learning Leadership Award and \$500.



Katelyn Hartman



Mrs. Smith

For the Academic All-Stars program, schools select nominees based on:

- A mathematical formula that combines the SAT/ACT composite score and grade-point average for seven semesters.
- Extracurricular activities related to academics.
- Nonacademic extracurricular activities.
- Leadership, community service and involvement.

Just 90 students in Indiana were recognized as All-Stars or Regional All-Stars.

Katelyn will attend Ohio State University and plans to study chemical engineering. Below is her essay about Mrs. Smith:

Nearly everyone who has attended high school knows that freshman year is the least stressful time in one's academic career. Because of this, the workload of sophomore year comes as a great shock, and I was no exception. I had this realization during the first week of school in my first-period chemistry class. The teacher, who would later become my greatest academic role model, began lecturing on the second day about actual content!

Once I got over this, I realized that I love studying the invisible parts of the world that make everything work.

The teacher of this class, Mrs. Smith, recognized my passion, so she invited me to join her Academic Super Bowl team. Participating on this team deepened my love of chemistry to such an extent that I enrolled in biochemistry and ACP chemistry over the next two years, along with being selected as (Mrs. Smith's) chemistry teaching assistant.

As I fill out the countless applications that come along with senior year, I realize that I would not be applying to the prestigious engineering programs I am without Mrs. Smith's classes. Her guidance has enabled me to discover my true scientific passion and unleash my full academic potential. ■

OFF TO THE ACADEMY

Drew Smith, Class of 2019, has accepted his appointment to the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Drew also is the salutatorian for Scecina's Class of 2019. At the Air Force Academy, he will major in mechanical engineering and plans to become a pilot. When he graduates from the academy, he'll join the Air Force as a second lieutenant.

"Drew Smith is an outstanding young man who has represented Scecina in a powerful way," said **Ott Hurtle '70**, Scecina teacher and head football coach who had Drew both as a player and a student in class. "He will be a very positive representative of our United States Air Force as well as our country."

Drew was a kicker for the Crusaders football team and wrestled for four years, earning a spot in the 2019 IHSAA Semi-State wrestling tournament. He also won the National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete Award, the 11th consecutive Crusader football player to be recognized with this honor. ■



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CLASS OF 2019 MAJOR AWARDS

JOHN J. HENNINGER CHRISTIAN SERVICE

James Hentz

CAROLE J. HAMILTON (ATHLETICS)

Kellianne Mendez and Addy Turner

OUTSTANDING SENIOR GIRL

Katelyn Hartman

MICHAEL C. MCGARVEY (ATHLETICS)

Johnny Tinoco

OUTSTANDING SENIOR BOY

James Hentz

SISTER LAVONNE LONG OUTSTANDING SENIOR FEMALE ATHLETE

Josie DeFreese

ATHLETIC SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT

Katelyn Hartman and Drew Smith

KENNETH LEFFLER OUTSTANDING SENIOR MALE ATHLETE

Mac Ayres

MENTAL ATTITUDE (ATHLETICS)

Audrey Maue and Tavon Middlebrook

INDIANA CROSSROADS CONFERENCE MEDAL OF HONOR

Hannah Burck and Matthew Funk



Indiana's 21st Century Scholarship program offers full tuition at the state's public universities for high school students who finish the requirements of the program. The program provides students up to four years of undergraduate tuition at any participating public college or university in Indiana. For students who attend a private college, the state will award an amount comparable to that of a four-year public college. Students must apply in their eighth-grade year.

From the Scecina Class of 2019, **Lucero Rodriguez** (top left), **Elissa Murphy** and **Kim Guerrero** will attend Indiana University-Bloomington with their 21st Century Scholarships, which will pay for tuition, and the IU Covenant, which will pay for room and board.

More 21st Century Scholars from the Class of 2019: **Shane Bakemeyer**, **Trenton Baker**, **Angelica Gonzalez Morales**, **Eric Perez** (Ball State University); **Hannah Burck** (University of Indianapolis); **Matthew Funk** (DePauw University); **Nora Rodriguez** (Hanover College); **Francisca Martinez** (Ivy Tech Community College). ■



Lucero Rodriguez (left), Elissa Murphy and Kim Guerrero



Shane Bakemeyer



Trenton Baker



Angelica Gonzalez Morales



Eric Perez

GREAT TEACHING

Scecina teachers make a difference every day in the lives of students.

KALYNN HUNTOON

Kalynn Huntoon has spent her entire high school counseling career at Scecina, where she has worn different hats. She's now the academic adviser. She checks students' grades and works with them individually to see how she can support them to get their grades up.

"We talk about why their grade is so low, if it's not turning in homework, then what is causing them not to get their homework in on time? Sometimes it's just a matter of them knowing that someone is checking in with them; other times it's a motivation issue," she said.

She doesn't just focus on grades, though. "We also celebrate changes in percentage," she said. "A 10% change in a grade is huge and should be celebrated!"

In high school, students explore what they might want to do after graduation. Is it college, a career or the military? **Jordan Schluttenhofer '19** plans to major in radiology in college and has talked to Ms. Huntoon about how to prepare.

"She took time out of her job to do ISTEP (testing) with me every day. That's more time that she has to stop working and literally sit in her office for four hours, every day, for me," Jordan said. ■



Jordan Schluttenhofer and Kalynn Huntoon

PAUL SINCLAIR

Paul Sinclair was an artist before he was a teacher. Art is what brought him to teaching.

Teaching art "gives me the opportunity to share with students what the Bible says in Genesis about God's creation. It says that God created the heaven and the earth and everything on and in earth. God also created people who became the artists and they/we use the materials that God has made."

In her senior year, **Payton Brown '19** took four art classes from Mr. Sinclair: Jewelry, Two-Dimensional Art, Advanced Two-Dimensional Art and Ceramics. She pursues art as a hobby and loves the passion and work ethic Mr. Sinclair brings to creating art.

"I just like doing art for myself. It helps relieve stress," said Payton.

"We also learn life skills (in art classes)," said Payton, who wants to study business and accounting in college. "Mr. Sinclair is always telling us to try our best and that

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we always can keep getting better. He tells us to set high standards for ourselves, that we'll have to compete in the world, so we need to know that now. He makes us think."

Mr. Sinclair's own art pursuits are photography and drawing.

He and his wife, **Dee Anne**, a science teacher at Scecina, have traveled the world. Last year they were awarded Teacher Creativity grants from the Lilly Endowment and went to Mount Kilimanjaro.

It was their second Teacher Creativity grant. In 2010, they received their first grant and went to the Pacific Northwest. They also have traveled to Mount Everest Base Camp and to New Zealand for an educational expedition to volcanic fields. ■



Paul Sinclair and Payton Brown

JESSE PURVIS

Jesse Purvis was senior class president at Scecina, graduating in 2006. He returned to Scecina after getting his bachelor of arts degree in English literature from Wabash College and is head of Scecina's English Department.

You'll also see him with a microphone in hand leading Scecina pep rallies and announcing Crusader football and basketball games. He is head coach of the boys soccer team and English coach for Scecina's Academic Super Bowl team.

Teaching offers magical moments when "you see the growth in academic achievement" of the students, he said. "I also enjoy giving kids the avenue toward creative expression. Reading a good book or watching a fabulous film inspires us to be creative, and I like giving that experience to kids."

Julia Johnston '19 was Mr. Purvis' teaching assistant. As a senior, she took Mr. Purvis' Critical Thinking class and he was her Honors English teacher in her sophomore year.

"(Mr. Purvis is) very helpful," she said. "If you have any questions, he's good at explaining how to get the answer. He makes sure the classroom is a stress-free, still he holds his students to a high standard."

Julia played volleyball and was a President's Academic Excellence Award recipient and a member of the National Honor Society, served in Key Club and as a Student Ambassador and competed on the Academic Super Bowl team. She tried some new things her senior year: Spring Musical, choir and tennis. ■



Julia Johnston and Jesse Purvis

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6 STUDENTS CHOSEN FOR IU SUMMER BIOLOGY PROGRAM



Justice Green



Miriam Herrera



Cayla Long



Victor Machuca-Aguirre



Sabina Oxlaj



Jania Weathers

Six Scecina students were selected to spend a week in July at Indiana University in Bloomington for the Jim Holland Summer Enrichment Program in Biology.

This program offers a unique opportunity for high-achieving and underrepresented high school students to broaden their horizons in genetics, evolution, environmental biology, molecular biology, plant sciences and more. They will attend lectures, take part in discussions and participate in hands-on laboratory experiences. The activities are led by a dynamic and skilled team of Indiana University faculty members and Indiana high school teachers. The students will learn about scientific careers and how to prepare for a successful college experience.

The students are freshmen **Miriam Herrera**, **Victor Machuca-Aguirre** and **Sabina Oxlaj** and sophomores **Cayla Long**, **Jania Weathers** and **Justice Green**.

Jania and Justice were chosen to attend for the second year in a row. ■

ISLAND GROOVE

More than 60 students took part of the 2019 spring musical, "Once on This Island," either behind the scenes or on stage. The winner of the 2018 Tony Award for Broadway revival, "Once on This Island" depicts a clash of cultures that leads to lessons of life, love, and following dreams. ■



CAMPUS CRUSADE 2019

The annual Campus Crusade walkathon on May 3 raised more than \$13,200 for Scecina's ministries. Scecina alumni **Bernadette '64** and **Jim Lathrop '63** were the Campus Crusade grand marshals and spoke to the students about the importance of setting goals. Indianapolis Fire Department Station 20 added fun to the day. ■



ARCHBISHOP AT SCECINA



The Most Rev. Charles C. Thompson, the archbishop of Indianapolis, came to Scecina May 1 to celebrate an all-school Mass.

Before Mass, Archbishop Thompson met with a group of students for a friendly question-and-answer session, and he greeted students after Mass. In his homily, Archbishop Thompson spoke about salvation, courage, and light. He said he often is asked why he is against certain things. He said he responds by telling them he stands for something, rather than being against things, and that standing for Jesus is how we can reflect Christ in the world. ■

'I WILL BE A CRUSADER FOR LIFE'

Scecina celebrates Catholic Schools Week with an essay contest open to all students.

Sophomore **Owen Schreiber** took first place for his essay, "Why I Chose Scecina," and won \$150.



Owen Schreiber

The award was presented after Mass on Feb. 13. Nineteen students entered the Catholic Schools Week essay contest this year. They each received a certificate and a \$5 Starbucks card.

Here are excerpts from Owen's essay:

My father graduated from OLL in 1987, so he and my mother sent me and my brothers to Lourdes as a key stepping-stone into our success in academic life. I cannot thank them enough for their decision. It allowed me to go to school to freely live out the values my family had shared with me. I learned to "Work, Study, Pray, and Play," a family motto that encourages me to keep a healthy balance to be truly happy.

The first thing I recognized about Scecina that I absolutely adored was the diversity of the student body. I looked forward to simply making new friends, learning about other people, and possibly learning a new language. I chose Scecina to take part in the historic community. I chose Scecina for the athletic opportunities, for I have always

hungered for great relationships with my teammates and coaches. Aside from athletics and academics, but rather the culmination of the two, I chose my Catholic education here at Scecina Memorial High School to become a well-rounded person in all aspects of my life.

Scecina pushes me to keep working, studying, praying, and playing, so that is why I chose Scecina and will be a Crusader for life. ■

FRENCH CONGRÈS



Jacob Sitzman (left), Grace Swinefurth, Abby Page, Ms. El-Murr, and Dontaye Hamilton

Congrès 2019 French language competition took place at West Lafayette Senior High School with 17 schools participating. The students, middle school through high school, compete against other students at their level for each event. Scecina junior **Abby Page** received first place for poetry recitation. Junior **Allie Foley** received third place for her poster. **Dontaye Hamilton**, also a junior, received third place for poetry recitation and fifth place for vocabulary. "It was such a success for our students," said Scecina French teacher **Leila El-Murr**. ■

PRESIDENT'S ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Sixty-three Scecina students were honored for their classroom achievements at the President's Academic Awards in April. These students have the Top 10 grade-point averages in their classes or have a GPA of 4.0 or higher:

- Their average grade point average is 4.11.
- The group consists of 37 girls and 26 boys.
- The honorees are from 14 elementary schools and one was home-schooled.
- The honorees were born on 3 continents.

The following seniors were honored:

Lily Aebly
Nathan Bowman
Payton Brown
Hannah Burck
Melanie Capshaw
Josie DeFreese
Julia Donlan
Carly Ferree
Katelyn Hartman
James Hentz
Julia Johnston
Cecilia Linn
Kaitlyn Lockhart
Alexandra Marshall
Audrey Maue
Logan Moss
Elissa Murphy
Jeffery Riley
Andrew Smith
Brendan Schreiber
Christina Schroedle
Madison Woods
Dongze Zhao

ARCHERY CLUB

Eleven students participated in the Seccina Archery Club during its first year. The club operates through the National Archery in School Program (NASP). Two Seccina archers, **Aleks Orange-Miller** and **Seamus Diguisto**, qualified for the 2019 Indiana NASP Tournament.



Aleks Orange-Miller (left) and Seamus Diguisto

NASP is an in-school program aimed at improving educational performance among students. Students are learning focus, self-control, discipline, patience, and the life lessons required to be successful in the classroom and in life. ■

BEST OF SHOW

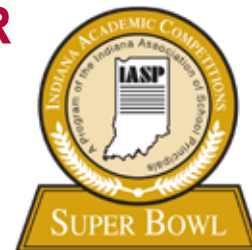
Junior **Walter Egan** won best of show for all media at the Indiana Crossroads Conference Art Show for his painting "Skeleton With Plants." Senior **Audrey Maue** placed second in photography. Sophomore **Madeleine Witsman** placed third for her piece. Sixteen Seccina students participated in the art show competition that took place at Cardinal Ritter High School. ■



Walter Egan (left), Audrey Maue, Mr. Sinclair and Madeleine Witsman

A SUPER YEAR

Seccina's Academic Super Bowl team experienced one of its best years ever.



The team, which competes during late winter and spring, won the Indiana Crossroads Conference championship on March 6. The team scored four first-place finishes in social studies, math, fine arts, and interdisciplinary. The team came in third in two other disciplines, science and English, losing on the tiebreakers in both cases.



2019 Academic Super Bowl Team

Three Seccina subject teams then advanced to the Indiana Academic Super Bowl State Finals.

At the State Finals on May 4 at Purdue University, the team finished third in the state in social studies, fourth in science and fifth in math.

The 2018-19 student team members were: **Alex Marshall, James Hentz, Emily Adams, Katelyn Hartman, Michael Black, Isabelle Smith, Audrey Maue, Sia Chen, Zaiyang Xu, Jimiao Zhang, Sean Ye, Aleks Orange-Miller, and Eric Xie.**

The team's coaches were the following teachers: **Sarah Smith**, science; **Leila El-Murr**, fine arts; **Jeff Getty**, social studies; **Jesse Purvis**, English; **Elizabeth Williams**, math.

Through this Hoosier contest, founded in 1987 by the Indiana Association of School Principals, teams of students enhance their research and study skills by delving into topics that change annually, taking them beyond what is usually covered in the classroom. ■

CATHOLIC MATH LEAGUE

Scecina students take part in four national contests each year as part of the Catholic Math League: Advanced Math, Algebra II, Algebra I, and Geometry.

Yuxuan (Sean) Ye '19 placed first in the nation in the Advanced Math individual competition of the Catholic Math League.

The Advanced Math team placed 13th in the nation; Algebra II was 12th; and Geometry 19th.

Here are the rankings at Scecina for this year's Catholic Math League competition:

Algebra I

- 1st - Gabe Chamblee
- 2nd - Arion Halliburton
- 3rd - Zach Melton



Yuxuan (Sean) Ye

Algebra II

- 1st - Jimiao Zhang
- 2nd - Yulin Yang
- 3rd - Jacob Grimmer

Geometry

- 1st - Yaohui Liu
- 2nd - Isabelle Smith
- 3rd - Chenglin (Peter) Guo

Advanced Math

- 1st - Yuxuan Ye
- 2nd - Fei (Eric) Xie
- 3rd - Yunfan (Jasmine) Xu



FINANCIAL LITERACY

JR Fulmore '19, pictured with Scecina Varsity Boys Basketball **Coach Scott Miller**, completed Dollars & Sense, a national program of the 100 Black Men of America that is provided locally by the "100" in partnership with the University of Indianapolis. JR earned a college scholarship for completing the 18-week program in which students learn basic financial skills and develop, monitor, and assess investment portfolios. ■



Coach Scott Miller (left) and JR Fulmore

BELL 'ITALIA

Nineteen Scecina students traveled to Europe for the 2019 Spring Break Bell 'Italia trip. During the nine-day trip, the students visited the Italian cities of Milan, Florence, Venice, Assisi and Rome.

Scecina students have more opportunities to travel overseas. Upcoming Scecina-sponsored trips include Panama in June 2020, and France, Germany, and the Swiss Alps during Spring Break 2021. ■



MARCH FOR LIFE

Scecina's Crusaders for Life club again traveled together to Washington, D.C., in January to attend the annual March for Life. ■

COLLEGE SIGNINGS

**Thirteen students from the Class of 2019
signed to play collegiate athletics**



Andrew Payne
Eureka College
FOOTBALL



Cierra Ash
Marian University
SOFTBALL



Luke Deering
Hanover College
FOOTBALL/LACROSSE



Patrick Lyons
Ball State University
FOOTBALL



Jayla Shelton
East Tennessee State
SOFTBALL



Mac Ayres
Ball State University
BASEBALL



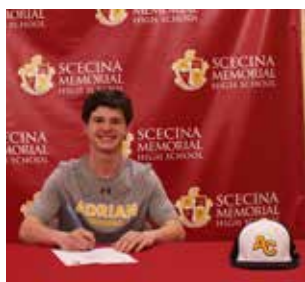
Josie DeFreese
Marian University
CROSS COUNTRY



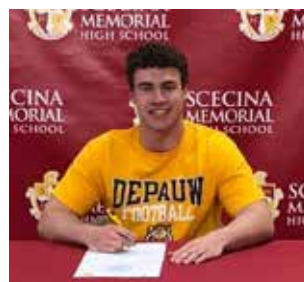
Spencer Martinelle
Hanover College
BASEBALL



Ariel Sutton
Eastern Michigan
ROWING



Wyatt Causemaker
Adrian College
BASEBALL



Matthew Funk
DePauw University
FOOTBALL



Kellianne Mendez
Henry Ford College
SOFTBALL



Darrion Tandy
Mid Michigan College
BASKETBALL

INDIVIDUAL HONORS

ALL-CITY

Cierra Ash *SOFTBALL*
 Claire Lacy *TRACK*
 Emily McDonald *SOFTBALL*
 Kellianne Mendez *SOFTBALL (HONORABLE MENTION)*
 Monika Nance *SOFTBALL*
 Jake Rebein *WRESTLING*
 Jayla Shelton *SOFTBALL*

ALL-CONFERENCE

Cierra Ash *SOFTBALL*
 Mac Ayres *BASEBALL*
 Owen Begley *BASEBALL*
 Chris Bullock *WRESTLING*
 Hannah Burck *TRACK (CONFERENCE CHAMPION)*
 Thomas DeFreese *WRESTLING*
 Stuart Donlan *WRESTLING*
 Michaela Lindsay *SWIMMING*
 Emily McDonald *SOFTBALL*
 Tavon Middlebrook *TRACK*
 Elijah Phillips *BASEBALL*
 Jake Rebein *WRESTLING*
 Jayla Shelton *SOFTBALL*

ACADEMIC ALL-CONFERENCE

Payton Brown *CHEER*
 Hannah Burck *GYMNASTICS/TRACK*
 Melanie Capshaw *CHEER*
 Alexis Carr *GIRLS TENNIS*
 William Curiel *TRACK*
 Josie DeFreese *SWIMMING/TRACK*
 Carly Ferree *GIRLS TENNIS*
 Julian Gonzalez *TRACK*
 Julia Johnston *GIRLS TENNIS*
 Alex Marshall *SOFTBALL*
 Abby Page *SWIMMING/TRACK*
 Sophia Petrone *SOFTBALL*
 Elijah Phillips *BASEBALL*
 Jake Rebein *WRESTLING*
 Araceli Rubalcava *GIRLS TENNIS*
 Brendan Schreiber *GOLF*
 Bailey Sims *CHEER/SOFTBALL*
 Drew Smith *WRESTLING*
 Addy Turner *GYMNASTICS/TRACK*
 Jackson Wahl *GOLF*
 Max White *BOYS BASKETBALL/GOLF*
 Liam Wright *BOYS BASKETBALL/BASEBALL*

LARRY NEIDLINGER AWARD: JIM NITCHMAN '67



Jim Nitchman '67

A supporter of Scecina Memorial High School for more than 50 years. A former Crusader baseball player. The current scorekeeper and public address announcer for the Crusaders baseball team. A member of his 1967 Reunion Committee.

Jim Nitchman '67 embodies the characteristics of a true Crusader and "gives that little extra" to Scecina. Jim Nitchman cares.

These are some of the reasons Jim was honored in February with the 2019 Larry Neidlinger "We Care" Award. This award pays tribute to a person who has gone above and beyond to support Crusader athletics.

The award is named after the late **Larry Neidlinger**, a longtime coach, administrator and friend of Scecina. His wife, Judy, and President **Joe Therber** presented the award to Jim.

"I'm shocked," Jim said. "I never thought in a million years I would get that award. I am truly grateful as I played for Larry my four years at Scecina."

Five others were honored the same night as Scecina Super Boosters:

Kay and Dan Crouch. Kay shows her support for the student-athletes at Scecina sporting events after her work shifts on the maintenance staff. Her husband, Dan, is a longtime volunteer for the Scecina Athletic Department and is a member of the chain gang at varsity football games.

Dave Gandolph '68. Dave, a member of the Indiana High School Baseball Hall of Fame, returned to Scecina in 2014 as the head baseball coach. Dave has been an ambassador for Scecina alumni.

Kurt Guldner. Chair of the Physical Education department, Kurt coached for 25 years at Marian University, where he became the winningest baseball and women's soccer coach in school history. Since coming to Scecina, he has coached soccer and cross country and helps at Scecina sporting events.

Rebecca Lowe. Rebecca, a history teacher at Scecina, helps with the soccer programs, moderates the Scecina Futsal Club, and supports all Crusader athletics. ■



Drew Smith '19 received a National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete Award. He is the 11th consecutive Crusader football player to be recognized with this honor. He's pictured here at the award ceremony with his family: sisters **Olivia '21** and **Ava '23**, mother Ruth and father Jason. ■

WINTER AND SPRING SEASON RECAPS

GYMNASTICS

The Crusader gymnastics team welcomed **Peyton Egan '16** as the new head coach. The team of senior **Addy Turner** and freshmen **Mya White** and **Alexis Dohleman** competed in meets across Indianapolis. During one meet, Addy earned high praise from opposing coaches for standing up for a competing gymnast who was being made fun of by other competitors. ■

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Coach **Jim McNulty** and the girls basketball team entered the season with much excitement and hope to right the ship after a rough 2017-18 campaign. Injuries began to pile up early on for the Crusaders, including starters **Emily McDonald '21**, **Monika Nance '20**, and **Eliza Leffler '20**. Entering the state tournament, the girls were down to just six healthy players. Rallying behind captains **Ariel Sutton '19** and **Olivia Smith '21**, the girls beat Washington 64-38 in the first round of Sectionals before falling to Shortridge 51-63. ■

BOYS BASKETBALL

The basketball team welcomed new Head Coach **Scott Miller**. The team was led by seniors **Matthew**

Funk, Jayvon Hatton, Jalen Linton, Darrion Tandy, and Jackson Wahl.

After graduating the nucleus of the 2018 IHSA Regional Championship team, the boys got off to a slow start, dropping 10 of their first 11 games and losing Tandy to an injury that sidelined him for most of the season. However, the team battled till the final whistle. The boys finished with a 4-20 record, including a 65-52 win over Indiana Crossroads Conference foe Monrovia, which would advance to the Regional round of the State Tournament. ■

SWIMMING

The team was much smaller than last year's, which allowed for Coach **Dean Owens** to spend more time working with individuals on their specific events. The team was led by seniors **Josie DeFreese** and **Michaela Lindsay**. In the Indiana Crossroads Conference, Lindsay earned All-Conference Honors by winning both the 50-meter free and 100-meter free. ■

WRESTLING

The 2018-19 wrestling campaign was one of the best in program history. Led by Regional Coach of the Year **Bobby Sponsel '04**, the Crusaders achieved a 23-3 team record. The team finished second in City with senior **Jake Rebein** earning All-City Honors by winning the 160-lb. weight class. The team finished second in the ICC tournament behind Monrovia by 6 points. **Chris Bullock '22** (106 lb.), **Stuart Donlan**

'21 (120 lb.), **Drew Smith '19** (145 lb.) and Rebein earned All-ICC Honors by winning their weight class. Sophomore **Thomas DeFreese** (138 lb.) was voted to the All-ICC team by the coaches.

The Crusaders entered Sectionals at Warren Central High School, one of the toughest in the state. Bullock and Rebein advanced to their championship matches. Eight Crusaders advanced to the Mooresville Regional: Bullock, Donlan, **Victor Franco '19** (126 lb.), DeFreese, Smith, **Jacob Melton '19** (152 lb.), Rebein, and **Brandon Sparks '19** (285 lb.). Bullock, Donlan, Franco, DeFreese, Smith, and Rebein each won two matches to advance to Semi-State. DeFreese was the only Crusader to win his first-round match but fell in the second round and did not advance to the State Finals. ■

BASEBALL

The team accomplished something that Secina has not done since 1981-82: win back-to-back Sectional Championships. Led by Ball State commit **Mac Ayres** and fellow seniors **Spencer Martinelle** (Hanover College), **Wyatt Causemaker** (Adrian College), and **Andrew Payne** (Eureka College for football), the boys began to battle for a conference championship. After leading the ICC for most of the season, the boys fell 0-2 to Cardinal Ritter and 0-1 to Speedway to finish the ICC season tied for second. Ayres, shortstop **Eli Phillips '20** and left-handed pitcher/right-fielder **Owen Begley '20** were named to the All-Conference team.



The boys beat Eastern Hancock 10-3 in the first round of Sectionals, setting up a rematch of last year's championship with the host school Heritage Christian. The Crusaders outscored Heritage Christian 14-4 in five. In the Sectional Championship, Knightstown opened the game with a lead-off homer. The Scecina defense then shut them down and the bats came to life as the Crusaders pushed across five runs to win the championship 5-1.

The next Saturday the Crusaders traveled to Park Tudor to face the state's top-ranked team in 2A, Hagerstown. After both teams failed to score in the first inning and a half, Ayres hit a line drive to left-center that scored Phillips from second. For the next three innings, the boys found themselves in tough situations (bases loaded with less than two outs), but with great pitching from Ayres and stellar defense, the Crusaders led 1-0 entering the bottom of the fifth. In the bottom of the fifth, the Crusaders pushed across three more runs and held on to win 4-0.

In the Regional Championship, the Crusaders found themselves playing the same team from last year, South Vermillion. In the top of the third inning, South Vermillion opened the scoring with two runs before the Crusaders came up to score three. The 3-2 lead would hold until Scecina's errors in the fifth allowed South Vermillion to score three and take a 5-3 lead. The Crusaders could score only one more run and fell to the Wildcats 4-5. ■

SOFTBALL

The Crusaders entered their second season playing up in 3A behind new head coach **Holli Streeval '97**. The girls were led by seniors **Jayla Shelton** (East Tennessee State University commit), **Cierra Ash** (Marian University), and **Kellianne Mendez** (Henry Ford College).

The girls dropped their first two games, won the next three, and then dropped five games before the City tournament. In the quarterfinal round, the girls beat Covenant Christian 17-13 to advance to the semifinals. In the semifinals, the girls lost to Cathedral 1-12. Cierra Ash, **Emily McDonald '21**, **Monika Nance '20**, and Shelton were named to the All-City team and Mendez was an honorable mention.

After beating Attucks in the first round of Sectionals, the girls earned a rematch of the 2018 championship game against Bishop Chatard. The Crusaders fell 2-7. They fought their way through a tough schedule to earn a 10-12 record. Shelton, Ash, and McDonald were named to the All-Conference Team. Ash was named to the 3A/4A 3rd team All-State and invited to the 2019 North/South All-Star Game. ■

TRACK AND FIELD

The girls were led by seniors **Hannah Burck**, **Josie DeFreese**, **Claire Lacy**, and **Addy Turner**. The boys were led by seniors **Nate Bowman**, **Jalen Linton**, **Patrick Lyons**, and **Tavon Middlebrook**. Due to graduating

athletes from the year before and injuries, the Crusaders had to count on freshmen and sophomores to help fill the void.

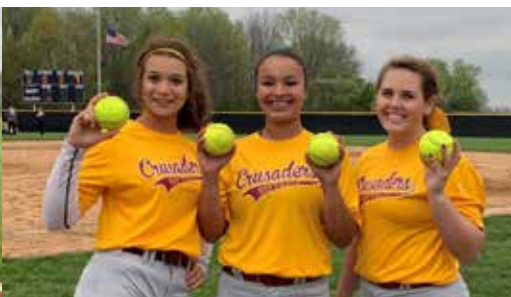
In the girls city tournament, Lacy earned All-City honors. In the ICC Championship, Burck and Middlebrook earned All-Conference Honors. At the Warren Central sectional, Middlebrook (110- and 300- meter hurdles) and junior **David Baker** (high jump) finished high enough in the standings to advance to the Regional. ■

GIRLS TENNIS

The girls tennis team rallied behind returning No. 1 singles player **Ariel Sutton** and fellow seniors **Araceli Rubalcava**, **Carly Ferree**, and **Julia Johnston**. After a 1-5 start, the girls won their next three matches and four of the remaining five. The girls beat Decatur Central in the Sectional semifinal 3-2 before falling to Southport in the championship 1-4. Sutton advanced to the Center Grove Regional before ending her season. ■

GOLF

Led by seniors **Shane Bakemeyer**, **Jackson Wahl**, **Brendan Schreiber**, and **Joe Battles**, the 2019 season began with a five-stroke win over ICC foe Cardinal Ritter. Junior **Max White** advanced to the Yorktown Regional for the second year in a row. ■



INTERVIEW WITH TIM MCGINLEY '58

By Beth Murphy, Director of Marketing Communications

Scecina alumnus **Tim McGinley '58** was honored at Marian University's 10th annual Clayton Family Circle of Honor Induction Dinner in April.

Marian announced the new J. Tim McGinley Endowed Scholarship, which will go to a Klipsch Educators College student who also is an athlete at Marian, with a preference toward a Scecina student.

McGinley is founder of House Investments and served as chair of the Purdue Board of Trustees for 16 years.

As a Scecina senior, McGinley was captain of the basketball team and the leading scorer in Indianapolis. He went on to play for the Boilermakers of Purdue University, where he earned a chemical engineering degree. As a player, he was recognized with all-Big Ten Honors and the Ward Lambert Award for earning the highest student-athlete grade-point average.

Here are excerpts from our interview with McGinley:

You and (fellow Clayton honoree) Allison Melangton discussed the role of athletics in your life, and you mentioned the late Joe Sexson, who had been the 1952 Indiana Mr. Basketball. Some people don't realize he coached at Scecina.

"He was only the coach at Scecina for two years, my senior year and the next year, and then he went to Purdue (as assistant coach). He was later varsity coach at Butler. He was quite an athlete.

"Scecina started (in 1953) with just freshmen and sophomores, and I came in as a sophomore. ... It was



Members of Scecina's basketball team with Tim McGinley '58 (sixth from left) at Marian University

rough because we didn't have juniors and seniors, and we didn't have a winning season. Then Joe came in as a coach my senior year. We ended up having a terrific year. He made the program successful and we had a great season."

You said Joe Sexson had a big effect on your life.

"Yes, in the very first game of my senior year at Scecina, we played Tech, and I was the captain. Well, we lost the game, and I played particularly poorly. I hit only about 5 of 20 shots. I was really down and went into see (Sexson) and apologize for shooting so many times and not performing and I went on and on. Finally, he said: "Are you finished? I don't want to hear any more. Don't feel sorry for yourself. You go out and shoot 20 times in the next game or you'll be sitting next to me on the bench.

"That was a critical time for me in my basketball career, and we went on to have a great season and almost beat a great Crispus Attucks team in the Sectional. So, I remember that as a real turning point for me."

At the ceremony, you discussed about how playing sports contributes to success in other areas of life.

"People tend to celebrate athletes who really do well in a future life in athletics. The halls of fame are full

of people who are good at the sport and made money in it, which is less than 1 percent. The other 99 percent go on and use the lessons of athletics to have success in other walks of life, whether lawyers or businessmen or teachers. There's a need to recognize that as well. That's where the majority are going to make an impact in their community."

Marian announced a scholarship in your name with a preference for a Scecina student. How did that come about?

"They create a scholarship from the dinner proceeds. They put in \$50,000 and then they allow you to have say in developing the criteria, so I established this scholarship for a student who played varsity athletics, any sport, male or female, and is enrolling at the School of Education at Marian with a preference for a Scecina graduate." ■

TAKE A BOW

Scecina's old stage curtains were replaced in March with the updated 2019 version.

The new curtains are a gift from members of Scecina's Class of 1967. They chose to make the new curtains their legacy project for their 50-year reunion.

This legacy project replaced the front curtains and valance and included new curtain tracks, hardware, and new side and back curtains. The old side and back curtains had been removed several years ago.

Class of 1967 leaders in the project are: **Stan Epperson, Ann (McAtee) Gandolph, Donald Hurre, Charles Sinclair, Sheila (Murdock) Summers, and Cindy (Werner) Wood.** ■



GRAND MARSHALS

On Jan. 20, 2019, **Bernadette (Dufour) Lathrop '64** crossed the finish line in Maui, Hawaii, and reached her goal of running a half marathon in all 50 states.



Bernadette (Dufour) Lathrop '63 (left) and Jim Lathrop at the 2019 Campus Crusade

It marked a personal milestone as well as a big achievement in her marriage, as half of the "Running Lathrops." In November 2016, her husband, **Jim Lathrop**, Scecina Class of 1963, completed his goal to run a full marathon in every state.

With Bernadette's Maui milestone, the two reached a rare achievement: a married couple who finished the races in all 50 states. In all their travels for races, they never have met a couple who had achieved this same milestone.

The Lathrops served as the grand marshals for Scecina's Campus Crusade on May 3. Campus Crusade is the annual walkathon for Scecina students. The students raised donations for tuition assistance, academics, facilities, student life (clubs and athletics), and campus ministry at Scecina.

The Lathrops were honored for their running accomplishment and then led the students out for the walkathon. ■



Bernadette and Jim Lathrop (right) walk with students during Campus Crusade

WINTER ALUMNI APPRECIATION NIGHT



Thank you to all who attended Alumni Appreciation Night on January 11, 2019. More than 100 alumni came for a school tour and a free basketball game, drinks and popcorn. Stay tuned for Alumni Appreciation Night 2020! ■



We love when alumni stop by the school to visit. These alumni from the Classes of 1972 and 1973 recently stopped by, including one who had not been back to Scecina in 35 years and was pleased to see the school had continued to upgrade the facilities. They all were impressed with the transformations made in the last 10 years. From left are **Mary Jo (Anderson) Ragsdale '72**, **Deborah (Binder) Hernandez '72**, **Michele Whisler '73** and **Peggy (Shepard) Kennedy '72**. Whether you live outside of Indianapolis or still are in town and would like to visit, our doors are always open to you. We welcome visiting alumni! ■

Class Reunions Guide

The following classes have been planning their reunions! Please visit scecina.org/class-reunions for more information on each reunion.

Class of 1969 50th Reunion - August 24, 2019

Class of 1974 - 45th Reunion - September 6, 2019

Class of 1979 40th Reunion - October 26, 2019

Class of 1984 35th Reunion - August 24, 2019

Class of 1994 25th Reunion - September 28, 2019

Class of 2009 10th Reunion - September 14, 2019

If you need information or have questions, please contact Rose Branson at rbranson@scecina.org or 317.352.3292.

SCECINA WOMEN'S CIRCLE NEWS



Scecina Women's Circle members with President Joe Therber at the annual Lunch with the President in March

The Scecina Women's Circle, a philanthropic group of women who support the school, had another successful year of friendship and fundraising. The group took part in events throughout the year to create new friendships and renew old ones.

The group had a goal to raise \$20,000 for Scecina. In March, members voted to split the proceeds between The Arts and Guidance at Scecina. The group also awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to graduating senior **Angelica Gonzalez Morales '19** and modeled philanthropy for Scecina students and the greater Catholic community.

All women who have an interest in Scecina are invited to join this giving circle for its upcoming year. To learn more, contact **Rose Branson** at rbranson@scecina.org or 317.352.3292. ■

KENNETH R. LEFFLER SCHOLARSHIP

Lexi Carr '20

was awarded the Kenneth R. Leffler Scholarship at the Alumni Golf Outing on June 21. Each year, the Golf Classic funds the scholarship to a Scecina student for his or her senior year. ■



HOMECOMING 2019

Save the date for this year's Homecoming: Friday, September 6, 2019, at Manual High School! Tailgating, activities and games, pep band, and booster club raffle!

Scecina will honor the Class of 1970 football players and Class of 1995. ■



WAYS TO GIVE

TAX CREDIT SAVINGS

If you are looking to give back to Scecina and want a creative way to give, consider the School Scholarship Tax Credit Program.

If you have an Indiana state tax liability, you may be eligible to take 50% credit against your individual or corporate Indiana state tax liability as a deduction. Many Scecina donors have benefited from this program, and its popularity continues to grow in Indiana.

IRA RMD TAX CREDIT

If you're 70 ½ or older, the government requires you take a distribution from your IRA. However, you can gift all or part of that distribution to Scecina, and you will not have to pay taxes on it as income. More donors are taking advantage of this opportunity.

Contact Jim McGuinness at jmcguinness@scecina.org or 317.352.3227 to learn more.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY



Sister Sheila Hackett, Lady Hibernians' 2019 Woman of the Year

Scecina was well represented at the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Kevin Barry Division #3, Annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration on March 10.

Patrick Lyons '19 was awarded a scholarship; Scecina librarian **Sister Shelia Hackett** was honored as the Lady Hibernians' 2019 Woman of the Year; and **Kevin Charles Murray '71** was honored as the 2019 Irish Citizen of the Year and was the grand marshal of Indianapolis' St. Patrick's Day parade on March 15. **Joseph '15** and **Eamon Hegarty '16** played in the pipes corps for the celebration, with Eamon singing both the American and Irish national anthems.

The celebration started with the **Very Rev. Joe Moriarty**, Scecina Class of 1985, celebrating the Irish Mass at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Downtown Indianapolis.

The attendees then paraded to the Indiana Roof Ballroom for the

breakfast and program, emceed by **David Ruhmkorff '76**.

As Irish Citizen of the Year, Murray, a local attorney and an author, served as the grand marshal of the Indianapolis St. Patrick's Day parade, an event he co-founded in 1981 with **Jack '58** and **Michael Moriarty '68**.

The duties of the Irish Citizen of the Year include Greening the Indianapolis Canal and serving as the Parade Grand Marshal and official starter of the Shamrock Run Walk. The events are hosted by The Athletic Club Foundation.

Patrick was awarded the Hibernian Kehoe Scholarship. Patrick, a St. Michael Catholic Church parishioner, is a member of the Kevin Barry Division. He has played Crusader football four years, earning All-Conference, All-City (twice), All-State, and AP All-State honors and is a District 7 All Star. He plans to attend Ball State University and play football.

Sister Sheila also was the 2017 Hibernian Presidents Award recipient from the AOH, Kevin Barry Division. Sister Sheila was born and raised in South Tipperary, Ireland. ■

Holy Cross Central School

Principal: Matt Gring

Holy Spirit Parish and School

Pastor: Monsignor Paul Koetter
Associate Pastor: Rev. Nico Ajpacajá Tzoc
Principal: Rita (Branson) Parsons '76

Little Flower Parish and School

Pastor: Rev. Robert J. Gilday
Principal: Kevin Gawrys

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and School

Pastor: Rev. Rick Ginther
Principal: Chris Kolakovich

St. Michael Parish and School

Pastor: Rev. Aaron Jenkins
Principal: Ruth Hittel

St. Philip Neri Parish and School

Pastor: Rev. Chris Wadelton
Principal: Kari Buchinger

SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral Parish

Rector: Very Rev. Patrick J. Beidelman

St. Rita Parish

Priest Moderator: Very Rev. Patrick J. Beidelman

St. Mary Parish

Pastor: Rev. Carlton Beever

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish

Pastor: Rev. George J. Nangachiveettil

1960s



Andy Murphy '60 celebrated in Hollywood as her son, Emmy Award-winning producer and writer Ryan Murphy, received his star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. Andy is pictured above at the December 4, 2018, ceremony (fourth from left) with actresses Jessica Lange, Sarah Paulson and Gwyneth Paltrow, who are regulars in her son's productions. On the right is Brad Falchuk, Paltrow's husband and Ryan Murphy's business partner. Ryan Murphy has produced shows such as "Versace," "Glee," "The People v. O.J. Simpson: American Crime Story" and "American Horror Story."

Bernadette (Dufour) Lathrop '64 completed her quest to finish a half marathon in all 50 states. Her last half marathon was finished in Maui, Hawaii, on January 20, 2019.



1970s

Kevin Clarkowski '70 was inducted into the Indiana High School Tennis Coaches Association Hall of Fame on February 1, 2019, at Woodland Country Club. Kevin won the No. 1 singles state championship during his senior year at Scecina in 1970.



1980s

Rob Coop '88 was elected as the 26th national president of Alpha Phi Omega Service Fraternity at the 2018 national convention in Austin, Texas, on December 28, 2018.

Maria Quiroz-Southwood '89 was named director of programs for La Plaza Indianapolis. She is the former adult development manager for the Girl Scouts of Central Indiana.



1990s

Kristine (Markovich) Alpi '91 relocated to Portland, Ore., to become the University Librarian at Oregon Health & Science University.

Jewell Pearson '98 celebrated 20 years with a kidney transplant. Jewell received her kidney transplant on December 23, 1998.

2000s

Rachel Rumely '01 will become assistant head of school at Saint Columbkille Partnership School in Brighton, Mass., on July 1. She is the current Director of Mission and Catholic Identity. She has worked at STCPS for more than 10 years as a second-grade teacher and an administrator. She has a B.S. in Early Childhood Education from Xavier University; an M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction and an M.Ed. in Educational Leadership from Boston College; and is an alumna of the Urban Catholic Teacher Corps.



2010s

Allison Wendel '10 welcomed her first child, Jack, on December 11, 2018.

Katie Null '12 became engaged to Nicholas Bernauer in 2018.

They will be married at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in 2020. Katie graduated from Marian University with a bachelor of science in nursing and a minor in theology. She is a cardiac critical care nurse at St. Francis Hospital. Her fiancé will graduate in May 2019 with his Ph.D. in pharmacy from Butler University. They plan to stay on the Eastside to start their family once they are married.

Andrea Barnett '14 was sworn in May 3, 2019, as a Martin County (Ind.) sheriff's deputy by Sheriff Travis Rousch. Andrea is the first female deputy in Martin County, which is in southwest Indiana.



Austin Keough '16 won the Best Actor award at Ball State University's 2019 Frog Baby Film Festival on April 5.

He won the award for "25:00," a short film that he wrote, directed and starred in.



Austin is a junior at Ball State majoring in telecommunications with a focus on video production and a minor in screenwriting. He starred as Kerchak in "Tarzan," Scecina's spring musical, in his senior year at Scecina.

You can watch Austin's short film on his YouTube channel under his name, Austin Keough. Congratulations, Austin!

Sara Beers '17, playing for the Olivet Nazarene University softball team, won First Team All-Conference honors. The Tigers are in the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference. ■

ALUMNI DEATHS

Dr. John Barker '69
 Bernard Bosley '68
 Robert J. Bowman '62
 Kathleen (Bess) Brown '65
 Stacey Brown '02
 Patrick Dawson '92
 William Gannon '60
 Thomas Hembree '59
 John Dennis Hynes '63
 Mark Jamison '57
 Brian Kelly '00
 Paul "Dave" Lenahan '57
 Ronald J. Lich '62
 Jill (Parker) McCormick '57
 Mariann (Mueller) Miller '60
 Stephen Moon '75
 Marydel (Ross) Moran '63
 William Perry '66

Mary Helen (Feeney) Powers '73
 James Priller '69
 Laurie (Payton) Pushor '74
 Stephanie (Breedon) Ray '99
 Jerry Simon '75
 Kathy (Kelley) Tritch '62
 Joseph Watts '76
 Ellen (Schuck) Whitson '58

COMMUNITY REMEMBRANCES

Father Glenn O'Connor was an avid Scecina supporter while a priest at St. Philip Neri. He died on March 15, 2019. He was surrounded by his loving family after fighting a courageous battle with cancer. After moving to Indianapolis, he attended St Matthew grade school, the



Father Glenn O'Connor

former Latin School, and then entered the seminary at St. Meinrad. He was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis on May 17, 1980.

Xavier Weir, a former Scecina student, died April 8, 2019.

David Short II, a former Scecina student, died April 9, 2019.

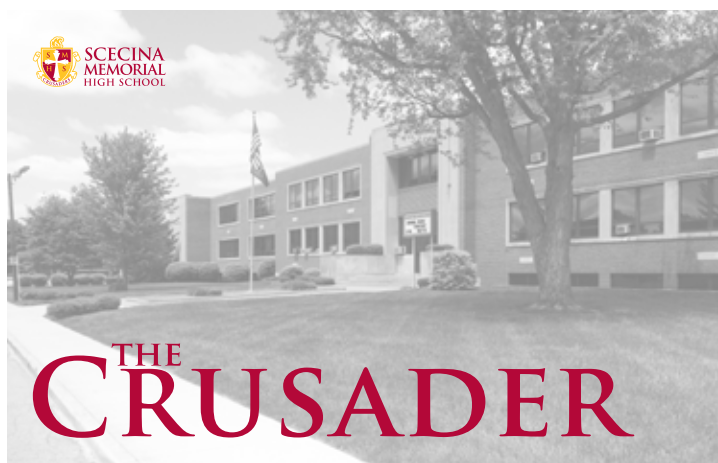
Elizabeth Pearson, a former student, died April 30, 2019.

Class Notes and In Memoriam reflect notices received on or before May 31, 2019.

To update your information (home or email address), submit a class note, or report an alumni death, please contact Gia Spaulding, Advancement Coordinator, at gspaulding@scecina.org, or submit information via the online form at www.scecina.org/alumni.

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Save the Date

Calling all Scecina alumni and friends!
Please save the date and join us for a historic event
for Scecina's future. The first capital campaign of
its kind for Scecina will be unveiled the evening of
Thursday, September 26, at Scecina.

At this Capital Campaign Public Kickoff Event, we
will share with you plans for the future of Scecina!

Stay tuned for more information. We'd like to see
every friend of Scecina at this fun kickoff event. ■

Our **FAITH**
Our **JOURNEY**
Our **TIME**

