



The mission of the SCA **Alumnae Association is** to grow as sisters and disciples of Christ. We are dedicated to creating an alumnae body that fosters communication. services, and activities for alumnae, as well as helping with programs and events at St. Catherine of Siena Academy. Not only is it our goal to provide support and service to our alma mater, but also to continue to shine the light of Christ through service to other fellow communities.

### A Message From the President and Principal

#### To the Sisterhood of St. Catherine of Siena Academy,

As we open a new academic year and reflect on 15 years of growth, I'm filled with pride and gratitude for what St. Catherine of Siena Academy has become and where we are headed.

Last year brought extraordinary moments: a State Championship in tennis, our 11th graduating class, and the tremendous honor of being named CHSL High School of the Year. It's a title that speaks to our students' heart, hustle, and sisterhood—and I could not be prouder.

As we welcome the Class of 2029, we also celebrate the alumnae who continue to come back, speak to our students, and carry our mission into the world. Your stories of impact are what make this sisterhood shine.

I hope this edition of Sororitas makes you smile—and reminds you of the strong foundation you helped build.

Here's to another remarkable year.

Lia Johnston

Lia Johnston

President

#### Dear Members of the St. Catherine of Siena Academy Sisterhood,

What a year it has been! From the classroom to the tennis court, our students have once again shown what it means to be strong in spirit, bold in purpose, and grounded in faith

This spring, I had the joy of coaching our Varsity Tennis Team to a recordbreaking 4th place State finish—and witnessing our first-ever State Champion duo. The discipline, teamwork, and joy these young women brought to the game are the same qualities I see echoed every day in our halls.

As we begin the 2025–2026 school year, I'm excited for what lies ahead—for the senior class preparing to lead, and for the newest Stars just finding their light. Thank you, alumnae, for continuing to inspire our students and support the sisterhood we all cherish.

With joy,

Judith E. Helis

**Judith Hehs** 

Principal

#### 2024–25 Board Members

- Mr. Arena, Board Member
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Founded in 2010. Sustained by You.

We are excited to introduce the 2010 Club, a brand-new giving community just for St. Catherine of Siena Academy alumnae. This initiative honors the year SCA was founded, 2010, while creating a simple and meaningful way for you to give back.

Here's how it works: choose a gift connected to our founding year: \$20.10, \$201.0, or \$2,010, and commit to giving either monthly or yearly. Your support ensures that the young women following in your footsteps can experience the same life-changing education you received.

Why Join? As an alumna, you know what it means to be formed at SCA: confident, faithful, and courageous. By joining the 2010 Club, you're investing in that same mission—empowering the next generation of young women to lead with faith, purpose, and boldness.

#### Your Gift Supports

- Tuition assistance for current students
- Growth and innovation in academics, athletics, and the arts
- The continued development of young women rooted in faith and reason

#### **Member Benefits**

- · Recognition in our annual stewardship report
- Invitations to alumnae engagement opportunities

#### How to Join

- Visit SaintCatherineAcademy.org/alumnae
- Select your recurring gift frequency (annual or monthly)
- Choose your 2010 gift level



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Welcome to the 2010 Club!

We're just getting started, and we want you to be part of it. Thank you for saying "yes" to making an impact at SCA.

"Do not be satisfied with little things, because God wants great things!"

- CATHERINE OF SIENA





SCA Tennis: At a Glance | The Stars celebrated their fifth straight CHSL Championship and qualified for the States for the fifth consecutive year, while finishing as Regional Runner-Up at Greenhills. The team made history with a 4th place finish at the 2025 State Tournament – the best in program history. Highlights included four flights advancing to the semi-finals, with one of those playing in the finals. The season was capped off by (OR with) a milestone win as Loren Nafso'28 and Lily Wolocko'25 were crowned State Champions at #2 Doubles.



#### Save the Dates

Annual Benefit Gala November 8

After Hours: Reunion Social

November 25

Home for the Holidays: Alumnae Mass + Cocoa December 16

Pay It Forward Raffle Ticket Sales January 26 – February 2

Spring Open House
March 22

Pay It Forward Raffle Drawing

March 25

**Benefactor's Mass** April 29

Live Purple. Give Gold. Day of Giving & Feast of St. Catherine of Siena April 29

#### How To Submit Updates

- Message the SCA Alumnae Association on Facebook or Instagram.
- Email Bridget Dulzo at bdulzo@saintcatherineacademy.org.
- Visit saintcatherineacademy.org/alumnae to complete the registration form.

#### **Stay Connected**









## From Regionals to Records: *SCA Makes Tennis History*

#### SCA Tennis Makes History at State

The St. Catherine of Siena Academy Varsity Tennis Team made school history this spring with its best-ever finish at the State Tournament—fourth place overall—and the program's first individual State Champions.

After qualifying with a second-place finish at the Greenhills Regional on May 14, the Stars traveled to Midland ready to compete on the state's biggest stage. Senior Sabrina Alstott set the tone early with a hard-fought, three-set victory over her opponent from Grand Rapids North Point Christian. By the end of Day 1, four of the team's eight flights had advanced to Saturday's semifinals, with SCA sitting in fourth place and tallying 15 points—already a program-best performance.

The tournament highlights came in doubles play. #1 Doubles partners Julia Ivezaj '26 and Stephanie Lisch '26 battled through the bracket, defeating Notre Dame Prep before falling in the championship match. At #2 Doubles, freshman Loren Nafso and senior Lily Wolocko made history by winning both a Regional and State title, defeating Greenhills for the second time this season. Their victory marked the first time SCA athletes have been crowned State Champions in tennis.

While not every flight earned points, the team celebrated the significance of every match—and the unity that brought them to this milestone finish.

#### **A Coaching Legacy**

The Stars' success stems from the leadership of Head Coach and Principal Judy Hehs, who has guided the program for six years. With 38 seasons of coaching experience, Judy has built a legacy of excellence that blends elite competition with character formation. This year she was once again honored as Regional Coach of the Year, adding to an extraordinary list of accolades that includes six State Championships, 14 Regional titles, and 19 Top-10 State finishes.

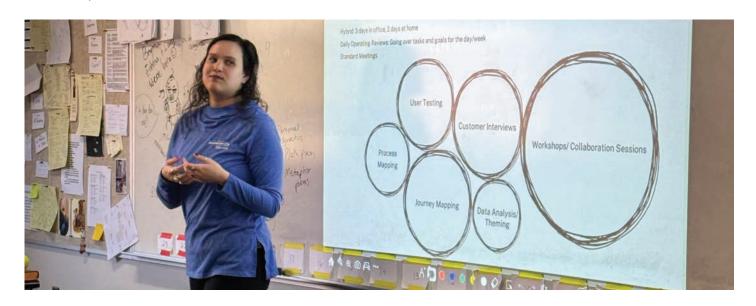
Judy is quick to point out that this success is shared. Assistant Coach Don McCartney, a fixture on the staff for the past four years, brings decades of coaching and teaching experience that has been a true gift to the program. Former coach Rick Hermann continues to lend his wisdom at the team's biggest tournaments, while Dean of Students Dan Bumpus stepped in at Regionals to support the players and coaching staff. Together, they represent the spirit of community that defines SCA athletics.

More than wins and titles, the coaching team instills discipline, teamwork, and faith. Their players don't just grow into stronger athletes—they grow into confident young women prepared to lead.



(Pictured L to R: Varsity Head Coach Judith Hehs, Loren Nafso '28, Lily Wolocko '25, Varsity Assistant Coach Don McCartney)

#### From STAR to Mentor: Alumnae Inspire at Career Day 2025



Every spring, St. Catherine of Siena Academy welcomes alumnae and community professionals back to campus for Career Day—a tradition that gives current STARS the chance to see where an SCA education can lead.

This year, our classrooms were filled with stories of challenge, growth, and purpose as alumnae stood in front of today's students, sharing not only what they do, but also how faith and perseverance have guided them along the way.

Brenna Cavanaugh '23 opened the day by leading the community in prayer, reminding students that their future careers, like their faith, unfold in God's time. Her words set the tone for a day of reflection, encouragement, and discovery.

Brenna reminded students that success is built on faith, hard work, and community. She shared her experience studying Forensic Biology at West Virginia University, emphasizing the importance of asking for help, maintaining relationships, and remaining active in faith. After her talk, students were dismissed to attend sessions with alumnae speakers representing careers in STEM, healthcare, business, law, and the arts



Above all, trust in the slow work of God.
Your ideas mature gradually—let them grow without undue haste.

**BRENNA CAVANAUGH. '23** 

#### **Alumnae in Action**

From the sciences to the arts, healthcare to engineering, our alumnae represented a wide spectrum of professions. The following short bios highlight each unique experience and opportunity shared with our students.

Thank you to all our speakers who left the students with practical advice: ask for help, use your resources, find your people, and never underestimate the value of relationships formed at SCA.



Dr. Jacquelin Pozdol '16

#### Caring for God's Creatures, One Paw at a Time

Dr. Jacquelin Pozdol '16, a veterinarian, spoke about the importance of hands-on experience and how early exposure to STEM prepared her for Michigan State's veterinary program.

Ave Maria University, B.S. Biology Michigan State University, D.V.M. Career Path: Veterinarian



Anne Marie Clinger '20

#### Powering Innovation with Purpose

Anne Marie Clinger '20, an electrical engineer at Whirlpool, shared how confidence built in SCA's math and science classrooms helped her step into a male-dominated field.

Michigan State University, B.S. Electrical Engineering

Career Path: Engineer, Whirlpool Leadership Program



#### Special Guests at Career Day 2025

In addition to our alumnae, we welcomed an incredible group of professionals who shared their expertise and inspired our students to see the many paths open to them.

- Simone Ristovski –
   Finance Manager, Ford
   Motor Company
- Danielle Alexander
- College Professor & Researcher, Oakland University
- Sumer Petrous Mechanical Engineer
- Rasha Kesto Physician
   Assistant, Robotic Surgery,
   Ascension Providence
- Brooke Sheena
   Sagherian Speech and
   Language Pathologist,
   Owner of Sunny Speech
- The Honorable Judge
   Cheryl A. Matthews –
   Circuit Court Judge, Oakland
   County
- Ann Kenyon Architect & Vice President, SmithGroup
- Valerie Vig President,
   J.S. Vig Construction
- Natalie McElroy –
   Forensic Technician,
   Michigan State Police



Anna Theeck '15

#### Healing Hands, Compassionate Heart

Anna Theeck '15, a physician assistant, encouraged students to embrace persistence when the path to a profession feels long.

Madonna University, B.S. Biology University of Toledo, M.S. Biomedical Sciences Career Path: Physician Assistant, Doctors Urgent Care



Pamela Schmieder '16

## Designing with Empathy, Creating with Vision

Pamela Schmieder '16, a UX designer, spoke about the power of creativity and curiosity in shaping her career in design and technology.

College for Creative Studies, B.A. Interior Design B.A. Interaction Design



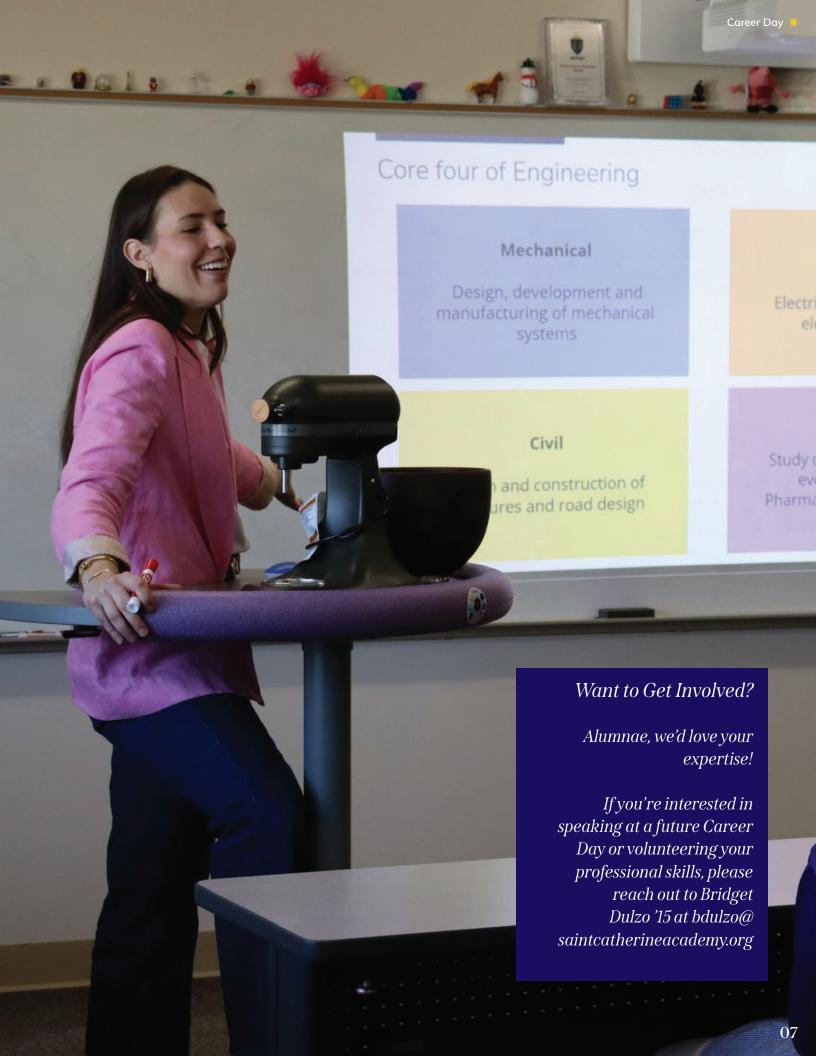
Rachel Ganss '18

#### Blending Science and Flavor, *One* Slice at a Time

Rachel Ganss '18, a food scientist for Domino's Pizza, gave students a taste of what it means to blend science with innovation in everyday products.

Hillsdale College, Biochemistry





## From "I Do" to Baby Shoes: *Alumnae Milestones*

#### Class of 2015

**Chloe (Bensinger) '15** married David DelaGardelle in June 2025 and welcomed baby Sophie in April.



**Isabelle (Brumley) '15** married Rob Miller in July 2024.



Amy (Joseph) '15 and Jeevan James welcomed their son, David Michael, in March 2025.



Danielle (Mersch) '15 and Nick Koep welcomed their son, Michael, in July 2025.



**Megan (McGrath) '15** married Jordan Okdie in June 2025.



Class of 2016

Brianna (Belanger) '16 and Nicholas Harding were married in May 2025 in downtown Detroit at the beautiful Sweetest Heart of Mary church. This moment was long awaited as these high school sweethearts, together since 2015, celebrated surrounded by family and lifelong friends. It was a day full of joy and love as they began this new chapter. Congratulations to the Hardings!

**Angela (Kolis) '16** married Kevin Dombeck in June 2025.



Femy (Joseph) '16 married Joel Zcharia in January 2025.



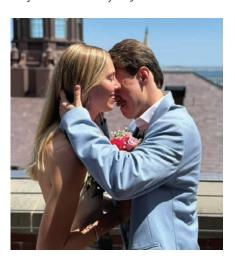


#### Class of 2016 (Continued)

**Nina (Sclabassi) '16** married Brandyn Hayes in June 2025.



**Somer (Wixom) '16** married Alejandro Anduray in June 2025.



#### Class of 2018

Eleanor (Dolowy) '18 married David Hale in January 2025 at the historic Sweetest Heart of Mary in Detroit. They met two years ago at a mutual friend's wedding, got engaged less than a year later, and are now expecting their first baby this November. Congratulations to the Hales!



#### Class of 2019

Emily (Gecosky) '19 married Julian Kwasniewski in September 2024. They also welcomed their daughter, Lucy Maria Kintsugi Kwasniewski, in July 2025.







#### Class of 2020

Anne (Dark) Lowry '20 married Colton in May 2025 at St.
Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Ann Arbor. The Mass was co-celebrated by Fr. Bill Ashbaugh, Fr. John of God Bertin (SCA's spiritual director), and Fr. Paul Balien (family friend). From the sacred hush as Anne walked down the aisle to the joy-filled celebration, their wedding honored both faith and the love they share. Congratulations to the Lowrys!



#### Share Your Good News with Us!

Alumnae, we want to celebrate you!

If you'd like to be featured in next
year's Sororitas Magazine, we'd
love to hear from you.

Send your update to Bridget
Dulzo '15 at bdulzo@
saintcatherineacademy.org
and you could be featured in our
next issue!





#### Business Directory

We are proud to showcase the businesses owned by our alumnae and families. Please support these members of our SCA community whenever you can!

Aaron Builders, Inc. – Vince Ivezaj, Parent (Class of 2018, 2019, 2026)

Alina Brooke Cosmetics – Alina Tinsman, Alumna (Class of 2018)

Ash Beauty – Ashlyn Sinishtaj, Alumna (Class of 2019)

Automation Controls & Engineering, LLC – Predrag Lazic, Parent (Class of 2023)

**Blackstone Landscaping** – Vincent Stempien, Parent (Class of 2029)

**Bravo Payment Systems** – Elias Mazzi, Parent (Class of 2029)

**By Kelly Kathleen** – Kelly Liszewski, Alumna (Class of 2016)

ChoiceScripts – Jerome Adragna, Parent (Class of 2020, 2021, 2024, 2029)

**CJ Systems** – Joanne Gutowsky, Parent (Class of 2026)

Corporate Travel Services – John Hale; Joseph DiFranco, Parent (Class of 2027, 2029)

**Dinverno Sprinklers** – Benjamin Dinverno, Parent (Class of 2026, 2029)

Express Employment Professionals – Rajwan Kaji, Parent (Class of 2020, 2022, 2024, 2028)

Food for Goodness Sake – Brianna Belanger, Alumna (Class of 2016)

Greenway Carpet Cleaning LLC

– Jason Parr, Parent (Class of 2026, 2028)

Hair by MaryMargaret – MaryMargaret Weeks, Alumna (Class of 2020) Halt Fire, Inc. – Todd Lincoln, Parent (Class of 2017)

Hungry Howie's – David & Kim Plait, Parent (Class of 2025); Grandparent (Class of 2024, 2029)

In Detail Interiors, LLC – Colleen Moscone, Parent (Class of 2018)

Italia Bakery – Theresa & Robert Imperi (Class of 2025)

JAD Communication, Ltd. – Dan Gutowsky, Parent (Class of 2026)

**Jennifer Newell, Private Chef** – Parent (Class of 2023)

**Jonna's Market Taylor** – Joseph Bahri, Parent (Class of 2027)

**Keystone of Michigan** – Jeffrey Crawford, Parent (Class of 2017, 2019)

Law Offices of Joseph A. Lavigne – Joseph Lavigne, Parent (Class of 2016, 2023)

Lee & Lee Attorneys &
Counselors at Law PC – Owen
Lee, Parent (Class of 2017)

Livonia Liquor & Fine Wine – Kudama Asmar, Parent (Class of 2029)

Mary Forbes Photography – Mary Forbes, Alumna (Class of 2018)

Merlo Construction – Perry Merlo, Parent (Class of 2021)

Metro Sewer Inspection – Donald Janda, Parent (Class of 2028)

Milford Counseling – Rhett Reader, Parent (Class of 2022)

Missy and Mel's Salsa – Jack Page, Parent (Class of 2026)

MMG's Awaken Anesthesia Staffing, LLC – Mary Margaret Gulowski, Parent (Class of 2018, 2022)

New You Counseling Services, PLLC – Jennifer Dulchavsky, Parent (Class of 2022, 2024)

NorthWest Labs – Brenda Kassa, Parent (Class of 2026)

Paul Lehnert's Golf Shop – Paul Lehnert, Parent (Class of 2021)

Peace, Love and Little Donuts, Northville - Kathy Isgro, Parent (Class of 2022)

**Petrol Vintage** – Amanda Sinishtaj Austin, Alumna (Class of 2015)

**Pinter's Greenhouse** – Michael Pinter, Parent (Class of 2024)

Premier Pet Supplies - Michael

Palmer, Parent (Class of 2021)

**Rebel Hair** – Dina Karim, Parent (Class of 2028)

Relax Relentlessly – Carri Griffin, Parent (Class of 2025, 2029)

Rosebrook Child Development Center – Melanie McPeake, Parent (Class of 2027)

Salon Orchard – Likaa Mikhail, Parent (Class of 2021)

Saroki's Inc. – Sandi Saroki, Parent (Class of 2021)

**Shawarma Grill, Inc.** – Ziad Battah, Parent (Class of 2026)

Solomon Plumbing, Co. – Larry Allor, Parent (Class of 2028); Sean Smith, Parent (Class of 2027)

**South Lyon Tent Rental** – Brian Lally, Parent (Class of 2023)

Special T's Packaging LLC – Andrea & Leonard Wenderski, Parents (Class of 2025, 2026)

Stay Pressed Custom Nails – Makenna Mackie, Alumna (Class of 2015)

StorTronics – Mario Said, Parent (Class of 2021, 2024, 2028)

Success Mortgage Partners

– Owen Lee, Parent (Class of 2017)

Summer Band – Eva & Munther Farance, Parents (Class of 2027)

Sure Life Financial – Patrick Yono, Parent (Class of 2029)

**Szott Auto Group** – Thad Szott, Parent (Class of 2018)

**The Charm Between**, Allie Barsh, Alumna (Class of 2015)

The Law Offices of Vincent Lorelli, PC – Vincent Lorelli, Parent (Class of 2028)

Treehouse Creatures LLC – Chloe Bensinger, Alumna (Class of 2015)

**Usa Bio Care** – Steve Ventura, Parent (Class of 2022)

**Volare Ristorante** – Dino Grossi, Parent (Class of 2027)

Wireless Superstore of Grand Rapids LLC – Baghdad Kaskorkis, Parent (Class of 2020, 2021)

**101 Salon** – Rene & Sam Bodo, Parent (Class of 2029)

#### Thank You, Rottermond

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#### 2025 Commencement Speaker: *Kayla Sawa '19*

#### Welcome Back, Kayla!

This spring, Kayla Sawa '19 returned to St. Catherine of Siena Academy to deliver the Commencement Address for the Class of 2025. Her words reflected not only her faith but also the remarkable journey she has taken since graduating.

#### Her Time at SCA

As a student, Kayla served on Student Council, was inducted into the National Honor Society, participated in CASA, and competed in lacrosse and field hockey—balancing academics, athletics, and service with grace. A senior-year mission trip to the Dominican Republic ignited a lasting passion for serving others, which she continued on trips to Nicaragua and Peru after graduation.

#### Academic and Professional Achievements

Kayla pursued nursing at Wayne State University through the direct admit program, earning her Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 2023. Today, she serves as a nurse, caring for others with dedication and compassion. Her creativity shines through photography and singing, and she remains active in volunteer work with youth programs.

#### Highlights from Her Commencement Address

Speaking to the Class of 2025, Kayla encouraged graduates to embrace their unique paths and resist the pressure of comparison or societal expectations. She reminded them that their worth comes from God's love, not grades, college admissions, or accolades.

"Know that God has you exactly where He wants you and He is with you, in everything, even if it doesn't feel like it. He has a plan for your life—a unique plan specifically for you."

#### Drawing on St. Thérèse of Lisieux, she added:

"Every flower has its own created beauty... If every flower wanted to be a rose, nature would lose her spring adornments and the fields would not be beautiful with their varied flowers. So it is in the world of souls, the living garden of God."

Kayla emphasized daily prayer, surrounding oneself with faithful friends, and embracing opportunities to serve. Her message to the Class of 2025 was clear: live boldly in your Catholic faith, trust God's plan, and let your light shine to inspire others.

#### Watch the Full Address:

Readers who want to hear Kayla's entire Commencement Address can view it here:

Thank you, Kayla, for returning to SCA. You are a living example of the Academy's mission: forming young women who are faithful, fearless, and ready to set the world ablaze. Your journey of service, leadership, and faith is inspiring to the Class of 2025 and to all of our alumnae.

Closing Thought

Know that God has you exactly where He wants you and He is with you, in everything, even if it doesn't feel like it. He has a plan for your life- a unique plan specifically for you.

KAYLA SAWA. '19





The Class of 2025 is heading off to colleges and universities across the nation, ready to make their mark.



Adrian College

Albion College

**Ashland University** 

Ave Maria University

**Belmont University** 

**DeSales University** 

Franciscan University of Steubenville

Grand Valley State University

Hope College

**Marquette University** 

Michigan State University

Oakland Community College

**Oakland University** 

Schoolcraft College

**Spring Arbor University** 

The Ohio State University

**University of Dayton** 

University of Detroit Mercy

**University of Michigan** 

University of South Carolina

Washington University in St. Louis

Wayne State University

# Athletic Commits

## INE DAY!

Soseh Broglin
Softball / University of Dayton



Mara Delyon Volleyball / Ave Maria University



Rachel Fay
Golf / Oakland University



Caitlin Griffin

Basketball / Adrian College



Joanna Namel Soccer / Hope College



Emma Robinson Stunt & Cheer / Ashland University



Izzy Thomas
Stunt & Cheer / Ashland
University



#### Play It Forward: Progress in Action

Last year we launched the Play It Forward Capital Campaign to strengthen SCA athletics and enhance our campus facilities. We're excited to share that the first step of Phase I is complete with the installation of our new entrance signage. This visible upgrade marks the beginning of bigger improvements to come.

#### 2024-2025 Donors

Mr. Noor & Mrs. Dalia Atisha

Mr. Daniel & Mrs. Carri Griffin

Mr. Brian & Mrs. Angela Hale

Mr. Patrick & Mrs. Marnie Michel

Mr. Timothy & Mrs. Jennifer Mistry

Most Reverend John M. Quinn

Mr. Mario & Mrs. Jennifer Said

Mr. Robert & Mrs. Reta Schafer

Mr. Brian & Mrs. Catherine Wallace

#### What's Ahead

- Turf field
- Track
- Tennis courts
- Parking and entrance improvements

#### Get Involved

Want to learn more or support Play It Forward?

Connect with Bridget Dulzo at bdulzo@saintcatherineacademy.org





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#### A STAR Who Found Her Home

#### Celebrating Madison Wasen<sup>'20</sup>

Madison's journey to SCA began when Ladywood High School closed in 2018. She found a new home at St. Catherine, where she quickly embraced sisterhood and opportunity. A multi-sport athlete in field hockey, softball, and competitive cheer, Madison discovered her true passion on the cheer mat—encouraged by her SCA coaches, Erin'15 and Anna'15.

At SCA, she earned All-Catholic honors and was celebrated not just for her athletic talent, but for her leadership, kindness, and faith in action. Madison competed with grit and grace, leaving a lasting mark on her teammates, coaches, and the STAR community.

After graduating in 2020, Madison continued her journey at Alma College, following in the footsteps of her parents—both Alma athletes. There, she became a four-time All-American and four-time National Champion in cheer, building a legacy of excellence.

On June 9, 2025, Madison made history as the first cheerleader ever inducted into the Catholic League Hall of Fame. In her speech, she thanked SCA for giving her a home and expressed heartfelt gratitude to her coaches. The award was presented by Principal Judy Hehs, herself a CHSL Hall of Fame inductee—a full-circle moment for our STAR family.





#### SCA Hall of Fame VIP Reception

And the celebrations didn't stop there: in September 2025, Madison was inducted into the St. Catherine of Siena Academy Hall of Fame, joining the growing tradition of alumnae, coaches, and community members who shape SCA's story.

The Hall of Fame VIP Reception and Induction Ceremony preceded the Varsity Volleyball game on September 19, 2025. This event honored Madison, as well as distinguished contributors, Mike and Mary Dewan and Damon Weaver.

#### **Honorees**

Madison Wasen '20 Cheer | Distinguished Athlete

Mike and Mary Dewan
Distinguished Contributors

Damon Weaver
Distinguished Contributor

#### Breaking Barriers, Building Legacy, Celebrating Madison Wasen '20 and CHSL School of the Year

2025 was a milestone year for St. Catherine of Siena Academy—a year defined by achievement and legacy. Not only did Madison Wasen '20 etch her name in Catholic League history as the first cheerleader inducted into the CHSL Hall of Fame, but the SCA itself was recognized with one of the league's highest distinctions: Catholic High School League James O'Leary School of the Year.

#### School of the Year

This honor, awarded at the CHSL Hall of Fame banquet in June, recognizes the school that best embodies the league's mission of character, cooperation, and Catholic values. President Lia Johnston accepted the



award on behalf of SCA, alongside Athletic Director Carlos Calderon, who has led the growth of SCA athletics to 16+ sports with the support of dedicated coaches, families, and students.

As CHSL Director Vic Michaels remarked at the ceremony: "The young women of St. Catherine learn holistically the ideals of St. Catherine of Siena, so that they may

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VIC MICHAELS, CHSL DIRECTOR

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#### A Year of Legacy

Together, these honors—Madison's Hall of Fame induction and SCA's recognition as School of the Year—shine a light on the heart of our community. They celebrate not just one remarkable alumna, but also the collective strength of a school that continues to live out its STAR values of faith, excellence, leadership, and service.



## Stewardship Report Data: 2024–2025

Your philanthropic support strengthens every aspect of our STARS' education. The Bridge, our Annual Appeal, lets donors direct gifts to tuition assistance, programs, or other school needs. Our STARS and alumnae also strengthen the sisterhood through the Student Fundraiser, with many giving year-round to other appeals. Signature events—our Annual Benefit Gala, A Night in Siena, and our day-of-giving celebration, Live Purple. Give Gold.—bring the community together to support the Annual Fund, Fr. Elmer Endowment, and Play It Forward Campaign. Every gift helps secure a sustainable future for St. Catherine Academy.

#### The President's Leadership Society

#### The St. Catherine of Siena Society: Gifts of \$10,000 or more

- Mr. Brandon and Mrs. Kristen Brown
- Mr. Daniel and Mrs. Carri Griffin
- Mr. Richard and Mrs. Ruth Griffin
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- Mr. Brian Wallace
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- Gene Haas Foundation
- Mr. Vince and Mrs. Maria Ivezaj
- Mr. Kurt and Mrs. Lia Johnston
- Mrs. Joanne Jorissen
- Mr. Paul and Mrs. Dawn Kueber
- Mr. Michael and Mrs. Christine Mack
- Madonna University
- Mr. Chris Maher
- Mr. George and Mrs. Kathryn Pappas
- RDM Associates
- Rosebrook Child Development Center

#### The President's Circle: Gifts from \$1,500 to \$2,499

- Aaron Builders Inc.
- Ave Maria Mutual Funds
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#### Principal's Club: Gifts from \$500 to \$1,499

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- Todd's Services
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- Bordine's of Rochester Hills
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#### **Annual Gala**

#### **GALA Success**

On November 9, 2024, SCA celebrated its 15th Annual Benefit Gala, A Night in Siena – Viva SCA!. We are grateful to all who contributed through sponsorships, donations, advertisements, or volunteering.

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- Mr. Larry and Mrs. Stephanie Allor
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- Mr. Michael and Mrs. Erin Gries Bonasso '15
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## Annual Day of Giving: Live Purple. Give Gold.

On May 3, 2025, our Live Purple. Give Gold. celebration brought the SCA community together for a reverse raffle, raising funds for the Fr. Elmer Endowment, Annual Fund, and Play It Forward Campaign.

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#### **Financial Summary**



Annual Appeal	31%
Benefit Gala	30%
Student Fundraiser	18%
Live Purple Give Gold	6%
Capital Campaign	6%
Fore the Stars	5%

Endowment





Our mission is to educate young women to develop their feminine genius—their unique dignity, identity, and gifts as women created in the image of God.

Our vision is to transform the culture by equipping young women to be leaders as bold witnesses of the Gospel, rooted in the love of God and formed by faith and reason.

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