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#### Dear Alumnae, Parents, Students and Friends,

There is so much to celebrate, be grateful for and look forward to here at Seton High School! With the signs of spring all around us, we are blooming in so many ways! We are incredibly blessed and thankful for the generous support of alums and friends of Seton. God is always working throughout the Seton community and school, and our students are afforded so many opportunities to find their gifts and grow.

And speaking of blessings, in our cover story on pages 4-7, you will read how Lisa LaRosa and her daughters, Olivia LaRosa '11 and Erika LaRosa Maurer '13 have leaned on their faith and inspired the Seton community to do the same.

We are thrilled to announce the construction of the Seton Sports Complex, the SC! We are proud to be trailblazers as we build the first sports complex in the region for an all-girls school! Read more about it on page 9. We are so grateful for your prayers, financial support and enthusiasm as we bring this historic project to life!

Angie Nolasco '22 has been volunteering as a grade school tutor over the past year, and she has found that this experience has helped her to see the path that God is guiding her on. Read on pages 18 and 19 about how she has used her faith and her gifts to be of compassionate service to others.

We are thrilled to welcome 179 freshmen to the Class of 2029. Please pray for our newest Saints as well as our current students, 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

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**PHOTOS:** Our Saints in the Elder marching band and guard traveled to Orlando, Florida, where they marched and performed in a parade down Main Street in Magic Kingdom. The Seton Helping Saints Club organized and put together donations recently for new moms at Good Samaritan Hospital and for families at The Ronald McDonald House.

**ON THE COVER:** Lisa Voss LaRosa and her daughters, Olivia LaRosa '11 and Erika LaRosa Maurer '13 share a deep faith and connection to Seton High School. They have inspired one another and hundreds of Seton student-athletes as well.



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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God gives us free will. We can choose to walk through life alone, in our own strength, or we can walk with God and be blown away by all the ways He reveals His love to us.

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hat quote from Lisa Voss LaRosa captures how she is walking through life every moment of every day. It's a perspective that her daughters, Olivia and Erika, also share. In fact, they have quite a bit to do with the way that Lisa has embraced this way of life. In turn, Coach LaRosa, as she is mostly known around Seton, has taken the hands and hearts of so many Seton Saints, guiding them to embrace this same outlook along their own journeys.

As a teenager, Lisa's drive and passion for sports was evident. She was on one of the first west side 'select' soccer teams in the area as a middle schooler, and when she went on to Oak Hills High School, she was a four-year member of the varsity soccer team, basketball team and track and field team. She also

spent one year on the swim team. "I loved being involved in sports every season," said Lisa. "During preseason freshman and sophomore years, I had to ride my bike to the two-a-day practices at Springmyer school on Ebenezer. I lived in Delhi off Martini Road, and I didn't think twice about the distance or safety, I just did it and I loved it," said Lisa, adding that she also would do extra running in her neighborhood to get faster and stronger.

She graduated in 1985 with a new school record for high hurdles in track and field, and she held onto that record for five years. "I do believe Seton athletes' times now would crush my best time from 1985," she said with a laugh.

Lisa attended Cincinnati State and graduated in 1988 with a degree in Marketing Management. Lisa married Mike LaRosa in 1992, and later that year their first daughter, Olivia, was born. In 1995 their second daughter, Erika, was born. Life was busy but blessed for Lisa with two daughters and two older stepsons, Nick and Ryan.

The high school years for both Olivia and Erika brought great growth opportunities in many areas, especially in faith.

Olivia transferred to Seton in 2008 during her sophomore year. She was born with a hearing impairment, so the LaRosas navigated through high school decisions trying to find the best fit. They ultimately felt that Seton was where Olivia was supposed to be, where she would be surrounded in an environment that would help her succeed academically, emotionally and through school activities. Olivia played soccer during freshman year at her previous school. "She was a fierce little defender," explained Lisa. "She had to have two surgeries – one going into freshman

year for a displaced patella and then one after she tore her meniscus that season," Lisa explained, adding that after the last surgery they knew it was time for Olivia to hang up her cleats.

"When I transferred to Seton, it was a turning point for my confidence – spiritually and emotionally," said Olivia. "I remember feeling very anxious. I will never forget my first day at Seton and how warm and welcoming all the students, teachers and staff were towards me. I met many new friends that day, and I was overwhelmed by the positivity and spiritfilled community that existed at Seton."

Olivia became involved in service-learning and campus ministry, and she attributes her experience with junior retreat and Kairos as a big step in her relationship with God as well as a way to grow closer to her classmates. "In the early years of my own personal faith journey, these events helped me to strengthen my prayer life, allowing me to grow and mature emotionally, and be confident in opening up to other people without fear of rejection," said Olivia.

Olivia earned her degree in Early Childhood Education at Mount St. Joseph University in 2016. She is currently a preschool teacher in Bridgetown where she has been for nine years. Within the past decade, she underwent double cochlear-implant surgery. "Every day I wake up, thanking God for a new day and praying that Jesus would use me for His divine purposes," she explained. "The many personal trials that I have endured throughout my life have allowed me to grow deeper in my faith and strengthen my relationship with Jesus. I have learned that our struggles are what strengthen us," she added. "God continually reminds me that true rest, strength and freedom are found in Him."

Erika entered Seton as a freshman and immediately felt inspired. Her freshman Religion class taught by Mr. Al Kovacic was a big inspiration. "His teachings and reflections really helped me to make my faith a more personal thing," Erika explained. "This started the journey of me wanting to truly live my life for God."

Another influential adult during Erika's high school years was Sr. Sandy Howe. "Throughout each of my years at Seton I would volunteer at City Gospel Mission early in the mornings with Sr. Sandy. Her love for God was evident and she became a role model for me," Erika said, adding that serving those experiencing homelessness is still a weekly part of her life today.

Another huge aspect of Erika's high school experience was being on the Varsity Soccer team. It was a special opportunity for her older sister to be the team manager. "I do believe that it was all part of God's plan to have Olivia as the big sister on the sideline supporting the first two years of Erika's high

> school career," said Lisa. "Being a freshman on Varsity had its challenges, as did Olivia transferring from a different school; but God showed them both that He was there with them, leading them and giving them strength and support."

Lisa learned a great deal from her own high-school-age daughters, which has helped her develop into the coach she is today. "Throughout Olivia and Erika's high school years I witnessed tremendous strength, trust and growth in their faith, which in turn helped me dig deeper into my faith," explained

Lisa. "They both had their own personal struggles that they had to overcome, just as any high school student goes through. I witnessed Olivia and Erika leaning into their faith. When a parent witnesses their own child overcoming struggles by leaning more into their faith, it is a beautiful gift!"

Erika was involved with student government and also elected Pep Club President her senior year. Those leadership skills extended to her senior year soccer season where an opportunity arose that she did not see coming. The team only had two wins during the regular season. "If you knew me in high school you knew that I lived and breathed soccer," said Erika. "It was during this time that it clicked for me that the sport I loved to play was a part of the unique way God made me, and how cool would it be if I used that to glorify Him?" She headed into the post-season with an idea for the team to dedicate the rest of their games to God and His glory. "We started praying together before each game and writing scriptures on our arms," she explained. "Through this time our entire team devoted ourselves to God, and we went on quite the tournament run! The team that only won two regular season games became District Champions!"





Erika on the Guatemala mission trip

Olivia, Lisa and Erika LaRosa in Guatemala

Lisa began coaching soccer for Seton that same year as an assistant on the freshman team. "Being asked to be a high school coach was so important to me, as I saw first-hand how important it was to coach each individual player for their own strengths and weaknesses," Lisa said. "I knew that high school is such an important developmental time for young athletes. It goes by so incredibly fast, and it can shape their entire future. I wanted to make sure I was making it a positive experience for each and every player on and off the field."

Later that year, Erika asked her mom and sister if they all could go on a mission trip to Guatemala. "It was a week together that I believe changed us forever," said Lisa. "It was a week of loving orphans, working in their villages, worshiping together, sharing meals together and showing them endless love. We witnessed God's presence with us every step of the way, leading us, keeping us safe and showing us that His love is endless."

It was that passion for her faith that led Erika back to Seton after she graduated from college. She began a ministry where she could help athletes grow in their faith through the sports that they played. "My faith and soccer meant so much to me, and teaching others to use their sport to glorify God meant a lot," Erika said. After two years she felt that God was calling her to be more present with her young, growing family. "At this same time God was molding my mom into an incredible leader and role model for so many athletes at Seton. It was an honor to pass the baton of athletic ministry off to her and see her shine in this role," said Erika.

Spiritual growth and sharing God's unfailing love is something that is so clear if you know Coach LaRosa. Her journey in life, however, has involved facing trials, hardships and fear multiple times. In 2003 Lisa's father passed away suddenly at the age of 62. "I was so angry at God for many years," she said. "I did not understand why God had to take him home without warning." But as the years passed, she learned to lean more into her faith. The mission trip in 2013 helped open her eyes and her

heart. "I knew that I had to let go of the anger, and I wanted to build a stronger relationship with Jesus. I was able to witness my daughters' trust in Jesus throughout that week and it changed me," Lisa added. "Fast forward a few years, and from my own personal struggles I learned that God's love for me is so grand that all the hardships we endure are blessings that ultimately make us stronger and bring us closer to Him."



Lisa digging a trench in Guatemala



Erika's sophomore year on Varsity Soccer and Olivia as team manager



The Varsity Soccer Team after the State Championship game

Lisa continued to coach at Seton over the next several years. She had worked her way to Assistant Varsity Soccer Coach, and then to an Assistant Cross Country Coach for a season, Track & Field Hurdle Coach for three seasons and then back to soccer. Throughout all this time she kept asking God if she was doing His will. "Each season I prayed asking God to lead me where I am supposed to be and to show me my purpose."

In 2019, Lisa's mother passed away and both Lisa and Mike were blessed to be in the room. "On that beautiful Monday morning on March 18, I lost my best friend and an extraordinary mother, but I was also given an incredible gift. I felt God's love fill her room, and I witnessed God's love taking her home to the most beautiful peaceful place that we all hope for," she explained. "Later that day I asked God for a sign that my mom and dad were together again. When we returned home, Olivia was looking out the window at two beautiful dove birds sitting on our deck where she said they had been for an hour. I knew that was my sign."

As if losing her mother wasn't enough heartache, in the fall of 2019, Lisa was diagnosed with colorectal cancer. While she was still serving as an Assistant Varsity Soccer Coach at this time, she felt that maybe God could be telling her that it was time to step away from Seton Athletics and focus on her family.

A few months later she was cancer free and took the advice of her doctor to have genetic testing done. On March 18, 2020 at 3:18 p.m., exactly one year after her mom passed away, Lisa

received a phone call with the genetic testing results. The risk markers came back positive for breast, colon, melanoma and gastrointestinal cancers. "I started to cry and told the nurse that it was a gift from my mother and a gift from the Lord," Lisa said. "I believe whole-heartedly that God was showing me that my story was not finished; that it was just the beginning."

Over the next nine months Lisa had three major surgeries – a complete hysterectomy, her gallbladder removed and a double mastectomy.

Through prayer and with the encouragement of her husband and family, she was still with the soccer team. In the spring of 2021, Lisa had her third melanoma removed. The first two times were in 2008 and 2012. "As I see it, finding this cancer was a blessing," said Lisa. "I was told that it was a fast-growing cancer. Once again, it was with the grace of God that I was sent to a new doctor and a new set of eyes, so it was caught early."







Lisa and the Varsity Soccer Team praying before a game







Erika, Lisa, Mike, Olivia

Every time that she questioned if she should step away from coaching, she learned by listening to God that she was exactly where she was supposed to be.

In 2022, the Seton Varsity Soccer team won the OHSAA D1 State Championship. "I was blessed to witness each and every member believe completely in God's plan for them and our team," said Lisa. "They believed in



one another every step of the way until they reached their *piece of gold* and became the first-ever Seton Soccer State Champions!"



The following year Lisa was asked to be a spiritual leader for all of the Seton varsity teams. Through various faith-building activities, Lisa inspires all student-athletes. "Our faith-building consists of breaking down scriptures and then doing an activity that helps

bring them closer to God and to one another," explained Lisa. "They enjoy writing in their journals and writing prayers for one another; and then we worship through music and end with a prayer."

In addition to the state title in 2022, the Seton Varsity Soccer Team has also made it to the final four in the state tournament for the last two seasons. Success is evident throughout the athletic program as all Seton teams continue to embrace their walk with God and play for a bigger purpose. "I witnessed our volleyball team that is full of talented individuals come together as one unit trusting in God's plan for them, and they became the OHSAA Division 1 State Champions," said Lisa. "Our Cross Country team met often with me and also did faith building on their own. They saw the goodness of God when they placed 6th as a team at Regionals, and when Heidi Harmeyer '26 told me that she fully trusted God's plan, she made it to the State Championship race individually where she placed 15th overall," said Lisa. "God is good and faithful and is always leading the way."

This past fall, Lisa's husband, Mike, contacted Seton President Kathy Allen Ciarla '87 with an idea to nominate Lisa for a national coaching award. The Seton community responded with current and past players, parents, coaches, administration, family and friends all sending in their nomination forms for Lisa. She was then named as the recipient of the 2024 Faith-Based Coaches' Award as part of the United Soccer Coaches Communities Awards of Excellence.

Faith in athletics is tightly woven here at Seton, and it's not just the student-athletes who are better for it. "The reward of coaching is so much bigger than anything I could have ever dreamed of," said Lisa. "The messages I receive from past and current athletes with scriptures and beautiful sunrises or sunsets is so much bigger and more than me – it's all from God's goodness, love and blessings."

As she continues to walk through life with God, she feels more thankful each day. "I am eternally grateful for my supportive family, my strong faith and all the pieces of my story," explained Lisa. "I'm beyond blessed to have been chosen 12 years ago to be the one the Seton athletes call Coach LaRosa and for the opportunity Seton has given me to live out my faith with these incredible young women." Her message is consistent and carries on through so many athletes year after year. "There is gold in every piece of your story," Lisa shares. "Keep your eyes *up* and *believe!*"

I cannot thank the LaRosa Family enough for all the blessings they bring to Seton. They inspire all of us to trust God's plan and believe.

# Seton Spirit



# 31 Women and Named Scholarships

It was an honor to have several donors here at Seton for a special morning celebrating our 31 Women Scholarship recipients and other various Named Scholarship recipients. We are beyond blessed with the support of so many friends of Seton and alums who are passionate about the value of a Seton education. Thank you to everyone who joined us as well as those who could not make it. We are so grateful!

















# Questions?

For more information on establishing a Named Scholarship or Planned Giving, please contact Seton High School President Kathy Allen Ciarla '87 at 513-471-2600 or ciarlak@setoncincinnati.org.

#### Seton High School is excited to announce plans for the

## \$16M SPORTS COMPLEX DEVELOPMENT

# **SETON SPORTS COMPLEX**

#### ON 11 ACRES IN DELHI TOWNSHIP

eton High School purchased 11 acres of land in Delhi Township on Delhi Pike, Greenwell Avenue, Klemme Drive and Glenroy Avenue, and construction began in March. The SETON SPORTS COMPLEX, known as THE SC, will be only eight minutes away from Seton's campus. It will be open for the 2026 fall sports season!

Plans for the complex include a turf field for Soccer, Lacrosse and Flag Football, an eight-lane outdoor Track with Field event space, Tennis and Pickleball courts, seating and parking.

In addition, the facility will boast a two-story athletic center fully equipped to give Seton student-athletes the best amenities in health and wellness including a state-of-the-art weight room, training room, team meeting rooms, health and wellness center, batting tunnels, golf simulator and locker rooms. Fans can enjoy a concession area with outdoor dining, a spirit shop, restrooms and ample stadium seating for viewing the competitions. The athletic center also features four well-appointed luxury suites for an optimal fan experience and a press box with broadcasting capabilities.

"The SC will transform our school and take our competitive athletic program to the next level by providing our students with exceptional facilities to enhance their talents and focus on their health and wellness. Seton High School values the importance of a robust, well-rounded educational experience, and is dedicated to providing students with the best possible experience to develop strong, independent young women," said Seton President Kathy

The cost for this renovation will be funded by donors and grants. This is part of the Seton Centennial fundraising initiative of which Seton is in the first phase.

If you are interested in learning more about ways to fund and support the Seton SC, please contact Kathy Allen Ciarla '87 at ciarlak@setoncincinnati.org.



- BATTING TUNNELS
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- LOCKER ROOMS
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- PARKING

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- STADIUM SEATING
- TEAM MEETING/HEALTH **AND WELLNESS ROOM**
- TENNIS/PICKLEBALL COURTS
- TRAINING ROOM
- TURF FIELD (SOCCER/LACROSSE/FLAG FOOTBALL)
- WEIGHT ROOM









# Seton Spirit

# Welcome and Congratulations to the Class of 2029!

We welcomed 179 new Saints to the Seton Sisterhood on registration day, January 31, 2025. Please join us in congratulating these exceptional young ladies and please keep them in your prayers.



ere at Seton High School, we are continuously blessed to have supportive alumnae and friends of Seton. Currently, 73% of students receive financial aid or scholarships from over 240 named scholarship funds. In addition to our Honors Program Scholarships, Admission with Merit Scholarships and 31 Women Scholarships, we are proud to offer additional leadership scholarships. The Alumnae Super Saint Scholarship is awarded to students 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 students 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.

# Sr. Blandina Segale Day

We were blessed to have a beautiful fall evening to celebrate the Blessing of the S. Blandina Segale Statue and Dedication of the Saints Square. Thank you to the beloved Sisters of Charity who joined us to bless the statue, to the generous Seton supporters who were here as well as those who were not, and to the student ambassadors, Seton Chorus and Halo Café staff. We also celebrated Sr. Blandina Segale Day during a school day where Pam Ehrman Kent '81 joined us during assembly time to share her miraculous healing experience where S. Blandina interceded on her behalf through the power of prayer. This miracle is being used as one of the miracles presented to the Vatican for S. Blandina's canonization. We all continue to pray for S. Blandina's journey to Sainthood.



## **Mission Trip**

A group of Saints and chaperones went on a mission trip in the fall to Louisa, Kentucky. They stayed at the Fr. Beiting Appalachian Mission Center and did various service projects and maintenance. The group also had reflection time each evening on the day's work and the lives that they were positively impacting.



# <u>Girls'Schools Unitel</u>

# Seton

We are rolling into year six of the Girls' Schools Unite campaign and we are relying on our incredible alums to show

their enthusiasm and support! This friendly fundraising competition includes six all-girls Catholic high schools - Mercy McAuley, Mount Notre Dame, Notre Dame Academy, Seton, St. Ursula and Ursuline Academy. Thanks to our alums, Seton has won the competition four out of the past five years! We want to hold on to the title! The fundraising 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. The GSU campaign will take place May 5-7, 2025. Stay tuned! Let's win this again, Saints!

## **ACT 30 Plus Club**



Congratulations to the following group of Seton seniors who are all part of the ACT 30 Plus Club! These amazing Saints all

scored 30 or above on the ACT: (Front Row L-R): Mya Clyde, Grace Awad, Riley Dolan, Elsie Whitmer (Back Row L-R): Ella Bill, Ruby Hart, Ava Massa, Anna Groh



Seton High School has once again earned Silver recognition on the AP School Honor Roll! The AP School Honor Roll recognizes schools whose AP programs are delivering

results. We are proud to be among the only 30% of high schools nationwide who received this recognition for 2024.



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

Back with a bang in 2025! We are thrilled to be bringing back Seton's 12 Months of Giveaways and we are so grateful for the continued support! For \$25 per chance, you can win an incredible prize package each month.

For more information, visit setoncincinnati.org.

THANK YOU!

# Seton Spirit

# Sports Update SWIMMING at STATE



Congratulations to the following Saints who are part of the 200 Free Relay for placing 13th at the 2025 OHSAA Division 1 State Championship: (L-R): Josie Aull, Camille Smitherman, Maddie Roos and Hannah Kallmeyer. What an outstanding accomplishment!

#### BASKETBALL



Congratulations to Varsity Basketball – 2025 OHSAA Division 1 District Runners-Up!

#### **SAVE THE DATE**

#### **Seton Athletic Boosters Golf Outing**

The 16th Annual Seton Athletic Boosters Golf Outing will be held on July 14 at Aston Oaks. For more information about registration and sponsorship, please contact Seton Athletic Director Wendy Zureick Smith '90 at smithw@setoncincinnati.org.



# D1 STATE CHAMPIONS!

Congratulations to our 2024 OHSAA Division 1 Volleyball State Champions! A big congratulations to the team and coaches Kelly Crowley and Briana Rosen on this incredible season! The Seton nation showed up huge to support the team upstate in Dayton with buses full of Seton students for the semi-final and championship games. We are so proud of this team and coaching staff and our amazing Seton community for their incredible support through the season and post-season tournament.

#### CROSS COUNTRY







Congratulations to Seton Varsity Cross Country on a monumental season! They placed 6th at Regionals and junior Heidi Harmeyer qualified individually

for the 2024 OHSAA Division 1 Cross Country State Tournament where she placed 15th overall! The Saints also swept the GGCL Championship Race with 1st in Varsity, 1st in JV and 1st in the Open Race. Congrats also to Coach Nick Merk for being named the GGCL Cross Country Coach of the Year!



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

Maddie Albright: Davenport - volleyball Daisy Cluxton: NKU - volleyball Sakura Codling: UCLA - volleyball Sydney Crowley: Toledo - volleyball Makenna Curtin: Bluffton - soccer Grace Glaser: Wilmington - softball Reagan Miller: Georgetown - volleyball Lexi O'Shea: UC - soccer Ava Sellet: Akron - lacrosse Faith Sellet: Akron - lacrosse



Congratulations to our Seton Varsity Dance Team who placed 1st in the NATION for Small Varsity Pom at the UDA National Championship in Orlando, Florida! We are so proud! They also placed 7th in Small Varsity Hip Hop. Thank you to all of our alums and the Seton community for the incredible support!

#### JV DANCE



We are so proud of our Seton JV Dance Team who competed at **SuperNationals** in Louisville,

Kentucky, where they placed 1st in Varsity Pom, 1st in Varsity Hip Hop, and their Pom performance also won Grand Champion! Congratulations, Saints!

#### VARSITY SOCCER



We are so proud of our Varsity Soccer team on their outstanding season and for making it all the way to the quarterfinals in the 2024 OHSAA Division 1 Soccer State Tournament!

## **Performing Arts Update**

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

A big congratulations to the newest inductees to the Seton-Elder Performing Arts Hall of Fame and thank you to everyone who joined us for the celebration! Thank you to Brian Combs and Elaine Diehl '76 for being the emcees for the evening. It was an honor to induct Susie Gibbons, Sr. Mary Therese Thorman, Bob Tully, Pat Emmett and Denny Baker. We are so proud of their achievements as well as the success of the Seton-Elder Performing Arts Series.





The Seton-Elder Drama Club entertained the crowd during two nights of performing their fall play, Medieval Nights. Congratulations to the

cast and crew!













Congratulations to our Saints in the Elder Winterguard on their 1st Place finish at the Mid East Performance Association competition!

# Seton Sisters

#### **Class Notes**

40's

The **Class of 1949** celebrated their 75th Reunion this fall here at Seton! What an incredible celebration!



60's

Class of 1963 at their monthly lunch gathering this past Christmas



Class of 1965 at their monthly lunch gathering at Jim & Jack's





Sandra Dannemiller Graman '65 participated with the Gamble Nippert YMCA in the Ohio River Swim on August 25, 2024. She said she was the oldest swimmer and finished last but she invites others to join her this coming summer!

## 70's

Carole Kersting Eagan '71 is excited that her granddaughter, Colleen Lipps, is a freshman this year who will graduate in 2028, which is Seton's 100th anniversary year. It will also be exactly 80 years after her mom, Mary Richter Kersting, graduated from Seton in 1948. The family is proud of their four-generation Seton legacy.

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Mary Richter Kersting '48



Nancy Kersting Holt '85, Carole Kersting Eagan '71, Diane Kersting Kroeger '82, Barb Kersting Berting '77



Jacquie Berting '02, Lindsey Berting Lisena '12, Amy Berting King '04



Molly Lipps '31, Colleen Lipps '28, Brigid Eagan Lipps '00



celebration this past October and had a wonderful time connecting and reminiscing with Seton sisters!

Karen Dywer Dickey '74 and Marie Salem Conners '74



Margaret Neumann Fischer '74 retired from school administration in 2022 after 40 years in elementary schools. She and her husband enjoy staying active in Cincinnati Computer Reuse, a non-profit that provides businesses with a safe disposal option for their surplus equipment while providing

low-income families and other nonprofits with low-cost tech equipment. She enjoys sewing, quilting, embroidery and babysitting her grandkids and her granddog.



Jill Osterkamp Conway '75 is retired from St. Elizabeth Healthcare. She worked as an x-ray technologist for 45 years. She will now concentrate her time in a volunteer role as the president of Summerfair Cincinnati.

Colleen Martin Leguillon '77 is honored to be a Hospice nurse. She thanks God that He has given her the gift to assist people in the most difficult time of their lives. She is not ready to retire and loves what she does. She has two daughters and one son and has been with her better half and



best friend, Mark, for 15 years. They have one granddaughter, Aevah Grace, and another grandchild due this spring.

Brigitte Holz Humpert '79 enjoys being 'Oma' to her two beautiful grandchildren, Everett who is three years old and Eli who is a couple months old. She watches them daily and enjoys living next door to them. She was a teacher for the Diocese of Lexington at St. Leo School and Good Sheppard School for 30 years. She also worked in Special Education for Campbell County Middle School in Collaboration and Resource in LD, Autism, EBD, ADD, ADHD and as a Special Education teacher and Science teacher for at-risk kids at the Juvenile Detention Center in Newport, Kentucky. She has traveled to 15 places in Europe including Germany, Alsace-Lorraine, Amsterdam and Austria. Her current adventure is that she is working on writing a book, Our Separation: 34 Years of Our Family in Communism, Romania. Brigitte immigrated to the United States with her parents in 1973 when she was 14 years old. She says she has loved America for 50 years, and it is the best country in the world where Freedom Rings!

## 80's

Christina Metz Bold '89 remembers noticing Mr. Ben Price at Seton as his cancer battle was nearing the end. As a teacher, he was adamant that students do something they love with purpose and to make a difference. He inspired her as her art teacher but much more so as a valiant cancer warrior. After Christina lost her husband Emmett Sr. in 2011, she left her company of 23 years to help raise funds for cancer research at Leukemia & Lymphoma Society so that she could help change the outcome for others. She now works at CancerFree Kids and is so thankful for her time at Seton and the impact it made on her life. #LiveBOLD



Carol Humphrey Colombo '89 is in her 30th year as a music therapist with the Geauga County Board of DD. She is forever thankful to Bruce Niemeyer for helping her figure out this helping/music profession which she loves so much!

## 90's

#### Patricia (Patty) Thompson Blake '90 began her diverse career journey teaching British Literature and has now come full circle, collaborating with the Brits. She was recruited by Rolls-Royce UK to spearhead a groundbreaking technology initiative for the United States Department of Defense, and she is eager to drive innovation on a



## 10's

global scale.

**Carly Stagge '15** is now the Director of Real Estate Ventures with Vertigo Real Estate Ventures based in Denver, Colorado. She oversees operations in San Diego, Denver, Raleigh, San Diego and West Palm.



Anna Lanzillotta '17 works at Idaho National Laboratory fueling radioisotope thermoelectric generators (RTGs) for NASA missions.

**Trish Grogan '19** works at Disney in the daily, special events and entertainment fixture maintenance areas at Magic Kingdom. She has been trained and certified to work with high-grade fireworks. This has been her dream job since she was eight years old, and she is so happy to have made it come true!

Kelly Hodgeman '23 received her real estate license.

# Seton Sisters

# Weddings

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

Lauren Duell Huesman '17, September 9, 2023 Anna Lindle Leonardi '16, Spring 2024 Brianna Brumfield Martinez '17, June 29, 2024 Rebecca Gibbs Tout '08, July 6, 2024 Samantha Camardo Hilvert '18, September 21, 2024 Emily Heinzelman Schmitt '17, October 19, 2024 Elizabeth Brodbeck Steinwert '00, December 2024 Juliana Lucas Fox '14, February 22, 2025

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Rebecca Gibbs Tout '08



Brianna Brumfield Martinez '17



Samantha Camardo Hilvert '18



Juliana Lucas Fox '14

Emily Heinzelman Schmitt '17

## Births

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

Rachel Auer Holmes '16, daughter Scarlett Jane, June 25, 2023 Anna Stagge Braksick '13, daughter Raegan, January 8, 2024 Courtney Gleason Bergen '13, daughter Riley, February 10, 2024 Lindsey Ackerman Garrett '13, son Miles, March 3, 2024 Corrine Deutenberg Macaluso '14, son Gio, April 3, 2024 Juliana Lucus Fox '14, daughter Reese Antonietta, May 7, 2024 Elizabeth Mueller Henry '08, son Theo Henry, June 10, 2024 Christina Zoellner Thompson '07, daughter Thea Sophia, June 27, 2024 Courtney Scherer Gearhart '09, daughter Margaret, July 18, 2024 Samantha Monahan Kremer '14, son Remington, July 25, 2024 Samantha Goodwin Harp '14, daughter Joanna, August 13, 2024 Jasmine Farrier '09, son Preston Little, August 23, 2024 Ashley O'Brien Faillace '14, son Frankie, August 27, 2024 Katarina Gay Weil '13, son Peter Norbert, November 8, 2024



Frankie Faillace



Thea Sophia Thompson



Riley Bergen



Joanna Harp



Peter Norbert Weil



Theo Henry



Remington Kremer



Scarlett Jane Holmes



Gio Macaluso



Reese Antonietta Fox

# Passings

Our sympathy is extended to the families of the following:

Evelyn Hackman Berkemeyer '39 Margaret Harris Langenbrunner '39 Mabel Unger Smith '43 Dorothy Bosse Goetz '43 Esther Schmutte Kluba '44 Claire Feldkamp Endres '45 Marie Brown Beck '46 Joan Glatthaar Stoner '46 Elizabeth Sullivan Crean '47 Charlotte Stindt Wimmers '47 Dorothy Hauser Lipps '48 Phyllis Franz Hodges '49 Marguerite Linnemann Roeder '49 Janet Lonneman Johnson '49 Pat Murray Shibinski '49 Marjorie Wedig Winkelman '51

Bonnie Meyers Brinker '51 Jacqueline Griese Helmers '52 Pat Paff Fleisch '53 Rita Fritsch Schutte '54 Margaret Mahon Rabong '55 Toni Marischen Schwarz '56 Barbara Counts, SC '56 Sandy Smithmeyer Duesing '56 Joan Stephens Luebberst '57 Mary Junker Malone '57 Annie Schmitz Stark '58 Marlene Lauck Backscheider '58 Patricia Giltz Ohmer '59 Claire Rolfes Piening '59 Joyce Burger Scharringhausen '59 Patricia Vaught Baumgarten '60

Mildred Vogt Iacobucci '60 Christine Bowman Logan '63 Mary Ann Weeks Samson '64 Jane Lang Gibson '64 Antoinette Heimbach Asimus '64 Mary Zieverink Hosinski '64 Carol Creek Dreyer '64 Linda Kaiser Steigerwald '65 Mary Borgman Wackenhut '65 Christine Berger Heatherman '65 Diana Henry Koch '66 Lois Reeves Reynolds '66 Linda Murphy Hayden '66 Betty Holt Ladner '66 Dianne Elsbernd Robinson '66 Mariann Cummings Tate '67

Mary Frede '68 Sandra Volski Jones '69 Kerrianne Klein Giacci '69 Janice Hagedorn '69 Judith Martin Bresser '69 Lynn Goins Skidmore '69 Sally Frasca Lowitz '72 Betty Crookham Korna '73 Deborah Roa Gates '73 Mary Ann Binder '74 Donna Ferguson-Hurley '79 Pam Ebert Umney '80 Denise Schlachter '81 Lisa Buschmiller Mauntel '84 Krista Gooderson '96 Jodi Martin Owens '03

# Giving Our Time and Using Our Gifts

Wherever it may be that alumnae choose to live in this world, Seton High School has prepared them to excel in life, to hear God's voice and to do God's will.

Here you can read about Saints doing amazing things all over the world.

## **Alumnae Spotlight**

## Angie Nolasco '22



Galatians 5:13 says to serve one another in love. As a college student, Angie Nolasco '22 already exemplifies what this means. She pours her heart into helping school-age children through volunteering, and she does so with dedication and joy.

When Angie was a student at Seton, she was in the National

Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society and was a Student Ambassador. "The academic courses at Seton helped me to be very well-prepared for my college classes and workload," said Angie, who is a third-year student at the University of Cincinnati. "It pushed me to always put my best foot forward, especially academically. Seton taught me how to manage my time and helped me to gain strong test-taking skills. If it weren't for the education that I received there, I wouldn't be where I am today as a successful college junior," she said.

Beyond the classroom, spending time as a Student Ambassador helped Angie to become the confident, wellrounded and service-minded young adult that she has become. "This piqued my interest in volunteering and helping members throughout the community."

She also found inspiration and guidance from one of her teachers, Monica Perretta – who the students often refer to as Señora. "She was my Spanish teacher for two years, and she always encouraged me to move forward in everything in life," explained Angie. "She gave me support in my academics and pushed me to never give up



Angie and Señora Monica both currently volunteer with Enlaces, an Archdiocese of Cincinnati committee.

on myself, taught me the importance of embracing my culture and always applauded me for my successes."

She also valued the sisterhood and friendly atmosphere throughout the school. "Some of my favorite memories were in Mr. Berling's mentor group. He was truly an amazing teacher, but he also had a fun side as well, and we would always organize pranks on other teachers!"

It is evident how her experiences in high school with strong academics, supportive teachers and a friendly, compassionate culture have helped mold Angie's priorities and her perspective of what she wants to focus on in her future career. Her college major is Psychology with a minor in Spanish. "I want to work in an elementary school as a psychologist or social worker, particularly with Hispanic children," she explained. "I want to be able to give back, especially where barriers exist and when it comes to mental health."

When she isn't in class, Angie spends much of her time in extracurricular clubs including LatinX in Action Club and the Jeremiah Scholars, which is a scholarship program partnered up with City Gospel Mission. She spends most of her time volunteering at St. Teresa school as an ESL tutor and provides ELL support. "I work with and help students in the younger grades with their schoolwork and help them understand their material. I also help the teachers with reaching out to families to make sure they are aware of school events," she explained.

Angie sees herself applying these skills in her future career. "I have learned to communicate not just the language but the culture as well," Angie said. "I have a strong passion to help younger kids. It's very important to understand how to communicate on behalf of them, and I think it will benefit me in my future."

These kids have made a huge impact on Angie, and it was something that she did not expect when she started tutoring a little over a year ago. "I have grown to have a strong connection with many students," she said. "Simply hearing them call for me warms my heart, and I feel a sense of gratitude."



Jeremiah Scholars at UC

Serving others with love comes naturally for Angie, not only from her involvement and experiences, but also from her family, friends and faith. She is the second oldest of four to include her sister, Mercy Archila Nolasco '23. She is also very close with her cousin, Heidi Lopez Nolasco '20 as well as her mom and dad. "My parents have shown me that I am capable of reaching for my dreams and that they are worth going after through hard work and sacrifices." Angie's best friend from Seton, Kaelyn Roa '22, has also been a blessing. "I am so grateful to Seton for blessing me with one of the most important friendships that I hold close to my heart and will go through life with," said Angie, who added that the



Angie at St. Teresa volunteering with Noelle Hingsbergen Dunaway '11

two girls enjoy hanging out, eating at local restaurants and meeting in between classes on campus to do homework.

Her firm foundation in faith, however, may be the strongest reason that Angie wants to serve others. "I am

Angie volunteering at an event at UC with Kaelyn Roa '22

constantly reminded of God's goodness in my life and that all of my success means nothing without Him. Life is full of ups and downs, and one thing that my mind always goes back to is prayer," she said. "God has shown me that no matter what happens, He has a plan, even when I may not know it. Hard times have given me a different perspective in my life, and that has allowed me to grow more in my faith and as a person."

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