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*Congrats*

TO THE CLASS OF 2025



## CAMPUS CRUSADE 2025

Seccina students and staff enjoyed a fun-filled day for the Campus Crusade walkathon on May 16. ■



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Pastor: Rev. Aaron Jenkins

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT**

Dear Scecina Friends,



As we celebrate the Class of 2025, we proudly recognize 89 dedicated students whose perseverance and achievements have paved the way for bright futures. Collectively, this class earned over \$5.1 million in college and university scholarships to 24 prestigious institutions across the country while serving our school and wider community in countless ways.

Looking ahead to 2025–26, we're expanding our programs to better support students' emerging needs and interests. We'll continue offering college credit courses, introduce enhanced school counseling focused on helping students discover their God-given strengths and personalities, and grow Career and Technical Education (CTE) partnerships for those entering the workforce after high school.

Through these CTE opportunities, students can earn valuable industry certifications in fields such as construction, healthcare, cybersecurity, and more. Our 2025–26 partners include ABC Construction Prep Academy, KLR Medical Certification Training School, Lionfish Cyber Security,

Walker Career Center, and J. Everett Light Career Center.

This summer, we thank and honor Fathers Bob Gilday, Rick Ginther, and Jim Farrell for their dedication to the people of Scecina and our wider community. Fathers Bob and Rick, both members of the Scecina Board of Directors, are retiring from active ministry. They have been instrumental at Scecina for many years through their engagement as board members, their spiritual guidance, and their friendships. Father Jim remains involved as our chaplain coordinator and is celebrating 50 years of priesthood—as is Father Bob. The faith-filled commitment and generosity of these three men are wonderful gifts to the people of God throughout central and southern Indiana.

Thank you to all of you who support Scecina through your time, talent, treasure, and prayers. Your generous commitment sparks our students' growth and achievement in an environment of Catholic Christian faith and values.

Yours in Christ,

**Joseph S. Therber**  
*President*



*Joseph Cheever '26 with Father Bob Gilday*



*Front row, from left: Aaron Florence '23, Elizabeth Wilson '23, and Adam Young '23. Back row, from left: Father Rick Ginther and Director of Campus Ministry Ben Potts.*



*Father Jim Farrell*

# CELEBRATING THE CLASS OF 2025

The Class of 2025 earned more than \$5.1 million in scholarships and gained acceptance into 24 universities. Graduates are pursuing a wide range of opportunities, including attending colleges across the country, entering military service, participating in apprenticeship programs, and launching careers in the workforce. Some students have also returned to their home countries to continue their education or professional journeys.

This year also marked a historic moment as **Mariangela Gascon** became Scecina's first Hispanic female valedictorian.

Commencement for Scecina's 69th graduating class took place Friday, May 23, in the gymnasium.

## MAJOR AWARDS

### VALEDICTORIAN

**Mariangela Gascon**

### SALUTATORIAN

**Peter Certo**

### OUTSTANDING SENIOR BOY AND GIRL

**Brogan Maguire**  
**Caroline Soultz**

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.

### JOHN J. HENNINGER MEMORIAL AWARD FOR CHRISTIAN SERVICE

**Ella Gaudreau**  
**Brogan Maguire**

This award honors students who embody the Christian values of service, compassion, and commitment to others, reflecting the legacy of the late John Henninger, a beloved teacher, coach, and dean at Scecina. Recipients are selected through nominations from their peers and a faculty vote.

### CERTIFICATE OF MULTILINGUAL PROFICIENCY

**Soledad Gonzalez**

This award, developed by the Indiana Department of Education, honors seniors who demonstrate literacy in English and at least one additional language. To qualify, students must meet specific academic and testing benchmarks. Scecina was proud to present this recognition for the first time to Soledad Gonzalez and looks forward to honoring more multilingual graduates in the years to come.

### ATHLETIC SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT

**Mariangela Gascon**  
**Peter Certo**

### MENTAL ATTITUDE (ATHLETICS)

**Cynthia Dorantes-Urias**  
**Clifford Brown**

### CAROLE J. HAMILTON (ATHLETICS)

**Kayley Campbell**

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 (ATHLETICS)

**Danny Grider**

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.

### SISTER LAVONNE LONG OUTSTANDING SENIOR FEMALE ATHLETE

**Molly Welborn**

### KENNETH LEFFLER OUTSTANDING SENIOR MALE ATHLETE

**Noah Stuczynski**

### INDIANA CROSSROADS CONFERENCE MEDAL OF HONOR

**Ella Gaudreau**  
**Logan Weinzierl** ■

# CLASS OF 2025

## COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES

Alabama State University, Anderson University, Art Institute of Cincinnati, Ave Maria University, Ball State University, Belmont University, Butler University, Carthage College, Columbia College Chicago, Concordia University Chicago, DePaul University, DePauw University, Eckerd College, Founder's College at Butler University, Franklin College, Grand Valley State University, Hanover College, Indiana State University, Indiana University, Indiana University Indianapolis, Indiana University Kokomo, Indiana University South Bend, Indiana University Southeast, Indiana Wesleyan University, Ivy Tech Community College, Lincoln Tech, Louisiana State University, Loyola University Chicago, Manchester University, Marian University, Miami University, Millikin University, Moore College of Art & Design, New York Institute of Technology, Pepperdine University, Purdue University, Purdue University at Indianapolis, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Saint Mary's College, San Diego State University, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, School of Visual Arts, Texas A&M University, Texas State University, The Ohio State University, Trine University, University of California Irvine, University of California Santa Barbara, University of California Santa Cruz, University of Cincinnati, University of Dayton, University of Evansville, University of Indianapolis, University of Louisville, University of North Texas, University of Oregon, University of Redlands, University of South Florida, University of St. Francis, University of Utah, University of Washington, Ursuline College, Vincennes University, Wabash College, Western Kentucky University, Western Michigan University, Wittenberg University, Xavier University



# CLASS OF 2025

## GASCON AND CERTO LEAD SCECINA'S CLASS OF 2025 AS VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN

Two standout seniors earned top academic honors in the Class of 2025 at Scecina Memorial High School. **Mariangela Gascon** graduated as valedictorian, and **Peter Certo** earned the title of salutatorian, following years of achievement in academics, leadership, and extracurricular involvement.

### MARIANGELA GASCON: A HISTORIC ACHIEVEMENT

Gascon, daughter of Francisco and Laura Gascon, became the first Hispanic female valedictorian in Scecina's history. She graduated with a 4.22 GPA and plans to study criminal justice at Indiana University Bloomington. A graduate of Holy Spirit Catholic School and a parishioner at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Gascon made a lasting impact during her four years at Scecina.

"My time at Scecina has been truly transformative, shaping me into who I am today," Gascon said. "As a first-generation college student of Hispanic heritage, I have faced many challenges, but the support I received here made all the difference."

Gascon served as a Student Ambassador, led as captain of the girls soccer team, and participated



*Valedictorian Mariangela Gascon*

in the Spanish Club. She also joined the National Honor Society and earned recognition from the College Board's National Recognition Programs and the National First-Generation Program.

### PETER CERTO: SCHOLAR, LEADER, AND ATHLETE

Certo, son of David and Megan Certo, graduated with a 4.15 GPA and will attend Purdue University to study electrical and computer engineering. He completed his early education at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School and belongs to St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church.

"A rigorous class schedule and diverse extracurriculars have shaped me into a stronger student, worker, and leader," Certo said. "Some of my most formative experiences have come through sports like track, cross country, and swimming."

Certo contributed as a Student Government member, Student Ambassador, and STEM Club participant. He also joined the National Honor Society and remained active in Boy Scouts, demonstrating a strong commitment to leadership and service. As a three-sport athlete, he competed in cross country, track and field, and swimming, and advanced to regional competitions in cross country and track. ■



*Salutatorian Peter Certo*

# NOWLAND NEWS

## PRESIDENT'S ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD HONORS TOP STUDENTS

Established in 2001, the President's Academic Excellence Award recognizes the top 10 students in each class and those who have achieved a GPA of 4.0 or higher.

This year, 47 exceptional Scecina students earned this prestigious honor for their outstanding academic performance.

A special tradition for senior recipients allows them to choose a mentor who has made a lasting impact on their lives. Both seniors and mentors share reflections on the significance of their relationship and the inspiration they provide each other.

Congratulations to all recipients, their families, and the mentors who support and guide them.

### CLASS OF 2025

Peter A. Certo  
Naydeline Cuatlatl-Sanchez  
Mariangela Gascon  
Soledad Gonzalez  
Dulce M. Hernandez  
Ivan Martinez  
Giuliana V. Moscoso-Mori  
Leonel Ponce  
Anthony F. Smith  
Caroline Soultz

### CLASS OF 2026

Quyen Hoang Nha Bui  
Natalee A. Darzentas  
Justin Y. Evariz  
Leah D. Gunn  
Carter J. Hartman  
Bradley M. Hilbers  
Jamile Isidoro  
Lennon Klinck  
Hillari Lathrop  
Lillian M. Linn  
Jacob A. Minton

### CLASS OF 2027

Adriana N. Altmeyer  
Olivia C. Anglemyer  
Lucia H. Certo  
Mila J. Christopher  
Benjamin M. Gaudreau  
Mariana Gonzalez  
Benjamin Gonzalez-Esparza  
Kimberlyn Klinck  
Amelia Koenig  
Dayana Lopez  
Shea E. McNulty  
Brenda J. Mendoza  
David E. Moreno-Jerez  
Payton P. Roadley

### CLASS OF 2028

Aryel J. Adair  
Bella A. Barahona-Medrano  
Evan Bollenbacher  
Catherine Carey  
Noah S. Caylor  
Sky R. Davis  
Jayla N. Johnson  
Andrew J. Kennedy  
Luciana I. Moscoso-Mori  
Marcus Olmos-Mora  
Adan M. Perez  
Justin M. Toliver ■



*Peter Certo with longtime family friend and mentor Sally Cook.*



*Dr. Peg Dispenzieri, Ivan Martinez, Ivan's mother Reyan Martinez, and President Joe Therber.*



## GROWING THROUGH SCECINA THEATRE

By Brogan Maguire '25

Since the spring of my freshman year, I have been part of Scecina Theatre. My first performance was in "High School Musical," and I still remember the thrill of stepping onto that stage. With two older sisters who had done many shows here, I expected theater to be fun, but I soon discovered it was so much more.

Over the years, I have taken part in seven of the eight shows at Scecina, missing only the fall play my freshman year. Each production taught me valuable lessons. Scecina Theatre Director **Leslie (Zimmerman) Young '99** introduced me to the many parts of the stage, acting styles, and what

it means to be a good actor. But the learning went beyond theater. I grew in how to connect with others, build friendships, and value the power of community.

Scecina Theatre welcomed me as a freshman, and three years later, it still feels like home.

This year brought an exciting challenge: playing Orpheus, the lead role in "Hadestown." I was thrilled but also nervous because it was my biggest part yet. I worked hard to memorize all my songs, and the effort paid off. "Hadestown" quickly became my favorite show, both for the story and the incredible people involved.

As a senior, it meant a lot to be someone the underclassmen could look up to, just as I once looked up to those before me. Helping others pursue their passions is important to me, and Scecina Theatre made that possible.

I am deeply thankful to everyone who supported the musical. The audiences who come to watch allow us to bring these productions to life and give kids the chance to do what they love. I am also grateful to all my fellow cast members and especially Leslie (Zimmerman) Young '99 and choreographer **Jennifer Walker '99**. Scecina Theatre is more than just fun. It is a truly special place. ■

## CHEEVER EARNS SPIRIT OF YOUTH AWARD

**Dean Cheever**, a member of the Class of 2025, received the Spirit of Youth Award for his involvement in parish life at Little Flower Catholic Church and community service. He was honored during the Catholic Youth Organization's annual volunteer awards ceremony at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral. Cheever plans to attend Marian University in the fall. He is pictured with **Archbishop Charles Thompson** and **Father Bob Gilday**. ■



## STUCO SUPPORTS LOCAL PANTRY

Seccina's Student Council donated more than 2,500 canned goods to the Community Hospital East Food Pantry, one of the largest single contributions the pantry has received.

Students helped deliver, sort, and stock the donations, directly supporting families in need.

Sophomore **Ben Gonzalez-Esparza** led the effort with 700 cans, the largest individual contribution. ■



## MUSICIANS EARN ISSMA HONORS

For the second consecutive year, sophomore **Mina Whiteman** earned a Gold rating in the Indiana State School Music Association (ISSMA) competition for her snare drum solo.

Choir students also showcased their talents in the ISSMA Group 1 solo category. Junior **Alex Ballou** received a Silver rating, while junior **Carter Hartman** and senior **Journee Thomas** both earned Gold ratings for their vocal performances. ■



*Mina Whiteman (left), Alex Ballou, Carter Hartman, and Journee Thomas*

## MAY CROWNING

Seccina continued its long-standing May Crowning tradition during the final all-school Mass of the 2024-25 school year, honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary as a model of faith and grace.

Each year, faculty nominate sophomore girls to participate in the ceremony. This year's honorees were **Lucy Certo, Mila Christopher, Kim Posadas-Gonzalez, Maite Orozco Jimenez, Kim Klinck,** and **Dyana Lopez.** ■



## JUNIORS WIN INAUGURAL CRUSADER CUP

The Class of 2026 captured the first Crusader Cup title, earning the highest score in Seccina's new school-wide competition.

History teacher **Quinn Cloghessy** and science teacher **Matt Black '10**, launched the Crusader Cup to increase school spirit and student involvement. Classes earned points by joining clubs, attending events, and performing well academically.

"We wanted to make school more meaningful and fun," said Black, who also moderates student council, sponsors the junior class, and leads several clubs. "Since the launch, more students are showing up and getting involved." ■



## TULEY NAMED EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION FINALIST

**Chad Tuley**, Seccina's Fine Arts chair and student media teacher, is a finalist for the St. Mother Theodora Guerin Excellence in Education Award.



*Dr. Peg Dispenzieri, Superintendents of Catholic Schools for Archdiocese of Indianapolis Vince Aquila and Joe Hansen are pictured with Chad Tuley.*

For 15 years, Tuley has helped students find their voice and build confidence through the arts, making a lasting impact on the school community. ■

# ATHLETICS

## DONALD WINSTON '96 ADDRESSES SCHOLAR ATHLETES

Seccina hosted its 29th annual Scholar Athlete Awards celebration, honoring student-athletes who have demonstrated excellence both in the classroom and in athletics. This year's event was made even more special by the return of **Donald Winston**, a 1996 Seccina graduate, who delivered the keynote address.

A graduate of St. Philip Neri Catholic School and Seccina, Winston led both schools to City Championships in football, was a Mr. Football finalist, and won a state title in high jump with a record-setting 7'0" leap. He went on to play football at Purdue University, where he started on the 2001 Rose Bowl team and earned both undergraduate and graduate degrees.

Winston serves as chief operating officer at Wabash International, bringing over 25 years of leadership experience in the manufacturing industry. He is known for building high-performing teams and driving innovation in the transportation industry. His message to students was clear: Success is built on faith, discipline, and perseverance.



*Donald Winston '96 with scholar athletes*

“Seccina gave me much more than a diploma—it gave me direction, values, and the confidence to pursue a future I never imagined,” Winston said. “The lessons I learned at Seccina were discipline, teamwork, and resilience. These lessons continue to guide me every day.”

Winston added, “Always keep faith and believe in yourself. Your journey is yours to shape. With the right mindset, support, and hard work, anything is possible.”

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

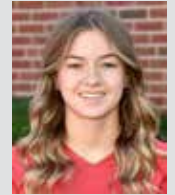
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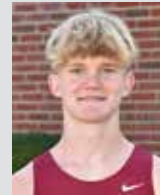
## COLLEGE SIGNINGS



**Joe Alarcon**  
FOOTBALL  
Hanover College



**Izzy Martinelle**  
VOLLEYBALL  
Millikin University



**Nash Ochs-Wald**  
CROSS COUNTRY  
TRACK & FIELD  
Wabash College



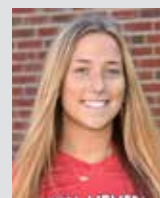
**Orlando Ross**  
FOOTBALL  
University of St. Francis (Ill.)



**Noah Stuczynski**  
FOOTBALL  
Wabash College



**Henry Weimer**  
FOOTBALL  
Hanover College



**Molly Welborn**  
VOLLEYBALL  
Hanover College



**Wynton White**  
FOOTBALL  
Concordia University  
Chicago

# INDIVIDUAL ATHLETIC HONORS

## ALL-CONFERENCE

### BASEBALL

Brady Ray '26

### BOYS BASKETBALL

Clifford Brown '25

### BOYS GOLF

Andrew Wilhelm '27

### BOYS SOCCER

Axel Calzada-Cano '26

Oliver Carillo '26

### BOYS TENNIS

Matheus Guarnieri '25

### CROSS COUNTRY

Peter Certo '25

Bradley Hilbers '26

### FOOTBALL

Eric Montgomery '26

Orlando Ross '25

Noah Stuczynski '25

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Ainsley Brown '27

### GIRLS SOCCER

Mariangela Gascon '25

### VOLLEYBALL

Olivia Anglemyer '27

Isabelle Martinelle '25

Molly Welborn '25

## ALL-CITY TOURNAMENT TEAM

### BOYS BASKETBALL

Clifford Brown '25

### BOYS SOCCER

Axel Calzada-Cano '26

### BOYS TENNIS

Matheus Guarnieri '25

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Ainsley Brown '27

### VOLLEYBALL

Olivia Anglemyer '27

Leah Guilfooy '27

Isabelle Martinelle '25

Molly Welborn '25

## ALL-CITY

### BOYS BASKETBALL

Clifford Brown '25

#### HONORABLE MENTION

Jaylin Foster '28

#### HONORABLE MENTION

### BOYS SOCCER

Axel Calzada-Cano '26

### BOYS TENNIS

Matheus Guarnieri '25

### FOOTBALL

Eric Montgomery '26

Noah Stuczynski '25

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Ainsley Brown '27

Kaila Leath '26

### GIRLS SOCCER

Mariangela Gascon '25

### GIRLS TENNIS

Lillian Linn '26

### SOFTBALL

Olivia Covarrubias '26

### VOLLEYBALL

Leah Guilfooy '27

Isabelle Martinelle '25

Molly Welborn '25

## ACADEMIC ALL-STATE

### VOLLEYBALL

Kayley Cambell '25

Isabelle Martinelle '25

Avery McCoy '25

Molly Welborn '25

### WRESTLING

Nicolas Ramos '26

Owen Weinzierl '26

Logan Weinzierl '25

Jackson White '26

## ALL-STATE

### TENNIS

Matheus Guarnieri '25

#### SECOND TEAM

### VOLLEYBALL

Molly Welborn '25

#### CLASS 2A FIRST TEAM

Isabelle Martinelle '25

#### CLASS 2A SECOND TEAM

## ALL-DISTRICT

### VOLLEYBALL

Olivia Anglemyer '27

Ainsley Brown '27

Isabelle Martinelle '25

*These recognitions are accurate as of June 10 and may not include all individual spring sports.*

## ATHLETICS

### WINTER SEASON RECAPS

#### BOYS BASKETBALL

Momentum came late for the 2024–25 Scecina boys basketball team, but the payoff was thrilling. The Crusaders won five of their final seven games, including two last-second Sectional victories: 48–46 over Eastern Hancock and 46–45 over KIPP Academy, before a close loss to Triton Central in the championship. Senior **Clifford Brown** led the team with 10.9 points per game, while freshman **Jaylin Foster** added 9.6 PPG and led in rebounding. Graduating seniors include Brown, **Jalen Scott**, **Wynton White**, and **Luke McDonald**. Returning players such as Foster, **Adrian Hill**, **Caleb Davis**, **Mo Schellas**, **Jacob Marshall**, **Tristan Brown**, and **Ian Collins** provide a strong foundation. Newcomers **Bryce Mathis** and **Boomer Minch** are expected to make an impact next season. ■

#### GIRLS BASKETBALL

With only two seniors, **Journey Thomas** and **Riley Long**, the 2024–25 Scecina girls basketball team demonstrated steady growth and leadership. The Crusaders recorded 10 wins, including an impressive 8–4 stretch from mid-December through late January. They extended Scecina's 11-year streak of advancing in the City Tournament and showed improvement on both ends of the

court, raising their scoring average to 40.1 points per game while lowering opponents' scoring to 43.8. Two players earned All-City honors, and the team stayed committed to building something meaningful. ■

#### CHEER

Energy, teamwork, and skill growth defined this season for the winter cheer squad. Led by senior captain **Madison Knight**, the team introduced new stunts and performed at a high level during games, pep rallies, and the ICC Cheer Competition. Their strong bond and commitment to supporting each other were evident throughout the season. Every cheerleader played an essential role, and the team is already looking forward to building on that success next year. ■

#### SWIMMING

This winter brought a breakthrough season for the swim program. The boys team captured its first ICC Championship, led by **Luis Corral**, **Lennon Klinck**, **Eurico Montenegro**, and **Kyle Swinefurth**, who together set six individual and two relay school records. The girls team also impressed, finishing

fourth in the ICC Conference and earning several personal bests throughout the season. Both teams advanced the program with focus and consistent effort. ■

#### WRESTLING

##### BOYS WRESTLING

The boys wrestling team showed steady progress this season with several strong individual performances. At Sectionals, junior **Nicolas Ramos** placed third at 132 pounds, junior **Jackson White** took fifth at 138, and senior **Danny Grider** placed fifth at 144. Senior **Nick Bozzelli** earned second place at 215 pounds in the ICC Conference Tournament. The team's success this year sets a strong foundation for future growth.

##### GIRLS WRESTLING

Freshman **Irma Ramos** made history as Scecina's first female wrestler to qualify for the IHSAA Girls Wrestling State Finals. As the only girl on the team this season, Ramos competed at 105 pounds and battled through three full periods before falling by decision. Her trailblazing season marked a major milestone for the program. ■



## SPRING SEASON RECAPS

### BASEBALL

The Crusaders opened the season with a win over Warren Central, setting a positive tone. Injuries to three starters created challenges, but younger players stepped up and gained valuable experience. Scecina finished with a 10–17 record and concluded the season with a loss to Sectional champion Triton Central. With seasoned underclassmen returning, the future looks bright. ■

### BOYS GOLF

High expectations followed the 2025 golf season, and the team delivered. Led by senior **Noah Stuczynski** and sophomore **Andrew Wilhelm**, Scecina finished with an 8–5 dual match record, placed second in the conference, and shot a season-low 157 against rival Cardinal Ritter. The combination of experience and young talent helped the team remain competitive throughout the season. ■

### SOFTBALL

Team development and individual improvement shaped a meaningful softball season. Several players picked up a bat for the first time, while others

learned new positions to strengthen team dynamics and personal skills. Coaches emphasized learning and growing interest in the game, setting a strong foundation for the future. While the record didn't reflect all the progress, the team showed dedication and growth throughout the spring. Junior **Olivia Covarrubias** was named All-City for her standout performance. ■

### GIRLS TENNIS

Strong senior leadership helped the girls tennis team achieve a dramatic turnaround. Seniors **Ella Gaudreau**, **Soledad Gonzalez**, and **Giuliana Moscoso** guided the team under first-year head coach **Trent Short**. After starting 0–2, the Crusaders rallied to win seven of their final eight matches and placed fourth in the conference tournament. Notable wins included Lutheran, Ritter, Beech Grove, and Lawrence Central. ■

### TRACK AND FIELD

This season was defined by key performances and team-wide progress. The boys 4x400 relay team — **Peter Certo**, **Cal Kolakovich**, **Wynton White**, and **Gavin Connel** — broke a 42-year-old school record with a time of

3:32.72. Sophomore Connel also qualified for regionals in the 400 meters, while senior Certo earned his place in the 1,600 meters. Senior **Nash Ochs-Wald** and junior **Bradley Hilbers** contributed significantly, while athletes like **Garrison Gray** and **Caleb Davis** provided valuable depth. On the girls side, throwers **Kim Klinck** and **Ashley Montgomery** led with strength and consistency. Distance runner **Luci Tovar** is expected to return as a leader next year. The season was marked by unity, effort, and strong individual development. ■

### BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Growth and strong team chemistry stood out this year for the boys volleyball program. Head coach **Pam Brake** and assistant **Cierra Berry '20** guided the team to a sectional win over Lawrence Central, followed by a tough semifinal match against Heritage Christian. Senior leaders **Brogan Maguire**, **Liam Christopher**, **Dionte Greathouse**, and **Daniel Martin-O'Neill** set a new tone for the program and established a standard for future success. ■



## CRUSADERS ON THE RISE

### RAMOS REACHES GIRLS WRESTLING STATE FINALS

Freshman **Irma Ramos** made school history by qualifying for the inaugural Indiana High School Athletic Association girls wrestling State Finals. She competed in a three-period match in the first round and lost by decision.



### RELAY TEAM BREAKS 42-YEAR-OLD RECORD

The boys 4x400-meter relay team broke a school record that had stood since 1982. **Gavin Connel, Peter Certo, Cal Kolakovich, and Wynton White** ran a time of 3:32.72, surpassing the previous mark of 3:33.00, held by **Kevin Corcoran, Jeff Erlembaugh, Joe Williams, and Jeff Williams**.



### TRACK AND FIELD: TWO QUALIFY FOR REGIONALS

Two Crusaders advanced to the Regional meet in individual events. Sophomore **Gavin Connel** qualified in the 400 meters, and senior **Peter Certo** qualified in the 1,600 meters.



### GANDOLPH REACHES 850 CAREER WINS

Scecina baseball coach **Dave Gandolph**, Class of 1968, recorded his 850th career win this season. Gandolph became the sixth coach in Indiana high school baseball history to reach 800 wins in 2021 and continues to climb the all-time list.



### BOYS SWIMMING WINS ICC CHAMPIONSHIP

The Scecina boys swimming team won the Indiana Crossroads Conference championship for the first time in school history. ■



# ALUMNI NEWS

## ALUMNI GOLF CLASSIC SCHOLARSHIP

**Hillari Lathrop**, Class of 2026, is the recipient of the 2025-26 Kenneth R. Leffler Scholarship funded by the Alumni and Friends Golf Classic.

Hillari is the daughter of **Jeff '96** and **Jennifer Lathrop** and the granddaughter of **Mel '68** and **Donna Lathrop**.

Since 1989, the golf classic has funded the scholarship for an outstanding incoming senior who is in the top 25% of the class, is a child or grandchild of a Seccina alumnus, and is recommended by Seccina faculty and staff. ■



Hillari Lathrop

## Class Reunions Guide

### **Class of 1965 | 60th Reunion**

Friday, Oct. 17, 2025 | 2-7 p.m.  
Seccina Memorial High School  
Join us for Mass and a school tour, followed by fellowship, food and drinks in the main hallway.  
Email: carolynperrinmcmahon@gmail.com

### **Class of 1975 | 50th Reunion**

Friday, Sept. 19, 2025  
Golf outing, Seccina homecoming game, and class gathering  
Saturday, Sept. 20, 2025 | 5 p.m.  
Seccina gymnasium  
Includes Mass in the new chapel, school tours, social hour, dinner, dancing and karaoke.  
Contact: Jeanne (Atkinson) Norton at 317-695-8769 or jjn80@aol.com  
Or Mike Kirk at 317-775-9710 or mkirk@archindy.org

### **Class of 1980 | 45th Reunion**

Saturday, Sept. 20, 2025 | 6-10:30 p.m.  
Fatima Event Center  
1040 N. Post Road, Indianapolis IN 46219  
Cash bar and heavy hors d'oeuvres  
Contact: Laurie O'Brien at 317-697-6517

### **Class of 1985 | 40th Reunion**

Saturday, Sept. 6, 2025  
Mass and school tours at Seccina  
Gathering at Manley's Irish Mutt afterward

### **Class of 1986 | 40th Reunion**

If you're interested in helping plan the Seccina Class of 1986 40th reunion in summer 2026, contact Joe Meyer at jm@jmeyer.org.

### **Class of 1990 | 35th Reunion**

Please stay tuned for more details to come about a reunion in the fall.  
Email: Shannon Fahey at shannon.fahey@indy.gov.

### **Class of 2005 | 20th Reunion**

Saturday, Aug. 16, 2025 | 6-11 p.m.  
Seccina cafeteria  
Enjoy tours, drinks, music and memories!  
Email: sarah0007clarkson@gmail.com

For more information, visit [scecina.org/class-reunions](http://scecina.org/class-reunions). ■

## 'HOLD STRONG' WINS A 5-STAR REVIEW

By Maribeth Taylor Ransel '61

It is not often that a favorite author writes about a beloved icon. However, this time contemporary writer Robert Dugoni delivers an inspirational novel that includes a memorable portrayal of Scecina Memorial High School's namesake, Father Thomas Scecina. Thanks to 1981 alumnus **Chris Crabtree**, along with his friend, **Jeff Langholz**, the framework for "Hold Strong" was brought to the attention of Dugoni and billed as "a story that had to be told."

This book was not written as a biography of Father Tom, but his story is faithfully told. Based on significant research by Crabtree and Langholz, Father Tom is presented as Scecina alumni, students and staff know him: a humble priest always willing "to give that little extra" to relieve the pain of the prisoners and to bring them peace,

as best he could, in their final hours. Father Tom is depicted not only as a person of faith, but also as a person whose faith is challenged by the horrors of war.

The story of the Bataan Death March and the sinking of the Arisan Maru is not a tale for the faint of heart. The writers leave nothing to the imagination in their descriptions of the months of torture and starvation endured by the detainees. The inhumanity on the final journey of the Arisan Maru as it heads to its calamitous strike by an American torpedo will bring many to tears.

The story is told through the eyes of the two main protagonists, Sam and Sarah, 18-year-old sweethearts from Minnesota whose lives are upended by WWII. The tale of their journey through the war years and Sam's eventual trip on the ill-fated

ship is full of pain and sadness, but it is also a story of hope, patriotism, and faith.

Thanks to Chris Crabtree for carrying Father Tom in his heart, and to Dugoni, Crabtree and Langholz for bringing this extraordinary tale to the attention of those who may not know the history of Bataan, the sinking of the Arisan Maru, and the courage of Father Tom.

Though my 5-star review of "Hold Strong" has a bit of personal bias, the book garners a strong 4.7 stars on both Goodreads and Amazon. This is a "must read" for anyone who has an affiliation with Scecina.

*Maribeth Ransel, an avid reader, served as interim president of Scecina from December 2006-October 2008. ■*

## A CONVERSATION WITH 'HOLD STRONG' CO-AUTHOR AND EDUCATOR CHRIS CRABTREE '81

Chris Crabtree has spent the past 15 years teaching English and literature at a small international school in Guanacaste, Costa Rica, where he lives with his wife, Vera. His journey has been anything but linear. After growing up on the Eastside of Indianapolis, he served in the U.S. Peace Corps in Sierra Leone and eventually moved to Central America. A self-described "living, breathing Charles Bukowski poem

of inventing and reinventing," Crabtree has followed several career paths, but his love for writing and storytelling has remained constant. His latest work, "Hold Strong," is a historical novel that shares the powerful true



*Chris Crabtree '81*

story of Father Thomas Scecina, the school's namesake and a heroic WWII chaplain.

We caught up with Crabtree to talk about the story behind the novel.

**What inspired you to write "Hold Strong"?**

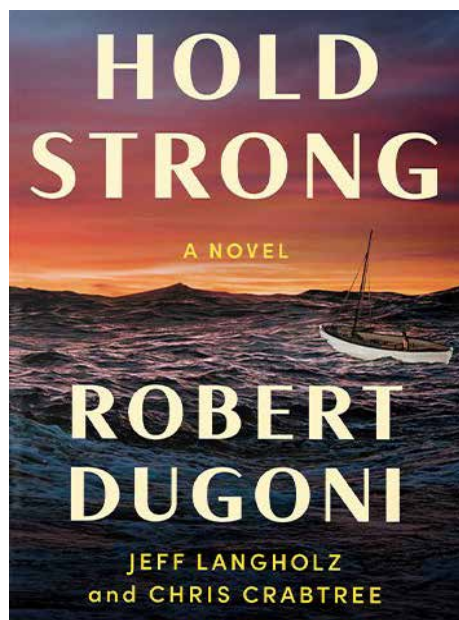
In some ways, this is an embarrassing question. I was writing a different manuscript,

"By Water, By Blood," which I couldn't get anybody to read, and my protagonist was/is a Catholic priest. I was researching seminary life to develop that character, Father Cornelius Shine, and Googled Father Tom. I read what I found about him and the framework of his military career, his life in the Philippines, and his tragic death.

The embarrassing part is that I didn't know any of it. It was likely presented to me at Scecina, but I had his story all wrong. I phoned my brother Kyle, and he had it wrong, too. We both thought he was a chaplain on the USS Indianapolis. I don't fault my alma mater for not teaching the more complete story of Father Thomas Scecina's life and death—I mean, I majored in basketball and friends back then. I just missed it.

I quickly realized this was a story that needed to be told. I also knew instinctively that it was—and is—bigger than me. My friend Dr. Jeff Langholz, who I served with in the Peace Corps in Sierra Leone in the mid-'80s, visited Costa Rica. He's the smartest human I know, but you should've seen his face when I told him about Father Tom and that I wanted to write this book.

Well, I poked the bear. We formed an alliance and resurrected a friendship, embarking on a decade-long journey of research and writing. It took Jeff and our mutual friend, Mike Kelleher, deep into the vast cellars of the National Archives in Washington, D.C., sifting through boxes and boxes of messages and reports. Much of that work is



immortalized in this incredible story.

### **What challenges did you face, and what kept you going?**

If you are searching for insights or a template for how to write a book, I am not your source. Jeff and I encountered the vast gulf between finding a great story and telling it. Jeff's tenacity navigated these rough waters.

We worked together passing Word documents back and forth through Messenger, believe it or not. "Give me 800 words from inside the USS Shark." Or, "Let's get out of the hold and work on burials." We did this for nine years.

We had several full iterations of "Hold Strong," and it was getting better. Thanks to Jeff's participation in an intensive writing workshop led by Robert (Bob) Dugoni, it started really taking shape. Bob had read our most recent version and gave us blunt and purposeful feedback, and we went to work again. Jeff was

flying, and I lagged behind with a tiny broom polishing.

We still hadn't produced writing that reached the level of the underlying story. We decided it was time to grow the team. Even though it's out of the ordinary for Dugoni to co-author a book—he has 30 great books out there—he graciously put his unique skills to work, and the characters jumped off the pages.

"Hold Strong" is a team effort — a group of dedicated professionals who passionately wanted to get this story right. I am grateful to everyone who touched this story.

We are so grateful to Meg Ruley and the team at the Jane Rotrosen Agency (JRA), our agents. Their patience and guidance with a couple of rookies is the stuff of legend. And to Danielle Marshall, formerly at Lake Union Publishing and now at JRA, thank you for bringing this incredible story of faith, courage, reconciliation and love to as many readers as possible.

### **What message or feeling do you hope readers take away from "Hold Strong"?**

It's essential for every generation to understand through stories and storytelling that freedom is not free and is constantly under threat. And of course, Father Tom didn't just "give that little extra." He gave it all.

I feel honored to have been chosen to help bring Father Tom's story to new audiences. God gave those soldiers and sailors a guardian angel in life, and he led them home. ■

# DEVELOPMENT

## LET'S GLOW CRAZY: CLUB 53



Scecina's major fundraiser, Club 53, was a spirited and special night of fun. The April event raised \$96,000 for tuition assistance for Scecina students. The Lucky 10 and the Buy Back In winner decided to split the \$10,000 reverse raffle grand prize for \$909.09 each.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered, sold tickets, sponsored the event, and bought tickets. It takes the work of many to put on this event. Special thanks to **Mike Mendez '88** and his daughter, **Kellianne Mendez '19**, who did a great job as first-time emcees.



Thank you to the 2025 Club 53 sponsors:

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## SAVE THE DATE: GIVING DAY IS OCTOBER 23, 2025

Giving Day is a chance for all Crusaders to show how special Scecina is. We are grateful for the overwhelming response from our community for each annual Giving Day since 2020 to support students, staff, academics, ministry, and other programs.

We hope you can participate in the next Giving Day on **October 23, 2025**. We will honor Father Thomas Scecina for his life of service and the ultimate sacrifice he made when he died on the sinking POW ship on October 24, 1944.

Look for interactions and contests on social media and email. It's a time to celebrate Scecina all day long. ■



**SCECINA**  
**GIVING DAY**

## SCECINA WOMEN'S CIRCLE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT IS IU-BOUND

Each year since 2017, the Scecina Women's Circle (SWC) philanthropy group has awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to an outgoing graduate. In 2024, the SWC decided to honor a senior who would be a first-generation college student.

This year's recipient from the Class of 2025 is **Giuliana Valentina Moscoso Mori**, who will attend Indiana University and major

in marketing and business. Giuliana's family came to the United States from Ecuador.

"From a young age, I have been aware of the importance of education and how lucky I am to receive it. As the first in my family to pursue a degree



*Giuliana Valentina  
Moscoso Mori*

in college, I not only see this as an opportunity to advance my education but as a chance to repay my parents for all the sacrifices they've made to get me to be where I am today," she wrote in her entry essay. "My parents have been my biggest supporters and have repeatedly told me to go after my dreams and seize the opportunities I have in this country, an opportunity they didn't have."

Congratulations, Giuliana! ■

## KEY DATES TO SUPPORT SCECINA IN 2025-26

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

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

**September 19, 2025:** Homecoming Game vs. Covenant Christian (Place TBD)

**September 21, 2025:** Scecina's 71st birthday

**October 23, 2025:** Scecina Giving Day, a 24-hour online blitz that focuses on celebrating the school and giving back to Scecina.

**December 31, 2025:** Last day for Indiana residents to give to Scecina through the Institute for Quality Education to qualify for a 50% Indiana state tax credit for the 2025 tax year.

**January 25 - January 31, 2026:** 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, 2026:** IRS tax deadline. Consider giving to Scecina directly through your IRA and using a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) to avoid those taxes on your required minimum distributions

(RMD). Consult with your financial or tax advisor to see how it works for you.

**May - June 2026:** The "Final Push" of the fiscal year to fund specific projects at Scecina.

To support Scecina now, please visit [scecina.org/give](https://scecina.org/give) or use the QR code. ■



## REASONS WHY I GIVE TO SCECINA

By **George Walker '66**

Seccina gave my daughters a wonderful educational experience and a foundation of learning that helped each of them move on and graduate from college and then achieve graduate-level degrees.

I also give in thanks for dedicated Sisters of St. Francis. The sisters were very good to me over the years. Among my special favorites at Sccecina were **Sisters Carlissa** and **Rita Clare**.

I give in thanks for dedicated teachers and staff like **Gerald Matheny**, **Kenny Leffler**, **Ott Hurrle**, and **Larry Neidlinger**.

Seccina continues to serve the Eastside. The Eastside demographics have changed over the years, and Sccecina continues to be there for the Eastside.

**Why do I give via my IRA?**

It is simple: It reduces my

taxable income because it's a Qualified Charitable Distribution.

I now have a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from my IRA. Anyone at least 73½ who has an IRA is required each year to take a minimum distribution. (IRA owners of 70½ also can give through an IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution, before they are legally required to take distributions.)

The RMD is taxable income at the time of distribution. Making a contribution from the IRA reduces my taxable income, dollar for every dollar given. It is a great way to give! (The contribution must go straight from your IRA to the charity, such as Sccecina.)

*George Walker graduated from Sccecina in 1966. He is retired from Wellpoint. His three daughters also graduated from Sccecina. ■*

## WAYS TO SUPPORT SCECINA: SMART GIVING

Seccina's tradition of excellence in education on the Eastside of Indianapolis continues because of YOU! With your support, students from a variety of backgrounds are inspired to go forth and transform the world inspired by the light of Christ.

Your gifts benefit our students in so many ways, every day. Beyond a direct donation to Sccecina, here are special tax-friendly ways you can help:

### Qualified Charitable Donations from Individual Retirement Accounts

Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) allow IRA owners who are 70½ and older to make tax-free charitable donations directly from their IRAs, up to a maximum of \$108,000 per year. This gift counts toward your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) and avoids tax on that charitable portion of the income from the distribution. *(Please see the testimonial to the left from a graduate.)*

### Indiana School Scholarship Tax Credit

If you have an Indiana state tax liability as a resident or business, you can receive up to a 50 percent tax credit by donating to Sccecina through our certified scholarship granting organization (SGO), the Institute for Quality Education. These donations go directly to help qualified students with tuition assistance.

We also can help with information about planned giving, bequests, wills, and more. ■

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# CLASS NOTES

Two Scecina grads were honored by Little Flower Catholic School as Outstanding Alumni.

**Deacon Gary Blackwell '78** and **Jessica (Wallpe) Freudenstein '05** were recognized at Little Flower's All-Class Reunion on November 2, 2024.

Blackwell served in the Navy after Scecina and in the Indianapolis Fire Department, retiring as a captain in 2020. He became a permanent deacon in 2012 and was ordained in 2017. He serves at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church.



Freudenstein taught kindergarten at Nativity Catholic School for eight years before returning to Little Flower, where she also is a parishioner and also student taught. At Little Flower, she runs the school Resource Department as resource director.



## 1980s

**Chris Crabtree '81** is the co-author of "Hold Strong," a new novel that features Father Thomas Scecina. The historical fiction book is set during World War II. One of the novel's main characters is working as a code breaker when she intercepts a message about a Japanese convoy and the U.S.

Navy's mission to sink the Arisan Maru, the ship that carried Father Tom and other POWs. The book also covers the atrocities of the Bataan Death March that Father Tom lived through as a U.S. Army chaplain in the Philippines. Class of 1983 graduate Paul Ward said the book "describes Father Tom in such a wonderful way, always giving something extra to the prisoners he served."



"Chris and his fellow authors have written something truly inspiring that all of us connected to Scecina can appreciate and be proud of," Ward wrote in an email to Scecina.

Robert Dugoni and Jeff Langholz also are co-authors.

## 1990s

**Cory Moyars '91** was promoted to vice president of North America Warehousing and Logistics with Phoenix International Publications, Inc. PIP is one of the top children's book publishers in the world.



**Donald Winston '96** has been named chief operating officer at Wabash. Winston has more than 25 years of manufacturing leadership experience. He joined Wabash

in January 2024 as vice president of global operations and was promoted to senior vice president later that year.

Winston also has held senior roles at Novolex, Closure Systems International, Ardagh Group, and Ford Motor Company, where he developed expertise in building process-oriented operational environments. He holds a master of science degree in industrial engineering technology and a bachelor of science in organizational leadership and supervision from Purdue University, along with executive leadership training through Duke Corporate Education.



**Jeff Lathrop '96** and **Anthony Kelshaw '01** received the Monsignor Albert Busald Award at the Catholic Youth Organization's (CYO) Annual Volunteer Awards Ceremony at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, which honors adults who have provided sustained service to youth through CYO and parish ministry. Lathrop and Kelshaw were joined by Father Bob Gilday, longtime pastor of Little Flower Parish.



## CLASS NOTES

### Francisco "Pancho" Gómez '98

was recognized as the 2023-2024 Warren Central High School teacher of the year, received the Moorehead Community Resource Center 2024 Community Perseverance Award, and was named the Indiana Urban League teacher of the month for November 2024.

### 2010s

**Luke Frain '15** was recently named to the President's Club for Group Management Services, Inc. (GMS). The honor is granted to sales representatives who achieve sales in the top 10% for the national company.

Honorees enjoyed a trip to Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, in February 2025.

Luke has been employed by GMS since his graduation from Marian University in December 2019. He transferred from the Indianapolis office to Tampa in October 2021. Luke is engaged to be married to Samantha McCarrell, and they will make their home in the Tampa area.



### Haley Drewes '16 and Wyatt

**Howell '16** were married January 18, 2025. Several Scecina graduates were in their wedding party.

Haley is a senior talent acquisition associate at Eli Lilly and Co., and Wyatt is a case manager at Hensley Legal Group.



### Liberty Joson '18

was promoted to senior communications specialist at Northmarq in Omaha, Neb. Liberty is a 2022 graduate of Purdue University, where she earned a bachelor of arts in professional, technical, business, and scientific writing.



### Drew Schuller '18,

a photojournalist for WTHR-13 in Indianapolis, was part of the station's crew nominated for regional Emmy Awards for Weekend Newscast, "WTHR-13 All-Star Weekend Sunrise 9 a.m." and morning newscast, "13News at 6."



**Elissa Murphy '19** was promoted to senior digital and development specialist at Hirons in February. This month, she received the Hirons Bat Award, awarded only twice a year to employees who have scored a "home run" on behalf of clients. Murphy received her bachelor of science degree in informatics and certification in multi-device development from

Indiana University. She also was a digital intern at Hirons while in college.

### 2020s

**William Curriel '20** led the FC Pride 2014 Boys Red Division to a championship victory at the Dynamo MVP tournament on May 11. Curriel accomplished this feat in his first year as head soccer coach.

**Layden Adair '22** (second from left) is a member of the Hanover College 4x200-meter relay team that broke the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference record on March 2 at the conference's indoor track and field championships. The Panthers took first place with a time of 1:30.18. The time is also a new Hanover College record, breaking the previous time of 1:31.07 set in 2016. ■



*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 Scecina alumni are compiled each month in The Crusader e-newsletter and twice a year into the Father Scecina magazine.*

# IN MEMORIAM

## ALUMNI DEATHS

William Hodge '56  
Chong Fall '57  
Edward Trumpey '57  
Jo Ann (Konerman) Brackett '58  
Edward Guntz '58  
Bernadette Heneghan '58  
Ralph Metzger '58  
Richard Paulson '59  
Phillip Roth '59  
David Flack '60  
Richard "Dick" Redmond '60  
Mary Veerkamp '60  
Richard Wehrel '60  
Leola (Burgess) Dillon '61  
Linda (Geiss) Hendrickson '62  
Robert Heneghan '62  
Harold "Bud" Melloh '62  
Mary Margaret (Bryant) O'Connor '62  
Helene (Short) Keska '63

Nancy O'Connor '63  
Lynnda (McGinty) Regan '63  
Sally (Meyers) Sizemore '63  
Helen (Lauer) Heffernan '65  
Phyllis (Caron) Stofa '66  
Toby (Caron) Gearries-Page '68  
John Reichle '68  
Jill (Usher) Pedigo '69  
Sandra (Koger) Humbarger '70  
Randall Kidwill '70  
Dave Koers '71  
Patricia Kieffer '74  
Denise (Miller) Byers '79  
Robert "Bobby" Leszcynski '79

Robert "Bob" Firsich '80  
Michael Sweeney '80  
Jeffrey Thrasher '87  
Karissa Ray '13

## SCECINA COMMUNITY DEATHS

Michael A. Fisse  
Eric Leffler  
Mary Jane (Allison) Render

## FORMER FACULTY & STAFF DEATHS

Tony Gorball

*Class Notes and In Memoriam reflect notices received on or before May 31, 2025.  
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at [www.scecina.org/alumni](http://www.scecina.org/alumni).*

## 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](http://scecina.org/veterans).





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