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On September 23, 2022, the SHA community gathered for Mass, an installation ceremony, and a lively reception in honor of Carla Jantos MacMullen, the new Head of School.

CARLA JANTOS MACMULLEN APPOINTED HEAD OF SCHOOL

A momentous occasion in Sacred Heart history

"From the time I was a Catholic school student, I always dreamed of making a difference in a Catholic school setting. As Sacred Heart Academy Head of School, I want to focus on each girl's ability to develop her whole self through continually evolving curricula, service to others, and leadership roles, all within a nurturing and faith-filled community. I am also looking forward to proving that a small-by-design all-girls school does have large opportunities."



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FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Dear SHA Community,

"To be a joy-bearer and a joy-giver says everything; it means that one is faithfully living for God and that nothing else counts, and if one gives joy to others we are doing God's work."

-Janet Erskine Stuart, Religious of the Sacred Heart

As one might imagine, the last two school years on campus at Sacred Heart Academy Bryn Mawr were more joy-filled than the previous two. We formally and informally gathered as a community with less worry and celebrated milestones and traditions in time-honored ways. Returning to these approaches allowed for more purposeful school work and service, personal growth and increased self-awareness derived from relationship building, and the spiritual centering we gain from our daily practices and convening for reflection and prayer. We were waiting, sometimes impatiently, for when the time to return to normal arrived.

Amongst many 2021-2022 school year highlights were completing the self-study process and document for SHA's Sacred Heart Commission on Goals (SHCOG) and celebrating the Class of 2022 with an increased number of guests and time to share goût, a beloved and longstanding Sacred Heart tradition, after the ceremony. Other notable accomplishments were transformational and far-reaching endeavors driven by Courage for the Journey, Sacred Heart Academy's Strategic Long-Range Plan. These efforts included mapping our K-12 curriculum and identifying new programmatic initiatives; identifying practices to ensure that every community member feels welcomed, included, and accepted; and pursuing deeper engagement with the Sacred Heart Network as it created new and re-introduced established opportunities for students and educators. While some of the fruits of this work were seen almost immediately, more will evolve over the coming years.

My own arrival at SHA in July 2022 was joyful as I was brought into the fold by the SHA community, picked up where previous work left off, and began to envision and forge new pathways for Sacred Heart Academy. I am inspired by the fact that my first year coincided with the return of more in-person events for students, families, and alumnae; the opportunity to recruit new administrators to join our incredibly talented and devoted team; the launch of the new SHA website that aptly draws attention to what makes our school a unique teaching and learning community; two new programmatic partnerships with institutions of higher education; and the inception of mixed-age classrooms (MAC) in Lower School. And, that's just the tip of the iceberg! As you read on in this latest addition of *Vue du Cœur*, you will find out more about what we have been up to and can celebrate every initiative with us!

As I listen and learn from every conversation and interaction at SHA, I consider myself exceptionally fortunate to have been chosen to lead a school guided by the Sacred Heart *Goals and Criteria* and by our commitment to faith, intellectual pursuits, service, community, and personal growth. Circling back to the profoundly wise words of Janet Erskine Stuart, RSCJ, as we strengthen our relationships and programmatic approaches, our work is made lighter when we find and share joy in collaboration with colleagues and in everyday work with our students. I look forward to what 2023-2024 will bring as we do God's work together.

With warmest regards,

Carla J. MacMullen





CLASS OF 2023



Alessandra Beckett Albanese

Caitlyn Elizabeth Breslin
Highest Honors, NHS

Emma Claire

Madison Campbell
High Honors

Elizabeth Catherine Cuskey

Jaime Rose Donatucci
Highest Honors, NHS

Regan Leah Dougherty
Highest Honors, NHS

Emily Farrell
Highest Honors, NHS

Kamya Javia Foster

Helen Martino Frank
Highest Honors, NHS

Emily Elizabeth Hart
Highest Honors, NHS

Keira Anne Horgan

Bettina Joseph

Casey Jean Mackey
Honors

Josephine Jane McCabe

Mairead Marlene McGuire

Emily Mary McKenna
High Honors, NHS

Utonya Madison Mitchell

Jocelyn R. Moehrle
Highest Honors, NHS

Macie Kathleen Moresco

Vivian Christine Morse
High Honors, NHS

Margaret Mary O'Keefe
High Honors

Nikki Gabriella Scirrotto

Cecilia Claudia Smith
Honors

Aida Mesfin Solomon

Nalani A. Washington
High Honors, NHS

Chloe Hawa Zubah
Honors

*NHS denotes National Honor
Society designation.*

CO-VALEDICTORIANS PRAISE CLASSMATES IN COMMENCEMENT ADDRESSES

"Take a moment to appreciate yourself, for you are all wonderful in your own right and I have no doubt of your success in your future endeavors." - Co-Valedictorian Caitlyn Breslin (pictured left)

"Mold yourself into the person your younger self would look up to so that one day, we will walk back through the Red Doors, and find the place we all grew up waiting with open arms, proud of who we have become." - Co-Valedictorian Emily Hart (pictured right)

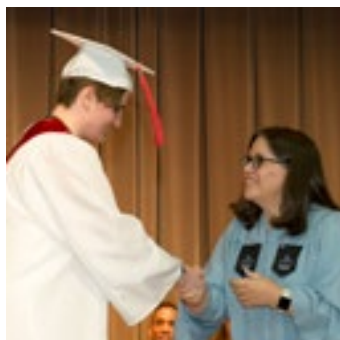


"Be An Influencer. Always try to be and do your best. Work hard and continue to set high standards. Pursue an understanding of social issues and act on them. Be kind to others. Your leadership will encourage your followers to be their best selves, too. As St. Madeleine Sophie said, "Your example, even more than your words, will be an eloquent lesson to the world."

Dr. Rebecca Moore Kellich '01 addresses the Class of 2023 (pictured below)



ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SEVENTH COMMENCEMENT



BACCALAUREATE MASS CELEBRATES THE CLASS OF 2023

Every student from the Class of 2023 took part in the Baccalaureate Mass, serving as cantors, scripture readers, prayer leaders, and presenters of gifts. Jaime Donatucci '23 addressed her classmates.

"We have spent four years studying literature but were ultimately creating our own story all along. One with multiple climaxes, messy narratives, and comical uniqueness. We have brought a satisfying ending to the chaotic joy of the past chapters... Stay in touch with this community, keep the class group chat going, and continue giving our Reader (statue at the foot of the patio) something to smile about."



PRIZE DAY AWARDS

The Marcy Wolfington
Theology Award
Elizabeth Catherine Cuskey
(1)

The Willamena Bitting, RSCJ
Creative Arts Award
Emily Farrell (2, left)
Emily Mary McKenna (2, right)

The Linda A. Robinson
Creative Writing Award
Margaret Mary O'Keefe

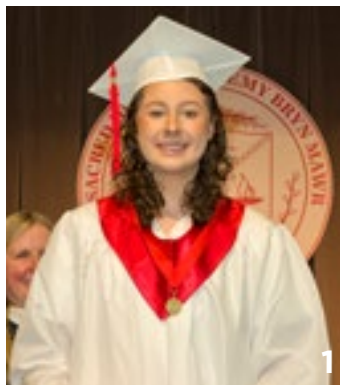
The Alumnae Essay Award
Emily Elizabeth Hart

The Mère de la Chapelle
French Award
Elizabeth Catherine Cuskey

The Mary Helen Moore Award
for Mathematics
Caitlyn Elizabeth Breslin

The Dr. Helen Meeks Horstmann '63 Science Award
Nalani A. Washington (3)

The Madre Admirable
Spanish Award
Caitlyn Elizabeth Breslin



GRADE 12 AWARDS

Elizabeth Rexford Buckland
'57 Award
Emily Elizabeth Hart
Bettina Joseph

Sportsmanship Award
Alessandra Beckett Albanese

Jeannine Broussard '85
Effort Award
Casey Jean Mackey

Rev. Mother Heuisler RSCJ
Good Conduct Award
Helen Martino Frank (4)

Dorothy Anne Leahy '64
Award
Jaime Rose Donatucci

Mary Ellen Ryan Loyalty
Award
Alessandra Beckett Albanese

Phi Beta Kappa Association
Award
Caitlyn Elizabeth Breslin

Saint Madeleine Sophie
Barat Award
Regan Leah Dougherty

Saint Rose Philippine
Duchesne Award
Bettina Joseph

Janet Erskine Stuart
Très Bien Award
Caitlyn Elizabeth Breslin
Emily Elizabeth Hart

Sacré Cœur Award
Emily Elizabeth Hart

GRADE EIGHT AWARDS

The Kim Maddox
Memorial Award
Abigail Olex (left)

The Sacré Cœur
Award
Danielle Jeffries (right)



GRADE FOUR AWARDS

The Sarah Jane Gartland
Award
Avisa Sanikhatam

The Sacré Cœur Award
Diba Sanikhatam

CLASS OF 2023



Now in College

Alessandra Albanese:
Saint Louis University

Caitlyn Breslin:
University of Notre Dame

Emma Claire Campbell:
The Pennsylvania State University

Elizabeth Cuskey:
Manhattan College

Jaime Donatucci:
University of Virginia

Regan Dougherty:
Fordham University

Emily Farrell:
Drexel University

Kamya Foster:
Widener University

Helen Frank:
Elon University

Emily Hart:
Cornell University

Keira Horgan:
Villanova University

Bettina Joseph:
LaSalle University

Casey Mackey:
The Pennsylvania State University

Josephine McCabe:
Delaware County Community College

Mairead McGuire:
The Pennsylvania State University

Emily McKenna:
Thomas Jefferson University

Utonya Mitchell:
Delaware County Community College

Jocelyn Moehrle:
The Pennsylvania State University

Macie Moresco:
University of Mississippi

Vivian Morse:
Bucknell University

Margaret O'Keefe:
Ave Maria University

Nikki Scirrotto:
The University of Tampa

Cecilia Smith:
Salve Regina University

Aida Solomon:
James Madison University

Nalani Washington:
University of Denver

Chloe Zubah:
Salve Regina University

SHA CELEBRATES TWO "LIFER" MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2023

Co-Valedictorian Emily Hart started at SHA in pre-kindergarten; Bettina Joseph began in kindergarten. The two share a unique bond and embody the true spirit of a Sacred Heart girl.

"I am only the person I am today because of the people I've met and the experiences I've had. There is no other place I would rather meet my favorite people and learn things that will follow me long after my time at SHA ends," shared Emily, who is studying Environment and Sustainability at Cornell University.



Bettina's journey to SHA is remarkable. She and her mother are refugees from Haiti who fled their country seeking medical care after a devastating earthquake that injured Bettina. At SHA, Bettina immediately found a home, and SHA gained a most beloved school community member.

"I have a lot of special memories from SHA, but if I were to talk about a few of them, I would say the people that I've met along the way. SHA has not only inspired me to do my best and also built my confidence and determination," said Bettina, who is studying Nursing at LaSalle University.

Living the Goals and Criteria

Every learning experience and tradition at SHA is linked to the five Sacred Heart Goals: **Faith, Intellect, Service, Community, and Growth**. The 2022-2023 year was no different. While engaging in multi-dimensional academic, extracurricular, and spiritual experiences, SHA students demonstrated how they embraced the Goals & Criteria every day. Some snapshots of our students' proud moments:



STUDENTS EXPAND HORIZONS WITH NETWORK ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

This summer, **Emily Hart '23** took part in the highly selective inaugural SacredHeartDNA program: "Belong and Act as One: Discovering Our SacredHeartDNA", which was held in Rome, and followed by a pilgrimage to Lisbon for World Youth Day with Pope Francis.

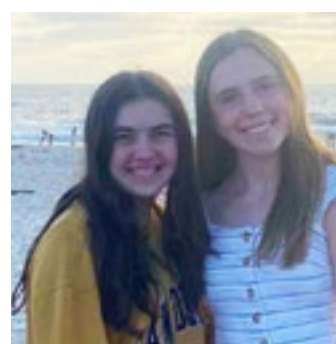
In November, **Emily Hart '23, Rae Moehrle '24, and English Department Chair Kara Rufo '05** participated in the Society of the Sacred Heart conference "Living our Mission" in St. Louis.

Emily Hart '23 and Grace Kinkade '25 (below) showcased SHA in a lively and informative Network Student Advisory Committee Instagram Takeover.



NETWORK SUMMER SERVICE PROGRAMS FURTHER PROMOTES GOAL III

Upper School students volunteered in Network Summer Service Programs and will share their experience with the community this fall.



Emma Donnelly '26 and Olivia Fratto '26 (left) volunteered at the St. Madeleine Sophie's Center in San Diego, CA, serving adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Stella Fernandez '24 volunteered at Mission Driven Music in Omaha, NE, to use music as

ministry with marginalized groups, such as those experiencing homelessness, refugees, and the elderly.

Rae Moehrle '24 volunteered at Acadiana to Zydeco in New Orleans, LA, to participate in direct service opportunities and explore the city's cultural diversity and biodiversity.

Issa Lan Taitt '24 participated in Juvenile Justice in Chicago, IL, to explore the youth criminal justice system through programs and meetings with lawmakers and activists working to repair harm and advance dialogue.

SHA NETWORK NEWS

After Three Years, SHA's SHCOG Action Plan is Complete and Met with Optimism

In April 2023, SHA completed its Sacred Heart Commission on Goals (SHCOG) Action Plan. The plan was in response to an extensive self-study of the School's accountability to its Mission and the incorporation of feedback from the evaluation from a SHCOG Visiting Team. The process, which is done for every Sacred Heart Network School every five years, was spearheaded by Upper School Teacher/SHCOG Chair, Kelly Weber.

During the self-study process, students deepened their understanding of the Goals & Criteria through a SHCOG Day which included prayer and activities, including a collaborative art piece that hangs in the dining room as a visual reminder of the School's Mission.

The SHCOG Self-Study was also a culmination of the valued input of all SHA constituents; parents, alumnae, and trustees were involved in dialogue on the Goals & Criteria which spurred ideas for improvement.

Compiled by an internal SHA committee and headed by Lower School teacher Brittan Murtagh Adams '01, the SHCOG Action Plan identifies specific areas of growth over the next three years, which will help deepen the School's commitment to the Goals and Criteria. Additionally, the Board of Trustees submitted a Work Plan to outline their continued work. Both documents received tremendous feedback from the Sacred Heart Commission on Goals. The School was lauded for its efforts to commit to this work in the coming years and for strengthening its sense of Mission at Sacred Heart Academy Bryn Mawr.

OUR CARING COMMUNITY

Sacred Heart's Goal III: "A social awareness which impels to action" is exemplified in SHA's meaningful service. Last year, all faculty, staff, and Upper School students participated in two Days of Service. Middle School students volunteered monthly at Cradles to Crayons and took part in an on-campus Day of Service in the spring. Throughout the year, Lower School students engaged

in projects for various service groups, such as Breast Cancer Awareness and Unite For Her.

SHA is proud to have provided service and care to the following organizations last academic year: Caring for Friends, Circle of Hope Outreach in Kensington, Colonial Playhouse, Cradles to Crayons, Darby Creek Valley Association, Fostering Hope, Haverford Arboretum, MANNA, Marple Presbyterian Thrift Shop, Murphy's Giving Market, Nick's

House, No More Secrets, Nutritional Development Services in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Our Closet in Your Neighborhood, Project Ensonga at St. David's Episcopal Church, Project Linus, Saint Katherine's Day School, Providence Animal Center, Sankofa Farm at Bartram's Garden, Surrey Services, Teacher's Teammates, Tyler Arboretum, Upper Darby Community Outreach Corporation at Christ Lutheran Church, and Unite For Her, among others.



CONGÉ 2023: OUT OF THIS WORLD!

The beloved - and much anticipated - annual tradition of Congé did not disappoint! After secretive year-long planning by the Upper School Student Council officers, students in all divisions revelled in the surprise all-day funfest!



RED & WHITE FIELD DAY 2023



**THE WHITE TEAM CAPTURES THE
COVETED UPPER SCHOOL TROPHY**



The longstanding SHA Field Day tradition, organized by the Upper School Committee of Games and Athletics Department, included time-honored races, dodgeball, dance routines, and everything in between! Awards were presented to the winners of each event, in each grade level, and concluded with the presentation of the winners' trophies. Congratulations to both teams!



**THE RED TEAM CLAIMS THE
LOWER & MIDDLE SCHOOL PRIZE**



Heartcoming 2022



COMING HOME

It was a *SHAmazing* day on campus for Heartcoming 2022, thanks to the Parents' Association, Alumnae Association, faculty, and staff who rallied to bring back the beloved SHA community event after a two-year hiatus.

The theme, Coming Home, set the stage for an all-day celebration beginning with Mass and the beautiful installation ceremony welcoming the new Head of School Carla Jantos MacMullen.

After a lively varsity field hockey victory, a bench dedication was held in memory of longtime Lions fan Mary Ann "Mimi" Davis Miner '53. A 20th Anniversary celebration of the 2001 AACA Field Hockey Championship team and tribute to Coach Randy Rogers P '02, '04 followed. The varsity volleyball team also faced off in the gym in front of cheering fans!

The first annual Heartcoming Fun Fair followed and was a fan favorite! Games, food, a SHA spirit wear sale, prizes, and giveaways were enjoyed by students of all ages!

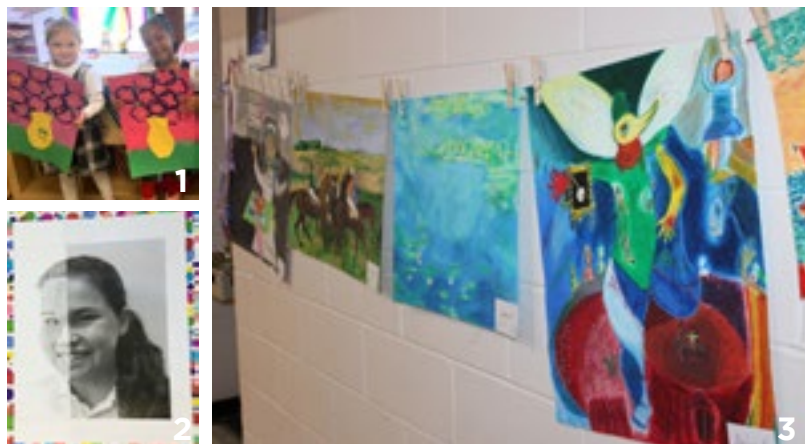
An Alumnae Mass held at the cherished May MacNeal Cardone Chapel was followed by alumnae gatherings on the Sun Porch and patio that carried into the night, complete with live music, food, and cheer.



THE ARTS: ALIVE AND WELL AT SHA!

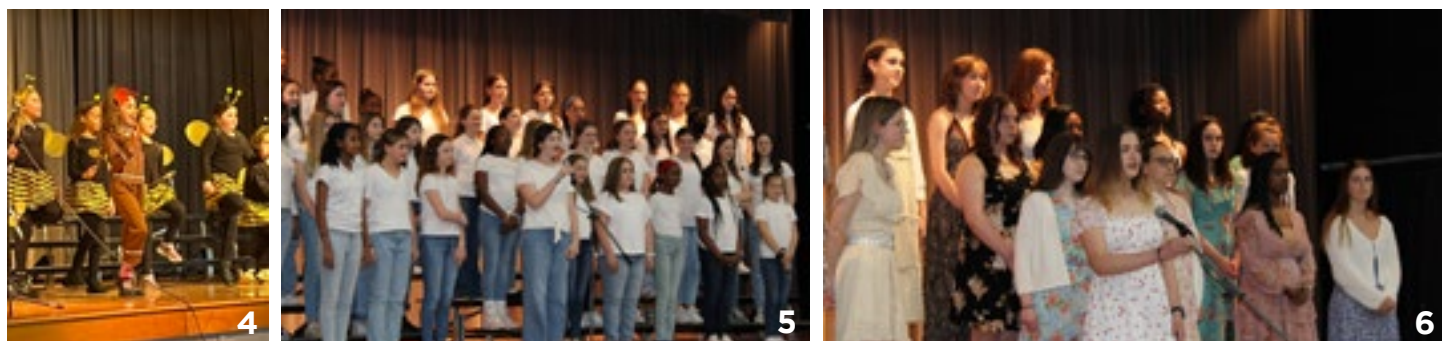
Students participated in the Visual, Music, and Performing Arts across all divisions in our art studio, Performing Arts Center (PAC), on stage, and in community spaces. The opportunities invited students to step out of their comfort zone, explore new techniques, and express their creativity.

The new SHA website, launched in January 2023, now includes the much-deserved “Arts” section with pages focusing on Visual, Music, and Performing Arts. The pages highlight the impressive curriculum in each division and the creativity of our students.



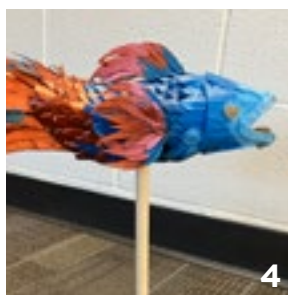
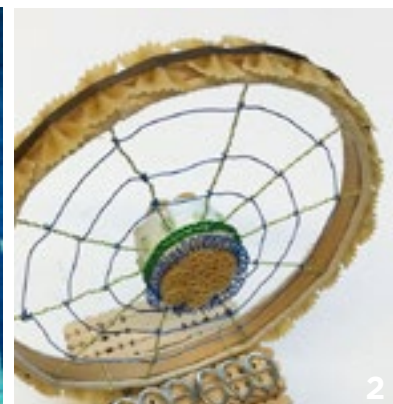
Spotlight on a Brilliant Year in the Arts

1. Lower School artists, Faye Borginis '34 and Amarachi Alams '35 study Van Gogh
2. Graphite Pencil Portrait with Contrasting Frame Design by Mia Fagan '27
3. All-School Art Show
4. Lower Schoolers dazzle at the Christmas Concert, led by Gingerbread Girl Scarlett O'Brien '31
5. Middle Schoolers entertain the SHA community and families, led by Abby Olex '27
6. Upper School Chorus performs at the annual Spring Concert, led by Rae Moehrle '24



Upper School Students' Advanced Studio Arts Work

1. Batik by AnnaMary Miller '24
2. Found object sculpture, inspired by the Art of Louise Nevelson, by Josie McCabe '23
3. Digital book character portrait by Emily Farrell '23
4. Character developed for animation in cardboard by Mairead McGuire '23
5. Still Life Observational by Emily McKenna '23





GOAL I: FAITH



Living and Leading in Faith

Students strengthened their relationships with God in various ways, including leading Mass to celebrate the Feast of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne (Grade 4), celebrating the First Holy Eucharist for some members of the Classes of 2033 and 2027, and participating in the annual May Procession and crowning of Mary, followed by a Mother's Day gathering. At Mass honoring the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, an all-community event, Lower School students participated in the carrying of lilies in a procession. "O Mary, I give you the lily of my heart. Be its guardian forever."



GOAL II: INTELLECT

Fostering a Love of Reading

Students further developed a passion for and competency in reading through several special initiatives, including author visits and an All-School book swap. Director of College Counseling Alan Paynter also sparked joy in books by reading to students as part of his ninth participation in the annual Read Across America program.



Instilling Confidence and Celebrating Women

Students shone at the time-honored Women of Achievement presentations over the course of three days in concert with Women's History Month. Students researched and gave oral presentations, dressed in character, celebrating the bravery, determination, leadership, and accomplishments of important women who shaped history.

Opening Doors Through STEM

Ensuring the development of early problem-solving skills, critical thinking, and creativity, students participated in numerous STEM activities. All Lower School students took part in Science Bowl - a 40+ year honored tradition - where teams of mixed grades tested their knowledge of all things science.

Lower Schoolers were taught the concepts of textile engineering, innovation, and up-cycling by designing dresses with repurposed materials which they later wore to "walk the runway" amidst cheering Middle School friends! Younger students created 3D maps to understand their homes in the context of their town, state, country, continent, and world and were introduced to coding concepts - commands, looping, debugging, and variables - in the Innovation Center. Students learned about circuit building and demonstrated their conductivity testers to Mrs. MacMullen and also took part in the school-famous Parachute Drop with Pepperidge Farms Goldfish Crackers experiment to introduce physics. In a new initiative, students teamed up with boys from St. Aloysius Academy for lessons in Robotics.



Archeologist Dr. George Leader, a tenured professor at the College of New Jersey who spends summers

digging for ancient tools in South Africa, shared insights with students and invited them to take part in a small-scale dig to help uncover "human and monkey skulls."



Integrating Studies for Deep Understanding

A capstone of an extensive unit on westward expansion through language arts

and social studies lessons, students fully immersed themselves in the lives of American pioneers through Prairie Days, a perennial favorite.

GOAL III: SERVICE



Serving Those in Need

Lower School students provided meaningful service in support of Cradles to Crayons, Unite For Her, and Caring for Friends throughout the academic year. They also participated in the school-wide PB&J drive, making 7,000+ sandwiches for Circle of Hope.

Grades 2 and 3 students prepared nearly 120 meals for Caring for Friends, an organization that assists with food insecurity through nearby churches.

Goal IV: COMMUNITY



Celebrating Our Traditions and Sisterhood

Our youngest students grew in leaps and bounds and marked the milestone of the 100th Day of School by dressing as 100-year-old grandmothers. Lower and Upper School students participated in a variety of sisterhood activities

where learning and friendships grew, including Sacred Heart Goals-themed Thanksgiving turkeys. Fun events with classmates strengthened friendships and built a community like no other!

Goal V: GROWTH

Bringing Lessons to Life

Field Trips were an integral part of the Lower School experience, providing opportunities for deep thought and exploration in Social Studies, Science and Technology, and the Arts. Highlights included "Bugs to Butterflies" lesson at the Academy of Natural Sciences (K-1), "Through Their Eyes: Major Causes and Events of the American Revolution" at the Revolutionary Museum (Grades 3 & 4), and "Fire Prevention and Your Neighborhood Fire Company" with the Bryn Mawr Fire Department (Grades K-2).

Expanding Horizons

Students continued to explore new concepts and disciplines through a variety of clubs, including American Sign Language, Passports Around the World, Environmental Club, and Art Club to name just a few. Some new clubs on the slate this fall: Coding Basics, Knitting, and SHA Track & Field.



Celebrating Mother Earth

In celebration of Earth Day, Lower and Middle School created beautiful wind chimes made from household items and learned about ways they can grow in their stewardship of our Earth.

SHA Shifts to Lower School Multi-Age Classrooms

This fall, SHA Lower School students began learning in multi-age classrooms (MAC), guided by Sacred Heart Goal II, Criteria II which challenges Sacred Heart educators to develop and implement a dynamic curriculum, effective instructional methodology, current educational research, and ongoing evaluation to maximize the experience and personal growth of each student. Grades 1 and 2 learn together, as does Grades 3 and 4. Teachers trained in the Responsive Classroom approach strategically assemble student groups according to students' abilities, interests, learning styles, and strengths, allowing for greater differentiation in meeting students' needs. In conjunction with MAC, SHA is pleased to announce the dedicated Lower School Math and STEM classrooms.

Tiny Heart Program Connects with Local Families

We're growing! SHA's popular Tiny Hearts program for girls and boys from birth to age 4, and their caregivers, expanded this fall providing more opportunities to connect with prospective families. Tiny Hearts includes fun-themed playtime with music and movement, storytime, and creative and cooperative play.



MIDDLE SCHOOL MEMORIES



GOAL I: FAITH

Displaying Their Faith in God

Students' Theology studies included Sacraments (Grade 5), Old Testament (Grade 6), New Testament (Grade 7), and Church History (Grade 8), with a focus on competency in speaking credibly about their faith and understanding and interacting with the world in the 21st century. This spring, students encouraged our community to live out the theological virtues of Faith, Hope, and Love by creating eloquent chalk art.



GOAL II: INTELLECT

Building Essential STEM Skills

STEM projects helped students think creatively, reason systematically, and work collaboratively. Featured projects included: creating mechanical hands with moving fingers and joints, building a bridge to withstand the weight, and programming interactive games. To learn about the engineering of the NASA Mars Rover,



students designed and constructed Mars Rovers using items purchased within a \$10 billion budget; project managers then shared the inventions with the group for review. SHA and St. Aloysius Academy partnered for a Grade 8 Egg Drop Engineering Design Challenge where teams planned, designed, and tested a variety of contraptions. Grades 5-8 students made Alka-Seltzer-powered lava lamps with common household materials, observed and recorded the differing dissolution rates, and discussed variables.



That's Genius

Middle School students presented their Genius Hour projects to peers, sharpening their creative and speaking skills. Some of the wonderful projects

included: "What Makes a Book a Bestseller", "How to Sew the Perfect Pouch", "Why Thumbs are Not Fingers", and "How to Take Good Notes". Genius Hour is open-ended learning characterized by student self-direction, passion-based learning, inquiry, and autonomy.

Fostering a Love of Reading

Students participated in the annual Reading Olympics Challenge by logging the books they've read and testing their knowledge with friendly competition through Kahoot; Grades 5 and 6 topped Grades 7 and 8 in the game and earned a dress-down day!

GOAL III: SERVICE

Serving Others

Through year-round service projects and two designated Days of Service, Middle Schools supported Cradles to Crayons, Nick's House, Providence Animal Center, Caring for Friends, and Circle of Hope. Students also planned Mass and honored the collective service work and blessed all whom we serve.

Goal IV: COMMUNITY



Honoring Our Planet

As part of an extended unit focusing on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), students learned how to be responsible consumers and upcycle, and developed action plans for implementing "Sustainable Consumption and Production" (UN Goal 12) into

their lives. The Middle School Student Council created an upcycled art display using bottle caps. The artwork, which mimics the SHA logo, vividly represents SHA's commitment to protecting our Earth, created by God.

Building Community and Cultural Competency

Grade 8 continued to welcome students to campus as part of the Sacred Heart Network Exchange Program. Lily Tran from the Academy of the Sacred Heart in New Orleans was hosted by Sophia Schuller '27 and her family. Through the reciprocal program, students gain valuable experience in traveling independently, becoming more self-sufficient, and experiencing cultural richness.

Goal V: GROWTH

Celebrating a Rite of Passage

In September, Grade 8 students took part in an annual rite of passage - a two-day, off-site retreat at Camp Bernie. Grade 6 and 7 students gathered to joyfully cheer on their friends as they departed for two days of team building and leadership activities, in preparation for leading the Middle School. The much-anticipated trip also nurtured sisterhood.



Expanding Understanding Through Field Studies

Students left campus to develop a deeper understanding of academic coursework throughout the year. A sampling: At the Wetlands Institute in Stone Harbor, NJ, Grades 5 and 6 explored marshes in waders and used scientific tools to

observe wildlife and test water samples. Grades 7 and 8 students centered their investigations on beach ecology and wrapped up their day by scavenger hunting, sorting, and classifying their collections. Grade 7 elevated their understanding of Lois Lowry's Newbery Award-winning classic *The Giver* by attending a performance at the Philadelphia Children's Festival at the Annenberg Center at Penn. A Grade 7 and 8 trip to New York City expanded students' knowledge of life after the Triangle Factory fire, tenement living, and Jewish American life during the era.

Opening Doors Through Extracurriculars

Clubs provided opportunities for students to explore topics of interest and try their hands - or feet - in areas new to them. Options ran the gamut and included Walking Club, Rocking Through the Decades, Go Green, Softball, Robotics, Yearbook, and Crafting.

Lady Bots Soar at First Competition

The Middle School Robotics Club soared at the Mid-Atlantic Robotics Skirmish, an official FMA-FLL Challenge Regional Qualifying Tournament, capturing the Breakthrough Award acknowledging the team's significant capability and confidence in both the robotic game and innovation project. The SHA Lady Bots, composed of 5th and 6th graders, competed against 18 schools at the Skirmish, hosted by LaSalle College High School. Under the direction of Teacher and Technology Chair, Mrs. Sharon Ackerley, and MS Science Teacher, Mrs. Laura Mullan, the team designed a FIRST LEGO League robot with multiple missions focused on renewable resources.



Head of School for the Day

Camryn Cliett '30 served as Head of School for the day in May where she greeted students, lead homeroom, enjoyed a snack with the Head of School Mrs. Mac while sharing ideas, observed a class, announced Espacio, attended a meeting with Director of Upper School Mrs. Day, and even announced a dress-down day in honor of St. Madeleine Sophie!

(The Head of the School for the Day was a silent auction item at the 2022-2023 Pints & Plaids Auction.)

Congratulations to the National Honor Society Inductees

Five Grade 7 students were inducted into the Janet Erskine Stuart chapter of the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) based on their excellence in scholarship, service, leadership, and character. At the evening induction, Elizabeth Armstrong '05 spoke on the four pillars of the NHS and her own experiences at SHA. Congratulations to the Grade 7 inductees: Emily Cognato, Avery Fritton, Grace Gill, Kathryn LeGrand, and Natalie Powers.



Thirty-five SHA students, faculty, and staff explored France as part of the SHA international travel program. The cohort visited Paris, Joigny, Nice, and Monaco. Students sharpened their French language skills, explored French landmarks and galleries they've studied, enjoyed French cuisine, and expanded global perspectives. Students also had the opportunity to spend time with the Sacred Heart Sisters at the Sophie Barat Centre, embracing their teachings, culture, and kindness as they shared their knowledge of St. Madeleine Sophie - the foundress of the Society of the Sacred Heart - and the mark she left in the heart of Joigny.



The annual tradition of the Junior Ring Mass & Ceremony was one to remember. Beautifully decorated for Christmas, the school community and parents gathered in the Gormley Gymnasium to celebrate Mass and each junior as she received her ring, escorted by her chosen seniors. As always, rings were turned three times - once to make a wish for the junior, next to make a wish for the senior, and the third to make a wish for the School. Director of Upper School Mrs. Day spoke of her time at Sacred Heart Greenwich, the significance of her ring still today, and the bond she shares with her Sacred Heart sisters.



Senior Milestones Marked in Celebration! Class of 2023 enjoyed time-honored celebrations the final month at SHA including the 100th Day of School, the Alumnae Network Induction Mass and ceremony; and Decision Day Lunch!



Twelve Grade 11 students were inducted into the Janet Erskine Stuart chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS), based on their excellence in scholarship, service, leadership, and character. Congratulations to Emma Baylor, Nora Brannan, Ann Corcoran, Skylar Dittbrenner, Makenzie Fisher, Riley Fisher, Paige Redmond, Katherine Schanne, Taylor Stull, Issa Lan Taitt, Maya Walker, and Madeline Wuest.

Co-valedictorians, Caitlyn Breslin (l) and Emily Hart (r) were honored by Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D. D. Archbishop of Philadelphia at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, along with other top students from Philadelphia-area Catholic Schools.



Congratulations to the Class of 2024 Leaders, elected by their peers. President: Maya Walker, Vice President: Makenzie Fisher, Secretary: Riley Fisher, Treasurer: Issa Lan Taitt.

2023-2024 UPPER SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

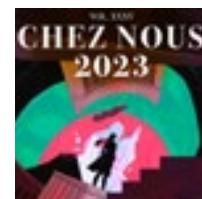
*Too Many To Share!
Some of Our Favorites!*



The Black Student Union (BSU) participated in and initiated several programs this year. The group attended two events hosted by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), including the 16th Annual Youth Leadership Conference, held at the Philadelphia Convention Center, which included breakout sessions empowering them to step outside of their comfort zone; address systemic issues including anti-bias, racism, and anti-semitism; and formulate a plan to increase social justice action at SHA. Students presented their findings at an US Community Gathering. The BSU also took part in a student-run diversity conference titled "Students of the Present. Voices for the Future" and were inspired to host their own conference in the spring. Their conference, titled "Forming Alliances: Exploring Our Similarities and Differences" involved a Cross the Line exercise and workshops focused on understanding the significance of building an inclusive environment. Keynote speaker Jene Elzie, a New York business executive, shared insights and practices to form alliances. The BSU also educated students on history and black leaders to honor Black History Month and visited the Philadelphia home and museum of Paul Robeson, the civil rights activist, actor, lawyer, and entrepreneur.



The most popular book on campus, *The Gate*, was met with huge applause at the annual unveiling, followed by year-book signings. This year's edition was dedicated to Kelly Weber, History Chair, History/Theology teacher, and Community Service Coordinator and Tricia Heeney, World Languages Chair, French teacher, and SHA Network Exchange Coordinator. Pictured: *The Gate* senior staffers (l to r, photo 1): Keira Horgan, Jaime Donatucci, Emma Campbell, and Nikki Scirrotto.



Chez Nous, the School's annual art and literary magazine, released its 35th annual edition. An Open Mic Night, featuring student musicians, dancers, and performers helped raise funds for the magazine's print edition; the publication is also available online.



The SHAmazing Journey! Class of 2024 members Katie Schanne, Madeline Wuest, Maya Walker, and Nora Brannan (pictured) shared their journeys on why they chose SHA (filmed in September of Grade 9) and why SHA was undoubtedly their best school choice (filmed in May 2023). The video, found on SHA's new website (launched in February 2023) is one of several showcasing our amazing school!

Students in Grade 10 Wellness Class created a visual representation of their three personal goals to strengthen their relationship with themselves, enhance their connection to others, and plan for their future selves as part of a unit on Building Relationships with Self and Others.



Madeline Wuest '24 (pictured with AP English Language and Composition teacher Kerri Schuster) earned "First Class Distinction" in the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) Achievement Awards in Writing Contest, honoring some of the best student writers in the nation.

MORE UPPER SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS



Congratulations to the 2023-2024 Student Council Leaders, elected by their peers: President Madeline Wuest, Vice President Clare McLaughlin, Secretary Stella Fernandez, Social Media Coordinator Nora Brannan, Community Service Corps Paige Redmont and Katie Schanne, MESH Leader Mary Gordon, Committee of Games Captains Emily Solomon and Caitlyn Loughlin (White Team). Red Team captains are to be determined.



SHA Grade 11 students Skylar Ditbrenner, Riley Fisher, and Madeline Wuest attended the Good Government Seminar at Cabrini University, sponsored by State Senator Amanda Cappelletti of the 17th District. This year's topic was Voting Rights. Students were divided into committees, assigned political parties, and moved through caucus and debate sessions as part of a mock legislative debate; the day culminated in a floor vote.

Assemblies throughout the year focused on building character and preparing students to be leaders in life. Kristen McGarvey, Founder of K.McGarvey Presentations, helped students gain insights on the realities, responsibilities, and dangers of social media. Jill Bodensteiner, Saint Joseph's University Vice President/Director of Athletics, shared deeply personal and meaningful messages and urged students to embrace life's ups and downs, break barriers; and most importantly, be their authentic selves. Mary Ciammetti, founder "Don't Stall, Just Call", shared vital information about alcohol on campus and preventing alcohol-related tragedies.



Three members of the Class of 2024 were recently accepted into the Diocesan Scholars Program through the Archdiocese of Philadelphia's Office of Catholic Education. Ann Corcoran will take classes at Neumann University, Riley Fisher at Immaculata University, and Madeline Wuest at Villanova University.



SHA's inaugural Sophie Scholar program will begin this fall. Students in Grade 10 were selected for the program through an application and interview process and have committed to rigorous study and enriching co-curricular experiences. The Scholars will explore a field of interest in-depth, give back to the community, and share their knowledge meaningfully. The program will continue through Grade 12; the Sophie Scholars will earn a special designation upon graduation. Congratulations to the following students: The Math and Science Track: Emma Donnelly and Linh Taitt; The Writing Intensive Track: Emma Greenwood and Mia Stanley; The Social Awareness and Action Track: Kathleen Keffer, Anna Schanne, and Julia Schlegel.



The Girls in Medicine Club members presented "The Neuroscience of Mental Health" at the Annenberg Science Symposium, a culmination of research the students conducted throughout the school year, focusing on scientific advancements in the field of neuroscience.

Upper School Goal III Scholars presented their independent service learning projects, capping their year-long work. Their process involved selecting a topic of their choice; researching the problem and potential solutions; designing and implementing a service action of at least ten hours; writing an advocacy letter to an elected official, leader, or person in the media; and presenting their work to their peers. Projects ran the gamut from "Literacy and Book Access" to "The Impact of Urbanization on Birds" to "Dignity in Elder Care."

Students participated in numerous Network Exchanges. Regan Dougherty '23 hosted Antonia Groebler from the Sophie Barat Schule, Hamburg, Germany. Vivian Morse '23 (photo) visited Istituto Sacro Cuore della Trinità dei Monti in Rome, Italy. Madeline Wuest '24 traveled to La Perverie in Nantes, France in March 2022. Judy Horn '24 traveled to Sophie Barat Schule in Hamburg, Germany. Anna Winner '24 traveled to the Academy of the Sacred Heart Grand Coteau, Louisiana. Maeve Harvey '24 visited Sacré Cœur in Glen Iris in Melbourne, Australia. Issa Lan Taitt '24 visited Sacred Heart High School for Girls in Taipei, Taiwan. All of the students who traveled hosted/will host students from their partner schools.



US students were given the gift of reflecting on themselves and their relationship with God at the annual retreats, where students spent time in quiet reflection and small and large group discussions. Grade 12 students returned from the time-honored Kairos retreat renewed in their faith and purpose in life. Grade 10 focused on "Belonging & Community" and Grade 11 on "Sacredness" during their retreats, all of which were held at St. Raphaela Center.

M.E.S.H. (Mission Effectiveness at SHA) held a Day of Kindness reminding us that a little kindness goes a long way. The event included a prayer service, a sharing of students' acts of kindness, and M.E.S.H. members handing out roses to every US student.



It was a great day when upperclasswomen greeted the Class of 2026 at the Big Sis, Little Sis picnic!

Led by Class of 2023 Class President Regan Dougherty, senior members of The Equity Initiative packed donations of feminine hygiene products to help alleviate period poverty for delivery to Murphy's Giving Market in Upper Darby. SHA and Devon Prep Grade 9 students collaborated in the spirit of service to make PB&Js to support Circle of Hope, a Philadelphia faith-based organization.



The Class of 2022 returned to campus for College Conversation with the Class of 2023, which included spirited dialogue, insights on college life, and how their SHA education has equipped them with a solid foundation both academically and socially. The talk was followed by Goûter in the Mansion Sunporch.



The Class of 2023 SHA prom: A Masquerade Ball!



The SHA College Counseling department (SHACC) offered students a unique perspective on college admissions by having them act as college representatives evaluating prospective students for admission to "SHA University". Parents also had the opportunity at an evening session which included a Q&A with a panel of admission officers from local universities. Class of 2024 students also hit the road on a chartered bus to tour Lehigh University and Muhlenberg College, led by Director of College Counseling Alan Paynter.



BASKETBALL (1)

(SHOOPS) advanced to the PIAA District final again and made basketball program history when it advanced to the PIAA State Tournament Elite 8 after Megan Donahoe '26 netted a game-winning, 3-point basket at the buzzer. Keara McCaffrey '26 posted a career-high 27 points, 16 rebounds, and 5 blocks to propel the Lions to victory in the tournament. Honors: All-Main Line: Keara McCaffrey '25, Megan Donahoe '26, and MJ Donahoe '26.

CROSS COUNTRY (2)

Captured the PIAA AA District One Championship at Lehigh University to advance to the PIAA AA state tournament in Hershey.

CREW

Athlete Stella Fernandez '26 (3) captured first place at the Philadelphia Scholastic Rowing Association JV1 Cities Championship and competed in the Scholastic Rowing Association of America National Championship in Nashville.

FIELD HOCKEY (5)

Honored the 2001 championship team and paid tributes to revered Coach Randy Rogers and SHA superfan Mimi Miner at Homecoming. Honors: Delco All-Stars: Caitlin Breslin '23, MJ Donahoe '26, and Helen Frank '23.

LACROSSE (10)

Captain Macey Moresco '23 and her mother, Coach Michelle Moresco, said farewell to Lions Lacrosse after four years!

SWIMMING (7)

Reinstated in 2022 at the prompting of three Upper School students.

TENNIS (6)

Honors: Doubles partners Yara Memar '25/Nora Wiedenman '25 and Maeve Harvey '25/Clare McLaughlin '24 represented SHA at the AACA Doubles Tournament.



**2022-2023
ATHLETICS STATS:**
 9 Varsity Sports
 3 Middle School Sports
 3 All-State Honors
 5 All-District Honors
 8 AACA All-Stars Honors
 9 All-Main Line Honors
 80% of SHA students
 play one or more sports.

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TRACK & FIELD

Honors: High jumper, Aly Albanese '23 (8): 1st Place at PIAA District One Champs, PIAA State Championship, ACA All-Star; Maya Walker '24: 2nd at Districts (800 meter); Makenzie Fisher '24: 4th at Districts (mile). Walker, Nora Brannan '24, Grace Brown '25, and Issa Taitt '24 ran the 4x400 relay at the Penn Relays (9). Photos track and field

VOLLEYBALL (4)

Captured its sixth consecutive District One title and eleventh in thirteen years and advanced to PIAA State semifinal. Honors: AACA All-Stars: Liz Cuskey '23, Emily McKenna '23; All-District Team: Cuskey, Annie Corcoran '24, Aly Albanese '23, Macie Moresco '23, Lilly Hornickle '24; All-State Team: Cuskey, McKenna, Corcoran; All-Main Line: Albanese, Corcoran, Cuskey, Hornickle, McKenna, Moresco.

The Rogers family established the Randy Rogers P'02, P'04 Memorial Scholarship in honor of Randy, the beloved SHA field hockey coach from 1996-2003. The scholarship provides financial support throughout Upper School to a student who is dedicated to academics, possesses solid character, is hard working, and embodies a loyalty to Sacred Heart Academy Bryn Mawr. A spring fundraiser and celebration of Coach Rogers raised \$60,000+. To support the scholarship, contact Director of Advancement Robin Nolan.



Two-time All-State athlete and PA Sports Hall of Fame Delco Chapter honoree Emily McKenna committed to play volleyball at Thomas Jefferson University, a winning NCAA Division II program.

SHA APPOINTS A CARLA JANTOS MACMULLEN AS HEAD OF SCHOOL

In February 2023, Sacred Heart Academy Bryn Mawr announced the appointment of Carla Jantos MacMullen as Sacred Heart Academy's next Head of School. The Board of Trustees unanimously endorsed Mrs. MacMullen's appointment following the conclusion of a seven-month national search.

Mrs. MacMullen brings more than 30 years of independent school faculty and leadership experience to SHA. She served as the Head of School at The Kew-Forest School, in Forest Hills, Queens, New York - a century-old PK through 12 independent school which she ably guided through both the COVID pandemic and significant operational improvements.

Mrs. MacMullen began her career as a science educator. She obtained a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from Denison University, followed by graduate work in Health Education and Women's Studies, and a Master of Education in Private School Leadership from The Klingenstein Center at Columbia University's Teachers College.



Previously, Mrs. MacMullen served as Science Department Chair and Dean of Faculty at Hopkins School in New Haven, Connecticut.

In preliminary meetings with the Search Committee and over the course of two days of conversations with Sacred Heart constituents, Mrs. MacMullen distinguished herself as a worthy mission steward who leads and communicates with authenticity, poise, integrity, and faith-filled grace. She also demonstrated her accomplishments as an institution-builder, experienced in guiding school communities and teams toward transformative operational advancements with a strategic, collaborative, and data-driven approach, coupled with courage, confidence, and good humor.

Mrs. MacMullen's career includes extensive experience collaborating with faculty, staff, and school communities to advance enrollment goals; development and advancement initiatives; diversity, equity & inclusion efforts; faculty development; and financial sustainability - all core priorities of Sacred Heart Academy's Courage for the Journey Strategic Plan.

Mrs. MacMullen began her official duties as Head of School in July 2023.

SHA WELCOMES FIVE DIRECTORS



Symone James Abiola was named Director of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging in July 2023. Working with administrators and faculty, Symone will identify areas of specific need, such as anti-racist and anti-bias teaching and learning experiences, and oversee the implementation of actions to further build the

inclusive and welcoming community at SHA. Symone was a teacher leader for six years at Meriden Public Schools, Conn., executed district-wide initiatives to decrease disparities, and spearheaded professional development for teachers in neighboring districts on anti-racism-related topics. She holds a Sixth-Year Diploma and Certification in Educational Administration, a Master of Arts degree in Curriculum and Instruction, a Bachelor of Science degree with certification in Elementary Education with a minor in Diversity Studies in American Culture, all from the University of Connecticut.



Kathleen Harte Simone was named Director of Marketing & Communications in December in support of Enrollment Management, Development, Alumnae Relations, and SHA family communications. Kathleen oversees SHA's website content and design, social media, marketing materials, advertising, public relations,

The Red & White Bulletin, and the Vue du Coeur. Prior to SHA, Kathleen was the Athletics Media Manager at Germantown Friends School, responsible for communications of the school's 65+ teams and the systemization of the 40+ student-run athletics social media accounts. She was the founder and managing editor of a field hockey website that garnered national attention, and was the Assistant Athletic and Sports Information Director at The Baldwin School. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism from Temple University.

Robin Nolan was appointed Director of Development in July 2023. In conjunction with the Head of the School Carla Jantos MacMullen, the Board of Trustees, and the Advancement staff, Robin will spearhead relationship-building efforts, fundraising campaigns, and building the SHA Annual Fund. Robin brings vast development experience and a deep understanding of education in the area having been the Director of Institutional Advancement at



Father Judge High School and St. Hubert Catholic High School, her alma mater. Prior to SHA, Robin served as the Senior Program Manager for The Yass Prize/Center for Education Reform. A background in marketing and communications is another one of Robin's strengths. Born, educated, and a lifetime resident of Philadelphia, Robin earned her MBA from Temple University and her Bachelor of Arts degree from Holy Family College.



Alan Paynter was named Director of College Counseling in December 2022, overseeing the robust program for all Upper School students. Alan brings extensive admission experience from the collegiate perspective; a vast network of high school college counselors; as well as relational skills and warmth to guide SHA students and their families. Already, Alan

has instituted protocols and services for improved productivity and insight into the college process along with vibrant social media accounts to keep students engaged and excited. Alan most recently served as the Director of Admissions at Hobart and William Smith Colleges. He is also a sought-after speaker on a variety of college admission topics. Alan is a Doctoral Student of Administration & Leadership Studies at Indiana University of PA. He earned his Master of Science from Kutztown University.

Donna Romero was named Director of Academics this summer. As the Director of Academics, Donna will plan, organize, lead, and execute all aspects of the academic program at SHA, including designing and integrating innovative new programs, providing best-practice solutions for student access to academic studies, and seeking partnerships with other programs.

Donna comes from Friends Select School (FSS) in Center City Philadelphia where she served as Drama Department Chair, Middle & Upper School Drama Teacher, and English Teacher. Her other teaching positions in English and/or Theater include Cathedral High School for Girls and Loyola School, both in Manhattan, and Villa Maria Academy. Donna holds a B.A. in English/Drama with a Minor in Secondary Education from Saint Joseph's University and a M.A. in Educational Theatre from New York University.



In Appreciation

Farewell and best wishes to longtime faculty and staff members who have made a lasting impression on SHA students and the entire community.



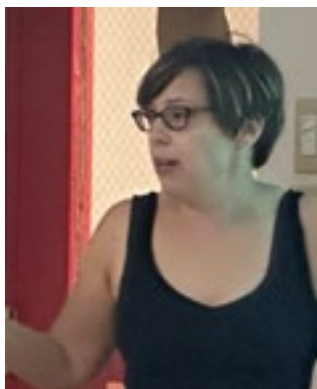
Jeanne Peretta, a former Assistant to the Upper School Director, announced her retirement after 30 years at Sacred Heart and caring for hundreds of Upper School students. Jeanne worked under three Heads of School and multiple Directors and greeted numerous new faculty members and students each August. She

also served as the assistant coach for varsity softball for 18 years and was the co-head varsity basketball coach alongside Zach Shuler for years.

Jeanne's dedication in the 2001 Yearbook reads: "No amount of words can describe how much she means to our class and how much we respect her. You have truly shown us the 'meaning of heart'."

Jeanne plans to spend more time helping with her husband's business, with family, and at her favorite place, the Delaware shore!

At this year's commencement ceremony, she concluded the final prayer with: "Thanks for the memories and always in my heart." Jeanne remains in the hearts of so many!



Joanne Dougherty, a highly regarded Upper School Biology Teacher, departed for a new adventure this spring after 17 years of outstanding service. During her tenure, Joanne taught Grade 9 Biology, Biology II, Anatomy and Physiology, as well as implemented AP Biology into the US Science course offerings.

Joanne's enthusiasm for her subject and her students was infectious! She was known for her organizational skills, dedication to her "freshies", and willingness to jump into any SHA event, including dodgeball at Congé!

In addition to teaching, Joanne served as the Grade 12 Dean and moderated a number of clubs, the most notable being Girls in Medicine, which culminated



Elizabeth "Beth" Porter '78 retired in June 2023 after 40 years at Sacred Heart Academy.

Much of Beth's career was as a Lower School Grade 3 teacher; she also served as the Director of Lower School. Beth's Sacred Heart roots run

in students presenting their in-depth medical research to a panel of Main Line Health professionals at the Annenberg Symposium each spring.

"We wish Joanne much success in her new venture at Penn," said Meg Tredinnick, US Science Department Chair, "but will miss her greatly here at SHA. And as my fellow Dooley faculty will attest to, our lunches will not be the same!"



Sandy McGrory, Educational Technology Specialist, retired in March following nearly 17 years of service at SHA. Over the years, Sandy's responsibilities included myriad aspects of SHA technology including infrastructure, systems, equipment, and user needs. Sandy used her voice and expertise to collaboratively advance the state of

technology at SHA, including upgrading Apple's new Volume Purchase Program and the Mobile Device Management system; migrating from Microsoft to Google Workspace; establishing a system to enhance the food service checkout experience; using grant funding to provide technology for the staff, students, and classrooms; and shepherding the shift to a cloud-based enterprise security system that helps keep SHA's campus safer and more secure. It is fair to say that Sandy's contributions moved SHA into the modern

even deeper; she is a 1978 graduate of Country Day School of the Sacred Heart Overbrook.

Beth served the Lower School community with energy, purpose, and a faith-filled heart throughout her tenure. The indelible mark on the community results from Beth's ability to create supportive and loving learning environments in which young girls have the opportunity to develop to their fullest capacity. Her legacy at Sacred Heart Academy Bryn Mawr is reflected in the many students and families she touched through her gifts in the teaching profession. Beth's kindness, sense of humor, and fidelity to the Sacred Heart Goals and Criteria will be dearly missed in our community. .

The SHA community celebrated Beth Porter's legacy at both Sacred Heart Overbrook and Sacred Heart Academy Bryn Mawr at a Mass and reception in Beth's honor during Heartcoming on September 30, 2023.

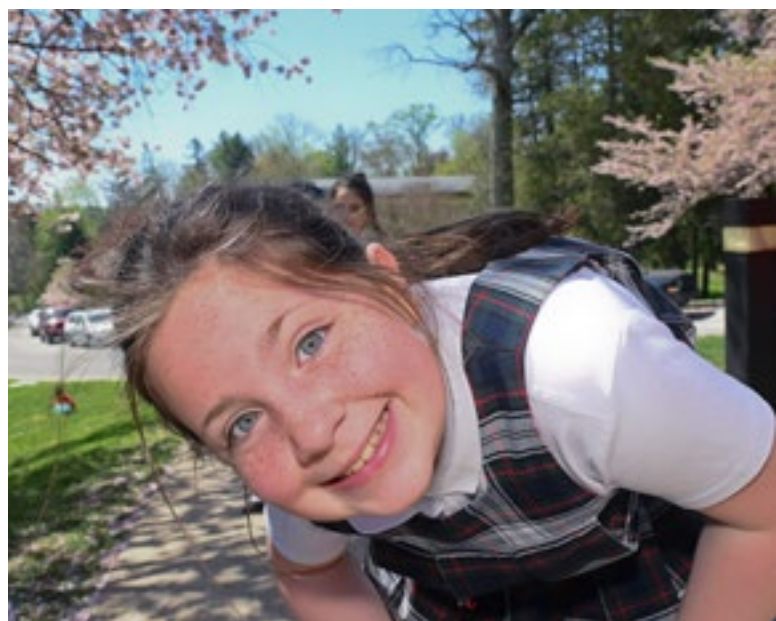


Erin Delosso, a beloved Grade 1 teacher, stepped away from teaching last fall after 15 years at SHA. Erin's young students thrived under her teaching expertise, care, and understanding. She saw them as individuals and worked diligently to create lessons and activities to reach their specific academic, social, and emotional needs. Erin demonstrated through word

and example her gifts as a Sacred Heart Educator.

Erin's love of the environment played out in the Lower School Green Club. Her signature program was the Eco Plastics of Delaware disposable bags and bottle cap drive. This year, the students collected enough to purchase a bench made from recycled materials. We are awaiting its arrival.

Beth Porter '78, colleague and former Lower School Director said, "I am so grateful for all that Erin brought to our Lower School and to me. She touched the lives of many during her time here at SHA, and for that, we are all blessed. Best wishes Erin!"



Cheers to the Parents' Association

Heartfelt thanks to the Parents' Association (PA) whose endless creativity, time, and talent helped raise friends and funds all year long. Led by Kara Albanese P'23 and Nicole Thomas P'31 in 2022-2023, the PA orchestrated numerous events, including coffee socials, the *Heartcoming* Fun Fair, Teacher Appreciation Week, Pints & Plaids Auction, Mother-Daughter Mass & Brunch, Halloween Trunk or Treat, the annual Spring Classic Golf Outing, College Decision Day reception, a pop-up Lunch for the Class of 2023, Holiday Class Parties, and more.

Stay Connected @SHAparentsassociation





Goal IV: Building Community Award Presented to Kara Albanese P'23 and Nicole Thomas P'31

At this year's Spring Classic Golf Outing, SHA was pleased to announce the recipients of the inaugural Goal IV: Building of Community Award: Kara Albanese P'23 and Nicole Thomas P'31 (pictured right to left). The two have been dedicated members of the SHA Parents' Association for years and served on the Executive Board in the 2022-2023 academic year.



"Kara and Nicole worked tirelessly leading the Parents' Association," said Alumnae Coordinator Suzanne Santora Robinson '76 P'06. "They have been active in numerous fundraising initiatives, raising hundreds of thousands of dollars for the school. They played a huge role in special events for the students and faculty, fostering

strong community pride."

Among many initiatives, Kara and Nicole were instrumental in raising funds to beautify and expand campus spaces, including the purchase of Adirondack chairs for outdoor classes during COVID, beanbag chairs for students to relax and read, and replacement furniture for the Mansion patio, used primarily for community building.

Kara and Nicole were also the backbone of new programs including the expansion of the on-campus SHA Heartcoming Fun Fair to include current families along with alumnae. They coordinated a Halloween Trunk or Treat event with the Class of 2023 and Lower School students, launched a college care package program, and expanded the annual faculty and

staff appreciation week to a year-round program, recognizing and celebrating the hard work of SHA's educators, staff, and administration. The dynamic duo also initiated opportunities for parents to connect including socials and events throughout the year such as Holiday Wreath Making and Terrarium Making workshops.

"We are grateful for Kara and Nicole's vision, dedication, and willingness to roll up their sleeves and get to work," said Head of School Carla Jantos MacMullen. "Their tenure at the helm of the Parents' Association has been pivotal in fundraising, strengthening community ties, and creating meaningful memories for our students. We are pleased to honor them with the Goal IV: Building of Community Award."

Zach Shuler Honored with Inaugural Janet Erskine Stuart, RSCJ Award, Presented by the Parents' Association

Upper School Math teacher and winning SHOOPS Coach Zach Schuler was presented the first-ever Janet Erskine Stuart, RSCJ Award, which recognizes a SHA faculty or

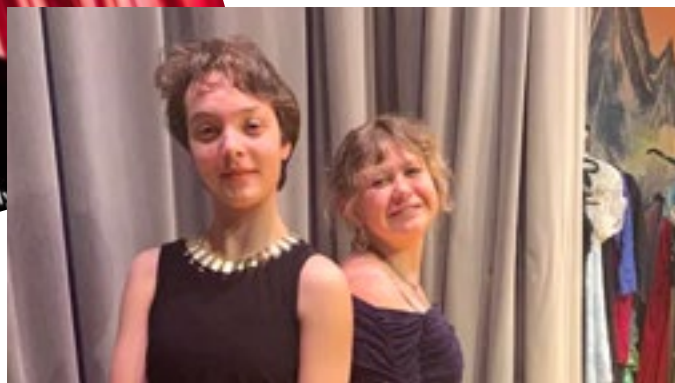


staff member for their indelible impact on the community. The Parents' Association was proud to present the award to Mr. Shuler in deep appreciation of his enthusiasm, contagious positivity, and his genuine confidence in his students in the classroom, the corridors, and on the court. Mr. Shuler truly embodies the spirit of Janet Erskine Stuart as an educator and role model to the Sacred Heart community.

"Ten Minutes 'Til Curtain"

SHA Players Delight with "Ten Minutes 'Til Curtain"

In March, SHA Players presented an original, humorous revue showcasing "what can happen when no one in the cast remembers what day the show opens! Anything that can go wrong, does." Filled with laughs and thoughtful ballads, the revue was enjoyed by audiences over the course of four performances. Since 2011, the revue has been directed by Carolyn Curran Slota '82, P'08. Visit the SHA website's Performing Arts page for a photo gallery.



"Hug Me, Hug Me Not"



The Spring 2022 SHA Revue Under the Tent

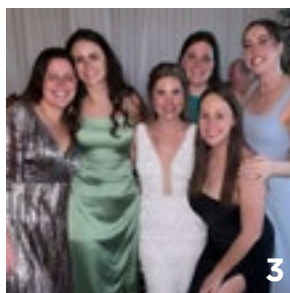
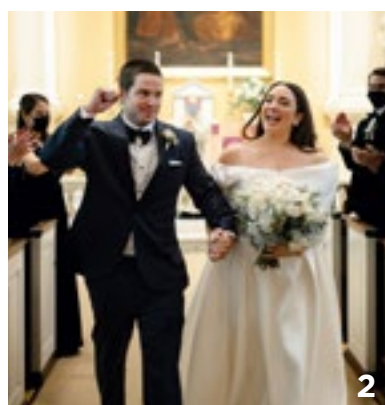
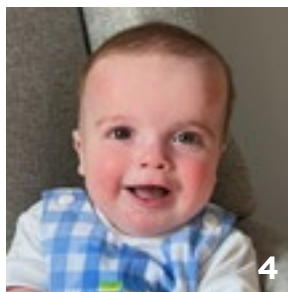
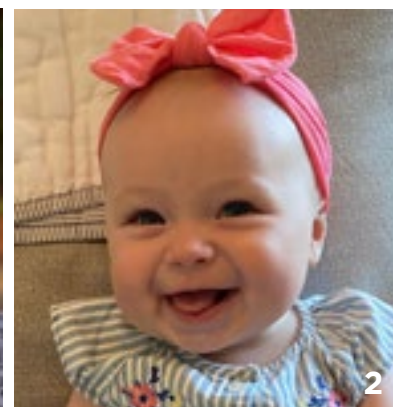
The pandemic did not stop the SHA thespians from performing "Hug Me, Hug Me Not", an original musical review, performed outside under a grand tent, directed by Carolyn Curran Slota '81, P'08. All interested students from Grades 5-12 were cast in this showstopper.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Welcome to the SHA Family

1. Ellie, daughter of **Angel Passerelli '11** and Chris Egan
2. Stella, daughter of **Norma (Dicocco) '08** and Michael Abbatista.
3. Mackenzie, son of **Carly (Nowlan) '02** and Roy McClaymont.
4. Henry, son of **Ali (Hibbs) '08** and Brett Tobin
5. Michael, son of **Katie (Robinson) '06** and Mike Hemcher and sister of Alice.



SHA Alumnae Tie the Knot

1. **Angles Carles '06** and Cory Bardsley
2. **Brett and Ali (Hibbs) '08** Tobin
3. **Brendan and Jacqui (Gibson) '15** Duffy
4. **Kara Rufo '05** and Ramsey Soussi
5. **Greg and Chelsea (McCalla) '10** Wilent
6. **Jon and Gabriella (Massaro) '10** Molina
7. **Mike and Katie (Robinson) '06** Hemcher



ALUMNI PROFILES



Marcella Marino '18 and Tiana Jones '02 attribute their Sacred Heart education to empowering them to start their businesses.

Marcella Marino '18

Founder of MarRosa's Old World Cuisine

Thanks to the pandemic of 2020, Marcella Marino '18 fulfilled her childhood dream of starting her own pasta sauce company way ahead of schedule. During her second year at Penn State Smeal College of Business, while studying Corporate Innovation, Entrepreneurship and International Business, Marcella and her classmates were sent home to finish the spring semester remotely. She elected to stay home for the 2020-21 school year as well.

In December of that year, with plenty of time on her hands, Marcella returned to her parents' kitchen to combine her family's long tradition of using fine Italian ingredients with her own modern twist to perfect her pasta sauces. Next, she connected with the undergraduate entrepreneurial program "Invent Penn State" and soon after, MarRosa's Old World Cuisine was established. Her products, which are manufactured locally, can be found in five farmers markets in Horsham, New Britain, Newtown Square, Upper Merion, and Wenonah, and in more than 70 stores including Gentile's Market, Newtown Square, owned by a Sacred Heart family.

During her senior year, Marcella applied to participate in Penn State's version of "Shark Tank," The Investment. She was selected as one of six

student finalists who pitched their business plan to a four-judge panel. Marcella was one of the two finalists to be awarded \$15,000, which will enable her to expand her brand with additional marketing materials, merchandising, and new products. Marcella also plans to use a portion of the funds to participate in the Fancy Food Show in NYC where her brand will receive large exposure to new customers. She hopes to start a line of homemade pasta and olive oil in the future.

Marcella credits her Sacred Heart education for empowering her with the confidence to pursue her dream. Student-led activities and programs encouraged public speaking, strong research and time management skills, and the confidence needed to successfully launch a new product into a crowded market. Marcella returned to campus this June as a participant in SHoccupation, a program that invites alumnae to share their career paths and successes with the senior class.

"My family has been making high-quality Italian foods for generations," shared Marcella. "My passion for combining old-world traditions with modern style is what makes my story and my sauce so unique!"

-Marcella Marino '18



Tiana Jones '02

Founder of Reckless Movement, LLC

Prior to the spring of 2020, Tiana Jones '02 was a human resources accounting assistant and a group fitness instructor in New York City. Not long after being released, due to the pandemic, former clients requested remote fitness workout sessions so Tiana kicked into gear. First, she taught remotely on Instagram and later, taught her own dance class - something she had dreamed of for years. Soon, Tiana connected with Start Small Think Big, a NYC non-profit that assists entrepreneurs, like herself, with legal, marketing, and financial services, enabling her to form her company Reckless Movement, LLC. Tiana chose "reckless" to emphasize the positive in recklessness when it came to dancing - do your own thing, move regardless of what others might think, and most importantly, be yourself.

Tiana said her Sacred Heart education empowered her to start her own business by giving her the confidence to try new things. She believes that the small, all-girls environment where the faculty encouraged students to be themselves, be different, and try new things without the fear of failure helped her immensely in her business venture.

Tiana remembers teaching dance lessons on the stage to her classmates during free periods. "I mean, how many schools would encourage that activity?"

As a member of the SHA Bryn Mawr Alumnae Board, Tiana hosted a remote dance class during the 2021 Virtual Heartcoming. She wanted to give back and serve as a role model for other young women of color attending Sacred Heart. Tiana recently returned to the Philadelphia area and is working at The Welcome Table for St. James School as Food Sharing Coordinator, allowing her to manage several no-cost farmers markets for the local community, oversee donations, recruit volunteers, and share her love and knowledge of health and wellness for The Welcome Table's Adult Education classes. Tiana hopes to open studio space for Reckless Movement, LLC in the future.



#movers+SHAKers

ALUMNAE:

Let us know how you're making an impact! To be included in our #movers+SHAKers campaign, featuring alumnae who are making a difference in their communities, in business, or as entrepreneurs, email Suzanne.Robinson@SHAbrynmaur.org.

IN MEMORIAM 2021-2023

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Eve A. Atkinson, mother of former trustee, Eve Atkinson '71

Ann Breen '57

James Byrne, father of Cristin Bryne Daly '02

Dave Comey, father of Aileen Comey '06

Joe Corbi, father of former trustee Karen Casale and grandfather of Alison Casale '13

Peggy Denny Cancelmo '48, mother of Cathy Cancelmo Molchan '74

Kathleen Conneen, grandmother of Katy Vail '30

Eileen Linton Conroy '55, sister of Anne Linton Paganelli '72

Nick Constantino, grandfather of Nicolette Pagano '35

James DiBianca, husband of Jacqui Mita DiBanca '70 and father of Courtney DiBianca '11

Carolyn DiDaniele '89

William Dracup, father of Sandy McGrory, staff

Greg Epler, father of Sarah Epler '03

Penelope Fitzgerald, mother of Laurie Fitzgerald Nowlan '73 and grandmother of Carly Nowlan McClymont '02

Elysia Gallagher Fitzpatrick '51, sister of Anne Fitzpartick Murphy '58 and grandmother of Bridget McCabe '18

Mary Patricia Follman, grandmother of Moria Follman '16

Jane and Robert Goggin, former trustee and parents of Jane Goggin '80, Suzanne Goggin Carlin '83, Sarah Goggin '01 and grandparents of Karleigh Carlin '12

Phyllis Grady '47, sister of May Lou Grady '51

Martin Hayden, father of Catherine Hayden Fox '07

Kathleen Hepp, mother of Kaitlin Hepp Hartey '05

Suzanne Cunningham Hird '70

Helen Kropp, mother of Sarah Kropp Chrupcala '88, Amy Kropp Schwarz '89, Amanda Kropp '91, and Emily Kropp '96

Kathleen Bender Langdon '51

Robert Lasanta, husband of Susan Rodia Lasanta '77

John and Patricia Irvine, parents of Stephanie Irvine Lyons '91

Kathleen Bender Langdon '51

Jon Lebano, brother of trustee Christie Lebano Synder '05

Dorothy Loflin, mother of April Loflin Tyler '98

Patricia Lynch Lyons '63

Eleanore Magill, mother of Ginny Jervis, faculty, and grandmother of Allison Jervis '05

Joseph McCalla, father of Chelsea McCalla Wilent '10

Rod McGhee, grandfather of Kyra Santora '22

Timothy Michals, husband of Anne Green Michals '59 EH and father of Alison Michals Griffing '84

George Miller Jr., grandfather of Sarah DeVivo '11

Anna Marie Dougherty Mitchner, grandmother of Elena Santora '17 and Danielle Santora '19

Archille Mongelli, father of Catherine Scholl, faculty, and grandfather of Jennifer Scholl '02

Joseph J. McLaughlin, grandfather of Catherine McLaughlin '15, Elizabeth McLaughlin '17 and Claire McLaughlin '24

Dorothy Murray RSCJ, former Headmistress Overbrook and faculty member at Eden Hall

Molly McHugh O'Grady '53, sister of Elaine McHugh Sharer '48

Tara Palmisano '88, sister of Krista Palmisano '88

Mary Jane Powers, former faculty member and mother of Maria Powers '81 and Noel Powers Stranen '87

Grahame Richards, former trustee, husband of Anne Marie Rainville Richards '57 and father of Anne Marie Richards Nicola '87

Robert Riser, father of Jeanne Riser Ellison '88

Patricia Miller Rooney '54

Margaret Dagit Rogers, sister of Suzanne Dagit Sennhenn '63

Tom Scattergood, brother of Kathy Scattergood Moser '70

Bipin Shah, father of Sarah Shah '08 and Genevieve Shah '10

Joseph Sharkey, grandfather of Eloise Sharkey '18 and Amelia Sharkey '20

Marie Fances Fraher Trujillo '60

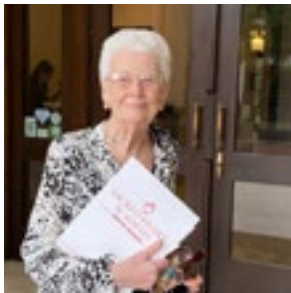
John Vandevere, husband of the late Lourdes Alvare Vandevere '55 and father of Theresa Vandevere Spitko '93

Gertrude Young '57

ALUMNAE NOTES

1950's

Helen Moran Locke '53 is still substitute teaching in the local suburban Diocesan schools. She was the recipient of the Lower Merion 7 over 70 Award during a ceremony held at the Belmont Hills Library in May 2022. Helen's daughter, **Mary Locke Cavallaro '86**, the 2023-24 Board Chair, served as the SHA Head of School Search Committee Chair. Her granddaughter, and recent Sacred Heart graduate **Bailey Cavallaro '22** is continuing her studies at the University of Essex in the UK.



Alice McMahon '53 (left) has retired and lives in Winter Park, FL. She is very active in her church's social ministry program.

Betty Rexford Buckland '57 spends the fall seasons watching her granddaughter Emma, daughter of **Chrissy Buckland Schwarz '86**, who plays field hockey for Villanova University. She is coached by SHA

alumna **Joanie Quinn Milhous '87**.

1960's

Missie O'Brien Corey '61 hosted a luncheon at her home in Delray Beach for Sacred Heart east coast Florida alumnae in March 2022. In attendance were two sets of sisters: **Judy Kelly Shea '59** and **Chris Kelly Kiernan '61** and **Marianne Froio Goff '61** and **Madeleine Tierney Froio '70**. They were joined by former Advancement Director Kathy Gallagher. The women shared stories of their time at Overbrook and enjoyed spending time together after too many years.

1970's

Laurie Fitzgerald Nowlan '73 read her published children's book *Robbie to the Rescue* to the Lower School students. We look forward to her returning to read the newest book.

Grainne Mannion Pergolini '77 launched the first SHA Alumnae Book Club last fall. She selected *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Brown, which sparked a lively discussion among the following participants: **Rosemary Seifret Browne '70**, **Tracy Blake DeVlieger '77**, **Kate Pergolini Gionta '11**, **Vicki Santora Hibbs '78**, **Carol Honebrink Lavoritano '70**, **Carlia Miller '04**, **Kate DeLone Moore '77**, **Vicky Parente '77**, **Beth Porter '78**, **Suzanne Santora Robinson '76** and **Chris Barrett Ryan '79**. Grainne worked with English Teacher Kerri Schuster on a joint student and Alumnae Book Club gathering. We look forward to joining the students again in October. There is still time to register and join the club by contacting Suzanne Robinson at suzanne.robinson@SHAbrynmaur.org.

Suzanne Santora Robinson '76 (right) was recently elected as the Eastern Regional Director for the Associated Alumnae of the Sacred Heart (AASH). She is a graduate of Overbrook, the former Sacred Heart Academy, and has been a faithful employee at SHA for 22 years, serving as a Middle School PE



teacher, Middle School Social Studies Teacher, Middle School Director, and in her current position as Alumnae Relations Coordinator and Safety Coordinator. Suzanne and Anne Dyer RSCJ, SHA Trustee, attended the 44th AASH National Conference in Portsmouth, Rhode Island, hosted by Saint Philomena School of the Sacred Heart.

1980's



Mary Frances Phelan De Bellescize '84 serves on the Board of the Madeleine Sophie Barat Center in Joigny, France. A group of Upper School students were surprised to learn that one of the guides from the spirituality center was a SHA graduate. Mary Frances spent a day and a half sharing Saint Madeleine Sophie Barat's family history, which included a house and vineyard tour where she

prayed. We were so grateful to share this wonderful experience with Mary Frances.

1990's

Jennifer Ganley Ballios '93, Esquire assisted with the revision of the SHA Alumnae Board By-Laws. Her daughter Sophie Ballios is a member of the Class of 2026.

2000's

Rosanna Garay Powers '01 returned to campus last spring to talk to Grade 12 students about internet safety before they head off to college in the fall. This spring, Rosanna conducted an internet safety program with Middle School students. She is a Senior Investigative Analyst for the Delaware County Criminal Investigations PA Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.



The Gamble family hosted **Megan's '09** (left) baby shower at the Mansion last April. Her SHA friends enjoyed being back on campus to celebrate such a happy occasion.

Bridget O'Donnell Thompson Ed.D. '02 completed her second term on the SHA Alumnae Board. Serving as the President, Bridget represented

the alumnae with a seat on the Board of Trustees. Among her many contributions while in office, Bridget was responsible for a revision of the by-laws and the addition of the BIPOC and Social Media committees. SHA is grateful to Bridget for her commitment to her alma mater.

Cassie Nentwig Carlile '04 was the speaker for the Class of 2022 SHA Alumnae Association Induction Ceremony. Cassie has just finished her second term on the SHA Alumnae Board and was a member of the executive board, serving as the vice president.

Marianne McKeever '06 is the Coordinator, Distribution Marketing at Fox Corporation in NYC. Mare has served as co-chair of the SHA Spring Classic with fellow alum **Liz McCormick McBride '08**.

Ashley Rufo Fitzgerald '08 hosted a yoga class for alumnae on the SHA Sun Porch in April 2022. Ashley and her husband John are parents to twins Marcella and Maya and little sister Emery. They are regular participants in the SHA Tiny Hearts program.

Kaila Conti Revello's '08 dessert company, Sweet Wilhelminas, has delivered beautifully decorated cookies and other decadent sweet treats for several Sacred Heart events this year. She and her husband James welcomed daughter Capri to the family in January.

Betsy Dougert Wiley '04 shared that in May, her company SCORE co-hosted National Small Business Week with the US Small Business Administration. One of the events took place in the White House Rose Garden where she met both President Biden and Vice President Harris. Besty also had the honor of attending the State Arrival Ceremony for Yoon Suk Yeol, the President of South Korea.



Holy Child Academy in Drexel Hill announced the appointment of **Dr. Rebecca Moore Kellich '01** as its next Head of School. Rebecca began her new role in July after serving as the Associate Head of School at HCA. Rebecca also served as the Director of Admission and Director of the Middle School.

Laura Kropiewnicki Lehmann '02 was a presenter at SHAccupation 2023. She is currently the Field Operations, Football Operations Production Manager at NFL Films. Laura brought the Emmy Award her team won for their work on *Hard Knocks: Training Camp* with the Houston Texans.



2010's



Caroline Espe '11 hosted a Barre3 class last summer for SHA alums at the studio in Berwyn that she owns with her mother, Lori. **El Barton '15**, **Sara Corsi '14**, **Nene Firtzpatrick '14**, **Brilyn Gardner '12**, **Lelia Gresh '12**, **Maureen McKeever '11**, and **Claire Fitzpatrick Strogis '11** participated

in the exercise class. **Krista Palmisano '88** joined the group after the class at the Berwyn Tavern for happy hour. Caroline and her sister opened Dalvey & Co. this spring in Wayne. They specialize in custom gift boxes & curated care packages.

Thanks to **Victoria Barrone '12** and **Jordana Cech '12** who organized the Class of 2012 Ten Year Reunion at Paddy Whacks in Philadelphia. They had a great turnout and a lot of fun catching up with one another.



Karleigh Carlin '12 has joined the nursing staff at CHOP.

Marian Rosario '16 has accepted the position as Lead Program Manager at Students Without Mothers, a non-profit in Atlanta, Georgia. SHA is grateful for the two years that Marian spent as the first Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Program Coordinator. Marian remains on the SHA Alumnae Board.

REUNIONS

The SHA Classes of 2002 and 2003 celebrated their 20th Class Reunions at the Mansion!



Class of 2002 Reunion



Class of 2003 Reunion

SHA EVENTS

SHAccupation 2022 & 2023

SHA Alumnae were invited to campus to share their experiences from graduation to their current roles during the first SHAccupation assembly with the Class of 2022. This spring, six alumnae shared their journey since graduation with the Class of 2023.

The 2022 panel included the following alumnae:

Norma DiCocco Abbattista '08 holds a BS and MBA in Food Marketing from Saint Joseph's University. She has spent the majority of her career at J&J Snack Foods Corp. and is currently the Director of Marketing Food Services.

Lindsay Halligan O'Brien '08 is a Certified Nurse Anesthetist at Penn Medicine. She holds a BS in Nursing from Drexel University and an MS from Villanova University in Nursing. Lindsay is currently a Ph.D. candidate. She and her husband Jim are awaiting the arrival of their first child this summer.

Ali Hibbs Tobin '08 worked at Anthropologie for the last six years and has recently joined GoPuff as a Packaging Project Manager, Private Label. Ali is a graduate of Fordham University and married Brett Tobin in November. They are expecting their second child this fall. Ali serves on the SHA Alumnae Board.

Alex Cavacino '09 is the Assistant Librarian in Circulation at Bala Cynwyd Library in Lower Merion Township. Alex earned a BA in History from Temple University and an MLIS from Drexel University.

Madeline Parker '11 graduated from the University of Delaware and is the Meeting Event Manager for Maritz Global Events. She has had several roles with the company and is thrilled to be back after a pause in travel during the pandemic.

Marcella Marino '18 is a 2022 graduate of Penn State University. While home during the 2020 year due to the pandemic, she fulfilled her dream to start her own pasta sauce company, MarRosa's Old World Cuisine. Learn more in the featured article in Alumni Profiles.

The 2023 Panel included:

Katherine Day '11 graduated from Penn State University. She is a Sales Marketing Manager for Direct TV.

Amy Kitzinger Gleeson '04 is a self-employed artist. She has a BFA in Art History and Italian from Arcadia University. Amy started three companies Glee Signs, Lettering Studio, and Murals by Amy.

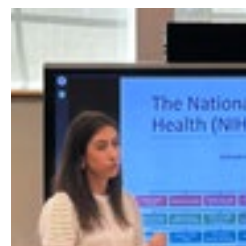
Laura Kropiewnicki Lehmann '02 graduated from Messiah University and earned a Master's in Operational Leadership and Development in 2017 from Saint Joseph's University. Laura works for NFL Films as the Football-Operations Production Manager.

Lizzy McCarron '98 graduated from Fordham University and earned an MSW from Bryn Mawr College. She is currently the Director of Outpatient Service at the Center for Families: Newport Healthcare in Malvern.



Eleni Tavantzis McCready '01 graduated from Syracuse University. She is the senior Director of Brand Marketing and Community at Lilly Pulitzer.

Meredith Mullan '07 earned both undergraduate and MPA degrees from Syracuse University. She is the Lead Program Manager for the Office of Human Subjects Research Protection at the National Institute of Health.



SHA at the Shore 2022

John and Mary Swanick P'08 opened their beautiful home in Sea Isle City, NJ for SHA at the Shore last summer. This year was special because it welcomed our next Head of School Carla Jantos MacMullen and her husband Sandy to the SHA community. Trustees, alumnae, parents, and even a surprise visit by a group of rising seniors enjoyed a lovely evening wrapping up summer in anticipation of the new school year.



Breakfast with Santa 2022

The first Breakfast with Santa was a hit! Plans are in the works for 2023!



Easter Egg Hunt 2023

An eggcellent turnout for the inaugural event, held on the campus lawn! Plan on its return in 2024!



Spring Classic 2023

The 2023 Spring Classic was a beautiful day to play golf and spend time with parents, alumnae, past-parents, and friends of SHA, all while raising important funds for the school. Special thanks to the Spring Classic Committee: Lenny Albanese P'23, El Barton '15, Thomas LeGrand P'28, Elizabeth McCormick McBride '08, Marc McKeever '06, Suzanne Santora Robinson '76, P'06, Steve Sharkey P'18, '20, Kevin Smith P'23, Jennifer Smith P'23, John Swanick P'08, T, and David Walker P'24.



Overbrook/Eden Hall Alumnae Tea 2023

Lower School students entertained our cherished alumnae with songs, including the Alma Mater, during tea on the Sun Porch in May.



NETWORKING EVENTS

Much anticipated networking events were held in Washington D.C. and New York City, with many in attendance. Be on the lookout for invitations to upcoming events!



Rings Around the World



Our goal is to showcase our community close to home and in far-off lands, as a reminder that no matter the distance, we are forever connected through Sacred Heart. To be included in this campaign, share a photo of

where your ring (and you!) are living or visiting; email communications@shabrynmaur.org.

Moms' Play Date



Bridget O'Donnell Thompson '02, Stephanie Piraino Davey '02 (chair), and Lauren Kinslow Finore '02 (chair) met up on SHA's lovely grounds this fall for Moms' Play Date.

Don't Miss a Beat!

Follow @sacredheartalumnae on Facebook and @shaalumnae on Instagram.



A SHAMAZING YEAR IN ATHLETICS 2021-2022

It was another outstanding year in SHA Athletics with teams capturing a State crown and two District One titles. Athletes earned 22 postseason honors and two took their talents to the NCAA level. For all of the student-athletes, SHA teams continue to be a space for deep friendships and the development of character, confidence, and leadership that last a lifetime.

SHA's three Middle School teams continue to offer an opportunity for all interested athletes to be part of the Lion Athletics program with its no-cut policy.

SHA is a member of the Athletics Association of Catholic Academies (AACA) and the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA).

Congratulations to our Lion teams and honored athletes:



VARSITY BASKETBALL (3)

Captured its sixth consecutive District One AA Championship. Led by the six seniors - Ainsley Davis, Kathryn Gallagher, Kyra Santora, Bella O'Toole, Abby Braun and Jacky Leigh - the Lions avenged a 20-point loss earlier in the season to Delco Christian with a 49-32 victory in the District Championship game! Ainsley Davis '22, Kyra Santora '22, and MJ Donohue '26 earned All-Main Line honors.

VARSITY CREW

Competed in a fleet of races on the Schuylkill River. Meilyn Frank '22 earned scholarships from Loyola University Maryland (Crew) and the Positive Coaching Alliance. She is rowing for the Loyola Greyhound girls' and boys' teams (1).



VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY (5)

Competed in the PIAA District Championship at Lehigh University where Mackenzie Fisher '24 qualified for the PIAA State Championship in Hershey, PA. Mackenzie was named to the AACA All-Star team.

VARSITY FIELD HOCKEY (4)

Top performers earned Delco All-Star stats (and garnered team awards): Abby Braun '22 (Team MVP), Meilyn Frank '22 (MIP), and Helen Frank '23 (Coach's Award). Meilyn was also named an AACA All-Star. Four-year goalkeeper Abby Braun '22 is currently playing for The University of Pittsburgh's club team.

VARSITY LACROSSE

Faced tough competition and weather! A not-to-forget memory for the Lion laxers was playing in blizzard-like conditions versus Dock Mennonite Academy in the season opener!



2022-2023 ATHLETICS STATS:

8 Varsity Sports
3 Middle School Sports
5 All-State Honors
9 All-District Honors
5 AACA All-Stars Honors
3 All-Main Line Honors
80% of SHA students
play one or more sports.



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VARSITY TENNIS (6)

Competed on the beautiful Radnor Valley Country Club courts. A young team faced tough competition in the AACA and showed great promise. Grade 12 athletes competing in the AACA Doubles Tourney included: Lindsay Elston/Rachel Cloran and Olivia Kuzmick/Alice Verna.

VARSITY TRACK & FIELD

competed in invitational and league meets throughout the season. At the PIAA District One Meet, Kathryn Gallagher '22 shone, capturing gold in 200- and 400-meter runs and silver in the 100-meter run. Maya Walker '24 earned gold in the 800-meter run. Both earned All-District honors and punched tickets to the PIAA State Meet. Kathryn is currently running at Saint Joseph's University in Long Sprints. Also at Districts, Aly Albanese '23 earned silver in the high jump and earned All-District honors. Miler Makenzie Fisher '24 earned silver. All



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four athletes earned postseason honors. Keeping with tradition, the Lions sent runners to the Penn Relays; teams ran in the 4x100 and 4x400 relays.

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL (2)

posted another banner year! The team earned their 5th consecutive PIAA District One AA crown and advanced to the final in the PIAA State Tournament. Earning individual honors: Aly Albanese '23: All-District, All-Delco; Annie Corcoran '24: All-State, All-District, All-Delco; Liz Cuskey '23: All-State, All-District, AACA All-Star, All-Delco; Lilly Hornickle '24: All-District, All-Delco; Emily McKenna '23: All-State, All-District, AACA All-Star, All-Delco; Bella O'Toole '22: All-State, All-District, AACA All-Star, All-Delco. Bella also received the All-Delco Scholar-Athlete Award for her accomplishments in volleyball.

PRIZE DAY AWARDS 2021-2022

The Marcy Wolfington
Theology Award
Caroline Áine Fleming

The Willamena Bitting, RSCJ
Creative Arts Award
Caitlin Patricia McAnally - Art
Lailah Marissa Barnes - Music

The Linda A. Robinson
Creative Writing Award
Annabelle Claire Fry

The Alumnae Essay Award
Caroline Áine Fleming

The Mère de la Chapelle French
Award
Bailey Elizabeth Cavallaro

The Isabel Gallagher, RSCJ
History Award
Ainsley Ann Davis

The Mary Helen Moore Award
for Mathematics
Caroline Áine Fleming
Caroline Delaney White

The Dr. Helen Meeks Horstmann '63 Science Award
Emily Cavan Schlegel

The Madre Admirable
Spanish Award
Annabelle Claire Fry



GRADE 12 AWARDS

Sacred Heart Legacy Medal
Catherine Jones Anuszkiewicz
Bailey Elizabeth Cavallaro
Lucy Dwyer Day
Annabelle Claire Fry
Ava Theresa Tolomeo

Sportsmanship Award
Kyra Elizabeth Santora

Jeannine Broussard '85
Effort Award
Kyra Elizabeth Santora

Rev. Mother Heuisler RSCJ
Good Conduct Award
Kathryn Anne Gallagher

Dorothy Anne Leahy '64 Award
Emma Loren Wisler

Mary Ellen Ryan Loyalty Award
Kiley Marie Krug

Phi Beta Kappa Association
Award
Annabelle Claire Fry

Saint Madeleine Sophie
Barat Award
Caroline Áine Fleming

Saint Rose Philippine
Duchesne Award
Anira Marie Thomas

Janet Erskine Stuart
Très Bien Award
Caroline Áine Fleming

Sacré Cœur Award
Meilyn Ying Frank



GRADE EIGHT AWARDS

The Kim Maddox
Memorial Award
Celeste Vail

The Sacré Cœur
Award
Kathleen Keffer

GRADE FOUR AWARDS

The Sarah Jane Gartland
Award
Camryn Cliett

The Sacré Cœur Award
Saoirse Kennedy



“Today is your graduation and your time here at Sacred Heart is over but I hope you all stay involved, like the Santora family has, and cherish the girls sitting with you today, your second family. The Sacred Heart community is incredibly proud of each of you. We’re so excited to see what you do next and who you become.”

-Katie (Robinson) '06 Hemcher



Katie (Robinson) '06 Hemcher, daughter of Suzanne Santora Robinson '76 P'06, served as the 2022 Commencement speaker. Katie is one of eight Santora women who are Sacred Heart Academy alumnae. She also has one cousin from the Robinson side who is a SHA

alumna and another cousin who graduated from Stuart Country Day School of the Sacred Heart, Princeton.



Congratulations

SACRED HEART ACADEMY BRYN MAWR

Class of 2022!

THE CLASS OF 2022

Catherine Jones Anuszkiewicz
University of Kentucky

Lailah Marissa Barnes
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University

Abigail Grace Braun *
University of Pittsburgh

Trista Erin Brophy*
Drexel University

Bailey Elizabeth Cavallaro*
University of Essex, United Kingdom

Rachel Eileen Cloran
University of Delaware

Maya Faith D'Angelo
Coastal Carolina University

Ainsley Ann Davis*
University of Florida

Samantha Kate Davis*
Palm Beach Atlantic University

Lucy Dwyer Day*
Elon University

Lindsay Rose Elston*
Auburn University

Caroline Áine Fleming*
University of Notre Dame

Meilyn Ying Frank*
Loyola University Maryland

Annabelle Claire Fry*
Misericordia University

Kathryn Anne Gallagher
Saint Joseph's University

Isabel Grace Gehring*
University of Pittsburgh

Cameron Jaclyn Geyer*
Drexel University

Olivia Marjorie Kuzmick
James Madison University

Kiley Marie Krug
Bucknell University

Jacqueline Germaine Leigh*
ESSEC Business School, France

Caitlin Patricia McAnally
Savannah College of Art & Design

Isabella Alexandra Mena*
Temple University

Kiley Mae Mullen
College of Charleston

Isabella Dorothy O'Toole*
University of South Carolina

Kyra Elizabeth Santora*
Clemson University

Emily Cavan Schlegel*
University of Pittsburgh

Anira Marie Thomas
Howard University

Ava Theresa Tolomeo
Drexel University

Alice Grace Verna
West Chester University of Pennsylvania

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Fairfield University

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