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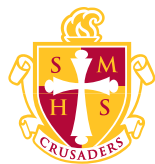
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CAMPUS CRUSADE 2023

Seccina students and staff enjoyed a beautiful day outside for the Campus Crusade walkathon on May 19. ■



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EAST DEANERY PARISHES AND SCHOOLS

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Principal: Rita (Branson) Parsons '76

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Pastor: Rev. Rick Ginther

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St. Mary

Pastor: Rev. Patrick J. Beidelman

Parochial Vicar: Padre Oscar Rivas

St. Thomas the Apostle

Pastor: Rev. Aaron Jenkins

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Scecina Community,

I am excited to congratulate the graduating class of 2023 on their remarkable achievements. As members of the 67th class to graduate from Scecina Memorial High School, they have proven to be a faithful, talented, and resilient group of individuals who will undoubtedly make a positive impact on the world.



At Scecina Memorial High School, our mission is to provide a faith-based and high-quality Catholic education to every student who walks through our doors. For over six decades, we have fulfilled this mission by empowering students with the tools they need to succeed and grow in their faith, educational pursuits, and careers. We believe that every student is a beloved child of God with the calling and potential to achieve greatness in their unique vocations!

All this is possible through the ongoing support of our Scecina community of alumni, donors, friends, and families. We are deeply grateful for your generosity and dedication to our school.

I want to take this moment to recognize and honor the contributions of our principal during the last four years, Mr. David Dellacca. During his tenure, Mr. Dellacca demonstrated an exemplary commitment to our Catholic faith and Scecina community as a compassionate and collaborative leader. We are grateful for his leadership and dedication to our students.

Simultaneously, I am pleased to welcome the incoming principal Dr. Peg Dispenzieri. Dr. Dispenzieri brings nearly 30 years of experience as a teacher and administrator in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana. We are excited for Dr. Dispenzieri to join the Scecina community and look forward to a school year of growth and renewal.

Finally, I am pleased to announce that construction is significantly underway toward the long-awaited goal of new athletic fields and front entrance to the school. This project will update nearly 90% of all our campus greenspace, and we are excited to see the finished product. These updates will help ensure that Scecina Memorial High School remains a vibrant and thriving institution for many years to come.

Once again, congratulations to the graduating class of 2023. We are proud of you and look forward to seeing all the great things you will accomplish in the years to come. As always, bright days and new opportunities are in our midst at Scecina!

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Therber". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Joseph S. Therber
President



Our FAITH, Our JOURNEY, Our TIME

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE



Left: Phase 1 work included demolition of the baseball field dugout; Center: Architect's rendering of the athletic fields and front entrance; Right: Phase 2 involved earthwork on the front entrance.

Seccina Memorial High School's largest construction project in history is underway, marking the final construction project of the **Our Faith, Our Journey, Our Time** capital campaign.

The demolition and reconstruction of the athletic fields and new school front entrance will transform more than 90% of campus greenspace.

"We are thrilled to see this exciting transformation of our campus in service to our students and community. The upgraded athletic fields and front entrance will not only enhance the appearance of our campus, but also provide a modernized, safer, and more welcoming environment for all who come to Seccina. We are grateful for our donors' generous investments in the Seccina of today and tomorrow," said President **Joe Therber**.

Wurster Construction, which managed construction of the new chapel, is also managing

construction of the new athletic fields and front entrance.

Since demolition began on April 11, the campus has been bustling with activity. Phase 1 included the installation of construction fencing, demolition of baseball field structures, and initial earthwork on the current athletic fields.

Phase 2, which is actively underway, involves major earthwork to the front lawn of the school and the athletic fields.

The new front entrance will be rebuilt to create a welcoming and accessible environment for students, families, and guests. It will incorporate accessibility features in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), student gathering areas, modern safety and security features, visitor-friendly parking, landscaping, and signage.

Phase 2 of the athletic field construction involves several steps,

such as excavating existing turf, making electrical adjustments, and removing the asphalt and scoreboard – all to prepare for the new turf subsystem and eventual field turf to be installed.

The new athletic fields will transform the campus with improved playing and practice facilities for Seccina football, boys and girls soccer, baseball, and running sports. The perimeter of the complex will include a 1/3 mile surface for running and walking.

The completed project promises to enhance the educational experience for current and future students and ensure that Seccina remains a cornerstone of the community for years to come.

Construction will continue through the Fall of 2023. Please follow along for updates at scecina.org/construction. ■



CLASS OF 2023

BERIAULT AND GREATHOUSE HEAD TO WEST POINT

Two Scecina students, **Mason Beriault** and **Marcus Greathouse**, who bonded over playing football together, have been accepted to attend West Point. Mason, the Class of 2023 valedictorian, was nominated to go to West Point after receiving a letter following his PSAT exam. Marcus, who played football and ran varsity track, completed his basic training and was accepted to attend the United States Military Academy Preparatory School (USMAPS). Both plan to play football at West Point.

The Scecina Community is very honored and proud to know these young men and are excited to see what's next as they follow in the footsteps of Father Thomas Scecina. Scecina recognizes their outstanding achievements both in and out of the classroom and on the field, and wishes them all the best as they continue their journey at West Point. ■



Mason Beriault and Marcus Greathouse

VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN

Scecina's Class of 2023 valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, are **Mason Beriault** and **Andrew Causemaker**.

Mason Beriault is this year's valedictorian. He is the son of **Justin Beriault** and **Niki Matherly**. He is a Holy Spirit Catholic Church parishioner and a Holy Spirit Catholic School graduate.

Through four years at Scecina, Mason has achieved a 4.29 grade-point average. He is the student body president for the 2022-23 school year and a member of the National Honor Society. In addition, Mason is a student ambassador and part of the Academic Super Bowl team.

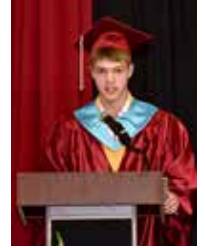
Mason played varsity football and basketball. Mason was recently named All-City, Academic All-Conference, IFCA 2A Academic All-State, IFCA Region 7 All-Star, and Indianapolis Colts IFCA Academic All-Star for the 2022 football season.

Mason volunteers at Merciful Help Center Food Pantry in Carmel and has a small lawncare business. Mason is headed to the United States Military Academy at West Point to continue his education and serve his country.



*Valedictorian
Mason Beriault*

Andrew Causemaker is this year's salutatorian. He is the son of **Dan** and **Andi Causemaker**. He is an Our Lady of Lourdes parishioner and a graduate of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School. Andrew has a 4.23 grade-point average.



*Salutatorian
Andrew Causemaker*

Andrew is a member of the Academic Super Bowl math team, Red and Gold Going Green, and the National Honor Society. He played the role of Shrek in the spring musical.

He played football and finished his athletic career this spring with one more golf season. He was awarded Academic All-Conference, IFCA 2A Academic All-State, and the Mental Attitude Award for the 2022 football season. Andrew also volunteered his time as a math tutor.

Andrew plans to attend Purdue University in the fall.

Watch the Class of 2023 livestream and listen to Mason and Andrew's speeches!

Scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/3qYRyqU ■



CLASS OF 2023



The achievements of the Class of 2023 are truly noteworthy. With 100 members in the cohort, this group has earned over \$6 million in scholarships and secured admissions to 24 different universities, as well as pursuing careers in the military and workforce. Congratulations to the Class of 2023 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

Mason Beriault

SALUTATORIAN

Andrew Causemaker

JOHN J. HENNINGER MEMORIAL CHRISTIAN SERVICE AWARD

Andrew Causemaker

Cierra Lathrop

OUTSTANDING SENIOR GIRL

Cierra Lathrop

OUTSTANDING SENIOR BOY

Mason Beriault

ATHLETIC SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT

Mason Beriault

Isabelle Comley

Paola Esparza

MENTAL ATTITUDE (ATHLETICS)

Andrew Causemaker

Abigail McCoy

CAROLE J. HAMILTON (ATHLETICS)

Allison Daves

MICHAEL C. MCGARVEY (ATHLETICS)

Tamir Woods

SISTER LAVONNE LONG OUTSTANDING SENIOR FEMALE ATHLETE

Cierra Lathrop

KENNETH LEFFLER OUTSTANDING SENIOR MALE ATHLETE

Adam Young

INDIANA CROSSROADS CONFERENCE MEDAL OF HONOR

Mason Beriault

Ava Smith

INSTITUTION ACCEPTANCES

Ancilla College, Anderson University, Arizona State University, Austin Peay State University, Ball State University, Belmont University, Beloit College, Bowling Green State University, Butler University, Central Michigan University, Concordia University, Concordia University Chicago, DePaul University, DePauw University, Detroit Mercy University, Duquesne University, Findlay University, Fisk University, Franklin College, Goshen College, Grace College, Hanover College, Hawai'i Pacific University, Holy Cross College, Huntington University, IBEW Electrical Apprenticeship Program, Illinois College, Indiana State University, Indiana University, Indiana University Kokomo, Indiana University Southeast, IUPUI, Iowa State University, Ivy Tech Community College, Jackson State University, Johns Hopkins University, Manchester University, Marian University, Miami University, Mount St. Joseph University, Murray State University, Muskingum University, Nebraska Wesleyan University, New Mexico State University, Notre Dame of Maryland University, Ohio State University, Ohio University, Olivet Nazarene University, Penn State University, Purdue University, Purdue University Northwest, Regis University, Rockford University, Roger Williams University, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Saint Mary's College, Seton Hall University, South Carolina State University, St. Edward's University, Tennessee State University, Texas State University, Trine University, United States Military Academy West Point, University of Akron, University of Alabama at Birmingham, University of Cincinnati, University of Dayton, University of Detroit Mercy, University of Evansville, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, University of Indianapolis, University of Kentucky, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, University of North Georgia, University of Portland, University of San Francisco, University of South Alabama, University of South Florida, University of Southern Indiana, University of Southern Maine, University of Wisconsin, Valparaiso University, Wabash College, West Virginia University, Western Michigan University, Wilmington College, Xavier University

CLASS OF 2023



NOWLAND NEWS

THE PRESIDENT'S ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD

The President's Academic Excellence Award, established in 2001, is given to students who are among the top 10 in each class and those who have achieved a GPA of 4.0 or higher. Forty-seven students were recognized for their exceptional academic achievements. The senior class

of 2023 had an outstanding representation, with 17 award recipients.

As a special recognition for senior class recipients, they are offered the opportunity to select a mentor who has made a significant and positive impact on their lives.

Both the senior and their chosen mentor submit written reflections highlighting the importance of their relationship and the role they have played in each other's lives. This recognition not only celebrates academic excellence but also fosters meaningful connections and personal growth.

CLASS OF 2023

Alexander Benson
Mason Beriault
Andrew Causemaker
Isabelle Comley
Gabrielle Deiter
Paola Esparza
Emily Gonzalez
Caley Henley
Cierra Lathrop
Abigail McCoy
Ana Moreno-Jerez
Rafe Morris
Fatima Quintero
Ava Smith
Helen Tackett
Theodore Waninger
Lucy Williamson

CLASS OF 2024

Isabella Adams
Zoe Adcock
Hannah Anglemyer
William Battles
Eliza Frank
Matthew Hentz
Maxwell Krause
Tanner McCormick-Messer
Katelynn Patino
Charley Potthast

CLASS OF 2025

Naydeline Cuatlatl-Sanchez
Leslie Fuentes
Mariangela Gascon
Soledad Gonzalez
Kaleb Milan

Class of 2025 continued

Giuliana Moscoso Mori
Leonel Ponce
Anthony Smith
Journey Thomas

CLASS OF 2026

Natalee Darzentas
Justin Evariz
Claire Frank
Leah Gunn
Carter Hartman
Bradley Hilbers
Jamile Isidoro
Lennon Klinck
Hillary Lathrop
Lillian Linn ■



Left: Alexander Benson with his mentor, Ryan Keen; Center: Sophomore Soledad Gonzalez and senior Emily Gonzalez with their mother, Elizabeth Gonzalez; Right: Lucy Williamson with her mentor and grandmother, Nancy Williamson



‘SHREK THE MUSICAL’ MAKES EVERYONE A BELIEVER

The Scecina Theatre Department returned to the stage St. Patrick’s Day weekend to present “Shrek The Musical.” An audience of all ages enjoyed this full-scale production of a fairy tale adventure.

The performance featured a host of familiar characters, including Shrek, Donkey, Princess Fiona, Lord Farquaad, and many other standout characters Shrek fans know and love.

The beloved Shrek characters, Shrek and Donkey, were portrayed by senior **Andrew Causemaker** and junior **Tanner McCormick-Messer**. Princess Fiona and Lord Farquaad were performed by seniors **Ava Smith** and **Liam Martin**.

“The musical production was formed with hard work, dedication, and ultimately ended with lots of laughter. I found a second family in the Scecina Theatre Department. I am so thankful to have participated in the musical for the past four

years, and I strongly encourage the future Scecina students to join this fun-filled environment,” said Smith.

Thirty-six Scecina students appeared on stage with 14 critical crew members, led by production stage manager and senior **Emily Gonzalez**, who supported everything from backstage management, set changes, lighting design, and sound.

Gonzalez shared, “The musical was a long and rewarding journey! Overseeing the crew and encouraging the cast led me to satisfaction with our performances. This year the cast was filled with a lot of heart and commitment that made my job easier to help present a heartfelt show.”

Causemaker, who played Shrek, added, “The musical was definitely outside my comfort zone when I first did it my junior year, but now, I would encourage everyone to try it. It’s probably the most fun I’ve ever had.”

Theatre Director **Leslie (Zimmerman) Young '99** admitted that it’s bittersweet when it is time to say goodbye to one of the theatre department’s shows.

She added, “The cast and crew of ‘Shrek the Musical’ captured a piece of my heart with the community they established together. The final weeks of this production were a joyful celebration of their hard work and the connection they formed to each other and this story. I hope the audience feels that joy from the Scecina stage. I am grateful that I got to be a part of this group’s journey...an exploration of loving yourself as you are, embracing others who may be different from you, and sharing your uniqueness with the world to make it a better place. I could gush about this company all day, but as Shrek would say to me, ‘that’ll do Ms. Young... that’ll do.’”

You can also view more pictures and follow the Scecina Theatre Department’s adventures on Instagram @scecinatheatre. ■



BE A HOST FAMILY!

Would you like the experience of hosting an international student? The host can be a Scecina family or not, have children in the home or not, be single or married.

Please contact Director of International Student Program **John Hegarty**, jhegarty@scecina.org or 317-258-5159, if you have any interest or questions.

Pictured is a legacy host family, left to right: **Laurencio Gonzalez Malleville '23**, **Julio Matias Gonzalez '90**, **Richard Kramer '59**, **Casady (Kramer) Williamson '91**, **Lucy Williamson '23**. ■



LUCK OF THE IRISH

Senior **Jakob Kehrer** received the Denis J. Moriarty Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to individuals who demonstrate scholastic achievement, extracurricular activities, Irish heritage, and church, community, and Irish culture involvement. Jakob was honored at the AOH St. Patrick's Day Celebration on Sunday, March 12. Pictured from left to right are Jakob's parents, **Kristine** and **Casey Kehrer '86**, Jakob, and Jakob's grandmother **Barb Kehrer '68**. ■

NEW PRINCIPAL APPOINTED TO SCECINA MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

President **Joe Therber** is pleased to announce that Dr. **Peg Dispenzieri** is Scecina's next principal as of July 1.



Dr. Peg Dispenzieri

Dr. Dispenzieri holds nearly 30 years of educational experience as a classroom teacher and administrator. She served eight years as a high school science teacher at Bishop Chatard High School, six years as principal of Nativity Catholic School, eight years as assistant principal/director of academics at Guerin Catholic High School, and five years as

Superintendent of Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana. Recently, Dr. Dispenzieri served as director of the Transition to Teaching Program at Franklin College.

Upon acceptance of her new position, Dr. Dispenzieri said, "I am honored to accept the position of principal at Scecina Memorial High School, and I am excited for the chance to work and pray with the students, staff, and school community! I have always appreciated Saint Mother Theodore Guerin's instruction to 'Love the children first, then teach them.' In this way we share in the mission of the Church to build communities of faith through excellence in

academics, opportunities to develop unique talents, and service to each other. I look forward to meeting everyone."

Dr. Dispenzieri holds a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from John Carroll University, a Master of Education degree from Indiana Wesleyan University, and a Ph.D. degree in K-12 instructional leadership from Walden University.

Dr. Dispenzieri replaced current principal **David Dellacca**, whose service as principal concluded on June 30, after four years of dedicated and caring service in the role. Thank you, Principal Dellacca! ■



MIDWEST MUSIC REPRESENTATION

Secina's Advanced Choir and Concert Band competed in the Music in the Parks competition at King's Island. The Advanced Choir took home 1st Place with a rating of Superior, while the Concert Band received 2nd Place and a rating of Excellent.

Sophomore **Leonel Ponce**, Secina Band member, said, "The Music in the Parks Competition was an amazing experience. I had a lot of fun practicing for the songs and also getting to perform. I was very stressed, but Mr. Ritchie did a lot to make sure we weren't nervous. Thank you, Mr. Ritchie!" ■



CONCERT BAND RECEIVES GOLD RATING

Secina's concert band competed in the Indiana State School Music Association Organization Contest. The band earned the school's first Gold rating in the contest. Many of the students in the band are freshmen and over half the band did not play an instrument before the school year started. ■

CHOIR MEMBERS WIN AT STATE ISSMA COMPETITION

Secina students participated in the annual Indiana State School Music Association (ISSMA) District and State Solo and Ensemble competitions. All five students who qualified for the district competition earned a Silver or Gold rating. Students who received a Gold rating at the district competition were invited to perform at the state competition on Feb. 18 at Perry Meridian High School.

The silver-rated ensemble included junior **John-Paul Chamblee**, junior **Tanner McCormick-Messer**, sophomore **Kaylee Campbell**, and sophomore **Journee Thomas**. This group competed in the barbershop quartet event.

The gold-rated division soloists who advanced to state are junior **Vanessa Reynolds** and Thomas.

"When I started to sing for the judge, I felt at ease because I love to sing, and I knew I had to sing my heart out! I was so excited when I found out that I received gold. I was very proud of myself and so very thankful for all of the support I had from Mr. Ritchie, my friends, and my wonderful family," said Thomas. ■



Vanessa Reynolds



Journee Thomas



RIGHT TO LIFE

Several Secina students braved the cold and participated in the Indiana Right to Life March downtown on Jan. 23. ■



CYO AWARD

Three Crusaders were awarded the CYO Spirit of Youth Award from the Archdiocese of Indianapolis at the SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral. These outstanding teens were honored for their service to their parish, school, and community.

Pictured are junior **Seth Trimble-Sunderland**, Archbishop **Charles Thompson**, Little Flower parishoner **Anna Erdosy**, and senior **Andrew Minton**. Senior **Faye Eskew** was also recognized but was not present for the picture. ■



LEARNING IN THE FIELD

Student Media Teacher **Chad Tuley**, Principal **David Dellacca**, and several communications students attended JDay at Ball State University. JDay is a media and communications convention where students and teachers learn from industry experts, college professors, and award-winning secondary media teachers with interactive workshop sessions. ■



HONORING RETIRING TEACHERS

As the 2022-23 school year came to a close, Seccina bid farewell to two beloved educators, Mrs. **Lee Ann Van Benten** and Mr. **Tony Schmoll '77**.

Van Benten has been a dedicated learning differences teacher, helping students with unique needs reach their full potential. Her commitment to her students' success has been unwavering, and her compassionate approach has made a difference in the lives of many.

Schmoll, a Seccina alumnus from the Class of 1977, has been a talented English teacher and a beloved coach of the football and wrestling teams. He has instilled a love for literature in his students and has inspired them to strive for excellence in all areas of life.

At the senior awards ceremony, Principal **David Dellacca** and President **Joe Therber** presented retirement gifts to Van Benten and Schmoll. As they retire, we honor and thank them for their contributions to the Seccina community. They have truly been builders of bridges, not walls, and have believed in the God-given dignity and potential of every student they have encountered. Their legacy will continue to inspire future generations of Seccina students, and they will be missed dearly. ■



SPREADING JOY

Amy Fix's Integrated English as a New Language (ENL) students had an enriching experience during their visit to Little Flower. The students spent the day reading books, playing games, and creating crafts with the preschool students. The activity was not only enjoyable but also provided an opportunity for the ENL students to practice their pronunciation and build their confidence in speaking. ■



CONNECTING THROUGH RETREATS

Retreats are a valuable experience for Scecina students, providing an opportunity to connect with their peers and deepen their faith. This year, the retreats were held at Waycross in Morgantown, Ind., Camp Rancho Framasa in Nashville, Ind., and Indianapolis World Sports Park. Through prayer, reflection, and fellowship, students can gain a renewed sense of purpose and connection with their faith and their peers. These retreats provide a unique opportunity for high school students to grow both personally and spiritually, and to carry these experiences with them throughout their lives. ■

ARTISTIC IMPRESSIONS

Ms. **Kim Quigley's** art students competed in the Indiana Crossroads Conference (ICC) art competition at Cardinal Ritter High School. There are seven participating schools in the ICC conference competition, and Scecina took 5th place overall. Congrats to these creative Crusaders!



Sonia Lockhart

Honorable mention in sculpture



Zoey Adcock

Second place in ceramics



Nicole Ortega

Honorable mention in painting



Jacob (Duong) Nguyen

First place in drawing ■

ATHLETICS

SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARDS

The Scecina Athletic Department held its annual Scholar Athlete Awards Program on May 3. It highlights the essential partnership between scholarship, citizenship, and athletic participation.

The program recognizes and rewards Crusaders who have put forth outstanding effort as athletes, scholars, and school and community citizens.



President Joseph Therber with junior Hannah Anglemyer

To achieve the designation of a Scholar Athlete, a student must participate in one or more athletic programs and maintain a grade-point average of 3.0 or higher.



Athletic Director Jason Kehrer '88 presenting Silvia "Niky" Quezada with a Scecina soccer shirt

The scholar-athletes also had the privilege of listening to a powerful testimony from **Silvia "Niky" Quezada**. Quezada is a first-year Marian University student at the E. S. Witchger School of Engineering

and a soccer athlete. Quezada's journey took her from a bilingual home in Mexico to America. She spoke about the importance of putting your trust in God and remaining committed to your goals, despite challenging obstacles. Scecina Athletic Director **Jason Kehrer '88** awarded Quezada with a plaque and a Scecina jersey.

These scholar-athletes inspire their peers and are a testament to the power of hard work and dedication.

For the full roster of our scholar athletes, please scan the QR code or visit scecina.org/2023-scholar-athlete-awards/ ■



COLLEGE SIGNINGS



Allison Daves
VOLLEYBALL
Indiana University
Southeast



Cierra Lathrop
VOLLEYBALL
Muskingum University



Abigail McCoy
VOLLEYBALL
Hanover College



Abby Moore
BASKETBALL
Franklin College



Keaton Thibo
BASKETBALL
Franklin College

2022-23 INDIVIDUAL HONORS

ACADEMIC ALL-CONFERENCE

Hannah Anglemeyer '24 SOFTBALL/VOLLEYBALL
Will Battles '24 BASEBALL/FOOTBALL
Alex Benson '23 CROSS COUNTRY
Mason Beriault '23 FOOTBALL
Cecilia Carey '24 GIRLS SOCCER
Shyanne Carmichael '24 GIRLS SOCCER/SOFTBALL
Andrew Causemaker '23 FOOTBALL/GOLF
Isabelle Comley '23 GIRLS BASKETBALL/VOLLEYBALL
Allison Daves '23 VOLLEYBALL
Paola Esparza '23 GIRLS SOCCER/GIRLS TENNIS
Eliza Frank '24 VOLLEYBALL
Emily Gonzalez '23 GIRLS SOCCER/GIRLS TENNIS
Campbell Guss '24 SOFTBALL
Matthew Hentz '24 CROSS COUNTRY/SWIMMING/TRACK
Max Krause '24 BOYS TENNIS
Cierra Lathrop '23 SOFTBALL/VOLLEYBALL
Sonia Lockhart '23 CHEER/GIRLS BASKETBALL
Elizabeth Mattingly '23 CROSS COUNTRY/TRACK
Tanner McCormick-Messer '24 CHEER
Abigail McCoy '23 GIRLS BASKETBALL/VOLLEYBALL
Kyle McDonald '23 BOYS TENNIS
David Mendez '24 BASEBALL/FOOTBALL
Ana Moreno-Jerez '23 CHEER
Rafe Morris '23 BOYS TENNIS/SWIMMING
Charley Potthast '24 GIRLS SOCCER/SWIMMING/TRACK
Alice Santos '23 GIRLS SOCCER/GIRLS TENNIS

Quinn Schreiber '23 BOYS TENNIS
Ava Smith '23 GIRLS BASKETBALL/GIRLS SOCCER
Jacob Smith '23 BASEBALL
Teddy Waninger '23 BOYS TENNIS

ALL-CONFERENCE

Mason Beriault '23 FOOTBALL
Oliver Carillo '26 BOYS SOCCER
Allison Daves '23 VOLLEYBALL
Daniel Eljach '23 BOYS TENNIS
Brandon Fitts-Ramsey '23 FOOTBALL
Abigail McCoy '23 VOLLEYBALL
Kaleb Milan '25 BOYS BASKETBALL
Quinn Schreiber '23 BOYS TENNIS
Ava Smith '23 GIRLS SOCCER
Keaton Thibo '23 BOYS BASKETBALL/FOOTBALL
Molly Welborn '25 VOLLEYBALL
Tamir Woods '23 FOOTBALL
Adam Young '23 FOOTBALL

ALL-CITY

Mason Beriault '23 FOOTBALL
Allison Daves '23 VOLLEYBALL
Brandon Fitts-Ramsey '23 FOOTBALL
Cierra Lathrop '23 VOLLEYBALL
Abigail McCoy '23 VOLLEYBALL

Abby Moore '23 GIRLS BASKETBALL
Carter Nolan '23 FOOTBALL
Tamir Woods '23 FOOTBALL
Adam Young '23 FOOTBALL
Anna Welborn '23 GIRLS BASKETBALL

2A CENTRAL VOLLEYBALL COACH OF THE YEAR

Dan Hagist

COLTS/IFCA FOOTBALL ACADEMIC ALL-STAR

Mason Beriault '23

1A/2A VOLLEYBALL NORTH SOUTH ALL-STAR GAME

Cierra Lathrop '23
Abigail McCoy '23

MARION COUNTY VOLLEYBALL SUPER TEAM

Allison Daves '23

GIRLS BASKETBALL ACADEMIC ALL-STATE

HONORABLE MENTIONS

Ella Wright '23
Abigail McCoy '23

NORTH/SOUTH STATE FOOTBALL GAME

Tamir Woods '23

THE CRUSADER SWIM TEAM: MAKING WAVES WITHOUT A POOL

Led by coaches and sisters **Michelle** and **Katie Schultz**, the Crusader swim team finished their season with impressive results, breaking four school records. Junior **Charley Potthast** set a record in the 100 Freestyle and sophomore **Peter Certo** broke a record in the 50 Freestyle. Freshman **Lennon Klinck** set a record in the 200 Individual Medley, and the team of senior **Rafe Morris**, sophomores

Logan Weinzierl and Certo, and freshman Klinck set a record in the 200 Free Relay.

Despite facing the obstacle of not having a pool on site at their school, the team set personal records at nearly every meet, a testament to their commitment and passion for the sport. The swim team's success serves as an inspiration to others, proving that

with a positive attitude, hard work, and determination, anything is possible. ■



ATHLETICS

WINTER SEASON RECAPS

BOYS BASKETBALL

The boys basketball program had a memorable season winning the second regional championship in Seccina's 70-year school history. Led by senior captains **Mason Beriault**, **Keaton Thibo**, **Jordan Porter** and junior **David Mendez**, the team defeated two top ten 2A teams in route to the regional championship and finished with a 18-7 record. Thibo, the team's leading scorer, was named to the All-Indiana Crossroads Conference Team, as well as Honorable Mention All-State. Thibo also surpassed the 1,000 career points mark, finishing with 1,081 career points. Beriault was named Honorable Mention Academic All-State. ■

GIRLS BASKETBALL

The '22-'23 Crusaders girls basketball team was highlighted by 10 seniors. The team took a big leap forward in its growth by posting a 12-12 record and playing in the sectional championship game. This was the first time in seven years that the Crusaders posted a mark of .500 or better. The team was led by seniors **Abby Moore** (16.6 ppg) and **Anna Welborn** (9.6 ppg). ■

CHEER

Cheer had an amazing season led by captain **Tanner McCormick-Messer** cheering boys basketball all the way to semi-state. All cheerleaders improved in both stunts and tumbling. In February, the squad competed in the ICC cheer competition after several years of not being able to do so and plan on competing in state competition in October. McCormick-Messer also participated in Butler's University's pre-tryout cheer camp in March. Coach **Jana Montgomery** is excited to see what next year will bring. ■

WRESTLING

It was **Patrick Mangan**'s first year as head coach. The team captured multiple dual meet wins and earned 4th place in the city tournament. Special thanks to seniors **Daniel Eljach**, **Jakob Kehrer**, and **Caleb Grayer**. Kehrer and Grayer served the team well as captains and will be greatly missed. The team is young, consisting of mostly freshmen and sophomores with

a lot of potential. The team looks forward to improving and enjoying great success next season. ■

SWIMMING

Coaches **Michelle** and **Katie Schultz** returned to coach their third season. Team captains **Matthew Hentz** and **Charley Potthast** led the team to one of their most successful seasons. Four school records were broken: Potthast in 100 Freestyle, **Peter Certo** in 50 Freestyle, **Lennon Klinck** in 200 IM, and **Rafe Morris**, **Logan Weinzierl**, Klinck, and Certo in the 200 Free Relay. The team looks forward to seeing what they can accomplish next season. ■

SPRING SEASON RECAPS

TRACK AND FIELD

The 2023 track and field season saw much success and turned out to be a season of many improvements. The season was led by three captains, **Tamir Woods**, **Marcus Greathouse**, and **Elizabeth Mattingly**. Sixty percent



of the team set personal records. The 4x100 now has the third-best time in Scecina history. The 4x400 now has the fourth fastest time in Scecina history. **Peter Certo** had outstanding performances this year in the mile. **Brandon Fitts-Ramsey** and **Woods** in the 100-meter dash, and **Olivia Young** in shot put and discus. All members placed well individually at city and conference, and Certo placed fifth at sectionals. Returning coach was **Ben Spannan**, and new coach this year was **Melba Jackson**. ■

BASEBALL

The first half of the season did not go as planned, with losses and frustration mounting with a 2-12 record. The second half was a great turnaround with a 9-5 record ending in a hard fought 5-4 loss to Park Tudor in the sectional tournament. Junior **DJ Mendez** was named All-City and All-Conference. Seniors **Jacob Smith**, **Jacob Martin** and **Adam Young** will be missed as we return 11 lettermen. ■

BOYS GOLF

This year's boys golf team increased to 10 players with a various amount of experience. Seniors **Andrew Causemaker**, **Daniel Eljach**, and **Jakob Kehrer** returned from last season and five of the new players were freshmen. Freshman **Nathan Wilhelm** captured the lowest score for the team at sectionals. During the season, every member of the team improved their golf game, and many have committed to playing at least twice a week during the summer so that they will be more competitive next year. ■

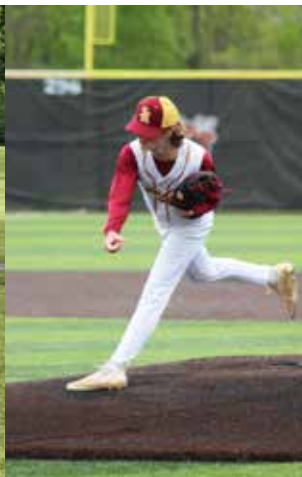
GIRLS TENNIS

The 2023 girls tennis team saw great improvement over the course of the season. Younger team members benefited from the leadership of returning seniors **Emily Gonzalez**, **Alice Santos**, and **Lizi Wilson**. Several underclassmen made their varsity debut this season and made an impact: **Ella Gaudreau**, **Nadia Jimenez**, **Sol Gonzalez**, **Lola**

Carey, and **Ashley Mendez**. These girls worked hard every match and represented Scecina well with their determination, attitudes, and sportsmanship. ■

SOFTBALL

Crusader softball season started with many tough competitors, but the team came along in the end with a clutch win against Covenant Christian in the first round of the city tournament. The team also made it to the second round of sectionals. Juniors **Campbell Guss** and **Lilly Cunagin**, and senior **Cierra Lathrop** led the team to many wins this season with their hitting and fielding. There were also many girls who had great improvement this year from last year, including juniors **Natalie Bollenbacher** and **Hannah Anglemyer**. Overall, the season didn't end as the team hoped, but the team is looking forward to a great season of improvement next year! ■



HURRLE INDUCTED INTO THE INDIANA FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME

Congratulations to **Coach Ott Hurrle '70** on his induction into the Indiana High School Football Hall of Fame on June 22. Graduating from Scecina in 1970, Coach Hurrle went on to play at Butler, where he was an offensive lineman. As head coach at Scecina, Hurrle led the program to back-to-back state championships in 1990 and '91. Amassing 225 wins overall in more than 30 years as a coach. Coach Hurrle's commitment to faith, family, and community has inspired his players and made a lasting impact on the sport. Congratulations again on this well-deserved recognition. ■



photo by Gary Brockman/IndyStar

SCECINA BOYS BASKETBALL SEASON: A TRIUMPH OF PERSEVERANCE

The Scecina varsity boys basketball team had an outstanding season. New head coach **Jim Stanbrough** praised his players for their grit and work ethic, which he said were key factors in their success.

Led by senior captains **Mason Beriault, Jordan Porter, Keaton Thibo**, and junior **David Mendez**, the Crusaders achieved an 18-7 regular overall record, sectional and regional championship wins. The Crusaders advanced to their second semi-state appearance in school history where they put up a tough match against Brownstown Central, falling short but leaving it all on the court. They ended up fourth in the conference.

Looking back on the season, Stanbrough said he was impressed by how his team came together and overcame adversity.



Boys basketball regional champs

"We faced a lot of challenges this year, from tough opponents to close games, but our guys never lost sight of their goal," he said. "They worked hard every day to get better, and they never gave up. That's what I'm most proud of."

Thibo played an instrumental role in the team's success, earning his 1,000th career point and surpassing it by finishing the semi-state game with 1,081 career points. Meanwhile, Beriault was named

Honorable Mention Academic All-State, a testament to his hard work both on and off the court.

The players credited their success to their teamwork and the support of their dedicated fans and families. The Scecina community rallied behind the team throughout the season, showing up in force for games and providing encouragement and support.

"It was amazing to see how much support we had," said Athletic Director **Jason Kehrer '88**. "The alumni, parents, and fans were all there for the team, and that meant a lot."

Indeed, the Scecina boys basketball team's 2022-23 season was a triumph of perseverance, teamwork, and dedication, and one that will be remembered for years to come. ■

ALUMNI NEWS

TIM MCGINLEY COURT DEDICATION

Tim McGinley '58 is a name that resonates with the Scecina community. He is an alumnus who has made significant contributions to the school as student and alum.

Tim starred on the first Crusader basketball teams in school history. In 1958, he was the boys basketball team captain, led the City of Indianapolis in scoring, and was named to the Indiana All-Star Team. Tim was an outstanding scholar and president of the National Honor Society chapter at Scecina.

After graduating from Scecina, Tim earned a basketball scholarship to Purdue University, where he was the second-leading scorer, led the team in assists, and was named to the All-Big Ten Second Team. In 2000, he was inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame.



Tim stands next to a display highlighting his basketball career and contributions to the Scecina community and beyond.



Tim McGinley standing on the baseline next to his name in the Scecina gymnasium.

Following his academic and athletic career at Purdue, Tim attended Harvard University and earned a masters degree in business administration. He enjoyed a highly successful business career while leading or participating in many Catholic and civic initiatives locally and nationally.

Tim served as chairman of the Purdue University Board of Trustees for an impressive 16 years. He was even recognized with the Archdiocese of Indianapolis Career Achievement Award.

In recognition of Tim's friendship with Scecina, the court in the school's gymnasium was named after him. This recognition is a testament to Tim's dedication to basketball and his community and serves as an inspiration to future generations of athletes and leaders.

Tim served on the Board of Directors for Scecina Memorial High School and was actively involved in fundraising efforts to support the school's capital campaign. He is a strong advocate for Catholic education and believes in the importance of providing students with a well-rounded education that includes spiritual, academic, and extracurricular opportunities.

Tim is a proud Scecina alumnus and has always held the school close to his heart. He embodies the three guiding values that he wishes to pass on to all current and future Scecina students: **Trust in the Lord, Be Grateful, and Serve Others.**

At Alumni Appreciation Night on Feb. 18, Tim was recognized for his commitment, service, and many accomplishments. This event was an opportunity to celebrate Tim's achievements and the values he embodies, and it was a chance for the Scecina community to come together and honor one of its own. Tim's legacy will live on through the court that now bears his name and the values he instilled in the Scecina community. ■

GOLF OUTING SUPPORTS LEFFLER SCHOLARSHIP

Thank you to our Scecina community for supporting the 35th Kenneth R. Leffler Alumni Golf Classic. This year's recipient of the Kenneth R. Leffler Scholarship is **Charley Potthast '24**. We wish Charley a great senior year. Thank you to the 106 golfers and 27 sponsors at this year's outing who made the scholarship possible.

The golf outing was played at West Chase Golf Club in Brownsburg, Ind.

Thanks to our committed Scecina community and our sponsors, this year we were able to raise over \$27,500.

The winning foursome was **Jason Bledsoe '95, Nick Bozzelli '95, Chris Lucas '04, and Vinnie Redell '05**. The team shot a score of 17

under. They won \$100 gift cards to the pro shop.

Other winners of the on-course games for men and women were: long drives, **Al Cooper** and **Carol (Seyfried) Potter '67**; and closest to pin, **Terry Snider** and **Kristine Butz**. They won \$50 gift cards to the West Chase pro shop.

Mike Bewsey '82 was the 50/50 raffle winner.

Thank you again to everyone who played, donated, and sponsored the 35th Annual Kenneth R. Leffler Alumni Golf Classic. We are excited to see all of you again next year, which is scheduled for June 21, 2024, again at West Chase. ■



2023 Kenneth R. Leffler Scholarship winner Charley Potthast with Scecina President Joe Therber



Winning Foursome: Jason Bledsoe, Nick Bozzelli, Vinnie Redell, and Chris Lucas

HOMECOMING 2023 | CELEBRATE 70 YEARS OF CRUSADER FOOTBALL

Save the date for Scecina's Homecoming in the fall: Oct. 6, 2023. The Crusaders football team will play Cardinal Ritter High School at 7 p.m.

At Homecoming 2023, the golden anniversary 1974 football team will be honored before the second quarter. Scecina will be celebrating members of the Class of 1999 at halftime for their 25th anniversary.

Questions? Contact **Matthew Leming** at mleming@scecina.org. ■



DEVELOPMENT



CLUB 53 SWINGS AGAIN

More than 500 guests enjoyed an evening of a reverse raffle, dinner, drinks, music, and dancing at the 2023 Club 53 on April 15.

We come together for Club 53 not just for fun but also to support Scecina financially. This year was the most successful Club 53 ever, with more than \$110,000 raised.

Four people split the \$10,000 reverse raffle grand prize: **Steve Baker '70, Steve Hodgson '74, Mike Bewsey '82, and Terry Deery.**

Other winners were:

- \$500 Early Bird, **Ted and Rita Heede**
- \$500 Club 53 raffle, **Mark Sims**
- \$1,000 Club 53 raffle, **Suzannah Therber '12**
- \$100 Top Ticket Seller, **Molly (O'Brien) Funk '90**

We are planning another Club 53 for next April. Please stay tuned to hear more information about some new features for Club 53 in 2024!

Let's hear it one more time for our 2023 Club 53 sponsors:

TITLE SPONSORS - \$5,000

DOZ Charitable Foundation, Inc.
Jim '60 & Peggy Drury
Marian University
Wurster Construction

GOLD SPONSORS - \$2,000

Depot Liquors
Printing Partners

RED SPONSORS - \$1,200

A-Pallet Co., Inc.
Arlington/Roe & Co.
Hadley & Hallman Real Estate
Michael '82 & Kathleen '79 Bewsey
Oakley-Hammond Funeral Home
Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church
St. Therese Little Flower Catholic Church ■

SAVE THE DATE: OUR FOURTH GIVING DAY

Thanks to all who joined in virtually for Scecina's Giving Day the past three years. Scecina's generous community has helped us raise more than \$106,000 in three giving days since 2020.

Giving Day just keeps getting better, with last year bringing in a record amount of \$43,407.

We hope even more can participate in the fourth Giving Day in fall of 2023.

Giving Day is a community-wide, all-day event to raise funds for a specific cause - Scecina Memorial High School. There will be social media interactions and contests, so please

follow along on social media. It's a time to celebrate Scecina all day long. ■

SCECINA 
GIVINGDAY

REDUCE TAXABLE INCOME THROUGH RMD, SCHOOL TAX CREDIT PROGRAM

Do you own an IRA (Individual Retirement Account)? The IRS requires you after age 73 to withdraw annually a minimum amount, called the RMD (required minimum distribution), from your IRA. The age was raised to 73 for this current tax year, 2023. These withdrawals normally are taxed as income, but when directed to charity they are tax-free.

A terrific way to avoid paying taxes on your RMD income is to make a gift to Scecina. And Indiana residents also can receive an additional 50% tax credit by directing their RMD gift through Indiana's tax credit scholarship program. Your gift goes toward scholarships to help Scecina students with tuition assistance. It reduces your RMD taxable income by the amount of the donation, and Indiana residents also can receive a 50% tax credit on the donation amount. Your IRA custodian makes the donation to the Institute for Quality Education, Scecina SGO (scholarship granting organization), and you reap the tax benefits.

Scecina asked **Mike Berlier '66** to explain the process. Berlier was a financial advisor and tax accountant before retiring recently.

This article is for informational purposes only and is not tax advice. Always consult your tax consultant before making any charitable gift.

QUESTION: What are the tax advantages of making a gift to the Indiana tax credit scholarship program from your RMD (required minimum distribution)?

Berlier: Once a person is required to take distributions (RMD) from their IRA, the amount distributed is taxable for Indiana and federal income taxes. If you donate directly from your retirement income investment, that amount is considered as part of the RMD and will not be taxable to you for Indiana or federal income tax purposes.

Example: If you have \$200,000 in your IRA, you are required to withdrawal 3.77% at age 73. Normally, you would be taxed on the full distribution of \$7,547. If you have a donation of \$1,000 transferred to a nonprofit by your investment provider, you will only have to pay income tax on \$6,547.

Q. Do you still qualify to receive 50% State of Indiana tax credit?

Berlier: If the donation from your IRA is made directly to the Indiana tax credit scholarship SGO program, the RMD requirement is met, and the amount is subject to the Indiana tax credit of 50%.

Q. How does the gift need to be processed from the RMD?

Berlier: The donation should be paid directly to the Indiana tax credit scholarship program. If it's being paid from an IRA as a portion of RMD, the investment custodian should pay it directly to the Indiana tax credit scholarship program.

To receive the tax benefit, do not first receive the RMD directly from your custodian and then write a personal check to the SGO. The payment should come directly from your custodian to qualify as a charitable deduction from your IRA.

Q. Do you have to be a resident of Indiana to qualify for the state's tax credit scholarship program?

Berlier: Most people who are not residents of Indiana will not have an Indiana tax liability that would be reduced by such a donation.

Additional information at <https://www.i4qed.org/>. If you have questions about this program, you may contact Director of Development **Beth Murphy** at bmurphy@scecina.org.

Terms

- SGO – Scholarship Granting Organization
- IQE – Institute for Quality Education – the broker used by Scecina for the tax credit scholarship program.
- RMD – Required Minimum Distribution ■

SMOCK, LEMING JOIN DEVELOPMENT TEAM

The Development Team welcomed two new members who came aboard in 2023: Assistant Director of Development **David Smock '89** and Alumni and Event Coordinator **Matthew Leming '18**.

David Smock returns to Scecina this summer. He is a 1989 graduate of Scecina and a Butler University graduate who most recently was principal of St. Matthew Catholic School, where he served for 12 years. He also was assistant principal at St. Malachy Catholic School and curriculum coordinator and student activities coordinator at Bishop Chatard High School.

David taught Catholic Theology, English, and social studies at Scecina from 1993-2008. He has been a Scecina football staff member since 1991.

David's duties will focus on engaging current and new donors while helping to plan and

implement development projects to support Scecina's mission.

Matthew Leming, who assumed his new duties in January, is a 2018 graduate of Scecina and a 2022 graduate of Franklin College. His main responsibility is to plan and manage alumni engagement programs, including reunions, and special events, such as Club 53.

David and Matthew join President **Joe Therber** and Director of Development **Beth Murphy**, along with Database Manager and Development Coordinator **Gia Spaulding** in the Development office. **Jim McGuinness '68** is staying as a part-time Development Associate after his official retirement last year.

Again, the Development Team is here to help you explore the best options specific to your circumstances and interests, matching your passion and our mission. They would love to hear from you. ■

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.

Tax-Friendly Ways to Give

- 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.*) ■



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SCECINA WOMEN’S CIRCLE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT IS PURDUE-BOUND

Each year, the Scecina Women’s Circle (SWC) philanthropy group awards a \$1,000 scholarship to an outgoing graduate.

This year’s recipient from the Class of 2023 is **Caleb Grayer**, who plans to attend Purdue University, majoring in accounting. Caleb is the eighth recipient of the SWC scholarship since the group’s inception in 2017.

All Scecina seniors were asked to write essays on how their years at Scecina made a difference in their

life. Caleb’s essay was chosen as the favorite of voting SWC members.

Caleb, who attended Holy Cross Central Catholic School, wrote about how much he was transformed through the guidance and love of Scecina teachers and wrestling coaches and other experiences.

“Scecina helped make me who I am today. It changed my life in all different ways,” he wrote. “I overcame my shyness and lost the weight that held me back... For all the things

I do now, I have to thank Scecina and the people in that community who helped me get to where I am. My plans for the future are not going to be easy to accomplish, but Scecina has put me in a spot to achieve them.”

Congratulations, Caleb! ■



*SWC scholarship winner
Caleb Grayer*

NEW CHAIR OF SCECINA WOMEN’S CIRCLE

Welcome to **Angela (Grigsby) Espada**, Scecina Class of 1979, as the new chair of the Scecina Women’s Circle. Angela, an attorney, is executive director of the Indiana Catholic Conference, which serves the Catholic Church in both state and national issues, and served as the public policy voice of the Catholic Church In Indiana.



*Angela (Grigsby)
Espada*

She has been a Scecina Women’s Circle member since the group’s founding in 2017.

Thank you to **Amy (Wagner) Begley**, Class of 1993, for serving as the chair the past few years.

Amy also has been a member since the SWC founding. She is vice president and banking center manager for the National Bank of Indianapolis.

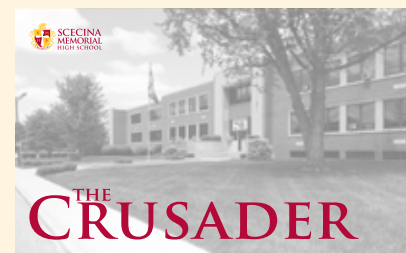


Amy (Wagner) Begley

The SWC welcomes all women. By joining the SWC, you connect to one another, the community, and the student life programs the circle supports at Scecina.

The SWC this year awarded its eighth \$1,000 scholarship and also voted to give its financial support for the school year to Scecina’s English as a New Language program.

Learn more at scecina.org/womens-circle. ■



STAY CONNECTED!

Stay up to date with current Scecina news by giving us your email address! While the Father Scecina magazine is published twice a year, The Crusader e-newsletter is sent monthly to your inbox. Scan the QR code (right) with your cellphone camera or call **Gia Spaulding** to give us your email: 317-352-3229. ■



CLASS NOTES

Congratulations to **Michael Kirk '75** and **Mark Wright '83** for receiving the Archdiocese of Indianapolis Catholic Youth Organization St. John Bosco Medal, and to **Anne (Griffin) Andrews '90**, **Kristen (Bossom) Felts '93**, and **Jaclyn Wall '02**, for being awarded the Monsignor Busald Award. They were recognized for their exceptional support and volunteerism in youth and athletic ministry in our parishes.

1960s

Daniel Waddick '64 has been running his own investment advisory firm, Waddick Investment Management, since 2019 in the Chicago area.

A big congratulations to **Rick Carrico '67**, who was inducted into the Indiana Football Hall of Fame on June 22, 2023. Carrico has more than 45 years of coaching experience overall and was part of three state championship teams at Cardinal Ritter, Lawrence Central and Warren Central.

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

Did you receive a promotion? Have a baby? Get married? Please share your good news with us! Submit your Class Note to: seccina.org/share-your-news

1980s

Kathleen Weissenberger '85 married **Brian Ritzi '92**, on Jan. 22, 2023, in Riviera Maya, Mexico.

Madonna (Warrenburg) Wagner '87 became vice president and CFO of Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana in March of 2022. Previously, she was senior vice president and CFO of the Indianapolis Zoo.

Dawn (Till) Fitzgerald '89

became a first-time grandparent! Laynie Lee White was born to her daughter Mackenzie on May 6, 2022. Dawn also celebrated her one-year anniversary with Mission BBQ, where she was promoted to Designated Trainer this past spring. She was the first recipient of the Shining Star of the Week award and also Employee of the Month for July 2022.

Dr. Rebecca Neidlinger Hammel

'85, a Ph.D. graduate of Catholic University of America, has accepted a new position as Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Dallas. Looking forward to a new challenge, she will begin July 1.



1990s

John Newett '91

recently became the president and CEO of Indiana Members Credit Union, where he has been employed since 2011. John is a certified public accountant and

graduate of the Kelley School of Business at IUPUI.

Matt Emmick '91 has been named the first director of the new Dr. Charles A. Scontras Center for Labor and Community Education at the University of Southern Maine.

Christy VanHorn '96 and **Josh Chevrier '96** became engaged on Christmas Eve. Their wedding is planned for September 2023.

2010s

Aaron Leming '14 is engaged to Alyssa Kendrick. They are set to have their wedding in June of 2024.

Kirby Cox '14 married Kayla Medaris on Jan. 21, 2023, at Holy Spirit Catholic Church. Kirby, a graduate of Wabash College, is employed at Lexus. He also is in Officer Candidate School for the Indiana National Guard.

Abel Redding '14 and **Shannon Gavaghan '14** were married in May of 2023.

Sean Murphy '16 opened his own fitness and personal training business, Blockhouse Fitness. Sean is a 2021 graduate of the Kelley School of Business at IUPUI and a certified personal trainer.



CLASS NOTES

Matthew Leming '18 began his new position as Alumni and Event Coordinator at Seccina Memorial High School.

Allie Owens '18 graduated from Indiana University School of Dentistry in December of 2022. Allie started her career as a registered dental hygienist at Renew Dentals Arts in January 2023.

Jack Wright '18 graduated from DePauw University in May 2022 with a bachelor's degree in communications. Since graduation, Jack has worked for the Marion County Prosecutor's Office, and his current role is deputy communications director. He is in graduate school, pursuing his master's degree in public relations from IUPUI. Jack hopes to earn a position with a public relations agency or similar business in the coming year.

Anthony Mitchell '18 graduated from the University of Indianapolis in May 2022 with a degree in Finance. He works for KESI Management, a management consulting company in Fishers, Ind.

Monica Higgins '18 graduated from Ave Maria University in southwest Florida with a bachelor's in elementary education. She teaches 2nd grade religion as well as 3rd grade at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School. Being a first-year teacher, Monica has been very blessed to have such loving students and amazing support from the STA staff.



Jimmy Clinger '18 graduated from IUPUI with a bachelor's in communications. He is currently a

sales project manager for Indy Roof Company.

Luke Deering '19 is in his senior year at Hanover College. Luke is a member of the Phi Gamma Delta (FIJI) Fraternity at Hanover. He is expecting to graduate in May of 2023 with a political science major and history minor. After graduation, Luke is planning on entering outside sales at a payroll and human resource platform, ADP.

Diamond Williams '20 was a 2023 500 Festival Princess. This year's 500 Festival Princesses represent 19 Indiana colleges and universities and 21 cities and towns across the state. Diamond is at Marian University majoring in nursing. ■



Class Reunions Guide

Class of 1973 | 50th Reunion

Friday, Sept. 1
Luncheon (site TBD) | 12:30 p.m.
Manley's Irish Mutt | 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 2
Little Flower Catholic Church | 5 p.m.
Seccina | 6 - 10 p.m.

Class of 1978 | 45th Reunion

Saturday, Oct. 7
Manley's Irish Mutt | 7 p.m.

Class of 1983 | 40th Reunion

Friday, Sept. 8
Pleasant Run Golf Course | 3 p.m.
Seccina football game | 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 9
Seccina cafeteria | 6 - 11 p.m.

Class of 1988 | 35th Reunion

Saturday, Oct. 21
Seccina cafeteria | 6 - 11 p.m.

Class of 1993 | 30th Reunion

Saturday, Oct. 7
Seccina cafeteria | 6 - 10 p.m.

Class of 2003 | 20th Reunion

Saturday, Aug. 19
Maple Creek Country Club | 6 - 9 p.m.

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IN MEMORIAM

ALUMNI DEATHS

Shirley (Matic) Bates '59
Andrew Clark '95
William Commons '64
Manuel Corpuz '57
Charlene (Skillman) Fisher '58
Margaret Flack '61
David George '61
Paul George '58
Jacqueline (Hendricks) Gregory '68
Richard Higgins '62
Susan (Kopiwoda) Hinshaw '63
David Hoffman '57
John Kiesel '59
Rosemary (Doyle) Killilea '68

Shirley (Golay) Marsella '57
Robert McMahan '76
Catherine (Heitmann) Mears '61
Jeanne (Moorman) Moran '57
Kenneth Nally '69
Paul Paulson '63
Gregory J. Poetz '67
Sandy (Schilling) Radey '63
Michael Raia '68

Elizabeth (McCormick) Ross '64
Robert Smith '58
Jeanie (Groves) Strube '61
Susan Thompson '67
Michael Tosick '62
James Walsh '65
Jane (McGuinness) Wolsiffer '65

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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.

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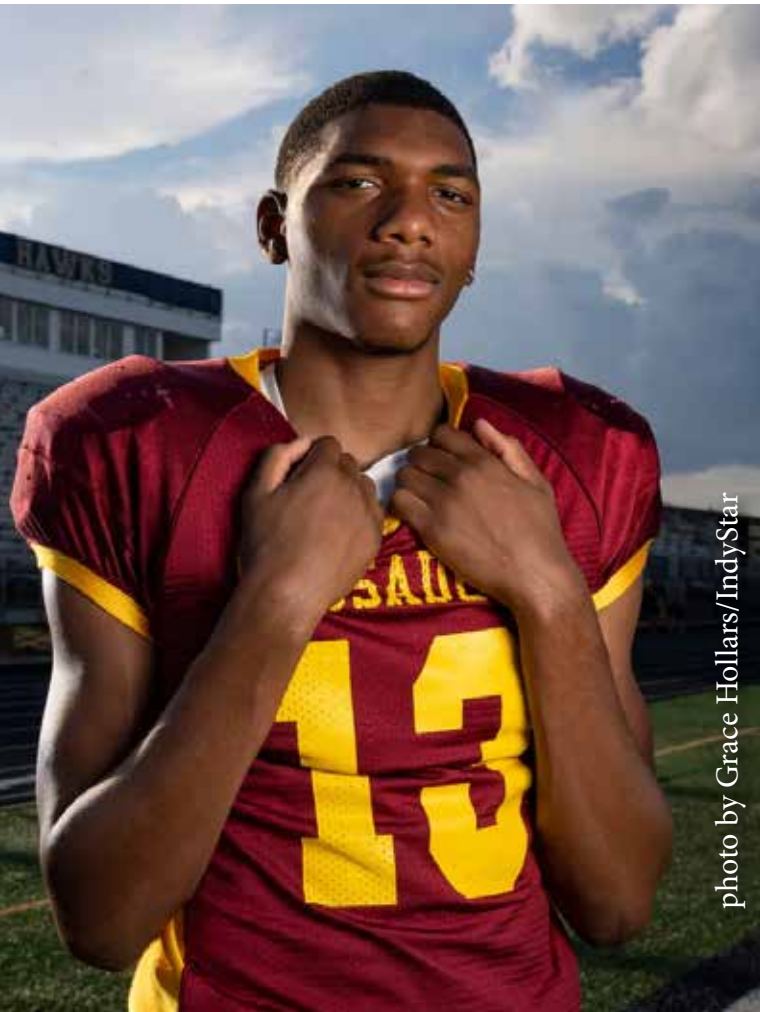


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