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JCA celebrates the Warning Innovation Research Center Ribbon Cutting and Blessing

ANNUAL REPORT EDITION





Dear JCA Alumni, Community and Friends,

It is with a grateful heart that I begin this letter looking back at the 2021-2022 school year and the accomplishments of our students and faculty and staff. We are forever appreciative for the kindness and support of our JCA community and with many exciting events happening currently on campus and celebrated throughout this past year, we can say that there is much hope and enthusiasm for the future of our Angels and Hilltoppers.

Strategically speaking, we will begin the next school year focusing on the last year of our current Strategic Plan, *Onward Together 2018-2023.* We have already addressed three-fourths of this plan and will

look to focus on our final strategies as the summer and next school year approach. With that said, we are always looking to improve and plan, so we are already organizing our thoughts and ideas for our **next** Strategic Plan and how that will coincide with our next capital campaign. We will always try to do what is best for our students and our school and get as many people from the JCA community involved as we can when creating our plans for the future. This year was an accreditation review year in which **Cognia**, our national review program, evaluated all facets of our school. I am happy to report that we have received a very favorable review with many compliments to the work of our faculty and staff, and they have suggested ways in which we can improve on the strong programs which are already in place. One of those suggestions is for us to break down our Strategic Plan to a more focused yearly, School Improvement Plan, which will take us from a big picture scenario to a more focused goal-oriented, yearly design.

We have had so much to celebrate this past year. We are currently considered a Microsoft Incubator Program School and are steps away from becoming a Microsoft Showcase School; one of only a handful named in Illinois. Also, we have four Microsoft Innovation in Education Experts on staff, with eight more faculty in the program and on their way to being named MIEE's. We have had the official opening of The Warning Innovation Research Center, which is the focal point of technology on campus and is allowing our students many new opportunities, which may have eluded them in the past. Our enrollment continues to be strong, with an average of 600 students these past eight years, and our ACT and AP scores continue to be among the highest in the state.

Along with our in-class successes, we have had a multitude of successes on the playing fields and in the gym. Our Wrestling Program won our first ever State Championship, with five wrestlers also placing in State. Our Football team won our 15th State Championship and our Girls' Volleyball, Dance, Cross Country, Girls Tennis, and Cheerleading teams all placed either individuals or teams into their respective State tourneys. Needless to say, we are proud of our student-athletes and the excellence that they portray in and out of the classroom.

I would like to end this letter by saying- **THANK YOU**. You have been instrumental in making our school a success year in and year out. Without the support of our alumni, donors, and JCA community, we would not be the school that we are today!

On behalf of our faculty, staff and students, I wish you continued blessings in all that you do!

Dr. Jeffrey Budz

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JCA President/Principal

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JCA Summer Camps Kickoff in June

Each summer Joliet Catholic Academy welcomes nearly 1,000 grade school students to the home of the Angels and Hilltoppers. JCA offers 19 different camps to accommodate campers' individual interests via Academic, Athletic, Activity, and Fine Art Camps. Our accomplished teachers and coaches enjoy working with campers so they can have fun, learn something new, and improve their skills. Camps are available to those of all ages, ranging from four-yearsold all the way up to incoming freshmen. Some incoming freshmen camps have not been listed and may occur in July/early August as part of preseason preparation for those sports. Registered incoming freshman students will receive additional information on those camps/tryouts. Camp brochures are also mailed to area students in JCA's Admissions databased. Pre-registering online for camps is highly recommended, as some camps may be limited capacity wise.

All Camps are held on campus at Joliet Catholic Academy, 1200 N. Larkin Ave., Joliet, IL, with the exception of Co-Ed Golf Camps. Indoor athletic camp check-in will take place on the south side of the JCA Student Activity Center, located along Larkin Ave. Outdoor athletic camps will take place on the respective fields of each individual camp. Park on the north side of the Student Activity Center by the baseball and softball fields. Indoor academic and activity camp check-in will take place at the school's main entrance located along Larkin Ave. Adventure Camp check-in will also take place in the Student Activity Center. Register online at www.jca-online.org/summercamps or contact JCA Admissions at 815.741.0500, ext. 214 with questions regarding camps.

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Alumni Spotlight

Adrian Guzman '17 chosen as first recipient of the Will County Legal Opportunity Scholarship

Congratulations to JCA alum Adrian Guzman '17 who was recently chosen as the first recipient of the Will County Legal Opportunity Scholarship.

Recipients of the scholarship are "eligible to receive up to \$46,000 to help repay outstanding legal education debt," the Will County Bar Association website said. In return, the scholarship recipients will be expected to practice law in Will County.

Guzman, a political science major at University of St. Francis, is currently studying law at Northern Illinois College of Law. He is hoping to concentrate on criminal law and/or immigration law and said he is looking forward to practicing in Will county, perhaps as a public defender or in the state's attorney's office

"It's nice to give back to the community you grew up in," Guzman said.

This scholarship program is a collaboration among the Will County Bar Association, the Black Bar Association of Will County, Latino Bar Association of Will County, Will County



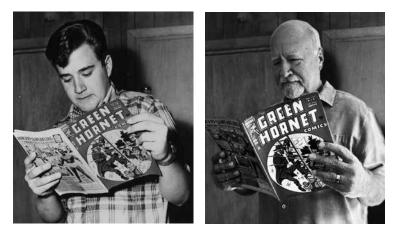
Women's Bar Association and Spesia & Taylor Attorneys at Law. A scholarship committee selected four finalists, the release said. Read more from the Herald News August 6, 2021 spotlight on Guzman at https://www.shawlocal.com/the-herald-news/ features/2021/08/06/rockdale-native-is-1st-recipient-of-willcounty-legal-opportunity-scholarship/

From high school entrepreneur to career comic-book businessman: Gary Colabuono '69

Thirty-seven years ago, Gary Colabuono saw his first "ashcan," a cheaply made, stapled-together black-and-white mock-up made to secure a comic book's title and trademark with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. These "ashcans" were thrown in the garbage, or into legal files at a company like Marvel or DC Comics.

On April 7, 2022, Colabuono sold four 'Superman Comics' ashcans so rare most are not even in DC's vaults, for \$408k at Heritage Auctions in Dallas. Colabuono is the only person on the planet to own all four in this collection (Superman, Superwoman, Superboy, and Supergirl) at once. This followed up a March 2021 sale of a rare ashcan copy of Action Comics No. 1 from 1937 that birthed Superman for \$250k. Colabuono's connections in the industry led him to acquire the collection in 1985 from an author researching a book on comics, who had been given the collection from DC's president at the time, who believed the "ashcans" to be worthless.

But one company's trash became Colabuono's treasure, not to



mention passion. As former Wizard Entertainment CEO Gareb Shamus once told the Chicago Tribune, "When you talk about collectibles, it's all about having things that are rare and, in a lot of cases, one of a kind. What Gary has is a piece of history that people haven't seen before. That's what gets the juices flowing for

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collectors out there."

Colabuono graduated from Joliet Catholic High School in 1969. In the comic world, he's known as "Moondog", a national comic book expert and historian that has been featured on Good Morning America, CNBC, WGN, the Chicago Tribune, and the Daily Herald. But what turned into a career pursuit and lifetime passion, began as a hobby. Gary said, "everyone has a 'golden age' for comics, and I fell in love with the characters at ten years old."

The hobby turned Colabuono into a budding entrepreneur while at "The Hill," as featured in a May 1967 edition of "The Victory Light", JCHS's student newspaper. The feature stated, "Gary's flare for old comic books started when he joined Scifi, which was a junior version of the Science Fiction Club of America (SFCA), which is the biggest organization that deals with novels and comics. As a kid, Gary read comic books for fun, now his passion has become a flourishing business."

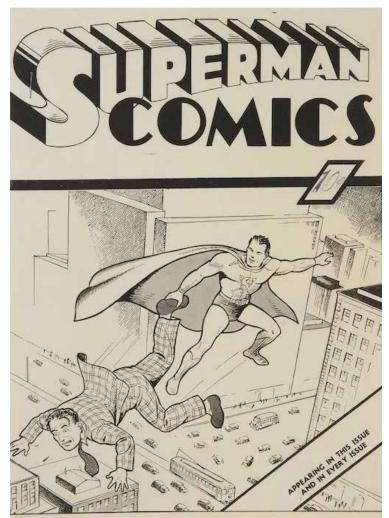
In 1967, Gary's stock consisted of about 1,300 magazines, which he obtained from visiting used book shops like Cut-Rate Food Mart east of the Jefferson St. bridge down from the Hill. He spent many afternoons going through piles of paperbacks and comic books. The owner, George, would holler at him because he kept messing up his stacks of comics.

After graduating from NIU with a degree in journalism/advertising and working for the Daily Herald as a retail ad salesman, Colabuono took a leap of faith opening the Chicago suburb's first comic bookstore, "Moondog's Comic Shop" in 1978. By 1981, with a 5-month-old child and the support of his loving wife Patty, Gary quit his full-time job to focus on expanding his comic bookstore business, eventually growing from one 200 square foot location to a six-store chain, which he eventually sold in 1994.

Colabuono's reputation in the comic world led to leadership positions locally. He attended the very first Chicago Comic in 1976 as a vendor, eventually becoming president and CEO of the convention in 1992, growing it from 5,000 fans at the O'Hare Ramada Inn to a 50,000-person event. He sold Chicago Comicon in 1997 to Wizard Entertainment. Today, Fan Expo/Chicago, debuting this summer at the Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont, is the current iteration of the show that Colabuono helmed back in the 90's. Over 100,000 fans are expected to attend.

After selling his comic bookstores, Colabuono pursued another life's passion in 1999, becoming marketing director for Incredible Technologies, the company responsible for "Golden Tee Golf", rated as one of the top ten arcade games of all-time by Time magazine in 2011. Colabuono was a member of the JCHS golf team as a junior and earned a varsity letter as a senior in 1968-1969.

Even while spending thirteen years working for Incredible Tech,



Gary still collected; and he collected everything from comics to Mickey Mantle rookie cards. He developed a website based off his online persona,[moondogbuyscomics.com]moondogbuyscomics.com. Since 1984, he has been a trusted senior advisor to the Overstreet Comic Book Price Guide – the bible of the hobby. He helped create new comic book grading standards, understanding all the nuances that go into grading and pricing Golden Age (1930's-1950's), Silver Age (1960's), and Bronze Age (1970's) comics.

Colabuono and his classmates recently celebrated their 50th reunion in 2019. Gary said, "I loved my time at Joliet Catholic with the Carmelites and making lifelong friendships that last to this day." Today, Gary spends his time operating his website, purchasing memorabilia for his collection, and out on the golf course. On his recent sale of Superman ashcans, Colabuono said, "These are all so cool, so important, and so rare. I have already owned all my 'holy grails', and I've been so proud to be a caretaker to these important works."

News From Around Campus

Five JCA students were named state finalists in the Manningham Trust Poetry competition this April

The Manningham Trust Student Poetry Contest (MTSPC) is a poetry contest for students. Judging takes place in two rounds. Poetry Society of Illinois announces state-level winners. The highest awards advance to the national Manningham Contest, sponsored by National Federation of State Poetry

Societies (NFSPS). Congratulations to Erin Ardaugh, Vivica Bofa, Lillian Budny, Allison McCarthy, and Zach Pekol on being named Illinois state finalists. National finalists can award monetary



awards and will be published in the Manningham Trust Poetry Student Award Anthology.

JCA students shine in Spring Musical, Chicago: High School Edition



This year's JCA Spring Musical, Chicago: High School Edition took place from March 10-12 at Billie Limacher Bicentennial Park Theatre. JCA Drama Department Director Ms. Jennifer Szynal, along with JCA English teacher Mr. Tim Vollmer, lead students in presenting four incredible shows. Set amidst the razzle-dazzle decadence of the 1920s, Chicago High School Edition is the story of Roxie Hart, a housewife and nightclub dancer who murders her on-the-side lover after he threatens to walk out on her. Desperate to avoid conviction, she dupes the public, the media and her rival cellmate, Velma Kelly, by hiring Chicago's slickest criminal lawyer to transform her malicious crime into a barrage of sensational headlines, the likes of which might just as easily be ripped from today's tabloids.

JCA Celebrates Heritage Week with Service Day, Retreats, and All-School Mass

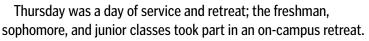
Last week, Joliet Catholic Academy celebrated Heritage Week. JCA sets aside the first week of October to celebrate the

spirituality of the Joliet Franciscans and the Carmelites in a special way. Every day this week, students and staff participated in a different activity and theme that connects to our founding communities.

Monday was the day of prayer; every period started with special prayers on Franciscan and Carmelite themes.

Tuesday was the day of charity; a collection was taken up in every Theology class. All the proceeds raised went to support Franciscan and Carmelite missions.

Wednesday was the day of hospitality; JCA celebrated with lunch outdoors in Wishing Well Court and Heritage Quad.



Seniors spent the day out in the community doing service at the following local non-profit organizations:

Ready Set Ride Stables, Hopeful Trails Shelter, Senior Services, The Willows, Habitat Restore, Multiple Habitat home sites, Easter Seals, Sharefest, Hands of Hope, Forest Preserve, and Northern Illinois Foodbank.

Friday was the day of celebration; JCA held an all school-Mass to celebrate the end of Heritage Week.

Thank you to Fr. Jeff Smialek, O.Carm. and Mrs. Missy Ferro in Campus Ministry for organizing this incredible week for JCA students and staff members.

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Homecoming 2021: "The Greatest Showman

The Class of 2022's Homecoming Court was announced last week, during JCA's annual Homecoming Week (September 26-October 3). The week began with the annual Senior Bowl Flag Football Game and then included "Spirit Days" (daily dress down themes for the student body), lunchroom games, an All-School Homecoming Pep Rally, Parade, Homecoming Football Game, and the annual Homecoming Dance. This year's dance was held both indoors and outdoors. JCA students danced the night away under the stars "Enjoying the Show" with this year's "Greatest Showman" themed dance.

The JCA Homecoming Court was announced at the beginning of

the week and this year's King and Oueen were announced in front of the student body at the Pep Rally. JCA seniors Michael Rouse and Samantha Horn were crowned King and



Queen. Additional members of this year's JCA Homecoming Court included Matt Ardaugh, Andrew Birsa, Paul Chovanec, Emy Diaz, Ryan Cox, Crystal Galaviz, Janessa Garcia, Emma Gruber, Molly O'Connell, and Charlie O'Neill.

22 senior students named Illinois State Scholars

Joliet Catholic Academy is proud to announce that 22 members of the Class of 2022 have been named Illinois State Scholars. The State Scholar Program recognizes students attending approved high schools for outstanding academic achievement. State scholar designation provides honorary recognition with no monetary award. Approximately the top ten percent of graduates from approved high schools are announced as State Scholars each year.

The following JCA students were named Illinois State Scholars:

Matthew Ardaugh, Anne-Claire Austrums, Alexander Brown, Daniela Chavez, Paul Chovanec, Gavin Corcoran, Marie Dvorak, Alejandro Espino, Nina Funk, William Gimbel, Ceara Johansson, Nicole Kaminski, Alexis Mikuska, Daniel O'Brien, Claire O'Donnell, Charles O'Neill, Leilany Peralta, Lillian Ray, Michael Rouse, Luke Selinger, Erik Troha, Abigail Weiss

To view more Illinois State Scholars and to learn more about the program, visit the Illinois Student Assistance Commission's website at http://www.isac.org/.



The Warning Innovation Research Center

JCA officially blesses and opens the Warning Innovation Research Center



On Saturday, April 9, Joliet Catholic Academy officially blessed, dedicated, and held the ribbon cutting ceremony for The Warning Innovation Research Center. The day began with a Mass in the Mary, Our Sister Chapel, included the ribbon-cutting, a short program with a presentation from JCA president/ principal Dr. Jeffrey Budz, and concluded with brunch.

James H. and Bernadine M. Warning, present with their son Keith, his wife Margaret (Kuzma SFA '86), and their grandsons Hunter '13 and Jack '15, provided the lead gift in order to make this dream a reality.

James and Bernadine both said, "we are humbled to be recognized today and to see this dream turn into a reality. We are so thankful that JCA students can utilize this space for many years to come."

JCA Director of Admissions and Development Ryan Quigley said, "this entire northeast wing of the second floor has been jaw-dropping to display our Open House events and family tours for prospective families. It gives JCA students a collegiate academic and technology space, to match our college prep curriculum. We will be forever indebted to the Warning family and the additional donors that made this possible."

The Warning Innovation Research Center caps off a Master

Plan formulated by Joliet Catholic Academy in 2000 that has seen significant upgrades to the campus at 1200 N. Larkin Ave., including the Student Activity Center, increases in parking, the creation of the North campus access road, new lighting, new hallway ceilings, classroom renovations, Heritage Quad, new windows and air conditioning throughout campus, the relocation and creation of the Mary, Our Sister Chapel, and finally The Warning IRC.

The Warning IRC is located inside the entire second story of the northeast wing of campus, which formerly housed the computer lab and old chapel. This space now includes the WJCA Broadcast Studio, a Research Center, five collaboration pods, Stem and Robotics Labs, an Engineering Lab, and an additional Exploration/Computer Lab.

The JCA Administration, Carmelites, Joliet Franciscans, and the JCA Board of Directors would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Warning Family and all of the generous donors who helped make this dream a reality for our Angels and Hilltoppers.

Watch the thank you video, produced by the WJCA Broadcast Team on the Joliet Catholic Academy Official YouTube page: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yhycQEo9jdo

Microsoft Edu Showcase Incubator School 🗂

JCA Selected Microsoft Edu Showcase Incubator School for 2021-2022

Following the big start to the year, Joliet Catholic Academy was chosen, as one of two Illinois schools, to be an Incubator School in the Microsoft Showcase Schools program. The addition of the Warning Innovation Research Center and the technology it provides to JCA students and staff has made this dream a reality.



"Microsoft supports Schools in the Showcase School program with resources and ideas to turn their vision into reality. Building on our decades of work with policymakers, school leaders, and educators around the world, Showcase Schools create studentcentered, immersive, and inclusive experiences that inspire lifelong learning, stimulating development of essential future-ready skills so students are empowered to achieve more." (From the Microsoft site)

Upon completing the MS Showcase School Incubator program, the elite list of Microsoft Showcase Schools will include JCA. There

are currently two Showcase Schools in Illinois and 39 nationwide. As a full-fledged Showcase School, JCA will be an inspiration, example, and resource for other local schools.

JCA is one of three schools representing the US component of the Global Training Partners, Educational Collaborators, and the Microsoft Datacenter Community Development Program (the Microsoft Digital Transformation Project). Described as a "global project with a local flair," the project provides leadership and training on developing students' 21st-century skills for a select number of schools in Dublin, Amsterdam, and Chicago.

Three JCA educators were accepted into Microsoft Innovative Educator Experts, proving their MS program knowledge, innovative technology techniques, and passion for teaching and learning. Congratulations to Tom Cranmer- History teacher, Aimee Schertz-Technology Integration Specialist, and Jennifer Szynal- Music teacher. They are three of 27 Illinois educators who are a part of the global MIEE program for 2021-2022.

Hall of Champions JCA Announces 2022 Hall of Champions: Business & Industry Inductees



JCA president/principal Dr. Jeffrey Budz is pleased to announce the 2022 Hall of Champions: Business & Industry: the Hon. Vincent Cornelius '82, Dr. Bill Nelson '73, Jane (McGrath '76) Schmig, and Meg (Murer '87) Tortorello. The Hall of Champions has become a staple in the JCA community, honoring past Angels and Hilltoppers for their accomplishments in business, industry, and athletics.

The mission of the Hall of Champions: Business & Industry is to honor SFA, JCHS, and JCA graduates for their accomplishments throughout their professional careers ranging from medicine, law, education, entertainment, business, technology, and more. With over 23,600 alumni and counting, the lessons instilled by both the Carmelites and Franciscans over JCA's 152-year history of Catholic education in the Joliet community has consistently cultivated leaders that have produced a world-wide impact. JCA Director of Special Events Mrs. Christine Voss said, "this year's honorees represent the character, integrity, passion, hard work, compassion, and wisdom that make Joliet Catholic Academy one of the premier institutions across the state and nation. We want to thank them so much for all they do to make JCA a better place. We are indebted to their leadership and kindness towards our institution. I'm so happy that we are able to honor them, and that they are able to visit with and tell their inspirational stories to our students."

This year's honorees were inducted at a 10:30 a.m. Mass on Friday, February 25, 2022 in the JCA Mary, Our Sister Chapel, with a luncheon and induction ceremony that followed. Guests included the JCA administration, the Carmelites, the Joliet Franciscans, and family and friends.

🗂 Hall of Champions

Hon. Vincent F. Cornelius '82

Hon. Vincent F. Cornelius '82 was elected to serve as a Circuit Judge of the 12th Judicial Circuit Court of Will County in 2018. He serves in the felony trial division. Prior to his election, he was principal of the Law Offices of Vincent F. Cornelius for 23 years, with locations in Wheaton and Joliet. He began the practice of law in 1989 as the first



African American prosecutor in the history of the DuPage County State's Attorney's Office. He was an associate attorney with the Law Offices of James D. Montgomery and Associates in Chicago, IL.

Vincent was raised in Joliet, IL, attending Edna Keith Elementary School, Washington Jr. High School, and Joliet Catholic High School. He is a graduate of the University of St Francis, where he was named to the Academic All-America basketball team. He later returned to the University to serve as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Trustees. He is a recipient of the Joann Placher Distinguished Alumni Award and the Martin Luther King Journey Award from the University of St. Francis.

While a student at the Northern Illinois University College of Law, Vincent was a member of the Nation Mock Trial Team. He later served as a member of the College of Law's Alumni Council and Board of Visitors. He currently serves as the Chairman of the law school's Board of Visitors. He is a recipient of the distinguished Alumni Award from the NIU College of Law.

Vincent is a founding board member of the Black Bar Association of Will County. He has served as President of the Illinois State Bar Association, Chancellor of the Academy of Illinois Lawyers, President of the Illinois Bar Foundation. He was the first African American to hold each position. He is the only lawyer to serve in all three positions.

Vincent resides in Naperville, IL with his wife of thirty years, Zina. They are the proud parents of two adult children.

Dr. Bill Nelson '73

Dr. Bill Nelson '73 has practiced Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery in Green Bay, WI for over 30 years. He was a founding and managing partner of BayCare Health Systems, BayCare Clinic and Aurora BayCare Medical Center in Green Bay. He has served as President of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and President



of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. Currently Dr. Nelson has faculty appointments in the Department of Surgery at the University of Minnesota and the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health Western Clinical Campus.

Dr. Nelson presents nationally and internationally on health care ethics, physician executive leadership, and health care education. He has authored numerous medical journal articles and book chapters. He served as Medical Director of the Northeastern Wisconsin Regional Cleft Lip, Palate and Craniofacial Surgery Consortium and on the Sports Medicine Staff of the Green Bay Packers.

Dr. Nelson has served on numerous medical foundation and charitable organization boards locally and nationally. He has provided cleft and craniofacial surgery to the underserved in Colombia and St. Lucia through the mission efforts of Health Volunteers Overseas and Saving Faces.

Bill completed his undergraduate and professional education at Creighton University, Omaha NE where he met his wife, Michelle. They have three children who have all pursued health care careers and eight grandchildren.

Jane (McGrath '76) Schmig

Jane McGrath Schmig graduated from St. Francis Academy in the bicentennial year of 1976. She had loads of fun outside of the classroom and also benefited from having some of the best teachers!



Catholic education has been a hallmark of

her background, beginning an elementary teaching career at St. Thomas More in Omaha (NE). This was a short stint of classroom teaching and then had a 5-year career at Creighton University, working in Residence Life, Admissions and Alumni Relations. Both of Jane's degrees are from Creighton University, earning a Bachelor's degree in elementary education and a Master's degree in College Student Personnel Services. She was named the Graduate Student of the Year and this award would likely surprise many of her SFA teachers!

Missing family and life of a big city, she returned to the area in 1987 (the Bears were on a roll!) and her career at DePaul University began soon thereafter. She joined DePaul in 1988 and has had progressive experiences and responsibilities in the nearly 34 years at the Vincentian university. Jane currently serves as the associate vice president in DePaul's Division of Student Affairs. Serving in a in a chief-of-staff capacity, she has primary oversight of division-wide planning, staffing, assessment, budgeting and communications. She also serves as the leader of DePaul's Career Center and the Office of Student Involvement.

Jane's parents, Joan (Lynch SFA '50) and Tom believed in catholic education and all of her siblings – Mike, Tom, Kathy (husband Tom Boucher '80), Laurie, Pat and Liz attended St. Francis Academy or Joliet Catholic High. Jane's husband, Tim is from Wisconsin, so while not a JCA alum, he has enjoyed the friendships of many in the Joliet Catholic Academy network and is a proud father of their three JCA daughters, Annie (2012), Katie (2013) and Claire (2014).

Jane has served on a number of boards, including Joliet Catholic Academy, Franciscan Learning Center, the Cathedral of St. Raymond and the Visitation Catholic School Scholarship Program. She received the prestigious Spirit of DePaul Award in 2011 as well as the Joliet Catholic Alumni Award in 2014.

Meg (Murer '87) Tortorello

Meg (Murer '87) Tortorello traces her path to the White House back to the encouraging, faithful foundation she received at St. Francis Academy, from her family and friends, and the Joliet community. Meg was honored to serve as Special Assistant to President George W. Bush. While working at the White



House, Meg led the largest office and served during 9/11 and Hurricane Katrina. St. Francis Academy instilled strong values and a compassionate passion for helping others in Meg and were a guiding force as she served in the George W. Bush Administration during historic times in our nation.

After living in Washington, D.C., Meg returned to her beloved hometown, Joliet. She worked for Allstate and then the Property Casualty Insurers Association (PCI) as Senior Vice President of Public Affairs. During her tenure at PCI, Meg worked on the 2008 financial crisis and was named the PR News "2010 Public Affairs Professional of the Year." Currently, Meg is the President of Tortorello Communications Company and is the Managing Director of the Insurance Careers Movement, a global insurance initiative. Meg works with clients on executive communications, strategic positioning, crisis communications, and social media strategies. She is a frequent speaker for Board meetings and conferences.

Meg began her career as a Special Education teacher in Naperville. Meg then moved to Texas and worked for the Texas Rangers Baseball Club for four seasons. Her baseball career included a playoff run and planning Nolan Ryan's induction into the Baseball Hall of Fame. She served on the Executive Board of the Delta Delta Delta Fraternity and is proud that she helped create a partnership with Tri Delta and St. Jude Children's Hospital which has raised more than \$68 million to help cure children's cancer. Meg serves on the Board of Trustees for the University of St. Francis and previously served on the Board of Directors for Magna Carta Insurance Group. Meg is a social media influencer with her sister-in-law Holly Murer with their blog, Messy Mommies in the City. Meg received a Career Achievement Award from Joliet Catholic Academy and she enjoys speaking at career events at the school.

Meg is thankful that her parents, Sergio Murer, Joliet Catholic High School ('59) and Beverly (Leber) Murer, St. Francis Academy ('61) made a Catholic education a priority for their children and is grateful for their hard work and sacrifices. Meg's siblings Sergie Murer, Joliet Catholic High School ('82), Melissa (Murer) Corrigan, St. Francis Academy ('84), and her twin Matt Murer, Joliet Catholic High School ('87) encouraged Meg throughout her career and inspired her to dream big. Meg appreciates the endless support of her husband, Tony Tortorello, Joliet Catholic High School, ('87) and of the entire Tortorello SFA/JCHS dynasty. Meg and Tony are following in their parents' footsteps in the belief of the powerful foundation of a Catholic education as their twin daughters, Sophia and Stella are 4th graders at Holy Family School. Meg is grateful for receiving this special honor from Joliet Catholic Academy and is thankful for all those that have helped her throughout her journey.

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Athletics

Hilltoppers capture IHSA record 15th State Football Championship

By Eddie Carifio

as printed in Shaw Local News Network Nov. 26, 2021 DeKALB — Jordan Anderson steamrolled Sacred Heart-Griffin for 245 yards of total offense and three touchdowns in the Class 4A State Championship game. And that was just in the first half of his record-breaking performance.

The Joliet Catholic senior's huge night paced the Hilltoppers' 56-27 win on Friday as they claimed their 15th state

championship at Northern Illinois University's Huskie Stadium.

Anderson ran for a 4A state-title game record 306 yards and scored four touchdowns. He also had two catches for 69 yards and a score.

"It was a great feeling," Anderson said. "I had to leave it out there for our last game. I just left it to the hogs out there and follow them up front. ... It's an honor to play with them."

For those hogs, the feeling is mutual.

"We're the best O-line in the nation," Josh Jones said. "It's a solid collective effort."

The Hilltoppers (14-0) outgained the Cyclones (12-2) 468-11 on the ground and 563-221 in total offense.

Sacred Heart-Griffin jumped out to a 6-0 lead when DeAndre Stewart returned the opening kickoff 99 yards. But Anderson and the Hilltoppers answered with a long drive capped with a 2-yard bulldozer of a run by the Illinois commit for a 7-6 lead.

After JCA forced a three-and-out, Jake Fieldman hauled in an 8-yard pass from Aidan Voss to extend the Hilltoppers' lead, and then Anderson rumbled 35 yards for a touchdown to give JCA a 20-6 lead with



9:36 left in the second quarter.

That's when turnovers started to plague the Cyclones. JCA's lan Williams came up with an interception, setting up a deep pass from Voss to Anderson, who was left uncovered on the play and hauled in the 32-yard TD for a 28-6 lead with 4:31 left in the second quarter.

The Cyclones fumbled on their next drive, leading to a 2-yard run by Vinny Iannantone to stake the Hilltoppers to a 35-6 lead just before the break.

"It's all thanks to the hogs," said lannantone, who had 127 yards rushing and two scores. "Those guys push and do what they have to and that's why Jordan and I are so successful."

Sacred Heart-Griffin did get one back before half. Quarterback Ty Lott marched the Cyclones 64 yards in three plays. Lott found Madixx Morris with 0:44 left to get within 35-13.

To start the second half, Tommy Thomas recovered an onside kick for Sacred-Heart Griffin, and the Cyclones needed just three plays for Lott to find KeShon Singleton for a 30-yard touchdown pass, getting to within 35-20 less than 2 minutes into the second half. As fast as the Cyclones scored, the Hilltoppers answered with a long, sustained drive that ate up more than 7 minutes, capped with a 2-yard plunge by lannantone to push the lead back to 42-20. Anderson added a fourth-quarter touchdown run of 26 yards, putting him over the record.

Morris and Lott connected against with 5:27 left to make the score 49-27. Anderson answered back with his fifth touchdown 2 minutes later to build the lead

back to 56-27.

"They've been working toward this since they were freshman," JCA coach Jake Jaworski said. "To be able to sit here now is special. It's very humbling. We're very blessed."

The Hilltoppers capped off the 2021 season on a 20-game winning streak, stretching back to their 2020 undefeated Covid-spring campaign.

Ouarterback Aidan Voss and running back Vinny lannantone were named to the IHSFCA Class 4A All-State Team. Head coach Jake Jaworski '02 was named the 2021 ESCC/CCL Orange Division Gillespie Coach of the Year. Senior offensive lineman Josh Jones was named the ESCC/CCL Orange Lineman of the Year, lannantone was named ESCC/CCL Most Valuable Player, and Voss was named ESCC/CCL Offensive Most Valuable Player. Additionally, defensive back Tajhaun McClellan, linebacker Michael Rouse, linebacker Robbie Purchase III. receiver Jake Fieldman, and running back Jordan Anderson were named to the ESCC/CCL All-Conference Team. The Hilltoppers finished the year ranked No. 1 in Class 4A and No. 3 overall in the final Chicagoland Top 30 EdgyTim.com poll.

Hilltopper Wrestling captures first Dual Team State Championship; Two Hillmen capture Individual Titles

By Rob Oesterle

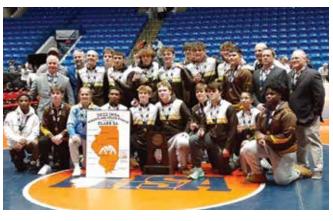
Joliet Herald News February 16, 2022 BLOOMINGTON – The seemingly unstoppable train that is the Joliet Catholic Academy wrestling team made its final stop Saturday night, securing the state championship at the Class 2A Dual Team State Wrestling Tournament with a 39-33 win over Deerfield.

The score is a bit deceiving, as the Hilltoppers were able to forfeit the final three matches after a pin by Shay Korhorn at 120 pounds gave them an insurmountable 39-15 lead with three matches remaining. It was the first team state wrestling title for JCA.

On Friday, the Hilltoppers beat Riverside-Brookfield, 65-7, in the quarterfinals before posting s 64-10 win over Antioch in Saturday's semifinals.

As has been the case all season, JCA individual state champions Dillan Johnson (285 pounds) and Gylon Sims (113) led the charge. Johnson capped an undefeated season with a pin in 47 seconds over Garvin Crews in the championship match, while Sims scored a 16-6 major decision over Jordan Rasof.

Johnson and Sims captured their individual titles the week preceding dual team state at the IHSA Class 2A Individual Finals in Champaign on the campus of the University of Illinois. The Hillmen also had a record five wrestlers place: Mason Alessio finished 2nd at 145 lbs., Owen Gerdes 4th at 195 lbs., and Owen O'Connor finished in 5th at 138 lbs. Shay Korhorn, Logan Kuhel-Trimmer, and Caden Moore all qualified for the state finals, giving JCA wrestling another program record with



nine state qualifiers. The ninth wrestled the following weekend, as freshman wrestler Grace Laird became the first female wrestler in school history to qualify for the IHSA inaugural Girls State Wrestling finals.

"I am always in attack mode," Johnson said about his penchant for quick pins.

Early in the match, it was Deerfield in attack mode.

Joliet Catholic's Mason Alessio won the opening match at 145, scoring a 12-0 major decision over Lucio Morgan. JCA's Connor Cumbee was next with a 7-6 win over Stamos Tsakiris before Deerfield's Benjamin Shvartsman pinned JCA's Isaac Clauson in 2:42 to pull the Warriors to within 7-6.

At 170, Aiden Cohen won by a 20-5 technical fall over Nick Ronchetti to put Deerfield ahead 11-7. A 19-7 major decision by Deerfield's Braeden Wittkamp over Caden Moore put the Warriors up 15-7.

The Hilltoppers' Owen Gerdes won a 13-1 major decision over Devian Schwartz, and Hunter Powell scored a pin over Max Drunke in 4:43 before Johnson's quick pin gave JCA a 23-15 lead.

The wins kept coming for JCA, as Noah Avina won by pin in 1:38 at 106 pounds, and Sims picked up a win before Shay Korhorn stepped up to wrestle Luke Reddy in the 120-pound match and his team leading, 33-15.

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All Korhorn needed was a win, but the senior got more. He put Reddy in a cradle and clinched the dual state championship with a pin at the 3:02 mark.

"I've been doing the cradle since I was 5," Korhorn said. "When I went out there, coach [Ryan Cumbee] told me that all I had to was win and we clinched the title. To get it with a pin is extra.

"I have put a lot of blood and sweat into this team for four years. A week ago [at the individual tournament], I didn't do as well as I hoped. But to win it as a team, that feels 10 times better than the individual would have. No one else knows what we have been through. There is a bond like brothers."

Deerfield picked up forfeit wins at 126 by Jackson Palzet, 132 by Renzo Morgan, and 138 by Kai Neumark to provide the final score, and the Hilltoppers bench and crowd went crazy.

"This means so much to do it as a team," Ryan Cumbee said after fighting off tears of joy. "If you win it as an individual, it's success for one person. But this, it was 21 guys who did this. They believed in themselves and in each other. They trusted each other.

"I was fortunate enough to win a title as an individual and as a part of a team. It was 21 times better to win the team title because it was for everybody."

Johnson had faith in his teammates despite trailing early in the match.

"I trusted everybody that we could come back," he said. "I wasn't worried at all. We have put in the work from Day 1."

🕈 Athletics Roundup



JCA Cheerleading advances to the IHSA State Finals

The JCA Cheerleading program gualified for the IHSA Small Team Final held on February 4-5 at Groosinger Motors Arena in Bloomington. The Angels finished 15 overall with a final score of 81.77 in the Preliminary Round. It capped a successful '21-'22 campaign that saw Coach Kristen (Jaworski '97) Stuckwisch's Angels capture 1st Place trophies at Marian Catholic and Niles West and a 3rd place finish at the Rolling Meadows IHSA Cheer Sectional. They also participated for the first time in the ICCA Championship in January in Springfield, taking 7th place out of 33 teams. Team members included Samantha Beckman, Alana Bradley, Gianna Brow, Amelia Cameron, Stella Jesiolowski, Lillian Jungles, Sklyer Lacy, Brooklyn Martin, Paige Michel, Molly O'Connell, Olivia Redell, Ariana Reyes, Ava Smith, Kayleigh Stuckwisch, Morgan Troyner, Sarah Weis and assistant coach Katie (Jaworski '96) Toole.



JCA Dance captures 2022 IHSA Class 2A 3rd Place Trophy

The JCA Angels Varsity Dance Team delivered a 3rd Place Trophy to their grow-

ing collection in the JCA Student Activity Center at this year's IHSA Class 2A State Finals. The Angels, who had been bumped up to Class 2A due to the IHSA's success factor, finished in third behind Lake Zurich and Geneva with a score of 88.58. The Angels were coached by head coach Sarah Wiers '16 and assistant Nikki Silva.

Team members included Tess Bebar, Emily Bolek, Lillian Budny, Nora Buss, Alyssa Dockendorf, Maria Grimanis, Olivia Karnezis, Naomi Kasper, Liddia Koren, Teagan Kubinski, Juliette Parenti, Abigail Powers, Maddy Vercelli, and Emerson Ziesmer.

The Angels captured the program's fourth straight IHSA State Finals trophy, after capturing third-place in 2021, a state championship in 2019 and a fourth-place finish in 2018.



JCA Girls Volleyball finishes 4th at IHSA Class 3A Finals

Behind first-year head coach Kisha Cameron, the Angels finished 27-15 overall, finishing the season strong with a run to the IHSA State Finals, garnering the program's 13th state trophy.

Cameron said about the final match, ""I couldn't have asked for a better situation to take over the program," JCA coach Kisha Cameron said. "Both of us were scrapping it out. It was a slugfest."

"We put up all we could," JCA libero and senior Natalie Kent said.

"I am proud of us either way, no matter what happened," senior Riley Hungate said.

Team members included Olivia Westberg, Jenna Bolek, Isabella Dixon, Samantha Horn, Natalie Kent, Riley Hungate, Crystal Galaviz, Lauren Cardwell, Jessica Horn, Ellie Blotnik, Ava Neushwander, Alexis Mines, Lily Ray, Emma Vitas, and Olivia Chovanec.



JCA Boys and Girls Cross Country runners qualify for IHSA State Finals

Congratulations to the JCA Angels cross country squad, who captured the Kankakee Regional Championship this past fall. Claire Blotnik and Ella Farris finished 3rd and 4th overall, as the Angels qualified for the state meet. Andrew Ciarlette and Owen O'Connor qualified on the boys side for the state finals. The teams were coached by Jason Midlock '02, Mark Clarke and Rachel Reyes.

JCA names Adam DeGroot new head boys basketball coach

Joliet Catholic Academy Athletic Director

Jim O'Brien is proud to announce Adam DeGroot as the new Head Boys' Basketball Coach of the Hilltoppers. DeGroot has spent the last nine years on the basketball staff



at JCA under Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Famer Joe Gura, who retired after 49 years of coaching at the end of the 2021-22 season. While on staff at JCA, DeGroot was the Head Sophomore Coach for eight years before becoming an Assistant Varsity Coach last season.

JCA Athletic Director Mr. Jim O'Brien '92 said, "Coach DeGroot was an easy choice to lead our Hilltoppers. He is a true student of the game and will continue to bring this knowledge to the forefront. He his a leader by example. I am excited to see where he

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will take our program."

DeGroot is currently in his 15th year of teaching Physical Education in the Troy 30C School District. During his time coaching basketball at Troy Middle School, his teams won multiple IESA regional/sectional titles including a 4th place finish at the IESA State Finals in 2007. That season, he was named the Illinois Basketball Coaching Association District Coach of the Year.

DeGroot said, "I am honored and thrilled to be given the opportunity to lead the JCA Basketball Program. Getting to coach under and learn from Coach Gura these past years has been a blessing that has helped me prepare for this moment. JCA has a long tradition of excellence in both academics and athletics, which I am excited to be a part of."

The Hilltoppers went 14-14 overall during the 2021-2022 season, competing in the East Suburban Catholic Conference, historically one of the top basketball conferences in the state of Illinois.

DeGroot earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Physical Education from Trinity Christian College, where he also played basketball for a season. He also has a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from Concordia University.

JCA boys volleyball hires Jeffrey Budz to lead program

Joliet Catholic Academy athletic director Jim O'Brien is proud to announce Jeffrey

Budz '15 as the new head boys volleyball coach. Budz most recently coached collegiate volleyball as an assistant at Concordia University Chicago, where he served

under his former JCA head coach Rhyen Staley. While at JCA as a student-athlete, Budz helped lead the Hilltoppers to the program's first-ever conference title in 2015 during his senior season.

A 2019 graduate of Loras College, Budz was a four-year contributor to the Duhawks' men's volleyball team. Appearing in 34 sets in his career, Budz helped lead Loras to back-to-back American Rivers Conference tournament appearances, and competed in the conference championship game during his junior year.

Budz said, "I am thrilled to be given the opportunity to lead this team. I think we have a solid group of guys and have the ability to compete with the best teams in Illinois."

While on the coaching staff at Concordia, Budz was part of two promising seasons that saw the Cougars go 17-10, before both seasons were cut short due to COVID-19.

Budz earned his undergraduate degree in English and Education. He is currently the Technology Infrastructure Specialist at JCA and coaches youth volleyball in the community. He is pursuing a Masters Degree in Curriculum and Instruction with an ESL endorsement.

*At press time, Budz and the Hilltoppers were off to a great start this spring, winners of ten straight and currently 11-5 overall and undefeated in conference play.

Alumni What's News

Daniel J. Allen '86 selected president of La Salle University

Congratulations to Joliet Catholic High School alum Daniel J. Allen '86 on his selection to become President of La Salle University. Allen formerly served as the Director of Development at JCA before embarking on a highly successful career in higher education with stops at Loras College, Lewis University, University of Chicago, and DePaul University. Dan and his wife Theresa are the parents of Margaret '13, Meghan, and Danny '19.

William W. Matthews, III, Esq., Chair of La Salle's Board of Trustees said, "Dr. Allen is an extraordinary leader whose talents and experience equip him well to guide La Salle University as our next President. He possesses a deep commitment to high-impact teaching and learning, in full alignment with our university's mission."

While serving as the Senior Vice President of Advancement and External Relations at DePaul, Allen oversaw the most successful single fundraising year in the university's history, raising \$93.3 million in the 2021 fiscal year and simultaneously launching a 12-month, \$60 million campaign aimed at support for student scholarships, emergency assistance, and



mental health and career resources. Allen assumed the presidency at La Salle on April 18, 2022.

🛔 Alumni What's News

Due to the current weather and impacted travel arrangements leaving two of our headliners unable to travel into Chicago from San Diego and Spain, we regret to inform you that the annual Angel and Hilltopper Banquet on Thursday, February 3 has been cancelled.

Unfortunately, due to the nature of this event, and the schedules of our guests, we will not be able to postpone the event. It is our hope to honor Kelly Murphy and Allie Quigley at a future banquet.

All tickets, table purchases, and sponsorships can be refunded at request, and donations towards the JCA Annual Appeal in lieu of a refund are also greatly appreciated.

Please direct any questions or concerns to JCA Director of Alumni Relations Mrs. Sue Bebar at sbebar@jca-online.org or 815.741.0500, ext. 269.

Reunion Updates

Please visit www.jca-online.org/alumni/ reunions/ for the most up to date listing of reunions coming up in 2022-2023. At press time, the following reunion information has been finalized. Please contact JCA Director of Alumni Relations Sue Ruettiger Bebar '90 to help coordinate your class reunion at sbebar@jca-online.org or 815.741.0500, ext. 283. Many reunions were postponed last year during the pandemic. We look forward to a packed schedule this coming fall.

The SFA Class of 1962 is making plans for 60-year celebration on **Saturday**, **October 1, 2022**. If you are interested in attending please contact one of the reunion committee member: Maryann Katz Ancel, Dianne Felbinger Habiger, Salli Lisdero Guess or Jean Marolt Rohder (jeanier30844@comcast.net).

The SFA Class of 1965 is planning a 75th birthday party on September 14, 2022. Place not decided yet. Classmates can contact Penny Little Robison at probi-

son@comcast.net

The SFA Class of '70 Turns 70 and will hold their 50th Reunion (delayed two years) **August 26 & 27, 2022**. The main event will be held at the Crystal Room in downtown Joliet on Saturday night catered by Bella Cucina. Other activities are also planned for the weekend. Classmates can join the Facebook page (St Francis Academy (SFA) 50th Class Reunion) to keep updated or email Pam (pamloucks@att. net) or Patti (pmquilts37@yahoo.com) for more information.

The JCHS/SFA Class of 1972 has made fun plans to celebrate their reunion the weekend of September 16-18, 2022. Friday night plans include a casual gathering at Heroes West Sports Bar and Grill in Joliet. Saturday the day begins with Golf and activities for all including the LADIES luncheon and tour of JCA during the afternoon. Saturday evening will be cocktails, dinner, dancing at the Renaissance Center in Joliet. Finally, Sunday there will be brunch following Sunday mass. Details will be mailed so please check your mailboxes. Any questions, please contact Mike McGrath at 719-338-3239 or mikemcgrath54@gmail.com or Nan (Lewi) Lewandowski Hooks at 815-919-8533 or n11duski@gmail.com.



Sharon Lubick Walsh '59 donates Saint Francis statue in honor of all female students and the Joliet Franciscan Sisters at SFA

On March 30, 2022 a Mass and reception was held in the Eucharistic Chapel to bless our new Saint Francis of Assisi

Statue graciously donated by Sharon Lubick Walsh (SFA '59). The statue was given in honor of all female students and the Sisters of St. Francis who taught them at SFA. A heartfelt thank you to Sharon for her kindness and generosity. The statue is a beautiful addition to the Eucharistic Chapel.

Special Events



JCA's 37th annual Jubilaté outpaces the field

Joliet Catholic Academy's . . . **AND THEY'RE OFF!**, was one of the best pre-Derby parties you could attend. This 37th Jubilaté annual fundraiser was joined by parents, grandparents, alumni and friends of our school. Our parent volunteers were trained by the "best," Katie & Ed Michel and Nicole & Mike Murray, Jubilaté's Chair-couples. Bolingbrook Golf Club hosted JCA on April 2, 2022 and proved to be a great "bet" for the event.

In the Winner's Circle, the event was visited by Elvis, a docile horse, who paid us a visit from Ready Set Ride Therapeutic Recreation Facility in Plainfield. This facility has been assisting children with special needs by providing horseback riding services. Jubilate guests loved having their picture taken with Elvis.

Our guests arrived dressed for the Der-

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by; women in beautiful hats and fascinators, while many men wore their checked suits and bow ties. By the way, our Sisters of St. Francis judged the Derby Hat Contest and decided on an awesome hat that was made by its owner.

The pre-function area greeted our guests with a Champagne Wall covered in ivy and yellow roses. Our reception table told the guests their tables with a mini trophies and red flowers. Derbies off to Amy Holbrook and Deb Kennedy for their creativity and hard work. Our students mixed with our guests to welcome and guide them and answered any of their questions. Their presence impressed our guests. Churchill Downs curtained the stage, with yellow flags decorating the ceiling while the band, "Ring of Music" from Chicago entertained our guests.

The range of items (over 150) offered in the Silent Auction kept everyone browsing especially the home-made horseshoe pits, donated by the Hungate Family, while the exciting packages for the Live Auction were discussed and craved. JCA's own, Jim Roolf, served as our Auctioneer. He did a fantastic job at engaging our guests to contribute to the Live Auction and Call for Cash along with help from Dr. Budz and Ryan Quigley. This year's "Call for Cash", renovations to the JCA Cafeteria, netted \$30,000 after additional donations came in after April 2. Chefs Nick Dispenza and Andy Chlebana's gourmet five-course dinner for eight in your home was sought after by three separate bidders and the chefs generously complied. Raffle tickets were a hit with Joseph Folk '81 winning \$10,000 and Andy Chlebana, Terry D'Arcy, Meg Warning '86, Kaitlin Morris, and Tom Farnsworth '69 all winning \$1,000. Thank you to everyone who purchased a cash raffle ticket.

The 2022 JCA Recognition Award was given to Anna & Bill Bayci and Family. Bill is a member of the Class of 1974. Bill and his family have served JCA in many capacities, from assisting on various boards to painting the interior of the school during the summer. Bill and Anna's children are their greatest joy: Christopher Bayci '03, Emily Bayci Mroczek, and Kevin Bayci '05. Place Your Bets on the Bayci Family for their generous hearts.

A special tribute to Rose (Vogrin '48) & Bob Stephen '49 was announced by JCA president/principal Dr. Jeffrey Budz for their many years of service to Jubil-Auction, Jubilation and Jubilaté. Rose and Bob have led, attended, and supported all 37 years of this special event for our students. We all appreciate them in their support of JCA through the years.

JCA recognizes and thanks the Jubilaté sponsors: Camp Bow Wow, Adler Roofing & Sheet Metal and D'Arcy Motors. These sponsors truly make this event possible and successful. Please try to use their services and pass along to your family and friends to visit their businesses.

Joliet Catholic Academy builds strong and lasting relationships with current and past parents, alumnae and school supporters. Whether you are a volunteer, a financial supporter or fan of JCA, we thank you for all you do for our students, faculty, and staff. We are striving to provide the essential funds needed for our students, enriched academic programs



and life-changing faith experiences and upkeep, and renewal of our facilities and other expenses not covered by tuition.

We promise we aren't foolin'...save the date for next year's Jubilaté on April 1, 2023 at Bolingbrook Country Club.

Our Lord bless and keep you!

JCA Jubilate continues with Rare Bourbon Raffle

Joliet Catholic Academy's largest annual fundraiser, Jubilaté, isn't over yet! It's in the home stretch, as the Kentucky Derby theme continues with the announcement of our very first Rare Bourbon Raffle.

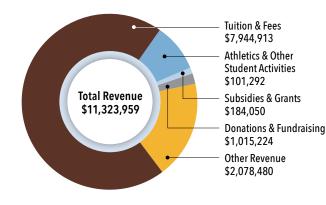
Grab your ticket for a chance to win some of the hardest to find bourbons from W.L. Weller, the original wheated from the Buffalo Trace Distillery.

\$100 Ticket - Win One of 25 Collections - Only 1,500 Tickets sold - 1 in 60 chance of winning

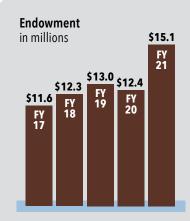
Purchase tickets online only at https:// one.bidpal.net/jcabourbonraffle/welcome

Drawing will be held on June 1, 2022. Visit the JCA OneCause website for the Top Shelf Bourbon Raffle Rules.

2020-2021 Financial Summary



Approximately of Ioliet Catholic Academy students receive tuition assistance. **Financial Aid Needed** in millions \$3.2 \$3.1 \$2.9 FY 21 FY 20 \$2.5 FY 18



*Restated to Fair Market Value for FY 2020-21

Over students would not be able to attend JCA without tuition assistance.

The Tax Credit Scholarship program currently has a waitlist of 125 students for the 2022-2023 school year, which would result in a significant increase in enrollment.

2020-2021 Tuition **\$12,990**



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(18 of 160) Edward W. Andrews Carol J. (Stimac) Bebar David R. Carey John L. Coombes John P. Coyne Eugene R. Funk Kathleen (Breen) Garcia James A. Hanlon Margaret A. (Decman) James Elaine (Loeffler) Libovicz Gerald K. Maier Carol M. (Planing) Markley John L. Markley Arthur D. Offerman Patricia A. (Ryan) Sager Jean L. (Pluth) Verbiscer Daniel R. Ward **Richard K. Winans**

1956 - 8% Participation Rate

(14 of 167) Fr. Bernhard H. Bauerle, O. Carm. Eugene S. Buldak Carol L. (Janke) Cenar Lee J. Crowther Sheila (Rooney) Funk Judith A. (Boban) Georgantas Raymond A. Krizmanic Patricia A. (Keca) McGinnis Maureen P. (Egan) Nagel William C. Naumann Rosemarie J. (Cambruzzi) Nickl † Betty J. (Babcock) Serene Shelby J. (Brown) Vogrin Fr. John F. Welch, O. Carm.

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1957 - 7% Participation Rate

(13 of 195) Joseph M. Babich Lawrence L. Barbic Richard P. Burns Joseph R. Carneghi † Richard H. Collofello Catherine R. (Fitzgerald) Cook Evelyn (Skul) Felbinger Robert C. Funk Colleen P. (Gleason) Kovic † Bernard F. Meyer Marilyn L. (Carlson) Offerman Brian C. Regan Rev. Charles T. Wheeler

<u> 1958 – 7% Participation Rate</u>

(15 of 207) Judith A. (Regis) Batis Patrick J. Canaday Thomas M. Dedin, Sr. Nicholas M. DiFilippo Sr. Grace Henneberry, O.P. Janet A. (Timm) Hnetkowsky Daniel L. Ivanich Thomas R. Kennedy Carol A. (Ardaugh) McCafferty Donald J. McHugh Richard L. Mueller † Stephen L. Rickelman Lawrence A. Senffner Karen A. (Carlson) Steffen Nancy K. (Lander) Vidmar

1959 – 9% Participation Rate

(22 of 239) Paul F. Buss Constance (Conroy) Dorsey Ronald J. Erjavec Thomas P. Fitzgerald John J. Gabel Janice M. Gawenda Dolores M. (Senffner) Kennedy Marlene M. (Kucera) Kozlowski Mary Lou (Werner) Ladas Mary Jane (Coyne) Lepo Judith A. (Hnetkowsky) Maier Mary Fran Mali Jean A. (Stephen) Martin John Robert Meyer Joseph L. Mikuska Beverly J. (Martin) Nolan Thomas P. Piskur Sandra S. (Valek) Seaborg Kenneth R. Stalzer Dennis B. Trizna

Sharon (Lubick) Walsh Daniel F. Zerebny

1960 - 7% Participation Rate

(21 of 312) Ronald L. Ariagno Carolyn M. (Bauer) Bernickus Mary Ann (Kinsella) Black Edward R. Bycznski Elbert W. Carroll **Douglas D. Clinton** Janice M. (Darguzis) Gould Mary Anne (Wilhelmi) Hartnett Richard J. Kennedy James S. Kubalewski Marilyn J. (Klen) Lajcin Barbara M. (Fehst) Lausch Thomas J. Meyer, Sr. John R. Nevin Howard E. Otto Sr. Maria Pesavento, O.S.F. Peter J. Prisegem William K. Sheridan Robert J. Walsh James B. Ward Margaret (Komar) Zerebny

<u>1961 - 6% Participation Rate</u> (18 of 311)

Terrence J. Allison Michael J. Berta, Sr. Sharon L. (O'Brien) Berta John T. Delrose Susan K. (Strametz) Funk James J. Grace Raymond E. Jones James W. Kelly Kathleen (Ryan) Lepacek Edward J. Meyer John F. Naiden Jeanne M. (Conroy) Nevin Frederick J. Rohder John A. Rowland Frederick C. Rusina Leila M. (Cherven) Ryan Bonita J. (Keenan) Stalzer Delia A. (Slack) Trizna

1962 – 10% Participation Rate

(29 of 287) Cecile A. (Clennon) Blau James A. Buchar † Patricia A. (Pasich) Butterbach Kathleen E. (Walsh) Drewno James L. Foran Robert C. Freis †

Rosalie Giacchino-Baker John J. Gregurich Judith A. (Sengenberger) Gregurich Diane (Felbinger) Habiger Gerald F. Horvath Marilyn J. (Plavec) Jones Michael J. Kesich Joyce M. Klinger Rita M. (Hirsch) Kubalewski Gordon D. Lauer Martin J. Lepacek, Jr. Marilyn D. (Kelly) Mackey G. Dan Marshall Patricia (White) McElligott Bernadette (Jaskoviak) Meyer Jean (Marolt) Rohder James R. Sefcik, Jr. Henry F. Simon Jacqueline H. (Thom) Stephen Frances W. (McTague) Trainor Patrick M. Webb, Jr. Rudolph N. Yurkovich Terence C. Ziesmer

1963 – 6% Participation Rate

(17 of 276) Marcella (Harmon) Ariagno Thomas P. Brozman John F. Burns Gerardo A. Cabrera-Meza Dennis E. Fabbre James P. Fenton Joanne (Werner) Fitzgerald William J. Fitzgerald Frank Golf, Jr. Mary Lou (Barbic) Golf John T. Manner David A. McGinnis Marty J. (Spanich) McGinnis James E. Partak Thomas J. Rowland Joseph J. Spreitzer Linda L. (Fracaro) Ziesmer

1964 - 8% Participation Rate

(30 of 362) James J. Barello Timothy J. Burns Charles F. Butala Fernando R. Campos Joseph P. Carey Patricia M. (St. Ange) Carroll Stanley J. Demsky Joseph T. Girard Mary Kay (Calcaterra) Grace Thomas P. Grohar

Sylvia M. (Rakowski) Hagamann Kathleen L. (Webb) Hibner Paul F. Hills, Jr. Janet J. (Harms) Horvath Ronald W. Jones Virginia (Deiss) Jones Ann (Comerford) Konzelman Joseph T. Masilak Mary A. (Meyer) Masilak John B. Mastalesh Janice Matay Rosemary (Pasdertz) Mueller Thomas C. Nolan Phillippa (Jerzycke) O'Keefe Joyce E. Quigley Thomas R. Sefcik Lawrence V. Senffner Charles M. Slack Suzanne M. (Kiernan) Spreitzer Daniel L. Wojciechowski

1965 - 9% Participation Rate

(34 of 382) Joanne (Jankowski) Bailey Margaret K. (Kennedy) Benoit Lawrence H. Clennon Pamela R. (Van Duyne) Clennon Theresa H. (Prisegem) Cooley Edward F. Crobie Marcia (Tomac) Fitzgerald Nancy L. (Frantini) Futterer **Catherine Hanus-Zank** Mary L. (Cerven) Hayes Dennis R. Hennebry Rosina L. (Bruno) Janowak Joseph M. Kararo, Sr. Donald C. Karcz, Sr. † Sheryl L. (Bazzarone) Mastalesh Stephen J. Medvesky David J. Miller Therese A. Onderisin Joseph B. Peraud William J. Phelan John A. Porter James R. Postel Collette A. (Kodrick) Quigley **Dennis F. Quigley** Mary Lou Roder Jolene M. (Giacomi) Scroggins John E. Singletary, Jr. Mary (Schaub) Soule John A. Ullian John G. Van Duyne Judith R. (Ruettiger) Van Meter David M. West Linda M. Wheeler Edward T. Wojciechowski

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1966 - 6% Participation Rate

(19 of 339) Gerald E. Anderson Joyce (McDonald) Bobich **Daniel F. Foster** Christine J. (Cheek) Hammerlund Mary Ellen (Matthews) Hennebry Deva E. Kelly Kathleen (Boyle) Kelly John F. Kinney, Jr. Terry L. Kouchoukas Joan M. (Spolarich) Krumpoch Kerry J. Long Kathleen M. (Downey) McConaghy Patrick D. McGowan Mary Jo (Williams) Murphy Jane F. (Scheuber) Nolan Mary F. (Bartelt) Roman Daniel R. Staniszewski Janice M. (Jaksetich) Staniszewski Lawrence W. Wiers

1967 – 4% Participation Rate

(14 of 332) Gail M. (Bozych) Crobie Bernice L. (Hanus) Freeman Kathleen A. (Glenney) Kallan Carlene A. (Griffin) Kaps John E. Kaps Kathleen L. Komar Mary A. (Shankland) Lawson Stephen F. Midlock Christine M. Olsen Greg P. Poole Janet L. (Scheffler) Ragusa Michael A. Rogina Linda A. Sticklen Alice (Quigley) Sylvester

1968 – 4% Participation Rate

(15 of 349) John J. Burns Mary M. (O'Connor) Burns Jessie M. (Bodine) Cambic Donna J. (Tezak) Cusimano Maureen M. (Paul) Dombrowski Juanita K. (Dryer) Glover **Richard M. Goss** Carroll J. (Schmitz) Klotz Christine Koronkowski James G. Kostelc Frank J. Krumpoch Lawrence M. McKeon JoAnn A. (Jurisic) Midlock Margaret M. Olsen John L. Skolds, Sr.

Kathleen (Walsh) Whitfield Carline Williams Strong

1969 - 5% Participation Rate

(16 of 339) **Richard D. Bagnell** Lynn Bertino Neville Paula B. (Sosnoski) Boley Kathleen (Kramerich) Boroni Christopher J. Foster Elizabeth C. (Shankland) Hansen Michael W. Hansen Jean A. (Fitzgerald) Hooks † Stephen V. Hooks **Richard R. Kinney** Cornelia L. (Minarich) Mallicoat Mary Ann Russ Michael R. Scholtes Mary E. (Kramer) Servin Marguerite E. (Veras) Stoiber Raymond J. Trizna

1970 - 5% Participation Rate

(17 of 351) John S. Annis David J. Brozman Deborah J. (Surinak) Brozman Theodore J. Carlson Cynthia D. Dames Michael R. Draznik Thomas W. Hansen Patrick C. Keeley Lora L. (McDonald) McGuire Patrick McGuire Grant W. Ohlson, III Jean M. (Mitchell) Ohlson Oduardo S. Periu, Jr. Leonard T. Quigley Ruth R. (Kramer) Tomala Patrick B. Ward Joseph J. Zupancic

<u>1971 - 7% Participation Rate</u> (24 of 341)

Lynnan (Horvat) Barr Lloyd M. Bowden J. Michael Carney Robert M. Flavin Michael Gahan James P. Gasparich Sandra Gregorash John H. Hazzard Perry C. Hendrickson James B. Hickey, Jr. Thomas J. Hinz Robert S. Krol Arnold L. Kump Peter P. Lazar, Jr. Michael J. Minarich Maureen L. (Stanton) Orlando Margaret M. (Plankar) Periu Gregory L. Peyla Regina J. (Berens) Pommier Joan L. Reddy Michael F. Scahill Billie K. (Gillespie) Schimanski Paul E. Weeditz Robert O. Wiesemann

1972 – 8% Participation Rate

(29 of 345) Teri I. (Mahaffey) Bannon Edward A. Codo Edward D. D'Arcy, Jr. Thomas P. Fitzgerald John P. Freckelton Mary Jo (Fehrenbacher) Gasparich Victoria L. Girot Michael J. Grace Larry E. Hausser Thomas M. Hickey Stephen J. Jenco, Jr. Michael P. Keeley Mary S. (Futterer) Loscheider Paul H. Loscheider Joan C. (Traven) Macklin John P. Macklin James P. Massa Michael J. McGrath William M. Minarich Karen A. (Fagan) Parriott John P. Perconte Robert L. Ranzini Joseph S. Rodeghero Susan L. (Dulny) Skeldon **David Stoiber** Alan E. Waznis Judith K. (Sheridan) Wente William T. Whitley **Raymond W. Zupancic**

1973 – 6% Participation Rate

(21 of 325) Anonymous Maristella Baietti Nancy K. Bannon David R. Barrows Margaret A. (Serena) Barrows Jerome E. Bauman Mark S. Benigni Lawrence R. Blackburn Michael M. Curran Susan M. (Shankland) Flavin Barbara A. (Tessiatore) Huey Paula A. Kucharz Luanne Leimbacher Cynthia A. (Oldani) Mele William J. Nelson Judith (Mueller) Olson Peter E. Razma Mary Ellen (Vertin) Reato James B. Spreitzer Kimberly (Peyla) Thornton Mark D. Weinhold

<u>1974 - 11% Participation Rate</u> (31 of 294)

Dhiana M. (Stawiarski) Armstrong James R. Bannon Mary T. (Bank) Barney Robert A. Barney, Jr. William J. Bayci Paul V. Boetto Kathleen (McGrath) Boucher Jeanne M. Buzinski Kelly T. Campbell Thomas B. Carney Michael L. Dwyer **Rick E. Erwin** David G. Gorski Joseph P. Haley Mary F. (Will) Jaworski David J. Lagger J. Barrett Long Kristine (Kiefer) Mackey Mark L. Mackey Kathleen M. (Mondrella) Major Justin S. McKendry Elizabeth A. (Catalino) Moore Michael R. Pappas John D. Rogers Lynn (Poper) Samalea Michael J. Schelfhout Victoria A. (Wruk) Schmitz Matthew J. Sporar David J. Stengele George F. Stofan Paula J. (Gabrys) Suhadolc

1975 – 8% Participation Rate

(24 of 319) Terri L. (Chignoli) Ambrozich John Becker Victoria A. (Marocco) Blackburn George R. Block Melanie A. (Madarik) Boetto Nancy L. (Bayci) Campbell Jane Condon-Boyer

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John J. Dollinger David W. Douglas Daniel W. Dunbar James J. Foster Mark E. Giacomi, Jr. George L. Gibson, III Carol A. (Corum) Kruse Lisa (Pesavento) Latino Mary F. McGuire Debra A. (Vidano) Perrine Carey J. Quigley Diane C. (Borio) Reichstadt Deborah M. (Shepherd) Sanders Francis Slattery Raymond R. Soliman Gloria S. (Brown) Stone James G. Whitgrove, Sr.

1976 - 11% Participation Rate

(31 of 294) William C. Adelman Christopher J. Adler Lori M. (Bertrand) Adler Lauri (Marco) Bank Michael T. Bank Thomas A. Burns Michael T. Carbery Sara (Boetto) Cicciarelli Peggie A. (Filotto) Conrad Stephen G. Dyer Frank F. Fehrenbacher, Jr. Amy T. (Plankar) Gahan Mary (Condon) Green **Douglas E. Hayes** Karen A. (Mihelich) Henrickson Mark C. Kowaliczko Deborah J. (Horvath) Martincich Ronald J. Matuszewski Karen A. McCormack **Daniel P. McGuire** Joleen M. (Gregorash) Morrow Thomas J. Olsen Richard F. O'Malley, Jr. Mark Parker Susan L. (Perry) Peyla Kirk D. Reeves Kimberly A. (Furman) Roolf Janet M. (Reddy) Schalk Janet L. (Sandretto) Seddon **R.** Daniel Tessiatore James R. Trizna

1977 – 8% Participation Rate

(24 of 291) Kenneth R. Anderson, Jr. Nancy A. (Hutten) Beutel Mary Jo (Ramuta) Biondi Laurence A. Bornhofen James M. Boucher Terrence J. Broderick Mary Lou (Egizio) Catalani Timothy J. Dodge Linda A. (Bucciarelli) Fehrenbacher Andrea L. (Johnson) Gancarczyk Carol A. (Prym) Kump Colleen (Murphy) Miller Mary L. (Seneker) Minarich Colleen O'Malley Driscoll Daniel J. Pesavento James M. Pinta James J. Roth Martin J. Skerjan Genieveve (Barr) Turk Michael D. Turk Jeffry A. Tyler Raymond P. White Linda A. (Mutz) Whitgrove Gerald J. Witty

1978 - 4% Participation Rate

(12 of 297) Stephen R. Carbery John D. Guse Robert W. Healy Patricia A. (Johnson) McCoy James J. Nonnie Kristy (Juricic) Pluth Thomas C. Schelfhout James R. Stangle, Jr. Judith M. (Krzysciak) Stewart Joseph J. Turk, Jr. Michael W. Tyrell Maureen A. (Burich) Van Moffaert

1979 - 5% Participation Rate (17 of 332)

Matthew G. Bertani Christopher J. Davis Christine M. (Hylek) Forneris Timothy G. Goolsby Mary Ellen (Carlin) Haley Thomas M. Hastings Ronald R. Hischier Elizabeth R. (Block) Hucek Mary J. (Whalen) Johnson Scott G. Kinsella Patrick J. Lind Jeanne (Nilles) Long Donald J. Norek, Jr. Mary K. O'Malley John A. Ramuta Douglas M. Sasso Thomas D. Tyrell

1980 – 8% Participation Rate

(25 of 317) Cynthia L. (Stanton) Bass Kathy (Abday) Bertani Thomas G. Boucher Mary Kay (Stangle) Bridge Timothy J. Broderick Timothy M. Brophy Katherine (Mahalick) Buehler James W. Filotto Joseph N. Folk Linda A. (Stiglich) Hastings JCHS/SFA Reunion Class of 1980 Patrick J. Kane Michael J. Korst Fr. Carl J. Markelz, O. Carm. Susan (Sefcik) Martin Michael P. McQuillan † Eric Muehlbauer Michael W. Nolan Michelle A. (Reiter) Nonnie Herbert L. Perozzi, Jr. Michael J. Petrick Vicky M. (Plese) Ramuta Robert J. Terdich Joshua J. Tyler Mary M. (Naal) Underwood Edward J. Vanisko, Jr.

1981 – 5% Participation Rate

(13 of 273) Paul D. Arling Joellen (Ramirez) Broderick William K. Chignoli Edward J. Dollinger Laura L. (Baron) Malinowski Mark Midlock Paula A. (Ndoca) Ohlson Thomas B. Ohlson Michael S. Raub Kelli A. (McMahon) Slemp Kent A. Voyce Denise M. Werner Lynn (Annis) Zajda

1982 – 6% Participation Rate

(19 of 332) Joseph L. Adler, III Sean Allen Fr. Bradley S. Baker Michael A. Boban Salvatore Cassello, Jr. Vincent F. Cornelius Frank J. Costa John C. Cox David J. Duff David J. Flores William D. Hickey Jacqueline A. (Gillespie) Horvat Dean A. Knowles Maureen T. (O'Brien) Konopek Don J. Londergon John R. Mihelich Patrick W. Sharp Steven J. Vanisko Janice A. Yuvan

1983 - 6% Participation Rate

(19 of 335) Jennifer L. (Costello) Bertino Paul F. Bertino Annette E. (Facinelli) Boban William F. Brennan, Jr. James R. Crowe, Jr. Antonio D'Amico Anne C. (Pritz) Doll Robert M. Dow, Jr. Christopher E. Goolsby Nickolas C. Hernandez Mark E. Karner Thomas C. Kennedy Kevin R. Keys John J. Konopek, Jr. Anita (Kraus) Lane Kenneth R. Mihelich Paul J. Pluth Stephen P. Walsh James C. Widlowski

1984 - 7% Participation Rate

(23 of 352) Mary S. Andreano Laura L. (Rohder) Bauer Walter J. Becker Michael J. Bedesky Thomas J. Bell, III Kathleen M. (O'Brien) Byrd Karen M. (Barnes) Condon Dominic P. Egizio, Jr. **Rick S. Hernandez** Daniel J. Kinzler Michael J. Kovic Brian E. Kuhn Mary Beth (Blotnik) Lind Daniel J. Mihelich Gregory P. Offerman Thomas J. Piasecki Brian J. Ricken Thomas M. Ross, Jr. Susan K. (Ryan) Runde Lawrence M. Skolds Michael J. Testa



Rolf U. Troha Daniel M. Whalen

1985 - 6% Participation Rate

(22 of 341) Douglas A. Adamic Patrick T. Bannon Michael J. Berta, Jr. Steven M. Blotnik Judith (Rasmussen) Connelly Andrew J. Frieders Charles A. Hauck James A. Hibner Amy S. (Funk) Holbrook Bradley J. Holbrook Christopher R. Kavanagh David L. McKeehan Dawne A. (DeBenedetti) Mihelich Rebecca L. (Mutz) Nahas Stephen J. Nahas Elizabeth A. (McGrath) Ryan Jean E. Schorie Diane M. (Vanisko) Simon Kevin C. Simpson Stephanie (Shepard) Simpson Peter A. Valek Michael J. Vercelote

1986 - 6% Participation Rate

(21 of 325) Suzanne M. (Fitzgerald) Arnett John M. Bolek Tiffany (Strysik) Bolek Philip A. Branshaw Jennifer (Taylor) Crotty Beth A. (Saranczak) Ferguson Sally (Nolan) Giegerich Michelle Griffith-Roderich Lawrence J. Jungles, Jr. Ellis R. Kennedy, Jr. Christine A. Laciak Christopher S. Martin Ann M. (Schuster) O'Brien Kristine M. (Reuvers) Payne Jeffrey S. Phelan Donald J. Pratl John A. Quinn Suzanne M. (Whalen) Schuler Jill (Rusniak) Stockman David J. Vanisko Margaret A. (Kuzma) Warning

1987 - 7% Participation Rate

(22 of 338) Kevin L. Allgood Jennifer L. Bertino-Tarrant

Carl R. Buck

Daniel R. Butterbach Patrick T. Carroll Christopher E. Dow Robert J. Egizio Michelle L. (Judy) Hattemar Lisa (Babich) Karnezis Eric G. Kassel Chad Kuhar Claudette (Burza) Kuhar Kathleen A. (Quinn) Michel Amy L. (Lausch) Mihelich Danielle (Briscoe) Morrissette Colette A. Naal Bradley R. Pfanenstiel Lawrence M. Ryan, III Michael J. Salaiz Erin S. (McCabe) Testa Christopher J. Ward Jayme L. (Ryan) Zobel

1988 - 9% Participation Rate

(33 of 363) John C. Adler, Jr. Michael P. Akey Mark M. Alstott Mario J. Altiery James J. Arnold Thomas F. Blaskey Derek E. Brenczewski Bryan T. Buss Patrick R. Cardwell Amy L. (Allen) Cox Jason T. Cox Craig R. Czerkies Matthew T. Ehrsam Sarah (Phelan) Ehrsam Maria S. (Mellinger) Fischer Kristin M. (Brown) Kelley Michael F. Kelley, Jr. Paul M. Kelly Bart S. Kemp Bryan W. Kopman Thomas M. Kowall **Christine McAsey Smith** David M. Mueller James D. Pritz Michael L. Roesel Lawrence E. Ryan Christine A. (Timko) Schaefer Sarah J. Stahl Mary C. (Keating) Strauss Victoria (Dillon) Totani Gretchen (Beltzhoover) Troha Jonathan D. Voss Sheri (Ladas) Voss

1989 - 4% Participation Rate

(11 of 298) Renee M. (Papes) Arnold Christopher Cardwell Anne B. Comer John J. Kane, Jr. Scott M. Lauer Lisa A. (Jones) Polasky Robert D. Prock, Jr. Jill (Butterbach) Ryan Ann K. (Parrish) Rzasa Timothy J. Tibbott Robert J. Zelinski

1990 – 8% Participation Rate

(18 of 222) Julia C. (Lenci) Adamic Andrew E. Anderson Robert A. Bailey Susan M. (Ruettiger) Bebar Michael C. Cardwell Annie L. (Berta) Gehrke Michael J. Hulbert William F. Jenkins, Jr. Colleen M. (Petak) Koontz Kimberly L. (Crobie) Korbar Jody (Krezminski) Lakota Bryan G. Marconi Jeffrey Petru Margaret A. (Rohder) Roesel Mark A. Ruzon Timothy G. Schuster Holly A. (Jones) Scordo Max Ziesmer

1991 - 6% Participation Rate

(12 of 216) Ryan N. Connelly Jennifer M. DeGeus Eric W. Gray Kimberly M. (Duncan) Gray John T. Horn Jennifer L. (Carroll) Jones Michael S. Jones Traci L. (Orasco) Jungles Jeanne M. (Reiter) Leeders Robert D. Ospalik Robert P. Puleo, Jr. Jayme (Hadala) Richards

1992 - 6% Participation Rate

(11 of 197) Michelle M. (Rhoder) Alstott Andrew M. Birsa, Jr. Molly K. (Funk) Birsa Melisa M. (Marietta) Ferro Nicholas C. Ferro Steven T. Jaszczak James M. O'Brien Carlo A. Ragusa Christopher P. Sarcletti Peter S. Tortorello Kevin A. Wise

1993 - 5% Participation Rate

(10 of 207) Heidi E. (Jones) Buza Raymond E. Chodorowski, Jr. Robert C. Dockendorf, Sr. Kathleen M. (Ruzon) Friddle Kristin M. (Crobie) Horn Mary (Kane) Mudron Mary A. (Russell) Ragusa Janess D. (Stalnaker) Reyna Keri L. (Simon) Spotofora Jean M. (Cardwell) Tibbott

1994 – 7% Participation Rate

(15 of 214) Colleen C. (Hooks) Abbott Mark J. Adler Laura A. (Milo) Czerkies Scott E. Czerkies Ann M. Grzetich Jean J. Kenol Anthony T. Marino Todd S. Morin Jennifer A. Nahorski Ronald G. Pawlowski, Jr. Scott Pekol Jana (Frankovich) Potter Erin J. (Shea) Smith Brian T. Udovich Ian A. Villanueva

1995 – 6% Participation Rate

(10 of 180) Lori A. (Ward) Ciemny Michael L. Gallagher Maria D. (Yack) Hennessy Michael J. Hennessy Eric J. Hwang Michael J. Jaworski Joseph M. Kararo, Jr. Shamus P. Mudron Brian T. Nagra Dominic C. Petan

1996 - 2% Participation Rate

(4 of 191) Andrew Bianchi Traci (Goepper) Harrison

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Rebecca L. (Kemp) Robbins Jeffrey C. Weiss

1997 - 5% Participation Rate

(10 of 182) Arthur A. Hrvatin, III Kathleen M. (Schuster) Kempf Ryan M. Lovell Christine A. (Pedersen) Motherwell Michael Paone Jason M. Pullara Leticia Reyes Kristen L. (Jaworski) Stuckwisch Christopher G. Van Tassel Jacob E. Vercelli

1998 - 4% Participation Rate (6 of 167)

Nancy (Caballero) Borunda Amanda M. (Schmitz) Casford Andria L. (Buckholtz) Chrabot Christopher S. Kinsella Max R. Konzelman John M. Schimanski

1999 – 2% Participation Rate

(3 of 167) Kilynn P. (Honiotes) Bueltel Scott A. Munday Eryn L. (Sing) Ruffatto

2000 - 6% Participation Rate

(9 of 162) Jillian K. Inserra Joseph L. Jaworski Patrick T. Manning Stephen L. Nielsen Ryan A. Ruettiger Aimee (Miller) Schertz Melissa S. (Jenco) Trice Michael A. Trice Joel T. Voss

2001 – 1% Participation Rate

(1 of 177) Dominic G. Tafoya

2002 - 8% Participation Rate

(14 of 166) Christopher J. Ericksen Christopher J. Gruber Stefanie N. (Smith) Gruber Jacob E. Jaworski Keri A. (Smutnak) Jaworski Lindsey A. (Mussleman) Kallai Thomas J. Kallai Colin A. Kemp Anthony J. King, Jr. Leslie K. (Manning) Kinsella Nicholas J. Kinsella Jason J. Midlock Grant M. Ohlson Megan M. (Inserra) Pokorny

2003 – 2% Participation Rate

(4 of 199) Jennifer T. Adler Allison J. Gegenheimer Michael R. Mahoney Ryan P. Quigley

2004 - 2% Participation Rate (5 of 274)

Jessica R. (Biro) Martin Nicholas D. Testin Anthony J. Vivaldelli Meghan E. (Adler) Vivaldelli Daniel P. Wells

2005 – 4% Participation Rate

(8 of 196) Kevin M. Bayci Christopher J. Clancy Nicholas M. Inserra John F. Kiernan Collin T. Piercy Patrick S. Prehn Richard A. Searls, IV Joseph L. Stasko

2006 - 3% Participation Rate

(7 of 217) Christopher J. Adler Cory D. Churchwell Daniel N. Cladis Courtney M. Hindo Andrew K. Krantz Douglas J. Roolf Brett D. Stengele

2007 – 3% Participation Rate

(7 of 220) Jonathan P. Adler Samantha J. (Weber) Bush Julia L. (Mihelich) Lowry Ryan M. Piechocinski Ryan D. Searls Dara A. (Wise) Wilczynski Jamie A. Zwierzynski

2008 - 2% Participation Rate

(4 of 203) Matthew J. Adler Russell B. Gegenheimer Joseph B. Minor Jaclyn A. (Conrad) Pullara

2009 – 2% Participation Rate

(4 of 197) Timothy Inserra Ann R. (Zajda) Jevitz Timothy J. Jevitz Christopher D. Prehn

2010 – 1% Participation Rate

(3 of 213) Kathleen E. (Matthews) Adler Lindsay M. (Fonck) Dolph Zachary W. Dolph

2011 – 5% Participation Rate

(8 of 171) Matthew J. Bannon Sarah J. (Ostrem) Bannon Casey E. Dollinger Jared A. Fattore Daniel M. Kucinic Ryan C. Norgren Seth G. Peyla Nicholas A. Sosenko

2012 – 1% Participation Rate

(1 of 168) Nolan S. Hucek

2013 - 2% Participation Rate

(4 of 163) Sarah A. Adler Craig R. Slowik, Jr. Spencer E. Tyrell J. Hunter Warning

2014 - 1% Participation Rate

(2 of 164) Michael J. Ivlow Zachary B. Rezin

2015 – 1% Participation Rate

(2 of 171) Jeffrey R. Budz Keegan S. Tyrell

2016 - 1% Participation Rate

(1 of 161) Karen L. King

2017 - 1% Participation Rate

(2 of 161) Meaghan S. Fischer Reilly Jo M. Swanson

2018 - 2% Participation Rate

(3 of 165) Bradley A. Hinkleman Blake A. Munch Aidan M. Tyrell

2019 - 2% Participation Rate

(3 of 152) Fernando Chavez Noelle M. Chovanec Rylee S. Martin

2020 - 2% Participation Rate

(3 of 151) Mia V. Bertino Kelsey M. Kempes Henry W. Schuler

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Daniela Chavez

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🗹 August 14, 2022	JCA Freshman and New Student Welcome Mass
🗹 August 22, 2022	First Day of School
🗹 September 15, 2022	Alumni Golf Outing at Cog Hill Golf and Country Club Contact Sue Bebar for more information at sbeber@jca-online.org
🗹 October 9-16, 2022	Homecoming Week
🗹 October 14, 2022	Homecoming Football Game vs. Benet Academy; 7:30 p.m. Joliet Memorial Stadium
🗹 November 6 & 10, 2022	JCA Open House for Prospective Families
🗹 December 3, 2022	JCA Entrance Exam for Prospective 8th Grade Students



In Memoriam

With heartfelt condolences, we acknowledge the passing of the following members of our JCA family:

1940

William F. Scholtes Norbert L. Zielinski

<u>1942</u>

Thomas A. Cemeno Franklin J. Forsythe

1943 Mary (Grabow) Muren

1945 Margaret J. (Grabow) McGarry

1946

Dolores L. (Chanoski) Ambrozich Leonard P. Kiernan John J. Kinsella Sr. Therese M. Tusek, O.S.F.

<u>1948</u>

Maryellen (Maher) Eberhard Genevieve L. (Tusek) Getson Rosemary A. Lux Raymond F. Shields Therese A. (Krizmanic) Terdich

<u>1949</u>

James L. Clementi Rose M. (Stiglich) Pesavento

<u>1950</u>

Anthony L. Bebej Matthew W. Connor John W. Downey Vincent J. Wilhelmi, Sr.

1951

AnnaMae (Yedniak) Lohmar Bernadine R. (Senffner) McCarthy Raymond E. Moran John L. Pissinis

<u>1952</u>

Mary Ann (Maloney) Elens Mary E. (Vehrs) Krippel Bernice M. Nemanich Maxine A. (Ivanich) Titre

<u>1953</u>

John J. Fornelli Leo M. Meyer Richard W. Schreiner Raymond J. Sinchak

<u>1954</u>

Catherine M. (Duffy) O'Leary John H. Rickelman

<u>1955</u>

Janice M. (Spillie) Andrews Rosemary M. Forristal Patricia (Smith) Kollman

<u>1956</u>

Phyllis A. (Zullo) Dillon Paul B. Haley Ned J. Rocks George D. Skiotes

1957

Joseph R. Carneghi Colleen P. (Gleason) Kovic Dolores (Rist) Lott Lorraine A. (Naal) Marasso Robert C. O'Day Gerald M. O'Shea Gerald M. Thom

<u>1958</u>

Genevieve A. (DeRosa) Callan William R. Crowe Mary M. (Glenney) Deneau Lucille (Gassensmith) Dudek Julie (Tempel) Ludwig Patricia A. (Zaccaria) Majetic Earl F. McGary Mary Lou (Connelly) Meyer Richard L. Mueller

1959

Robert J. Chmielewski JoAnne (Simunovich) Horvat Raymond M. McCabe Charlotte (Ginnetti) Ponto Francis D. Ramuta James A. Troha

<u>1960</u>

Kathryn (Siegel) Augsburg Ronald G. Fox Patricia (Krall) Hoffman Bernard J. Perona **1961** Karen J. (Stahl) Cassani Joseph T. Comerford

<u>1962</u>

Sharon M. (Kuban) Dow Raymond J. Meyer Daniel F. Theobald

<u>1963</u>

Jane C. (Kelly) Leaman James J. Mackey Kenneth J. Zbacnik

<u>1964</u>

Mary Lou (Crinkovic) Carlson Patricia A. (Gregorich) Hellman James T. Waters

<u>1965</u>

Richard J. Allen Georgine (Clapp) McCarthy

<u>1966</u>

Geraldine M. (Wendell) Baker Raymond J. Ebner Raymond F. Megyeri

<u>1967</u>

Edward P. Cummings Mary K. (Zouganelis) Drakos Maureen (Scully) Levesque

1970 Albert E. Johnson Kevin E. Quigley <u>1971</u> Vincent L. Borio

1972 Gerald A. Buchar Thomas M. Crowther

1973 Deborah L. (Schmitz) Mosher

<u>1976</u> Scott M. Surges

1978 Lawrence J. Kinsella Lori A. McGuire

<u>1979</u> Marvin F. Hank

1984 Charles J. Schwerha

<u>1986</u> Briana J. Sims

<u>1987</u> Brian J. Trusty

<u>1988</u>

Wayne A. Schewe Brent E. Urton *(husband of Sheila Marie Urton SFA '88)*

2006 Martin A. Velemir

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

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