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KATHY ALLEN CIARLA '87

KAREN KLUG WHITE '92

Dear Alumnae, Parents, Students and Friends,

We are sailing right into springtime here at Seton High School, and we’ve had so much to celebrate! God has indeed blessed the Seton community, and we are so grateful to Him for all of the amazing gifts and opportunities afforded to our students. The prayers and the generosity of our alumnae, friends and the Sisters of Charity continue to strengthen our school.

Having a grateful heart is also how Emily Hornback '10 explains herself in the cover story. She has been blessed to be a part of the opening of a new Colegio Cristiano Ten Fe School in Santiago Sacatepéquez, Guatemala. She talks about her experience, passion and gratitude to many, including Seton. We were honored to pay it forward and donate our cafeteria furniture to the new school. You will recognize it on pages 4 and 5. Anne Kappen '64 has been sailing through many careers in her years since graduation. She shares her experiences in the Alumnae Spotlight section on pages 18 and 19.

Our athletic teams have had quite an exciting year with several teams qualifying for State! Our dance team brought home their first Hip Hop National Title in Orlando, Florida in February! See all of our impressive athletic accolades on pages 10 and 11. Congratulations to all our student-athletes.

We had a wonderful evening at the Seton-Elder Performing Arts – Hall of Fame Ceremony on February 8. Congratulations to our newest inductees – Carol Kraemer Allen '54, Maribeth Brown Samoya '81 and Dave Allen. Thank you to all who joined us and to everyone who donated to Seton 360 in their honor as we prepare for upgrades in the Performance Hall beginning spring 2020. Each phase of Seton 360 has helped to provide our students with the best optimal learning environment, and we are so proud to offer a well-rounded education to every student here. Thank you!

Enrollment continues to grow here at Seton! We are thrilled to welcome 160 freshmen to the Class of 2024. Please pray for our newest Saints as well as our current Saints, staff and administration. Students are working diligently in the classroom in the final quarter of the school year. Thank you for your support as we continue to live out the mission of our patroness St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

Thank you!

Kathy Allen Ciarla '87
President

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(Right) We are so proud of this group of Seton's Saints for Life who attended the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. in January.

ON THE COVER: Emily Hornback '10 with students from Colegio Ten Fe School in Santiago Sacatepéquez.



SETON

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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.

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If we find what sparks our soul, that spark can ignite the hearts and souls of others. What's more, those sparks of compassion and passion are universal and make a positive impact throughout the world. This is what Emily Hornback '10 has experienced around the world as well as through the people here within the Seton community. "My interest in mission trips started while I was at Seton when we helped with packing medications and supplies for Madagascar, Africa," said Emily. "I really enjoyed being helpful in that cause and wanted to get more involved." In between her sophomore and junior years, Emily went to New Orleans on her first mission trip with a group from Seton to assist in the devastating aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. "That trip fostered my passion for helping people and a love for people from any background and culture," added Emily.

While attending Thomas More University, Emily had the opportunity to be a part of a medical brigade in Nicaragua with her Spanish professor, Dr. Julie Luebbers, and a group of students. "We all love service and shared this mutual bond," explained Emily, who was an undergraduate nursing major at the time. "Julie had founded a non-profit organization in Sacatepéquez, Guatemala in 2012 that later was named TEN FE, standing for 'The Endeavor for New Futures through Education'. It also means 'Have Faith' in the Spanish language," explained Emily. "She came up with the idea upon seeing some orphans shining shoes in the center of the

city instead of attending school and thought that these kids needed to attain an education if they're ever going to break the cycle of poverty." When Emily learned about TEN FE in the spring of 2014, she immediately knew she wanted to get involved. "The idea of having an actual school came about after a few years, and in January of 2018 we began to find donors and hold fundraisers. We also had to jump through the many hoops laid out by the Guatemalan government and Ministry of Education."

Spreading awareness and getting funds for TEN FE is a constant effort combined with prayers and having faith in the goodness of others. "We rely on people's generosity and social media to help us spread the word," said Emily, who is a registered nurse at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center in the Specialty Resource Unit. A simple outreach through Facebook resulted in an incredible blessing. TEN FE posted in June that they were looking for donations of any kind that would help to get a school up and running. "At that point we were still wading through the hoops placed for us by the Guatemalan Ministry of Education and unsure of when the school would be allowed to open, but we were allowed to send a large container via cargo ship and wanted to squeeze as much in it as possible," Emily explained. "The Seton Administration found out about this and reached out to me.

Since the school was in the midst of a large renovation, they offered white boards, file cabinets and the former cafeteria tables and chairs. This awareness and generosity is what so many know and love about the Seton community!”

The container shipped out in July and was held up in Guatemalan Customs for a month and a half. “Lots of frustration, lots of prayer, lots of faith and hundreds of emails later, the container was delivered to a gas station about two miles up the road from the school. Truckload by truckload it all made its way to where it was supposed to be,” said Emily.

She has now been to Santiago three times with the most recent trip in January for the official opening of the Colegio Cristiano Ten Fe School in Santiago Sacatepéquez. “Those who are involved with TEN FE had hoped, prayed and worked tirelessly for this day for so many years,” said Emily.

The school provides education for students from first through sixth grade. “The majority of our students are orphans who are being raised by an older sibling. Most kids live in dirt-floor shacks that have either dirt or tin walls, and it is so hard for families to commit to the long-term goal of educating children,” she explained. “The immediate benefit of having these kids work in the fields or in the market to help provide for the family seems more beneficial short term because it’s hard for them to see the long-term benefits of education and how it will help them out of poverty.”

There are currently 14 students attending the school and TEN FE also sponsors eight students in middle school who attend classes elsewhere in town. “As the word continues to spread through town about the education being provided, we expect our numbers to grow substantially,” said Emily. “Our hope is that Colegio Cristiano Ten Fe will not only serve as a place for education, but also stay open until 5:00 p.m. as a community center. Here they will be able to have a safe place to do homework, get a meal and stay out of the gang life that is so prevalent in Guatemala.”

Emily feels blessed in both her nursing career and through her involvement in TEN FE. “Anyone who knows me knows that kids are my thing,” she said. “I’m happy with where I am in my

A home of a student at TEN FE.



Recognize the furniture? Seton's former cafeteria furniture has found a new home.



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EMILY HORNBACK '10

job; and who knows, maybe someday I could use my medical experience in collaboration with those I already work with to provide generalized well checks to the kids and their families in Santiago.”

Her years at Seton laid a strong foundation for her life of service and compassion for others. “Seton truly taught me to forge my own path, to ask questions when I’m unsure and to always do what I think is right,” said Emily. “The faculty and staff who supported me daily through my high school years educated me to be attentive to my surroundings and compassionate in all situations. My classes, extracurricular activities and friends I made along the way graciously gave me love and support and most definitely helped to form me into the person I am today. These lessons, in culmination with my experiences in the community, and my volunteer work, most especially with TEN FE, have taught me to be humble and, as St. Elizabeth Ann Seton said, ‘live simply, so that all may simply live.’ These words have such special meaning to me, and are ones that I try to incorporate into my career and most definitely into my life, every single day.”

Giving to Seton



This past summer, Millison Kobenger Kelly '36 would have celebrated her 100th birthday. To honor this special occasion and her beloved mother, Koben Kelly Hinman decided to make a donation to Seton High School. "My mother graduated from Seton during The Great Depression, and she went on to business school," explained Koben. "She excelled academically and continued to be successful throughout her career. She attributed it all to the foundation set at Seton." Millison also had two sisters – Julia Kobenger '34 and Patricia Kobenger '41.

The Kellys were a Navy family and moved away from Cincinnati for many years while Koben was growing up. No matter how far away they lived, Seton was always part of her mother's life. "She talked about her high school years all the time and how special they were. Those years were a significant part of who she was, and she always felt connected to Seton," Koben explained. "When we moved back to Cincinnati, she reconnected with her Seton sisters at reunions and other events."

Inspiring others while honoring her mother seemed like a perfect way to celebrate 100 years. "Seton was a treasure to Mom with so many friends and teachers she cherished," said Koben. "She kept Seton in her heart throughout her lifetime.

My hope is that other families consider making donations in honor of their mothers, sisters, aunts or friends as a way to carry on a legacy and help other young women at Seton."



Millison and her husband, Marvin.

"She excelled academically and continued to be successful throughout her career. She attributed it all to the foundation set at Seton."

KOBEN KELLY HINMAN

"Koben's thoughtful gift to commemorate her mother's 100th birthday will have a lasting impact on the students at Seton; just as Seton impacted her mother's life. This is a beautiful way to honor Millison Kobenger Kelly '36."

– Kathy Allen Ciarla '87, President

Questions?

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

Seton 360

It was a lovely evening full of blessings, gratitude and appreciation for the incredible support we have received over the past three years for Seton 360. We are proud to be providing our students with an optimal learning environment. THANK YOU to everyone who was involved with and supported Seton 360 through various ways, and thanks to everyone who was able to join us and be part of this very special evening held in Seton's Performance Hall and our new Halo Café.

Seton's new courtyard – The Grove



Seton Spirit

Congratulations to our newest Saints in the Class of 2024!

We honored and recognized the scholarship recipients at the Evening of Distinction, and we welcomed 160 new Saints to the Seton Sisterhood on the official registration day. 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

Off the Grid in Liberty, KY

A group of Seton Saints and chaperones went off the grid this fall and spent some time in Liberty, Kentucky for a mission trip where they spent five days immersed in service and selfless work within the Liberty community. Various groups were assigned specific jobs throughout their time there. Seton junior Emma Harmeyer was in a group that worked on two different family farms, planting garlic on one and shelling beans on the other. "It didn't seem like much at first," said Emma, who was attending Liberty for the first time. "But at the end of the day I stepped back and looked at how much progress we had made, and I realized how much we had helped them. That family had many beans to sell throughout the upcoming weeks."

The families at each of these farms were appreciative and kind. "They cooked us a delicious lunch and showed us the beautiful creek on their property," explained Emma. "I felt very blessed to have worked on both of these farms and to have met such Christ-like people."

In addition to the hard work put in by the Saints, they also had some down time to enjoy the simple beauty of the area and of one another. "It was great to have some activities like group

"It gave me an entirely new perspective on my life and helped me connect with God in times when I really needed him."

EMMA HARMEYER '21



(Left) Prepping and planting garlic at a local farm



(Below) Shoveling sorghum in the field of a local farmer

talks, listening to people sing, playing games, having a talent show and going to church that helped me build relationships and see God's goodness all around me as I grew in my faith," said Emma.

This was also the first trip to Liberty for Seton math teacher Gina Rider. "I enjoyed every moment spent with the 24 girls and other chaperones," said Gina. "We spent time together shoveling sorghum in the field of a local farmer, shelling beans in the loft of a barn and sharing meals on the porch of a Mennonite family. I felt incredibly proud of the girls as they each brought their own God-given gifts to share and embraced the simplicity of the Liberty lifestyle."

Emma feels that the experience of going to Liberty is one that helped her refocus on the gifts in her own life and how much she can share with others. "Getting to do service around the Liberty community was both a gift to me and the people who lived there. The work we did wasn't always easy, but it is rewarding to know we made a difference. The families there were grateful to us for the positive energy that we brought."

She could feel God's presence all around her. "It gave me an entirely new perspective on my life and helped me connect with God in times when I really needed him," Emma explained. "Whether it was through nature, inspiring stories I heard, singing or witnessing the kindness of people around me, I could feel God's presence more than I ever had in my entire life."



Sports Update

SAVE THE DATE

Athletic Boosters Golf Outing

The 11th Annual Athletic Boosters Golf Outing will be held on July 20, 2020 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.

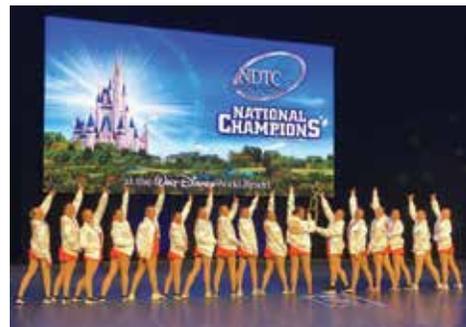


Seton High School is proud to announce that **John Volker** has been named as the new Head Varsity Soccer

Coach. Volker has two decades of coaching experience as a head coach and assistant coach at both the high school and club levels. His coaching career began in 1989. He has coached at various high schools throughout Cincinnati as well as Tristate Futbol Academy and Westside Soccer Club. Volker is a graduate of Elder High School and Thomas More University and played soccer at both levels. John is married to Jodi Krauser Volker '84 and has three daughters: Cassie Volker Rusche '09, Stacie Volker '11 and Riley Volker '20.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS!

Congratulations to our NATIONAL CHAMPIONS! The Seton Varsity Dance Team took the national title in Medium Varsity HIP HOP at the 2020 UDA National Championship in Orlando, Florida. This is the highest in Hip Hop that the team has ever placed! The Saints placed 6th overall in Medium Varsity Pom this year. In 2019, they clinched the title in Pom to make it their first-ever national title.



Congratulations to Varsity Soccer – 2019 District Champions! The Saints clinched a 2-1 victory against Anderson in overtime! Congratulations to Marissa Wolf who was named GGCL Coach of the Year and District Coach of the Year!



(Above) Varsity Soccer
(Left) Ellie Flower '20
(Below) Varsity Volleyball

Congratulations to senior Ellie Flower '20 who was recognized at the Ohio Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association All-State Honors Banquet. Ellie received the girls Division I Second Team All-State award.

Congratulations to Varsity Volleyball who finished their season as 2019 District Runners-Up!



Seton Up-State!



Congratulations to Riley Meier for placing 2nd on floor in gymnastics and qualifying for STATE!



Congratulations to the Varsity Bowling Team for qualifying for STATE! Sophomore Rebecca Ochs was also named to the District All-Tournament Team.

Congratulations to the following student athletes on their commitment to play at the next level! (L-R):



- Ellie Flower - soccer - University of Cincinnati
- Kayla Hess - cross country - Mount St. Joseph University
- Julia Hoffmann - soccer - Miami University
- Suzanne Klosterman - volleyball - La Salle University
- Hailie Morgan - basketball - Thomas More University



(Left) 2019 Best of the West Champions. (Right) State finals qualifier, Molly Pressler, (Below) State qualifiers



Congratulations to junior Julie Schenkel who qualified and competed in the 2019 Cross Country Regional Meet!

Congratulations to the Swim Team – 2019 Best of the West Champions! Congratulations to the following group of Aqua Saints who qualified to compete in Canton, OH for STATE: Maddy Hensler, Brooke Kamstra, Katie Pressler, Molly Pressler and Anna Tiernan! Molly Pressler qualified for FINALS and placed 14th in the 200 Free and 15th in the 500 Free, breaking her Seton school record. Congratulations, Molly!

Performing Arts

2020 Seton-Elder Performing Arts Series Hall of Fame



THANK YOU

to all of the incredible supporters who donated in honor of Maribeth Brown Samoya '81 and Dave Allen to the Seton 360 renovation of Seton's Performance Hall, which will take place in the summer of 2020.



Congratulations to Maribeth Brown Samoya '81, Carol Kraemer Allen '54 and Dave Allen for being inducted into the Seton-Elder Performing Arts Series Hall of Fame! Mr. Dave Allen is a founding member of the Seton-Elder Performing Arts Series and has been teaching at Elder for 50 years; Mrs. Maribeth Samoya has been teaching at Seton for 35 years; Carol Allen was a member of the Series staff doing makeup and costumes as needed! Thank you to our emcees, Brian Combs '79, Elaine Diehl '76 and Bob Dusold '77, all of our soloists and performers, the Seton-Elder Alumni Chorus, Series staff and administration! And thank you to all of our incredible supporters who joined us for this wonderful celebration!



INTERalliance

A group of Saints from Seton's chapter of INTERalliance of Greater Cincinnati participated in the annual TechOlympics. This year's program took place at Great American Ballpark where students participated in breakout sessions on topics such as learning different coding languages and design thinking. Students also learned important interviewing and networking skills with local universities and sponsor booths. Competitions such as wikiraces, QR code scavenger hunts and speed texting were a big hit with the students.



JOIN US!

**Seton-Elder Freshman
Spring Concert**
Tuesday, May 5, 7:00 p.m.

**Seton-Elder Performing Arts
Spring Concert**
Saturday, May 9, 7:00 p.m.

Seton-Elder Drama Club

Congratulations to the talented cast and crew of the Seton-Elder Drama Club's fall play, "That'll Learn Ya!". The show received rave reviews!



Seton Vocal Ensemble Wins Grand Prize

Congratulations to the Seton Vocal Ensemble who placed 1st and received a \$5,000 grand prize in the Q102 Christmas Choir Competition! Thank you to Maribeth Brown Samoya '81 and Justin Kohler for directing this talented group.

Seton Spirit

Surgical Observation at The Christ Hospital

Some Seton juniors had an incredible opportunity to observe a live quadruple bypass open-heart surgery at The Christ Hospital. These Saints, who are in the Anatomy and Physiology classes of Mrs. Ann Colley Jett '84, also participated in a pre-surgery and post-surgery Q&A with cardiothoracic surgeon Dr. Geoffrey Answini and nurse anesthetist Stephen Anderson.

“The live surgery experience was amazing and I am truly blessed that The Christ Hospital and Seton provided this opportunity to me and my fellow classmates,” said junior Abby Brogan. “It is something I will never forget and it really helped me see what a profession in a surgical setting would look like.”

The Q&A part allowed students to get answers to the questions they had surrounding surgery and specifics about medical careers. “I really enjoyed the Q&A session, especially the post-op session where many parts of the surgery were discussed,” said junior Katee McBride, who is interested in a career in nursing. “My favorite part was learning about all of



the different aspects to the surgery and the various people that are involved in this complex operation.”

This exceptional opportunity is beneficial for many reasons. “These off-campus learning experiences are incredible for the students,” said Seton’s Anatomy and Physiology teacher, Mrs. Ann Colley Jett '84. “It helps the girls continue to discern a career in the medical field, and they learn about many jobs that they didn’t even know existed. Exposure to these professions and professionals on such a personal level is learning that we cannot provide in a typical class setting.”

Seton will continue to provide opportunities like this to students and is very grateful to The Christ Hospital, Dr. Answini and the surgical team.

Warsaw Alive Project

Seton sophomore, junior and senior art students teamed up with Price Hill Will and the Cincinnati Police Dept. as part of the Warsaw Alive Project. We joined forces to beautify properties on Warsaw Ave. that are being renovated in the Warsaw Historical District. Our art students painted and designed six store front windows while the Cincinnati police recruits painted the trim and doors of the buildings being renovated by Price Hill Will. Way to go, Saints!



National Catholic Youth Conference



These Saints represented Seton last fall in Indianapolis at the 2019 National Catholic Youth Conference. We are so proud of our students and staff members for living out their faith!

Seton Sisters

Class Notes

40's

The **Class of 1948** had a wonderful reunion with their Seton sisters.



60's

The **Class of 1969** celebrated their 50th reunion.



The **Class of 1964** celebrated their 55th reunion.



70's

Linda Paff Biehle '75 recently relocated to Myrtle Beach with her husband, youngest daughter, son-in-law and three grandchildren. She is enjoying living the good life playing grandma.



The **Class of 1974** celebrated their 45th reunion.

80's

The **Class of 1984** celebrated their 35th reunion.



The **Class of 1989** celebrated their 30th reunion.

90's

Amy Frede Crowley '93 has been building communication strategies for more than 20 years, creating and strengthening brand messaging, guiding organizations through crisis situations, strengthening employee communication, helping clients get into the media spotlight and just about everything in between. She has been an agency leader and corporate executive but always wanted to start her own business and feels blessed to have been able to make that dream a reality with the launch of her consultancy, Crowley Communications, which has been thriving since opening in 2018. www.AmyCrowleyConsulting.com



The **Class of 1994** celebrated their 25th reunion.

Some Saints from the **Class of 1997** went on a trip to Florida.



Jessica Burnett '97

is a proud nurse and stay-at-home mom of four children.



The Class of 1999

had their reunion at West Side Brewing and raised \$500 which was used to purchase a brick in Seton's Spiritual Garden to honor Beth Brauntz Wittich '99, and the remainder to benefit her scholarship fund at Seton. Funds were also raised to help classmate Shannon Hyde Eshman's four-year-old daughter Josie who was diagnosed last year with cancer and undergoing 67 weeks of chemotherapy.



00's

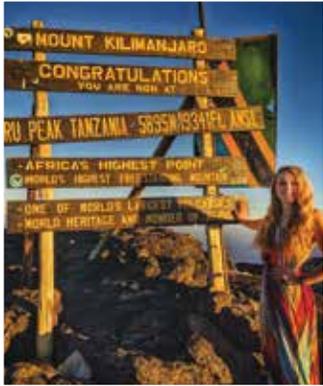
Joni Lipps Huber '01 was one of 39 Hoosier Women Artists honorees. There was an article featuring her in the Batesville Herald Tribune.

Erin Brogan Lind '03

and her daughters, Ellie and Harper, were supporting their cousin Natalie at a Seton soccer game.



Seton Sisters



Kelsey Smyth Jennings '10 summited Kilimanjaro, the tallest mountain in Africa! This has been a dream of hers since her dad took her to see the Kilimanjaro Omnimax film at Union Terminal when she was around six years old. Her husband, Ian, met up with her after the climb, and they went on safaris in Tanzania and Kenya as well as gorilla tracking in Uganda.

The **Class of 2014** celebrated their 5th reunion.



Grace Davis '15 moved to DC after graduating from CCM at UC in December 2018 to work for Speaker Newt Gingrich's production and consulting company, Gingrich 360. Since starting, she has worked on multiple projects and was included in the credits for the Speaker's recent Fox News documentary/mini-series, the Newt's World podcast as well as in the Speaker's recent books.

Brianna Brumfield '17 made the 2019 Fall Dean's List at Georgetown College. She is majoring in athletic training.

Record Crowd at Girls Night Out 2019!

Thanks to all of our energetic and amazing Seton supporters who joined us for Girls Night Out 2019!



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

Weddings

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

Judy Bowman Haller '69
 Noelle Lammers '06 – October 13, 2018
 Jessica Dattilo '13 – August 31, 2019
 Allison Broderick '15 – December 7, 2019



Judy Bowman Haller '69



Noelle Lammers '06



Jessica Dattilo '13

Births

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

Erin Brunemann Hart '02, son George "Geo" Vincent, October 12, 2019
 Sarah Cranley Lykins '02, daughter Dolly Mae, January 28, 2020
 Beth Weiler Thomas '02, daughter Stevie Marie, August 17, 2019
 Toni Washam Goldschmidt '08, daughter Dillon Marie, September 13, 2019
 Samantha Washam '08, daughter Hailey Patricia Goodman, September 19, 2019
 Emily Adkins Schutzman '10, daughter Reagan Rose, July 3, 2019
 Jennifer Vogel Holbrock '10, son Benjamin "Ben" Charles, January 20, 2020



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1 - George "Geo" Vincent Hart
 2 - Dolly Mae Lykins
 3 - Stevie Marie Thomas
 4 - Dillon Marie Goldschmidt

5 - Hailey Patricia Goodman
 6 - Reagan Rose Schutzman
 7 - Benjamin "Ben" Charles Holbrock

Passings

Our sympathy is extended to the families of the following:

Martha Donelan Trauth '34
 Rosemary Kramer Stoesser '36
 Virginia Purcell Schuerman '37
 Lorraine Stockelman Lamps '38
 Mary Rymkus Scheid '39
 Rita Terlinden Riestenberg '40
 Margaret Crusham Rizzo '40
 Rita Espelage Goertemoeller '40
 Ruth Kersker Heath '40
 Anne Ricci Wippel '41
 Florence Ferneding '41
 Dorothy Duffy Arata '41
 Ann Gilkey Delp '42
 Helen Oehler Linz '42
 Mary Lee Cassidy Dacey '44
 Lillian Schell Nieszal '44
 Mary Ellen Schirmer Young '44
 Loretta Saupe, SC '46
 Alberta Geis Bechtol '46

Paula Kneer Puls '46
 Mary Jo Schmerber Hagemeyer '47
 Patricia Holzer Daffin '47
 Mary Lammert Bill '47
 Mary Miller Lipps '47
 Ethel Rock Kinne '48
 Roseanne Engler '48
 Dorothy Hater Minning '48
 Shirley Ann Brockmeyer Boyle '48
 Charlotte Popp Watkins '48
 Rosemary Ciresi Ruthemeyer '49
 Joan Henzerling Craig '51
 Gay Havlin Guethlein '51
 Janet Stalf Freeman '51
 Mary Ann Vogelpohl Frye '51
 Janet Stetter Fohl '51
 Ruth Mesch Marchioni '51
 Mary Jo Mirlenbrink Gerlach '53
 Janet Noble Ahern '53

Mary Kunz White '53
 Mary Lou Rowley Eshman '54
 Gerry Metz Lipps '54
 Janet Fischer Tuchfarber '55
 Sonia Marie Zoller Schraml '56
 Carol Weis Blair '57
 Shirley Martini '57
 Judy Monahan Doran '57
 Mary Ann Fay Heimbrock '57
 Jean Sahnd '57
 Georgia Windholtz Curran '59
 Mary Jo Goettke Westendorf '59
 Jo Ann Yunker '60
 Virginia Magro Troyan '61
 Bette Roddy Zureick '63
 Gayle Doyle '63
 Linda Adams Roemer '64
 Donna Lusenhop Fitzgerald '65
 Antoinette Deschu '65

Joyce Young Sprecker '65
 Bonnie Minges McKay '65
 Sue Schaiper Hilvert '66
 Kathy Connelly Harris '66
 Carolyn Hamilton Caldwell '69
 Pam Threm Heidenreich '69
 Emily Hegman Ehmer '69
 Cathy Manegold '71
 Barb Deller '71
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Giving Our Time and Using Our Gifts

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Alumnae Spotlight

Anne Kappen '64

As each one of us navigates through life, we can all say that we have experienced bumpy waters and smooth sailing.



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It is when we reflect back on the journey that it becomes a bit clearer to us how we found our strengths and talents as God guided and directed us along the path of our life and career. For most of us, the life analogy of traveling through a body of water is a figurative statement; but for Anne Kappen '64 it has a much more literal meaning. At the age of 10, Anne's family got their first 26-foot cabin cruiser. They spent weekends on the Ohio River and camping out on the riverbank. "It

was at that early age that I felt the lure of river water rushing through my veins," said Anne. "From that day on, I could always be found on the boat." Her father passed away five years later, and her mother, who was actually the one who always operated the boat, went on to buy a larger three-level, 42-foot river yacht that became a home away from home for their family for decades.

While Anne felt very much at home on the river, it was not until much later in her life that she shifted sails to consider it as a career. While in high school, Anne found that the robust all-girls environment at Seton was empowering and helped mold her confidence. "I got involved in the Glee Club and in the sophomore play, but I found my niche in science and came out of my shell," said Anne. "I got involved in science fairs and won first place at the state competition for my model of a hydraulic dam and how it produced energy." She went on to win state competitions for the next three years as well. "Not surprisingly, all of my presentations involved the river," added Anne.

Anne found lasting friendships, grew as a leader and created great memories during her high school years through her classes, clubs and senior retreat. She then

headed to Mount St. Joseph University where she majored in medical technology. Upon graduation, she became the supervisor of a microbiology lab and also taught pre-med and co-op students from Cincinnati State. She acquired a Masters Degree in Management and Supervision with a concentration in Organization Behavior and Human Resource Management from Central Michigan University, and then an additional Masters Degree in Hospital and Health Services Administration from The Ohio State University. She got a job in hospital administration in Mariemont, OH. "I oversaw the laboratory and other diagnostic treatment and testing services," said Anne. "After three years I realized I could have a greater impact as an outside consultant, so I left and started working at Mount St. Joseph University, where I stayed from 1980-2005."

Anne served as an adjunct faculty member within MSJU's Business Administration Department. She was part of the early development of the school's weekend college. "This was one of the first of its kind in the country," explained Anne. "The profile of a typical student was a single woman who was recently divorced or widowed and found herself in a position to support herself, advance her career and be self-fulfilled. This was an exciting time for me to be part of watching them advance their careers. I had discovered a passion for developing people in mind, spirit and motivation."

In 1980, Anne ventured out on a new profession as a management consultant and seminar leader as the CEO of her own business, Kappen Consultants. She traveled across the country every other week presenting seminars for five days in five cities. "I focused on development of the typical health care professionals," said Anne. "My initial clients were within the healthcare world, but after a few years I expanded my practice to the business world, including clients such as P&G, Western and Southern Life Insurance, General Electric, Lexus/Nexus, Fifth Third Bank and First National



Bank. I then extended out into the hotel industry and other service-oriented companies.”

During this time, Anne taught entrepreneurship through Northern Kentucky University’s Small Business Development Center and became a contributing writer to the Cincinnati Business Courier and Cincinnati Enquirer. By age 46, Anne’s life compass started pulling her towards her ‘someday’ dream of becoming a boat captain. It was 1988 and the Tall Stacks came into town. “It was in the midst of all those paddle wheelers on the river that I decided I was going to be in the wheelhouse for the next Tall Stacks, which was set for three years later,” said Anne. “The next day I started my course to become a riverboat captain.”

She called around to several excursion boat captains explaining her aspirations to get her license, and she was fortunate to be taken on as an apprentice with a captain who chartered an excursion company named Barlycorn’s Riverboats. The first night out, the captain showed her around the 74-year-old double paddlewheel towboat that was pushing a two-deck party barge. “I looked around the wheelhouse and noticed the huge wheel that went to the floor, and I felt like I was back in high school,” explained Anne. “The captain allowed me to take the wheel on that first night out. So there I was behind the biggest 50-foot boat I had ever handled and I was pushing a party barge.” For the next three months Anne was on board every time the boat went out. She also started handling a yacht that was used for excursions. She acquired the necessary hours as an apprentice, went on to ace the written exam in New Orleans and then earned her Master’s license as a U.S. Merchant Marine Officer and Captain licensed by the U.S. Coast Guard to operate a 100-ton power vessel on any inland waterway.

“I had followed my dream as planned, was part of Tall Stacks and living the good life,” Anne said. “I had phased out of my consulting business and I spent the next 12 years on the Ohio River as the owner and captain of the RiverCity Charter.”

Right by her side as her First Mate was Anne’s mother, Mary Kay Kappen. “After all, she was the one who brought the river to my world and was still in love with the water and boating as much as I was,” explained Anne. “We converted our personal 42-foot boat into a commercial vessel and ventured out. I converted my avocation to my vocation.”

The RiverCity Charter was the only private charter boat on the Ohio River to cater to small groups, and every cruise was custom designed. “We offered a ‘Three Hour Cruise’, a ‘Cruise and Snooze’ which was for one night, a ‘Huck Finn Fantasy Cruise’ which lasted a weekend or week, and of course we took guests to the Labor Day fireworks as well as being part of Tall Stacks multiple times,” said Anne.

In 2005, Anne had to hang up her oars due to her 90-year-old First Mate mother becoming ill. She passed the boat on to a local family and still has visiting privileges to take cruises down memory lane. Although Anne and her mom were not on the river anymore, they had a lovely view from Anne’s house in northern Kentucky.

After her mother passed, Anne spent the next few years in retirement, getting back out with friends and getting involved in social activities. She also got a few part-time jobs that intrigued her as well. “I never know what career opportunities will continue to come my way,” said Anne. She attributes her education to have been the biggest influence of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton’s beliefs and philosophies. “When I look back on my varied and numerous careers, it is obvious that Seton provided me with a strong foundation upon which to build my future,” said Anne, who is a proud sponsor in Seton’s 31 Women Scholarship program. “The quiet freshman evolved into a strong, independent woman, willing to take risks and venture out into unknown waters. In doing so, I have always brought others along with me, encouraging them to be their best. As my professional life is tapering off, I can now enjoy being of service to others.”



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