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ST JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCES THREE ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS AT THEIR ANNUAL GALA.

November 19, 2018 —TRUMBULL, CT—On Saturday, November 17, St Joseph High School held their annual Maroon & Gold Gala – a scholarship event that casts a spotlight on the school’s strong commitment to community and leadership. During the event, the school announced the creation of three new endowed scholarships: **The Father John Baran ’76 Scholarship, The Bellows Family Scholarship, and The Rosemarie Skawinski Chaves ’74 Engineering Scholarship.** [Photos from the event can be found on the school’s SmugMug page.](#)

The Father John Baran ’76 Scholarship

Father John ’76 was the highly regarded pastor of St Anthony of Padua in Fairfield. There, he cultivated a model of the engaged parish that serves as well as it worships. He would preach that the People of God are made in love for a reason. As his ministry moved so many to lives well lived, we will perpetuate his memory.

The Father John Baran ’76 Scholarship will be awarded annually to a St Joseph High School enrolled student who is active in his or her parish and who exemplifies a dedication to community and a personal faith life that is committed to action. The St Anthony of Padua parish, as a community, exemplifies these values and since they are a sponsor of the scholarship, preference will be given first to a student active in that parish. The recipient will be selected by the St Joseph High School Scholarship Committee.

The Bellows Family Scholarship

Brian and Brenda Bellows, and their daughters, Sarah, ’07 and Laura ’11, have long exemplified the qualities of the “St Joes family.” Whether it was turning the new O’Keefe Center into a Winter Wonderland at Christmas or lending her magic to the Ladies Luncheon and the Gala, Brenda took us from where we were to who we could be. Brian simply made us a better school. Recently retired as National Sales Manager at United Health, Brian generously shared his professional expertise in marketing and communications to elevate our development and enrollment management programs to high performance standards. St Joseph High School is so much more than a classroom. We are a family of faith and moral values. It is families like the Bellows who exemplify these values. In recognition of Brian’s service and the family’s overall involvement, members of the Board of Directors have endowed The Bellows Family Scholarship.

The Bellows Family Scholarship will be awarded each year to a student who exemplifies the qualities of the St Joseph High student profile: faith commitment, high moral character, social responsibility, academic achievement, and active participation in the life of the school community. The recipient will be selected by the St Joseph High School Scholarship Committee.

The Rosemarie Skawinski Chaves ’74 Engineering Scholarship

Rosemarie Skawinski Chaves ’74 studied Industrial Design in the College of Engineering at the University of Bridgeport and went on to a successful career at Avco Lycoming. She was encouraged

in mathematics and science by the faculty at St Joes, even as she was the only female in her Drafting class. Intended to encourage women to engage in engineering fields, the Rosemarie Skawinski Chaves '74 Scholarship will be awarded to a student currently enrolled at St Joseph High School who intends to pursue a career in engineering. Preference will be given to female candidates. The recipient will be selected by the St Joseph High School Scholarship Committee and exemplify the qualities of the St Joseph High student profile.

Contributions to any or all of the scholarships listed above are currently being accepted. For more information please contact Michele Krasznai, Director of Advancement and Alumni Affairs at mkrasznai@sjcadets.org.

About St Joseph High School

St Joseph High School (SJHS) strives to be the premier Catholic college preparatory school in Southern Connecticut. SJHS encourages young women and men to realize their potential, helps them excel in higher education, and provides a moral foundation to guide them throughout their lives. St Joseph High School is a member of NCEA, NAIS, NEAS&C, and CAIS. www.sjcadets.org

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