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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT/PRINCIPAL



Dear Alumni, Families, and Friends,

I take considerable pride in the fact we are able to call ourselves Angels and Hilltoppers and that we belong to a Community that cherishes the Traditions of St. Francis Academy, Joliet Catholic High School, and Joliet Catholic Academy....and those Charisms of the Franciscans and the Carmelites. Everything we do at JCA we keep in mind what came before us. Our students are reminded of what our Alumni and community have done for the school and what they have done for each other. We are stronger together....a thought most proven with the interactions I see daily at JCA.

In my position at JCA as President and Principal, I get to see the best of both worlds. From an Academic (Principal) point of view, I see the daily operations of our teachers and staff and what they do for our students. Our teachers and staff are second to none in preparing our students for the next level and beyond. They work hard to ensure that our students take pride in their institution and that they live the Traditions and Charisms set forth for them.

From a President view, I get to visit with Alumni and Community members who want to see a strong school that recognizes the efforts of the past. Whether it's Time, Talent, or Treasure, our JCA community gives of themselves to see a bright future for our school. As I write this letter, JCA's 23/24 Annual Fund has surpassed last year's totals and we have secured new endowment dollars to ensure more financial aid for even more future Angels and Hilltoppers. Our Alumni and JCA Community's generosity knows no bounds!

With great pride and appreciation, I invite you to take some time to visit us on campus if you haven't been in a while...to see all the good that our students are doing and to see what the future holds for Joliet Catholic Academy.

We are St. Francis Academy...We are Joliet Catholic High School...

We are Joliet Catholic Academy!

Blessings Always!

Jeffrey R. Budz

Dr. Jeffrey Budz JCA President/Principal

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Ilinois State Scholars

Joliet Catholic Academy President/Principal Dr. Jeffrey Budz is proud to announce that 29 members of the Class of 2024 have been named Illinois State Scholars, by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission. The State Scholar Program recognizes students across all class levels for outstanding academic achievement.

"We are very proud of our students who earned Illinois State Scholar





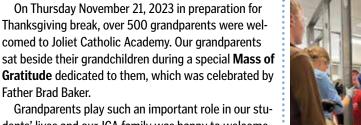
status," says Dr. Budz. "These individuals put in much time and effort to achieve academic success with many of them going above and beyond in and out of the classroom. We know that this will not be the last time they achieve such an extraordinary accomplishment, for they all have many great successes ahead of them."

The following JCA students were named Illinois State Scholars:

Lyndsay Black
Claire Blotnik
Amelia Cameron
Aidan Cantrell
Miles Czerkies
Tyler Dixon
Wrigley Fanter
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dents' lives and our JCA family was happy to welcome them. Thank you to all who attended our annual Grandparents Mass and Reception! There was an abundance of pride and love on our campus and it was beautiful to witness.



On November 24, 2023, 60+ alumni showed up to support our Hilltoppers as they pursued State Title No. 16. It was great to see alums and members of past state championship squads ranging from 1975 to 2023. After practice, Coach Jaworski and staff honored the Hilltoppers who came before us, including teammate Justin Barrett '01, a member of the 1999 and 2000 state championship teams who recently lost his courageous battle with cancer.

The tradition and brotherhood of Joliet Catholic Football has never been about one man...and tradition never graduates!



The students at JCA perform a minimum of 60 hours of community service during their four years of high school. During their time at JCA, the Class of 2024 is on track to perform over 15,000 hours of community service, positively impacting the Joliet community, and making the world a better place. Examples of service opportunities at JCA this year include building homes with Habitat for Humanity - Joliet, volunteering at the Will County Forest Preserve, and serving additional local non-profits like Sharefest food pantry, and the Habitat Restore, and on our Campus.

🛔 News From Around Campus

The **WJCA Broadcasting Class** had its inaugural year in 2019-2020. However, the original WJCA Broadcasting Team was comprised of students from the Class of 2011 who got together and formed a club whose mission was "to create quality original programming featuring the people, places, and events occurring in and around Joliet Catholic Academy and to provide that programming to the JCA Community and local communities."

The Student Cast and Crew that created WJCA (Joliet Catholic Academy News Network) were Conlon Fay, Michael Molitsky, Jack Whelan, Marc Drake, Matt Bannon, Tiege Dooley-Panko, Mitch Korst, Emma Tyler, Chris Andrae, Gus Warpinski, Jimmy Wooten, and Steve Duffy. The club was moderated by Mr. Joe Burke.

While all of the students went onto impressive career paths after graduating from Joliet Catholic Academy, three of the students from the original WJCA Team now work in the Broadcasting/Publishing Field. Conlon Fay now works as Broadcast Operations Manager at ABC / WLS-TV. Tiege Dooley-Panko is a reporter, anchor, and producer at an NBC affiliate in Columbia, Mo, KOMU 8 News. She also anchors for several YouTube channels. Emma Tyler is the Director of Social Publishing at BuzzFeed.

Using the original WJCA model, a Broadcasting Class was formed in the 2019-2020. The goal of the class was to bring the stories of JCA to life in a collaborative classroom environment and broadcast them using the old JCA Broadcasting Studio. The old JCA Broadcast Studio was located on the second floor of the school next to Mr. Clarke's classroom and the studio was created by the Broadcasting Club from the Class of 2011. However, instead of using the old camera equipment from 2011, the students would use their phones to bring their stories to life.

Twenty-two students joined the Broadcasting Class in 2019-2020 and jumped right in with their creativity, story ideas, and wonderful work ethics. They created regular weekly shows that brought news of JCA to the school community as well as to parents and alumni using Joliet Catholic YouTube as their platform. Students also ventured into Sports Broadcasting and announced at football and basketball games. When Covid hit in March of 2020, students continued bringing stories to the school community and kept the school community updated and entertained throughout that spring.

The years have gone on and WJCA Broadcasting class is finishing up its fifth year. The students now has the privilege of working and producing broadcasts in the beautiful Broadcasting Studio in the Warning Innovation Research Center. We look forward to many exciting years ahead with new students and their interesting and creative ideas!







In February, our Director of Diversity and Inclusion Ms. Kisha Cameron, along with some of our students attended the **13th Annual Black Teen Leadership Summit** hosted by Joliet Junior College today. Over 500 students from high schools like JCA, Lockport, Minooka, Joliet West attended. Speakers included Dr. Christopher Mitchell and Dr. Anne Marie Edwards, Director of the Purdue University Black Cultural Center and the 4POETS1MIC group from NIU performed.

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What is the longest continuously running play in the world? **The Mousetrap by Agatha Christie**! Seven strangers, stranded in an old manor during a blizzard...our cast and crew put on a fantastic show!



The JCA Math Team Competed at the ICTM Regional Math Contest at Morris Community High School. The team overall performed well, with the Calculator Team taking charge with a first-place finish and qualifying for the ICTM State finals at Illinois State University. The Calculator Team (moderated by Mrs. Osburn '94), consists of seniors Jack Oswalt and Jack Moberg, juniors Nick Egizio and Alex Hess, sophomores Megan Ardaugh and Juliana McClowry, and freshmen Joey Blackburn and Frank Schuler.



The Joliet Catholic Academy family came together to celebrate God's never-ending welcome. Two of our students received the Sacraments of Christian Initiation from Fr. Jeff Smialek O.Carm., pastor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Darien. May God bless Wrigley Fanter and Quinn Swienton on their faith journey and the JCA community who continually strives to bring Christ's love to one another.



Congratulations go out to our very own, Mr. Scott Allgood '91, on being selected by the Illinois High School Association as a referee for the Girls State Final Basketball games! This is an honor to be chosen and recognized as one of the finest basketball officials in the state of Illinois. Our Angels and Hillmen were able to watch him in the IRC! JCA Athletic Director, Jim O'Brien said "The JCA community couldn't be happier for Scott- if anyone deserves this reward it's him. He has earned it and has poured his heart and soul into educating, coaching, and officiating. I am very excited for him."

2024 Save the Dates

Brown & Blue BBQ Saturday, September 14

Homecoming Weekend September 20 -21 Contact Sue Bebar, Alumni Director at sbebar@jca-online.org if you are interested in planning yours.

Alumni & Friends Golf Outing Friday, September 27 Morris Country Club's The Creek 9 a.m.

Hall of Champions Athletics Saturday, September 28

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Food for the soul

by Elaine Fisher-Ohlund

Go to a Wilmington boys basketball game and you just might spot a JCA student obnoxiously cheering for the Wildcats. He walks in, shaking hands with long-time Wildcat fans as he makes his way to the students section. Despite being a Hilltopper, he's there to show support to his friends in the game. His name is Michael Hobbs.

The JCA senior is a friend to many in this town, including my son. And I think my little Layla believes Hobbs is her best bud too. He always takes the time to stop and watch whatever new magic trick Layla has mastered and acts dumbfounded everytime. He is also the friend that always seems to show up around dinner time. In fact, he has walked into my house a few times saying "Mrs. Ohlund, what's for dinner tonight?" But I don't mind because every time he breaks bread with us he clears his plate, raves about my cooking and thanks me.

Hobbs is a talker, starting his own podcast and even had apparel to go with it. He a real salesman too, bringing his "Hobbsy Podcast" shirts and caps into our household convincing each of us to buy one.

What started as a sympathy purchase, knowing Hobbs needed some promotion and a little profit, has turned into my favorite t-shirt as it has a cool logo and I'm proud to support him.

Recently he went on a school retreat called Kairos and was picked to be a leader. As someone who went on the Kairos retreat myself at his age, I knew this was a big deal and asked him to read his speech.

He talked so lovingly about his mom and grandma, it brought me to tears. And he told all his JCA buddies how much he loves the small town he grew up in (Wilmington) and the people that live in it.

I was impressed and started wondering what is it that is needed to raise our sons into good men? And considering he spoke so highly of his mom and grandmother, I thought I would start there.

His mother is Heather Hobbs and grandmother Sandy Hobbs. They are the women who run Kuzma care cottage, Wilmington's food pantry.

Kuzma Care Cottage was started back in 1981 by Sister Ann Ellen Quirk of St. Rose Parish. It started in the music room at St. Rose School and in 1984 they were able to expand through donations to a small house at 635 S. Main St. Walking into Kuzma, Heather greeted me with a big hug. As I walked through the tiny building, food and canned goods stocked the shelves.

There was bulletin board with pictures of volunteers from all walks of life. I smiled seeing what was probably a second grade homework assignment with Michael's picture next to it.

It read, "I have a dreams.. my dream is that there are no more homeless people on the streets, I would let them live in my house or my friend's houses."

Truth is it feels like you've walked into a family's home where everyone is welcome.

It all started when Sandy was under a lot of pressure when George O'Brien passed and sister Ann Ellen was in the hospital. So she called Heather for help. Heather was happy to lend a helping hand, but along with Heather came three- month-old Michael.

So she set up a Pack-and- Play portable crib and got to work. When Michael got fussy, he was cuddled by volunteers. It was a team effort to feed the people of Wilmington and to keep little Hobbs happy.



When he was old enough to start helping, his first job was to shred paper. He moved up in the ranks and this past year had his own project. His job was to make sure breakfasts and lunches were packed for kids during the summer.

And when he needed help he would call on his friends, bringing his generation in and showing them how to help others.

Not only was he running projects but he also was the hype man. In moments of frustration and stress he reminds everyone, "we are doing it for the kids."

It's more than three generations coming together to run a food bank...it's one big family. Sandra and Heather spoke so highly of all the volunteers and the purpose it gave them.

We reminisced on stories with great lessons behind them and how much kindness they had seen from so many strangers. It wasn't just Sandy, Heather, Michael and the volunteers, but the people who give donations, the random truck driver that refused to throw away his shipment and took the time to find their food bank.

It was the faith that Sister Ann Ellen would have when they were running low on supplies, "thou shall not worry for the Lord always provides." Sandy said, "and he always did." There were so many pieces to this puzzle, each one equally important.

Leaving the pantry it made sense where Michael Hobbs' foundation started. I know I am not the only mother that lays awake at night worrying, have I taught my son everything he needs to know about becoming a good person.

Eighteen years is short for learning all of life's lessons, but Michael Hobbs, who has confidence, depth and cares for others, is proof that having two strong woman lead by example, is off to a good start.

Michael is going to study at the University of Dayton in Ohio next year and Kuzma will have some big shoes to fill. Good luck kid.

If you are falling on hard times and need food please contact Kuzma Care Cottage at (815) 476-2030. And if you ever get the chance to take your kid to volunteer somewhere, I suggest you do.

Never did I think when I started writing a recipe column would I realize how much good can come from food, especially when you share it with someone else.

News From Around Campus



39th Year for Jubilate 2024 "Adventure Awaits"

On March 23, 2024, we celebrated Jubilate, themed "Adventure Awaits" at Bolingbrook Golf Club. Our guests were welcomed to the event by our volunteer JCA students and by Dr. Jeffery R. Budz, JCA's President/Principal. The Co-chairs of the event were Nicole & Mike Murray along with Tracy & Brian Zabel. Their leadership and spirit of adventure were an inspiration to our parent volunteer committee.

We had so many parents that chose to work behind the scenes either to pick up auction items, sell raffle tickets, sell ads and sponsorships, and invite friends to attend the event. JCA students benefit from all their efforts, creativity, and marketing of Jubilate. These parents drove the success of the event through their own personal contributions as well.

The evening consisted of live and silent auctions, cash raffle drawing, dinner, drinks, dancing and socializing with old and new friends. This year Jubilate was the venue for presenting JCA's Recognition Award to The Carmelites of the Most Pure Heart of Mary and The Franciscan Sisters of Mary Immaculate. JCA is grateful for all the support, leadership, works, prayers, and values of both religious groups.

Our guests really enjoyed sitting at their dinner tables that were all designated as representing another country. Some of our guests even dressed in the outfit that portrayed their favorite country.

JCA is grateful to our sponsors, especially D'Arcy Hyundai, D'Arcy Buick - GMC and Adler Roofing & Sheet Metal. Our sponsors continue with AZ Hardrock, Elevate Private Wealth Management, GIS Benefits, Harbour, Friend of JCA, Wight & Co., Austin Tyler Construction, State Farm Insurance – Bill Schuler, Busey Bank, Aggie & Leo Cattoni, Distinct Visual Solutions, Fab Werks, Inc., Oswalt General Surgery and Mark Streitz, DDS. Your partnership and support played a key role in the success of our event, and we appreciate your participation.

Exceptional thanks to all our alumni and friends who took this trip with JCA. Your contributions have made a difference for our JCA students.

Christine M. Voss Director of Special Events

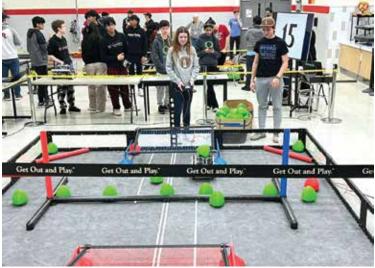




JCA's Summer Camp Registration is Now Open! Register Today!!

Each summer Joliet Catholic Academy welcomes grade school students to the home of the Angels and Hilltoppers. JCA offers different camps to accommodate campers' individual interests via 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 three-yearsold all the way up to incoming freshmen.

Sign up online >>>www.jca-online.org/summercamps



The JCA Robotics team made their first appearance at the Batavia Great Lakes Open. The JCA Robotics team of Stephen Roehrig '26 and Alana Schertz '24 (Coached by Mr. Ziesmer '04) battled through the loss of an extra hour of sleep after their already long weekend of amazing musical performances to give JCA its first showing at a Vex Open event. This was a skills competition of a game called Over/Under. They were against a clock trying to get as many objects onto the other side or into the opposite net!

Joliet Catholic Academy is proud to announce the Robert and Betty Wirth Science Scholarship, which will impact JCA students in financial need who display academic prowess in the fields of science for years to come. This endowed fund was established by Dr. Mary J. Wirth (SFA '71) and her husband Dr. Dennis Evans. Dr. Wirth would like to honor the memory of her parents, Robert and Betty, who sacrificed to send her and her sister Carol Wirth Knoch (SFA '76) to St. Francis Academy.



"I am grateful for the

outstanding education I obtained at SFA. My studies at SFA, and the values they instilled in all of us, laid exceptional groundwork for college and beyond. I am happy to help others benefit from a JCA education with this scholarship. "

Professor Mary J. Wirth is the current W. Brooks Fortune Distinguished Professor Emerita at Purdue University. She was recently named the winner of the 2023 EAS Award for Outstanding Achievements in Separation Science. She received her bachelor's degree in chemistry from Northern Illinois University in 1974 and a doctorate in chemistry from Purdue in 1978 under the direction of Professor Fred E. Lytle. Since then, her career has taken her from coast to coast, including a stop at the University of Arizona, before returning to Purdue as a faculty member in 2009.

The Robert and Betty Wirth Science Scholarship is one of 62 named endowed or non-endowed scholarships now funded at Joliet Catholic Academy. These scholarships are an integral part of the JCA mission of "Inspiring Growth in Knowledge and Faith". Merit-based scholarships provide an incentive for top performing academic and serviceorientated students in the Joliet area to apply to JCA, while need-based scholarships make an excellent Catholic education affordable for families who otherwise may not have been able to send their children to JCA.

During the current 2023-2024 school year, JCA has awarded over \$2.1 million in tuition assistance via the JCA endowment, named scholarships, the Diocese of Joliet's Catholic Education Foundation (CEF), the Kazma Family Foundation, and Empower Illinois Invest in Kids Tax Credit Scholarships.

A quality, faith-filled education is of itself a tremendous gift. It is a gift

to be passed on to the next generation and certainly one that can never be taken for granted.

Financially supporting Joliet Catholic Academy demonstrates your belief in the value of a Catholic education and serves as an affirmation of the great work happening every day in and out of the classroom. By supporting JCA, you help advance our mission to create an environment that cultivates opportunities for academic excellence, meaningful service, Christian respect, and Catholic values in the traditions of the Carmelites and Franciscans.

Establishing a scholarship at Joliet Catholic Academy will create an everlasting memory of your generosity. Donors often establish a scholarship fund because they have benefitted from a Catholic education in their own life and want to ensure that those same opportunities are available to our future generations, or to honor or memorialize friends, teachers, family members, or other loved ones.

Every year, more and more students benefit from donors that support the school's scholarship program. These scholarships have been created by individuals who are committed to providing a quality, faith-based education to our children.

A scholarship can be created in four easy steps:

1. Determine the Type of Scholarship:

Endowed Scholarship: a permanent and perpetual scholarship fund which can be created with a gift or gifts totaling at \$25,000 or more. The principal of the fund is invested to produce income and scholarships are awarded using a percentage of the interest. **Non-Endowed Scholarship:** a scholarship fund in which the donor contributes the award amount annually. Contributions can be added to the fund by the initial donor and/or others who may wish to contribute. A minimum amount of \$1,000 is required. Both endowed and non-endowed scholarships typically are named in honor of an individual, family, organization, or group, as well as in memory of a loved one.

- 2. Set the Criteria
- 3. Name your Scholarship
- 4. Fund Your Scholarship

The Office of Institutional Advancement is eager to assist you in the establishment of a new scholarship at Joliet Catholic Academy. We appreciate your interest as well as your desire to provide students the opportunity to further their education. For further information or assistance, please contact Ryan Quigley, Director of Institutional Advancement, at (815) 741-0500, ext. 276 or rquigley@jca-online.org.

Hall of Champions



JCA inducts 10th Hall of Champions Business & Industry Class

Daniel J. Allen, Ph.D. '86

Daniel J. Allen, Ph.D., began his term as La Salle University's 30th president on April 18, 2022.

Allen has worked in Catholic higher education for more than 20 years. Prior to his January 2022 appointment at La Salle, Allen served as the senior vice president for advancement and external relations at DePaul University—where he held leadership roles beginning in August 2015. In this capacity, Allen provided leadership and executive management for all fundraising,

alumni relations, and advancement communications strategies.

Before joining DePaul, Allen served as senior associate dean for external relations at the University of Chicago's Harris School of Public Policy. He also served as vice president of institutional advancement at Lewis University in Romeoville, III., and at Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa.

Allen is a product of Catholic education. He completed his doctoral studies at Loyola University-Chicago, where he earned a Ph.D. in education with a concentration in higher education. He received his master of arts in physical education and bachelor of arts in English literature from Loras College, a Catholic institution located in Dubuque, Iowa.

Allen has frequently presented at various educational and healthcare development conferences and seminars. His doctoral dissertation considered how academically talented, low-income students access highly selective postsecondary education. He has presented his work to the Association for Institutional Research and has had his research published in "Research in Higher Education." Allen also has presented research on college choice and social reproduction to the American Educational Research Association and the National Association for College Admission Counseling.

Allen is a board member of the International Association of Lasallian Universities, a group of 64 universities located across the globe. In 2023, he was named to the Committee of Seventy, a nonpartisan civic leadership organization in Philadelphia, and the transition subcommittee on education for Philadelphia Mayor Cherelle L. Parker as well as inducted as a fellow into The College of Physicians of Philadelphia.

Sister Jeanne Bessette, OSF, Ed.D.

Sr. Jeanne Bessette, OSF, Ed.D. began her high school teaching career at St. Francis Academy, working in the English department from 1979 to 1984 and helping to launch and direct Kairos retreats at SFA. She earned a B.A. in English from the College of St. Francis, an M.A. in English literature from Loyola University, Chicago, and an Ed.D. in private school administration from the



University of San Francisco. She has completed coursework at 10+ other universities, including in non-profit business administration at the Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University.

After 11 years of teaching, Jeanne became principal of Trinity High School in River Forest, Illinois, where she initiated the third Catholic school International Baccalaureate program in the U.S. She was an early adopter of block scheduling when Trinity became the first private school in Illinois to institute this innovative program. Jeanne was called on to present many workshops to other high school faculties on women's education, block scheduling and the IB curriculum.

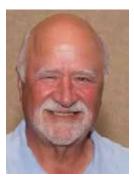
In 2000 Jeanne was elected as a Councilor on the Governing Board of the Joliet Franciscans. She served in that capacity for eight years and worked closely with the boards of their five sponsored ministries in Joliet, including JCA.

Jeanne was hired in 2009 by the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati to be the founding president of DePaul Cristo Rey High School, the 25th school in the nationally acclaimed Cristo Rey Network. During her tenure as president / CEO, the school grew to 360 students, partnered with over 100 businesses in greater Cincinnati to provide work experience and revenues for her students, and saw their first six classes attain 100% college acceptance. Many of these extremely low income students were the first in their families to finish high school, not to mention college. Before her election as President of the Sisters of St. Francis in 2021, Jeanne raised over \$24 M and oversaw the completion of a state of the art high school building in Cincinnati.

She has won awards for teaching excellence, educational and business leadership, innovation and scholarship. She received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Mount St. Joseph University in Cincinnati. Jeanne is happy to be back in Joliet with her Franciscan congregation and her family – her mom Lil, brothers Wayne and Carl, sister Celeste, and their families.

Gary Colabuono '69

Dolores Colabuono (SFA '45), insisted on a quality Catholic education for her boys so after attending St. Joseph's grade school in Joliet, Scott ('66), Gary ('69) and Alan ('70) all attended Joliet Catholic.



Scott was the smart one while Alan excelled at sports. Gary managed to eke out a letter in golf in his senior year, but chess club, bowling league and comic books were more his style.

After high school Gary attended Northern Illinois University where he met his bride of 50 years, Patty. With an advertising degree in hand he started working in the ad department of the Arlington Heights Daily Herald immediately upon graduation in 1974.

While employed at the Herald Gary branched out and opened his first comic-book shop, Moondog's, during the summer of 1978 in Mount



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Prospect, IL. The shop was an immediate success and soon after he opened a second location in Schaumburg, IL. In September 1981 shortly after the birth of their daughter, Mandy, Gary struck out on his own and left the Herald to work full-time at Moondog's.

From those rather modest beginnings Gary grew Moondog's into a 6-store chain. After selling Moondog's in 1994 to Classics International Entertainment, and now running the parent company, he eventually grew Moondog's into a 21-store chain of pop-culture shops located in 5 states.

Gary was named CEO of the Chicago Comic Con in 1991. Under his guidance the convention grew to become the second-largest gathering of comic book fans in the country.

After exiting the comic-book business in 1999, Gary joined the team at Incredible Technologies and helped launch the newest version of the popular arcade game, Golden Tee Golf. Within 3 years Golden Tee became the highest-grossing arcade video game in history and is still number-one over 20 years later.

Gary, Patty, Mandy and son, Kevin, along with their spouses and granddaughter, Emma, all live in Chicago's northwest suburbs.

Michelle (Hibler '86) Jankowski

Michelle was born and raised in Joliet and graduated from SFA in 1986. After high school graduation, she headed straight to Professional's Choice Hair Design Academy (PCHDA) to become a cosmetologist and began her first position at Bergner's Hair Studio.

In 1990, she married her husband, Bob Jankowski, and decided that motherhood would become her next full-time job. Michelle went on to raise three tremendous humans, Devinn (Gio)

DeLira, Jake (Kelly) Jankowski, and Max (Erin) Jankowski, all of whom are third generation JCA alums. Once her children became older and she had a little more time on her hands, Michelle and her best friend Jane Devine (SFA 1978) decided to launch a catering business. After a lot of sweat, and a few tears, Bella Cucina Catering officially opened its doors in 2005. Michelle took on sole ownership of the business five years later as Jane decided to follow a different career path.

The pandemic challenged all kinds of catering norms since most social events came to a standstill, but Michelle was determined for Bella Cucina to come out on top. Getting creative, she started "Curbside Carryouts" and joined forces with local non-profit organizations, such as Shorewood Hugs, Team Make a Difference and Pink Heals, to host "Curbside Carryouts for a Cause." This initiative helped the nonprofits to raise money during a time when fundraising opportunities were scarce. The kindness didn't stop there –with the Curbside's newfound success, she reached out to local businesses who voiced they were struggling and offered to collaborate. Year round, Michelle can be found organizing free sack lunches and kindness bags for those in need and helping the community whenever she can, which is where her "Be kind…it's working!" motto stemmed from. All of Michelle's charitable efforts within the Joliet community awarded her the Zonta Club's "Woman of Distinction" award in 2022.

When Michelle is not busy running her business, she enjoys spending as much time as she can with her family, most notably, her granddaughter

Nora Jayne and her "bonus" grandson Giovanni.

"I've always loved gathering in the kitchen. There's something magical about adding a pinch of this and a dash of that to create something scrumptious. Plus, I come from a long line of amazing, strong women who were also fantastic cooks, so it's in my heart and soul," said Michelle. There is always plenty of laughing, storytelling, music, and good food in the kitchen. After all, isn't that what cooking is all about?

Jean Kenol '94

Jean A. Kenol was raised in Joliet and attended St. Paul the Apostle Grade School and Joliet Catholic Academy where he was part of the first class to attend all four years of the newly merged co-ed institution. In 1998 Jean graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a B.A. in Government. While at Notre Dame, Jean participated in student government, campus ministry, several intramural sports and served as a resident assistant. He also



completed the American University Semester program on public policy in Washington, D.C., where he clerked for Congressman Jerry Weller of the 11th Congressional District of Illinois.

After college, Jean attended the University of Illinois College of Law on a full tuition Lincoln scholarship, graduated in 2001 and that year was admitted to practice law in the State of Illinois and the United States District Court Northern District of Illinois. During his law school career, Jean had the honor of interning for the Honorable Ann C. Williams, United States Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit.

Jean is a partner with the law firm of Gould & Ratner where he serves clients in real estate law. He has represented clients in a wide range of matters, from single family residential closings to multi-million dollar commercial transactions. Prior to joining G&R, Jean was a partner with the law firm of Mahoney, Silverman & Cross, LLC.

Jean enjoys being active in his community as well as with his alma maters. Formally, Jean served as the President of the Notre Dame Club of Joliet, on the Joliet Catholic Academy Alumni Association Board of Directors, on the Board of Directors for United Cerebral Palsy of Will County and on the Board of Directors for the Joliet Region Chamber of Commerce and Industry. In February of 2008, he was appointed as a Commissioner of the Joliet, Police and Fire Commission and served for two years. In September 2012 Jean was honored to be named the Joliet Area Young Professional of Year by the Joliet Region Chamber of Commerce. Currently, serves as the Chairman of the Board of Directors for Silver Cross Hospital in New Lenox.

Jean has also been an active member of the Illinois State Bar Association. He served as Chair of the Young Lawyers Division Council in 2013 and from 2010 to 2012, Jean was honored to serve as the ISBA's under 35, outside of Cook County delegate to the American Bar Association. From June of 2012 to June 2014 Jean was appointed to the Illinois State Bar Association Board of Governors which is the 27 member board that oversees the operations and management of ISBA.

Jean resides in Chicago with his wife of 14 years, Clo Ewing, and their two very active kids.

Hall of Champions

M. Christine (Wicklein '66) Schwartz, RN

Chris was raised in Joliet. She attended St. Raymond Grade School, St. Francis Academy, Joliet Junior College, and the University of Illinois Chicago (UIC) College of Nursing. After receiving her BSN in 1970, she continued her education at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, receiving an MS in Health Education in 1972.



Upon graduation, Chris joined the Nursing

Faculty at Loyola University in Chicago, achieving an assistant professor position with tenure. In 1980, while teaching at Loyola University, she completed a master's degree in surgical nursing at Northern Illinois University.

Chris's love of nursing began during high school where she volunteered as a candy striper at St. Joseph's Hospital and a nurse's aide at Silver Cross Hospital in Joliet. She continues to support nursing education with philanthropy. At the University of Miami School of Nursing, Chris provided the lead gift to build the 53,000 square foot M. Christine Center for Nursing and Health Studies. At the UIC College of Nursing, she funded projects to create new teaching space and a 15,000 square foot Experiential Learning and Simulation Lab. She also serves and formerly Co-Chaired the Dean's External Advisory Board there. At the University of Chicago, she funded research and education and ultrasound machines to support intravenous insertions for patients.

Chris is a passionate supporter of the arts. She has collected and donated over 100 pieces of art by Chicago artists from the late 19th and early 20th century. Her collection can be viewed at www. schwartzcollection.com. To honor her father, Andrew A. Wicklein, she led a project to digitize Farmer's Week Review from 1929-2010. Chris is an active member of Art Encounter in Evanston, Illinois, a non-profit focused on art education outreach.

Chris is a member of several associations: the President's Council of the University of Illinois Foundation, Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society, and the University of Miami Coral Gables Society. Chris is the proud parent of two children and five grandchildren.

Do you know of someone deserving of a Hall of Champions Athletics or Business & Industry honor? Nominations can be submitted via mail or email to JCA Alumni Relations Director, Sue Bebar. **SBebar@jca-online.org**, or mailed to her attention at **JCA** - **1200 N. Larkin Avenue** – **Joliet, IL 60435**

By Randy Whalen

When you have a team advance to a state championship game, it's a good sports season for your high school.

It was a good fall sports season for Joliet Catholic Academy.

The Angels/Hilltoppers had a successful fall. Of course, that was led by the **football team**, which played for the Class 5A State Championship.

Unfortunately, the Hilltoppers came up short in their bid for a 16th football state title.

Still, the fact that they were back in the title game for the 20th time in school history and the third time in the past five played postseasons, shows that the program is consistently back among the top ones in the state.

"I'm very proud of our players and coaches for all we accomplished this year," JCA football coach Jake Jaworski said. "We had a great group of guys that progressed throughout the year, which led to some very memorable moments."

It certainly did. The Hilltoppers went 6-3 in the regular season but, as usual, took off in the playoffs. They scored 145 points in their first three Class 5A postseason games. Capping that streak off with a 49-7 win over host Morris in a quarterfinal game.

Then, in an amazing state semifinal matchup between two local programs, which have combined for 25 state titles, JCA avenged a second-round loss from the previous season and defeated visiting Providence 31-21 before a packed house to advance to the title game. The Celtics (8-5) played for the

There, JCA (10-4) lost 38-20 as Nazareth (9-5) scored the final 28 points

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of the game to capture its second straight Class 5A state title and fifth overall on Saturday, Nov. 25 at Hancock Stadium on the campus of Illinois State University in Normal.



The Hilltoppers led 13-0, 20-7, and 20-10 at halftime behind a great game from senior running back HJ Grigsby, who rushed for 223 yards and a TD in the first two quarters. He, however, hurt his ankle on his last carry of the first half. He was hobbled in the second half and finished with 34 carries for 278 yards.

A key play happened toward the end of the third quarter. JCA was driving to go ahead by more, reaching the Roadrunner 19. But then threw an interception which was returned to near midfield with 2:13 left in the quarter. In the next 11 minutes, Nazareth scored four straight touchdowns to complete its turnaround from starting the season 0-4 to becoming the first football state champion with five losses in a season.

"We got off to a great start and just couldn't get things going in the second half," Jaworski told the Chicago Sun-Times after the game. "We

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missed a couple of opportunities we had and (Nazareth) made more plays than we did."

The Hilltoppers (2-1) finished second in the Chicago Catholic League/ East Suburban Catholic Conference Green Division. But they had numerous All-Conference selections, including the Players of The Year. Dillan Johnson, on the defensive line, was the Defensive Player of the Year. Fellow senior Adrian Washington, at wide receiver, was the Offensive Player of the Year.

Also making All-Conference were seniors, Griffin Alessio, at linebacker, Patrick Durkin, at kicker, and Grigsby, at running back. Junior linebackers Nick Bueno and Daniel Rouse rounded out the Hilltopper honorees.

Other JCA teams advanced athletes to state this fall too.

Let's start with the **girls' tennis team**. The Angels did fantastic, winning the title of the Class 1A Marian Catholic Sectional. There they had 20 points to



edge Providence (19) and Southland College Prep Charter (17). It was the first sectional championship since 2019 for the Angels, who won on the strength of their doubles teams.

That was seniors Callie Streitz and Ashley Murray, who defeated their teammates, senior Madisynne Gura and sophomore Megan Ardaugh 6-0, 6-1 in the title match.

Both doubles teams went to state and were a combined 1-4 there. Streitz and Murray captured their first-round consolation match by a score of 6-3, 6-4 over Hannah Hevron and Anna Hargrave from Robinson.

"Overall we were about .500 for the season," said JCA coach girls tennis coach Tyler Eakle, whose team was 11-13 this fall. "Both doubles teams had some success throughout the year, but they both peaked at the end of the season. Callie and Ashley played a great sectional and competed great at state. Madisynne and Megan grew so much individually and as a team.

"They were a new pairing coming into the year and built chemistry quickly. I couldn't be more proud of their success and how much they grew throughout the year."

Claire Blotnik finished her **cross country** career as an All-Stater. She placed 17th, with a time of 17 minutes: 48.89 seconds in the Class 2A State Finals on Saturday,



Nov. 4 at Detweiller Park in Peoria.

That came on the heels of her placing second at the Geneseo Sectional on Saturday, Oct 28, at Richmond Hill Park. Lemont junior Niki Tselios (18:47.00) was first while Blotnik (19:00.40) placed second. JCA (266 points) placed ninth out of 18 teams in the sectional. Tselios (17:42.39) placed ninth in the State Finals.

At the Metamora Regional, which was held on Saturday, Oct. 21, at Black Partridge Park, Blotnik (18:19.80) was also second. Sophomore Sophia Ramirez (17:42.60) from Washington placed first. As a team the Angel runners of Blotnik (18:19.80), along with fellow seniors Jordan Reeves (20:49.40), Annie Tibbott (21:28.70) Sophia Mihelich (21:48.00), and Kathryn Hammel (21:51.90), and sophomore Ella Heinen (22:12.90), and freshman Bella Pollack (23:35.80) qualified for the sectional with a fifthplace finish (155 points).

"Claire achieved All-State honors in cross country, the first girl in school history to do that," JCA cross country coach Jason Midlock said. "She had a great season with five overall wins and consistently lowered her times. Claire was an excellent team leader and is looking forward to continuing her running career in college."

In **boys' cross country**, Nathan Ciarlette also left his mark at JCA. The senior made it to the Class 2A State Finals on Saturday, Nov. 4, and placed 34th (15:16:70) out of a field of 236, missing a Top 20 All-State finish by 11 seconds.

It was the second fastest 3-mile cross country time in JCA history, behind Tony Nooner, who ran 15:07 in 1993.

Ciarlette was the only Hilltopper boys runner at the Geneseo Sectional. He finished 16th with a time of 16:16.60. He placed ninth (15:56.70) to advance out of the Metamora Regional. Sophomores Chris Corsi (18:21.40) and Darian Arteaga (18:53.00), along with senior Jack Oswalt (19:04.30), junior Lucas Furlane (19:31.20), junior Colin Murphy (19:57.50), and sophomore Brandon Paone (20:28.70) rounded out the Hilltopper regional finishers, as they placed ninth (242 points) overall.

"Nathan finished his JCA cross country career with the second fastest time ever run in school history," Midlock said. "At the state race, he went out at the record pace and held it as long as he could. Nathan pushed himself each day to get better and his hard work paid off with his fast time at the state meet.

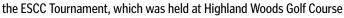
"Overall, both teams put in miles and came out with a lot of smiles. The runners improved their fitness, competed, and saw what a combination of effort and attitude can achieve."

Also advancing to state this fall for JCA was Quinn Swienton in the Class 2A **Boys State Golf** Finals. The junior made the second-day cut at the tourney which was held on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 6 and 7 at Weibring Golf Club in Normal. He eventually finished 74th overall with a total of 169 (83, 86).

Not bad for someone who barely made it out of the regional as an individual qualifier.

"He had his worst day in three years," JCA boys golf coach David Mondrella said of Swienton in the regional. "But he survived and advanced. That's what it's about."

To show how well Swienton can play, he was third overall on Monday, Sept. 18 at



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in Hoffman Estates. The top three individuals there were Benet Academy junior, Charlie Davenport (67), St. Viator junior Ryan Kalaway (70), and Swienton (71). Also making All-Conference for the Hilltoppers were seniors Connor Neville (9th, 76), and Connor Flanagan (17th, 79).

In the Class 2A Lemont Regional, which was held on Wednesday, Sept. 27 at Inwood Golf Course in Joliet, JCA placed fourth with a 320 total. Lemont (303), Providence (304), and Marmion Academy (313) were the teams that advanced to the sectional. Lemont eventually finished second in the state.

Senior Alex Nahas (75), Neville (78), senior Jake Gimbel (81), and Swienton (86) qualified out of the regional as individuals. An 88 was the last qualifying score.

At the Lemont Sectional, which was held on Monday, Oct. 2, at Wedgewood Golf Course in Plainfield, Swienton qualified for the state spot by shooting a 76. Neville (78) just missed by two strokes.

On the **girls' golf** side, there are only two classes, compared to three for the boys. JCA was in the Class 1A Providence Regional, which was held on Sept. 28 at Green Garden Country Club in Frankfort. There the Angels (419) placed fifth, behind Nazareth Academy (362), Wheaton Academy (372), Aurora Central Catholic (405), and Westmont (417).

Seniors Audrey Redell (96) and Annie Tibbott (101) advanced out of the regional as individuals. Juniors Mary Jo Meyer and Liz Cardwell both shot a 111 for JCA.

At the Eastland Sectional, which was held on Monday, Oct. 2 at Lake Carroll Golf

Course, in Lanark. Redell (90) just missed the cut for state by two strokes. Tibbott (94) was improved in the sectional as well.

The Angels **girls' volleyball** team has had many successes, including recently. They placed fourth in the state in 2021 and were third in 2022, with both of those coming in Class 3A.



Because of those high state finishes, they moved up to Class 4A this season. They played the same tough schedule and finished third in the ESCC behind state powers Marist (33-5, 6-0) and Class 4A State Runner-Up, Benet Academy (39-3, 5-1). JCA finished 22-14 and 4-2 in the league.

But in the postseason, it was one match and done for the Angels, as they lost to host Plainfield North 25-15, 25-20 on Tuesday, Oct. 24 in a Class 4A regional semifinal.

"Yes, we had a decent season where we were able to again compete with some very talented teams," said JCA coach LaKisha Cameron, who

finished her third season as head coach. "These ladies worked extremely hard as underclassmen to make it to State (going 24-18 last year) and it was just unfortunate that this year we had to play up a class and we were not able to make it to the IHSA finals again.

"As a program, we grew a lot in dealing with expectations and adversity and the focus next year will continue to be competing consistently match to match."

Jessica Horn, a setter, was the only senior on this season's squad.

"We are graduating a big class next year and they are adamant about finishing that season, feeling good about what they portrayed on the court," Cameron said. "Unfortunately, the hard work they put in throughout the season was not able to consistently show during regionals.

"I am very confident that we will step back on the floor with a new agenda next year after they've got another year of club experience under their belt."

Junior outside hitters Ellie Blotnik, Olivia Chovanec, and Horn were selected to the ESCC All-Conference team. Juniors Brooke Simon Chenelle, Carmela Cook, Zoe Girard, and Heavenly Sarfo, along with Horn were named to the Illinois Volleyball Coaches Association Academic All-State team.

The JCA **boys soccer** team finished 5-17-1 and went 0-8 in the ESCC. But there were still highlights for the Hilltoppers.

"This was a learning year for Joliet Catholic soccer," JCA boys soccer coach Tom Cranmer said.



"We fielded an extremely young team with seven to eight freshmen and sophomores playing significant minutes. This was exacerbated by our injuries and illnesses that kept us from getting a consistent starting lineup on the field throughout our very tough schedule.

"Even with all of these adversities, we won our bracket of the BodyArmor Series (on Sept 24 at the Lyons Soccer Complex), winning the final two games, including the championship in penalty kicks. We also had a win and tie in the Herscher shootout."

But the future looks bright for the Hilltoppers.

"We won our (Class 1A Illinois Lutheran) regional semi-final game (7-0 over Illinois Lutheran on Oct. 17), advancing further than last year," Cranmer said. "We lost to a very good team (Universal, 4-2 on Oct. 18) in the Regional Championship, but I feel that we made them earn that victory and we were in that game until the dying moments of that match.

"I have very high expectations for next year as we return 10 starters and our younger varsity players continue to grow with all the experience they gained this season. Senior Midfielder Miles Czerkies was named IHSSCA All-Sectional, Junior Goalkeeper Aidan Medina was named IHSSCA All-Sectional Honorable Mention, and Sophomore Midfield Diego Rios was named ESCC All-Conference."

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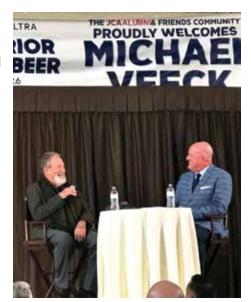


Thank you so much to our recent graduates who served on our Alumni Panel for our Juniors and Seniors. Our grads shared their experiences, advice on transitioning to college, time management, studying, grades, resources and so much more. Thank you Molly Jay ('23), Preston Buss ('23) and Charlie O'Neill ('22)!

Hilltopper Banquet

What a night at the annual Angel & Hilltopper Banquet! The 250+ alumni and friends that attended witnessed a hilarious exchange between our very own Mark Grant '81 as master of ceremonies and Mike Veeck, new owner of the Joliet Slammers baseball stadium and subject of the Netflix documentary "The Saint of Second Chances."

Guests enjoyed tasty barbecue courtesy of Station One Smokehouse, cocktails and great entertainment. Our Director of Alumni Relations, Sue Bebar said it best "The chemistry between Grant and Veeck was electric. I think the Joliet community is in for a real treat with Mike Veeck and Bill Murray taking the reins of the Joliet Slammers."



A special thanks goes out to Sue Bebar, and all of our sponsors, staff, volunteers, and alumni that made this night possible!

Alumni Networking Event

Thank you to our alumni and friends that joined us at our Regional Reunions and Networking events - it was great catching up with our alumni! A special thank you to our hosts Mike Gallagher '95, Tom Kennedy '83 and Mark Sopko '99.







WE LOVE TO HEAR FROM ALUMNI! PLEASE SEND SUE BEBAR, OUR ALUMNI RELATIONS DIRECTOR, AN UPDATE AT SBEBAR@JCA-ONLINE.ORG.

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Dear JCA Alumni and Friends,

We recently held a funeral for an alumnus from the Class of 1949 in the Mary, Our Sister Chapel at JCA. While searching through old yearbooks to gather photos for the family, I made an intriguing discovery: the 1948-1949 school year coincided with the establishment of the Diocese of Joliet-in-Illinois on December 29, 1948, by Pope Pius XII. This year marks the 75th Jubilee of the Diocese, celebrating 75 years of Catechesis, Evangelization, and Service.

Looking back at the 1940s and 1950s era yearbooks from both St. Francis Academy and Joliet Catholic High School, a common theme emerges - a fervent commitment and enthusiasm for nurturing our shared faith and integrating Christ into various aspects of life, including politics, the arts, entertainment, communication, business, medicine, and more. This commitment remains vibrant and enduring 75 years later, both within the Diocese of Joliet and here at Joliet Catholic Academy.

Prayer serves as the cornerstone of our daily routine at JCA. The Carmelite and Franciscan values of Prayer, Community, and Service aren't just displayed on signage adorning our walls; they're deeply ingrained in the hearts of all who have walked these storied hallways.

Education stands as the paramount tool in shaping the laity for their mission in the world. This endeavor wouldn't be feasible without the steadfast dedication of SFA, JCHS, and SFA graduates over the past 75 years. Their contributions, through building JCA's endowment, offering scholarships for tuition assistance, and ensuring accessibility to Catholic education for all prospective students in our region, have been invaluable. The continued success of JCA is owed to the selfless sacrifices of our religious educators and the unwavering support of alumni, families, and friends.

"We exist not merely to offer Theology class, but to restore God to every school period by way of teaching students how to live a life directed ultimately to God through a growing consciousness of His presence in the world, in one's fellow man (and woman), and in the depths of the human heart."

- JCHS Class of 1950 Yearbook

We humbly request your participation in JCA's Legacy Circle. By documenting planned gift intentions to JCA, you become part of our Legacy Circle, which already comprises over 50 alumni and friends who have pledged a portion of their legacy to JCA. For most individuals, the bulk of their wealth resides in their asset base encompassing homes, retirement accounts, securities portfolios, life insurance, and more - rather than their income stream. Donating from this non-cash asset base often entails greater tax benefits than donating cash. Making a bequest in your will or trust is the simplest way to contribute from your asset base. Additionally, gifting long-term appreciated stock presents a tax-efficient method of giving today. Various strategies exist to establish an income stream for life, receive immediate tax advantages, and make a significant contribution to Joliet Catholic Academy.

Planned gifts, including bequests, charitable trusts, life insurance, retirement assets, among others, can profoundly impact the establishment or expansion of scholarship funds and JCA's endowment. For many benefactors, leaving a bequest gift of \$10,000, \$25,000, or even \$100,000 is more manageable than making an outright donation. Planned gifts can substantially boost the principal amount of scholarship funds over time.

During the 2022-2023 school year, two commitments to the Legacy Circle totaled \$5.4 million in tuition assistance.

I urge you to join JCA as a donor and ensure that the legacy of educational excellence, fostered by the Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate since 1869, the Carmelites since 1933, and collectively as Joliet Catholic Academy since 1990, endures. This is a significant, bold mission grounded in the fundamental belief that every child deserves access to high-quality educational opportunities.

For more information on the benefits of supporting JCA, please contact the JCA Office of Institutional Advancement at rquigley@jca-online.org or (815) 741-0563.

Continued Blessings,

Ryan Quigley '03

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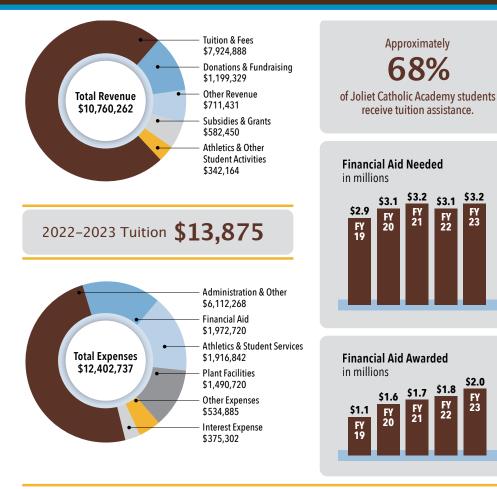
Since the Invest in Kids Act was signed in 2017, generous JCA alumni and friends have provided \$1,905,359.53 in scholarships to 140 students through Empower Illinois Tax Credit Scholarships. This past year donors answered the call and 54 JCA students received \$653,112.50 in scholarships. Regardless of the Illinois General Assembly's decision to let this important program sunset, JCA celebrates the fact that in six short years our stakeholders have positively impacted the lives of area students, who otherwise may not have had the opportunity to experience a Catholic education.

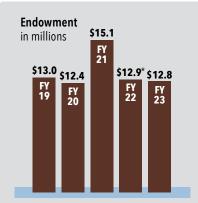
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in tuition assistance so far during the 2023-2024 school year from all sources including over 40 named endowed/non-endowed scholarships, the Diocese of Joliet's Catholic Education Foundation, the Kazma Family Foundation, and Empower Illinois.

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current JCA students are receiving Invest in Kids Act Tax Credit Scholarships from Empower Illinois. Unfortunately, the Invest in Kids Act was allowed to sunset by the Illinois General Assembly at the conclusion of this school year.

	2022-2023	2021-2022
Changes in Net Asset with Donor Restrictions		
Contributions, fundraising, and development	\$ 1,344,719	\$ 377,769
Subsidies and grants	250,000	288,769
Interest and dividend income, net of fees	297,438	205,433
Net realized and unrealized (losses) gains on investments	605,500	(1,640,333)
Net assets released from restrictions	(551,399)	(682,730)
Change in net assets with donor restrictions	\$ 1,946,258	\$ (1,450,943)
Change in Net Assets	\$ 303,783	\$ (3,234,330)
Net assets - beginning of year, as restated	17,346,275	20,580,605
Net Assets - End of Year	\$ 17,650,058	\$ 17,346,275

Thank you to all those alumni, past and present parents, grandparents, and friends for contributing to JCA during the 2022-2023 fiscal year (7/1/22 - 6/30/23). Your generosity helps create expanded opportunities for our students.

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1950 - 14% Participation Rate

(6 of 42) W. James Ganson Catherine A. (Larkin) Kuzma Joseph M. McFadden Joan (Lynch) McGrath John J. Rogers Stanley J. Senffner

1951 – 6% Participation Rate

(3 of 49) Jeanne A. (Matkovic) Kowall † Phyllis A. Olsta Joseph J. Turk, Sr.

1952 - 15% Participation Rate

(11 of 71) Joan M. (Klover) Benedict Mary A. (Kuzma) Bolek Josephine (Giacchino) Connor Andrew J. Mikuska Patricia A. (Freis) Rac † Matthew A. Ramuta Carol A. (Pubentz) Sterr-Lehman Robert F. Terdic George R. Vogrin Suzanne M. (McGrath) Whalen Rita M. Wolz-Sova

1953 – 13% Participation Rate

(12 of 94) Natalie M. (Timko) Bayci Joseph D. Benigni † Maureen M. (Andrews) Block Robert E. Gramera Leonard J. Hertko, M.D. William E. Lichtenauer Dorothy (Bajt) Plese James E. Schmitz Matthew F. Slana Marlene B. (Mankowski) Smith John J. Vercelote Robert J. Zusag

1954 - 9% Participation Rate

(11 of 117) Thomas J. Birsa, Sr. Jayne A. (Gray) Haag Arthur A. Hrvatin, Sr. Joseph B. Lord Kenneth E. Marasso Norma M. (Cardwell) McFadden Eileen A. (Hrvatin) Plese Fr. Paul E. Schweizer, O. Carm. † John F. Serene James E. Walsh Suzanne (Turk) Wright

1955 - 10% Participation Rate

(15 of 143) Edward W. Andrews David R. Carey John P. Coyne Patricia B. (Rockwood) Dominick Eugene R. Funk James A. Hanlon Marci A. (Dudek) Kreisberg Elaine (Loeffler) Libovicz Gerald K. Maier Carol M. (Planing) Markley John L. Markley, Ed.D. Patricia A. (Ryan) Sager Jean L. (Pluth) Verbiscer Daniel R. Ward **Richard K. Winans**

1956 - 8% Participation Rate

(12 of 152) Fr. Bernhard H. Bauerle, O. Carm. John A. Birsa Eugene S. Buldak Carol L. (Janke) Cenar Lee J. Crowther Sheila (Rooney) Funk Maureen P. (Egan) Nagel William C. Naumann Betty J. (Babcock) Serene Shelby J. (Brown) Vogrin Fr. John F. Welch, O. Carm. Thomas J. Wise

1957 - 8% Participation Rate

(14 of 177) Emily (Pluth) Beerbower Anita C. (Bulfer) Bottomley Richard P. Burns



Cecile A. (Clennon) Blau

Richard H. Collofello Catherine R. (Fitzgerald) Cook Robert C. Funk John E. Garrison Nora (McGary) Giaudrone Richard R. Hylka, Sr. Carol L. (Clark) Piccolo Brian C. Regan Arlene J. (Zelko) Reuvers Patricia (Traven) Schager Charles T. Wheeler

1958 – 7% Participation Rate

(14 of 187)
Paul R. Baltz †
Anne L. (Crowther) Birsa
Ronald W. Carnaghi
Thomas M. Dedin, Sr.
Nicholas M. DiFilippo M.D.
Mary L. (Gassensmith) Dudek †
Robert F. Gregorich
Sr. Grace Henneberry, O.P.
Robert J. Korst
Carol A. (Ardaugh) McCafferty
Ronald D. Panozzo
Rachel L. Riley
J. Richard Schuster
Kathryn (Berti) Wise

1959 - 11% Participation Rate

(25 of 221) Paul F. Buss Rowan R. Cardwell Cecilia (Darguzis) Dernulc Constance (Conroy) Dorsey Ronald J. Erjavec Thomas P. Fitzgerald John D. Hartmann Mary Lou (Werner) Ladas Lois M. (Legan) Laken Judith A. (Hnetkowsky) Maier Mary Fran Mali John Robert Meyer Beverly J. Nolan Arlene M. (Kunzer) Panozzo James J. Petak Thomas P. Piskur Edward T. Prodehl Margaret M. Schauer Sandra S. (Valek) Seaborg Bonita (Freehauf) Shroyer Thomas R. Stein Dennis B. Trizna Sharon (Lubick) Walsh Dolores M. (Videtich) Welsh Charles N. Wheeler, III

1960 – 9% Participation Rate

(26 of 288) Ronald L. Ariagno Carolyn M. (Bauer) Bernickus Mary Ann (Kinsella) Black Edward R. Bycznski Annie L. (Spreitzer) Cardwell Elbert W. Carroll **Douglas D. Clinton** James S. Decman Marianne (Boe) Eisenbrandt James W. Grimm Mary Anne (Wilhelmi) Hartnett Richard J. Kennedy Paul E. Kolodziej James S. Kubalewski Marilyn J. (Klen) Lajcin Barbara M. (Fehst) Lausch Thomas J. Meyer, Sr. Frank C. Mores John R. Nevin Howard E. Otto Sr. Maria Pesavento, O.S.F. William K. Sheridan Mary Jean (Jordan) Sweeney Robert J. Walsh James B. Ward Stanley J. Winke, Jr.

1961 - 7% Participation Rate

(21 of 286) Mary Frances Bait Michael J. Berta, Sr. Sharon L. (O'Brien) Berta Christine E. (Kirincich) Boban Dennis W. Dombrowski Susan K. (Strametz) Funk Collin W. Gray Geraldine (Swierz) Gutzman **Raymond E. Jones** James W. Kelly Edward J. Meyer Fredrick P. Moore Richard C. Mutz + Jeanne M. (Conroy) Nevin James P. Roach Frederick J. Rohder John A. Rowland Frederick C. Rusina Robert J. Russ Christopher J. Tedrowe Delia A. (Slack) Trizna

1962 - 21% Participation Rate

(55 of 266) James V. Baranoski

Jeannine (Schmidt) Bognar Philip R. Branshaw **Dellanne (Barney) Breen** James A. Buchar † Susan I. (Cullen) Carlton John R. Cimino Joyce M. (Bell) Corbin † Paulette A. (Darin) Daletski James J. Darguzis Diane C. (Elens) Dow Kathleen E. (Walsh) Drewno James L. Foran Phyllis A. (Hylka) Fox Beverly J. (Bahor) France Kathryn A. Furdeck Kathryn A. (Carey) Garson **Rosalie Giacchino-Baker** Robert L. Giarrante John J. Gregurich Judith A. (Sengenberger) Gregurich Marcella J. (Lisdero) Guess Diane (Felbinger) Habiger Margaret (Scott) Haywood Gerald F. Horvath JCHS Reunion Class of 1962 Marilyn J. (Plavec) Jones Charles J. Kehoe, ACSW, LCSW Michael J. Kesich Joyce M. Klinger Rita M. (Hirsch) Kubalewski Gordon D. Lauer Marilyn D. (Kelly) Mackey Susan M. (Klover) Martin Mary Ann (Ventura) Mayfield Thomas S. Meade Bernadette (Jaskoviak) Meyer Jerome A. Nasenbeny Susan L. (Arnold) Purciel Roger J. Pytlewski John W. Rems Dorothy A. Ritter, M.D. Jean (Marolt) Rohder Elizabeth A. (Ragen) Seehafer James R. Sefcik, Jr. SFA Reunion Class of 1962 Joan L. (Datko) Shepler James A. Shuba Myra J. (Liker) Stefanich Jacqueline H. (Thom) Stephen Margaret J. Thompson Patricia A. (Garrison) Van Zele Patrick M. Webb, Jr. Kenneth J. Wiers Rudolph N. Yurkovich Terence C. Ziesmer

1963 - 7% Participation Rate

(18 of 274) Marcella (Harmon) Ariagno Maryann F. (Heenan) Branshaw Thomas P. Brozman Michael J. Devine Dennis E. Fabbre James P. Fenton Joann (Werner) Fitzgerald William J. Fitzgerald Frances E. (Weber) Giarrante Frank Golf, Jr. Mary Lou (Barbic) Golf James E. Partak Robert E. Pedersen Thomas J. Rowland Janet M. (Benedick) Russ Joseph J. Spreitzer Ann L. (Maierhofer) Vaksdal Linda L. (Fracaro) Ziesmer

1964 - 10% Participation Rate

(34 of 344) Sharon (Patrick) Baranoski James J. Barello James T. Blottiaux Timothy J. Burns, M.D. Charles F. Butala Fernando R. Campos Joseph P. Carey Patricia M. (St. Ange) Carroll James R. Chignoli Loretta A. (Wilda) Decman Stanley J. Demsky Joseph T. Girard Thomas P. Grohar Sylvia M. (Rakoski) Hagamann Janet J. (Harms) Horvath Sally A. (Thompson) Johnson Ronald W. Jones Virginia (Deiss) Jones Edward J. Kasarskis Ann (Comerford) Konzelman James M. Lyons Marcia L. (Pudlik) Lyons John B. Mastalesh Matthew J. Mikulich † Jacqueline K. (Adams) Pedersen John M. Pollock Phyllis (Fahrner) Raasch Loretta M. (Fenili) Schroeder Thomas R. Sefcik Lawrence V. Senffner Charles M. Slack, M.D. Suzanne M. (Kiernan) Spreitzer Kathleen M. (Doolin) Weiss

Dan L. Wojciechowski

1965 - 10% Participation Rate

(37 of 370) Margaret (Kennedy) Benoit Raymond W. Bolek Thomas S. Callans Jayne (Beshoar) Cassani Lawrence H. Clennon Pamela R. (Van Duyne) Clennon Theresa H. (Prisegem) Cooley Edward F. Crobie M. Linda Deiss Marcia (Tomac) Fitzgerald Marcella J. (Matay) Gibson James C. Goss **Catherine Hanus-Zank** Mary L. (Cerven) Hayes Dennis R. Hennebry Rosina (Bruno) Janowak Joseph M. Kararo, Sr. Sheryl L. (Bazzarone) Mastalesh Francis B. Offerman † Joseph B. Peraud, M.D. Ronald E. Pruss, Sr. Collette A. (Kodrick) Quigley Daniel J. Quigley **Dennis F. Quigley** David E. Rapson Judith L. (Goodwin) Robowski Timothy J. Robowski **Raymond P. Rogina** Thomas L. Simon John E. Singletary, Jr. Lawrence W. Sluiter John A. Ullian, Ph.D. John G. Van Duyne Judith (Ruettiger) Van Meter David M. West Linda M. Wheeler Edward T. Wojciechowski

1966 – 7% Participation Rate

(23 of 337) Joyce (McDonald) Bobich Fr. John J. Comerford, O. Carm. Robin (Nevin) Craig James R. Dempsey Daniel F. Foster Susan E. Haley 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 Sharon E. (Himes) Kunke Kerry J. Long Kathleen M. (Downey) McConaghy Patrick D. McGowan Mary Jo (Williams) Murphy Daniel F. Petrosko Mary F. (Bartelt) Roman Daniel R. Staniszewski Janice M. (Jaksetich) Staniszewski Lawrence W. Wiers

1967 - 7% Participation Rate

(21 of 323) Ronald D. Boyter Allen J. Budzichowski Gail M. (Bozych) Crobie Thomas E. Farnsworth Bernice L. (Hanus) Freeman Diane (Ritchie) Holst Carlene A. (Griffin) Kaps John E. Kaps Carol M. (Clennon) Kodiak Kathleen L. Komar, Ph.D. Mary A. (Shankland) Lawson Patrick F. Mudron Christine M. Olsen Greg P. Poole Francine M. (Viscum) Quigley Janet (Scheffler) Ragusa Michael A. Rogina Rose M. (Wilhelmi) Stefanski Linda A. Sticklen Joseph A. Viano James F. Zupancic

1968 - 6% Participation Rate

(20 of 339) Sandra A. (Nemitz) Blank John J. Burns Mary M. (O'Connor) Burns Jessie M. (Bodine) Cambic Joseph M. Cernugel James W. Glasgow Juanita K. (Dryer) Glover **Richard M. Goss** Cynthia (Budde) Hendriksen Janet Hickey-Kapella Linda J. Homerding Carroll J. (Schmitz) Klotz Christine Koronkowski Frank J. Krumpoch Kevin J. Las Steven J. Lucas Lawrence M. McKeon Joseph B. Quigley

Kathleen (Walsh) Whitfield Carline Williams Strong, Ph.D.

1969 – 7% Participation Rate

(24 of 334) Lynn Bertino Neville, Ph.D. **Richard D. Bertolotti** Paula B. (Sosnoski) Boley Kathleen (Kramerich) Boroni Carol A. (Kusnik) Cimino Gary L. Colabuono Elizabeth C. (Shankland) Hansen Michael W. Hansen Donna L. (Babecky) Hettman Earl E. Hettman William J. Horrigan Kathleen A. (Chamberlain) Hren **Richard R. Kinney** Brian M. Kocsis Deborah A. (Goodson) Kocsis Cornelia L. (Minarich) Mallicoat Mary Ann Russ Michael R. Scholtes Mary E. (Kramer) Servin Marguerite E. (Veras) Stoiber **Richard A. Strysik** Raymond J. Trizna Carlos L. Valadez Patricia (Anderson) Viano

1970 – 11% Participation Rate

(37 of 345) Karen (LaBerry) Baker David J. Brozman Deborah J. (Surinak) Brozman Rosemary (Zanzola) Bruckner James L. Brusatte Joyce M. (Galle) Cammon Jean M. (Gorman) Carey Catherine A. Cookas Jane E. Dalton Michael R. Draznik, M.D. Regina (Miranda) Dunning Patrick E. Gonda Robert J. Gorski Richard G. Harrigan Mary Ellen (Jeriha) Harris Joanne J. (Crossen) Hayes Michael J. Hayes Teresa L. Hayes Patrick C. Keeley Janet M. (Pasdertz) Korst Kathleen F. (Borio) Larrick Pamela (Omatto) Loucks Nancy A. (Kegerreis) Mauzey Patricia A. (Russell) Neff

Grant W. Ohlson, III Jean (Mitchell) Ohlson Daniel E. Okon Cheryl J. (Dumyahn) Parker Oduardo S. Periu, Jr. Leonard T. Quigley Kathleen M. (O'Keefe) Scitar SFA Reunion Class of 1970 Sally Skoff Sally A. (Schuster) Smith Sharon T. (Brown) Sobolewski Ruth R. (Kramer) Tomala Robert F. Wisniewski Joseph J. Zupancic

1971 - 8% Participation Rate

(27 of 338) Lloyd M. Bowden Theresa C. (Ardaugh) Christofaro Daniel T. Emich Robert M. Flavin James P. Gasparich, M.D. Margaret M. (Janisco) Gonda Terrence A. Gruber Perry C. Hendrickson James B. Hickey, Jr. Robert S. Krol **Timothy McNamara** Michael J. Minarich Maureen L. (Stanton) Orlando Margaret M. (Plankar) Periu Gregory L. Peyla David A. Plut, M.D. Joan L. Reddy Mary V. (Knick) Samusevich Michael F. Scahill Billie K. (Gillespie) Schimanski Lipke Marilyn A. (Houser) Senecal Alexander Z. Sosenko, M.D. Karen L. (Suhadolc) Strysik Georgette M. (Schmidberger) Vota Paul E. Weeditz Nancy A. Wicnienski Robert O. Wiesemann

1972 - 16% Participation Rate

(53 of 339) Daniel J. Adler Michael J. Bannon Teri I. (Mahaffey) Bannon Ann (Emich) Black James E. Boyter Linda (DeChecko) Bradshaw Robin M. Burich-Cox John N. Cavanaugh Edward A. Codo, D.D.S.

Myrita (Parker) Craig Edward D. D'Arcy, Jr. Mary A. Diamond Thomas P. Fitzgerald Charlene M. (Stiglich) Fumagalli Douglas A. Fumagalli Marilyn L. Fumagalli Mary Jo (Fehrenbacher) Gasparich Marlene A. (Pasdertz) Gazzara Michael J. Grace Margaret A. Hall Larry E. Hausser Thomas M. Hickey Carol A. (Sandretto) Honiotes Stephen J. Jenco, Jr. David J. Kaluzny, II Michael P. Keeley Jeanne M. (Lamb) Kojis Kathryn (Gabrys) Less Mary S. (Futterer) Loscheider Paul H. Loscheider Sally M. (Valerugo) Luce Patrick T. Malone James P. Massa Michael J. McGrath William M. Minarich Paula (Stariha) Namjoo-Nesbitt Mary Kate (Walsh) Nash Debra A. (Mulbarger) Orenic Kevin J. Parker Karen A. (Fagan) Parriott John P. Perconte Robert L. Ranzini Joseph S. Rodeghero Norman T. Russum Susan L. (Dulny) Skeldon PearlAnn L. (Nosil) Snowstar Patricia A. (Clark) Stockert Kathleen A. (Parker) Tessier Jean F. Tyrell Judith K. (Sheridan) Wente William T. Whitley Marianne Wolf-Astrauskas Raymond W. Zupancic

1973 – 7% Participation Rate

(24 of 332) Jerome E. Bauman Dirk E. Beltzhoover Lawrence R. Blackburn Jo Ann M. (Vance) Cavanaugh Sherri A. (Mekley) Chasteen Kathleen N. (Allen) Cindrich Kathleen A. (Hutter) Cook Michael M. Curran Anita M. (Siegel) Drendel Susan M. (Shankland) Flavin Nicholas N. Honiotes Deborah J. Hylek James J. Lazar Robert J. Malnar Thomas J. McGrath Cynthia A. (Oldani) Mele William J. Nelson, D.D.S. Peter E. Razma, M.D. Mary Ellen (Vertin) Reato Marilyn (Levek) Sorg James B. Spreitzer Karen M. (Beutel) Terdic Kimberly (Peyla) Thornton Mark D. Weinhold, D.D.S.

1974 - 7% Participation Rate

(36 of 299) Dhiana M. (Stawiarski) Armstrong William J. Bayci Paul V. Boetto Kathleen (McGrath) Boucher Jeanne M. Buzinski Deborah K. Clark James J. Confiliano Ronald J. Darin Michael L. Dwyer David G. Gorski Mark L. Gould Joseph D. Hren Mary F. (Will) Jaworski David J. Lagger J. Barrett Long Kristine (Kiefer) Mackey Mark L. Mackey, M.D. Kathleen (Mondrella) Major Justin S. McKendry, M.D. William E. Meade Laura (Lindberg) Mitrisin Elizabeth A. (Catalino) Moore Laura E. (Walker) Morin John D. Rogers Lynn (Poper) Samalea Michael J. Schelfhout Victoria A. (Wruk) Schmitz Michael P. Seeman Nancy A. (McHale) Seeman Daniel W. Sharp Wayne Skoff David J. Stengele George F. Stofan Phillip B. Tyrell Kenneth R. Wruk, Jr. Nancy L. (Miller) Wruk

1975 - 5% Participation Rate

(17 of 314) Terri L. (Chignoli) Ambrozich John Becker Victoria A. (Marocco) Blackburn Melanie A. (Madarik) Boetto Jane Condon Jeffrey R. DeJule John J. Dollinger Daniel W. Dunbar James J. Foster Mark E. Giacomi, Jr., D.O. Diane C. (Borio) Reichstadt Joseph J. Robertson Patricia A. (Offerman) Ryg Deborah M. (Shepherd) Sanders Robert G. Schmidt Jean M. (Lange) Sharp Raymond R. Soliman

1976 - 10% Participation Rate

(30 of 294) William C. Adelman Christopher J. Adler Lori M. (Bertrand) Adler Donald J. Birsa, Jr. Gina M. (Rigoni) Carrier Peggie A. (Filotto) Conrad Sharon (Seneker) DeJule Stephen G. Dyer Frank F. Fehrenbacher, Jr. Kevin L. Gorski Karen A. (Mihelich) Henrickson Carl A. Hunckler Mark Z. Kowaliczko Kathryn S. (O'Connell) Malone Deborah J. (Horvath) Martincich Ronald J. Matuszewski Karen A. McCormack Thomas J. McGarry **Daniel P. McGuire** Joleen M. (Gregorash) Morrow Thomas J. Olsen Richard F. O'Malley, Jr. Susan L. (Perry) Peyla Sharon Renchof-Zollo Kimberly A. (Furman) Roolf Janet M. (Reddy) Schalk Jane A. (McGrath) Schmig Janet L. (Sandretto) Seddon **R.** Daniel Tessiatore James R. Trizna

1977 – 8% Participation Rate

(23 of 295) Jeffrey R. Aschenbrenner, D.P.M.

Nancy A. (Hutten) Beutel Laurence A. Bornhofen James M. Boucher Terrence J. Broderick William F. Burich Jay D. Cimo Thomas F. Comfort Linda A. (Bucciarelli) Fehrenbacher Andrea L. (Johnson) Gancarczyk Michael J. Knick Brian F. McGrath Mary L. (Seneker) Minarich Thomas J. Nielsen Colleen O'Malley Driscoll Daniel J. Pesavento James M. Pinta Gary P. Pomykala Daniel K. Reilly James J. Roth Susan M. (Scarcelli) Tolios Genieveve (Barr) Turk Michael D. Turk

1978 - 9% Participation Rate

(26 of 302) Joanne P. Adler Stephen R. Carbery Denise D. (Martincich) Davis Kimberly A. (Ballard) Fuentes Jill R. (Cemeno) Glavan Louis J. Glavan, III John D. Guse Robert W. Healy Patrick J. Jaeger James M. Kane, Jr., M.D. Kathleen (Maher) Kenny James E. Maloney, Jr. Laura A. McGrath James J. Nonnie Brent G. Ostoich, O.D. Teresa (Shea) Ostoich Rosalie (Fonck) Park Roger Pleski Kristy (Juricic) Pluth Thomas C. Schelfhout James R. Stangle, Jr. Susan M. Staniszewski Joseph J. Turk, Jr. Michael W. Tyrell Maureen A. (Burich) Van Moffaert Martin J. Whalen, Jr.

1979 - 7% Participation Rate

(23 of 332) Mary E. Barron Matthew G. Bertani

Thomas J. Connor Sally A. (Johnson) Crane Christopher J. Davis William E. Dillon Ronald R. Hischier Elizabeth R. (Block) Hucek Mary J. (Whalen) Johnson Jeffrey J. Kinzler Gerald J. Lazar Tina M. (Greifzu) Lazar Patrick J. Lind Jeanne (Nilles) Long Jack R. Manthey Dean M. Morelli Andrew J. Ndoca Douglas M. Sasso John J. Sprague Thad F. Stewart Jeffrey S. Tessiatore Thomas D. Tyrell Timothy J. Tyrell

1980 - 11% Participation Rate

(34 of 316) Karen M. (Kozar) Anzalone Kathy (Abday) Bertani Joseph P. Borio Thomas G. Boucher Mary Kay (Stangle) Bridge Timothy J. Broderick Timothy M. Brophy Janet A. (Schneider) Buss William F. Buss Jacqueline E. (Carlin) Cherwin Patricia A. (Vallera) Dosher James W. Filotto Joseph G. Fitzgerald Joseph N. Folk Sharolyn S. Grant Susan R. (Carroll) Harrison Jacqueline A. Hickey Thomas J. Lonzo Margaret M. (Knick) Lucko Fr. Carl J. Markelz, O. Carm. James L. Martin Susan (Sefcik) Martin Carolyn (Turk) Minik Eric J. Muehlbauer Michelle A. (Reiter) Nonnie Stephen J. Papp Herbert L. Perozzi, Jr. Michael J. Petrick Karen M. (Ramanousky) Ramanauskas James B. Robbin Amy (Facinelli) Stone

Robert J. Terdich Meg M. (Naal) Underwood Edward J. Vanisko, Jr.

1981 – 6% Participation Rate

(16 of 270) Ellen (Perry) Anderson Paul D. Arling Joan (Scholtes) Bowman Joellen (Ramirez) Broderick Edward J. Dollinger Matthew F. Fonck Donald J. Gould Peter S. Laskovsky Laura L. (Baron) Malinowski Kelli A. McMahon Sharon K. (Quigley) Michalak **Timothy Reilly** Karen A. (Krause) Robertson John J. Vershay Kent A. Voyce, O.D., P.C. Denise M. Werner

1982 - 11% Participation Rate

(34 of 321) Suzanne M. Adamic Joseph L. Adler, III Fr. Bradley S. Baker Andrew J. Bebar Kathryn A. (Wilhelmi) Bennett Joseph C. Bertino, Jr. Michael A. Boban Lora M. (Ragusa) Boothe John F. Callahan Patricia L. Carbery Patricia M. Carey Salvatore Cassello, Jr. Vincent F. Cornelius David J. Duff Mary Jane (Staniszewski) Emich Mark J. Franciskovich William D. Hickey Jacqueline A. (Gillespie) Horvat Jennifer (Kane) Howard Annette M. Jelinek David D. Lennon Mark A. Lindberg Don J. Londergon **Daniel McMahon** John R. Mihelich Elizabeth A. (Mattson) Ragusa Patrick W. Sharp Mark J. Stofan Mary Lee (Demick) Strahanoski Robert J. Strahanoski Timothy S. Tomasik

Robert J. Tures Steven J. Vanisko Joseph P. Vertin

<u>1983 – 5% Participation Rate</u>

(17 of 335) Annette E. (Facinelli) Boban William F. Brennan, Jr. James R. Crowe, Jr. Antonio D'Amico Anne C. (Pritz) Doll Christopher E. Goolsby Jeffrey J. Gromos James R. Javorcic Thomas C. Kennedy Kevin R. Keys Anita (Kraus) Lane, M.D. Paul H. Markelz Kenneth R. Mihelich Paul J. Pluth Timothy J. Quigley Deborah J. (Voyce) Stofan Stephen P. Walsh

1984 - 6% Participation Rate

(21 of 344) Mary S. Andreano Walter J. Becker Michael J. Bedesky Laura B. (Cardwell) Borio Kathy (Murray) Collins Dominic P. Egizio, Jr. Robert S. Funk Laura A. (Eterno) Gaber **Rick S. Hernandez** Michael J. Kovic Brian Kuhn Mary Beth (Blotnik) Lind Kelly A. (Kent) Melone Daniel J. Mihelich Michael D. Mrozek Thomas J. Piasecki Greg A. Ragusa Brian J. Ricken Thomas M. Ross, Jr. Susan K. (Ryan) Runde Michael J. Testa

1985 – 6% Participation Rate

(21 of 343) Patrick T. Bannon Ronald A. Block Steven M. Blotnik Judith (Rasmussen) Connelly Andrew J. Frieders Charles A. Hauck Amy S. (Funk) Holbrook Bradley J. Holbrook Robert D. Kaluzny Christopher R. Kavanagh Dawne A. (DeBenedetti) Mihelich Rebecca L. (Mutz) Nahas Stephen J. Nahas Kim (Buss) Nichols Edward J. Reinhart, III Elizabeth A. (McGrath) Ryan James R. Sarcletti Karen M. Senffner Diane M. (Vanisko) Simon Michael C. Stebbins Michael J. Vercelote

1986 - 8% Participation Rate

(25 of 327) Suzanne M. (Fitzgerald) Arnett Philip A. Branshaw, M.D. Robert T. Brown Jill (Tuttle) Carstens Michael P. Collins Amy L. (Vercelote) Drake Beth A. (Saranczak) Ferguson Christina K. Fleming-Giesinger Sally (Nolan) Giegerich Michelle Griffith-Roderich Thomas J. Kinzler Christine A. Laciak Victoria L. (Cheney) Maloney Christopher S. Martin Eric R. Mattson Ann M. (Schuster) O'Brien Jeffrey S. Phelan John A. Quinn Suzanne M. (Whalen) Schuler James W. Sharp Christian G. Spesia Laura (Tortorello) Stebbins Margaret A. (Kuzma) Warning Gregory J. Wiegmann Arthur J. Wilhelmi

1987 - 6% Participation Rate

(19 of 339) Kevin L. Allgood Kevin J. Buchar Daniel R. Butterbach, M.D. Christopher E. Dow Margaret A. (Bailey) Erbs Michelle L. (Judy) Hattemar Eric G. Kassel Kathleen A. (Quinn) Michel Amy L. (Lausch) Mihelich Danielle M. (Briscoe) Morrissette

Colette A. Naal Justin J. Orenic Dawn M. (Fournier) Reinhart Lawrence M. Ryan, III Erin S. (McCabe) Testa Anthony T. Tortorello Marguerite A. (Murer) Tortorello Jeffery T. Valentine Michael J. Wiers

1988 - 7% Participation Rate

(25 of 358) Annette M. (Danek) Akey Michael P. Akey Gina M. (Ward) Allen Mark M. Alstott James J. Arnold Derek E. Brenczewski Bryan T. Buss Jeffrey L. Chignoli Craig R. Czerkies Dina (DePasquale) Duhr James M. Grady Madonna A. (Hakey) Hamilton Christine S. (Ruettiger) Howley Bart S. Kemp Thomas M. Kowall David M. Mueller Kimberly M. (Collins) Pilon James C. Powers James D. Pritz Michael L. Roesel Lawrence E. Ryan Jack C. Skole Joseph R. Sleyko Christine (McAsey) Smith Sara J. Stahl

1989 - 8% Participation Rate

(23 of 295) Renee M. (Papes) Arnold Robert W. Bodach Frank V. Camodeca Thomas E. Carroll Anne B. Comer **Richard J. Furlane** Jason M. Jakovich Jeffrey J. Jarzynka John J. Kane, Jr. Peter J. Korbar Antonio Ochoa Lisa A. (Jones) Polasky Robert D. Prock, Jr. James P. Ryan Jill M. (Butterbach) Ryan Ann K. (Parrish) Rzasa

Michael A. Scroggins Christine (Kovis) Sharp Kelly Simon Timothy J. Tibbott Jennifer (Sanford) Tuchinsky Christopher I. Watkins Robert J. Zelinski

1990 - 10% Participation Rate

(23 of 221) Andrew E. Anderson Robert A. Bailey Susan M. (Ruettiger) Bebar Brett Brenczewski Cory R. Brenczewski Michael C. Cardwell Robyn L. (Ward) Curbis David M. Czerkies Christina (Proske) Gallagher Michael J. Hulbert Joseph Jakovich Angela L. Kobe-Delgado Kimberly L. (Crobie) Korbar Jody L. (Krezminski) Lakota Andrew W. Lausch Bryan G. Marconi Steven M. Ostrowski Ronald P. Potter Margaret A. (Rohder) Roesel Mark A. Ruzon Holly A. (Jones) Scordo Theresa M. (Chapla) Watkins Max Ziesmer

1991 - 6% Participation Rate

(13 of 216) Michelle A. (Scroggins) Brenczewski Fanya K. Burford-Berry Ryan N. Connelly Jennifer M. DeGeus, M.D. Kerri L. (Kubinski) Fasano Timothy T. Kane Jeanne M. (Reiter) Leeders Sandra C. (Travez) Matarieh Julie A. (Periu) McMahon Meghan A. (McKeon) Moreno Matthew L. Priesbe Mark L. Ruettiger Maura C. (Quinn) Williams

1992 - 13% Participation Rate

(26 of 198) Michelle M. (Rhoder) Alstott William J. Baltz Matthew J. Barrett Andrew M. Birsa, Jr. Molly K. (Funk) Birsa Kara B. (Montello) Burfeind Joseph J. Chignoli Melisa (Marietta) Ferro Nicholas C. Ferro Mary Lou A. Golf Keri A. (Bruno) Johnson Vincent D. Johnson Stephen A. Kapinus Bess (Mikolajczyk) Kuchenbecker Kimberly A. Muhich Mark L. Oberts James M. O'Brien Eric J. Petecki, O.D. Carlo A. Ragusa Luis Sanchez, II Christopher P. Sarcletti Aimee A. (Hoinacki) Schatz Peter S. Tortorello Jared M. Voss Jennifer L. (Kolar) Walter Jennifer (Marconi) Yanak

1993 - 4% Participation Rate

(8 of 207) Colleen M. (Hiller) Carroll Michael D. Judy Mary A. (Russell) Ragusa Laura (Morales) Rodriguez Amy E. (O'Brien) Sefton Keri L. (Simon) Spotofora Jean M. (Cardwell) Tibbott Karie Anne (Pejskar) Urban

1994 - 9% Participation Rate

(19 of 212) Mark J. Adler Laura A. (Milo) Czerkies Scott E. Czerkies Sandra R. (Bolek) Fleck Katherine R. (Konzelman) Heit Eric M. Holloway Anthony T. Marino Todd S. Morin Jennifer A. Nahorski Thomas J. Parrish Ronald G. Pawlowski, Jr. Scott Pekol Matthew C. Peksa Daniel J. Phelan Jana (Frankovich) Potter Kevin P. Quinn Matthew R. Staab Brian T. Udovich Ian A. Villanueva

1995 - 3% Participation Rate

(6 of 180) Jason L. Chesko Lori A. (Ward) Ciemny Jeffrey M. Hinthorn Michael J. Jaworski Richard W. Kubinski, III Michelle L. (Kroviak) Wilhelmi

1996 - 4% Participation Rate

(8 of 191) Andrew Bianchi Timothy J. Black Kevin D. Blackburn George J. Buck Catherine I. Cerri James E. Egizio Traci J. (Goepper) Harrison Lauren B. Staley-O'Hara

1997 - 3% Participation Rate

(6 of 182) Julia M. (Perella) Godeaux Christine A. (Pedersen) Motherwell Michael J. Paone Kristen L. (Jaworski) Stuckwisch Christopher G. Van Tassel Jacob E. Vercelli

1998 - 6% Participation Rate

(10 of 167) Annette M. (Lawnzak) Anastopoulos Christopher M. Annis Nancy (Caballero) Borunda Andria (Buckholtz) Chrabot William A. Crossen, IV Christopher S. Kinsella Max R. Konzelman Amanda M. (Klotz) Quinn John M. Schimanski Melissa J. Wolowiec-Bujak

1999 - 5% Participation Rate

(9 of 165) Brendan J. Bank Brett T. Boyter Kilynn P. (Honiotes) Bueltel Frank P. Castagnoli Amanda M. (Champene) O'Connell Ragan (Freitag) Pattison Mary G. (Uremovic) Smith Sean P. Smith Jay N. Zwierzynski

2000 – 9% Participation Rate

(15 of 161) Justin J. Boyter Angela M. (DeAngelis) Cabay Paul M. Cabay Megan B. (McCabe) Castagnoli Joseph L. Jaworski Matthew B. Knust Michael J. Maloney Patrick T. Manning Dustyn R. Martincich Susan V. (Britvich) Munger Michael F. Musselman Stephen L. Nielsen Melissa S. (Jenco) Trice Michael A. Trice Timothy M. Wozniak

2001 - 3% Participation Rate

(6 of 176) Jessica L. (Nahorski) Boe Stephen A. Boe Christopher J. Clementi Kimberly A. (Buck) Gough Kaitin M. (Hannon) Powell Morgan (Freitag) Strahan

2002 – 3% Participation Rate

(5 of 163) Elisabeth A. (Bornhofen) Adler Leslie K. (Manning) Kinsella Nicholas J. Kinsella Grant M. Ohlson Laura J. (Chesko) Waxweller

2003 - 4% Participation Rate

(7 of 199) Christopher J. Bayci Sean P. Boyer Casey L. (Klover) Knust Ryan D. Lincoln Robert D. Pershey Ryan P. Quigley Matthew E. Vertin

2004 – 3% Participation Rate

(8 of 272) Kara L. (Grossklaus) Camarda Elizabeth F. (Raspolich) Garfien Lauren L. Las Jessica R. (Biro) Martin Alexandria C. Quigley Eric J. Sorg Anthony J. Vivaldelli Meghan E. (Adler) Vivaldelli

2005 - 6% Participation Rate

(11 of 196) Joseph L. Adler, IV Lauren A. Barr Jebsen Kevin M. Bayci Christopher J. Clancy John E. Clementi Natalie J. (Studer) Eich Nicholas P. Jaworski Collin T. Piercy Richard A. Searls, IV Joseph L. Stasko Anthony R. Vallera

2006 - 4% Participation Rate

(8 of 216) William J. Benson Daniel N. Cladis Jordan M. Kielian William C. McKeon Samantha Quigley-Smith Douglas J. Roolf Kate M. (Kirwan) Searls Aimee J. (Kocik) Stasko

2007 - 3% Participation Rate

(6 of 220) Jonathan P. Adler Valerie E. (Vargas) Leja John F. McHale, Jr. William L. Roth Kevin J. Rouse Anne M. (Scully) Tumpis

2008 – 2% Participation Rate

(5 of 203) Matthew J. Adler Michael J. Eulitz Morgan A. (Gniewek-Massaro) Foreman Anna C. (Bornhofen) Jaworski Amie N. (Brown) Kraatz

2009 - 1% Participation Rate

(2 of 197) Mallory A. (Magee) Columbus Nickolas P. Columbus

2010 - 2% Participation Rate

(4 of 213) Kathleen E. (Matthews) Adler Patricia F. (Nonnie) Calhoun Jacob A. Stockman Ian T. Tyrell

2011 - 2% Participation Rate

(3 of 171) Ryan J. Denewellis Darcy N. McClintock Seth G. Peyla

2012 - 1% Participation Rate

(2 of 168) Nicole J. Formhals Nolan S. Hucek

2013 - 4% Participation Rate

(6 of 162) Samuel W. Couch Nicholas D. Lennon Sarah (Adler) Lennon Spencer E. (Tyrell) Pericht Craig R. Slowik, Jr. J. Hunter Warning

2014 - 1% Participation Rate

(2 of 164) Alexandra C. Blotnik Brady J. Kostecki

2015 - 2% Participation Rate

(4 of 170) Margaret L. Bannon Maxwell M. Brzostowski Keegan S. Tyrell Jack R. Warning

2016 - 1% Participation Rate

(1 of 160) Karlyn R. Budz

2017 - 1% Participation Rate (1 of 160) Kyle O. Wiborg

2018 – 1% Participation Rate

(2 of 163) Michael C. Murray Aidan M. Tyrell

2019 - 3% Participation Rate

(5 of 152) Peyton W. Buss Fernando Chavez Rylee S. Martin Zora G. Mihelich John L. Nash

2020 - 1% Participation Rate

(2 of 148) Kelsey M. Kempes Henry W. Schuler

2021 - 1% Participation Rate

(1 of 137) Olivia R. Adamic

2022 - 2% Participation Rate

(3 of 142) Nathan D. Connelly William D. Gimbel Mary S. Schuler

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1947 Marilyn (Condon) Flavin

1948 Lester N. Moore Donna (Deiss) Wunderlich

1949

Walter E. Adamic William A. Moran

1950

Mary (Loscheider) Hunckler Lillian (Zelko) Korilko Catherine (Larkin) Kuzma

1951

Kathleen (Fitzgerald) Broderick Jeanne (Matkovic) Kowall Francis R. Smutnak Thomas L. Walsh

1952 Rita (Komp) Sula

1953 Dennis M. Keating

1954 Joyce (Stonitsch) Voitik

1955 Paul W. Werner

1957 Jean (Muren) Dufour Barbara (Esler) McCabe

Joyce (Yonke) Tynan 1958

Paul R. Baltz Patricia (Landry) Baranowski

1959

Robert T. Conroy Sandra (Surges) Pope Judith (Matis) Venegoni

1960

George S. Dolak JoAnn (Viskocil) North Ronald J. Spesia

1961 Madonna R. Churchill Rosemary (Gale) Giarrante Richard C. Mutz Roseann (Jurjevich) Schulte MaryAnn (Lievens) Whitney

1962 JoAnne (Dufour) Lantka Martin J. Lepacek

1963

Roberta (Irwin) Futterer Bonita (Vorva) Moir Fredereike (Maleski) Moskal

1964

Kaye M. Brady Robert S. Doszak Michael J. Kuban Mary (Meyer) Masilak Nancy (Brozovich) McCauley Diane (Skole) Swanson

1965 Linda (Pershey) Elwood Thomas G. Tapella

1966 James H. Worst

1967 Kathleen (Slaboszewski) Auman George N. Bertino Charles H. Ronchetti

1968 Barbara (Plut) Guardia

Mary (Magruder) Stadelman

1969 James J. Blackburn Edward Hasse

1970 Rosemary (Ordner) Myers Edward M. Skedel

1971 Karen (Milosevich) Thomas

1972 Denise (Kastelec) Mores

1973 John M. Avon

1976 David F. Corsini Cynthia (Nemger) Kolodziej

1984 Michael J. Trenter

1988 Michael R. Kerr

2001 Justin J. Barrett

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