



# SETON

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*Educating in the Spirit of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton*



**MOVEMENT** *AS* **MEDICINE**  
*A CALL TO HEAL AND TEACH*



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KATHY ALLEN CIARLA '87  
KAREN KLUG WHITE '92

## Dear Alumnae, Parents, Students and Friends,

What a beautiful and inspiring sight to see spring arriving all around us! We are constantly reminded of the many blessings that God has graced us with here at Seton and throughout our community. With dedicated teachers and staff, hard-working students, loyal Seton families and friends and supportive alumnae – we have so much sweet success to celebrate.

Our compassionate, caring and intelligent alums are always making us proud. The formative years at Seton set up our Saints for a lifetime of learning and service while making an impact on the world around them. On pages 4-7 you can read about how Erin Mallory Hofmeyer '99 has embraced countless opportunities to grow in her career and to teach. She has prayerfully listened to God guiding her as she has turned movement into medicine while improving the lives of so many people around her.

Laura Krommer Ostertag '86 lived a faith-filled, joyful and inspiring life. Through the generosity of her family, friends and classmates, a named memorial scholarship was created where funds will be matched up to \$100,000! Read how this will help keep Laura's light shining at Seton for years to come on page 8.

The progress and updates at the Seton Sports Complex have been incredible! Learn about all of the exciting construction and how you can be a part of Seton's history on page 9. Speaking of sports, our athletic teams have had record-breaking seasons! Check out pages 12-13 to see some of their accomplishments. We are so proud of our teams!

Katie Rodan '20 has found a career focused on serving that was sparked by the selfless activities and clubs that she was a part of as a student at Seton. On pages 18-19 you can read how she found the courage to take on a career path in the FBI that involves dedication and service.

We are thrilled to welcome 184 new Saints to the Class of 2030 as our enrollment continues to grow! We are grateful for your continued prayers for all of our 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  
President

Karen Klug White '92  
Principal

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**PHOTOS:** We celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the Canonization of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in September. We had such a beautiful Mass with our honored guests, the Sisters of Charity. It was extra special to have the Sisters join us for lunch in The Grove and our Saints got to enjoy soft serve from Duebbie Queen's Ice Cream to help celebrate!

**ON THE COVER:** Dr. Erin Mallory Hofmeyer '99 transformed her lifelong love of athletics, learning and faith into a career as a physical therapist, educator and leader dedicated to serving others.

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# SETON

*Sponsored by the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati*

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



# MOVEMENT AS MEDICINE

## A CALL TO HEAL AND TEACH

**F**rom the backyard and summer camps to the classroom and field to the clinic and college campus, Erin Mallory Hofmeyer '99 turned her passion for athletics and learning into a career dedicated to healing and teaching others. Some of her fondest early memories involve evenings at her childhood home in Price Hill, tossing a softball with her dad and sisters. “Those simple moments – the rhythmic sound of the ball hitting our gloves, the friendly competition to see who could make the best catch, the laughter when someone missed – all instilled in me a love for movement and activity that would eventually become ‘movement as medicine’ in my professional philosophy,” said Erin.

“Sports were an essential part of my childhood and became the foundation for everything that followed,” explained Erin, who is the oldest child of Chris and JoAnn Grove Mallory '74. “I played soccer, volleyball, basketball and softball throughout my grade school years – always drawn to the challenge of competition and the joy of being a part of a team.” During the summers, she looked forward to both basketball and volleyball camps at Seton. “Those camps weren’t just about skills development – they were my first touch of the Seton community, the tradition of excellence and the emphasis on strong, confident young women supporting one another,” she added.

When she was 13, her family moved to a home in Delhi with a large backyard. Erin affectionately called this their very own family sports complex where she and her younger siblings Angie Mallory Feldman '00, Santina Mallory '04 and Evan Mallory (Elder '15) would spend sunny afternoons kicking a soccer ball and shooting hoops. “That backyard is where we practiced, competed, built bonds and settled sibling disputes through free-throw contests,” she said with a smile. “Being the oldest, I often found myself in the role of organizer – creating drills or games that would challenge all of us. I didn’t realize it at the time, but I was already developing my teaching instincts.”

As Erin began her years as a Seton Saint, she saw her passions take root and her future began to take shape. “My time at Seton was incredibly formative. Both academics and athletics played central roles in shaping who I am today,” explained Erin, who was a three-sport athlete





for much of high school. She was on the Varsity Softball team for all four years, earning All-State Honors her senior year in addition to celebrating a Sectional Championship alongside her teammates. She also played both JV and Varsity Soccer throughout

high school where she and her teammates won the 1997 District Championship. Erin also spent plenty of time in the gym during the two years that she played basketball.

She also excelled in the classroom, embracing challenging courses and taking on leadership roles. As a member of the National Honor Society, Community Service Club and as a homeroom representative, she learned the importance of academic excellence and service. As president of the Latin Club, she developed skills and appreciation for the classical education. She also took three years of art classes and embraced the full Seton experience attending game days and all the fun activities that make the school so special. “These experiences taught me that life is about balance – working hard, serving others, generosity and finding joy in community,” she said.

“Whenever there was free time for me, movement was my best outlet,” Erin added. Through discipline, teamwork and resilience learned on the field, Erin started to understand the deeper power of physical movement. And when she got an early-season softball injury while sliding into home plate, she began to learn about turning movement into medicine. “Learning about the recovery process and the science of movement was exciting,” she recalled. Instead of viewing rehabilitation as a setback, Erin eagerly embraced the challenge, diligently completing her home exercise program and asking questions along the way. That curiosity, sparked on Seton’s athletic fields and nurtured in the classroom, helped her to decide what she wanted to focus on for her future – finding where science, problem-solving and service intersect.

The core piece that has always been the foundation for Erin’s life is her faith. Seton fostered that foundation during her formative years. “The Sisters of Charity tradition at Seton taught me that faith isn’t just about personal belief – it is about action, service and seeing the dignity in every person,” she explained. When it came to choosing a



college, Erin prioritized her career goals and her values. “I chose to attend Mount St. Joseph University due to the caliber of the physical therapy program and the core values of the Sisters of Charity that continued to be reinforced as a student,” said Erin, who began in the entry-level MSJU Master of Physical Therapy Program in 1999. “I realized that physical therapy combined everything I loved: science, problem-solving, movement and the opportunity to help people regain their independence and quality of life.”

She transitioned into completing her Master of Physical Therapy in 2003 and shortly after that she completed her Doctor of Physical Therapy in 2007. Erin began her career as a staff physical therapist, then progressed to becoming therapy manager and on to area director for therapy services for more than 10 buildings throughout the tri-state area. During that time, she also served as a physical therapist clinical instructor, corporate trainer and Medicare compliance officer. “These opportunities gave me a comprehensive understanding of both patient care and healthcare systems,” Erin said. It was also during this time that she realized her greatest satisfaction came when a struggling therapist would suddenly grasp a concept. That ‘light bulb moment’ is when she realized that she could make a bigger impact by teaching. In 2008, she began her academic journey as an adjunct professor at MSJU in a course focused on geriatric physical therapy and basic care skills while maintaining clinical work. “Year after year, I found myself energized by the classroom, excited to develop new teaching methods, eager to mentor students,” she explained. In 2015, the full-time position of assistant director of clinical education became open. “It felt like confirmation – that this is where I belonged,” Erin added, who is also an assistant professor.

For over ten years now, she has split her teaching time between academic courses and clinical education courses. “Teaching is about shaping hearts and minds simultaneously,” she explained. “It’s not just transferring technical knowledge of therapeutic techniques. It is forming healthcare professionals that see the whole person, not just the injury or diagnosis.”



One of the ways to live out what she is teaching is through MSJU's Pro Bono Physical Therapy Clinic that opened in 2022 and was born out of the efforts of some current and former staff members. The clinic is directly run by students who schedule, provide care and coordinate all facets with two Ohio licensed physical therapists available at each session, including Erin. "We provide free physical therapy services to community members who lack insurance or resources for various reasons," Erin explained. Additionally, the campus clinic is considered a 'high impact practice' that gives students direct clinical experience embedded in their curriculum. In addition to many benefits of the clinic for her students, she hopes that they discover their passion areas, recalling how her own final clinical placement as a student several years ago directly guided her to where God wanted her to be.

"My journey to geriatric care is a perfect example of how God redirects our paths," said Erin, who added that when she was a college student she expected to end up in a career in sports medicine. "Then came my final clinical placement in a skilled nursing facility and everything changed," she said. Erin was working with an older adult patient who was recovering from a stroke that left him wheelchair dependent. "He was deeply depressed because his wife who lived in the memory care unit with advanced Alzheimer's disease was

no longer accessible to him," she explained. Over weeks of intensive therapy, his deepest motivation was to walk down the hallway to see her again. "That goal guided every aspect of our work, and the day he finally reached her with only a walker and minimal supervision was marked by tears and quiet triumph," she explained. "His wife may not have fully recognized him because of dementia, but he could hold her hand and be present with her without the help of others, preserving his dignity and purpose."

Moments like this are why she became a Board Certified Geriatric Clinical Specialist, teaches and presents on geriatric care, volunteers with senior centers and remains deeply committed to preparing future physical therapists to serve older adults with excellence, compassion and respect. She has presented at over 30 peer-reviewed professional conferences and co-authored publications of interprofessional education and improving patient care.

She attributes this passion and awareness to her time at Seton. "Whether it was coaches who pushed me on the field or teachers who challenged me academically, they helped me discover that I have both the intellectual capacity and the compassionate heart needed for healthcare leadership," explained Erin. "Teachers like Sr. Teresa helped me to expand my view in her world religions class, and I came into my physical therapy profession with a better understanding of





APTA Capitol Hill Day 2024



Erin and Hank at Governor DeWine's Inaugural Ball



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cultural differences and respect for the individual person in my patient interactions.”

Erin has also earned multiple levels of credentialing as an American Physical Therapy Association Clinical Instructor and Trainer. She was appointed to the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Athletic Trainer’s Board where she served from 2015-2023. She currently serves as the State Affairs Chair for Ohio Physical Therapy Association and has been elected as an Ohio Delegate to the American Physical Therapy Association’s House of Delegates, in addition to being a Professional Member of the National Academies of Practice, selected for the Ohio Physical Therapy Association L.I.F.E. Series Leadership Academy and a member of the Academy of Geriatric Physical Therapy and Academy of Education. And those are just a handful of the groups and organizations through which Erin does advocacy work.

As if that wasn’t enough, she also volunteers on campus and at her parish – all while she is currently enrolled in Xavier University’s Doctorate of Education in Leadership Studies program which she will complete later this year. What she enjoys most, of course, is spending time with her husband, Hank, and their daughter, Mallory, who is a current junior at Seton. “They have been my unwavering anchors through everything. They have lifted me up more times than I can count,” Erin said. “During moments when medical and mental health threatened to overwhelm me, their calming presence became my safe harbor.”

Erin credits her years at Seton with shaping the faith, resilience and sense of sisterhood that continues to guide her today. It was the beginning of a lifelong commitment to service and community. “The Seton sisterhood taught me that we don’t have to navigate challenges alone – we lift each other up. This has carried me through difficult times, whether



Mount St. Joseph University DPT faculty at graduation 2025

it’s managing complex patient cases, navigating academic challenges or balancing multiple leadership roles,” she explained.

“My faith reminds me that my work is my calling, not just a career, and that perspective helps me persevere through demanding seasons and lean on the talents of others as needed. I hope my career honors the investment that my Seton teachers, coaches and Sisters of Charity made in me.”

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**- ERIN MALLORY HOFMEYER '99**

## Planned Giving

To know Laura Krommer Ostertag '86 was to witness a life lived fully, boldly and without reservation. Her 47 years on this earth were a testament to living intentionally, faith-filled and with unmistakable joy. She inspired all around her throughout her life, and as her classmates look to celebrate 40 years since their high school graduation, they also are commemorating 10 years since Laura passed. With that in mind, family and friends felt strongly about establishing a named scholarship, memorializing the radiant person that Laura was and keeping her light shining at Seton for years to come.

When she was a student at Seton, Laura was very involved as a member of Christian Concerns, Tutoring, Activities Club and Match Club. She was also elected to student council for all four years, including Executive Board her senior year. Additionally, she excelled in academics and was a member of the National Honor Society. At Laura's high school graduation awards ceremony, she was honored with the highest award that



Seton bestows – the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award. “Laura was truly a disciple of Christ,” said Ed Krommer, Laura's father. “What was to come during her adult life was probably best forecasted when she received this award. She was very gifted and used her God-given talents to accomplish a great deal during her relatively short life here on earth,” he added.



Laura gets a big hug from her mom after receiving the Elizabeth Seton Award.

Two of Laura's classmates and dear friends, Katy Meinhardt '86 and Tricia Hausman Kelly '86, recall how Laura loved to be surrounded by friends and organize social events during high school. “Whether it was a snack day for our friend group at lunch, a Friday night trip to Zantigo's on Glenway or a Saturday at Lake Williamstown for water skiing and boating, Laura brought laughter and light with a touch of mischievousness to every occasion,” said Katy. “She enjoyed sparring with Mr. Pharo in Civics, and especially appreciated the retreats led by Physics teacher, Mr. Heil,” added Tricia. “Laura was a favorite waitress at Friendly's on Delhi Pike, scooping and serving out sundaes with pep in her step and a huge smile.”

Laura attended college at The Ohio State University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy. She and her husband, Ron Ostertag, went on to have three boys – Ryan, Eric and Chad.

Laura lived out Seton's values of faith, friendship and service throughout her life. She was a loving wife and amazing

mother. “She cultivated and maintained a wide group of friends. Laura remembered every birthday, celebrated the big and small moments, and provided encouragement during difficult times,” said Katy. “There are most certainly thousands of hand-written cards around town with Laura's signature ‘Luv Ya!’ sign-off,” added Tricia.



She and Ron loved to host parties at their home, plan group outings and hit the road in their RV, crisscrossing the country with their family and schnauzers on camping adventures. During her battle with colon cancer, Laura's Catholic faith was her rock. Family and friends surrounded her with so much prayer and support. “Laura faced her diagnosis prayerfully with courage, grace and humor, inspiring those around her throughout her journey,” said Tricia, adding that those who showed up to support her always felt like they were receiving more than they gave. “She was unwilling to be defined by cancer, and she continued to say a bold ‘YES’ to everything daily life offered until the very end,” Katy added. Ed echoed that sentiment. “Her life, especially the last five years of it, was led in accordance with a ‘can do’ motto,” he added. “Her actions surely lifted her up into heavenly places with God.”

Laura was a reflection of Seton's values throughout her life, and she lived that life to the fullest with intention and joy. In doing so, she left behind a legacy that continues to inspire all who knew her. Her scholarship will carry that spirit forward. “We hope this scholarship will allow students to enjoy the full, rich blessing of a Seton education, filled with fun memories, forming lifelong friendships and carrying forward Seton values throughout their lives as Laura did,” said Katy.

“In the end, it seemed that Laura's spirit outgrew this earth. She continues to inspire so many of us to carry her spirit onward and to live our lives full of joy and everyday kindness,” Tricia said. During her illness, Laura wrote updates on an online CaringBridge site. “Her last message, posted in October 2016 ended with these words to live by, ‘Enjoy every moment you have been given, each one is a blessing.’”

**Through the generosity of Laura's family and friends, all donations made to Laura's scholarship fund will be matched up to \$100,000!**

To honor Laura's legacy and help make a Seton education affordable to Future Saints, donate online at [setoncincinnati.org/ostertag/](http://setoncincinnati.org/ostertag/) or Venmo @SetonHighSchool.

You may also send in checks payable to Seton High School, 3901 Glenway Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45205; and be sure to include Laura's name on the memo line.

# SETON SPORTS COMPLEX

Oh what a NIGHT AT THE SITE! In October, we hosted a 'Night at the Site' at the Seton Sports Complex where we were joined by many of our wonderful supporters from the Seton community. We were so excited to show some of the progress at the facility and site. Thank you to our incredible student-athletes and ambassadors who talked to guests about the exciting SC plans and updates, to Monarch Construction, DJ Brian Hellmann, Our Kettle Runneth Over Kettle Korn, LaRosa's and Skyline!



In January, the turf on our new field was installed at the Seton Sports Complex. It has been one year since we made the exciting announcement, and the complex continues to transform each day!

Be a Part of the Legacy: Support the *Fans in the Stands* – state-of-the-art stadium seating for all students, families, alumnae and friends to cheer on our student-athletes at the new Seton Sports Complex! With a gift of \$100 or more, you will help build a vibrant future for Seton athletics and also receive a commemorative Seton blanket to show off your school spirit.

Donate now through Venmo @SetonHighSchool or visit [setoncincinnati.org/fis](https://setoncincinnati.org/fis).



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](mailto:ciarlak@setoncincinnati.org).



Seton President Kathy Allen Ciarla '87 spent time in Naples, Florida meeting with friends of Seton as well as alums and family members for a lovely gathering hosted by Kevin and Kerry Casey Kelley. It was exciting to share news about Seton and the Seton Sports Complex. Thanks to the Kelleys for the wonderful hospitality and to everyone who attended!



# Seton Spirit

## Welcome and Congratulations to the Class of 2030!

We welcomed 184 new Saints on registration day, January 30, 2026.  
Please join us in congratulating these exceptional young ladies and please keep them in your prayers.



## Mission Trip

A group of Saints and chaperones went on a mission trip early 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 community where they were positively making a difference.



## Mock Trial

Seton's Mock Trial had a fantastic showing at Districts! They won all four trials that they competed in and won both individual awards in each trial. BOTH teams qualified for Regionals! The team is blessed to have Jason Berling as the faculty advisor in addition to Angela Doerflein Hahn '93 and Allison Oswald as legal advisors.



## ACT 30 Plus Club



Seton High School is proud to acknowledge the Saints who have attained an ACT score of 30 or higher!

The students recognized have achieved scores at or above the 93rd percentile among all test takers nationally. This is such a great accomplishment! Way to go, Saints! Congratulations to: (Back Row, L-R) Mary Gibbs, Eva Hater, Hailey Wachtel, Tessa Long, Rachel Bernard, Meghan Bain, Mya Cunningham (Front Row, L-R) Maggie O'Leary, Meredith Vetter, Kara Lively, Abby Condren, Livia Eger, Maddie Meyer

## We are so proud of our incredible academics here at Seton!



Seton earned SILVER Recognition on the AP School Honor Roll for the 3rd year in a row

# 98%

of students who took AP courses scored a 3 or HIGHER on the National AP Exams in 2025  
\*National Average is 60%



Seton offers 91 College Credits

# 100%

of Seton Sophomores in AP U.S. Government and Politics received a 3 or HIGHER on the National AP Exam

2 Medical Pathway Courses on MSJU's Campus:  
Nursing 101: Health Promotions  
SLH 101: Speech, Language and Hearing Disorders

# \$33M

earned in College Scholarships from 84% of the Class of 2025



## Sports Update

### CROSS COUNTRY



Congratulations to senior Heidi Harmeyer who qualified individually for the 2025 OHSAA Division 1 Cross Country State Championship where she finished 9th IN THE STATE! This is the BEST individual Cross Country State finish for a Seton Saint in the school's history!

Congratulations to Heidi Harmeyer who competed at the OATCCC Indoor State Championship placing 5th in the 1600 and 6th in the 3200!



### BOWLING



Congratulations to Varsity Bowling – 2026 Sectional Champions!



Congratulations to Kenlie Littleman who qualified individually for OHSAA D1 Bowling State Championship.

### SAVE THE DATE

#### Seton Athletic Boosters Golf Outing

The 17th Annual Seton Athletic Boosters Golf Outing will be held on Monday, July 13 at Aston Oaks. For more information about registration and sponsorship, please contact Seton Athletic Director Wendy Zureick Smith '90 at [smithw@setoncincinnati.org](mailto:smithw@setoncincinnati.org).



### VOLLEYBALL STATE CHAMPIONS!



Congratulations to our 2025 OHSAA Division 1 Volleyball State Champions! BACK TO BACK! 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 the championship games. We are so proud of this team and coaching staff and our incredible Seton community for their support through the season and post-season tournament.

### SOCCER — STATE RUNNER-UP!



We are so proud of our Varsity Soccer team for finishing the season as 2025 OHSAA Division 1 Soccer State Runners-Up! Congratulations to the team and coaches Jay Kiley and Lisa LaRosa on an outstanding season! The Seton nation showed up for our Soccer Saints this year also with buses full of students helping to fill the stands at the championship game.



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

- Lauren Bain: Kent State – basketball
- Callie Combs: NC State – volleyball
- Heidi Harmeyer: Indiana University – cross country
- Taylor Hummeldorf: Hanover – basketball
- Grace Jones: Lipscomb – volleyball
- Georgia Keefe: Miami Middletown – basketball
- Kirsten Kemper: North Carolina A&T – volleyball
- Nattie Slusher: Eastern Michigan – volleyball
- Taylor Thierry: Ohio Dominican – volleyball

## CHEER — 2ND IN THE NATION



Congratulations to Seton Cheer who placed 2nd IN THE NATION for Small Varsity Game Day Cheer in their inaugural year at Nationals in Orlando, Florida!



## DANCE — 2ND IN THE NATION

Congratulations to Seton Dance who placed 2nd IN THE NATION for Small Varsity Pom at the UDA National Championship in Orlando, Florida! They also placed 8th in Small Varsity Hip Hop!



## JV DANCE



Seton JV Dance clinched 1st PLACE in BOTH Pom and Hip Hop at SuperNationals in Louisville, Kentucky! They also earned Grand Champions for their Pom routine. Congratulations, ladies!

## SWIMMING - UP STATE!



A huge congratulations to the following swimmers who competed in the OHSAA D1 State Championship in Canton, Ohio: Maddie Roos – 10th place in the 50 Free; Maddie Roos, Camille Smitherman, Josie Aull and Maura Dickman – 15th place in the 200 Free Relay.

## BASKETBALL



Congratulations to our Varsity Basketball team on a historic season ending as 2026 OHSAA Division 2 Regional Runners Up! We are so proud of these Saints and coaches.

## Performing Arts Update

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

The Seton-Elder Drama Club entertained the crowd performing their fall play, *The Mysterious Murder at Manchester Manor*. Congratulations to the cast and crew!



## The Dave Allen Tribute Concert Saturday, May 2, 2026

6:00 p.m. Concert  
Tom & Janis Kelley Family Theater  
7:30 p.m. Food, drinks and more music  
Seton Grove and Halo Café  
Tickets \$50/person



As Dave retires, please join us in thanking him and celebrating 57 years of exceptional music and entertainment. Dave has requested no gifts! However, *The Dave and Carol Allen Performing Arts Scholarship* has been established in their honor. Scan the QR code or go to [setoncincinnati.org](http://setoncincinnati.org) to purchase tickets and/or contribute to the retirement gift to this scholarship and continue the legacy of the Performing Arts Series. All donors will be recognized in a card presented to Dave and Carol. For more information, email Mary Sunderhaus at [sunderhaus@setoncincinnati.org](mailto:sunderhaus@setoncincinnati.org).

# Seton Sisters

## Class Notes

### 60's

Some Saints from the **Class of 1963** enjoyed their monthly luncheon.



### 70's

**Class of 1971** is having a 55th year reunion at The Farm on Thursday, September 10 at 4:30 p.m. More details to come!

**Class of 1975** celebrated their 50th year reunion in October.



**Class of 1976** will celebrate their 50th year reunion on Friday, April 17, 2026, with a special breakfast at 9:00 a.m. at Seton's Halo Café. The 50th Reunion celebration planned by classmates will be on Saturday, April 18, 2026. The group will go to Mass at Our Lady of Victory at 4:30 p.m. followed by dinner at Western Hills Country Club at 6:00 p.m.

### 80's

**Class of 1981** will have a joint 45-Year Reunion with Mercy and Elder at Ron's Roost in the fall of 2026 with the date TBD. The event will be \$25 per person with a cash bar. More information to come! Contact Pam Ehrman Kent '81 with questions at 513-822-2693.

### 00's

**Jill Wellendorf Hodapp '00** wrote and published a children's Christmas book titled *Tidy the Elf: Santa's Collector of Old Toys*



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Update your info **HERE**  
or at [www.setoncincinnati.org](http://www.setoncincinnati.org).

### Jennifer Hemmer Dunaway '01

lives in Columbus with her husband, Nick, and their six children. She is the founder of Soccer Moms and Dads, LLC, a lifestyle brand dedicated to supporting soccer parents. Through her website, [soccermomsanddads.com](http://soccermomsanddads.com), Jennifer publishes a regular blog series and produces eight annual guides for Ohio soccer families. She also moderates ten online communities for soccer parents and serves on multiple committees and boards within regional and national soccer organizations. She was recently recognized by the State of Ohio for her advocacy in Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness and automatic external defibrillator (AED) accessibility for playing a key role in introducing enhanced legislation for emergency response plans in schools and public recreational areas, contributing to the passage of HB 47 requiring AEDs in those spaces.



**Caren Minniti Harrison '01** and her two daughters performed a trio in "Crushin It" and also in a Variety Show fundraiser for the Loveland Stage Company where they sang the three parts for "I Know it's Today" from *Shrek the Musical*. They were also cast in the Beechmont Players Miscast Cabaret singing a song together and separate duets and solos. Ana Harrison will be young Anna in Seton's spring show, *FROZEN The Musical!*

**Ashley Adkins Reuter '06** received the Progressive Grocer GenNext Award Winner, FMI. These awards honor forward-looking young leaders who are using their varied talents to help the grocery industry meet current and future challenges and flourish in the years ahead.



**Leanne Bleh '11** is going on her second term as the Chapter President for the Cincinnati Chapter of the National Association of Women in Construction. She had previously been the VP, Secretary and a Board Director. She was also married on October 5, 2024.

**Meghan Cappel Aurand '11** and **Kendall Cappel Thomas '14** recently became travel advisors and started their small business, *Wish Upon Sisters!* They provide free travel planning services and can help with all trips including your whimsical honeymoon or



the family trip to the beach that is still stuck in the group chat. Check out their Facebook page, *Wish Upon Sisters!*

**Paola Rios-Santiago '16**, is a published co-author on a research study, and works at IEH Laboratories & Consulting as a Lab Analyst. She did this as part of her senior project, and the publishing happened in 2024. The actual research was through Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. The title is "Environmental Health Knowledge Does Not Necessarily Translate to Action in Youth." The student body at the time also contributed to the results for this study.

## 2020's

**Isabella Bass '22** is a published co-author on two journal articles for work done during her time at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency: "Implications for Modeling Anion Exchange Treatment of Perfluoroalkyl Substances in Drinking Water and Related Natural Organic Impacts: a Pilot Study" and "Estimating Ion Exchange Resin Intraparticle Diffusion Coefficients: Method Development and Nitrate Application".

## Alumnae & Friends Adventure to San Francisco & Napa!

From San Francisco and Napa Valley and other beautiful sites in Northern California, **Seton is excited to announce that we are hosting a trip for Alumnae & Friends October 11-17, 2026!** A private tour director will guide the group through several dinners, guided group sightseeing around San Francisco and wine tours and tastings in Napa! Whether you are looking for a getaway with your best gal pals or celebrating a milestone with your significant other, this is a great opportunity for Seton to plan, and for you to enjoy! Space is limited and will be filled on a first come, first served basis. More information can be found at [setoncincinnati.org/alumnae/reunions-gatherings](http://setoncincinnati.org/alumnae/reunions-gatherings).



## Seton Sweepstakes

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

Back again for 2026! 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](http://setoncincinnati.org).**

**THANK YOU!**

## seton Alumnae & Friends

**All purchases benefit the Seton Super Saint Scholarship!**

**Lightweight  
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Puffer Vest**



**S-3XL - \$50**

**Quilted Cosmetic  
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with Hanging Hook**



**\$20**

**Allmade® Women's  
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Long Sleeve Tee**



**XS-2XL - \$30**

**Order online or purchase in Seton's Spirit Shop!**

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*Thank you for your support!*

# Seton Sisters

## Weddings

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

**Jessica Beamer Botter '13**, February 15, 2025

**Christa Graber '93**, October 4, 2025

**Taylor Poland Kentrup '16**, October 10, 2025

**Emma Bruggeman Sutton '17**, November 22, 2025



To submit a class note or update, please fill out the "Update Your Information" form at [www.setoncincinnati.org](http://www.setoncincinnati.org).



Jessica Beamer Botter '13



Taylor Poland  
Kentrup '16



Emma Bruggeman Sutton '17

# Births

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

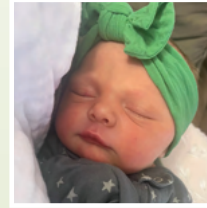
- Sydney Schultz Heitkamp '14**, daughter Parker Hadley, June 4, 2024
- Emily Lindsey Kastner '09**, son Grady William, November 11, 2024
- Faith Flowers Jett '15**, daughter Flora Ann, January 27, 2025
- Jamie Ballachino Stryker '05**, daughter Lucille Margaret, April 23, 2025
- Krista Hungler Wendling '10**, son Miles Jacob, June 6, 2025
- Elizabeth Anderson Bengert '09**, son Graham Michael, June 11, 2025
- Rebecca Gibbs Tout '08**, daughter, Remi Marie, July 12, 2025
- Stephanie Davis Kaeser '09**, son Wyatt Matthew, July 14, 2025
- Maria Svec Ginn '13**, daughter Isla Eve, August 9, 2025
- Emily Heinzelman Schmitt '17**, daughter Bailey Ann, August 12, 2025
- Rachel Auer Holmes '16**, daughter Vivian Cristine, August 13, 2025
- Rylee Jung Igel '18**, son Adam Joseph, September 3, 2025
- Allison Bayer Abner '14**, son Oliver Charles and daughter Sophia Kathryn, October 13, 2025
- Kourtney Keller Milam '15**, daughter McKenna JoAnn Milam, October 17, 2025
- Morgan Pennekamp '10**, son Reid Nicholas Schulz, October 22, 2025
- Kimberly St. Charles Meyer '08**, adopted Joey from foster care, December 16, 2025



Parker Hadley Heitkamp



Grady William Kastner



Flora Ann Jett



Lucille Margaret Stryker



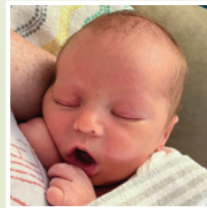
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Wyatt Matthew Kaeser



Isla Eve Ginn



Bailey Ann Schmitt



Vivian Cristine Holmes



Adam Joseph Igel



Oliver Charles and  
Sophia Kathryn Abner



McKenna JoAnn  
Milam



Reid Nicholas Schulz  
Pennekamp



Joey Meyer

# Passings

Our sympathy is extended to the families of the following:

- Jean Schwartz Theobald '42
- Jane Gunn Bogenschutz '46
- Marie Schultz D'Angelo '46
- Catherine Elsaesser Doyle '46
- Shirley Schafer Holtgrewe '46
- Mary Ann Hey Hudepohl '46
- Marilyn Scholle Bertke '47
- Patricia Cahill Hack '47
- Teresa Elsaesser Broxterman '48
- Elizabeth Oliver Burroughs '48
- Ruth Brown Kern '48
- Rita Rolfes Viel '48
- Gloria Kellerman '49
- Lois Glassmeyer Mirus '49
- Mary Metz Pierson '49
- Janet Niemer Funk '50
- Vincent Marie Willman, SC '50
- Judith Junker Lasita '51
- Marilyn Vetter Vinson '51
- Rita Specht Balzano '52

- Carol Hoeltge Corcoran '52
- Joan Bleski Doggett '52
- Mary Dellbrugge Iezzoni '53
- Lois Moloney Riedinger '53
- Mary Jane Klemann Luebbe '54
- Margaret Kiffmeyer Maltry '54
- Ann Sims Ossim '54
- Margaret Mary Byrne Frank '55
- Jan Kroeger, OSF '55
- Janet Hughes Achor '56
- Pat Wells Brehm '56
- Dorothy Roth Brown '56
- Mary Brown Menkhaus '56
- Ann Kuhlman Perry '56
- Joan Welage Cunningham '57
- Lois Fatthauer Marx '57
- Martha Metz '57
- Judith Moorman '57
- Bernadine Huber Kindt '58
- Carol Buller Overberg '58

- Mary Swis Retschulte '58
- Joyce Tebbe Sullivan '58
- Donna Brinker Savage '60
- Judith Mertens Fox '61
- Carol Willike Kitchen '62
- Kathleen Holtgreffe Lausier '62
- Diane Burns Menkhaus '62
- Shirley Sebastian Meyer '62
- Joan Wiebell '62
- Teri Yeager Becker '63
- M. Claudette Ziegler Blozy '63
- Judith Troehler Collins '63
- Kathleen Corcoran Meyer '63
- Nancy Westerhaus Baxter '64
- Lois Reiring Chandler '64
- Shirley Hiller Amos '65
- Agnes Brockman '66
- Rita Fontenot Schmitz '66
- Mary Niehaus Schroot '67
- Gail Shotwell Chastang '68

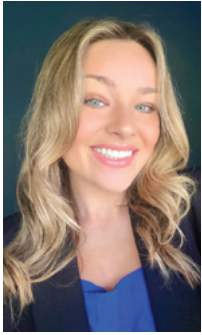
- Linda Kistner Will '68
- Barb Hagedorn '70
- Janet Langenbrunner Hatter '70
- Joyce Barnhorst Dattilo '71
- Christine Schehl '72
- Kathy Huwel '73
- Teresa Morgan Solomon '74
- Debra Kroeger Weingartner '74
- Deborah Moorman Keener '75
- Marlene Catanzaro Noble '75
- Mari Tout Ehrat '77
- Judith Huelsman '77
- Maureen Motz Lyons '79
- Pamela O'Neal Hill '80
- Lori Wellendorf Guban '81
- Colleen Meurer Mallari '83
- Rachael Grebe Hasselbeck '87
- Schahanna Robinson '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

### Katie Rodan '20



Katie Rodan '20 grew up surrounded by the deep green of Seton pride. Guided by her mom Amy Meier Roden '86, alongside her twin sister Kelly '20, and followed by sister Megan '21, Katie stepped into the halls of Seton with a sense of sisterhood and the empowerment to explore who she was and who she would become.

During high school, Katie immersed herself in activities that allowed her to explore her interests and grow her personal talents and God-given gifts. "I was actively involved in Art Club, French Club, Saints for Life, Singing Saints and Kairos," she said. "These activities allowed me to explore creativity, culture, service and self expression outside of the classroom."

Some of her most meaningful memories came from her time with Mrs. Margie Meiners Metz '94 and the

Katie and her twin sister Kelly



Art Club. Each month, the group welcomed participants from Metzcór, an adult disability day program, into the classroom. Together, they painted, did scavenger hunts and shared stories

about hobbies. Katie remembers the joy on the Metzcór students' faces and the pure excitement that filled the room when creativity became a bridge between people. "Art became more than just a project," she recalls. "It was a way to celebrate individuality and build community."

During her sophomore year, Katie felt fortunate to be a part of the mission trip to Liberty, Kentucky. "Being there with my Seton sisters was a defining experience that sparked my love for serving others," she explained. She carried that passion for service into college, where she found the opportunity to travel to Nicaragua to help dig trenches for clean water systems. One of the most cherished moments for Katie was building connections with the community. "After digging the foundation for water pipes, we would play soccer with the children. We also gave them toys and new coloring supplies, which instantly put smiles on their faces," she said.

Those moments stayed with her. "It reinforced my belief that helping others—whether close to home or across the world—is one of the most meaningful ways I can live out my values," she said.

Katie, who always had an interest in crime documentaries, was a double-major student at the University of Cincinnati, focusing on both Criminal Justice and Digital Media. "I wanted to gain a better understanding of the criminal justice system," she explained. "While true crime documentaries first captured

Katie with her parents at her college graduation



Class of 2020 during Green Week



Mission trip in Nicaragua



my interest, they ultimately inspired me to pursue a role where I can contribute to the solution.”

Throughout high school and college, Katie often relied on her faith. “It has been a constant and guiding presence in my life – ultimately shaping who I am,” she explained. “Leading and participating in retreats, community service and doing mission trips allowed me to deepen my relationship with God, and these opportunities have taught me to better support and serve those around me.”

In moments of stress and uncertainty, Katie knows where to turn. “Whether academic pressure, future decisions, or personal doubts - my faith, family and friends have always been my strongest support system,” she said. During her senior year of college, Katie was selected to participate in the FBI Collegiate Academy where she learned more about the wide range of career paths. After graduating in 2024, she pursued a career in public service with the FBI – following in the footsteps of her father, Doug. “His dedication and leadership have long served as my role model,” she said. “I chose this job not only because it aligns with my interests,

but also because it allows me to contribute to a shared mission and service. That sense of purpose provides motivation and meaning, even on the hardest days.”

Katie is currently serving as an Operational Support Technician with the Cincinnati FBI and sees herself growing in this career in the future. “I would love to explore other paths such as an Intelligence Analyst or Staff Operations Specialist, and I would love to join the Evidence Response Team and assist out in the field in the long term,” she explained. “I could also see myself taking on a more specialized career path with forensic art and crime scene reconstruction.”

Katie carries the lessons of Seton with her into every new challenge — the call to serve, the courage to lead and the faith to trust God’s plan. “These are a part of me always, and I’m proud to always represent the school positively in every facet of my life,” she said. From the classroom to art club to mission trips and now to public service, her path reflects a life rooted in sisterhood and strengthened by purpose.

Seton mission trip in Liberty, Kentucky



On a trip in college with Cincy Snowcats Ski Club



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## Girls' Schools Unite!

# Seton



## HEY SETON ALUMS We need YOU April 27-29!

We are rolling into year seven of the Girls' Schools Unite campaign and we are relying on our incredible alumni 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 alumni, Seton has won the competition five out of the past six 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 April 27-29, 2026. Stay tuned!

**Let's win this again, Saints!**