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## Females and Financial Finesse





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KATHY ALLEN CIARLA '87  
KAREN KLUG WHITE '92

## Dear Alumnae, Parents, Students and Friends,

The spirit of Seton is evident and thriving as we head into spring! We have so much to celebrate and so much for which we are thankful. God's blessings here are abundant and we recognize them in every part of the school and community. We are so grateful to Him for all of the gifts and opportunities afforded to our students, and we are so grateful to our generous, supportive alumnae and the Sisters of Charity.

We feel so very blessed with incredible teachers and alumnae who pour their hearts and souls into all that they do for Seton. In our cover story, you will read about how Amber Knolle Kyle '12 is empowering her students through financial literacy in her Economics class. These life skills are enhanced with the help of Tricia Cunningham Walter '93. Read about the inspiring curriculum and how greatly it benefits our students on pages 4-7.

Recognizing how the Holy Spirit guides us throughout our lives is how Carolyn Davis '60 explains the many volunteer and career opportunities she has embraced over the years. She talks about her experiences, growth and gratitude on pages 18 and 19.

Our athletic teams have had quite an exciting year so far! Our Varsity volleyball Saints were the District Champions, and our swim team clinched the title of Best of the West! You can read more about our athletic accomplishments on page 12.

Enrollment continues to grow here at Seton! We are thrilled to welcome 199 freshmen to the Class of 2026. Please pray for our newest Saints as well as our current Saints, staff and administration. Thank you for your strong support as we continue to live out the mission of our patroness, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

Thank you!

Kathy Allen Ciarla '87  
President

Karen Klug White '92  
Principal



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**ON THE COVER:** Amber Knolle Kyle '12 interacts with her students in economics class while they work on their budgets. Photo by Julie Doran Photography



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*Sponsored by the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati*

Seton High School, a Catholic community in the tradition of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, through the mission of the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati, develops a diverse population of young women for a life of faith, service and leadership and engages them in achieving academic excellence in a college preparatory environment.

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# Females and Financial Finesse

If you walk into the classroom of Mrs. Amber Knolle Kyle '12, amidst the walls covered with pictures and dates and information that highlight world history, you'll find two separate quotes. The first is Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." And the second is from Dave Ramsey, "If you live like no one else now, you can live like no one else later." They both fully capture the essence of what she hopes her students take away from her class – empowerment, confidence, strength and knowledge.

The poise that she now has as a history and economics teacher has come about due to life circumstances and prayerfully having an open heart about what is best. But being passionate about these topics wasn't always top of mind for Amber. It wasn't that long ago that she, herself, was sitting in the desks here at Seton as a student with thoughts more focused on swim meets, studying for a test or fun with friends than they were on financial freedom. Amber has great memories of her high school years being on Seton's swim team. "Those were some of my best memories and still my circle of friends," said Amber, who started becoming a history buff during her junior year in Mr. Kennedy's class. "He was so passionate about what he taught, and it made me want to learn more about history," she recalled.

Clarity about her future did not begin until her freshman year in college though. "I had the idea to attend an out-of-state college with no financial aid or scholarships," Amber said. "It was a harsh reality when I was standing in the bursar office looking at how much my tuition was. I got a part-time job to pay for things, and I quickly realized that my situation simply wasn't going to work. I hated constantly being broke and not having enough money to do both what I needed and wanted to do."

So prior to her sophomore year she transferred to a great university closer to home where she could work, save money and commute. "Once I started to make money as a server, I noticed how much I enjoyed being financially stable and managing my cash," Amber explained. "It was a real learning curve, but one that I became good at, and I made a vow to myself to not go further into debt." It was also during this time that Amber's mother helped guide her to find her strengths and career goals. She graduated from the University of Cincinnati with a degree in secondary education, and in 2018 started working as a long-term sub at Seton. "It was honestly a dream of mine to come back to teach at Seton," she said. In the fall of the following school year, as Amber was beginning her first, full year of teaching social studies classes and an economics class, she embraced a curriculum of financial literacy that partially came to her via another alum, Tricia Cunningham Walter '93. Tricia approached Seton President Kathy Allen Ciarla '87 and Principal Karen Klug White '92 with a valuable opportunity for students, which

was a curriculum to provide a real-life workshop for them to learn about their financial future through the economics class. Tricia, who is currently the president of EAGLE.bank as well as the EAGLE.bank Charitable Foundation Director, was excited about Seton's response. "All three of these women enthusiastically welcomed our help to continue our foundation's vision and provide a financial education for the students at Seton."

*"The more all women are educated in these areas, the better their financial futures and marriages can be. This strength then leads to a stronger community."*

TRICIA CUNNINGHAM WALTER '93



The program provides each student with Dave Ramsey's Foundations in Personal Finance workbook and online access, in addition to coordinating the Portfolio Simulation Game that the class participates in. "I could not be more grateful to Tricia and Eagle Bank," said Amber. "Tricia has been a blessing from the very beginning. She has been in my corner and supporting our class and anything that we needed. She is always willing to answer questions and does a great job talking to the girls about investing, which can be a difficult thing to explain.

"I am honored to be on the Foundation's Board, in which our mission is to educate our community about personal finance as a way of improving financial stability and quality of life," explained Tricia. "Being able to sponsor this program as a graduate of Seton High School and for



Mrs. Amber Knolle Kyle '12

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the young women here to be able to experience this opportunity has been a highlight of my career.”

Statistically, women often leave the financial decision-making up to their husbands. “The more all women are educated in these areas, the better their financial futures and marriages can be. This strength then leads to a stronger community,” Tricia said.

Amber said that honesty has always been part of the way that she teaches her students. “I pride myself on every activity we do in class, and they always have a real-life connection and purpose,” she explained. “I even tell them some of the scenarios and situations that have happened to me. I am very open with them about my past financial mistakes and how it affected my

budget throughout my 20s. The more real I am with them, the more they get out of what I am teaching.”

The activities that they do in class are very hands-on. The students get fake money and scenarios to budget. “They each get a job with a yearly salary. They calculate the taxes and do the math of the deductions of taxes, insurance and 401(k). Then, with that budget they get a car loan, house loan, utility bills, student loans, shop for groceries, cleaning supplies, furniture, house supplies, gas, shop for work clothes, life moments and emergencies,” Amber explained. “I go through with them and add what I can to make them possibly ‘go broke’; because it’s certainly better to go broke on a budget project than in





real life. Most of the girls have never managed money before and they take this very seriously.”

Another financial literacy piece covered by the grant from EAGLE.bank is the Portfolios Workshop which features the Portfolio Investment Simulation Game. This teaches concepts that individuals must understand in order to make decisions regarding retirement plans. “The students are able to have a hands-on experience buying stocks, watch the power of compound interest and see their stock portfolio grow and fall based on decisions,” explained Amber. “The girls get really engaged, involved and competitive about it.” Tricia helps to facilitate this program. “It takes the mystery out of how to invest and teaches them how the stock market works,” Tricia added. “Students learn about investing by experiencing investing. During the course of a ten-year-simulation, they discuss and implement asset allocation strategies, collect interest and dividends, experience realistic market changes, calculate portfolio values and percentage returns, and learn how concepts of compounding, diversification, risk and defining goals relate to the decisions they will make in real life.”

In the past four years since Amber started teaching about financial literacy, she has not only gained more confidence,

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AMBER KNOLLE KYLE '12

but she is also consistently getting positive feedback from former students. “I have so many grads that reach out to me to tell me that they never realized how much I helped to prepare them for the real world. They hear college friends talking about money problems and they love to give them advice based on what they have learned in my class,” she explained. “My favorite is when they tell me they will not be suffering from paying back student loans for the next 25 years because they unknowingly took out a loan that they could not afford. They now know better.”

Tricia’s daughter, Caroline Walter '21, who is currently a freshman at Bellarmine University, took Amber’s class while she was at Seton. As a parent, Tricia saw first-hand what this course meant

to her daughter and her friends. “This class has allowed these young women to have educated conversations with their parents about what they are learning and how it is applicable to their current and future lives,” said

Tricia. “So often these important conversations

are never spoken about in the home. Many parents have gone out of their way to tell me that they are actually learning from their own daughters and how much they wish they themselves would have been taught these lessons at a younger age.”

To gain financial literacy is truly a gift that will last a lifetime. “My hope is that my students make better and more informed choices than our generation made at their age,” said Amber. “My goal is to change the statistics. I hope these girls live like no one else now so that later they can live like no one else. I want these girls to learn healthy financial sacrifices. I want them to become millionaires and be able to give back. I want them to learn standards and self-accountability. I want them to be financially better than us. They can do this!”



Tricia Cunningham Walter '93 and her daughter, Caroline Walter '21

# Giving to Seton

At Seton, we are very blessed with generous and supportive alums and community members who believe in the mission of Seton High School and so many of the great things that this school embodies. Being able to give back to Seton is a blessing to our school as well as to those who give. Emily Martini '02 has prioritized the way that she has financially budgeted and planned for her life so that she is able to live a little less stressed financially while also being able to give back.

Emily is grateful to have a father who taught her at a young age why it is important to live within realistic means. "My dad and other family members helped me learn to live within my means and avoid debt as much as possible," said Emily, who was involved in the service club, French club, Jets, Santa Maria tutoring, ESPY Big Sister program and ran cross country and track while at Seton. "During my senior year I was given advice to choose a college that would allow me to graduate with minimum debt, and once I was in college I was able to start learning about saving thanks to the co-op opportunities I had," she said. "I just tried to live simply and continued to save when I graduated."

Emily earned her Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from the University of Cincinnati and began working at Marathon Petroleum. She went on to get her MBA from Bowling Green University while working full-time. Her career path began as a project manager, then she moved on to a commercial role for the transportation and logistics group. She has worked various roles in business development, including corporate strategy, mergers and acquisitions, and most recently is working in the renewables group. "I like roles where I have to dig in and learn something new, and I have been able to try various tasks and keep learning."



Emily Martini '02

She feels blessed to have had a supervisor early in her career that suggested she continue to increase her 401(k) each year by whatever her raise amount was until she reached the maximum. "That way I would never really miss the extra money that I was saving," said Emily, who enjoyed reading Dave Ramsey and financial independence blogs.

Having that mindset and discipline from early on has resulted in more financial security for Emily and her family now and for the future. Emily and her husband, Patrick, have two sons, Nathan and Dylan, and a baby on the way. Emily feels it is important to give back to Seton. She has made a scholarship commitment for the next five years with a company match.

*"I am grateful to Seton for the opportunities that I received as part of the community," she explained. "When I was in high school, I don't recall any personal finance classes like there are now. I really believe the path to being financially independent starts early in life, especially before college and potentially taking on substantial debt. I encourage new employees that I work with to understand benefits and opportunities to maximize savings. I am hoping that more women take control of their finances. I would like to do more, and Seton just seemed like a great place to start."*

EMILY MARTINI '02

## Questions?

For more information on donating, establishing a scholarship or on Planned Giving, please contact Seton High School President Kathy Allen Ciarla '87 at 513-471-2600 or [ciarlak@setoncincinnati.org](mailto:ciarlak@setoncincinnati.org).





# Meet Nati!

In efforts to continue to provide our students with a well-rounded academic experience, Seton is committed to supporting and setting our students up for success through focusing on health, wellness and balancing academic and personal goals. With that in mind, we are proud to welcome Nati, our new therapy dog!



Nati is a one-year-old female Australian Labradoodle. She passed her temperament testing with her breeder, which made her a welcome candidate for working in a therapy and service capacity. Nati received three months of training both in and out of school. She will work primarily with Seton’s occupational therapist and the school social worker to help support girls who are emotionally struggling. “The goal of our therapy dog is to bring comfort to students in the counseling and supportive settings,” said Erin Rowland, Seton Director of Student Support Services. “The research shows that therapy dogs help improve student motivation and social skills as well as provide confidence, cognitive clarity and problem solving.”

Nati will begin working two half days each week within Seton’s Support Services and will stay with her owner the rest of the day. Her days will increase as she gets older and becomes more familiar with her work. She will soon be spending time saying hello to students in settings throughout the school including classrooms and lunch bells.

**“Providing opportunity for our students to focus on health, wellness, accountability and balance in working towards their academic, social and emotional goals is a priority here at Seton,” said Seton President Kathy Allen Ciarla ’87. “We are proud to be able to offer our students a robust educational experience that fosters growth and success in all of these areas.”**



## ArtWorks Mural Artist Angela Ramirez-Puac

Give a big shout out to junior Angela Ramirez-Puac who helped paint THREE ArtWorks murals in Cincinnati over the past few months! Angela applied to ArtWorks last March, and she was selected to help paint her first mural at Winton Woods Recreation Center. They must have been so impressed with her talent and hard work that ArtWorks hired her again to help paint the Casa Colina on Purcell Ave. Casa Colina is next to the new ARCO building in Price Hill and will be used for artists and musicians to live in while teaching children. Her most recent mural is a massive mural for St. Elizabeth honoring healthcare heroes at Newport on the Levee near the Taylor Southgate Bridge. Angela was one of only five student artists from Cincinnati that worked on this! Way to go, Angela!



# Seton Spirit

## Welcome and Congratulations to the Class of 2026!

We welcomed 199 new Saints to the Seton Sisterhood on registration day in January. Please join us in congratulating these exceptional young women and please keep them in your prayers.



Seton High School is continuously very blessed to have supportive alumnae and friends of Seton. In addition to our Honors Program Scholarships, Admission with Merit Scholarships and 31 Women Scholarship, we are proud to offer additional scholarships. The Alumnae Super Saint Scholarship is awarded to incoming freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors who demonstrate school spirit, leadership and service to others. The Mark Neumann, SC Seton Sisterhood Scholarship honors the legacy of former Seton Principal Mark Neumann, SC, and is awarded to incoming freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors who exemplify the true meaning of the Seton Sisterhood and are active in extracurricular activities. The Spirit of Seton Scholarship is awarded to a current sophomore who exhibits qualities of kindness and impacts others in a positive way. Teachers, coaches, academic advisors or staff members nominate students for the Mark Neumann, SC Seton Sisterhood Scholarship and the Spirit of Seton Scholarship.

# Service Update

## Thanksgiving Food Drive

Seton once again held an all-school Thanksgiving Food Drive during the month of November. Our Seton Helping Saints philanthropy club coordinated the drive, and every student within each mentor group was assigned particular items to bring in. Students and staff organized and delivered the meals, which went to families in need throughout the Price Hill community. Thanks to our amazing Saints, we were able to donate more than 120 full Thanksgiving meals!



**MORE THAN 120 FULL MEALS DELIVERED**



**Seton**  
*Sweepstakes*

**12 Months of Prizes... 12 Chances to Win!**

Thanks to the incredible success of Seton's 12 Months of Giveaways, we are thrilled to be bringing it back for 2022! For \$25 per chance, you can win an incredible prize package. Chances will be sold throughout each month, and the winner's name will be drawn on the first day of each month.

**For more information, visit [setoncincinnati.org](http://setoncincinnati.org).**

**THANK YOU!**

**SETON UNITES**  
**Girls' Schools Unite!**  
*Seton*

## Girls' Schools Unite

The Seton Saints were back-to-back champions in the Girls' Schools Unite campaign, which included five all-girls Catholic high schools – Mercy McAuley, Mount Notre Dame, Seton, Saint Ursula and Ursuline Academy. Thanks to YOU, Seton came out on top once again! This fundraising campaign seeks to raise awareness and financial support. The campaign calls on alumnae from each school to make a gift to their high school alma mater. The high school with the highest percentage of alumnae participation will be named as the winning school. We will be relying on your support again this year so we can hold on to our title! The GSU Campaign will take place May 2-6, 2022. Stay tuned!

## Sports Update

### NEW ASSISTANT ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Mrs. Cindy Busse



We are pleased to announce that Mrs. Cindy Busse has been named as Seton's Assistant Athletic Director. Cindy brings 17 years of experience working at Seton. For 13 years she has served as our TriHealth Athletic Trainer. In addition, she has also been a member of our faculty, teaching Health and Physical Education and assisted in designing the online Health curriculum.

## SAVE THE DATE

### Seton Athletic Boosters Golf Outing

The 13th Annual Seton Athletic Boosters Golf Outing will be held on July 18, 2022 at Aston Oaks. For more information about registration and sponsorship, please contact Seton Athletic Director Wendy Zureick Smith '90 at [smithw@setoncincinnati.org](mailto:smithw@setoncincinnati.org).



## VOLLEYBALL



Congratulations to our Varsity Volleyball team – **2021 DISTRICT CHAMPIONS!**

## GOLF



Congratulations to our JV Golf team who came in 1st Place at the GGCL Golf Invitational!

## TRACK & FIELD



Congratulations to (L-R) Rachel Jarvis, Avery Emerson, Melis Johnson and Meggie Bailey for setting a new indoor track school record in the 4x800 relay!

**Congratulations to the following student athletes who are continuing their academic and athletic careers at the next level:**

Maddie Baker – Mount St. Joseph University – golf

Sara Bates – Troy University – volleyball

Tess Jones – The University of Mississippi – volleyball

Olivia Mohs – Thomas More University – soccer

Sydney Stigler – Lees McRae College – volleyball

Sophia Roebel – Bellarmine University – soccer

Izzy Selby – Wittenberg University – golf

## SWIMMING

Congratulations to senior swimmer Brooke Kamstra who competed in the 100M Breaststroke at the OHSAA State Championships in Canton, Ohio. Brooke had a great four years and will leave Seton with two new school records for the 200M IM and 100M Breaststroke!



## DANCE



Congratulations to the Seton Varsity Dance team – 4th place in the NATION in Pom and 12th place in Hip Hop at the UDA National Dance Team Championships in Orlando, Florida!



Congratulations to our Seton Junior Varsity Dance team who competed in Jamfest Dance SuperNationals in Louisville and placed 1st in both Pom and Jazz!

## Performing Arts Update

Thank you to everyone who supports our performing arts throughout each year!



The Seton-Elder Drama club received rave reviews for their fall play, CSI:Neverland. Congratulations to the cast and crew!



Freshman Christmas Concert



Seton-Elder Performing Arts Christmas Concert



Throughout the month of December, we feel blessed to spread Christmas cheer with some local nursing homes. Here is Mr. Justin Kohler and a few of our Saints from vocal ensemble as they were heading to sing at Bayley.



Get ready to laugh and sing along this year because you won't want to miss the Seton-Elder Performing Arts spring musical, Hello, Dolly! Matchmaker and widow Dolly travels to Yonkers, New York where she merrily arranges love matches and soon finds herself motivated by her own romantic intentions. This classic musical is boisterous and charming from beginning to end!

**Wednesday, April 6, 7:00 p.m.**

**Friday, April 8, 7:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, April 9, 7:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, April 10, 3:00 p.m.**

All tickets are \$15 and reserved seating, except the Wednesday performance which is general admission. For more information, visit [www.setoncincinnati.org](http://www.setoncincinnati.org)

# Seton Spirit

## Seton Medical Club

The Seton Medical Club has had a busy fall full of great guest speakers. Thanks to the guest speakers who joined our students during meetings to share about career opportunities in the medical field and answer questions from students. Pictured here is Kathryn Eary '17 who was accepted into the highly-competitive University of Cincinnati College of Medicine Connections Dual Admissions (BS/MD) Program upon graduation from Seton.



## Bourbon & Bites

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Bourbon & Bites! We were thrilled to have a new event this fall in The Grove and Halo Café. Thank you to everyone who donated, volunteered and attended. We all enjoyed delicious food by our talented Halo Café team as well as wonderful raffles and prizes, and of course, bourbon tastings!

*Thank you again for all of the incredible support we get from the entire Seton community.*



# Seton Sisters

## Class Notes

### 60's

**Jane Lentz Detzel '62 and Judy Gries Shields '62** at John's Pass, Treasure Island, Florida, in October 2021. They have been life-long friends since 1st grade at St. Antoninus and even though neither one of them lives in Cincinnati, they connect for a couple weeks in Florida each year and treasure their special bond.



**Maureen Burns Cramerding '67** served as the Treasurer of her son's campaign for Cincinnati City Council. She is proud of

Jeff's successful campaign, and he took office in January 2022. Maureen retired in 2018 after serving as Executive Assistant to the President of TriHealth for 33 years. She lives in Delhi Township.



**Orchestra Zoom reunion  
Classes of 1966-1972**



### 70's

**Class of 1970 - Celebrated their 50th reunion**



**Kris Kroger Neyer '78** is now a first-time grandma to Theodore Daniel who was born on January 7, 2022.

### 80's

**Class of 1981 reunion at Seton**



**Clare Gephardt Nixon '82** completed her Alternative Education Certificate program in July of 2021 and was hired by the same school she'd been working in as a teaching assistant. She is now a certified special education teacher working at the same high school where her own son is a sophomore. She teaches Occupational Preparation, General Employability, Making Connections and Study Skills. She is also the co-advisor of the student council. She loves working with the mix of general education and special needs students. Clare thinks that becoming a first-year teacher at the age of 52 can be challenging, but the rewards far exceed those challenges, plus it's fun to go to school every day with your own son.

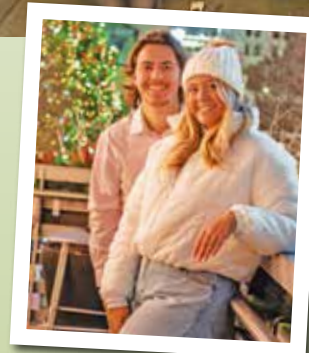


### 00's

**Class of 2000 reunion at Seton**



**Class of 2006 reunion at West Side Brewing**



**Margo Morgan '18** got engaged in December 2021 and is currently in nursing school.

# Seton Sisters

## Weddings

Congratulations to the following Seton graduates and their spouses on their recent nuptials.

Moira McNeil Demint '09, January 2021

Faith Flowers Jett '15, January 2, 2021

Catherine Tuttle Gray '14, August 8, 2021

Kasey Beck Smith '12, August 28, 2021

Kylee Siefke Newman '12, May 29, 2021

Vicki Pollack Reynolds '15, September 4, 2021

Christy Allen Green '09, September 17, 2021

Megan Pflum Nuss '12, October 9, 2021

Christina Zoellner Thompson '07, October 10, 2020

Morgan Vogel Manning '13, October 15, 2021

Lauren Ulmer Zlatanov '12, October 16, 2021

Meghan Cappel Aurand '11, November 27, 2021



Christy Allen Green '09



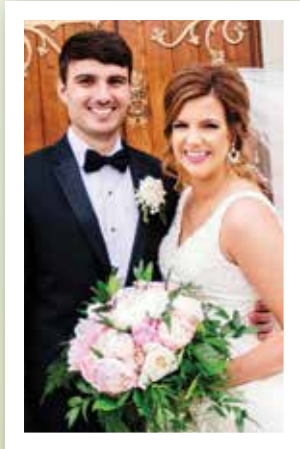
Lauren Ulmer Zlatanov '12



Morgan Vogel Manning '13  
Jordan Schmidt '13, Savannah Vogel '16,  
Lindsay Vogel Scoby '07 were bridesmaids,  
and Sarah Kay Vogel Smith '04  
was the matron of honor



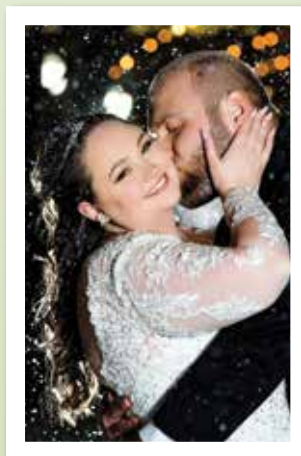
Megan Pflum Nuss '12



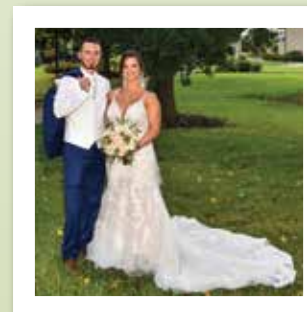
Kylee Siefke Newman '12



Christina Zoellner Thompson '07



Moira McNeil Demint '09



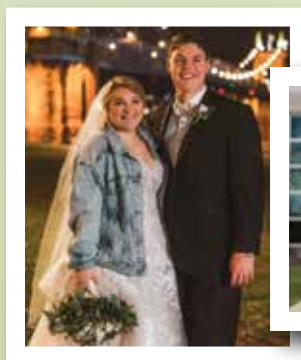
Kasey Beck Smith '12



Vicki Pollack Reynolds '15



Catherine Tuttle Gray '14



Faith Flowers Jett '15



Meghan Cappel Aurand '11  
Kendall Cappel '14 (left) was the Maid of  
Honor and Kelsey Murphy '13 (right)  
was a bridesmaid

To submit a class note or update, please fill out the "Update Your Information" form at [www.setoncincinnati.org](http://www.setoncincinnati.org), email [alumnae@setoncincinnati.org](mailto:alumnae@setoncincinnati.org) or call (513) 471-2600.



# Births

Congratulations to the following Seton graduates on the addition to their families.

- Jennifer Cable Hirst '06, son Noah, December 2019
- Mollie Williams Ulmer '11, son Quinn William, June 19, 2021
- Kelly Murray Sullivan '03, daughter Mae Carole Sullivan, August 8, 2021
- Stephanie Zoellner Niehe '08, twin daughters Emersyn and Kyler, September 15, 2021
- Racelle Wittich Minter '01, son Maclan Cole, September 2, 2021
- Emily Adkins Schutzman '10, daughter Quinn Marie, April 30, 2021



Emersyn and Kyler Niehe



Noah Hirst



Quinn William Ulmer



Quinn Marie Schutzman



Mae Carole Sullivan



Maclan Cole with big sibs Millie and Monte Minter

# Passings

Our sympathy is extended to the families of the following:

- |                               |                                  |                               |                                  |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Evelyn Traut Busam '34        | Marie Bailey Massey '50          | Mary Gorman Ernst '57         | Mary Jo Grimmelsman Florence '66 |
| Lorraine Jacob Lutmer '36     | Marlene Goodling Michael '51     | Shirley Niehaus Groh '57      | Betty Holt Ladner '66            |
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# Giving Our Time and Using Our Gifts

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## Alumnae Spotlight

### Carolyn Davis '60

It has been said that one of the greatest gifts someone can give is their time. At Seton High School, we have been blessed with so many selfless volunteers over the years who have given their time, talents and treasure.



Carolyn Davis '60

One of those extraordinary volunteers is Carolyn Davis '60.

With a life fueled by faith, she has found that she has always felt guided in the right direction to work and volunteer in a rewarding and faith-filled environment. Carolyn and her twin sister, Barbara, grew up in Oakley until their parents moved their family of four to Price Hill

in the spring of 1956. The following year they attended Seton where Carolyn embraced her high school years by finding activities that fit with her passions. She excelled in math and Latin. "I was impressed with how much knowledge my teachers had and how much interest they took in every student," she said. Carolyn and Barbara got involved in clubs. "We were part of the Glee Club our freshman year and part of the Mother Seton Guild for all four years," Carolyn said. "And we always had fun selling candy bars and collecting for the annual paper drive." At the beginning of their sophomore year, they started volunteering to help their Biology teacher, S. Paula Gonzalez, SC. "We would help her after school and even over the summer with whatever help she needed in the classroom," Carolyn explained. Upon graduation, Carolyn received the Archbishop Medal for Religion at the graduation awards ceremony. "This was such a surprise for me," she added. "My four years at Seton, along with my parents, really laid the foundation for my life."

Two weeks after graduation, Carolyn applied for a job with Central Trust Bank where she could conveniently walk to work each day. In 1963, she started working for the Internal Revenue Service, and that became her career for nearly 32 years. During this time she professionally embraced many opportunities including bookkeeping, Clerk Typist, Clerk Reporter, Volunteer and Education Coordinator, Taxpayer Service Representative, Taxpayer Service Specialist and finally as a Group Manager. She also took some Xavier University classes after work

to be able to grow professionally and as a leader. "In my last position I was responsible for our two volunteer tax preparation programs where I was tasked with recruiting and training volunteers as well as visiting some of the volunteer sites during tax filing season," she explained.

"I also prepared the quarterly volunteer newsletter."



Carolyn Davis '60

Carolyn leveraged her professional skills into her personal passions for volunteering. In the 1970s she became active at St. Teresa, which was her parish at that time. "I was a Lector and Eucharistic Minister," said Carolyn. "I also helped with the Baptism preparation program, finance committee, RCIA, worship committee and parish council where I served as president for two years."

Volunteering became a way of life for Carolyn, and there were many weeks that she was at church for three or four evenings. Her career path and her faith-based volunteering opportunities were very fulfilling. "Looking back I would say that it was the Holy Spirit at work," she said. She continued pouring her heart into volunteering while working her full-time job until she retired from the IRS in 1995. About a year later, while still giving her time to St. Teresa, Carolyn was having a conversation with the pastor, Fr. Larry Tharp. "He said he needed a pastoral assistant and asked if I would be interested in the position," she explained. "I told him that I would love to work in the parish!" For the next 10 years, Carolyn wore many hats in her job. "According to Fr. Tharp, my job description was to do anything that he did not want to do," Carolyn said with a laugh. Her responsibilities included being in charge of the RCIA program, preparing the weekly bulletin and reviewing all of the marriage preparation documents. "I felt truly blessed to have this position, which was not a job for me but a ministry," added Carolyn.

In 2006, she joined St. Dominic parish and again found that the Lord opened up doors for her. "I immediately became a Lector and Eucharistic Minister. Carolyn spent a lot of time with her aging mother until she passed

away in 2008. “Since then, I have helped with the annual festival and soliciting donations for booths,” she said. “I also started working at St. Dominic 10 hours each week for the next few years as the alumni coordinator. I was in charge of class reunions, prepared the monthly newsletter and created a database of graduates by gathering information,” she explained. “There were only a few names with contact information on the alumni list when I started, and by the time I left there were over 2,500 names.” Carolyn officially retired from working in 2010 at age 68; however, her compassionate heart of service kept her volunteering. Shortly thereafter, she started giving her time at Bayley in the gift shop where she spends a minimum of three hours a week selling items and refreshments. “I see this as a ministry as I spend time talking to the residents who come in and sometimes just need someone to listen to them,” she said. “I look forward to this each week.” Carolyn has been involved in the RCIA program at St. Dominic since 2013. “What a blessing it is for me to see our Catechumens and candidates receive the sacraments and to walk our faith journey together,” said Carolyn, who also began volunteering with the Bereavement Ministry around that same time. “I meet with the family to plan the funeral Mass, prepare all the paperwork, assist with setting up for the Mass and being there that day,” she explained. “What a rewarding ministry this is for me, knowing how much the families truly appreciate my presence and assistance during this very difficult time in their lives.”

Carolyn has been an incredible supporter of Seton and the Sisters of Charity for many decades. She first became involved at Seton as an alum in the late 60s by helping to raise money through an annual card party and participating in the Sunday Afternoon of Reflection. She volunteered for a while in the library; and in



Carolyn is a proud sponsor of Seton's 31 Women Scholarship program.

more recent years she has dedicated countless hours to help in the Advancement Office, specifically with alumnae information. “I help update class lists and information when the post office sends notices of undeliverable mail. I volunteer at the Alumnae Walk, Setonsation and Girls Night Out, as well as other events,” she said. Carolyn has also served as a mentor for senior project, and she is a sponsor of Seton’s 31 Women Scholarship.

Around the same time Carolyn started her first job out of high school, her twin sister, Barbara, entered the Sisters of Charity. While Carolyn has been involved with the Sisters since then, she officially made her commitment and became a Sisters of Charity Associate in 2013. “Part of their Charism statement reads, ‘True to the spirit of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, we are called to reliance on the Spirit. We vow our lives to our God with whom we walk in humility, simplicity and charity. We dare to risk a caring response,’” said Carolyn. “Since becoming an Associate, I feel that I am living, and have been living, the Charism statement through my volunteer activities and the ministries over these many years, and I will continue to do so.”



L-R: Carolyn Davis '60 and her twin sister S. Barbara Davis, SC '60



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