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Spirituality

Shanahan is committed to fostering vocations, evidenced by many priestly vocations among alumni at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary. Check out their stories of faith below!

Chaz Irwin '11 did not become interested in a priestly vocation until a profound conversion experience occurred in his heart. A meaningful encounter with Christ through Eucharistic Adoration gave him a sense of peace and satisfaction that the world could not offer.

Mark Gomba '18 first felt inspired by the priests at his parish while he was an altar server. When he was a senior at BSHS, he committed to study pre-med biology in college, however, he felt called to give the seminary a try for just one year. Mark is still pursuing the priesthood.

Adam Wheeler '18 felt anchored by a deep love and peace after receiving his First Holy Communion as a boy and describes the gift of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist as "overwhelming." After college, he believed he had reached a point at which a decision had to be made regarding what he was going to do with his life. Remembering the closeness he felt to Christ in his youth, he decided the seminary was the natural next step.



Nicholas Schell '19 was initially afraid of God's call and tried to suppress it. He was accepted to his dream school, Villanova University, and studied there for two years. The call persisted and reached a high point during Holy Week which led him to resign from Villanova and enter the seminary.

Jacob Lehenky '22 first thought about the priesthood when he was in fifth grade. That thought was often nourished by the moving homilies of his parish priests. While he was a senior at Shanahan, he was allowed to take classes at the seminary. This unique experience helped him finalize his decision to apply to Saint Charles.

The Edward & Doris Urbanik Memorial Scholarship



Doris Hiher and Edward Urbanik met in Chicago at a USO dance in the early 1950's, married, and had six children. Mr. and Mrs. Urbanik always stressed to their children the importance of a good education and a Catholic upbringing. These ideas planted the seed of inspiration for their daughter, Barbara Huibregtse, to honor their legacy and values. One of the last times Barbara attended mass with her father, a priest's homily planted the seed that blossomed

into the ***Edward and Doris Urbanik Memorial Scholarship***. The scholarship was established at Bishop Shanahan in 2020 and to date, four students have benefitted as a result of the Urbaniks' strong belief in Catholic education. It was Barbara's hope that students could take advantage of the excellent opportunities that BSHS offers, and it has been a meaningful tribute to Edward and Doris Urbanik.

Forty percent of students at Bishop Shanahan receive either merit-based or financial need-based tuition assistance. If you are interested in establishing a scholarship at Bishop Shanahan, please contact the Advancement Team at 610-343-6255 or giving@shanahan.org.

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Dear Alumni and Friends in the Bishop Shanahan High School Community,

I am excited to write to you for the first time as the fourth President of Bishop Shanahan High School. I have been a member of the Shanahan community for more than fourteen years, serving as a Business Department faculty member, the Assistant Principal for Students Affairs, and most recently as the Assistant Principal for Academic Affairs. Just like you, I am committed to advancing the mission of Catholic education at BSHS, and look forward to our community's bright future.



This year, Shanahan will reflect on the spiritual theme that “hope does not disappoint” as we prepare for The Jubilee Year of Hope in 2025. Pope Francis beautifully stated, *“We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision.”* This happens in Catholic schools every day, and no place does this more faithfully than Bishop Shanahan High School.

In this issue of the Shanahan magazine, you will find a behind-the-scenes look at the new IHM Center for Innovation and Creativity, and many other projects that resulted from the *Soaring to New Heights* campaign. You will also find student and alumni news and accomplishments from the second half of the 2023-2024 school year.

Through your generous partnership, we are “Shanahan Strong” and I ask for your prayers and continued support to foster the spiritual, intellectual, and moral development of Shanahan students. They are the next generation of leaders and a Shanahan education will ensure that they embody the Gospel values of love and compassion. Our goals for the future are ambitious, but together we will “Seek The Things That Are Found Above.”

Celebrate Homecoming Week with us through **Give Back Thursday on October 3** and at the **Homecoming Game on October 4**. Learn more at shanahan.org—I invite you to stay connected with BSHS all year long!

May God bless you and your family each and every day.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Teresa Dellicompagni

President

P.S. - A gift envelope has been enclosed for your convenience. You can also give online at shanahan.org.

Class of 2024 Celebrations

Baccalaureate Mass

On the evening of June 5th, the Class of 2024 celebrated Baccalaureate Mass at Saint Elizabeth Catholic Church in Chester Springs. Baccalaureate Mass is a time-honored tradition remembered by Shanahan alumni for years to come. This beautiful liturgy invites priests and deacons from the students' parishes, families, and friends to concelebrate. The graduates also receive a special blessed cross during the Mass to serve as a treasured keepsake and reminder that just like the love of Christ, their alma mater will also remain in their hearts. Congratulations and blessings, Class of 2024!



Graduation Ceremony

Bishop Shanahan High School held its commencement exercises on the morning of June 7 in the BSHS auditorium, paying tribute to the Class of 2024. This year's graduating class included 209 students who were accepted to four-year colleges and universities such as Villanova University, Thomas Jefferson University, University of Florida, University of Miami, and University of Illinois. The class also received more than \$53,000,000 in total college scholarships. The Most Reverend John J. McIntyre, D.D., V.G. presided over the graduation ceremony.



Viola Kapaj, who is attending the University of Miami, was the valedictorian. During her speech, Viola encouraged her classmates: "Despite what many of us may think, change is ultimately necessary. Change is what helps us improve. Change is what helps us grow. Most importantly, change is what helps us ultimately succeed....Our ability to adapt and change has provided us with our biggest lessons, and has guided us on the path for success in high school, college, and beyond."

Samuel Gorman, who is attending Villanova University, was the salutatorian. During his speech, Samuel remarked to his classmates, "Today, we stand at a crossroads, about to take our first steps into the unknown, with one foot still planted here at Shanahan....Bishop Shanahan has given us the 'gear' we will need to be bright minds, future leaders—and most importantly good people of God."

Also at the commencement exercises, the Shanahan Medal was presented to Mr. Louis Teti. Mr. Teti is a longtime supporter of Shanahan who has served on the Board of Directors and as the Chair of the BSHS Legacy Society, encouraging pledges of future gifts through planned giving. This medal is awarded annually to a person or group of persons whose service, commitment, and dedication to Catholic education deserve recognition and gratitude.

Class of 2024 Gift of Gratitude Honorees

The Gift of Gratitude program is an opportunity for graduates from the Class of 2024 and their families to recognize a member of the Bishop Shanahan community for the meaningful role they played while these students attended Shanahan. In making a Gift of Gratitude, these families also made contributions to The Shanahan Fund for the benefit of all students. The following were named as honorees by the Class of 2024:

Mr. Joseph Aquilante
 Ms. Stephanie Belefonte
 Mrs. Betsy Bennati
 Coach Brian Boyko
 Coach Jamie Breen
 Coach Mary Byron
 Ms. Joanna Catanzaro
 Reverend William Chiriaco
 Mrs. Teresa Dellicompagni
 Reverend John Donia
 Coach Anthony Eels
 Mr. David Frantz
 Mr. Nicholas Ireland
 Mr. Charles Keating
 Mr. Justin Keller

Mrs. Mary Beth Kilpatrick
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 Dr. James Lottes
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 Mr. Mark Mykytiuch
 Mr. Oliver Nolte
 Sr. Maureen Peter O'Connor, IHM
 Coach Cassie O'Donnell

Ms. Rachael Picozzi
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Farewell, Father Donia!



The Bishop Shanahan High School community bid farewell to Reverend John E. Donia who was appointed by Archbishop Nelson Pérez, Archbishop of Philadelphia, as Pastor of Saint Elizabeth Parish in Upper Uwchlan. Since 2015, Father Donia had served in many different roles at Bishop Shanahan including theology teacher, school minister, principal, and president.

During his tenure, Father Donia brought many new traditions and experiences to the Shanahan community including the Peer Ministry Program, the Thanksgiving Food Drive, Ignite Retreats, Camp Caritas, and eSports. Father also continued the work started by President Emeritus, Sister Regina Plunkett, IHM, of bringing the *Soaring to New Heights* campaign and the construction of the IHM Center of Innovation and Creativity towards completion.

The entire school community offers its prayers and best wishes to Father Donia, and we all express deep gratitude for his faithful leadership of the school.

Shanahan Welcomes New President

After two months of an extensive search process, Shanahan welcomes Mrs. Teresa Dellicompagni as the newest President of Bishop Shanahan High School.

Mrs. Dellicompagni has been an integral part of the Bishop Shanahan community for 14 years. She has served as Business Department faculty member, Assistant Principal for Students Affairs, and most recently as Assistant Principal for Academic Affairs. In addition, she serves on the Academic and Athletic Committees of the Board of Directors, and was previously on committees including Marketing and Enrollment,

Strategic Plan, and Health and Safety Plan. Throughout that time, she has demonstrated a strong commitment to advancing the mission of Catholic education.

Mrs. Dellicompagni holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Commerce and Engineering from Drexel University, a Master of Business Administration from West Chester University, and a Secondary Education Certificate from Immaculata University.

The Shanahan community extends a heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Dellicompagni as she assumes her new role.



DECA State Career Development Conference

Shanahan's DECA Chapter (business club) celebrated another magnificent experience at the 2024 State Career Development Conference. The competition kicked off with Shanahan being acknowledged during the opening ceremony as one of the top ten chapters in membership in the state. Throughout the competition, students participated in workshops, role plays, manual presentations, and written tests. Kelly Scott '25 received a medal for her top role play score in Principles of Hospitality, and Minh Pham '27



received a medal for his top exam score in Food Marketing Services. Michael Mooney '26 and Grace Matulewicz '27 made it to final rounds in their Selling Events. Grace went on to win 1st Place in the State of Pennsylvania for the Hospitality Services Professional Selling Event.



National Summit & Annual March for Life

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia had nearly 90 students attend the National summit at the Annual March for Life. At the Summit, students participated in the LifeFest event, sponsored by the Sisters of Life and the Knights of Columbus, which included a music festival, Adoration, Reconciliation, keynote speakers, and Mass.

Shanahan Celebrates Winter & Spring Sports Accomplishments

As the winter and spring sports seasons progressed, Shanahan Eagles were flying high through their hard work and accomplishments. Check out the season highlights below!

Winter Sports

- **Swim & Dive:** The swim and dive team had both District and State qualifiers. Julia Taylor '25 and Landyn Snook '27 competed in the PIAA State Championships, with Landyn placing 2nd in diving. His score broke the 6 dive and 11 dive school records, and he was also named the All Ches-Mont Diver of the Year, and The NISCA All American Team.
- **Boys' Indoor Track:** Ches-Mont, District, and State qualifiers
- **Girls' Indoor Track:** Ches-Mont, District, and State qualifiers
- **Girls' Ice Hockey:** The girls' ice hockey team joined forces with Avon Grove after receiving an invitation to represent our league (ICSHL) in the Women's High School National Championships. The team made it to the semifinals, earning a bronze medal and ending as one of the top four teams in the nation.
- **Girls' Basketball:** District Champions, State qualifiers
- **Boys' Basketball:** District qualifiers
- **Cheerleading:** JV placed 1st and Varsity placed 2nd in the West Chester University Cheer Challenge, and the varsity team was a National Qualifier, competing in Orlando, Florida.

Spring Sports

- **Girls' Lacrosse:** The team claimed victory at the District Championships, its third victory in four consecutive appearances, and also made its third consecutive appearance in the State Championship Semifinals.
- **Baseball:** Coach Brian Boyko claimed his 100th victory.
- **Boys' Track:** Ches-Mont, District, and State qualifiers
- **Girls' Track:** Ches-Mont, District, and State qualifiers
- **Boys' Tennis:** Danny Gallagher '26 and Tommy Duncheskie '24 claimed the title in the PIAA District 1 2A boys' tennis doubles, and advanced to the Tennis Doubles Championships where they placed 4th. The duo set a new school record as the first boys' tennis players to make it to states.
- **Boys' Lacrosse:** District qualifiers. Coach Jon Heisman was selected to The National Hall of Fame with a ceremony in N.Y. in October.



SWIM & DIVE



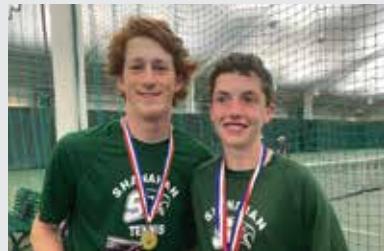
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GIRLS' LACROSSE



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Facebook, Instagram or Twitter.

Eagle Scout News

Hannah Lamb '24 earned her Eagle Scout rank at a Board of Review this past spring, the second female student in Shanahan's history to earn this achievement. She is the sixth Eagle Scout from Troop 19 out of Marshallton.



Shanahan Appears on FOX 29

Bishop Shanahan students and teachers taped an episode of FOX 29 Studio's *The ClassH-Room*. *The ClassH-Room* is a trivia-based game show for local schools. Each episode features three students and three teachers from the same school competing against each other. Seniors CJ Okafor, Maggie East, and Jimmy Pawlowski comprised the student team, while Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Weinhardt '06, and Ms. Picozzi represented the teachers. You can watch the episode online—visit shanahan.org/news to learn more.

All Catholic Band, Choir, & Concert Band

Bishop Shanahan High School was honored to have many students selected for the 2024 All Catholic Band, All Catholic Choir, and All Catholic Orchestra. Eight students represented BSHS at the Annual All Catholic Band Festival at Archbishop Wood High School, five students at the Annual All Catholic Choir Festival at Conwell Egan Catholic High School, and seven students at the Annual All Catholic Orchestra Festival at Nazareth Academy.



Shanahan Rocks at Battle of the Bands

Shanahan hosted the annual Battle of the Bands on February 23, 2024. The crowd was blown away by the amazing student performances, and the triumphant return of the faculty and staff band "Differentiated Instruction." Performances included solo acts, bands, and duos from various musical genres.





Operation Easter Basket

Community Service Corps members gathered for Operation Easter Basket through Partners in Outreach, a nonprofit group working to improve the lives of children residing in Chester County and its surroundings. Through this effort, Shanahan students, along with several other organizations, filled 1,761 Easter baskets for families in need. In addition to the students who came to fill the Easter baskets, numerous CSC members and their families generously donated items placed in the baskets.



Esports Team Participates in 1st Competition

Shanahan's Eagle Esports Team held its first official match on Thursday, February 29th. As a member of the Pennsylvania Scholastic Esports League, BSHS will compete in Valorant and Chess against other teams across the state.

Soccer Gives to CHOP

The girls' soccer team raised over \$1,400 to purchase new toys and gift cards for patients at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP). Coach Schmidt and a few members of the team took the time to hand deliver the donations.



ACDA Honor Choir Concerts

Seniors Addison Egan, Lauren Dynesko, and Maria DiMeo performed at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium in Providence, RI for the American Choral Directors Association Eastern Region Honor Choir Concerts. The ACDA choirs are audition-only honor choirs that take place every two years. The virtual auditions consist of a scale sung a capella, and an excerpt of an advanced-level choral piece. Students are selected based on their audition scores and are judged by a panel of 8 choral professionals. This year, over 1,800 students auditioned for this event, and only 200 singers were selected per choir.





May Procession

In early May, the BSHS community honored and celebrated the Blessed Virgin Mary through a May Procession and Holy Mass. This long standing Shanahan tradition is held annually during the month of May.

Newest Diocesan Scholars

Shanahan is proud to share that 14 juniors have been selected to participate in the 2024 Diocesan Scholars Program. Twelve Catholic colleges in the Philadelphia area, in cooperation with the Secondary School System of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, sponsor the Diocesan Scholars Program. The top thirty juniors are invited to interview for the program, and they will receive both high school and college credit!



Liturgical Choir Performs in Philadelphia



The Liturgical Choir was honored to be welcomed back for the third consecutive year to sing for the Philadelphia Saint Patrick's Day Parade Opening Mass celebrated by Archbishop Nelson Perez at The Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul.



Fall Musical

In the fall, Shanahan's Art Department excitedly performed the school musical, *Grease: School Version*. This year's musical had over 200 students participating as cast and crew under the direction of the Fine Arts Department Chairperson Charles Keating and Director David Frantz. Students also put on a modified show for children and adults who have special needs, as well as for their families and caregivers. This fall's musical will be "Matilda!" Learn more at shanahan.org/arts.

Honoring 2024 Legacy Families

ALUMNI PARENTS OF 2024 GRADUATES

Kelly Graham Boggs '88
Colton W. Boggs '24

Matthew E. Bogusch '88
Jessica C. Bogusch '24

Stacey Carrera Burnett '90
Jessica L. Burnett '24

Danielle LoGiurato Civitella '91
Matthew A. Civitella '24

Courtney L. Cosby '90
Cydney E. Cosby '24

Christopher S. Daly '91
Katia N. Daly '24

Megan Tatum Devine '94
Joseph F. Devine '92
Joseph F. Devine '24

Andrew P. DiProspero '87
Elizabeth G. DiProspero '24

Kerry Rzucidlo Ferraro '97
Zachary R. Ferraro '24

Danet McGrath Gallagher '90
Patrick J. Gallagher '24

Bernadette Dempsey Iannelli '95
Isabella M. Iannelli '24

Christa Glenn Jones '88
Lindsay M. Jones '24

Martin A. Lamb '91
Hannah M. Lamb '24

David P. Langdale '88
Julia C. Langdale '24

Brian C. Mace '86
Natalie M. Mace '24

Brian C. Mace '86
Claire H. Mace '24

Joseph A. McCahon, Jr. '86
Caroline N. McCahon '24

Marie F. Morroni '94
Peyton J. Settle '24

Janene Devine Mullen '88
Devin M. Mullen '24
Ava D. Mullen '24

Julianne Beck O'Donnell '81
Sam R. O'Donnell '24

Christopher P. Ouimet '85
Ella Grace H. Ouimet '24

Jeffrey M. Riccardo '89
Jeffrey B. Riccardo '24
Janet DiOrio Riccardo '94

Christopher L. Ruggeri '88
Lauren M. Ruggeri '24

Theresa Carbo Staso '85
Landon C. Staso '24

Julie Callahan Wallace '91
Patrick D. Wallace '24

Thomas C. Wolfe '86
Abigail L. Wolfe '24

ALUMNI/GRANDPARENT OF 2024 GRADUATES

Mary Louise Stewart Callahan '66
Patrick D. Wallace '24

Antoinette Lutz Daly '66
Katia N. Daly '24

Francis P. DiFonzo '62
Samantha J. Singley '24

Grace McCormick DiProspero
(Deceased) '52
Elizabeth G. DiProspero '24

Kathleen Durning Dempsey '69
Isabella M. Iannelli '24

David M. Lamb (Deceased) '67
Rebecca E. Lamb '24

William C. Lamb, Jr. '64
Patricia McShea Lamb '64
Hannah M. Lamb '24

John J. Morroni (Deceased) '72
Peyton J. Settle '24

Nancy Giunta Riccardo '63
John Riccardo, Sr. '59
Jeffrey B. Riccardo '24

Christine Hanick Styer '70
Joshua M. Styer '24

ST. AGNES ALUMNI/GRANDPARENT OF 2024 GRADUATES

A. Gordon Dempsey '56
Isabella M. Iannelli '24

Citadel Heart of Learning Award BSHS + Mathletes = Success



Mrs. Ye, Shanahan's Mandarin World Language teacher, was surprised during class one day when Dr. Moran, representatives from Citadel, and a camera crew walked in to announce that she had won the Citadel Heart of Learning Award! This award is one of Citadel Credit Union's longest standing initiatives founded 23 years ago to recognize local teachers across the Greater Philadelphia area who go above and beyond the call of duty. Thousands of nominations are submitted each year by students, parents, colleagues, and others throughout the community. As one of this year's winners, Mrs. Ye received a \$1,000 check and the treasured glass heart award.

After locking up the Western Division title in March, this year's Mathletes team finished 3rd overall in the Archdiocesan Championship. Junior phenom, Danny Lim, won the MVP award for the Western Division, scoring higher than all other 135 participants over the course of the year.



Daniel (Danny) Lim '25, Dillon Lindsey '25, Dean Carangan '24, and Gabriel (Gabe) Heinz '26. Missing: Andrew Lippin '24

Honoring WWII Veterans during the 80th Anniversary of D-Day



Jake Ruser, Combat Medic in World War II and grandfather of BSHS Math Department Chair Mrs. Janet Moore, visited Dr. Moran and Ms. Belefonte's American Studies class to talk about his experience in the war. David Muir from ABC World News Tonight interviewed Jake in front of the class, leading a wide-ranging discussion about the importance of appreciating the sacrifice of veterans and defending democracy. Students asked many thoughtful questions, and gained a deeper appreciation for the courage and sacrifice of those who serve.

Jake was 18 years old when he shipped off and helped liberate France, only a few months older than the students in the class. The interview aired on ABC World News Tonight and other ABC News platforms the week of June 3, as part of a larger series commemorating the 80th anniversary of D-Day. Jake and Mrs. Moore also travelled to France that same week and took part in the official commemoration ceremony.

STEM Capstone Project Team Competes

The STEM Capstone Team competed in this year's PA Governor's STEM Competition with their device, AMIGA (Assistive Motor Integrated Gripping Aid). AMIGA is a specialized glove meant to help people who struggle with grip strength to complete daily tasks. Shanahan's team was selected from almost 100 projects statewide to compete among the top 20 in the state. The project won People's Choice for Most Potential to Advance and 2nd Place in our division.



Global Awareness Month

Shanahan's Global Awareness Program exemplifies the school's commitment to cultivating global citizens who possess fluency in technology, linguistics, cultural understanding, and charity. One of the many ways BSHS brings this program directly into the lives of students is through the annual Global Awareness Month. This year's theme, "Be the One," was inspired by Mother Teresa and our *One Book, One School* program's novel, "I Will Always Write Back."

During the early weeks of Global Awareness Month, students focused on the themes of "Education" and the "Virtue of Gratitude" while participating in engaging activities including a miniature simulation, interactive presentations, and more. Shanahan also incorporated prayer and worship, with student leaders from Faith in Action leading a special service with Adoration, Scripture, reflections, and music. Their prayer intentions were for peace throughout the world and in our hearts. They focused on the Greatest Commandment in Luke's Gospel: to



love God with our whole minds, hearts, souls, and strength, and to love our neighbor as ourself.

Shanahan concluded Global Awareness Month with a full educational simulation for freshman and sophomore theology classes, once again led by the Faith in Action students. The simulation was designed to help students understand a few aspects that Caitlin and Martin experienced in "I Will Always Write Back," and ended with students pledging to unite to "Be the One" in their own lives. They also put their love for others into action by sending a letter to Congress to advocate for International Hunger Assistance.

Shanahan Unveils Mental Health Awareness Bench

Bishop Shanahan High School was the recipient of a bench from Josh's Benches for Awareness Corporation, made possible through the generosity of Saint John Vianney Center's Suicide Prevention and Awareness Collaboration. The bench was installed on May 23, 2024 at the athletic entrance on Shanahan's campus, and will serve as a symbol and safe place for students to refer to for mental health help. Representatives of BSHS and the SJVC were present at the unveiling. Over 100 benches have been donated throughout the country for mental health awareness, and this bench is the first to be located in Chester County, Pennsylvania.



Kindness Conference

As a part of the global "Random Acts of Kindness Week," Bishop Shanahan High School held its first ever Kindness Conference on Friday, February 16th. Student leaders, counselors, and administrators gathered to discuss how the BSHS community can practice kindness and empathy through daily interactions, and more fully become "People of God; People of Others."



The Story of The Michael Duke Foundation

Martha Duke Pagdi, Class of 2007, sat down with Shanahan to share her family's story—the story of The Michael Duke Foundation. Their moving family history and the mission of their foundation is close to the heart of Shanahan's own mission in Catholic education, and we proudly partner with them for student scholarships.



Q. What inspired you and your sisters to launch the Michael Duke Foundation?

A. The Michael Duke Foundation is inspired by our incredible community of family and friends who have been such an integral part of our own story. When we were children, we lost our dad after a years' long battle with cancer, and our mom was left with four young kids to care and provide for while she pieced life back together for all of us. We were fortunate enough to be students at St. Agnes School in West Chester, and the generosity and support of our St. Agnes friends carried us through that difficult time, and allowed us to have as normal a childhood as possible despite

losing our dad. Six years ago, the unthinkable happened when we also lost our brother unexpectedly. Yet again, it was the power of our loving, generous community that supported our family, including our brother's grieving wife and then one year old daughter.

Q. Why has The Michael Duke Foundation chosen to focus on education?

A. A child's school and school environment is critical during any child's formative years. After the loss of a parent, nothing is more important for the bereaved child than stability and continuity. By providing education funding, we ensure that no child who has just experienced the tragic loss of a parent would also have to leave their school due to financial uncertainty.

Q. Who do you currently support?

A. We currently support students at all ages and stages—from elementary school through high school—and their stories only help to reinforce the importance of our mission. With MDF's help, our students are able to continue in

their current school—continue on their sports teams, in their extracurricular clubs, continue to be surrounded by their friends and teachers during this trying time. Our first MDF recipient, who was a high school junior at the time, is now successfully completing her first year at University of Delaware where she plays college lacrosse. The following quote is from the father of one of our family's, who tragically lost his wife to pancreatic cancer and is currently raising five children on his own.

"It has truly been a miracle to receive the help we needed when we needed it most. I had no idea how I would be able to be there for my family, provide, and ensure our wish of a Catholic School education. God answered our prayers."

Q. What are the future plans for The Michael Duke Foundation?

A. We believe in our mission and the work of our foundation, and we want to meet others who believe in our mission too! Our goal for the next year is to grow our MDF community and connect with new supporters so that we can continue to give to more children who need our help.

Q. How can interested alumni and families become involved or offer support?

A. If you are interested in learning more and getting involved, please reach out to contact@michaeldukefoundation.org, visit our website www.michaeldukefoundation.org, and follow us on Instagram, @michaeldukefoundation.

Alumni Highlights



Golden Eagles | Class of 1974

Shanahan was excited to welcome the Class of 1974 to the 2024 Graduation Ceremony, during which they were honored on the occasion of their 50th graduation anniversary. The class enjoyed a catered luncheon at Shanahan and time spent with classmates. Later that same weekend, they gathered for their class reunion at the Sheraton Great Valley Hotel.



Alumni & Alumni Parents Visit MK Morrissey '07 on Broadway

Shanahan's own Mary Kate (MK) Morrissey '07 began this past March as Elphaba, the lead role in the Broadway production of *Wicked!* Parent volunteers from Shanahan's fall musical traveled to New York in May to visit Mary Kate and see the show.

Ainsley Barry '15

Shanahan alumna Ainsley Barry '15 is the Digital Marketing Manager of BMG Records in Nashville, TN. Ainsley flew in to speak to Mrs.



Scullin's Digital Marketing class this school year. She showed the students how she uses different social media platforms to market music artists like Jelly Roll, Lainey Wilson, and Jason Aldean! She also discussed the timeline of release, pre-save campaigns, influencer campaigns, and digital marketing ads.



Kevin Jensen '16

The Jensen family travelled to Newport, Rhode Island to celebrate their youngest son, Kevin '16, completing his Officer Training for the US Navy. US Air Force Major Steven DiMaio '07 was on hand to perform the Commissioning, and family members Kent, Kathleen '78, Brigid '05, Daniel '07, Andrea (Teter) '08, Megan '10, and Anastasia were all there to support and congratulate Ensign Jensen!

At Kevin's bon voyage celebration, Shanahan graduates Robert (Bob) '86 and Thomas Holman '90, and Erin '10, Timothy '12 (Former US Army Reserve Specialist), and Brendan Holman '15 (US Navy Petty Officer Third Class) were all there to wish him fair winds and following seas.

A Family of Shanahan Sweethearts



① Alex Byard '08 and Shannon Griffin '08

Alex and Shannon met in Mr. Peterson's Theology class their senior year. After graduating, they attended separate universities, and reconnected over Christmas Break of their senior year. After going on three dates the first week of January 2012, the rest was history. They got engaged in August 2013, married July 2014, and celebrated their 10-year wedding anniversary this year! They have six amazing children and both believe very strongly that their Catholic faith and BSHS have played the most important roles in bringing them together.

② Ryan Griffin '10 and Claire Boncek '10

Ryan and Claire met on Student Council. Claire was a Class Officer which meant she was Ryan's "boss," which remains true to this day. They started dating shortly after college graduation in May 2014. Ryan could only get a lunch date in Claire's busy schedule at first, but they quickly bonded in their Catholic faith and were married in May 2017. Ryan and Claire have four wonderful children: Regina, Jimmy, Ava, and Leah.

③ Nick Freeth '12 and Lauren Griffin '12

Nick and Lauren were in several Bishop Shanahan classes together. Nick asked Lauren to attend the homecoming dance with him their junior year—but just as friends! Nick and Lauren reconnected during Covid-19 after Lauren moved back to Chester County from

Manhattan. They went out together once outdoor dining opened back up in September 2020, quickly becoming best friends. Nick asked Lauren to marry him in September 2022, and they tied the knot in October 2023. The couple are expecting their first baby in November 2024!

④ Ronald LaPorta, Jr. '14 and Colleen Griffin '14

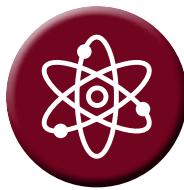
Ronald and Colleen met in the kindergarten classroom of Coatesville Catholic, attending school together through Shanahan graduation in 2014. They rekindled their friendship shortly after high school, and continued dating throughout college. Ronald proposed in July of 2018, and the couple has been happily married for 5 years. Their growing family has two beautiful little girls and they await the arrival of twins!

⑤ Matt Holowsko '16 and Peyton Griffin '16

Matt and Peyton started dating in their junior year of high school when they were 17 years old. Peyton sat behind Matt in their trig/pre-calc class. In their senior year, Matt and Peyton were on the Executive Board of Student Council together. They stayed together during college as Matt attended Penn State and Peyton went to La Salle University. The couple has been happily married for almost two years, and they are looking forward to starting a family together.

Soaring to New Heights | Soaring Even Higher

After an extensive feasibility study, Bishop Shanahan High School launched an ambitious effort embracing new strategies for students to be academically and spiritually prepared for the challenges of tomorrow. The Soaring to New Heights campaign focused on priorities that will immediately enhance the high school experience for every Bishop Shanahan student. With the initial goal achieved, we now look to “**Soar Even Higher**,” for greater impact. Enjoy a behind-the-scenes look at the completed construction, as well as a sneak-peek at your opportunity to support additional project priorities!



Inspiring Innovation and Creativity

This fall, Shanahan celebrates the grand opening of a state-of-the-art learning environment and STEM maker space. The IHM Center for Innovation and Creativity is fittingly named in honor of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary who have been the backbone of the Bishop Shanahan educational experience since its beginning. This new space will serve as a central hub for collaboration across a wide range of activities, including STEM, business, community service planning, clubs, and more. All students will find a space in The IHM Center, inspiring bold thinking and the formation of new ideas.



Athletics

Shanahan saw early campaign progress through a generous donation towards one of the athletic top priority areas. The tennis program was greatly improved by the addition of two new courts, resurfacing of existing courts, and beautiful new fencing and windscreens. Other athletic campaign priorities include renovations to the main gymnasium floor and lighting, the addition of automatic basketball hoops, maintenance of the stadium turf, and other safety upgrades.



The Arts

To continue inspiring and supporting the creative talents of Shanahan artists, the campaign included the creation of new space designated for ceramics and other visual arts, the renovation of choral and instrumental rooms, and necessary upgrades to the stage lighting.



Supporting Community

The Community Pavilion, located outside of the cafeteria, will serve as an inviting setting for alumni, parents, and friends to gather for Shanahan special events. Space for meaningful, in-person interaction is essential for students’ social development and mental health. The Community Pavilion will give students and all members of our school community somewhere to unplug, connect with one another, and take in the beauty of our campus. *Soaring to New Heights* raised \$100,000 for this project, and more funding will be needed to fully realize the potential of this space. If you would like to get involved to help “*Soar Even Higher*,” contact giving@shanahan.org.

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Increasing the Endowment Fund

A strong endowment fund supports essential tuition assistance for deserving families and provides long-term sustainability for the school. The Bishop Shanahan Endowment, which currently stands at \$2 million, generates approximately \$100,000 annually in dividends that is then allocated as financial aid for families in need. Currently 1 in 3 students require financial assistance to attend Shanahan, and during

the last school year more than \$1.4 million was awarded. Most of that funding was made possible through generous annual donations and the PA Tax Credit Program. However, a strong endowment will result in strong perpetual support for Shanahan students. An endowment gift leaves a legacy of Catholic education for future Shanahan students. YOU can support the BSHS Endowment by making a pledge of a future gift. Learn more about joining the BSHS Legacy Society at shanahan.org/waystogive/legacy or contact giving@Shanahan.org.

*We ask you to join us as we strengthen the foundation of our school by supporting the pillars of faith, academics, athletics, arts, community, and scholarship. Our world badly needs leaders who know the meaning of community, understand the value of service, and possess the creativity to solve tomorrow's challenges. Your investment in this continuing campaign allows us to continue meaningful educational and formation programs, and to continue the great legacy of forming “**People of God; People for Others.**” Learn more and give at shanahan.org/soaring.*

Do You Pay PA Taxes and Want to Make a 10 Fold Impact?

It's easy to get a 90% tax credit AND help Shanahan students in need!

How Does It Work? Receive up to a 90% tax credit against business or personal PA state tax liability by making a gift to Shanahan.

How Do I Join?

Step 1: Pledge a 2-year commitment (minimum of \$1,000 per year). The contribution amount is determined by your projected tax liability. One-year commitments are available for significant contributions that are a result of a windfall event, such as sale of business, property or other one-time spike of income.

Step 2: BSHS will connect you with a local Scholarship Organization (BLOCS or The Foundation for Catholic Education). The Scholarship Organization will notify you when to send the Year 1 contribution. This typically occurs in the fall.

Step 3: The Scholarship Organization will provide you with your K-1 so that you can use your 90% credit for the tax year in which the contribution was made. The process is very easy, and Shanahan is with you every step of the way.



Step 4: If you had been paying PA taxes all year long, you will receive a refund. Many people use the refund when writing the check for the Year 2 contribution.

Step 5: The Year 2 contribution will be made approximately one year following the first payment date.

See the following page for the list of current BSHS tax credit partners. We are grateful to each of the names on this list and pray for them daily.

2023 Tax Credit Donors

There is still time to redirect your PA tax dollars to Shanahan!

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Beth Harper Briglia Honored with the 18th Annual Rebecca Lukens Award

(excerpt from The Daily Local News)

Bishop Shanahan High School's Board Chair, Beth Harper Briglia (P'12, '17), was named the 18th recipient of the annual Rebecca Lukens Award presented by the National Iron & Steel Heritage Museum.



Beth is a longtime philanthropic advisor and community volunteer in Chester County. As the former Executive Vice President of Philanthropic Services at the Chester County Community Foundation in West Chester, she was identified and selected by a community-based awards committee. Honorees demonstrate the leadership qualities of the early Quaker ironmasters.

Briglia's 20-plus years at CCCF have drawn on her many skills including her training as a Certified Public Accountant and a Chartered Advisor in Philanthropy. However, she especially enjoys helping individuals, families, and local business owners engage with and improve their own communities by guiding them through what she calls "intentional philanthropy." The process enables donors to consider their time, talents, and values to determine their charitable objectives and philanthropic strategies.

Board Member Sharon Mills Higgins to Receive 2024 March of Dimes Greater Philadelphia Lifetime Achievement Award



Sharon Mills Higgins, BSHS Board Member, has been named as the recipient of the 2024 March of Dimes Greater Philadelphia Lifetime Achievement Award. Sharon is the Chair of March of Dimes National Board of Trustees.

Sharon's dedication to the March of Dimes started 20 years ago after her daughter was born with severe birth defects. A seasoned sales and marketing executive, her passionate advocacy for beneficial policies, programming, research, and fundraising has greatly contributed to the organization's progress and its positive influence on the communities it aids.

She chaired a campaign from 2016 to 2018 to raise funds to support the Prematurity Research Network, institutions in the United States and the United Kingdom. As chair, her pivotal role in board restructuring, CEO succession, donor relations, and capital campaign planning has been invaluable.

Through the Signature Chefs Feeding Motherhood campaign, critical funds are raised allowing March of Dimes to invest in lifesaving research, explore new technologies, and continue to advocate and expand care and awareness for moms and babies everywhere.

Join the Shanahan Legacy Society, so Future Eagles can Soar!

You don't need to be a millionaire to be a philanthropist! Joining the Shanahan Legacy Society requires no immediate financial contribution, only a pledge of a future gift. Consider including Shanahan in your estate plan by designating a percentage or a defined amount. You can also designate a portion of a life insurance policy and/or a retirement asset, such as an IRA or a 401(k). The simple act of informing Shanahan of your pledge (any amount is appreciated) qualifies you as a distinguished member of this group.

Be sure to visit and see the new beautiful Legacy Society Donor Recognition Wall, located in the Main Lobby. Contact Giving@Shanahan.org to be included with this beloved group of Shanahan Eagles!



Shanahan Legacy Society Donors

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Derby de Mayo Recap

Shanahan hosted the annual NestFEST spring fundraiser this past May! "Derby de Mayo" was a mash-up event combining Cinco de Mayo and the Kentucky Derby for a fun-filled evening. Guests were entertained by a live mariachi band, Trio Voz y Sentimiento, watched the running of the Kentucky Derby, and enjoyed themed cocktails and dinner! Proceeds from the event are used to support all Shanahan students. Thank you to all who participated, volunteered, and donated to this special event.



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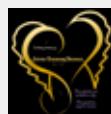
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Parish Family Sponsors

Families joined together within their parish communities to offer the auction's premier items. We are grateful to these families for their collective support!

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Scan here to earn more and check out full sponsor list.



Pictured left: The Class of 1966 claimed victory in this year's Alumni Challenge and now have the bus loop named after them for the year! Congratulations!



What's New?

What's new with you, Shanahan!? Have you moved, started a new career, graduated college, gotten married, had a new baby!? Whatever it is, share your good news with us at shanahan.org/alumni and you might make it into the next magazine!

CLASS NOTES

The 1980's

Glenn Peterson '80 Glenn is enjoying retirement after 30+ years in higher education.

Susan Eckenrode '84 Susan started a new job as Sr. Customer Service Specialist at Rochester Community and Technical College. ①

The 2010's

Jessica Grzegorzewski '10 Jessica graduated Magna Cum Laude from Cornell University School of Veterinary Medicine with a Masters of Professional Studies in Veterinary Parasitology in August 2023 and also welcomed her second son.

Meghan O'Donnell '12 Meghan's company, empowHERed, was a recipient of the Blue Hen 17&43 Most Promising Award given by the University of Delaware, and Meghan was recently honored with the Catalyst Award from the Women's Leadership Initiative. ②

Marissa Klees '13 Marissa started a new job as the Director of Events & Communications at the West Chester University Foundation, supporting student success through fundraising and events for alumni.

Michael Toolan '13 Michael is advancing his career as he works as a Professor of Conducting and Director of the Musical Theatre Bands at London College of Music, an accompanist of West End Studio Pineapple Studios and at the Bird

Conservatoire of Musical Theatre and Dance, an Associate Professor of Musical Theatre at the University of London, and a Guest Artist of Carpe Diem Artistica Officina in Sicily.

BIRTHS

To **Sarah Beierle Campbell '01** and husband George a daughter, Elisabeth Rose Campbell (July 18, 2024) ③

To **Dave Buoni '06** and wife Shelly a son, Luca Issac (June 2023) ④

To **Michael Greene '09** and wife **Molly McCarthy Greene '09** twin girls, Sutton and Daphne (June 21, 2023) ⑤

To **Marissa O'Brien Klees '13** and husband Joe a daughter, Bailey (April 2023) ⑥

MARRIAGES

David Buoni '06 to Shelley
(December 2021)

Laura Trusila '09 to Joseph Nied
Laura Trusila married Joseph Nied on November 11, 2023 at Historic St. Mary's in Lancaster. Laura's bridal party included **Paula Frick Gardner '09**, **Christina Cabrelli Kromer '09**, and Maid of Honor, **Katie Endrey '09**. The new Nieds honeymooned in Italy and partook in the Sposi Novelli blessing at the Vatican where they had the opportunity to greet Pope Francis. ⑦

Rachele Gillespie '13 to David Gaines (April 13, 2024) ⑧

Mark Scrocca '08 to Teresa Lord
(June 29, 2024)



In Loving Memory of Our Deceased Alumni, Faculty & Staff

May they rest in peace

BISHOP SHANAHAN HIGH SCHOOL

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June 1, 2024

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November 9, 2023

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Jody A. Arters '86

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April 21, 2024

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August 19, 2024

Gavin P. Pippin '20

October 11, 2023

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Reverend Donald P. McNamara

October 5, 2023

Former Faculty 1963-1970

Ronald Savastio

January 21, 2024

Former Softball Coach 2011-2019

SAINT AGNES ALUMNI

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Class of 1947

October 19, 2023

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Regina O'Connor Van Veen

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Martina Cochlin Ossman

Class of 1952

November 9, 2023

Marlene Marie Madonna

McDonough

Class of 1953

September 8, 2022

Clarence A. Alexander

Class of 1956

February 24, 2024



Alumni, we need your help! Since many of our alumni live out of the area, we may not receive notification of the death of an alumnus/alumna. If you should learn of the death of one of your classmates or fellow Alumnus, please email the Advancement Office (tkyle@shanahan.org) so that we may send a mass card to the family. Please email the name of the alumnus/alumna and the date of death (important for verification).

Annual Donor Listing

Gifts received between July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024



The Bishop Shanahan Advancement Office compiles the Annual Report of Gifts. We appreciate your continued generosity to Bishop Shanahan High School and would like to recognize your generosity. **This report reflects all gifts received during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.**

Although we make every effort to ensure the accuracy of this report, mistakes can occur. We apologize for any errors. If your name is omitted or does not appear in the manner you prefer, please email giving@shanahan.org.

Ways to Give to Shanahan

- **The Shanahan Fund** - A vital source of funding that makes an immediate impact on the annual school operating budget
- **Tax Credit Program** - Business and personal tax liability that is redirected from Harrisburg to Shanahan tuition assistance
- **Tuition Assistance** - Gifts of any size designated for Shanahan financial aid
- **Named Scholarships** - Renewable gifts supporting tuition assistance
- **Shanahan Society** - Pledges of future gifts through planned giving
- **Stadium Sponsorship** - Financial support of the BSHS Athletic Program
- **Matching Gifts** - Many companies double amounts given to BSHS by their employees or retirees
- **Gifts of Stock and Real Estate** - Charitable gifts with significant tax benefit to the donor
- **Events** - Endowment Fund Golf Outing, Christmas Craft Show, Spring Auction and many other events support the financial needs of BSHS

The President's Society Donors

Major gifts of \$1,000 or more received between July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024

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bshs **GIVE BACK THURSDAY**

Bishop Shanahan High School
People of God, People for Others



October 3 | shanahan.org/gbt



OCTOBER 4, 2024 | 7 PM

HOMECOMING GAME

LET'S GO, EAGLES!

November 11, 2024 at
Penn Oaks Golf Club



6th Annual Eagle Classic Golf Outing

Register @ shanahan.org/eagleclassic



Christmas Craft Show

DECEMBER 7 | 9 AM - 2 PM



ATHLETICS BEEF & BEER

February 1, 2025
7 - 10 PM

Delicious Food
Soda, Beer, & Wine

50/50 Raffle
Raffle Baskets

*You must be at least 21 years of age or older to attend.



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