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OUR
STRENGTHS
AT SETON**



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KATHY ALLEN CIARLA '87

KAREN KLUG WHITE '92

Dear Alumnae, Parents, Students and Friends,

Seton Strong! This statement truly embodies the many pillars that make Seton High School the exceptional Catholic school for young women that it is. From the students, alumnae, staff, friends of Seton and the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati, we are proud of the strong presence Seton High School has throughout the community. We could not be who we are without each one of you!

As you will read in the Cover Story as well as in the Planned Giving and Alumnae Spotlight sections, being a part of the Seton legacy is very empowering, and that feeling carries over from generation to generation. The strengths gained throughout the four years at Seton High School truly help mold each Seton Saint into the women they become as they go out into this world making a difference.

Seton is so very blessed to have such enthusiastic, spirited widespread support. Thank you for all that you do to keep Seton a strong Westside presence as we continue to offer young women an excellent, well-rounded, Catholic education rooted in the values of the Sisters of Charity. By attending events, sharing our Seton stories, sending your daughters and granddaughters here, and contributing to Seton's Annual Fund, YOU are one of the main reasons we are Seton Strong!

Please continue to pray for our students, staff and administration as we continue to grow and educate in the spirit of our patroness, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton!

Thank you!

Kathy Allen Ciarla '87
President

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Principal

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PHOTOS: (Left) Members of Seton's Saints for Life Club at the March for Life in Washington, D.C.

(Right) Home for the Holidays! In January, Seton hosted an event for young alums to come back to Seton and visit with some of their former classmates and teachers.

ON THE COVER: Katarina Gay '13, JoAnn Wagner Gay '75 and Emily Gay Hurley '05 have strong family gifts and talents that they share as well as their love of Seton and a strong legacy.

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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.

FINDING OUR STRENGTHS



AT SETON

From the beginning of freshman year through the end of senior year, a Seton Saint grows stronger – spiritually, academically, creatively, athletically, independently, compassionately, in friendships, in perseverance, through teamwork, and so much more. This holds true for any generation, and can be even more powerful from mother to daughter and sister to sister through a strong Seton legacy.

JoAnn Wagner Gay '75 found opportunities to grow at Seton that she never envisioned when choosing where to go to school here in the early 70s. "I think the strongest impact on me during my four years at Seton was the strengthening of my love of art," explained JoAnn. "I simply came in as a freshman who loved to draw and paint." Her art teacher for the first two years was Mr.



JoAnn Wagner
Gay '75

Ben Price, and for the last two years it was Mrs. Aldona Cytraus. "They both developed and strengthened my artistic abilities and encouraged me to pursue a college degree in art," JoAnn said. "This resulted in my career as an interior designer."

In addition to nurturing her artistic talents, JoAnn recalls the challenging academic curriculum. "My parents did not go to college, so they were adamant that I would go," she said. "Seton prepared me well for success in college, even though I didn't even realize how well at the time. I remember my classes being very challenging, especially Chemistry and Spanish." She attributes her success in school to her genuine teachers. "It was priceless to be in an environment where the teachers really cared about me and helped me to develop the self-confidence and belief that I could succeed in the future."

After graduating from Seton, JoAnn didn't realize that she would grow to love the school even more many years down the road as a Seton mom. Her oldest daughter, Emily, started dancing at Seton on the Seton Youth Team when she was in the 6th grade, and her youngest daughter, Katarina, followed her sister and became part of the Seton Youth Prep Dance Team in the 4th grade. "I ended up being a proud Seton parent for the next fifteen years!" JoAnn said.

From the moment she started dancing for Seton, Emily Gay Hurley '05, had found growth and strength through the many pillars of Seton High School. "Over the seven years that I danced for Seton, I made lifelong friendships and developed strong skills of teamwork and perseverance," said Emily, who graduated as the Salutatorian of her class.



Emily Gay
Hurley '05

Beyond dance, she also found strength in many other areas. "Through both Student Council and Kairos I strengthened my leadership skills. Through the class masses, retreats and

volunteer opportunities, I strengthened my spirituality to a much deeper level. Through the rigorous academic schedule and multiple Advanced Placement level classes I took, I was well prepared for college,” explained Emily, who was accepted during her senior year at Seton into the Dual Admissions Program

at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine and Miami University. “This was a huge advantage for me and decreased some of the stress of applying for medical school,” she explained. “I am very thankful for the dedicated teachers and staff at Seton that created an inspiring environment focused on learning.”

Being challenged but simultaneously encouraged is a strength that the teachers at Seton High School have always possessed. Katarina Gay '13 said she gained great confidence during her four years here. “The teachers



Katarina Gay '13

constantly challenged me to set high goals in everything ranging from writing a paper on a difficult novel to tough AP exams, and then they helped me achieve these goals,” said Kat, who graduated as the Valedictorian of her class. “Because of my teachers, I felt confident enough in my academic ability to apply to and succeed at the University of Notre Dame.” Even after starting college, Seton was crucial to Kat’s confidence. “I declared Marketing as my major early on but I felt that math, one of my favorite subjects at Seton, was missing,” she added. “I nervously declared a second major in Statistics, unsure if I would be able to handle it. Upon realizing that my AP classes with Mrs. Lois Childers and Mr. Scott Brauch had more than prepared me, I confidently moved through the courses at Notre Dame.”

Our best inner strengths cannot grow without strong roots. Kat said that the values enhanced by her Seton experience were instilled in her within her home as well. “Going to Catholic school was something that my siblings and I knew was very important to my parents,” she said. The morals and values taught at home carried on through the Seton Sisterhood. “My faith deepened greatly from the Days of Reflection and retreats, particularly Kairos. My relationship with my classmates and with my sister was strengthened through these opportunities. Even though Emily and I went through Kairos at different times, it was a very special part of both of our Seton experiences,” Kat added.



Kat, left, showing her support for Emily and the Seton Dance Team



Kat and Emily today in the Seton Dance studio

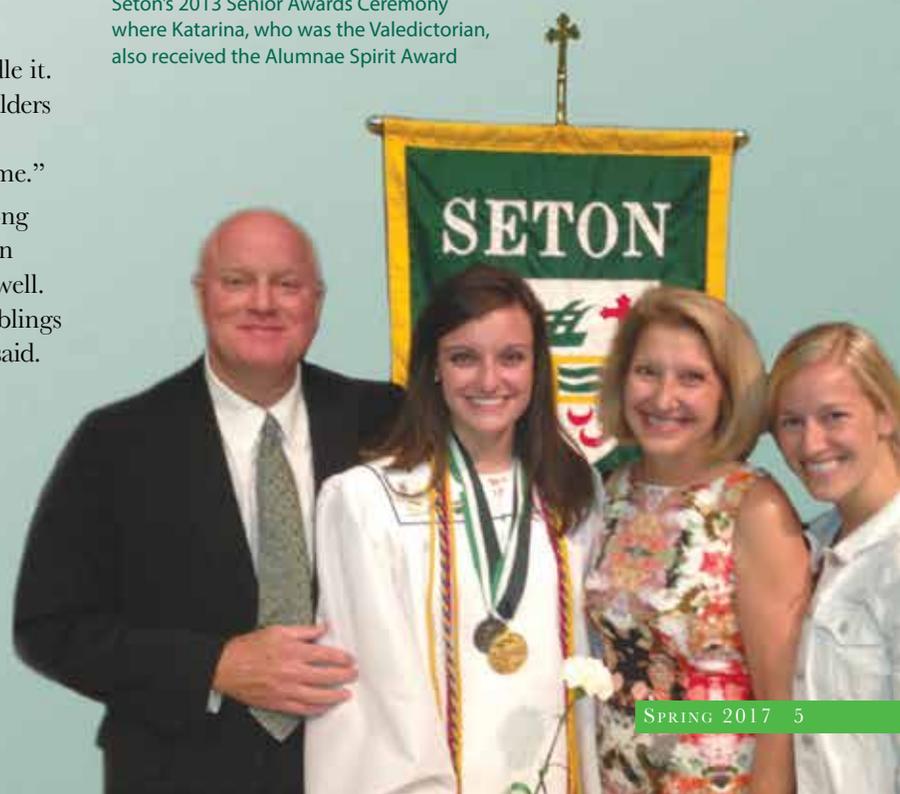
Like her sister before her, Kat was a part of the Seton Dance Team. “I aspired to be on the team when I was younger and watched Emily and her teammates, but I never dreamt it would teach me so much more than dance skills and routines,” she said. “My years on the team led me to find my leadership skills as well

as realize how important teamwork is – to depend on my teammates and to have them depend on me.”

Like both her mom and sister, Kat took four years of art. “Thanks to my mom I have some creativity and artistic ability, but it was not until Seton that I learned the skills to develop and strengthen this gift,” Kat explained. “I’m so glad to be able to share that with my mom. I look forward to someday having a daughter of my own choose Seton.”

“A Seton legacy is a lifelong sisterhood of women empowering women,” said Emily. In 1971, JoAnn knew she was going to go to a Catholic high school, and her parents let her decide which one. “Fortunately, I chose Seton,” said JoAnn, who is also a proud donor to Seton’s 31 Women Scholarship program. “Like myself, my girls were able to choose as well; and years apart, we all received an excellent education and made lifelong friends at Seton High School. In 1971, that young girl walking through the front doors never dreamed she was starting a legacy of her own!”

Seton's 2013 Senior Awards Ceremony where Katarina, who was the Valedictorian, also received the Alumnae Spirit Award



Planned Giving

WEST SIDE PRIDE

Darlene Stokes Stricker '64 and her husband, Joe Stricker (Elder '59), know that there is definitely something special about the West Side of Cincinnati. "It has always been a very welcoming, accepting, family-oriented community," said Darlene.

"We always knew most of our neighbors while growing up, and we were often closer to them than we were to extended family."



Darlene Stokes '64



Darlene Stokes Stricker '64 and her husband Joe Stricker (Elder '59)

Darlene, who grew up as an only child in Price Hill, said she never was lonely because of the relationships she had with neighbor kids.

Those friends are still part of her life today. "We live about six miles from where we both grew up, and we continue to stay in touch with several of our childhood friends." Many of those friends were also Darlene's classmates at Seton and remain her close friends today. "We're so proud to remain West Siders and to support the local businesses, talent like the Seton-Elder Performing Arts, and of course our alma maters."

The importance of a Catholic, West Side education is more than just an opinion for Darlene. She has truly embraced this value and has committed her life to it. From Holy Family to Seton High School to Mount St. Joseph University, Darlene continued the Catholic values that her parents instilled in her. "After receiving a Bachelors Degree from Mount St. Joseph University and a Masters in Education from Xavier University, I received my Catechol level for teaching Religion and taught that for 36 years at St. Lawrence, St. John the Baptist in Colerain and St. William," she explained.

"My paycheck was never at the forefront of my career, but the intangibles were beyond compare. I believe that if someone needs your help and you have the talent and ability to do it, then you do it."

– Darlene Stricker

At present, Darlene substitute teaches in the Archdiocesan grade schools and is still committed to Catholic education. She and Joe decided that the best use of their earthly treasure is to help those who wish to receive a Catholic education, which is why they included Seton High School, Elder High School, Mount St. Joseph University and Xavier University in their estate planning. "After 50 years, I still have so many great memories from Seton and so many friendships that still endure today," Darlene said. "We are designating this money because we want to help those who wish to receive a Catholic education."



Darlene with some of the students that she taught or substitute taught during their grade school years.

"We are grateful to Darlene and Joe for all the support they give Seton. This Planned Gift will assist future generations of Saints, and we are honored to continue the Stricker's legacy at Seton."

– Kathy Allen Ciarla '87, President

What is Planned Giving?

Planned giving is the establishment of a gift through financial planning – bequests, wills and insurance policies. Seton is blessed to have received such gifts in the past that support our endowment, tuition assistance and the long-term planning and sustainability of Seton High School. For more information on including Seton in your estate plans, please contact Kathy Allen Ciarla '87 at 513-471-2600 or ciarlak@setoncincinnati.org.

Seton Spirit

Women in Leadership

Some juniors had the opportunity recently to participate in the Women in Leadership Workshop at GE. This half-day workshop is devoted to connecting young women to high-performing professionals in a casual environment in order to foster leadership and mentoring. The following Pre-Calculus Honors students attended the event:

Hannah Beiting, Paige Dean, Alex Fieler, Carly Hawk, Analise Kandra, Bella Lohmiller, Tricia McHale, Millie Poehner, Marie Richter and Olivia Webber.

The event explored topics including “Leading as Women”, “Personal Board of Directors”, and “The Power of Diversity”. Students participated in roundtable discussions with GE professionals from engineering, sales, finance, accounting, human resources, marketing, operations, and information technology.

The conference helped students to see how vast the options in their future careers are. “It allowed me to be open to all of the possibilities for my future that I was unaware of in the field of engineering,” said Millie Poehner. “The influential speakers made me realize how blessed I am to go to an all-girls school that prepares me to be a strong woman in whatever career I may choose.



*Back Row (L-R): Analise Kandra, Olivia Webber, Marie Richter, Bella Lohmiller, Hannah Beiting, Tricia McHale
Front Row (L-R): Paige Dean, Alex Fieler, Millie Poehner, Carly Hawk*

The students found the speakers to be inspiring and on point. “It was an honor to listen to first-hand experiences of women in the work place in what is traditionally a more male-dominated career,” said Paige Dean. “The main thing I took out of it is that if you put in the work, no matter the goal, you can accomplish it regardless of background or gender.”

Analise Kandra had similar positive feedback. “I felt inspired and thankful that I get to go to a great school that offers opportunities like this in addition to empowering me to be a strong young woman who will be ready for a wide variety of careers in my future.”

Dream it Do it!

Students spent a day at VEGA Americas, Inc., an advanced manufacturing facility located in Oakley. Some students from Honors Pre-Calculus and AB Calculus took part in this event that is designed to familiarize female high school students with career opportunities in modern manufacturing. The visit was made possible by “Dream It, Do It OK!” as part of their Making It Real: Girls and Manufacturing Program.

“We were able to witness first-hand the various aspects of Vega Americas’ operations, from engineering, testing and fabrication, to marketing and human resources,” said junior Olivia Hensley.



Sean Kelley of Partners for a Competitive Workforce poses for a picture with Seton students Katie Erpenbeck '18, Olivia Hensley '19, Libby Mannix '18, Julia Gibbs '19, Rachel Meyer '19, and Seton Honors Algebra I, Algebra II and Pre-Calculus teacher Gina Rider at Vega Americas.

During lunch the students enjoyed a question and answer session with four female professionals from different departments within VEGA Americas along with Icy L. Williams, CEO and owner of ATMOS 360 Inc. The panelists shared their educational backgrounds along with what it’s like to work in a modern advanced manufacturing business.

“Seeing and listening to how various careers are related to manufacturing and how all of the aspects come together to make their company function was wonderful,” said junior Libby Mannix. “The tour of their campus allowed me to experience all of the positions and see what daily life on a manufacturing job is like, which, as I learned, is not just working in a factory assembly line. This opened my eyes to possible career choices that I did not even know existed before, such as manufacturing engineering.”

Seton Honors Algebra I, Algebra II and Pre-Calculus teacher Gina Rider said Seton is proud to have been a part of this incredible opportunity. “Our visit to Vega Americas inspired students to continue working hard in their mathematics and science classes and broaden their career goals and options for the future.”

Seton Spirit

Congratulations to the Class of 2021 Scholarship Recipients!

We are so excited to welcome the Class of 2021 to the Seton Sisterhood! In February, we honored and recognized our scholarship recipients at the Evening of Distinction. We feel blessed to call these exceptional students 'Seton Saints'. Please join us in congratulating these outstanding young women!



HONORS PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Back Row (L-R): Samantha Steinbach, Abigail Rhoads, Sabra Charles, Allison Gilkey, Emma Harmeyer, Carly Ogilvie, Grace Villing, ShayInne Espich

Middle Row (L-R): Ashley Galbraith, Emma Striebich, Anna Linnemann, Jaiden Knecht, Danielle Burtschy, Jane Streicher, Anna Tiernan

Front Row (L-R): Megan Edrich, Leah Hafner, Molly Pressler, Chloe Anderson, Joellen Knepfle, Sophia Gillis



S. MARK NEUMANN, SC SETON SISTERHOOD SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

(L-R): Seton Principal Karen Klug White '92, Leah Domenicone, Kayleigh Lyons, Madison Vaughn, Madelyn Hensler, Seton President Kathy Allen Ciarla '87



ALUMNAE SUPER SAINT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Back Row (L-R): Lena Ginn, Sophie Schutte, Maggie Jones

Middle Row (L-R): Jenna Sullivan, Emily Redder, Samantha Peters, Paige Schultz

Front Row (L-R): Jordan Darnell, Zoe Loftus, Caroline Walter, Elise Bill

Missing: Lucy Cluxton, Grace Hehman and Eva Schwiers



ADMISSIONS WITH MERIT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

(L-R): Christie Rolfes, Lauren Lott, Megan Kock, Mackenzie Gutekunst

Missing: Kyla Lively and Josephine Timmers

ACT Test Prep

Seton is excited to now be offering ACT Test prep to every student as part of our curriculum. Although the courses offered at Seton High School prepare students for college and careers and measure much more than a single test, we also recognize the importance of remaining competitive for college admission and scholarships.

Our unique flexible schedule allows students to break into testing groups so they better understand the test and scoring guidelines, set individual goals for themselves, and learn techniques for mastering the test such as timing and question strategies. Students take full-length practice tests, receive a composite score of their performance, and participate in multiple test prep sessions throughout the school year. In addition, teachers use the data to target student needs in their own classrooms and supplement their instruction with ACT resources such as quizzes, videos and lessons applicable to their content area. While the ACT test is not the only standardized test students will encounter in their high school and post-secondary careers, test-taking skills are transferrable and our ACT test prep program has the potential to improve student performance on a variety of assessments.



31 WOMEN SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Sabra Charles

Service Update

As we reflect on our time at Seton, it is easy to see that we are a community of servant leaders. Seton Saints can be found in literally hundreds of Greater Cincinnati non-profits where you will find them volunteering and sharing their time, talent, faith and passion. Our acts of service extend far beyond the community to other states and other countries as well.

Share the Sisterhood!

The entire school recently participated in the type of learning that happens outside of the classroom with a day full of service. After breakfast in their mentor groups and listening to guest speaker, Clare Blankemeyer from the Mayerson Foundation, students and staff were divided into 24 groups to serve in various organizations throughout the city. Students were touching lives and making a difference from as close as Holy Family in Price Hill to as far away as troops that are deployed overseas. From Bayley to Bethany House to the Down Syndrome Association, Santa Maria, Kenzie's Closet and so many more -- these students want to say thank you to all of the organizations that allowed us to be of service to them! Thank you to the group of Seton students who planned this entire day as part of the Anthony Munoz Foundation Leadership Conference.



Alumnae Father-Daughter Dance

The Alumnae Father-Daughter Dance is back! What a wonderful evening we had hosting more than 250 alums and their fathers for a fun night of food and dancing. This was the first Alumnae Father-Daughter Dance that Seton has had in over a decade. Thank you to everyone who joined us! Strong Fathers, Strong Daughters! #SetonStrong



Sports Update

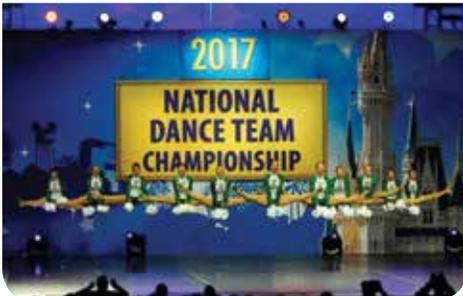
SAVE THE DATE

Athletic Boosters Golf Outing

The 8th Annual Athletic Boosters Golf Outing will be held on July 17, 2017 at Aston Oaks. For more information about registration and being a sponsor, please contact Seton Athletic Director Wendy Zureick Smith '90 at smithw@setoncincinnati.org.



Congratulations to the Seton Varsity Dance Team who placed 3rd in Small Varsity Pom and 4th in Small Varsity Hip Hop at the UDA National Championship in Orlando, Florida in January!



Seton was proud to welcome home the 1986 and 1996 Volleyball State Championship teams for a reunion this fall. Thank you to all who attended! Still Seton Strong after all these years!

Seton is excited to welcome five new coaches to the basketball program this year:

Amanda Harnist Seton Varsity Head Coach

Amanda coached the past three years at Oak Hills High School. She played basketball for four years at Kentucky Wesleyan. She went on to the University of Findlay where she worked as the women's basketball graduate assistant.

Mark Lucas Seton JV Head Coach

Mark was the head JV coach and Varsity assistant for three years at Notre Dame Academy in Northern Kentucky. His wife, Sarah, is a Seton alum from the Class of 2005.

Julie Dalton Varsity and JV Assistant Coach

Julie has been coaching for 27 years. She started her career at Wyoming High School and has also coached at Ursuline, Finneytown and Oak Hills.

Jen Teski Freshman Head Coach

This is Jen's first year coaching. She graduated from Thomas More College where she played basketball all four years.

Kristen Depaoli '06 Freshman Assistant Coach

Kristen played soccer and basketball at Seton, and went on to play soccer for four years at Thomas More College.

We have some familiar faces on the Softball coaching staff. Welcome back to Ms. Mary Agricola and Mr. Jay Villing!

Mary Agricola served as the JV coach, varsity coach and assistant varsity coach at various times for a total of 24 years at Seton. She is also in her 27th year working here at Seton. Over the years she has taught health, physical education, and has served as the assistant athletic director. Since 2009, she has been Seton's Director of Student Life.



Jay Villing has held the positions of JV head coach, varsity assistant coach and varsity head coach since 2002. He taught Social Studies for 15 years at Seton and also served as the department chair. Jay is currently teaching Government and Economics at St. Xavier High School.

Seton-Elder Performing Arts Series Hall of Fame

Congratulations to the very talented newest inductees to the Seton-Elder Performing Arts Series Hall of Fame: Kathy Geluso Klug '69, Steve Geis '70, Gail Harmeling '70, Eileen Bird Wagner '76, Luke Rosen '97, Joe Salem '00 and Terry Selby. We had a very entertaining ceremony emceed by Brian Combs '79 and included acceptance speeches and performances by honored guests. Thank you to everyone in the Seton and Elder communities who joined us and continue to support the Seton-Elder Performing Arts Series!



The newest members of the Seton-Elder Performing Arts Series Hall of Fame (L-R): Joe Salem '00, Eileen Bird Wagner '76, Luke Rosen '97, Kathy Geluso Klug '69, Terry Selby, Gail Harmeling '70, Steve Geis '70



The Seton-Elder Drama club received rave reviews for their fall play, *Writing a Will Can Be Murder*. Congratulations to the talented cast and crew!



Congratulations to the Seton Concert Choir who placed 2nd in Jeff and Jenn's Q102 Christmas Choir Competition in December! Seton's Music Department also won \$2,000!



You won't want to miss this year's featured spring musical, *Beauty and the Beast*. This tale as old as time tells the story of how a beautiful young woman and a hideous beast find their happily ever after. You won't want to miss this Disney classic!

Wednesday, April 5, 7:00 p.m.

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

Saturday, April 8, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 9, 3:00 p.m.

All tickets are \$12 and reserved seating, except the Wednesday, April 5th performance which is \$10 and the seats are general admission.

For more information, visit www.setoncincinnati.org

Seton Sisters

Class Notes

60's

Congratulations to **Ginny Ruehlmann Wiltse '67** and her son David Wiltse, who received the 2017 Notre Dame Club of Greater Cincinnati Exemplar Award. This is the first time that a mother and son have been honored together.

Linda Bretnitz Capannari '69 retired from US Bank in June 2016.

70's

Cindy Telscher Fischer '73 and her husband, John, both retired and moved from Maryland to sunny Arizona.



Linda Lenhardt Knox '74 retired after 34 years as a nurse for TriHealth at Good Samaritan Hospital. She is now living in Dubois, Wyoming where she enjoys the Grand Tetons, bison, grizzlies and elk.



Tune into 90.9 WGUC and you will hear their newest radio show host, **Elaine Diehl '76**. She is now the late afternoon/evening host. "I really believe this is the job I've been preparing for my entire life," said Elaine, who is also a member of the Cincinnati Metropolitan Orchestra that performs often in Seton's Performance Hall. "Classical music was played a lot in my house growing up – my dad despised rock and roll – and music teachers

always exposed us to the great composers and pieces. WGUC has always been a go-to station on my radio and I'm so excited about being part of this Cincinnati musical icon." Elaine recalls her years at Seton as inspiring and empowering. "I've been surprised from time to time throughout my career when people have asked if I've felt held back or discriminated against because I am a woman. The answer is a resounding, 'No!' because I went to Seton High School where young women can do everything!"



80's

Gwen Schratt Bender '84

was appointed as a judge to Hamilton County Municipal Court and took the bench in February 2017. She hears misdemeanor cases and civil cases that occur anywhere in Hamilton County. Prior to being appointed, she served as an assistant prosecutor in Hamilton County for over 23 years. She represents the 7th district, which covers Price Hill, Delhi, Cleves, North Bend and Harrison. Gwen will be on the ballot this November.



90's

Stephanie Witte '90

was recently named Chief Development Officer of National Public Radio (NPR).



Congratulations to **Erin Reilly Dean '96** who was named Warm 98 Teacher of the Week. Erin is the art teacher at SANS Montessori.

00's

Dr. Courtney Gay

Larke '02 recently moved back to Cincinnati to work at Queen City Pediatrics.



Dr. Katie Butler Jackson '03 has been with the Birmingham VA Medical Center since December 2015. She specializes in delivering evidence-based PTSD treatments to veterans via telemental health. She misses Cincinnati but is thankful to still be in touch with so many other Seton alums.

Lauren Briede Gettelfinger '06

received her Masters in Nursing from the University of Cincinnati as a Certified Nurse Practitioner.

Jen Vogel '10 did

the design work for a recently published novel by Mount St. Joseph University Associate Professor Jeff Hillard. The book is titled, *Shine out of Bedlam*.

Jen graduated from Mount St. Joseph University in 2014 with a Bachelor of Arts in Graphic Design. She currently works at a commercial real estate company doing design work and other tasks.



Amanda Changet '11

graduated from the University of Cincinnati with a Bachelor of Science in Dietetics and with immediate acceptance to the Masters of Science, Health Promotion and Education Program. She is now working as part of the health strategies team at the American Heart & Stroke Association.



Allie Glatt '13 is a senior at Hiram College where she finished her college soccer career being named Second-Team All-NCAC Conference, First-Team Academic All-Ohio Honors, and All-Ohio Third Team. Allie is the first player in Hiram history to earn those two awards for two straight years.

Holly Meyer '13 is currently a senior at Miami University and was hired as the music teacher at Miami's Mini University Preschool/Childcare Center. After graduating, Holly hopes to become a full-time general music teacher or choir teacher.

Erika LaRosa '13 is currently a senior at Thomas More College. She wrapped up her college soccer career being named 1st team All-Conference NSCAA, 1st team All-Region NSCAA Scholar, All-East Region, Second-Team NSCAA Scholar, All-American Second-Team, and Thomas More College Offensive Player of the Year.

Samantha Goodwin '14 is currently a junior at Thomas More College. As a defender on the TMC Saints soccer team, Samantha was named PAC All-Conference 2nd Team. She was also PAC Player of the Week in October 2016. Her team advanced to its 3rd straight Sweet Sixteen appearance.



To submit a class note or update, please fill out the "Share Your Seton Story" form at www.setoncincinnati.org, email alumnae@setoncincinnati.org or call (513) 471-2600.

Honorary Saint

Seton is proud to have given Bonnie Hueneman an honorary Seton High School diploma. For decades, Bonnie has been an avid supporter of all things Seton! She has donated countless time, talent and treasure to supporting this school.



**Thank you,
Bonnie, for all
that you do!
We are proud
to call you a
Seton Saint!**



Reunion Time...

It's just about time for our 2017 milestone reunions. If your graduation year ends in 7 or 2 and you do not see your reunion information below, please check our website at www.setoncincinnati.org. Click on **Ways to Give**, then **Alumnae**, then **Class Reunions**.

Class of 1957 (60th)

Seton will host a Mass and luncheon on Wednesday, April 12 at 10:30 a.m. Members of the class are also planning a reunion at Price Hill Chili on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Marianne Woeste Capron at 513-662-4949 or mcapronia@yahoo.com, or Marlene Menchen at 513-598-9510 or mmenchen57@roadrunner.com.

Class of 1967 (50th)

Seton will host a luncheon honoring the Class of 1967 and introducing the Class of 2017 as Seton's newest alumnae on Thursday, April 27, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Christina McCarthy at (513) 471-2600 x 110 or mccarthy@csetoncincinnati.org.

Class of 1972 (45th)

Celebrate 45 years on August 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at The Farm. Cost is \$25 and includes dinner and a cash bar. Please make checks payable to Chris Sohmer Kief and mail to 3477 McFarlan Road Cincinnati OH 45211. If you have questions, please call Toni Schlinkert Baur 513-313-4544 or Sue Bond Dowdy at 513-702-8120.

Seton Sisters

Births

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

Meghan Gilroy Hollan '03, daughter, Hailey Rose, December 31, 2015

Lauren Briede Gettelfinger '06, daughter, Cecilia Marie, June 1, 2016

Megan Giese Boesing '02, son, Elliot Christopher, and daughter, Annie Catherine, July 2016.

Tara McCarthy Isfort '08, daughter, Molly Marie, August 2, 2016

Lauren Schroeder Alles '03, son, Thomas James, August 18, 2016

Rachel Blosser Johansing '01, son, Luke Raphael, August 23, 2016

Julie Heintz Hauck '01, son, Jack Joseph, September 12, 2016

Karen Berling Berndt '02, son, Silas Christopher, October 9, 2016

Annie Cranley Schneider '06, son, Chase Joseph, December 20, 2016

- 1 - Hailey Rose Hollan 2 - Cecilia Marie Gettelfinger
 3 - Annie Catherine and Elliot Christopher Boesing
 4 - Molly Marie Isfort 5 - Thomas James Alles
 6 - Luke Raphael Johansing 7 - Jack Joseph Hauck
 8 - Silas Christopher Berndt 9 - Chase Joseph Schneider



Weddings

Congratulations to our Seton graduates and their spouses on their recent nuptials.

Pam Beiting '90 to Rhon Bryant on March 6, 2016

Christina Grothaus '01 to Derrick King on June 18, 2016

Emily Meyer '04 to Jeff Weierman on July 2, 2016

Dr. Katie Butler '03 to Brandon Jackson on July 9, 2016

Sarah Allen '07 to Dan Fisher in August 2016

Lauren Lehan '09 to Quinton Nibert on September 10, 2016

Melissa Casagrande '07 to

Andrew Perry on October 16, 2016

Jessica Simpkins '09 to Nick Macaluso

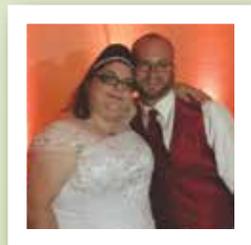
on October 3, 2016



Christina Grothaus '01 and Derrick King



Jessica Simpkins '09 and Nick Macaluso



Melissa Casagrande '07 and Andrew Perry



Dr. Katie Butler '03 and Brandon Jackson



Emily Meyer '04, Jeff Weierman and their wedding party



Lauren Lehan '09 and Quinton Nibert

Passings

Our sympathy is extended to the families of the following:

- Cecilia Dirr Schmitz '34
 Emmamae Cook Beckman '35
 Ruth Hennrich Kluesener '35
 Mildred Meyer Bauer '37
 Frances Sandschulte '37
 Helen Berkemeyer Mercurio '39
 Ruth Oehler Brockschmidt '40
 Helen Bill Kramer '40
 Doris Obert Taylor '40
 Patricia Dempsey, SC '42
 Rita Gravett Kneflin '43
 Rosalyn Kneer Rogers '43
 Rita Jean Sommer Gaynor '45
 Margaret Hoffman Kortekamp '46

- Elaine Kamphaus Nichols '46
 Mary Ann Partridge Osterkamp '47
 Michaelina Ricci Schmutte '47
 Virginia Braun Bradley '48
 Marian Kern Schaudenecker '48
 Ann Etta Mullen Roth '49
 Joan Hessler Snider '49
 Mary Beerman Tate '49
 Joan Patrice Flynn, SC '50
 Dolores McGinnis Miller '50
 Gertrude Feist Schweikert '50
 Geraldine Scherer West '50
 Margaret Brofft '51
 Agnes Brown Doppes '51

- Lois Fletcher Hater '51
 Eileen Kammer Tejada '51
 Elaine Schmidt Ludwig '52
 Eileen Grannan Mills '52
 Anita Davis Roa '52
 Ruth Wimmel '54
 Marguerite Crusham Ray '57
 Alice Cianciolo Wehrle '57
 Betty Bachman McMahon '59
 Ruth Vogelpohl '59
 Maureen Gallagher '62
 Carolyn Marshall Hater '62
 Judy Wilkey Goins '63
 Toni Arnold Handley '64

- Linda Brinkmann Heheman '65
 Paula Schooley Dattilo '68
 Nancy Paff Dierkes '68
 Kathleen Haun '69
 Jennifer Holtgrewe Carr '75
 Laura Krommer Ostertag '86
 Christa Frame Forschbach '94
 Meghan Hills '16

Painting Party!

Thank you to the alums and their Future Saint daughters who joined us for the painting party! Thank You also to Sarah Bonhaus Hellman '95 of Art for All People.



Feast Day of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

The Celebratory Mass of the Feast Day of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is always one of our favorite days. Honoring our patroness, as well as our special guests, the Sisters of Charity, is such a blessing. We are so grateful for the continuous support and prayers of the Sisters of Charity. Thank you for the foundation you have laid here at Seton and for every Seton Saint!

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 a Saint doing amazing things all over the world.

Alumna Spotlight

Mia Hurley '09



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Living out the mission of our patroness, Elizabeth Ann Seton, is something that our alumnae set out into this world to do. Mia Hurley '09 embraced the message of 'Hazard Yet Forward' and is living it daily in her current job that is taking her all over the United States.

As a travel pediatric/neonatal intensive care unit nurse, Mia has spent the past year completing nursing assignments in Nashville, Honolulu and Seattle. She is currently on an assignment in Phoenix.

"I work in hospitals that have short-term nursing needs in a city of my choosing," Mia explained. "My assignments are normally three months long with the possibility of signing on for an extension."

This nomadic profession allows Mia to serve a need with her talents and compassion, while embracing adventure along the way. "I am such a curious person by nature and am interested in new experiences and meeting new people. It became especially appealing that I could expound my curiosity through traveling the country," said Mia, who added that the company she works for covers all expenses, including moving costs and stipends for food and housing.

After working at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center for two years in their float pool and loving the haphazard nature of floating to thirteen different floors,

Mia knew that travel nursing would be a great fit for her. "I love being placed in an environment where I know nothing about the area and know very few people. It gives

me a chance to really broaden my horizons, interact with a myriad of colorful individuals and really be able to show my true colors," she said. "I'm sometimes pushed out of my comfort zone, but learning to live with an open mind and the willingness to accept a challenge has become my way of life."

Mia's four years at Seton High School gave her a plethora of opportunities to find her strengths and to ignite her passions. She loved being part of three different sports – soccer, softball and golf. She also participated in National Honor Society, Student Ambassadors and Junior Engineering Technical Society; and she embraced her compassionate side through Campus Ministry and being very involved in mission trips. "Early on, I stumbled upon my passion of really giving back in communities all over the United States and the world," said Mia, who traveled on mission trips with Seton to Georgia, Kentucky and Honduras. "The Honduras trip included a medical effort where our clinic triaged and treated hundreds of patients who would otherwise have no access to medical attention," she explained.

"I recognized the simplicity of lending a hand and that basic medical support can forever change the outcome of people's lives. Their genuine appreciation for our support continues to fuel my passion for nursing, and I would not have discovered this passion without Seton's heavy support and outreach to communities through mission trips, Habitat for Humanity, and through my Shantytown experience."



An excited, yet terrified Mia after sky diving off the North shore coast in Oahu, Hawaii



Learning how to surf in Haleiwa on the island of Oahu



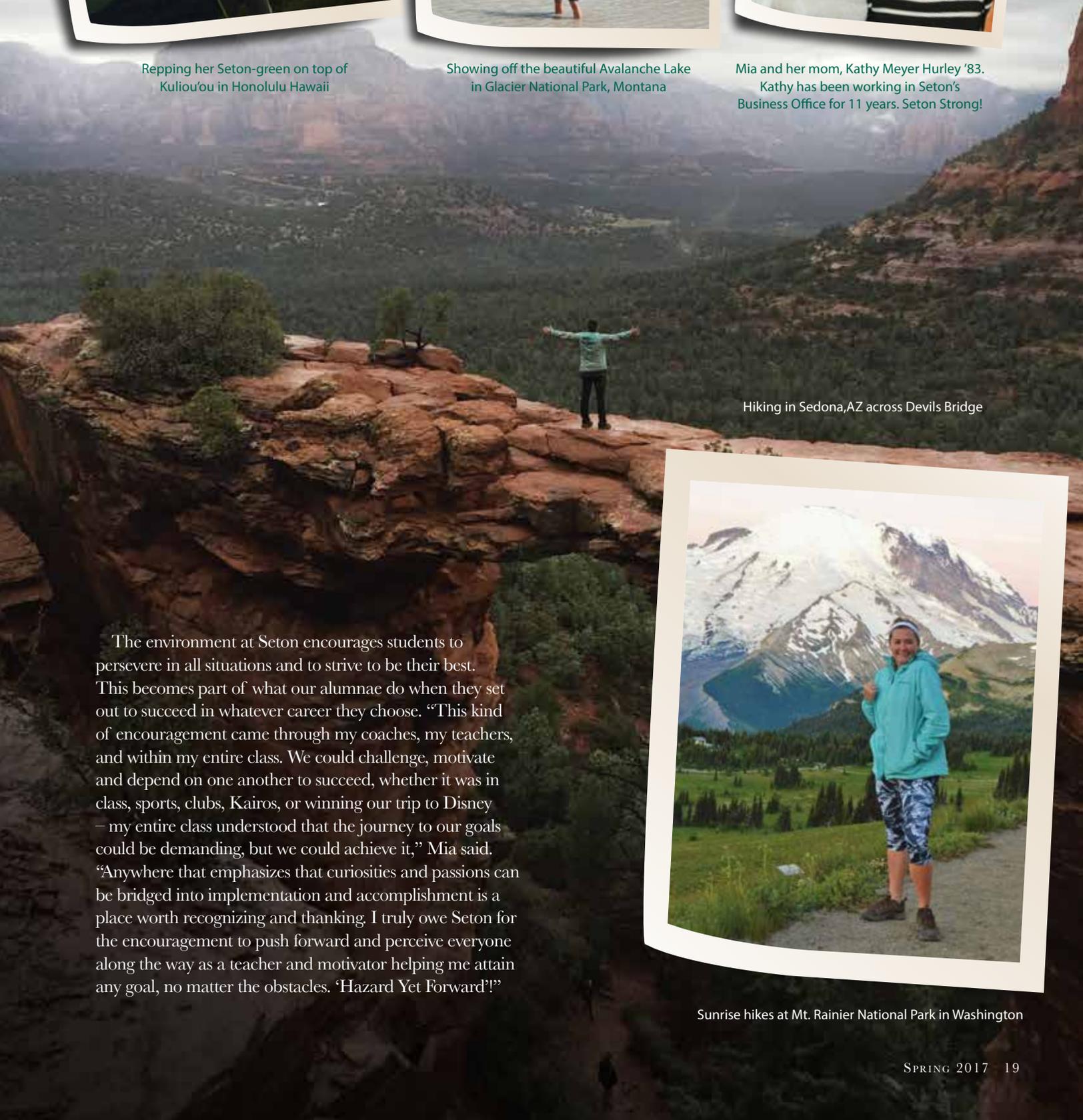
Repping her Seton-green on top of Kuliou'ou in Honolulu Hawaii



Showing off the beautiful Avalanche Lake in Glacier National Park, Montana

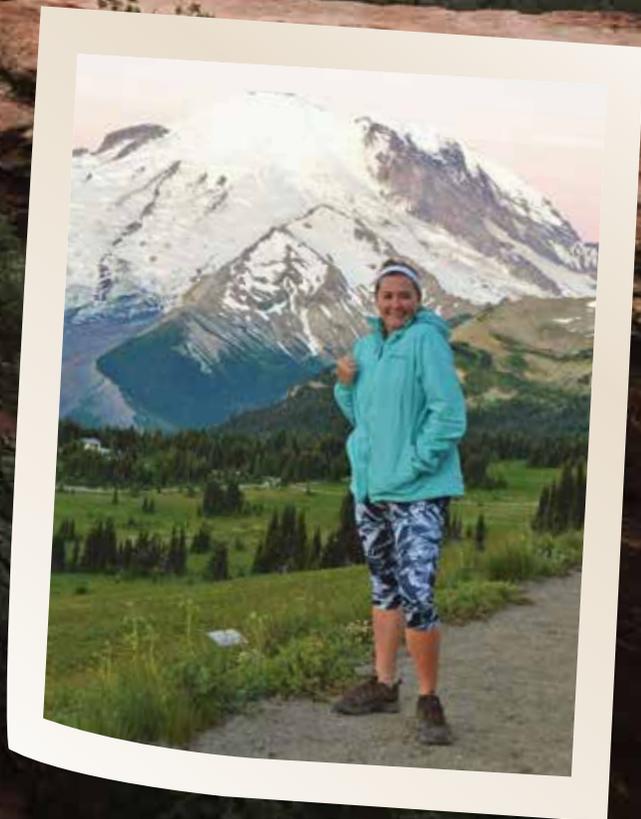


Mia and her mom, Kathy Meyer Hurley '83. Kathy has been working in Seton's Business Office for 11 years. Seton Strong!



Hiking in Sedona, AZ across Devils Bridge

The environment at Seton encourages students to persevere in all situations and to strive to be their best. This becomes part of what our alumnae do when they set out to succeed in whatever career they choose. "This kind of encouragement came through my coaches, my teachers, and within my entire class. We could challenge, motivate and depend on one another to succeed, whether it was in class, sports, clubs, Kairos, or winning our trip to Disney – my entire class understood that the journey to our goals could be demanding, but we could achieve it," Mia said. "Anywhere that emphasizes that curiosities and passions can be bridged into implementation and accomplishment is a place worth recognizing and thanking. I truly owe Seton for the encouragement to push forward and perceive everyone along the way as a teacher and motivator helping me attain any goal, no matter the obstacles. 'Hazard Yet Forward!'"



Sunrise hikes at Mt. Rainier National Park in Washington



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Shawna Becker McQuillan '90 and her daughter, Audrey McQuillan '20

Seton Strong!

I have recently graduated with a Masters in Administration with Catholic concentration from the University of Dayton. The Catholic concentration aspect was to avoid exactly what happened with Mercy and McAuley high schools. The decline in Catholic education is REAL. I have read and written hundreds of pages about the decline in enrollment, the subsequent increase in tuition costs, and the crisis that is occurring amongst our beloved schools. As an Archdiocesan school alumnae, employee, and tuition-paying parent, I promise you that these schools are doing everything they can to survive at this moment. For example, did you know that Catholic school enrollment peaked in the mid 1960s? Thus, Catholic school enrollment has been declining for almost 50 years! Furthermore, 96% of religious orders were the teachers and administrators. Today that number is reversed. Thus, much of the tuition pays for the teachers' salaries and benefits.

I am encouraging everyone to support and donate to his or her alma mater. Attend an event. Volunteer. Give back. Pray for the Archdioceses, the students, staff and alumnae. It doesn't matter if you wore blue, green, brown, red, orange or purple. We are ALL products of a unique and quintessential experience that occurs with a Catholic education.

WE ARE BLESSED!

~ Shawna Becker McQuillan '90