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CAMPUS CRUSADE 2024

Scecina students and staff enjoyed a beautiful day outside for the Campus Crusade walkathon on May 17. ■



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On the cover: Front entrance (clockwise from top left), baseball field, Ott Hurrle '70, and Class of 2024

2023-24
EAST DEANERY
PARISHES AND SCHOOLS

Holy Spirit Parish and School

Pastor: Rev. Michael O'Mara
Associate Pastor: Rev. José Ferney
Aragón Briñez
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: Angie (Leffler) Therber '84

St. Michael Parish and School

Pastor: Rev. Aaron Jenkins
Principal: Ruth Hittel

St. Philip Neri Parish and School

Pastor: Rev. Jeffrey L. Dufresne
Associate Pastor: Rev. Oscar Rivas
Principal: Kelly England

SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral

Rector: Very Rev. James M.
Brockmeier

St. Rita

Parish Administrator: Rev. Jean Bosco
Ntaguwashira

St. Mary

Pastor: Rev. Jeffrey L. Dufresne
Associate Pastor: Rev. Oscar Rivas

St. Thomas the Apostle

Pastor: Rev. Aaron Jenkins

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Scecina Community,

I am thrilled to announce the successful completion of construction resulting from the **Our Faith, Our Journey, Our Time** capital campaign. This campaign, the first of its kind in Scecina's grand history, has surpassed all expectations thanks to so many generous Scecina alumni and friends. We exceeded our initial \$6 million goal, reaching an outstanding \$7.6 million, and the results are summarized in the following pages.



The completion of the campaign construction and endowment projects without borrowing a single dollar is a testament to our supporters' incredible generosity. Achieving this milestone of growth without incurring any debt speaks remarkable volumes about the dedication and unity of the Scecina community.

We celebrated the graduation of the 68th class of Scecina Memorial High School. Members of the Class of 2024 have embarked on their journeys to college, career, and military service opportunities equipped with the knowledge, skills, and values that they received from Scecina.

The 2024-25 school year holds great promise. We have started a process to create a new mission-based Strategic Growth Plan. This initiative will guide our efforts to accelerate and enhance the academic, spiritual, social, and physical development of our students. An initial component of this vision is introducing new career technical education courses in business management, accounting, marketing, computer science, and digital design, plus exploring industry certification opportunities in technical trade fields.

I wish to thank and honor **Ott Hurrle '70**, who has retired from a remarkable teaching and coaching career, and welcome **Dan Harris**, our enthusiastic new head football coach and social studies teacher. Ott's belief in the dignity and potential of all students has blessed Scecina for decades.

Let us also honor the late **Ray Riley**, long-time Scecina teacher, coach, administrator, parent, and grandparent. May Ray rest in peace, and may his legacy continue to inspire and guide us in our mission at Scecina.

I extend a heartfelt thank you to you for being an integral part of our journey into the future. Together, with faith and trust in the Lord's providence, we will continue to spread Father Thomas Scecina's spirit of service and sacrifice.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Joe Therber".

Joseph S. Therber
President



Our FAITH, Our JOURNEY, Our TIME

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

BY THE NUMBERS

\$7.6M RAISED!

\$6M GOAL

750+
DONORS

100%
ALUMNI CLASS
PARTICIPATION

98.5%

ON-TIME PLEDGE FULFILLMENT RATE

\$860,000

INVESTED IN THE FATHER TOM ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE
ENDOWMENT FUND
AND SCECINA FACILITIES ENDOWMENT

“The successful completion of campaign projects has brought me profound gratitude! I am grateful for our generous donors who, through their financial support and energetic devotion of expertise, time and effort, made the campaign a remarkable success. I am inspired to have the opportunity to support this extremely important initiative that will serve the Seccina families, students and the community for many years, and further strengthen Seccina’s position as the Pride and Beacon of Hope for the Eastside.”

GEORGE NEWHART '60
CHAIR, SECICINA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER



“Congratulations to the entire Seccina community on the successful completion of this tremendous capital project. Thanks to everyone who donated to this project financially and through prayer. Seccina Memorial High School has been a light shining on the Eastside of Indianapolis for over 70 years. The upgrades and additions in this project are important for Seccina to continue providing a high-quality Catholic education for the next 70 years.”

DR. BRIAN DISNEY
SUPERINTENDENT OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
ARCHDIOCESE OF INDIANAPOLIS



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CAMPAIGN RESULTS



NEW ATHLETIC AND ACTIVITY FIELDS

The new athletic and activity complex features artificial turf fields for baseball, football, soccer, softball, and lacrosse; a perimeter track for running and walking; press box; concession stand and restrooms; and a team dressing room. The natural grass turf of the original football field has been completely replaced, complete with an irrigation system to ensure its long-term durability for future athletic and recreational activities. This new facility will host Scecina, Catholic Youth Organization, and other important community events.

“The new athletic complex is amazing. We now have one of the best facilities in the city, in my opinion. You can do so much with the new complex, and it was awesome to be able to play on the new turf.”

**DAVID MENDEZ '24
2024 BASEBALL CITY PLAYER OF THE YEAR**



A NEW CHAPEL

The new Seccina chapel, located in the heart of the school building, can accommodate 130 people for class and community Masses and prayer services. It includes a reconciliation room and many items from the original chapel in St. Francis Hall.

“The peacefulness of the chapel offers a respite to the busyness of the day. I think this provides a constant reminder to us of our purpose and mission at Seccina. We are here not only to provide a quality education to our students, but also to deepen their relationships with Jesus Christ.”

FATHER JIM FARRELL
SCECINA CHAPLAIN COORDINATOR



A MODERN AND INSPIRING ENTRANCE

The 70-year-old front entrance and front yard underwent a full beautification and revitalization, resulting in improved safety, security, and accessibility in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The upgrades include visitor-friendly parking, new landscaping, lighting, seating, and a welcoming electronic sign.



“As I drive in, I see the attractive and new front of the school. We have visitor parking within steps of the safe and secure entry. The beautiful landscaping is an inviting welcome to our campus. I am so thankful that we have such generous alumni and friends. We have a vibrant campus that is a pillar of the community, making it ‘The Pride of the Eastside!’”

KURT GULDNER
SCECINA TEACHER



NEW WEIGHT TRAINING ROOM

For student safety and school-day accessibility, we have rebuilt and relocated the weight training room to the school building and have modernized its equipment. This renovation benefits all students and student-athletes who use the facility.

“The Seccina Crusaders have always been proud of their school.

These beautiful new facilities will provide more opportunities and have injected even more enthusiasm among students, alumni, and the entire Seccina community.”

JASON KEHRER '88
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR



FATHER TOM ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE ENDOWMENT FUND AND SCECINA FACILITIES ENDOWMENT

The Father Tom Academic Excellence Endowment Fund is dedicated to advancing academic programs, supporting exceptional faculty, and providing need-based tuition assistance for students who have significant financial needs.

The Seccina Facilities Endowment plays a crucial role in preserving and enhancing our 70-year-old campus and new facilities to create an optimal environment for learning, participation, and innovation.

CLASS OF 2024



The achievements of the Class of 2024 are truly noteworthy. With 91 members in the cohort, this group has earned over \$4.3 million in scholarships and secured admissions to 23 different universities, as well as pursuing careers in the military and workforce. Congratulations to the Class of 2024 and best wishes as they embark on their future paths.

John J. Henninger Memorial Award for Christian Service

Beginning with the Class of 1977, the John J. Henninger Memorial Award for Christian Service has been presented to a senior who excels in the areas of Christian faith and service, making positive contributions to Scecina Memorial High School as Mr. Henninger did. Tradition calls for the senior class to nominate classmates who are deserving recipients of this award. The staff and faculty then vote on the nominees.

Outstanding Senior Girl and Boy

Each year Scecina Memorial High School's faculty and staff nominate several senior boys and senior girls for the title of Outstanding Senior Boy and Outstanding Senior Girl.

Carole J. Hamilton Award

To the senior female athlete who exemplifies courage and who displays outstanding character, leadership, and devotion to others, holding uppermost in her mind the respect and feelings of her teammates and opponents.

Michael C. McGarvey Award

To the senior male athlete who most exemplifies courage and who displays outstanding character, leadership, and devotion to others, holding uppermost in his mind the respect and feelings of his teammates and opponents. ■

MAJOR AWARDS

VALEDICTORIAN

Matthew Hentz

SALUTATORIAN

Maxwell Krause

JOHN J. HENNINGER MEMORIAL AWARD
FOR CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Matthew Hentz

OUTSTANDING SENIOR GIRL

Isabella Adams

OUTSTANDING SENIOR BOY

Matthew Hentz

ATHLETIC SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT

Charley Potthast

Matthew Hentz

MENTAL ATTITUDE (ATHLETICS)

Adyson Wellner

Matthew Hentz

CAROLE J. HAMILTON (ATHLETICS)

Hannah Anglemyer

MICHAEL C. MCGARVEY (ATHLETICS)

Keegan Ray

SISTER LAVONNE LONG OUTSTANDING
SENIOR FEMALE ATHLETE

Natalie Bollenbacher

KENNETH LEFFLER OUTSTANDING
SENIOR MALE ATHLETE

David Mendez

INDIANA CROSSROADS CONFERENCE
MEDAL OF HONOR

Cecilia Carey

Wil Battles

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES

Adrian College, Anderson University, Arizona State University, Ball State University, Butler University, Carthage College, Centre College, Chicago State University, Clayton State University, DePauw University, Earlham College, Franciscan University of Steubenville, Franklin College, Full Sail University, Grace College, Hanover College, Hawaii Pacific University, School of Phlebotomy, Indiana State University, Indiana Tech, Indiana University, Indiana University - Columbus, Indiana University Indianapolis, Indiana University South Bend, Indiana Wesleyan University, Iowa State University, Ivy Tech Community College, Kentucky State University, Marian University, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Miami University, Michigan State University, Northern Kentucky University, Oregon State University, Otterbein University, Palm Beach Atlantic University, Penn State University, Prairie View A & M University, Purdue University, Purdue University Fort Wayne, Rutgers University-New Brunswick, San Jose State University, Seton Hall University, St. Mary's College, Taylor University, Tennessee State University, The Ohio State University, Trine University, Tuskegee University, University of Alberta, University of Arizona, University of California Irvine, University of Cincinnati, University of Dayton, University of Evansville, University of Illinois Springfield, University of Indianapolis, University of Iowa, University of Oregon, University of Portland, University of Southern Indiana, University of the Pacific, University of Utah, Utica University, Vaparaiso University, Vincennes University, Wabash College, Western Kentucky University, Wright State University, Xavier University

CLASS OF 2024



NOWLAND NEWS

2024 PRESIDENT'S ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD

The President's Academic Excellence Award (PAEA) was established in 2001 to recognize the top 10 students in each class and the students with a GPA of 4.0 or above.

The senior class recipients are recognized in a special way. They are given the opportunity to choose a mentor who has had an important and positive impact on their life. Both the senior and the mentor submit written reflections depicting the importance that each has played for the other. Congratulations to all of the student recipients, their families, and the mentors.

We are proud and pleased to announce we recognized 46 Scecina students this year. The awards program and reception were held in Scecina's gymnasium on Wednesday, March 27.

CLASS OF 2024

Isabella Adams
Zoe Adcock
Hannah Anglemyer
William Battles
Matthew Hentz
Maxwell Krause
Tanner McCormick-Messer
Charley Potthast
Gavin Turner
Susan Williamson

CLASS OF 2025

Peter Certo
Naydeline Cuatlati-Sanchez
Mariangela Gascon
Ella Gaudreau
Soledad Gonzalez
Dulce Hernandez
Ivan Martinez
Giuliana Moscoso Mori
Leonel Ponce
Anthony Smith
Caroline Soultz
Journey Thomas

CLASS OF 2026

Mason Crisman
Natalee Darzentas
Justin Evariz
Claire Frank
Leah Gunn
Carter Hartman
Bradley Hilbers
Jamile Isidoro
Lennon Klinck
Hillari Lathrop
Lillian Linn
Hoang Nha Quyen Bui

CLASS OF 2027

Olivia Anglemyer
Lucia Certo
Mila Christopher
Benjamin Gaudreau
Mariana Gonzalez
Benjamin Gonzalez-Esparza
Kimberlyn Klinck
Amelia Koenig
Dayana Lopez
Shea McNulty
Ashley Orozco-Montgomery
David Moreno-Jerez ■



Left: Hoang Nha Quyen Bui with host parent Tom Gedig '80; Center: Hannah Anglemyer, mom Carrie (Wellner) Anglemyer '98, and sister Olivia Anglemyer; Right: Maureen (White) Battles '83 with son Wil Battles



Photos by Indy Ghost Light

FINDING MYSELF ONSTAGE: A JOURNEY WITH 'TWELFTH NIGHT'

By Olivia Young '24

My journey participating in the Scecina theater program began during my sophomore year. This experience has not only allowed me to form wonderful friendships but also to grow as an individual. I firmly believe that my involvement in theater significantly shaped who I am today, fostering personal growth and development.

Being a part of the "Twelfth Night" cast was different. I felt like I was part of a family, a community where I could showcase my talents

without feeling judged, knowing that everyone was there to support me.

Each cast member had something unique to offer, making the show successful. It was amazing to see everyone take on a role and make it their own, especially people who had never been a part of a show. The cast was terrific, and the crew also played a significant role. Having a fantastic crew willing to build sets and attend late-night practices to paint and run lines with people helped our

show run smoothly. We achieved a tremendous performance by coming together as a team and striving for the best possible show.

My time in theater was truly impactful, and "Twelfth Night", my final show, was the perfect note on which to end. The connections I made in theater are ones I will cherish throughout my life, and I am deeply grateful for the unwavering support and camaraderie of the "Twelfth Night" cast and crew. ■

CYO VOLUNTEER AWARD

Reanna Hollada '24 was honored with the Spirit of Youth Award at the CYO Volunteer Awards Ceremony, recognizing her exceptional dedication and contribution to the community. Pictured is **Archbishop Charles C. Thompson** presenting Hollada with her award. ■



BULLSEYE

Natalee Darzentas competed in the state archery finals in March. During the state qualifier tournament, she scored 275 out of 300. At the state tournament, Natalie scored 272 and ranked 129th out of 1012 female participants. ■



ARTISTIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Seccina students exhibited their artistic skills at the ICC Art Awards program held at Cardinal Ritter High School on April 29.

ABSTRACT MIXED MEDIA: **Riley Long**, 1st place, and **Lilly Cunagin**, 3rd place

CERAMICS: **Ruby Rittenhouse**, honorable mention, and **Jacob Nguyen**, honorable mention

DIGITAL DESIGN: **Zoey Adcock**, honorable mention

FUNCTIONAL CERAMICS: **Isabella Hatcher**, 1st place



Isabella Hatcher's 1st place piece

SCULPTURAL CERAMICS: **Sydney Deiwert**, 3rd place

VESSEL AND CONTAINER CERAMICS: **Shyanne Carmichael**, 2nd place

VISUAL SKETCHBOOK: **Alexia Saavedra Roman**, 2nd place, and **Luis Manosalvas**, honorable mention

2-D MIXED MEDIA: **Alexia Saavedra Roman**, 2nd place ■

SILVER AND GOLD FOR BAND AND CHOIR

Seccina band students participated in the Indiana State School Music Association's (ISSMA) Solo and Ensemble contest on January 27.

Lyla Tovar received a Gold rating on her flute solo, **Justin Evariz** received Gold on his trumpet solo, **Carlos Lopez** received Gold on his flute solo, **Mina Whiteman** received Gold on her snare drum solo, and **Dade Brown** received Silver on his snare drum solo.



Lyla Tovar (left), Justin Evariz, Carlos Lopez, Mina Whiteman, and Dade Brown

Seccina choir students competed at ISSMA Vocal Solo and Ensemble State Finals. They were among the top 50 percent of students across the state who moved on to finals.

Tanner McCormick-Messer received Gold with Distinction for his solo "Give a man a Horse He Can Ride." **Carter Hartman** achieved a Gold rating for his solo "Blow, Blow Thou Winter Wind." **Journeye Thomas** earned a Silver rating for her solo "Into the Night." ■



Journeye Thomas (left), Carter Hartman, and Tanner McCormick-Messer

INAUGURAL BLACK STUDENT UNION

Seccina made school history by forming its first-ever Black Student Union (BSU). Sophomores **Leah Gunn** and **Shianne Jackson** founded the BSU with the support of teachers **Melba Jackson** and **Cameron Adams**. Their mission is to promote a welcoming and inclusive environment for all students and to celebrate the richness of Black history and culture. ■



Cameron Adams (left), Shianne Jackson, Leah Gunn, and Melba Jackson

EAST DEANERY HAPPENINGS

More than 130 talented young musicians gathered at Seccina for the East Deanery Band Fest. This was the first gathering since the pandemic.



Junior high students from Holy Spirit, Our Lady of Lourdes, and Saint Philip Neri Catholic schools participated in the first-ever East Deanery Field Day. A special thank you to **Rachel (Davis) Ayres '96** for spearheading this event. ■



ATHLETICS

2024 SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARDS

The 28th annual Scholar Athlete Awards celebration took place on May 2 and recognized a long list of impressive scholars who excel both on the field and in the classroom. Scecina students and their families also had the privilege of hearing from former Scecina football coach **Ott Hurrle '70**, who was the guest speaker. His inspiring words set the tone for a memorable evening.



Ott Hurrle '70



William E. Bevan Award winners with Athletic Director Jason Kehrer '88

To be designated as a Scecina Memorial Scholar Athlete, a student must participate in one or more athletic programs and maintain a grade-point average of 3.00 or higher.

Several outstanding student-athletes from the sophomore,

junior, and senior classes received The William E. Bevan Award for Outstanding Achievement in Academics and Athletics. The award is given to the top male and female scholar athletes in the sophomore and junior classes and the top two male and female scholar athletes from the senior class.

For the full roster of our scholar athletes, please scan the QR code or visit scecina.org/scholar-athlete/ ■



CHAMPIONING THE POOL

The Crusaders swim team achieved remarkable milestones in the past two years, with numerous records being broken across various events. Their tireless dedication and hard work resulted in an impressive display of talent and determination. With a roster filled with promising young athletes, we have high hopes for continued success and significant improvements in the near future.

2023 SCHOOL RECORDS

50 Free: Peter Certo 24.08
200 Free Relay: Rafe Morris, Logan Weinzierl, Lennon Klinck, Peter Certo 1:43.81

2024 SCHOOL RECORDS

50 Free: Charley Potthast 27.15
100 Breast: Lennon Klinck 1:16.28

100 Fly: Lennon Klinck 1:01.04
100 Free: Peter Certo 54.74,
Charley Potthast 59.96
200 Individual Medley: Lennon Klinck 2:23.45
400 Free Relay: Kyle Swinefurth,
Nate Green, Lennon Klinck,
Peter Certo 4:00.63
500 Free: Lennon Klinck 5:43.43





Congratulations! DJ MENDEZ

2024 BASEBALL CITY
PLAYER OF THE YEAR

NORTH-SOUTH
ALL-STAR CLASSIC
SOUTH ALL-STAR TEAM

DAN HARRIS APPOINTED AS HEAD FOOTBALL COACH

Dan Harris has been appointed Scecina Memorial High School's new head football coach and social studies teacher.

Harris is an accomplished coach with significant experience at Roncalli, Ben Davis, and Noblesville. His experience includes four consecutive Indiana High School Athletic Association Final Four appearances, including two as a defensive coordinator.

Harris is thrilled to join the Scecina community and is eager to continue the tradition of excellence established by his predecessor, Coach **Ott Hurrle '70**. "I am incredibly honored to become the new head football



New head football coach Dan Harris

coach at Scecina," said Harris. "I'm excited to continue building the excellent program that Coach Hurrle has built for so many years. Faith, family, and football have forever been ingrained in my life, and I can't wait to instill those same values in current and future Scecina Crusaders."

Jason Kehrer '88, Scecina's athletic director, expressed optimism about the program, stating, "We are filled with anticipation and confidence that our student-athletes will continue to thrive on and off the field under Harris' exceptional leadership."

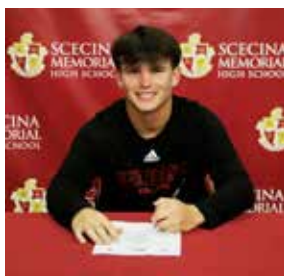
Dan and his wife, Hannah, are the proud parents of their son Gabe and are new members of the Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.

We are thrilled to welcome Dan Harris as our new head football coach. Harris will be a valuable addition to our team of educators, and we anticipate the continued success of our football program under his leadership. ■

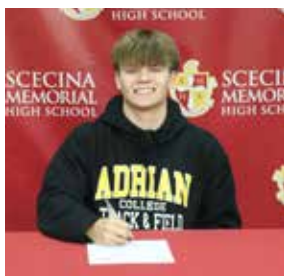
COLLEGE SIGNINGS



Lilly Cunagin
SOFTBALL
Hanover College



David Mendez
BASEBALL AND FOOTBALL
Wabash College



Forrest Schroeder
TRACK AND FIELD
Adrian College



Seth Trimble-Sunderland
BASKETBALL
Indiana University Columbus

2023-24 INDIVIDUAL HONORS

ACADEMIC ALL-CONFERENCE

Hannah Anglemyer '24 SOFTBALL/VOLLEYBALL
Wil Battles '24 BASEBALL/FOOTBALL
Cecilia Carey '24 GIRLS SOCCER
Shyanne Carmichael '24 GIRLS SOCCER
Peter Certo '25 CROSS COUNTRY/SWIMMING
Raissa Bonamigo-Daros '24 SWIMMING
Mariangela Gascon '25 GIRLS BASKETBALL/GIRLS SOCCER
Ella Gaudreau '25 GIRLS SOCCER/GIRLS TENNIS
Soledad Gonzalez '25 GIRLS TENNIS
Matthew Hentz '24 CROSS COUNTRY/TRACK AND FIELD
Max Krause '24 BOYS TENNIS
Yahira Lopez '25 CHEER
Avery McCoy '25 VOLLEYBALL
David Mendez '24 BASEBALL/BOYS BASKETBALL/ FOOTBALL
Giuliana Moscoso Mori '25 GIRLS TENNIS
Charley Potthast '24 GIRLS SOCCER/SWIMMING
Journee Thomas '25 VOLLEYBALL
Gavin Turner '24 SWIMMING/BOYS TENNIS
Logan Weinzierl '25 TRACK AND FIELD/WRESTLING

ALL-CONFERENCE

Natalie Bollenbacher '24 VOLLEYBALL
Peter Certo '25 CROSS COUNTRY
Mariangela Gascon '25 GIRLS SOCCER
Max Krause '24 BOYS TENNIS
Isabelle Martinelle '25 VOLLEYBALL
David Mendez '24 BASEBALL/BOYS BASKETBALL/FOOTBALL
Carlo Ponzini '25 BOYS SOCCER
Jose Vargas '26 BOYS SOCCER
Keegan Ray '24 FOOTBALL
Noah Stuczynski '25 BOYS GOLF
Ty Walker '24 TRACK AND FIELD
Molly Welborn '25 VOLLEYBALL

ALL-CITY

Alejandro Calzada-Cano '26 BOYS SOCCER
Mariangela Gascon '25 GIRLS SOCCER
Max Krause '24 BOYS TENNIS
David Mendez '24 BASEBALL/FOOTBALL
Eric Montgomery '26 FOOTBALL
Ty Walker '24 TRACK AND FIELD
Henry Weimer '25 FOOTBALL
Owen Weinzierl '26 FOOTBALL
Keegan Ray '24 FOOTBALL HONORABLE MENTION

BASEBALL ALL-STATE

David Mendez '24

BASEBALL CITY PLAYER OF THE YEAR

David Mendez '24

FOOTBALL JUNIOR ALL-STATE

Noah Stuczynski '25
Owen Weinzierl '26

FOOTBALL SENIOR ALL-STATE

David Mendez '24
Wil Battles '24
Keegan Ray '24

SOFTBALL ALL-CITY

Lilly Cunagin '24

VOLLEYBALL ALL-STATE

Isabelle Martinelle '25 FIRST TEAM
Natalie Bollenbacher '24 SECOND TEAM

VOLLEYBALL ALL-DISTRICT 2A CENTRAL

Olivia Anglemyer '27
Natalie Bollenbacher '24
Molly Welborn '25
Isabelle Martinelle '25
Tim Houser – Coach

VOLLEYBALL ALL-METRO TEAM

Molly Welborn '25 FIRST TEAM
Natalie Bollenbacher '24 HONORABLE MENTION

VOLLEYBALL ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Olivia Anglemyer '27
Molly Welborn '25
Isabelle Martinelle '25

ATHLETICS

WINTER SEASON RECAPS

BOYS BASKETBALL

The boys basketball team had its moments of triumph and challenge and finished with an 8-16 record. Their best win was against the higher seed, Bishop Chatard, 65-54, in the first round of the Indianapolis City basketball tournament. **David Mendez** was the leading scorer with 11.0 points per game, **Clifford Brown** at 10.3, and **Seth Trimble-Sunderland** at 9.2. Trimble-Sunderland also led in rebounds with 8.0 per game. He will be attending Indiana University Columbus to play basketball. Mendez will play baseball and football at Wabash College, and Brown will return for his senior year. The team also returns two to-be-junior starters, **Adrian Hill** and **Caleb Davis**. ■

GIRLS BASKETBALL

The young girls basketball team showed tremendous growth this season. With mostly new players and only two returning varsity members from the previous season, the team made significant progress and showed flashes of brilliance. They knocked off a top 20 1A team, Bethesda Christian, and made it to a second straight sectional

championship game. Freshman **Ainsley Brown** was the top scorer at 12.1 points per game. The team graduates two seniors, **Hannah Comley** and **Mayanna Navarra**. ■

CHEER

The cheerleading squad had a successful season led by seniors **Haley Hernandez-Lopez** and **Reanna Hollada**. The team saw considerable growth, with nine freshmen, two of whom, **Ashley Orozco-Montgomery** and **Onoseh Akpeokhai**, started on varsity. They learned new routines for halftime and timeouts and began preparations for the fall 2024 cheer competition season. ■

SWIMMING

This year, the swim team had an exceptional season, growing to 19 swimmers and setting eight new school records. Congratulations to **Peter Certo**, **Nathanial Green**, **Lennon Klinck**, **Charley Potthast**, and **Kyle Swinefurth** on setting new school records. **Kim Klinck**, **Lucy Certo**, **Molly Potthast**, and

Charley Potthast also placed 7th in the 400 free relay at sectionals. The team will miss seniors **Matthew Hentz**, **Charley Potthast**, and **Gavin Turner**, and they look forward to the next season. ■

WRESTLING

The Crusaders grapplers had a promising year, finishing the season 9-12 and doubling their team wins from last year. The team placed 4th out of 10 teams in this year's city tournament, scoring 143 points. Junior **Nick Bozzelli** and sophomore **Nicolas Ramos** placed 2nd in the city tournament individually, while junior **Noah Stuczynski** and freshman **Gavin Connel** placed 3rd. This talented team is worth watching during the 2024-25 season. ■

SPRING SEASON RECAPS

BASEBALL

After a challenging start to the season, the baseball team showed significant improvement, finishing with an 8-4 record and ending the year with a



10-17 overall record despite losing to No. 6 Park Tudor in the sectional tournament. The team placed 4th in the ICC Conference with an 8-6 record. **David Mendez** was honored as the Indianapolis City Player of the Year. Mendez also earned All-ICC recognition and became the second Scecina player to make the Indiana South All-Star team. The team graduated four players—**Wil Battles**, David Mendez, **Zack Plunkitt**, and **Keegan Ray**. ■

BOYS GOLF

The boys golf team made significant strides during the 2024 season, achieving a 6-5 record in dual matches and placing 4th in city and conference tournaments. Memorable moments included improving their city tournament score by 104 strokes, junior **Noah Stuczynski** earning All-Conference honors, and **Andrew Wilhelm** carding a 39 twice during regular season play. The top five players aim to return next spring and further enhance their golf skills. ■

SOFTBALL

The girls softball team had an exceptional season led by six outstanding seniors: **Hannah Anglemyer**, **Natalie Bollenbacher**, **Shyanne Carmichael**, **Lilly Cunagin**, **Campbell Guss**, and **Ady Wellner**. Cunagin achieved recognition as a member of the All-City tournament team. The team displayed competitiveness by reaching the City semi-finals and falling short of a sectional title in the finals. Juniors **Kayley Campbell** and **Izzy Martinelle** and sophomore **Olivia Covarrubias** are expected to lead the Crusaders next season. ■

GIRLS TENNIS

The girls tennis team featured a promising squad focused on gaining experience and enhancing their skills. Junior **Ella Gaudreau** led the team as captain in the No. 1 varsity singles position. Standout players included junior **Giuliana Moscoso**, who received the Mental Attitude Award at No. 2 varsity singles, sophomore **Lillian Linn**, recognized as Most Valuable Player at No. 3 varsity singles, and junior **Soledad Gonzalez**, honored with the Team Spirit

Award while playing No. 1 varsity doubles alongside junior **Lola Carey**. Freshman **Ashley Mendez** paired effectively with Most Improved Award winner freshman **Amelia Koenig** in the No. 2 varsity doubles position. ■

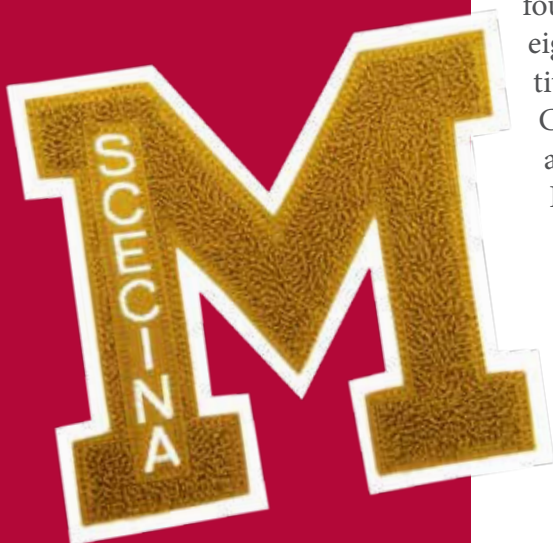
TRACK AND FIELD

The track and field team had a great season, with new members achieving numerous personal records. Some standout athletes included **Peter Certo**, who excelled in the mile; **Ty Walker**, consistently performing as the top runner in the 400-meter dash; **Gavin Connel**, providing a significant boost in the sprints; and **Logan Weinzierl**, who showed improvement in the hurdles. **Forrest Schroeder's** progress in the long jump earned him a scholarship opportunity at Adrian College, and **Bradley Hilbers** demonstrated consistency in the 3200 meters. **Olivia Young** consistently delivered strong performances in shot put and **Venice Sponsel** made steady progress. The team hopes for more city champs and sectional winners in the upcoming season. ■



"Thank you for all you have done and all that you have accomplished through your many years of coaching. You have touched so many of our lives through your coaching and through your time in the classroom! I know that I would not be the coach nor teacher I am without the things I learned from you both on the field and in the classroom! Again, thank you Coach Hurrle!"

- Gary Meidinger '83



LEGENDARY CRUSADERS FOOTBALL COACH OTT HURRELE '70 RETIRES

Ott Hurrle '70, the esteemed head coach of the Crusaders football program and former classroom teacher, officially announced his retirement this past spring. This marked the end of a remarkable 32 seasons as head coach and 14 as assistant coach. Hurrle's impact on the team and the school community has been nothing short of extraordinary.

Under his leadership, the Crusaders achieved significant milestones, including two state championships, four semi-state championships, eight regional titles, 12 sectional titles, five Indiana Crossroads Conference championships, and a city championship in 1994. Hurrle's influence extended beyond accolades, with numerous recognitions such as multiple Indianapolis Star Coach of the Year awards, Marion County Coach of the Year honors, and coaching appearances in two Indiana All-Star Games.

His contributions to the sport were further acknowledged when he received the prestigious 2014 National Power of Influence Award from the American Football Coaches Association and the American Football Coaches Foundation. In 2023, Hurrle was rightfully inducted into the Indiana Football Hall of Fame, solidifying his enduring impact on the sport.

He ended his career with a record of 229-151 (a .603 winning percentage) and an impressive 71-29 (.710 winning percentage) in IHSAA tournaments. Hurrle's dedication to both the game and the development of students and student-athletes has left an indelible mark on Seccina Memorial High School. His unwavering commitment to the school and the Catholic Church has been a tremendous gift to the community, and his legacy, which will resonate for generations to come, is a testament to the positive influence of his work. ■



"Congratulations Ott Hurrle! You are a legend and an inspiration. May you enjoy your much deserved retirement, and may God bless you for all that you have done and the many lives you have touched along the way!"

- Jennifer Erlenbaugh Elrod '91



"Simply the Best!! We cheered 'Get Hot, Ott', and he did for years and years and years. Such a wonderful man that made a huge impact on so many of us Crusaders and beyond."

- Kristi Kissinger LeBeau '92



"Congratulations, Coach Hurrle, on your retirement! Your impact on your players, the football program and the entire Secena family is a legacy that will not be forgotten. Thank you."

- Mike Pfeiffer '88

"This man was never just a coach! He was a mentor to every student in that school! He is a Secena legend! Congrats, Coach! You've earned this break! Thank you for everything you contributed to every student that ever walked the halls of Secena!"

- Emily Newberg '01



ALUMNI NEWS

ALUMNI GOLF CLASSIC: 35 YEARS OF FUN AND FUNDING SCHOLARSHIP

The Scecina Alumni Golf Classic on June 21 was a swinging success, thanks to our players and sponsors.

The 35th annual golf classic kicked off with 110 golfers at West Chase Golf Club in Brownsburg. The classic again supported the Kenneth R. Leffler Scholarship. This year's recipient is **Logan Weinzierl '25**.

Logan, who has a 3.83 (weighted) GPA, is the son of **Joel**, Scecina Class of 1998, and **Mandy**

Weinzierl. At Scecina, he participates or has participated in boys soccer, swimming, track, wrestling, and theater, and he is a Student Ambassador.

Leffler Scholarship applicants must be entering their senior year, be a child or grandchild of a Scecina alumnus, and rank in the top 25 percent of their class. They also must receive a recommendation from a Scecina faculty or staff member.

Thank you again to the golfers and sponsors who make this scholarship possible. ■



2024 Kenneth R. Leffler Scholarship winner Logan Weinzierl with Scecina President Joe Therber

TWO CRUSADERS NAMED TO THE INDIANA FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME

Tom Wroblewski '76 and **Toby Jacobs '92** were inducted into the Indiana Football Hall of Fame on June 20.

Wroblewski was an All-City and All-State offensive and defensive tackle and a state finalist in track and wrestling. He was named the Indianapolis Star's City Athlete of the Year in 1976.



Tom Wroblewski '76

Upon graduating from Scecina, Wroblewski went on to Notre Dame, where he played with **Joe**

Montana on the 1977 National Championship team. He also wrestled for the Irish for four years.

Jacobs graduated from Scecina in 1992, where he excelled in football, basketball, and baseball for the Crusaders. He helped lead Scecina to consecutive state football championships in 1990 and 1991.



Toby Jacobs '92

In 1992, Jacobs was named All-State in basketball and baseball, and the Indianapolis Star named

him the City Athlete of the Year. Jacobs went on to star in football at Butler University as a quarterback. He is currently a coach at Mt. Vernon, serving as their offensive coordinator. ■



Tom Wroblewski '76 (left), Ott Hurrle '70, and Toby Jacobs '92

DEVELOPMENT

WHERE FRIENDS MEET: CLUB 53



Scecina's major fundraiser, Club 53, was a spirited and special night of fun. The April event raised \$110,000 for Scecina students. Five lucky winners split the \$10,000 reverse raffle prize for \$2,000 each. The new (to Scecina) band, Living Proof, was a big hit with the crowd, who danced the night away after dinner and the reverse raffle.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered, sold tickets, sponsored the event, and bought tickets. Special thanks to **Mike O'Connor**, the emcee for the third year.

Thank you to the Club 53 sponsors:

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Church ■



A NEW FOCUS FOR SCECINA WOMEN'S CIRCLE SCHOLARSHIP

The Scecina Women's Circle (SWC) for the eighth year presented its \$1,000 scholarship, taking a new direction this year to award the scholarship to a first-generation college student.

The SWC is a philanthropic group composed of women donors who meet socially a few times a year and pool their financial gifts to support one area of Scecina student life and to fund the annual scholarship.

"Many have said that attending Scecina extends your family," said

SWC chair **Angela (Grigsby) Espada '79**. "The SWC is pleased to be able to assist its extended family by supporting programs in the school as well as deserving students."

This year's recipient is **Katelynn Juliet Patino '24**. Katelynn will attend Indiana University-Indianapolis and plans to study political science on the pre-law route to become an immigration attorney.

"Thank you to the Scecina Women's Circle for their generosity and belief in my potential," Katelynn said. "Your

scholarship not only supports my education but inspires me to strive for excellence. I am deeply grateful and appreciative for this opportunity."



SWC chair Angela (Grigsby) Espada and scholarship winner Katelynn Patino

The SWC members also voted to direct their support for the year to girls athletics at Scecina. ■

KEY DATES TO SUPPORT SCECINA IN 2024-25

We welcome your gifts of prayer, service, and treasure throughout the year!

August: Make-A-Will Month. Please consider including Scecina as a residuary beneficiary after your family members in your estate planning.

September 20, 2024: Homecoming Tailgate and Game vs. Speedway at Beech Grove High School

September 21, 2024: Scecina's 71st birthday

October 10, 2024: Scecina Giving Day, a 24-hour online fundraising blitz that focuses on celebrating the school and giving back to Scecina.

November 11, 2024: Father Tom Mass, our annual event dedicated to honoring the life and sacrifice of Father Thomas Scecina.

December 31, 2024: Last day for Indiana residents to give to Scecina through the Institute for Quality Education and receive a 50% state tax credit for the 2024 tax year.

January 26-February 1, 2025: National School Choice Week and National Catholic Schools Week. Support your favorite high school (S-C-E-C-I-N-A) so more students can receive need-based tuition assistance and choose Scecina.

April 15, 2025: IRS tax deadline. Consider giving to Scecina directly through your IRA and using a qualified charitable distribution to avoid those taxes on your required minimum distributions. Consult with your financial or tax advisor to see how it works for you.

April 26, 2025: Club 53! Scecina's major fundraiser and "friend"-raiser event takes place again in the Scecina gymnasium. Join us for a night to celebrate the school and support students and staff while having a blast!

May 23, 2025: The Class of 2025 graduates, the 69th class from Scecina.

May-June 2025: The "Final Push" of the fiscal year to fund specific projects at Scecina.

To support Scecina now, please visit scecina.org/give or use the QR code at right.



For questions about annual giving to Scecina, Indiana's tax credit scholarship program, planned giving through estate planning, or qualified charitable distributions through an IRA, you may contact:

President **Joe Therber**,
jtherber@scecina.org
or 317.352.3280

Director of Development
Beth Murphy,
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or 317.352.3227

To update your information or for questions about donation records or credit card payments, you may contact:

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GIVE SMART. MAXIMIZE IMPACT.

Support from people like you is vital to continuing the Scecina mission! You can donate to your favorite Eastside Catholic high school in ways that provide substantial tax advantages to you while maximizing the impact of your generosity for our students.

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- Indiana's School Scholarship Tax Credit Program
- Stocks and Mutual Funds
- IRA – Qualified Charitable Distribution (*RMD giving*)
- Donor-Advised Funds (*DAFs*)
- Real Estate
- Planned Gifts (*i.e. a gift in your will or trust. Designating Scecina as a beneficiary of your retirement account or life insurance, etc.*) ■

CLASS NOTES

1960s

Bernadette Dufour Lathrop '64 and her niece **Nicole Dufour** (wife of **Chris '85**) opened The GREEN Bean Coffee Bar and Shops in Cumberland, Ind. Follow on Facebook @thegreenbeansip. Besides coffee drinks and baked goods, the shop sells items from local artisans.

Mike Reese '67 retired after 46 years of IT management from Lincoln Financial Group. He once retired back in 2010 from Hewlett-Packard but did not like the retired life.

1970s

Angela Espada '79 had a big year. She received the Woman for All Seasons Award from the Thomas More Society in October after the Red Mass for those in the legal profession. In December, her family welcomed a second grandson, Camden Rey. She also is retiring as executive director of the Indiana Catholic Conference effective in July.



1980s

Angela McNelis '81 was named assistant dean of the Ph.D. Nursing Science program at Vanderbilt University. She previously was professor and associate dean for scholarship of innovation and clinical science at George Washington University School of Nursing in Washington, D.C. Angela has more than two decades of experience in academia, postdoctoral research, admissions, curricula development and clinical research.

Father Michael Martin '84 has recently been granted a five-year privilege by the Archdiocese of Indianapolis to administer sacraments and conduct Holy Mass for the residents of The Mansion on Main in New Albany, Ind. Father Michael also serves as pastor at Holy Trinity Parish in Fredericksburg, Ky., and Holy Rosary Parish in Manton, Ky., and ministers to the Dominican Sisters at St. Catherine Sansbury in Saint Catherine, Ky.



Did you receive a promotion? Have a baby? Get married? Please share your good news with us! Submit your Class Note to: [scecina.org/share-your-news](https://www.scecina.org/share-your-news)

Class Notes from Sccecina alumni are compiled each month in The Crusader e-newsletter and twice a year into the Father Sccecina magazine.

1990s

Victoria (Henninger) Hendley '91 and her husband, Scott, have a YouTube Channel called @twoindytravelers where they showcase a wide variety of attractions, restaurants, hotels, events, and other fun happenings in and around Indiana and the Midwest.

Jason Moyars '94 has retired from coaching high school track and field and cross country. He was a coach at Sccecina Memorial as well as at Cathedral. Over the decades, Jason coached many championship teams and runners in multiple events at the city, state, and national levels.

Classmates Christy VanHorn '96 and **Joshua Chevrier '96** were married on September 9, 2023, at Shakamak State Park. They had an amazing time celebrating with friends and family, including many from the Sccecina family.



CLASS NOTES

Carl Johnson '98 of Round Rock, Texas, graduated from the U.S. Army's Sergeants Major Academy on June 13. Johnson, who has served 16 years in the Army, was selected for sergeant major (highest enlisted rank) and is graduating from the pinnacle of U.S. Army Noncommissioned Officer professional education.



2000s

Groundbreakers, led by president and owner **Andrea (Caric) Sloan '00**, was named for the second year in a row to the Indianapolis Business Journal's FAST 25.

Groundbreakers is an Indianapolis-based hydrovac services company that serves Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, and Illinois. The Fast 25 is the IBJ's annual ranking of the fastest-growing companies in the Indianapolis area. Sloan was named to IBJ's Forty Under 40 list in 2022.



Anthony Kelshaw '01 and his wife, Anne Therese, welcomed their third child, Frances Louise Kelshaw, born April 2, 2024. She joins siblings Abel James and Lucy Elizabeth.

David Lockridge '03 and his wife, Kasee, along with their children, Kayla and Dakota, welcomed a baby boy, Kamden Michael, on October 11, 2023.

Rick Anderson '04 founded a K-5 preparatory elementary school on the westside of Indianapolis.

Kate (Carrico) Broshears '06 has been named to the Indianapolis Business Journal's prestigious Forty Under 40 list for 2024. She is vice president of operations and chief of staff at Ascend Indiana. ■



ACTIVE-DUTY OR RETIRED MILITARY? WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

To the Scecina alumni and friends who are active or retired members of the United States military services: We deeply appreciate your bravery and your spirit of service and sacrifice!

Please keep us updated with your contact information by using the form on the Scecina Veterans page of our website (listed below).

To properly thank and recognize you, we want to continually update our listing of Scecina alumni and friends who are active in or retired from each branch of the U.S. military services.

Scan the QR code to update your information or visit scecina.org/veterans.



IN MEMORIAM

ALUMNI DEATHS

Kathleen (McCoy) Miller '58
Charles Robinson Jr. '58
Anne (Noecker) Sering '58
Harry Steele '59
Mary (Woempner) Tielking '59
William Tosick '59
Mary (Kennington) Malinchalk '60
Julie (Zauss) Tiedman '60
Marie Hegarty '61
Sandra (Craven) Mulinaro '61
Mark Yohler '61
Toni (Johantgen) Luthman '62
Michael Tosick '62
James E. Brewer '63
Patricia Sheehan '63
Jeffery Arsenault '64
Linda (Mayo) Davis '65
Bruce Ray '66

John Selzer '66
Terry (Schaub) Suesz '67
L. James (Jim) Allen '68
Paul Lynch '71
James Baze Jr. '72
Eugene Mader '73
Tim Melloh '74
Michael Becker '75
Kenneth Hurley '77
Brian Gartin '78
David Pluckebaum '88
Richard Prater '97
Stephanie Murphy '02

SCECINA COMMUNITY DEATHS

Patricia (Griffo) Bell
John Fiddler
Robert Freeland
James Garvey
Augusta (Foury) Keeler

FACULTY & STAFF DEATHS

Raymond Riley

Class Notes and In Memoriam reflect notices received on or before June 4, 2024. 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@sccecina.org, or submit information via the online form at www.sccecina.org/alumni.

RAY RILEY | JANUARY 19, 1931 – JANUARY 5, 2024



Ray Riley's impact on Sccecina's history and future cannot be overstated. In his role as principal from 1974 to 1986, he oversaw the beginnings

of cherished Sccecina traditions such as the annual Irish Fair and the Christian Awakening Senior Retreats. His influence during the late 1950s and early 1960s as a science teacher and football, baseball, and basketball coach laid the foundation for the school's athletic programs and spirit.

Mr. Riley's impact extended beyond the school walls. He was a man of faith and character, deeply committed to the Sccecina community and its values. Many alumni fondly reminisce about his enthusiasm, belief in young people, and dedication to the school's mission. His time in the United States Marine Corps helped him forge a deep spiritual connection with the school's namesake, Father Thomas Sccecina, further enriching his contributions to the school.

His legacy lives on through the countless lives he touched, from students and educators

to parents and volunteers. His profound understanding of the comprehensive high school experience and his unyielding support for the Sccecina community will forever be remembered.

Mr. Ray Riley's unwavering passion and vision have left an indelible mark on Sccecina Memorial High School, making it a place where greatness and difference thrive. As we mourn his passing, we also celebrate the enduring impact of a man whose life was dedicated to the betterment of his community and the lives of others.



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**SCECINA HOMECOMING
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2024**

Join us for homecoming for tailgate festivities before the game!
The Crusaders football team will play Speedway High School at 7 p.m.
at Beech Grove High School.

The golden anniversary 1975 football team will be honored before the second quarter.
At halftime, Scecina will celebrate members of the Class of 2000
for their 25th anniversary.

Questions? Contact Beth Murphy at bmurphy@scecina.org.