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Goal I: A personal & active faith in God



Gathered to celebrate Mass of the Holy Spirit, Father Daniel Joyce, S.J. wove the year's school theme, "Service with Heart," into his homily and blessed students' paper handprints with responses to: "How can my hands be of service to the world?" Student Council leaders Nora Brannan, Madeline Wuest, Clare McLaughlin, and Stella Fernandez were also blessed.



The School joined in community with all 150+ Sacred Heart Schools across six continents to pray and celebrate the Feast of Mater Admirabilis. In honor, we celebrated Mass, dressed in pink, and enjoyed goûter. Like all Sacred Heart campuses throughout the world, our school showcases a beautiful replica of the fresco of Mary, dressed in pink.

Living the Sacred Heart Goals

Goal III: A social awareness which impells to action

The Primary Hearts enjoyed a field trip to the Brandywine Museum of Art, where they viewed art from American artists, including the Wyeth family. A special exhibition that showcased contemporary children's book illustrations also captivated the students. Project-based learning, including field trips, are integral in the SHA Lower School Multi-Age Classroom model.



Goal II: A deep respect for intellectual values

The Middle School Lady Bots team competed in the 1st Mid-Atlantic FLL robotics skirmish at La Salle College High School. The students successfully navigated their robot in the challenge course and shone during the presentation portion of the competition.



SHA took part in a school-wide Day of Service. Upper School students and staff moved off campus to numerous service partners to share their time and talent. Middle School students volunteered at Cradles to Crayons in the morning and took part, along with the Lower School, in the annual Walkathon on campus in support of the Multiple Sclerosis Society, for which they raised over \$500 this year alone.

We're proud of our SHA sisterhood! Our tightly-knit community encourages students across divisions to develop meaningful connections. Grades K-12 gather in Advisory once every seven school days to talk about school and play a variety of games. The SHA Upper School tradition of Big and Little Sisters also allows new students to have older students look out for them immediately, offer advice, and be friends.



Goal IV: The building of community as a Christian Value

It was another successful Trunk or Treat for Lower School students, thanks to the Class of 2024! Making connections across divisions has multiple benefits!



Goal V: Personal growth in an atmosphere of wise freedom



Students use time to meet with teachers, make up assignments, complete homework, or hang out with friends in their locker areas during Wise Freedom; seniors enjoy the privilege of leaving campus. Students are trusted and encouraged to be productive. Wise Freedom teaches students to be thoughtful about what they choose to do with free time, boosts time management skills, and helps prepare them for college.

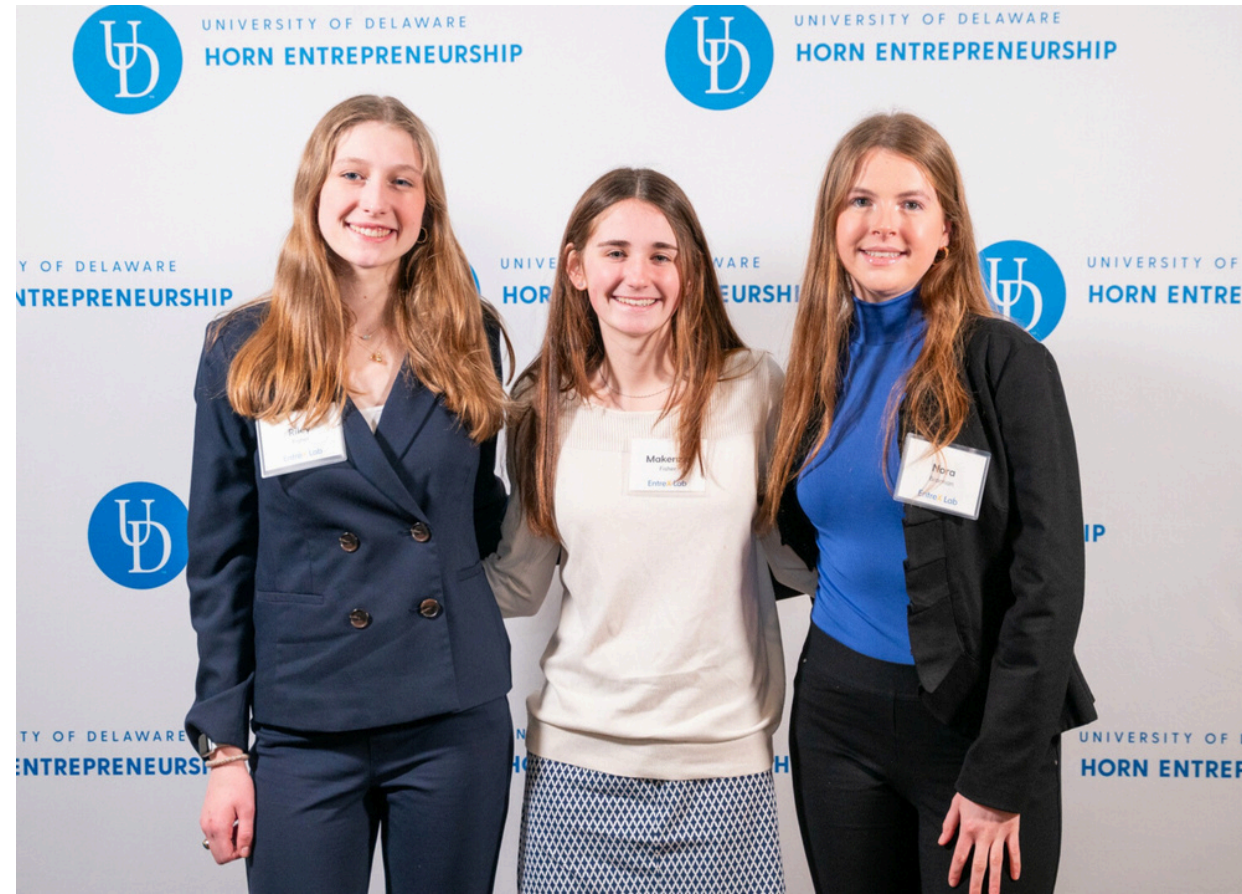


Students helping students. National Honors Society (NHS) Peer Tutoring is held twice weekly during Wise Freedom. Students can drop in to receive help preparing for upcoming assessments, completing assignments, and getting organized.

Division Highlights

Preparing students for life beyond SHA

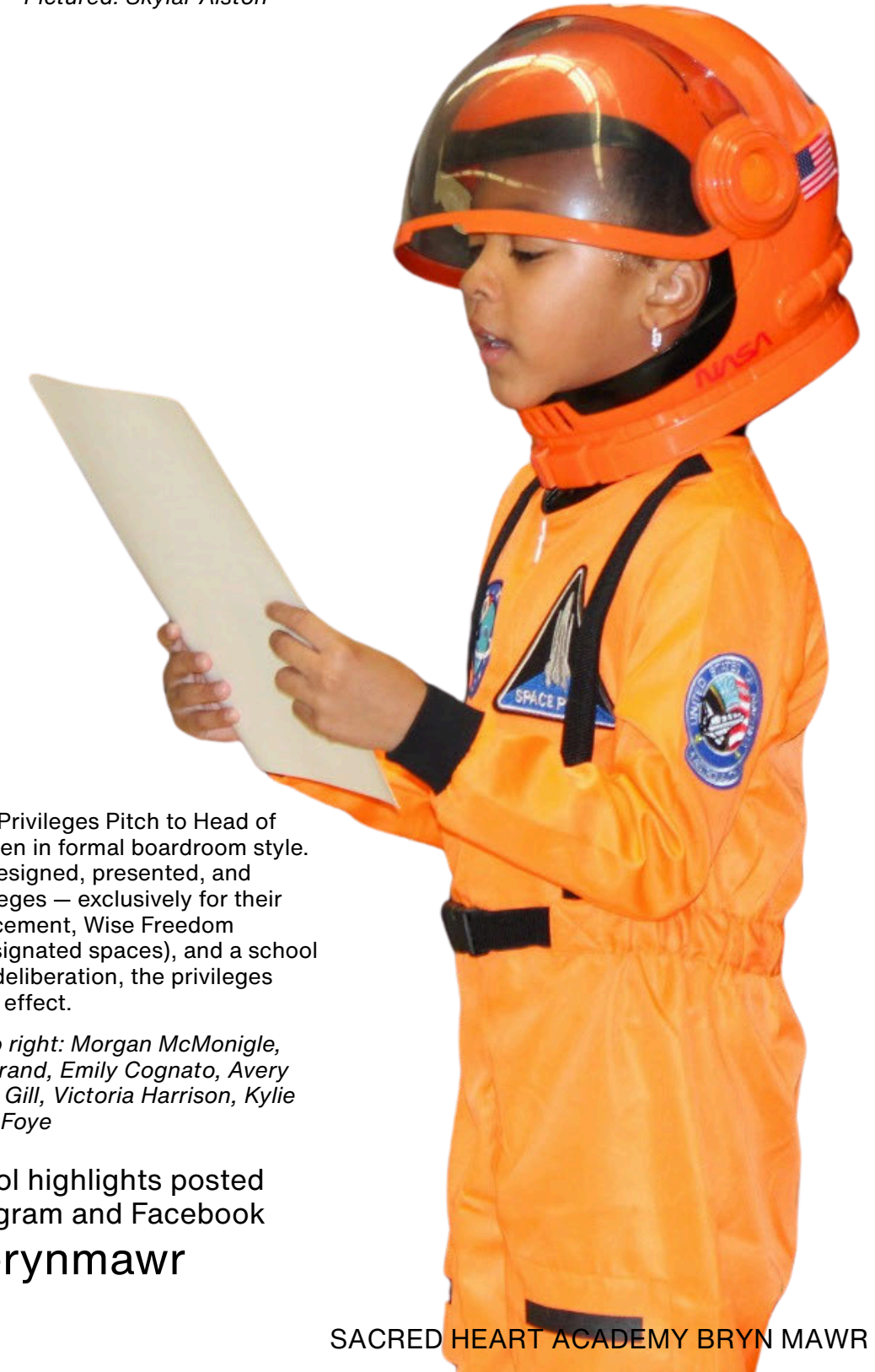
Forty-four teams from twenty-seven high schools gathered at the University of Delaware for the 2024 EntreX Delaware Venture Showcase. The head-to-head business pitch event was sponsored by Horn Entrepreneurship's dual enrollment program, EntreX Lab, in conjunction with the University of Delaware. SHA participated for the first time. Seniors Riley Fisher, Makenzie Fisher, and Nora Brannan (pictured left to right) presented their startup business plan and app, Smart Skin—a dermatology portal that allows users to scan their skin, log their results, and connect with dermatologists. Their presentation was the culmination of months of research, analysis, and application, beginning in September as part of a year-long academic course. The team advanced to the Diamond Challenge Showcase in April, competing alongside participants from around the world. While the team fell short of winning the global competition and securing funding, the experience was invaluable, equipping the students with real-world business skills, meaningful connections, and a sense of empowerment!



Kindergarten, Primary Hearts, and Intermediate Hearts students presented their work at Women of Achievement assemblies — a much-anticipated Lower School annual program. The oral presentations, in front of packed audiences of families, peers, faculty, and staff, were the culmination of an intensive Language Arts unit and a shining testament to SHA's public speaking curriculum, which begins in Kindergarten and continues through Grade 12.

Throughout the semester, students chose an inspirational woman who has impacted society. They then conducted research, wrote, edited, and presented their reports, dressed as their Woman of Achievement.

Pictured: Skylar Alston



Students gave their Grade 8 Privileges Pitch to Head of School Carla Jantos MacMullen in formal boardroom style. The students collaborated, designed, presented, and negotiated their plan of privileges — exclusively for their grade — for a uniform enhancement, Wise Freedom (independent free time in designated spaces), and a school dance. After back-and-forth deliberation, the privileges were approved and went into effect.

Pictured front to back, left to right: Morgan McMonigle, Natalie Powers, Kathryn LeGrand, Emily Cognato, Avery Fritton, Naomi Belete, Grace Gill, Victoria Harrison, Kylie Sobel, Ruby Sadoff, Autumn Foye

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Congé

The much anticipated annual surprise event was revealed when Father Joyce, S.J., announced “Congé” at the beginning of what students thought was Mass. No one saw it coming! The all-day event, themed “Carnival,” was filled with exciting activities for the entire school community, including a scavenger hunt; carnival booth decorating; a petting zoo with goats, sheep, rabbits, a pony, and even a llama; pie-face; and goûter! Thanks to Student Council President Madeline Wuest, Vice President Clare McLaughlin, Secretary Stella Fernandez, and Social Media Coordinator Nora Brannan for their surprise!



Ring Mass

Members of the Class of 2025 received their Sacred Heart class rings following a Mass held in their honor. Students, faculty, staff, family, and friends gathered in celebration of the milestone, uniting the Class of 2025 to thousands of SHA alumnae and tens of thousands of Sacred Heart alumnae and alumni worldwide.



Traditions

Big and Little Sisters

Big sister Cara Donlan '25 and Little Sister Cameron Denne '27 connected in the gym the first day of school 2023. The program for Grades 5 & 8 and 9 & 11 help to acclimate students in transition years and build bonds between grade levels.



Primes

Lower School students continued to be acknowledged and appreciated for their academic excellence and contributions to the classroom. Below, Quinn Sena-Urban '35 in the May Cardone Chapel.

All Upper School grades participate in annual retreats.

Class of 2024 students took part in the much-anticipated annual Kairos retreat at the St. Raphaela Center in Haverford. Kairos comes from a Greek word meaning "the right or opportune time," which, to Christians, signifies "God's time." During the retreat, students stepped away from the busyness of their lives to focus on their relationships with God, themselves, and others. They spent time sharing in small groups, taking quiet moments for prayer and meditation. The students left the retreat with a renewed sense of God's love in their lives and a deeper connection with their peers. *Pictured left: Ayana Winfield and Paulina Malloy*

Grace Press (*pictured right*) and the Class of 2026 enjoyed a one-day retreat, "Belonging," which allowed the students to connect with God and each other. The day was filled with joy and laughter!

Kairos and Retreats





Field Day 2024

It's a Three-Peat for US and MS White Teams!

LS/MS
US



Faculty and Staff News

English Department Chair and Grade 9 Dean Kara Rufo '05 was selected to join the **Sacred Heart Schools Aspiring Leaders Cohort II** with 22 faculty and staff members from Sacred Heart Schools throughout North America. Director of Upper School Eileen Day '83 will serve as a Mentor. Ms. Rufo will take part in a two-year leadership program, reflecting the words of Saint Madeleine Sophie: “You have been chosen to a kind of apostleship: a mission that is great, noble and divine.”

Pictured left to right: Lower School Teacher Michele Jeffries '97, P'27, part of the Aspiring Leaders Cohort I; Mrs. Day; and Ms. Rufo.



(Picured left to right) Anna Mae Gill (MS and US Theology MS History, MS Service Coordinator, Melodie Kosman (US World Languages Teacher), Donna Romero (Director of Academics) and Stephanie Greco (Learning Specialist and Instructional Coach) attended the three-day Sacred Heart "Roots That Root Give Us Wings" conference in St. Charles, MO. Attendees at this annual gathering immerse themselves in the history of Sacred Heart Education. By walking the grounds of our first school, engaging in presentations on the life and work of our Founding Mothers, and exploring how we work with a new generation of students, participants reaffirmed their commitment to further the shared Sacred Heart Mission.



Network Exchange

Nine Upper School students took part in the Sacred Heart Network Exchange Program during the 2023-2024 academic year and the following summer. Participants all returned raving about their SHAmazing experience in expanding global understanding, developing skills away from home, and strengthening their connection to Sacred Heart. Participants included:

Lidia Bell '26 and Sophia Ballios '26: Mount Annville, Ireland
Emma Donnelly '26 and Maeve Harvey '25, Julia Schlegel '26
Sacré Cœur, Glen Iris, Australia
Olivia Fratto '26: Istituto Sacro Cuore della Trinità dei Monti, Rome, Italy

Judy Horn '25: Academy of the Sacred Heart, New Orleans, Louisiana
Brigid Kane '26: Sacré Cœur Wien, Vienna, Austria
Sophia Oxenford '26: Sacred Heart School, Tokyo, Japan
Issa Taitt '24: Sacred Heart High School for Girls, Taipei, Taiwan

Sophia Oxenford '26 was the first Bryn Mawr student to visit the Sacred Heart School in Tokyo, Japan - one of two Japanese schools among 150+ Sacred Heart schools in 41 countries with one shared Mission. During her time in Tokyo, Sophia attended classes and integrated into the academic and social environments.

“One of the biggest highlights of my exchange was definitely the Traditional Tea Ceremony,” said Sophia, “as I loved learning about how this specific tradition was passed down through history and how passionate people are about it today. I also loved just distancing myself from the life and country I’ve lived in my whole life and realizing how big the world is and how something that may seem terrible to me at home is actually more insignificant than it seems in the grand scheme of things.”



“One of the most cherished aspects of my student exchange trip to Vienna was the opportunity to immerse myself in a different culture. This included experiencing new traditions, foods, languages, and ways of life,” said Brigid. “I gained a deeper understanding of global perspectives and met new friends from diverse backgrounds, for which I am forever grateful, noted Brigid. “My host sister and I visited numerous historical places in Vienna, such as Schönbrunn Palace, St. Stephen's Cathedral, the State Opera, the Spanish Horse Riding School, and Beethoven's home. Schönbrunn Palace was a main highlight as it was a magnificent imperial palace with gorgeous gardens. St. Stephen's Cathedral was also very fascinating; exploring the iconic Gothic cathedral with its stunning architecture and rich history was a memorable experience.” [Read more Network Exchange stories.](#)

SHA on TV!

Students and teachers went head-to-head in the ClassH-Room trivia game on FOX29! To promote the show, Fox’s Bob Kelly stopped by campus for an all-school pep-rally!

pictured left to right, top to bottom: host Bob Kelly; Sydney Natt '25, Emily Solomon '24, Lilly Murphy '25; Melodie Kosman, Nick Johnson, and Karin Kennedy '91, P'27 '30

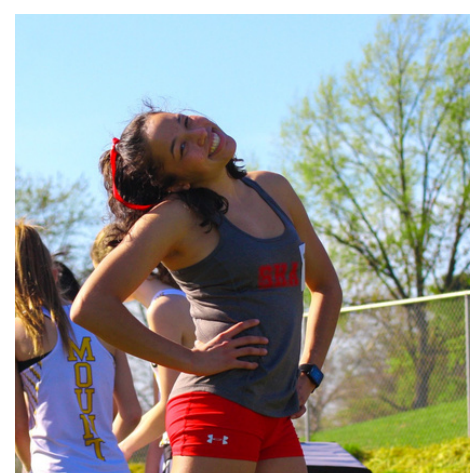
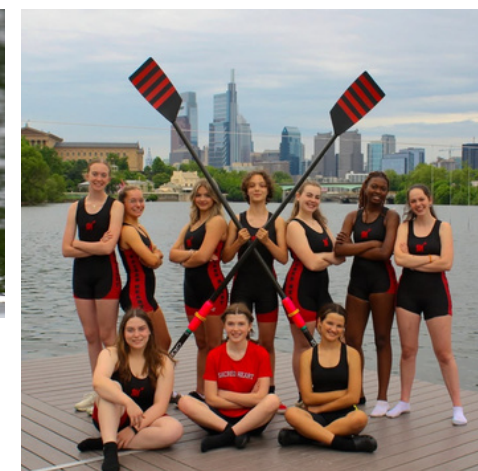




Left: Seniors Lilly Hornickle and Annie Corcoran were named to the All-State Volleyball Team. Annie was also inducted into the Red and White Athletic Club; she broke the record for assists at 2,251. She and Lilly were key to the program's 3X PIAA District One 2A District Crown and a 4th year ascending to the District Finals.

Below: Lower and Middle School Track Academy student-athletes ran in the 4x100 relays in their first-ever Penn Relays CYO Night! Maya Walker '24 captured Silver in the 800 meter run at the PIAA District One meet.

ATHLETICS



SHA



Above: SHA crew athletes raced in the 97th annual Stotesbury Cup Regatta, the world's largest high school regatta, held on the Schuylkill River. MJ Stanley '26 and Lucy Rice '25 advanced to the Finals at the Scholastic Rowing Association National Regatta. MJ also captured 2nd at the Philadelphia Scholastic Rowing Association (FSRA) City Championship Crew Regatta.

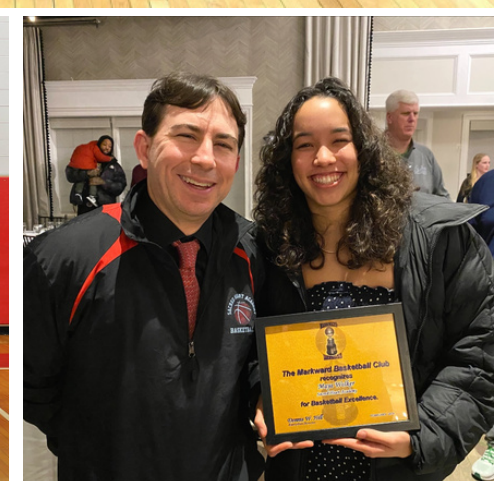
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Above: Congrats Middle School Lacrosse on a SHAmazing season!

Below: AnnaMary Miller '24 and Ema Reiner '27 swam in the PIAA District One Swim Meet in the 100M backstroke event; Ema also swam the 200M Individual Medley.



Below: Makenzie Fisher '24 received the All-Sports High School Scholar-Athlete Award, presented by the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame Delaware County Chapter



SHOOPS! Photos top to bottom, l to r: Presenting the 2024 PIAA District One 2A CHAMPIONS — the 7th in 8 years | All-Main Line & All-Delco honorees Grace Brown '25 (HM), Megan Donahoe '26 (2nd) Keara McCaffrey '25 (1st) Maya Walker '24 (2nd), and Dani Jeffries '27 (HM) | Maya receives the Markward Basketball Club Award (with Coach Shuler) | The annual Alumnae SHOOPS game | SHA also hosted the 1st Mimi Miner Invitational Tourney in honor of the beloved supporter of SHA Athletics who could be found on the bleachers at every game, home and away, for many years!

Congrats to our Committed Student-Athletes!

Stella Fernandez
Stetson University Rowing

Lilly Hornickle
Stevenson University Volleyball



Abby Kucera '24
Scranton University Field Hockey



Avery Wagner
Washington State University Rowing





Performing Arts 📷

Sacred Heart Academy Bryn Mawr's performing arts continues to be an inclusive program, where all Upper and Middle School students interested in performing receive a role. In 2023, the SHA Theater Tech course was founded to provide opportunities behind the scenes, including props, costumes, lighting and sound, and set design.

The 2024 production of *Grease* was a showstopper! With impressive acting and singing and captivating sets and costumes, the show had something for everyone! Photos (top to bottom, left to right: Emily Fasy '25, Ca'Mille Parker '24, Paulina Malloy '24, Avary Wagner '24, Sofia Maselli '27, Madeline Wuest '24, Ca'Mille Parker '24, Paulina Malloy '24, Skylar Dittbrenner '24, Judy Horn '25, and Katie Keffer '26.

SHA Performing Arts — an exuberant part of the SHA Experience — has been directed by Carolyn Curran Slota '82 P'08 since 2011.





Visual and Musical Arts

Students in all divisions found joy in their artistic creations in Mrs. Annette Markowitz's and Mrs. Jaqui Duffy's vibrant studios! The Visual Arts department allows students to learn about the masters, step outside their comfort zone, explore new techniques, and express their creativity through various media. All divisions include the Visual Arts in the curriculum, and Upper School students may take Fine Arts electives to further develop their artistic talents. Pictured top to bottom, left to right are Judy Horn '25, Liora Corrielus '25, Madeline Smith '31, Theodora Coddling '35, Primary and Intermediate Hearts, Rachel Moehrle '24 (soloist), Lockley Pfeiffer '29, Claudia Morales '29, and Samantha Shea '29.



Celebrating the One Hundred and Fifty-Eighth Commencement

On a beautiful Wednesday, on the Fifth of June, the Class of 2024 processed into the Gormley Gymnasium to receive their diplomas. The beautiful event celebrated the graduates with pomp and circumstance and time-honored traditions.

Highlights included the heartfelt speeches by Head of School Carla Jantos MacMullen, esteemed graduate Emily Kropp '96, and Valedictorian Maya Walker '24, who drew parallels to "High School Musical" and encouraged her classmates to continue to be confident and joyful and to cherish relationships throughout their time in college and beyond. Maya also led the 33 members of the Class of 2024 in the turning of their Sacred Heart class rings, symbolic of the students' cherished time at SHA and sisterhood with Sacred Heart students worldwide.

The ceremony concluded with the singing (and stomping) of the Alma Mater louder than ever!



Baccalaureate Mass Celebrating Our Faith



On the eve of Commencement, the Class of 2024 was honored at a beautiful Baccalaureate Mass at St. John Neumann Church, reminding students to continue to be led by their faith. Ann Corcoran '24 (below, right) gave a poignant speech evoking cherished memories from freshman year.

The seniors were also presented with gifts from Laura Hibbs McKenzie '04, then President of the Alumnae Board, welcoming them to the Alumnae Association.





Class of 2024

Emma Rose Baylor
*High Honors
NHS*

Nora Lauren Brannan
*Highest Honors
NHS*

Kaitlyn Anne Caruso
High Honors

Ann Davenport Corcoran
*Highest Honors
NHS*

Skylar Ann Dittbrenner
*High Honors
NHS*

Stella Ivonne Fernandez
Honors

Gianna Frances Fichera

Samantha Lynn Finan
High Honors

Makenzie Grace Fisher
*Highest Honors
NHS*

Riley Madison Fisher
*Highest Honors
NHS*

Lorelai Kathryn Gillespie
SHA Lifer

Mary Elizabeth Gordon
*Honors
SHA Lifer*

Alesja Grochowski

Lillianna Elizabeth Hornickle
High Honors

Caroline DaBin Jones

Abigail Raine Kucera
Honors

Caitlyn Brooke Loughlin
High Honors

Paulina Rose Malloy
High Honors

Clare Anastasia McLaughlin
*High Honors
SHA Lifer*

AnnaMary Christine Miller
Highest Honors

Rachel Genevieve Moehrle
High Honors

Taylor Symone Murrell

Ca'Mille Re Parker
Honors

Paige Sierra Redmond
*Highest Honors
NHS*

Katherine Elizabeth Schanne
*Highest Honors
NHS*

Avery Margaret Schultz

Emily Solomon

Taylor Ann Stull
*Highest Honors
NHS
SHA Lifer*

Issa Lan Vu Taitt
*Highest Honors
NHS*

Avary Valentina Wagner
*High Honors
SHA Lifer*

Maya Walker
*Highest Honors
NHS*

Ayana Mariah Winfield

Madeline Frances Wuest
*Highest Honors
NHS*

**Honors designation reflects cumulative GPA. NHS refers to National Honor Society Membership.*

Grade 12 Awards

- Elizabeth Rexford Buckland '57 Award**
Mary Elizabeth Gordon
Lorelai Kathryn Gillespie
Clare Anastasia McLaughlin
Taylor Ann Stull
Avary Valentina Wagner

Sportsmanship Award
Mary Elizabeth Gordon

Jeannine Broussard '85 Effort Award
Lillianna Elizabeth Hornickle

**Rev. Mother Heuisler, RSCJ
Good Conduct Award**
Mackenzie Grace Fisher

The Dorothy Anne Leahy '64 Award
Katherine Elizabeth Schanne
- Mary Ellen Ryan Loyalty Award**
Emily Solomon

Phi Beta Kappa Association Award
Riley Madison Fisher

Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat Award
Nora Lauren Brannan

Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne Award
Taylor Ann Stull and Ca'Mille Re Parker

Janet Erskine Stuart Très Bien Award
Maya Walker

The Sacré-Cœur Award
Maya Walker

Prize Day Awards

- Marcy Wolfington Theology Award**
Nora Lauren Brannan
- Willamena Bitting, RSCJ Creative Arts Award**
AnnaMary Christine Miller
- Linda A. Robinson Creative Writing Award**
Madeline Frances Wuest
- Alumnae Essay Award**
Maya Walker
- Mère de la Chapelle French Award**
Avary Valentina Wagner
- Isabel Gallagher, RSCJ History Award**
Katherine Elizabeth Schanne
- Mary Helen Moore Award for Mathematics**
Maya Walker
- Dr. Helen Meeks Hortsmann '63 Science Award**
Ann Davenport Corcoran
- Madre Admirable Spanish Award**
Ca'Mille Re Parker

Grade 8 Awards

The Kim Maddox Memorial Award
Avery Fritton

The Sacré-Cœur Award
Grace Gill

Grade 4 Awards

The Sarah Jane Gartland Award
Arsema Eshetu

The Sacré-Cœur Award
Hazel Fay



Now in College



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| Emma Rose Baylor
Saint Joseph's University | Riley Madison Fisher
University of Tennessee
Knoxville | Paulina Rose Malloy
Neumann University | Avery Margaret Schultz
University of Colorado
Boulder |
| Nora Lauren Brannan
Syracuse University | Lorelai Kathryn Gillespie
Pennsylvania State University | Clare Anastasia McLaughlin
College of the Holy Cross | Emily Solomon
University of Kentucky |
| Kaitlyn Anne Caruso
Villanova University | Mary Elizabeth Gordon
Miami University of Ohio | AnnaMary Christine Miller
University of Delaware | Taylor Ann Stull
Belmont University |
| Ann Davenport Corcoran
University of Miami | Alesja Grochowski
Saint Joseph's University | Rachel Genevieve Moehrle
Pennsylvania State University | Issa Lan Vu Taitt
University of Pittsburgh |
| Skylar Ann Dittbrenner
Dickinson College | Lillianna Elizabeth Hornickle
Stevenson University | Taylor Symone Murrell
Neumann University | Avary Valentina Wagner
Washington State University |
| Stella Ivonne Fernandez
Stetson University | Caroline DaBin Jones
Pennsylvania State University | Ca'Mille Re Parker
Drexel University | Maya Walker
Stanford University |
| Gianna Frances Fichera
Manhattan College | Abigail Raine Kucera
University of Scranton | Paige Sierra Redmond
Elon University | Ayana Mariah Winfield
The Catholic University
of America |
| Samantha Lynn Finan
Saint Joseph's University | Caitlyn Brooke Loughlin
Duquesne University | Katherine Elizabeth Schanne
Pennsylvania State University | Madeline Frances Wuest
University of Pennsylvania |
| Makenzie Grace Fisher
Clemson University | | | |



*Class
of 2025* 📷



Thanks to the *Parents' Association* for making many wonderful programs come to life for our SHA community!

Heartcoming 📷

Heartcoming 2023 featured the second annual SHA Family Fun Fair, Mass, an adult-only cocktail party for SHA parents, faculty, staff, and alumnae; and class reunions. SHA also celebrated the retirement of beloved Grade 3 teacher and former Lower School Director Beth Porter '78. Thanks to Family Fun Fair Chair Lynette Smith P'31.



Diner en Rouge et Blanc 📷



The inaugural **Dîner en Rouge et Blanc** was a magical event uniting SHA parents, alumnae, friends, faculty, and staff under the stars! The event was a spin-off of the iconic French L'histoire du Dîner en Blanc and lived up to its grandeur! Guests mingled to French music and gathered at long tables to enjoy conversation, picnic dinners, and cheer! At the event, nearly \$15,000 was raised for the Fund-A-Need to support updates to our Middle School Science Lab. Merci to the committee: Co-Chairs - Emily Ashinhurst P'30 and Meg White '83, P'27, Julie Borginis P'34, Margie Corcoran P'16, P'21, P'24, Karin Kennedy '91, P'27, P'30, Lynette Smith P'31, and Jennifer Vraim P'25.

Our teachers felt lots of love during Teacher (and Staff) Appreciation Week! A pop-up coffee cart, bagel spread, cards, and raffles were very much appreciated! Thanks to the The Board of Trustees for also showing their gratitude with a buffet lunch. *Pictured: Upper School Math teacher Joclyn Smith*

📷 *Teacher Appreciation Week*



Mother-Daughter Mass & Brunch 📷

At the event, held at Overbrook Country Club, Jennifer Wolfington Reid '89, P'17 shared an inspirational address on Sacred Heart Goal III, as well as insights about Mother Cabrini and the film *Cabrini*, produced by her father, Eustace Wolfington. Thanks to Chair Julie Borginis P'34.

Father-Daughter Mass & Brunch 📷

At the event at The Conference Center at Villanova, speaker Andie Summers from "The Andie Summers Show" on 92.5 XTU encouraged students to stay true to themselves, use their strong voices, and find balance. Thanks to Chair Chris Corcoran P'16, '21, '24.



Farewell

SHA sent warm send-offs to three longtime employees at the end of the 2023-2024 academic year, each of whom left a positive and lasting impression on our School and students.

Director of Athletics Cindy Shay retired after 32 years of service. Cindy began her career as the SHA AD part-time for the first 16 years and full-time thereafter. In addition, she served in numerous roles, including physical education teacher for Middle School and Chair of the Health and Physical Education Department. Under Cindy's stewardship, SHA Athletics grew from three Upper School teams to thirteen for Upper and Middle School students.

"I am most proud of the athletic programs implemented in my 32 years. It was great to see our girls have many options in the area of athletics. They not only participated in our league but also moved on to Districts and State Championships," said Cindy. "The camaraderie among our students was also in abundance!"



Middle School English Teacher Ginny Jarvis retired after 25 years of service to SHA. In addition to teaching, Ginny was the Middle School yearbook monitor for 23 years and faculty representative of the National Honor Society for 20+ years. She also headed the Middle States Accreditation Committee in 2011 and was part of several Middle States Association committees. Ginny also attended the Sacred Heart Network "Roots That Give Us Wings" program in St. Charles, MO, where she said she enjoyed meeting Middle School English teachers across the USA.

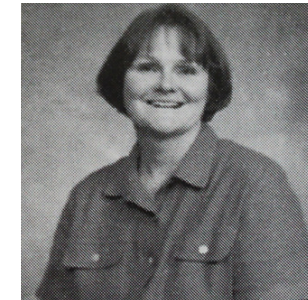
"Though I taught many of the same courses over the years, it never got boring. I love teaching Middle School; each class has its own personality. The students made it different every day. When I attended workshops and classes with teachers from other schools, I realized how lucky we are to have the students we have," Ginny noted.

Catherine Scholl retired after 24 years of service at SHA, where she assumed multiple roles, most recently as the Library Media Specialist and ESL Teacher. During her time at SHA, Catherine implemented Noodletools and SHA LibGuides. She was instrumental in the Act 48 PA Teacher Provider Status, a partnership for Philadelphia Free Library cards, Middle School Book Clubs, and the reorganization of the library. As the ESL lead teacher, Mrs. Scholl helped numerous students transition to English-speaking classes, including students from Ukraine and South Korea. On a much lighter note, Catherine was the long-time caretaker of SHA SHA and Bluey, the library's pet fish!

"As a faculty/staff member at SHA, I always felt a strong sense of community where teachers would help each other and step in when life challenges occurred, as well as a place that provided help to keep growing professionally and personally," Catherine said.



Mr. Jason McGhee was appointed as Director of Athletics in July 2024. Jason served as the Director of Athletics & Student Life at AIM Academy in Conshohocken, PA, and the Director of Athletics & Facilities Rentals at Phelps School in Malvern, PA. Prior to his work in two local schools, Jason served as Director of Athletics at Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart from 2014-2019 — a Sacred Heart Network school for girls in grades 1-12 and for co-educational learning in the early childhood program. While at Stone Ridge, Jason launched and implemented an athletic department strategic plan. His partnership with Stone Ridge's Admissions and Advancement teams led to successful synergies that benefited both departments. Earlier in his career, for over sixteen years, Jason served in varied roles in the Department of Athletics and Recreation at The George Washington University, Washington, DC, including Associate Athletic Director. Mr. McGhee is also a United States Navy Veteran.



Tiffany Williamson Kelly was appointed as Director of Enrollment Management in July 2024. Tiffany came to SHA with a varied career in admission work. An independent school graduate of The Colorado Springs School, Tiffany earned a B.A. in English at Wesleyan University and an Ed.M. in Human Development and Psychology at Harvard Graduate School of Education. After growing her experience in the hospitality industry in sales and executive meetings planning, Tiffany was tapped to return to her alma mater in Colorado Springs and to serve as Director of Admissions and Financial Aid. Later, a move to the Philadelphia area brought her to The Agnes Irwin School, where she served as the Associate Director of Admissions and Tuition Assistance before moving into the Director of Tuition Assistance and Special Projects role. Mrs. Kelly and her family relocated west where she served as the Director of Alumni and Family Relations at Colorado College, the Director of Enrollment Management at Mountain Academy of Teton Science Schools and the Head of Client Experience and Engagement, which included Admissions, at Teton Science Schools in Jackson Hole, WY.





Four Years Later

top to bottom, left to right:

Kayleigh Doyle '20, University of Notre Dame
 Sophia Barone '20, University of Central Florida
 Grace Farrell '20, The Pennsylvania State University
 Sophia DiCocco '20, Saint Joseph's University
 Maura Gibson '20, West Chester University

Julia Shavo '20, Colgate University
 Carly Knowlton '20, The Pennsylvania State University
 Jaycee Webster '19, Masters, Georgetown University
 Hannah Martinson '20, The College of Charleston
 Allie Frabizzio '20, Boston College
 Grace Gagliardi '20, Fordham University

Alumnae Births

Pictured top to bottom, left to right:



Tim and Julie Britt White '12 welcomed twins, Felicity (r) and Faustina (l) White.

John and Liz McCormick McBride '08 welcomed a daughter, Molly James McBride.

Jon and Gabrielle Massaro Molina '10 welcomed a daughter, Carmella Molina.

Brett and Ali Hibbs Tobin '08 welcomed a daughter, Elena Pauline Tobin.

Michael and Norma DiCocco Abbatistta '08 welcomed a daughter, Evelyn Grace, pictured with her sister, Stella.

Neil and Megan Abbott Gilman '09 welcomed a daughter, Addison Gilman.



Lucas and Emily Buenzle Toomes '09 welcomed a son, Charles Richard Toomes

John and Ashley Rufo Fitzgerald '09 welcomed a son, Jack, pictured with sisters Marcella, Maya, and Emmy Fitzgerald.

Spring Classic 📷

The **16th Annual Spring Classic Golf Outing**, run by the Alumnae Association and Advancement Department, was a tremendous success because of our generous supporters. The event united 100+ parents, alumnae, and friends at Waynesborough Country Club. The net proceeds exceeded \$35,000 and will be used to support various initiatives, such as scholarships, extracurricular activities, and campus improvements. In addition, \$24,000+ was raised for the Fund-A-Need in support of Middle School Science Lab updates. Thanks to committee chairs Mike Brannan P'24, Gab Massaro Molina '10, Fran Smith P'31, Mike Sobel P'28, and David Walker P'24.



Class Notes

1950's

To celebrate their 70th Sacred Heart reunion, 1953 classmates Paula Cotter Burns and Helen Moran Locke '53, P'85, '86, '87, '92, GP '22 asked classmates to join them in making a gift to the Annual Fund to celebrate this milestone.

1980's

Villanova University announced a \$1 million gift to endow the head coaching position for the field hockey team. Joanie Quinn Milhous '87 will start her 30th season at the helm of the program this fall. During her tenure, she was twice named the BIG EAST Coach of the Year and has coached five NFHCA All-Americans and 16 All-BIG EAST performers. She has over 250 wins at Villanova and her teams have made 14 appearances in the BIG EAST Tournament.

Emma Schwarz, daughter of Chrissy Buckland Schwarz '86 and granddaughter of Betty Wexford Buckland '57 is a rising senior on the 2024 VU field hockey team.

2000's

Colleen Dempsey D'Elia '07 appeared this spring in the Netflix documentary *Kelce*. Colleen is an OB-GYN with Axia Women's Health McConnell and Associates and is Kylie Kelce's OB. She traveled to the 2023 Super Bowl with the Kelce family.

Alexandra Zeiger Fahringer '08 joined Cozen O'Connor as an Associate in the real estate department.

Pam Maginnis '08 was the youngest named partner in Swartz Campbell's hundred-year history. She heads up the Product Liability Team. Pam was part of the first female membership class admitted to the Society of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick's flagship chapter in Philadelphia. The Society of the Friendly Sons has been an active philanthropic organization since 1771, focusing on scholarships and benevolence in the Philadelphia area.

Jaycee Webster '19 earned a Master's in Management from Georgetown University this spring.

Sophia Barone '20 graduated from the University of Central Florida with a BS in Hospitality Management. She graduated under the Eta Sigma Delta Honors Society and was awarded full paid tuition through the Disney Aspire Program that allows Disney World employees to receive full paid tuition while working for them. Sophia is continuing her career with Walt Disney World under the Hospitality Leadership Internship.

Sophia DiCocco '20 graduated from Saint Joseph's University, double majoring in Sports Marketing and Business Intelligence & Analytics.

Kayleigh Doyle '20 graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a Bachelor of Science in Science-Business. She is pursuing a Master's in Exercise Physiology at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill.

Allie Fabizzio '20 graduated from Boston College with a degree in Psychology and a minor in Business.

Grace Farrell '20 graduated from Smeal College of Business at The Pennsylvania State University this spring with a major in Finance.

Grace Gagliardi '20 graduated from Fordham University, Fordham College at Rose Hill, Summa Cum Laude with a BS in Psychology and minor in Marketing on the Pre-Law track. At Fordham, she was inducted into the Psi Chi Psychology Honors Society, Sigma Xi Scientific Research Honors Society, Phi Kappa Phi Honors Society, and The Fordham Club. Grace will stay in NYC and is working as a Commercial Litigation Paralegal at Holwell Shuster & Goldberg, LLP.

Maura Gibson '20 graduated from West Chester University with a BS in Psychology.

Carly Knowlton '20 graduated from The Pennsylvania State University with a BA in Broadcast Journalism. She began her career this summer as a Multimedia Journalist at WBTW News 13 in Myrtle Beach, SC.

Hannah Martinson '20 graduated from The College of Charleston Magna Cum Laude in Accounting and is attending Villanova University for her Master's degree in Accounting.

Rachel Prendergast '20 graduated from Boston College, Connell School of Nursing, with a BS in Nursing and a minor in Public Health.

Julia Shavo '20 graduated from Colgate University Magna Cum Laude in Biology with a minor in Global Public and Environmental Health.



5th Anniversary, Class of 2018



20th Anniversary, Class of 2003



35th Anniversary, Class of 1988



50th Anniversary, Class of 1973



50th Anniversary, Class of 1973

The Joan M Quinn '47 Scholarship Award for Servant Leadership



The Advancement Department is pleased to announce the Joan M. Quinn ‘47 Scholarship Award for Servant Leadership.

Joan Quinn graduated from Sacred Heart in 1947 and later, from Manhattanville College of the Sacred Heart. Joan is the proud mother of five alumnae daughters and two alumnae granddaughters. She was an active Sacred Heart Board of Trustee who helped oversee the school’s transition from Overbook to Bryn Mawr and was SHA’s first woman Board Chair (1980-1983). Joan was a close friend to the school her entire life and was recognized with the Distinguished Alumni Award in 2009. She firmly believed that the foundation of her character was shaped at Sacred Heart and enriched by the eloquent words of St. Madeleine Sophie Barat, “Be humble, be simple and bring joy to others.” Strengthened by the God- and faith-centered environment, Joan held Sacred Heart with the highest regard.

With the Joan M. Quinn ’47 Scholarship Award for Servant Leadership, the family wishes to sustain Joan’s Sacred Heart experience. Joan’s grace, humility, open-mindedness, full heart, and inner strength are the foundations of this scholarship. She was a selfless servant leader committed to living her faith, as the recipient of this scholarship will also embody.

The family is honored to present the Joan M. Quinn ’47 Scholarship Award for Servant Leadership annually to a rising junior, currently enrolled, who best exemplifies the characteristics of one of SHA’s finest, Joan M. Quinn.



Congratulations to Cat Kirk VanGorden ’13 and Marcus VanGorden on their nuptials. Pictured with Cat is bridesmaid Erin O’Neill ’13.

In Memoriam



- Teresa Barusevicius, grandmother of Glenna Gobeil ’19
- Eleanor Burke ’69, sister of Mary Lou Burke Gillespie ’60, Janet Burke Takeda ’60, and Linda Burke ’64
- Drew Burton, brother of Kimberly Burton Carey ’89
- Leo Carlin Sr., former Trustee, father of Corinne Carlin Strauss ’84, Carrie Carlin Sarmento ’91, father-in-law of Suzanne Goggin Carlin ’83, grandfather of Elissa Konjarvich ’06, and Karleigh Carlin ’12
- Edward Conroy, husband of the late Eileen Linton Conroy ’65 and brother-in-law of Anne Linton-Paganelli ’72
- Sister Elaine Cullen SSJ, former Business Manager
- Rita Hoppe Darling ’55 EH
- Mary Dempsey, grandmother of Colleen Dempsey D’Elia ’07 and Katie Dempsey ’10
- Catherine Beltran Diebold ’49

- James Dooley, brother of Pat Dooley McWilliams ’74, uncle of Joan McWilliams ’04 and Rosie McWilliams ’09
- Elizabeth Hughes Fong ’00
- Rosemary “Posey” Gallagher ’73
- Francis “Frankie” Gentile, brother of Colleen Gentile ’15 and Kailtin Gentile ’15
- Kathy Giannini, grandmother of Emerson Ford ’26
- Mary Louise Burke Gillespie ’60, sister of Eleanor Burke ’69, Janet Burke Takeda ’60, and Linda Burke ’64
- Phyllis Grady ’47
- Ann Guenesso, mother of Lorelai Gillespie ’24
- Mary Van Boven Hart ’70
- Charles Harrisson, father of Victoria Harrisson ’28

- Roger Honebrink, father of Carol Honebrink Lavoritano ’70, Ann Honebrink ’73, father-in-law of Rosemary Quinn Honebrink ’80, and grandfather of Katie Honebrink ’15
- Kathe Jacobs, mother of Jacqui Jacobs Edwards ’02
- Charles Massaro, father of Gabrielle Massaro Molina ’10
- Rod McGhee, grandfather of Kyra Santora ’22
- Gregory Orsatti, son of Mary Lewis Berry Orsatti ’55
- Frank Porter, brother of Anne Porter ’72, Beth Porter ’78, Claire Porter ’79, Patsy Porter ’80, and Sheila Porter Brannau ’82 and the uncle of Madeline Brannau Hyde ’09, Katie Brannau ’12 and Mary Claire Brannau ’18
- Patricia Palmer Meyer ’54
- James Posillico, brother of Ann Posillico ’15
- Tom Robinson, husband of former faculty member Joan Robinson P’04 and father of Alice Ann Robinson Walsh ’04

- Donna Shuler, mother of faculty member Zach Shuler
- Maria Sylawa, grandmother of Taylor Caton ’13
- James Synder, father of Andrea Synder Meehan ’98
- Marie Frances Fraher Trujillo ’60
- Trina Tuohy, aunt of Katy Vail ’30
- Henry Vail, uncle of Katy Vail ’30
- Mary Hart Van Boven ’70
- Letitia Ward, mother of Erin Ward ’85
- Deborah & Stephen Wood, parents of former faculty member Liz Wood
- Michael Wusinich, husband of former faculty member Colleen Wusinich
- Jane Dagit Young, mother of Meg Young Donohue ’88 and sister of Louise Dagit ’57



Oh, the memories! Freshman Day, CBS Wakisha Bailey on campus, First Penance, NHS Induction, Wax Museum, 100 Days of School, Solar Eclipse Party, Camp Bernie, NAIS Diversity Conference, MS Service Day, Prom, LS Spring Concert, Grade 8 Moving Up. *Thanks for the memories, students! Sisters for life!*

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