## TRADITION

A magazine for the alumni, families and friends of Joliet Catholic Academy


## 2016 JCA Jubilaté Committee Members

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT/PRINCIPAL



Dear Alumni, Families and Friends,

As the 2015-2016 school year comes to a close I want to start this letter by saying THANK YOU. We truly appreciate all that you have done to make this year special. I especially want to say thank you to our donors and alumni that have gone above and beyond providing the resources necessary for our students to have a first rate education. Without the support of our alumni, donors and JCA community, there are many students that wouldn't be able to realize the many opportunities provided to them at our institution.

Once again, we have much to celebrate as we end the school year. Our Class of 2016 made a huge mark on our JCA community and will serve well as our newest alumni. They earned over $\$ 14.9$ million dollars in college scholarships, which equates to approximately $\$ 92,500$ per student! Additionally, they have completed over 15,000 hours of service in their time at JCA. With numerous accomplishments in and out of the classroom, this group of students has definitely made their mark on the school and they have a very bright future.

As JCA has just completed the third year of our five-year Strategic Plan, we are forging full steam ahead to the next Phase of our Capital Initiative... "Building Our Future". We are proud to say that we exceeded our First Phase goal of $\$ 1.2$ million, but we are not done yet! We have set a goal of $\$ 1.5$ million for Phase II, which will cover new windows for the back of the building, air conditioning for the classrooms, and newer, high-powered Wi-Fi to support our freshmen and sophomore 1:1 Technology Initiative. More information on the"Building Our Future" Capital Initiative can be found in the center spread (pages 8 and 9 ). We have actually begun this part of the Initiative and have met with some generous donors who have given us a great start. We hope that you will see all the good things that are happening at our school and decide to also invest in our students' futures.

In regards to Technology at JCA, as stated, next year our freshmen and sophomores will be working with Lenovo laptops throughout their day. This will begin a "phasing in" period for the entire school going 1:1. We have been providing professional development for our teachers so they can be prepared for all levels as a Google Apps for Education campus. We have also put funding into the technological infrastructure and we have restructured our technology department so we will have the best resources for our students and teachers. Needless to say, we are very excited about the direction of technology on campus.

On behalf of the administration, faculty and staff, I hope that you have a wonderful summer and thank you once again for all that you do for JCA!

Blessings,

# Jeffrey R. Budz 

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## Alumni Spotlight

## Paul Markelz'83 "Builds Better" with Rcrane

The oracle of Omaha, Warren Buffett, bet big on rail as the economic future of the United States in 2009 with a $\$ 44$ billion purchase of BNSF Railway. Railroads might strike many people as old-fashioned, but Buffett wagered that as the economy revived, so would the demand for goods being shipped by train.

JCHS graduate Paul Markelz ('83) has spent his entire career in the railroad business, and like Buffett, Markelz bet on himself in 2007 when he started Rcrane, a "rapid, rugged, railroad renewal crane, bridge and track construction company". In an industry where time is money (there is a high cost of track downtime, almost $\$ 200,000$ per hour when completing repair and replacement), Rcrane succeeds because they don't just focus on the dollar sign. "Build Better", the company tag line is also about safety. Gary Doctor, a BNSF Railway safety and compliance Engineer endorsed Rcrane as the "safest on-bridge operation I have ever seen".

Limited time causes a focus on patchwork repairs versus full replacements of railroad lines, which is the safer and better option. After a development phase from '07-'10, and a market testing and acceptance phase in ' 11 and ' 12 , Rcrane has been forging full steam ahead in the last three years, continuing to grow sales and market acceptance with class 1 railroad titans such as Amtrak, BNSF, CN, and CSX.

Markelz's technology focuses on a patented rail-mounted mobile variable width dual gantry crane, basically a series of ten rail cars that operate together to complete bridge span change outs in one trip. Gone are the days of building new roads to access bridges, multiple trips to stage materials for jobs, and the use of conventional cranes which lack stability and can tip over. Rcrane operates directly over the bridge and track being replaced. On a recent job for BNSF on a bridge at Bismarck, ND $80^{\prime}$ above the Missouri River, Rcrane set new speed records changing out five track panels in five hours (the old BNSF record was three panels in seven hours). Michael Anderson, a Bridge Supervisor for Buffet's BNSF Railway said, "Rcrane is the only machine in the word that can do this; high productivity with surgical precision."

Paul Markelz learned to build better from a young age,
and he credits his Catholic upbringing, and his time spent at Joliet Catholic High School for the cultivation of his current vision. Paul said, "My parents (Jim and Marge) ingrained in us the principles of charity and seeing my father build his family, his business, and several institutions within the Joliet area motivates me to do the same." Jim and Marge Markelz were cornerstones in the Joliet area, most notable for running Markelz Office Products, and their work for the Joliet Area Community Hospice, St. Paul the Apostle Parish and School, Joliet Catholic High School, and St. Francis Academy. The Markelz's chaired Joliet Catholic's Jubilation, and instilled the power of daily prayer to their children.

Markelz noted, "My daily prayers give me the energy and focus from God to reach higher and inspire others to help us. Anything we have achieved has been $100 \%$ attributed to our faith." Paul also gives credit to his brother, Fr. Carl Markelz, 0.Carm. (JCHS, '80), who currently serves as the Carmelite Order's Bursar General and formerly was the president of Mt. Carmel High School. "Carl's relentless, fearless passion to be the greatest Catholic priest he can be inspired me to use my talents. I've also been inspired by four additional, super-supportive siblings Janet (SFA, '74), Greg (JCHS '76), Nancy (SFA '78) and Aimee (SFA '84)", said Markelz.

The dream of "Building Better" arose both from his family , and naturally as a child born during the 1960's space race. "In no way am I comparing our mission to going to the moon on a scale of importance, but there are similarities. When you go to the moon, you have to bring everything you need with you, and with Rcrane everything is mission critical. It is all
 one fluid operation with limited time and space on board when we pack up and head to a rail bridge site, where there is also limited time and space", said Markelz. Former NASA astronaut and USAF Brigadier General Jim McDivitt also ap-


Paul Markelz '83 (center-left) poses with Rcrane advisor and NASA astronaut Brigadier General Jim McDivitt (center-right).
parently agreed. McDivitt, who commanded Gemini 4 and Apollo 9, is a heavy investor and also a consultant for Rcrane. Markelz added, "It sounds cliché, but we want JCA students to know it's possible to "shoot for the moon". I was never in an honors class, but my scores increased tremendously from my entrance exam to the time I took the ACT, and that was because of the invaluable education and experience given to me at Joliet Catholic High School. I'd like more kids in the Joliet area to be able to experience the value of a Catholic education like I did (Markelz attended St. Paul's, JCHS, and then Marquette University to gain his B.S. in Civil/Structural Engineering)".

Rcrane has recently undertaken another private stock offering, and Markelz has a vision of "Building Better" that goes beyond the rail. ExoCore insulated concrete building modules maximize energy efficiency, life safety, and sustainability. Precast concrete modular buildings will be able to be built indoors, out of the elements and erected with Rcrane's RC3 technology, lowering labor costs and increasing the ability to use higher quality materials in construction.

Markelz's vision is greater than that of a successful rail company. He wants to inspire a new wave of better home construction, ignite global economic activity, promote the use of local labor forces at new manufacturing plants near population centers, and most importantly espouse the value of a Catholic education, particularly a Joliet Catholic Academy education, through the success of his company.

For more information on Rcrane, or to get in touch with Paul Markelz, visit the company website at www.R-crane.com.

## News from Around Campus



## JCA Tech Club earns scholarships at Lewis University's "Guardians of the Grid" competition

Congratulations to the JCA Tech Club for placing 2nd and 3rd out of 8 teams on Saturday, April 23rd at the first annual "Guardians of the Grid" competition hosted by Lewis University. The competition hosted freshmen through seniors and was sponsored by the NSA and ComEd. JCA freshmen Kinsley Moore and Jack Smith finished in second place and both received $\$ 80$ in prize money and a $\$ 500$ scholarship to any college of their choice. Freshmen Maddie Anderson and Nathin Wascher finished in third place and both received $\$ 80$ in prize money and $\$ 250$ scholarships to any college of their choice. All participants received a free minicomputer and an invitation to participate next year.

The JCA Tech Club is currently under new leadership. Director of Technology Dan Vohasek, hired in December of 2016, has been hard at work updating JCA's WiFi and technological infrastructure in preparation for one-to-one technology coming to campus in the fall of 2016.

## JCA raises over \$36,000 at St. Baldrick's event in support of childhood cancer

The Joliet Catholic Academy community came together Wednesday, March 9, 2016 during their annual Spring Fling week to raise money in support of conquering childhood cancers. The annual JCA St. Baldrick's event has now raised over $\$ 36,000$, with donations still pouring in even weeks after the event. Participants included current JCA students and staff members, while area hairdressers and barbers volunteered their time to shave heads for the worthy cause.

Six current JCA staff members and fourteen students "braved the shave", enticing others to raise money in support of St. Baldrick's. Junior Nick Sandora was this year's top fundraiser, bringing in over $\$ 21,000$. Eight additional JCA students Miguel Moreno, Matt Jorgensen, Tanner McClintock, John Myers, Ethan Goolsby, Jared Olson, Jacob Mihelich, and Walter Osterberger all raised over \$1,000 individually.

JCA teacher and St. Baldrick's organizer Mrs. Suzi Arnett said, "I'm so proud of the JCA community. Our success was due to the compassion we feel for serving others."

Junior Nick Sandora was motivated to help out the cause when learning the story of 7 year old Payton 0'Brien of Elmhurst, who lost his battle with Osteosarcoma, an aggressive form of bone cancer, just before Christmas. Sandora said, "Payton's mother is friends with my aunt, and I wanted to reach out to their family and help support this cause. We sent e-mails, reached out to friends, family, neighbors and networked by word of mouth."

Sandora and many of his classmates have plans to continue their fundraising efforts through St. Baldrick's in the upcoming years. Volunteers who dedicate years of service are recognized by St. Baldrick's for their efforts. Sandora has a goal of becoming a "Knight of the Bald Table", which honors volunteers who give seven years of service to the cause. Sandora said, "Every year I get a new found appreciation for the struggle others are going through and how blessed I've been to be healthy. My plan is go bigger each and every year with this event."


7th Grade Leadership Conference features 300 prospective students; Heritage Award announced

The 21st Annual Youth Leadership Conference for Seventh Graders at JCA featured nearly 300 middle school students from the Joliet area on Thursday, March 10, 2016. Future Angels and Hilltoppers worked alongside current JCA students in team building activities, while also listening to JCA Director of Communications Ryan Quigley's speech on leadership. JCA students performed musical numbers, and students even collaborated in small groups to build paper Victory Lights.

The day was highlighted by the announcement of the Heritage Award. Heritage Awards will be available for the 2017-2018 school year, ensuring that JCA continues to produce the same quality of leadership in the Joliet area and beyond that it has throughout its combined 147 years of Catholic education. Incoming freshmen will be able to start the application process this fall during the first semester of their eighth grade year. Contact John Horn in development for more information on how to give towards the Heritage Award at (815) 741-0500, ext. 276.

Over 20 students and staff members at JCA "braved the shave" for childhood cancer research recently.

# ICA Hall of Fame Induction 

Joliet Catholic Academy's Hall of Fame was established in 2009 to honor men and women who have given at least ten years of service to St. Francis Academy, De La Salle High School, Joliet Catholic High School, and/or Joliet Catholic Academy; live and/or continues to live the mission of JCA; and value and support Catholic education.
Joliet Catholic Academy is extremely proud of its heritage and tradition. In 1869, the Joliet Franciscans opened St. Francis Academy to young women in the Joliet area. Nearly 50 years later, De La Salle High School was founded by the Christian Brothers to educate young men. In 1933, the Carmelites assumed leadership of De La Salle, changing the name to Joliet Catholic High School. These three schools are the foundations for Joliet Catholic Academy, established as such on July $1,1990$.

As Hall of Fame inductees were introduced, Angels and Hilltoppers filled the Student Activity Center with much applause, admiration, respect, and love.
The names of the honorees are kept confidential until the presentation although family members are notified so they can attend. As the inductees were introduced, family members entered the Student Activity Center. This year's Class of 2016 included Sue Georgantas Gulas, Christine Scheibe, Scott Allgood, and Joe Burke.
Sue Georgantas Gulas ' 81 has shown a great passion, dedication and love for JCA through her involvement with the school. She has been a past president and six-year Alumni Board member, as well as a past president and four-year member of the Parent Board. She has given countless hours to the school while her children, Jenny (JCA '11) and Nick (JCA '14) attended. Sue has taken the lead within her own graduating class by informing them of news that relates to the accomplishments and sometimes the heartache of fellow classmates. JCA Director of Alumni Relations and presenter Sue Bebar praised Gulas as a mentor, who has left no stone unturned over the years as she's sacrificed countless hours of time and energy on ensuring the several successful events she's spearheaded went off without a hitch. Sue's parents, Judith (Boban, SFA ‘56) and Rich-
ard (JCHS '54) also embodied the volunteer spirit and were chairs for Jubilation, JCA's annual fundraiser, during Sue's time at St. Francis. Sue shares her commitment to JCA with her husband of nearly 30 years Jim.

## Mrs. Christine Scheibe is most

 well-known for leading the JCA girls volleyball program to unprecedented heights during her 16 years as head coach. The Angels have captured three state championships, three state runner-ups, a third place and a fourth place finish. JCA's record under Scheibe in that span is 490-137-9, as they have become a regular at the state finals at Redbird Arena on the campus of Illinois State University. As significant as her contribution has been on the sidelines, it has been equally as impressive in the classroom and hallways of JCA. Scheibe teaches in the English department, serves as the moderator for National Honor Society, is an active participant in community service with Feed My Starving Children, runs the scorer's table at girls basketball games, and along with her husband Bill has created the "We Believe in Angels" endowed scholarship fund. Both Christine and Bill are constant visible, vocal, and active members of the community; serving as walking testaments to the Catholic values and principles espoused by JCA. On hand from her family were brothers John and Mike, sister Mary, brother-in-law Russ and niece Melissa. Dave Parker, a longtime family friend and Angel volleyball supporter, also attended. Scheibe spoke glowingly of her students, and choked back tears as she thanked her Angels, the girls she has coached who have become her "daughters".Mr. Scott Allgood '91 heads the English department at JCA, as well as the boys tennis program, where for two consecutive seasons he's been named the East Suburban Catholic Conference Coach of the Year. Throughout his twenty year teaching career Allgood has pushed students inside the classroom, instilling his dogged work ethic in his students. An active member in the community at St. Paul's parish where he served as his daughters' basketball coach, Allgood is also an IHSA basketball official and a member of the


L to R: Mr. Scott Allgood, Mrs. Christine Scheibe, Mrs. Sue Georgantas Gulas, Mr. Joe Burke

Knights of Columbus. Former colleague and presenter Ms. Sheila Fry noted the hours Allgood spent as a young teacher cultivating his craft, preparing lesson plans to perfection, and ultimately assuming a leadership position among the faculty at JCA, mentoring younger teachers beginning their careers. Allgood deflected praise, instead focusing on the award being a reflection of his students' successes over the years. He was joined in celebration by his wife and childhood sweetheart Donna, and their children Claire (a current JCA junior), Mary (a current JCA freshman), and son Alexander.

Mr. Joe Burke, the head of JCA's Theology Department has become a central figure in the lives of students during his fifteen years as a teacher at Joliet Catholic Academy. The St. Laurence High School graduate and JCA Key Club moderator has proven to be a role model to both students and the entire JCA community on the virtues of Christian service. Vice-principal and presenter Bill Pender read aloud a letter from Archbishop Blasé Cupich commending Burke for his Hall of Fame nomination, as well as his efforts in founding the JCA Food Wagon, which delivers meals to the homeless in Chicago on weekends throughout the year. Burke, who has endeared himself to JCA's student body during his tenure, received a standing ovation to end the ceremony in front of the 800 students, faculty, staff, family members, and distinguished Hall of Fame members in attendance.

Joliet Catholic Academy is grateful for the gifts their inductees have shared and continue to share.

For more information on JCA's Hall of Fame, contact Bill Pender, Vice Principal, at 815-741-0500.

## Career Day Alumni Career Day at JCA

Former Troy Community Consolidated School District 30C superintendent Larry Wiers '66 spoke to Joliet Catholic Academy students about the importance of finding a career "sweet spot" and he likened it to that special feeling a golfer gets when hitting a well struck shot. Wiers was among 31 alumni from JCA, Joliet Catholic High School, and St. Francis Academy who spoke to junior and senior students last Thursday at the second annual Joliet Catholic Academy Alumni Association Career Day. He joined several successful alums currently working in education, public service, law enforcement, finance, entrepreneurship, and medicine, in sharing their career path stories with current students.
Wiers told students, "Three things make up a fulfilling life: What are you motivated to do? Are you good at it? And does the world need this work? Those three questions, when answered correctly, will create passion for your work." He went on to extol the virtues of the teaching profession, which "is a profession that makes all other professions possible."
Current Will County State's Attorney Jim Glasgow '68 also spoke to the student's about the moral foundation a Joliet Catholic Academy education can provide. Regardless of the profession students will one day enter, Glasgow said, "don't hesitate to jump in and affect change. We have a moral obligation to not sit back and watch." He cited that moral obligation as the

guiding principal for several of the highlights of his professional career, including the prosecution of Drew Peterson and the creation of Will County's Drug Court.
Larry Wiers also spoke to students about the value of the professional connections a Joliet Catholic Academy education can foster, citing examples in the classroom he spoke to. Wiers coached fellow presenter, and former Assistant United States Attorney, John Lausch ' 88 in baseball. He even taught several parents of current JCA students, some of which were in the class he spoke to.
Throughout the day, presenters spoke for 20 minutes each about their current job, and the path it took to attain their positions. Once done speaking, JCA students were encouraged to ask questions of each presenter. Several presenters noted throughout the day their availability outside of Career Day to help inquiring young JCA students in their future career search through job shadowing, further guidance through conversation, or even potential internship programs.
JCA Director of Alumni Relations Sue Bebar ‘90 added, "What I love most about Career Day is our alumni telling the students about their journey from graduation to where they are at today. Each presenter has a unique story of their path and how it has impacted them. Students today can learn from the failures and the successes... true life lessons."

2016 Career Day Participants
Mrs.Colleen Abbot, '94
Mr. Dan Allen, '86
Ms. Kate Ambrosia, '05
Hon. Matthew Bertani, ‘ 79
Mr. Robert Bodach, ' 89
Mr. Patrick Cardwell, ‘88
Mr. Ryan Connelly, '91
Dr. Jennifer DeGeus, '91
Mr. Frank DiBartolomeo, ‘81
Ms. Moira Dunn, '95
Mr. Joe Frescura, '88
Mr. James Glasgow, '68
Mrs. Eileen, Gutierrez, ' 80
Mrs. Jennifer Howard, ' 82
Dr. Cary Jenkins, '92
Mr. Jim Kubalewski, "60
Mr. John Lausch, " 88
Mr. James Massa, '72
Mr. Brien McHugh, ${ }^{7} 74$
Mr. Ray McSteen, ‘83
Mr. Dan Mihelich, ' 84
Ms. Micki Naal, ‘85
Mrs. Joan Papes, ‘88
Mr. Matt Peska, '94
Mr. Dan Petrosko, '66
Mrs. Sue Runde, ' 84
Mr. Matthew Schimanski, ‘98
Mr. David Streitz, '06
Ms. Kaitlyn Trizna, '04
Dr. Lawrence Wiers, '66

## JCA's Class of 2016: A Tradition of Academic Excellence

The Joliet Catholic Academy Class of 2016 was honored on Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at the Cathedral of St. Raymond's during the annual Baccalaureate Liturgy and Honors Ceremony. Graduates took part in a mass led by Bishop Joseph M. Siegel, and then received awards highlighting the numerous accolades the Class of 2016 garnered during their high school careers.
Angels and Hilltoppers are assets to their school and community, and each member of the Class of 2016 is recognized for their talents and accomplishments.

## Valedictorian: Harry McSteen <br> Salutatorians: Faith Krumviede and Jared Olson <br> Angel of the Year: Evie Cora <br> Hillman of the Year: Tyler Witt <br> JCA Spirit Awards: Andriana Acosta and Jared Lenoir <br> Scholar-Athlete Awards: Harold Davis and <br> Meghan Harrison <br> A full list of awards earned by the JCA Class of 2016 can be found at www.jca-online.org in the "News" section.



Valedictorian: Harry McSteen


## Angel and Hillman of the Year: Evie Cora and Tyler Witt

These are just a few of the prestigious colleges Angels and Hilltoppers from the Class of 2016 will be attending in the fall:

| U.S. Air Force Academy | University of lowa |
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| University of Alabama | Loyola University |
| Arizona State University | Miami University (OH) |
| University of Arkansas | University of Mississippi |
| Baylor Unviversity | University of Missouri |
| U.S. Coast Guard Academy | Pepperdine University |
| Colorado School of Mines | Purdue University |
| Florida State University | Stanford University |
| Hobart and William Smith Colleges | University of St. Francis |
| Illinois State University | University of Tampa |
| University of Chicago | Vanderbilt University |



Phase II of the Capital Initiative, Building our Future, is currently underway. The initiative will involve three major projects, both exterior and interior at the school. JCA President and Principal Jeffrey Budz said, "This keeps with the JCA tradition of honoring our past, paying tribute to the schools that shaped who we are today, while also building towards our future."

New windows across the front of the building and surrounding Heritage Quad have been completed, resulting in an aesthetic upgrade to the building and increasing JCA's curb appeal. Finishing the back of the school will complete the window project, replacing the original windows from St. Francis Academy. The new windows have allowed for greater control of classroom temperatures, a more comfortable learning environment, and increased energy efficiency by 50 percent within the building.

Coupled with the windows will be the installation of air conditioning throughout the building. Currently, several classrooms have self-contained, ductless air conditioning units. Air conditioning will place our students in an optimal learning environment for our
entire school year.
Updating our Wi-Fi infrastructure is paramount in preparing for our one-to-one technology initiative set to begin during the 2016-2017 school year. Additionally, each faculty member has received an Acer laptop to begin using in 2015-16. This will allow teachers to integrate the technology into their curriculum to enhance their students' learning. Wi-Fi access points in every classroom, will allow for greater signal strength for students and teachers working with their Lenovo N22 laptops, while utilizing Google Apps for Education. The existing technology infrastructure will be reconfigured with new servers, an upgraded firewall and uniform technology equity in all classrooms.

There are several ways to remember deceased loved ones, or honor the living, as part of the
"Building Our Future" funding initiative. If you should choose to make a gift at
one of these levels, or would like more information, please contact John Horn in the Development

Office at 815-741-0563 or at jhorn@ jca-online.org


Additional information on Phase II: "Building Our Future" is being mailed to households, complete with a pledge form and further instructions on how to give towards the capital initiative.

Item to Name
Victory Light Naming Rights
Victory Road and Tradition Way Naming Rights
Classroom Naming Rights (Windows, Wi-Fi, AC)
Lamp Posts along Victory Road and Tradition Way
Benches
Trees
Brick Pavers


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The Class of 2016 boasted no shortage of superstar individuals and record setting teams. True to Angel and Hilltopper fashion, several JCA alumni were also recently in the news for their athletic exploits. The following is a complete rundown of winter and spring athletic highlights:
The boys basketball team, under the direction of head coach Joe Gura went 21-6 overall, eclipsing the 20 -win mark for the first time in 35 years. Point guard Jalen Jackson was named the ESCC Player of the Year, while the Hillmen captured the Aurora Christian Tournament Championship and the Romeoville Christmas Classic Tournament.

The girls basketball program finished 17-9, capturing the Rich South Galaxy Tournament Championship, and the Regional Championship. They fell in playoff heartbreaker by two points to eventual IHSA Class 3A state runner-up Morgan Park. Seniors Nicole Ekhomu (Florida State), Andriana Acosta (St. Francis), Mia Farrell (University of Chicago), and Kaitlyn Williams (Loyola, Chicago) will all continue their playing careers on scholarship at the next level. Ekhomu, who garnered several post season accolades including Joliet Herald News Player of the Year, was recently invited to the 2016 USA Women's U18 National Team Trials in Colorado Springs, Colorado. She is one of only 27 athletes invited from all over the country.
The boys tennis program had a successful year under the direction of head coach Scott Allgood ' 91 . The doubles tandem of Jared Hippman and

Jordan Missig finished in 5th place at the ESCC tournament, while Jack Geissler continued to set the bar for future Hillmen finishing as the first repeat conference champion in first singles, while also setting a program record with an eleven match winning streak earlier in the year. What was more impressive was that Geissler did not lose a game, much less a set during the streak.
The boys hockey program finished 3rd in the ISHL with an overall record of 14-6-3. The Hillmen competed in the Sweet 16 Blackhawk Cup State Hockey Tournament, marking only the second time in program history they've competed in state play. Jared Hippman finished 1st overall in State High School Division II with 28 goals and 26 assists in 21 games.

The JCA dance team competed in the 2016 National Dance Team Championships administered by UDA back in January. The Angels, led by senior captains Grace Barbic and Mia Tomich, reached the semi-finals in both the Lyrical and Hip-Hop Dance categories. The run at Nationals completed a successful year for the dance program, which received a Leadership Award, a Technique Award, and also 1st Place for Poms this summer in Peoria, IL at their Varsity Spirit/UDA Summer Camp. 2016 also marks the 30th anniversary of St. Francis Academy's 1986 UDA Dance Team National Championship. A reunion for the 1986-1990 SFA/JCA Dance Team members is currently being planned, with more information available shortly at www.jca-online.org.
The Angels softball program finished the regular
season 20-7 overall, another highly successful campaign under the leadership of head coach Dave Douglas. Alyssa Callans went 16-4 on the mound, with a 1.51 ERA and 162 strikeouts in 148.0 innings pitched. Callans also led the team in all hitting categories with a .419 batting average, five home runs, and 37 RBI.

The JCA baseball team finished the regular season 20-13 overall under the direction of head coach Jared Voss. Senior righthander Drake Fellows, a Vanderbilt commit likely to be picked up in the 2016 MLB Draft, finished the regular season 8-0 with 0.98 ERA on the mound, while also leading the Hilltoppers in hitting at a 430 clip.

Hilltopper football alum Coby Fleener '07 recently signed a five-year, $\$ 36$ million dollar deal with the New Orleans Saints. Fleener has caught 183 passes for 2,154 yards and 17 touchdowns during his fouryear NFL career, all with the Indianapolis Colts.
Hilltopper football alum Josh Ferguson '11 recently signed an NFL contract with the Indianapolis Colts. Ferguson starred for the University of Illinois, finishing as the Ul record holder for career receptions by a running back, and career receiving yards by a running back. He also finished second all-time in career all-purpose yards.

Angel basketball alum Allie Quigley '04, beginning her eighth season in the WNBA with the Chicago Sky, recently captured the 2016 KSBL Championship in Turkey, playing for the Turkish club Fenerbahce. Quigley scored 20 points in the championship game.


Joliet Catholic Academy has announced its third Hall of Champions class, which continues to speak to the depth of the tradition and talent both on and off the playing fields that the school has produced over the years. The previous classes were made up of a "Who's Who" of athletic royalty in the Joliet area: Gordie Gillespie, Bill Gullickson, Allie Quigley, Jim Stefanich, Tom Thayer, Mike Alstott, Terry Gannon, Mark Grant, Tippy Madarik, and Liz Tortorello-Nelson.
JCA athletic director Dan Sharp said, "members of our third class very well could have all been included in our inaugural class, as these are some of the greatest athletes and coaches we've had walk through our halls. It's highlighted by a legendary area coach, a professional baseball player, a pioneer in women's athletics in the Joliet area, the school's only state wrestling champion, and one of the greatest three-sport athletes the Joliet area has ever seen".

Coach Sharp and the Hall of Champions Selection Committee are proud to announce the 2016 Hall of Champions class: Jane Condon '75, Pat Mudron '67, Mark Parker '76, Jack Perconte '72, and Pat Sullivan '61. A new addition to 2016 JCA Hall of Champions is the "Legends Category", which honors one coach or athlete from the pre-World War Two era. The Hall of Champions Committee is proud to announce John Carroll as this year's nominee. Carroll is the all-time leader in wins among boys basketball coaches with a 193-80 record, guiding the Hilltoppers to three national championships during his coaching tenure.
This year's class will be honored on Saturday, September 3, 2016 at Joliet Catholic Academy with a reception and dinner. More details will be available closer to the event.
Contact Sue Bebar, Director of Alumni Relations and Hall of Champions co-chair, for further details at (815) 741-0500, ext. 269.

## Why Guests Hada <br> Great Time at Jubilaté

Attracting over 800 supporters, the annual Jubilaté auction dinner is JCA's premiere fundraising and social event.

- Balloons, cotton candy, popcorn, hotdogs, carnival games, and casual dress all contributed to this year's "Under the Boardwalk" theme, a welcome departure from a typical "formal wear attire evening" that was enjoyed by all!
- Maria and Felipe Acosta, Lulu and Jim Roth, and Audrey and Wayne Smith were the event co-chairs of "Under the Boardwalk", and they were an inspiration and motivation to an incredible committee of over 50 parent volunteers.
- Steve Cochran from WGN Radio was the auctioneer yet again. He engaged and entertained the crowd at Bolingbrook Golf Club. The live auction and the "Call for Cash" reached an all-time high with Steve's ability to excite the audience.
- It was hard to say "no" to the JCA student workers who volunteered their time selling raffle tickets, running carnival games, helping with checkout, and overall helping to ensure the night went off without a hitch.
- Giving tribute to Jeff '74 and Nancy Thompson with this year's 2016 JCA Recognition Award. Their contributions to JCA and support of Catholic education in the Joliet area deserved a heartfelt thank you.
- Reaching JCA's goal for the "Call for Cash" of close to $\$ 40,000$ toward a revamped front entrance and Spirit Shop, helping to increase our school's main entrance security.
- A special thanks to the JCA Alumni Association and president Jeff Phelan for filling the gap significantly and helping us meet the "Call for Cash".
- Guests were on the edge of their seats awaiting the winner of a $\$ 10,000$ cash prize.
- Enamored by the cute cockapoo puppy, one of the most sought after prizes, which went to a loving JCA family.
- Visiting with old friends and meeting new parents and guests.
- Knowing that JCA is grateful to the Carmelites, Franciscans, faculty, staff, parents, alumni, and surrounding businesses who partnered with the school to make Jubilaté, in its 31st year, a tremendous success.
- The party didn't stop with "Under the Boardwalk"; thanks to Mike and Nicole Murray hosting "Moonlight and Music" at their home to promote friendship and continue the spirit of giving hears to JCA's Jubilaté 2016.
- Jubilaté 2017 will take place on Saturday, March 11, 2017 led by event co-chairs Lisa and Tony Sandora and John and Alex Quinn.
- A special thanks goes out from the entire JCA family to Special Events Coordinator Mrs. Christine Voss for her tireless efforts to ensure that Jubilaté remains a success.


## Fall and Winter Reunion Recap

Regional reunions were held in Houston, Texas on February 20, 2016 at the Tasting Room and in Chicago, Illinois on December 11, 2015 at the University Club of Chicago. Graduates from both areas enjoyed reconnecting with others and hearing about their alma mater. If you are interested in hosting a regional reunion in your area, or a class reunion is not listed below, please contact Sue Bebar, Director of Alumni Relations, at (815) 741-0500, ext. 269.

Homecoming 2016-September 25-27


JCHS Class of ' 60 - It was a weekend of activity that started on Friday with golf, a tour of the museum, dinner and the time honored tradition of a Friday night lights football game. On Saturday the memories and laughter continued with a picnic at the Udovich home. Finally, classmates celebrated their faith on Sunday with the JCA Homecoming mass.

SFA Class of ' 60 - An elegant luncheon for the ladies of ' 60 took place at the Jacob Henry Mansion on Friday afternoon. Friendships were rekindled and new ones created.


JCHS Class of ' 65 - The lively boys of ' 65 didn't miss a beat planning a fun filled reunion weekend. Classmates were invited to watch the JCA football team take on Marion Central Friday night but most saved their energies for the big splash on Saturday. A golf outing in the morning and then cocktails and dinner in the evening at the beautiful Joliet Country Club kept spirits high.


SFA Class of '70 - The girls of ' 70 decided to relive the joys of their high school years by joining in the JCA homecoming parade Friday afternoon, attending the football game, and then gathering at Cemeno's afterwards. Saturday kicked off with a tour of their old stomping grounds now known as JCA. Dinner was held at Giovan's Restaurant and lots of laughs were had as well a s old stories told. On Sunday, members of the class attended the Homecoming Mass.

JCHS Class of '70 - These gentlemen took their reunion to new heights by gathering prior to the Friday night football game at Traditions and then after the game at Cemeno's to share in more good times. The party continued Saturday evening with lots of fun memories shared at Giovan's Restaurant in Crest Hill. All enjoyed reminiscing and being with one another. Members of the class joined in the Homecoming mass celebration on Sunday.

SFA/JCHS Class of '75 - The warmth of friendship exuded from the Class of ' 75 on Friday night just prior to the homecoming game. Classmates gathered at a specially designated room at the Joliet Park District next to Traditions Bar \& Grill for a casual evening of friendship and reminiscing.

SFA/JCHS Class of ' 80 - Celebrating their 35 th reunion, the class that celebrates every year, did a special get together the weekend of September 11th and 12th beginning with their annual golf outing/scholarship event at Inwood Golf Course. The party continued on Saturday, September 12th at the Joliet Historical Museum. Fun times and fun memories were made once again.


SFA/ICHS Class of ' 85 - Members of the Class of ' 85 started their reunion rather informally on Friday night at Traditions Bar and Grill prior to the JCA Homecoming game. The laughter continued for those that attended both nights with a party upstairs at Larsen's Corner on Saturday night.

SFA/JCHS Class of '90-A 25-year get together was nothing short of entertaining. Classmates gathered at the newly opened Anthony's Bar \& Grill on Saturday evening. Stories were retold and new memories were created.


JCA Class of '95 - This class christened the Heritage Quad with their reunion gathering. The members of the Class of ' 95 ate, drank and danced outside of the school they knew for four years making their reunion the first class to celebrate at the newly completed Heritage Quad. Lots of fun and lots of laughter were experienced all around.


JCA Class of ' 05 - An intimate but festive gathering took place at the Inwood Golf Course Cart Barn on Saturray, September 26th for the 10-year reunion. An informal gathering took place prior to the Saturday night event at Traditions Bar \& Grill on Friday night before and atter the Homecoming game.

## Scholarships Benefitting JCA Students

Joliet Catholic Academy's tuition assistance program provides critical funding to offset tuition costs, ensuring the JCA experience I available for future generations of Angels and Hilltoppers. During the 2015-2016 school year, more than $\$ 700,000$ was awarded to current and prospective students.
Developing scholarships is part of Joliet Catholic Academy's overall Strategic Plan to continue strengthening Joliet Catholic Academy's mission as a college preparatory high school. To inquire about or contribute to JCA scholarships visit www.jca-online.org/dmissions/ financial-aid, or contact John Horm, Director of Development, at (815) 741-0563. For information on tuition assistance, please contact Kris Horn at (815) 741-0500, ext. 264.


SFA Class of '55-Plans are underway for a class reunion luncheon on Saturrday, September 17th. Invites will be sent out and should arrive in your mailboxes by the end of June. Ifyou have questions or would like more information, please contact Mrs. Priscilla McGrath Borgstrom at p.borgstrom@comcast.net or at 815-212-1100.
JCHS Class of '56 - The 60th reunion committee has been hard at work meeting and planning what is sure to be a fun reunion reminiscing and rekindling friendships. Mark your calendars for Saturrday, August 13, 2016. Detailed information will be mailed out soon (you may have already received information). If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Ralph Haldorson at ralphlela@comcast.net.
SFA/JCHS Class of '66 - Message to members of the Class of ' 66 from the 50 th Class Reunion committee: Our reunion scheduled for October 1, 2016, is fast approaching. We truly hope that you can join us for this event. We expect classmates from near and far to come join in our celebration. Please know that we only have room for a total of 250 people and we are half way there with paid and confirmed attendees. If you plan on attending, please mail your checks soon.

Friday, September 30, 2016
8:00 a.m. - Golf Outing Heritage Bluff - contact Frank Filetti at filetti@sbcglobal.net
6:00 p.m. - Meet and Greet Your High School Friends at the Knights of Columbus
7:30 p.m. - Joliet Catholic Academy v. Nazareth Academy Homecoming game. Tickets are $\$ 5.00$ at the gate.

## Sunday, October 2, 2016

## Saturday, October 1, 2016

10:00 a.m. - Tour of JCA guided by a student
11:00 a.m. - Guys and girls meet at the ball diamond to throw around a few baseballs.
6:00 p.m. - Reunion Dinner - Joliet Country Club
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Cocktail Hour - Open Bar (after 7:30 cash bar)
7:30 p.m. - $11: 00$ p.m. - Dinner, dancing, and reminiscing.

10:00 a.m. - JCA Chapel - All Class Homecoming Mass Detailed invites were sent. If you did not receive an invitation and would like to attend, please contact Linda Cassineri at lcassineri@yahoo.com.
SFA/JCHS Class of ' 76 - Mark your calendars and the save the date for the 40th Class Reunion. The weekend of October $20-22$ will involve lots of activities and fun starting Thursday with the annual Witches Night Out. Details coming soon. For more information go to www.sfajchs76reunion.myevent.com. Or contact Lauri Marco Bank at lauribank@aol.com or Rocky Softcheck at rsoftcheck@ameritech.net.
SFA/JCHS Class of ' 81 - Save the Date Class of '8lers and book your flights (if necessary) for the 35th Class Reunion. Celebration will take place on Saturday, October 22nd with an optional golf outing on October 21st. Any questions, contact Sue Georgantas Gulas at suegulas@comcast.net or anyone on the reunion committee: Larry Burich, Ed Dollinger Karen Ragusa Grubisich, MiMi Bortoli Hylka, Harry McSteen, Erin Gould Mynatt, Paula Ndoca Ohlson, Ann Kane Piercy, Mary Ward Slattery or Joe Whalen.
SFA/JCHS Class of ' 86 - The Class of ' 86 is planning a fun filled weekend of reminiscing old memories and hopefully making some new ones the weekend of September 16-17th. Details coming soon. Any questions, please contact Karen Rende Shinners at kmshinners@gmail.com.
JCA Class of ' 96 - Make plans to attend a weekend of laughs celebrating your 20 -year class reunion. The fun begins on Friday, September 30th and continues with a full blown party on Saturday night. Mass will be taking place for all classes that Sunday at 10 a.m. in the JCA Chapel. If you have any questions, please contact Becky Kemp Robbins at rkemp@hotmail.com or Mary Poplawski Robinson at mrob0414@aol.com.

# Alumni Association 2016 Alumni Award Winners honored 

Congratulations to the JCA Alumni Association 2016 Award recipients: Sue Georgantas Gulas, '81 - Alumna of the Year; John Lausch, '88-Career Achievement; David Sims, '80 - Rev. Paddy McGowan Award; Frank Cservenyak - Honorary Alum; and Christine Scheibe - Sr. Anna Marie Becker Service to JCA. The award winners were honored with a reception at the Jacob Henry Mansion on Thursday night. JCA Director of Alumni Relations Sue Bebar added, "the evening was filled with heartwarming stories, inspiring individuals and touching moments. We hope each of our winners felt the honor they so deserved. We are so very proud of each of them for all their accomplishments."
JCA Alum of the Year Award: Mrs. Sue (Georgantas, SFA Class of '81) Gulas JCA's Alumna of the Year, Sue Georgantas Gulas, SFA ' 81 has shown a great passion, dedication and love for JCA through her involvement with the school. She has been a past President and 6 year Alumni board member as well as a past President and 4 year member of the Parent Board. Giving countless hours to the school while her
 children, Jenny (JCA '11) and Nick (JCA '14) attended. Sue has taken the lead within her own class by informing them of news that relates to the accomplishments and sometimes the heartache of fellow classmates. Sue's parents, Judith (Boban, SFA ‘56) and Richard (JCHS '54) also embodied the volunteer spirit and were chairs for Jubilation during Sue's time at St. Francis. Sue shares her commitment to JCA with her husband Jim.

## JCA Career Achievement Award: Mr. John Lausch (JCHS Class of '88)

 A partner at the Chicago law firm Kirkland \& Ellis, John is a Harvard graduate who earned the rare and prestigious honor of being chosen Captain of the Harvard football team as a senior. John's parents Jack \& Barb, SFA '60; siblings, Amy (SFA, '87) married to Ken (JCHS, '83) Mihelich, Steve (JCHS '90), Andy (JCHS, '90) married to Saba, and Jacquelyn (JCA '94) married to Kurt Johansen, exempli-
fy the great families that have traveled through and affected the lives of so many other families and friends during and since their times at JCHS, SFA and JCA. John now lives in Beverly with his wife Mary and their children, Jack, Mia and Georgia.

## Rev. Paddy McGowan Award (for Athletic Achievement): Mr. David Sims (JCHS Class of '80) <br> David is the sole Olympian in the JCA family. He is an accomplished swimmer who graduated from Stanford University and earned a spot on the USA Swim Team for the 1980 Olympics in Moscow and set several conference and NCAA records while at Stanford. While at JCHS, Dave was an IHSA State Champion and JCHS Scholar Athlete of the Year in 1980. He has



L to R: Frank Cservenyak, Sue Gulas, Christine Scheibe, John Lausch, Dave Sims.
since gone on to great success as the COO, CFO and a Founding Principal of Lodging Capital Partners, LLC, a premier owner and manager of upper-upscale and luxury hotels. Dave's parents, William and Marilyn, and siblings Mike (JCHS '79) and Maureen are all proud members of the JCA family. Dave currently resides in Downers Grove with Janice and his four children, and the swimming legacy continues within the Sims family, as his son Burke and daughter Haley also attended Stanford on swimming scholarships, while his twin daughters Gabby and Maddy are both currently championship swimmers at Harvard and Northwestern respectively.

## JCA Honorary Alumnus of the Year: Mr. Frank Cservenyak

A Partner at the Joliet-based law firm of Rathbun, Cservenyak, and Kozol. Frank is foremost a proud parent of F . Steven Cservenyak (JCA '09), Victoria (JCA '07) and Benjamin, who is currently a sophomore at JCA. Frank has been and continues to be an ardent supporter of JCA. His contributions to JCA have taken many forms over the past few years. He has proven to be a visionary by sharing his thoughts on ways to make JCA better and is a proud ambassador telling others about the accomplishments of his children as well as their classmates.
Sr. Anna Marie Becker Service to JCA Award: Mrs. Christine Scheibe Chris is best known as the coach and team leader of JCA Girls Volleyball, a program that consistently ranks among the very best in Illinois. She has led the Angels to three State Championships and has just come off of two consecutive 2nd Place finishes. Her impact and inspiration go well outside of the lines of the volleyball
 court and beyond the walls of JCA. In addition to being a great role model for students, players and coaches alike, she is also a great teacher, mentor and leader. Chris has created the "We Believe in Angels" endowed scholarship at JCA, and is also an active participant in community service with Feed My Starving Children. She has recently made a significant donation toward tuition assistance for her elementary school alma mater, Immaculate Conception in Morris. Chris and her husband, Bill, remain visible, vocal and vibrant parts of the JCA experience.

## In Memoriam

Sadly we acknowledge the passing of the following members of our JCA family:

1933
Helen F. Stubler
1934
Evelyn F. (Miller) Vercellotti
1936
Helen (Glass) Lyons

## 1942

Donald J. Bernhard
William R. Cornolo
Dominic A. Molica
Casimir E. Zielinski
1943
Patrick R. Condon
Joseph J. Ginejko
Kaye A. (Keigher) McCarthy
1944
Joseph W. Jacksa
Henry L. Offerman

## 1945

Gloria (Drifus) Dalpos
Lillian A. (Rafac) Kuhajda
Albert P. Wood
1947
Joseph B. Bannon
1948
Raymond A. Majetich
1949
Richard L. Ludrovec
1950
Edward O. Bertagnoli
Donald A. Prodehl
William A. Zoran
1951
Lois M. (Breen) Lemke
Delores M. (Hausser) Tomac
1952
Kenneth L. Delrose
Patrick J. Gossman

## 1953

Robert J. Arling
Joyce M. Kinzler
1955
Leroy J. Bazzarone
Annette L. (Welan) Beno

## 1956

Maureen A. (Pershey) Loughran
1957
Raymond K. Page
Francis R. Pirc
Nadine M. (Hanrahan) Schroeder
Barbara A. Sheehan
John L. Sitar, Jr.
1958
Thomas J. Fitzgerald
Joseph R. Grobarcik
Gerald F. Spesia
1959
Rita (Bratcher) Massa
James T. Miller

## 1960

Diane M. Wynne

## 1961

Marianne (Ruddy) Brooks
Joann M. (Clark) Martin
Raymond M. McLain
John A. Widlowski
1962
Carol A. Brown
David W. Scholtes
Fred E. Verbic, Jr.
1963
Fred S. Wlodarski
1964
Robert B. Bailey Raymond Baxter Terrence L. Burns, Sr. Anita L. (Nelson) Storie

## 1965

John B. Cabay
Andrea M. (Dooley) Medved

## 1966

John N. Domagalski
Susan (Terlep) Harshfield
Karen J. (Chinderle) Lowry
Daniel G. Ryan

## 1968

David P. Stephen

## 1973

Kathleen M. (Jagodzinski) Mason
1976
Thomas M. Feehan
1977
Charles J. Brown

## 1981

Monique M. Boetto
1982
Gina M. Lombardi
1984
James J. Broussard
Nancy H. (Todorovich) Ferencik

## 1987

Janine M. (Konopek) Kaye
1988
Richard J. Gochee
1989
Jennifer K. (Stempien) Hart
1999
Daniel J. Burdzinski
2002
Jason M. Rodriguez
2004
William G. Allen

## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

Dear alumni, families, and friends,
On behalf of the administration, faculty and staff of Joliet Catholic Academy, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks and gratitude to our generous donors. Because of you, we have experienced unprecedented progress and success since our humble beginnings almost 150 years ago.

Under the stewarding of the Carmelites and Joliet Franciscan Sisters, we continue to strive to create the best learning environment for our students. We make every effort to give our students the greatest opportunity to gain the same Catholic values and standards that you have shown in your lives.

In doing so, we hope to pass that torch from graduating class to graduating class, and from generation to generation. The JCA tradition is built on the foundation of hard work, character, pride, dedication and respect. It's what being a Hilltopper and an Angel has always been about -- and always will be.


John Horn Director of Development

We believe it's imperative that your children and grandchildren are afforded the same chance to excel.

As a community, JCA cannot thank you enough for your help in reaching our goal of raising $\$ 1.3$ million for our "Honoring Our Past" campaign that improved our facilities. The new front windows and blinds, the masonry work to the building, the entryway security cameras and the heralded Heritage Quad have been the subject of stellar reviews. We are so blessed to see this project come to fruition.

We have already started work on the second part of the campaign, "Building Our Future." This project, which will cost approximately $\$ 1.5$ million, consists of new windows in the back of the campus, Wi-Fi upgrades to accommodate laptops in every classroom, and ductless air-conditioning units in every classroom as well. It's another step in our push to provide the finest educational experience.

With the utmost sincerity, I ask that you please consider a gift to the "Building Our Future" campaign. Your gift, no matter how big or how small, will allow Joliet Catholic Academy to foster its mission of inspiring growth in knowledge and faith, and uphold a legacy of faith-based leadership and academics.

Again, thank you for your love of the school and your support, and for the sacrifices you make for JCA.

Sincerely in Christ,
John T. Horn (‘91)
Director of Development

## 2014-2015 Financial Summary

## SCHOOL OPERATIONS

## Revenues:

| Tuition and Fees | $\$ 7,271,536$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Auxiliary, Athletics \& Other Revenues | $\$ 631,295$ |
| Total Operating Revenues | $\$ 7,902,831$ |

Expenses:

| Instruction | $\$ 2,869,366$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Auxiliary, Athletics \& Other Student Activities | $\$ 1,748,289$ |
| Employee Benefits | $\$ 1,615,674$ |
| Operation of Physical Plant | $\$ 1,178,416$ |
| Administration | $\$ 617,969$ |
| Financial Aid | $\$ 594,916$ |
| Other Costs \& Expenses (interest, transportation, bad debts, etc.) | $\$ 524,973$ |
| Total Operating Expenses | $\$ 9,149,603$ |
| Loss from School Operations | $\mathbf{\$ 1 , 2 4 6 , 7 7 2 )}$ |
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| DEVELOPMENT \& ENDOWMENT ACTIVITIES |  |
| Contributions \& Fundraising | $\$ 1,721,462$ |
| Investment Income \& Net Realized/Unrealized Gains (losses) on Investments | $\$ 1,470,074$ |
| Less: Development \& Fundraising Expenses | $(\$ 349,870)$ |
| Income from Development \& Endowment Activities | $\$ 2,841,666$ |
| Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets | $\mathbf{\$ 1 , 5 9 4 , 8 9 4}$ |
| Net Assets at Beginning of Year | $\$ 9,139,312$ |
| Net Assets at End of Year |  |

## Disclaimer

This Annual Report recognizes the alumni, parents, friends, corporations, and foundations that have invested in the financial support of Joliet Catholic Academy from July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015. Your gifts truly make a difference in meeting the spiritual, intellectual, physical and social needs of our current Angels and Hillmen. Every effort has been made to present a complete listing of donors. If an error or omission has occurred, we apologize and ask that you bring it to our attention by calling (815) 741-0500, ext. 215. All contributions made on or after July 1,2015 will appear in the 2015-2016 Annual Report.

## Annual Giving By Level

Thank you to all of those alumni, past and present parents, grandparents, and friends for contributing to JCA during the 2014-2015 fiscal year. Your generosity helps create expanded opportunities for our students.

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Dorothy Brown
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Carmelite Provincial Office
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JCHS Reunion Class of 1964
JCHS/SFA Reunion Class of 1989
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John Robert Meyer
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Frances H. Naal Sczepaniak
John and Judy Querio
John and Alexandra Quinn
Lawrence and Christine Ryan
Anthony and Lisa Sandora
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Target
Fr. Joseph Gilmore Club (\$1,000-\$2,499)
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Michael and Sharon Berta
Brown and Brown of Northern Illinois Insurance
Carcare Collision Centers, Inc.
Cemeno's Pizza
Mark E. Clarke
Jane Condon-Boyer
John T. Delrose
Edward and Gloria Dollinger
Edward Jones
Christopher and Terry Foster
Brian and Sally Giegerich
Michael J. Grace
Thomas P. Grohar
Richard and Kathy Hall
Kevin M. Hansen †
Catherine Hanus-Zank
Charles and Ellen Hauck
Dennis and Mary Ellen Hennebry
Joliet Basketball Officials/WCSUA

Jeffrey and Dana Jarzynka JCA Reunion Class of 1994
William and Kristina Kalebich
Mark and Jane Karner
William and Jennifer Kent
Carol M. Kodiak
James and Hedy Korst
James and Virginia Mladek
Robert J. Malnar
Steven and Donna Martens
James and Cynthia Massa
McDonald's Corporation
Michael and Robin McGrath
Harry and Marilyn McSteen
Marc and Bonnie Moyer
Stephen and Rebecca Nahas
Newsome Home Health Care
Grant and Jean Ohlson
Richard and Anne O'Malley
Theresa M. Penosky
Thomas P. Piskur
John and Nancy Pouk
Presence St. Joseph Medical Center
Jean T. Quigley
Steven and Ann Randich
Kirk and Beverly Reeves
Sharon A. Renchof-Zollo
Richard F. Streitz, LTD
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Lawrence and Ellen Senffner
Thomas A. Serena $\dagger$
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Karl and Caroline Sicinski
John and Marilyn Skolds
Slovenian Union of America, Inc.
Sr. Faith Szambelanczyk, 0.S.F.
Charmaine R. Thionville
Philip and Cecilia Troha
Jeffry and Cynthia Tyler
Marilyn Tyler
Keith and Margaret Warning
Paul and Shirley Weeditz
Nicholas and Patricia Weis

Robert and Joan Wiegmann
Thomas and Kathryn Wiffler
Brown \& Blue Club (\$500-\$999)
Denis and Maryann Ancel
AT\&T Services, Inc.
Auburn Corporation
Ronald and Susan Bebar
Joseph D. Benigni
George and Nancy Beutel
Thomas and Debra Brzostowski
Theodore and Tammy Castro
Leo and Virginia Cattoni
James and Mary Jo Chignoli
JoAnn H. Coakley
Jeffrey and Peggie Conrad
Kenneth and Kerri Courtright
Robert and Elizabeth Dow
Thomas and Colleen Dow
Ronald and Mary Lou Erjavec
Robert and Deborah Filotto
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Thomas and Joanne Fitzgerald
Daniel F. Foster
Michael and Judy Frigo
Edward and Amy Gallagher
Ronald and Andrea Gancarczyk
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Arnold and Denise Grashoff
Kurt and Michelle Griffith-Roderich
Jayne A. Haag
William and Diane Habiger
Robert E. Hayes $\dagger$ Bradley and Amy Holbrook
David and Barbara Holden
Curtis and Carole Horn
John and Kristin Horn
Victor and Jennifer Howard
Jacob Henry Mansion
JCA Cross Country Boosters
James and Michelle Kane
John and Jennifer Kane
Patrick D. Keenan
Thomas and Dolores Kennedy
Bernard and Sheila Kestel
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Cesar and Rosa LaPorta-Aranda
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Eugene and Penelope Midlock
Matthew and Donalyn Mikulich
William and Mary Minarich
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Northern Insurance Service, Ltd.
William and Phyllis Phelan
Alex and Mary Samusevich
Daniel and Janet Schalk
Bill and Christine Scheibe
Mark and Susan Scheuber
Michael and Barbara Scudder
Janet L. Seddon
Gregory A. Sicinski
Joseph and Jane Sieracki
Silver Cross Hospital
Wayne and Audrey Smith
James R. Stangle, Jr.
Daniel and Claire Stockl
Bernard R. Tkaczyk
George Tures
John and Margaret Tures
Joseph B. Van Tassel
Steve J. Vertin
Robert and Christine Voss
Gary and Beverly Voyce
David and Margaret Wilhelmi
Angels \& Hilltoppers Club (\$250-\$499)
1st Friday Friends \& 1957 Classmates
Mark and Jenny Adler
Joseph M. Ardaugh
Philip and Alice Ardaugh
Thomas and Ann Ardaugh
William and Anna Bayci
Michael and Jenifer Bedesky
William and Margaret Benoit
Matthew and Kathy Bertani
Michael and Annette Boban
Laurence and Susan Bornhofen
Lloyd and Donna Bowden
James and Patricia Buchar
Joe and Mary Ellen Burke
Richard and Josephine Burns
Charles F. Butala
Cathedral of St. Raymond School
Michael R. Draznik, M.D.
Dominic and Mary Ann Egizio

Carolyn I. Fagan
First Community Bank of Joliet
James and Susanna Foster
Bernice H. Freeman
David and Diana Gorski
Joseph and Mary Grimes
Janet M. Gruben
Mary Anne Hartnett
George H. Herbst
Donald and Ellen Herron
Steve and Linda Jenco
William and Cary Jenkins
Richard and Kathryn Johnston
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Robert and Catherine Kuzma
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Christopher and Lisa Langbein
David E. Langdon
Robert and Debra Lehman
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Mark and Michelle Matarelli
Andrew and Mary Matejcak
Terrence and Nancy Maynard
Timothy and Sandra McAfee
Kaye A. McCarthy †
Kenneth and Amy Mihelich
Michael and Nancy Mikulich
David and Celeste Morimoto
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Thomas and Margaret Olsen
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