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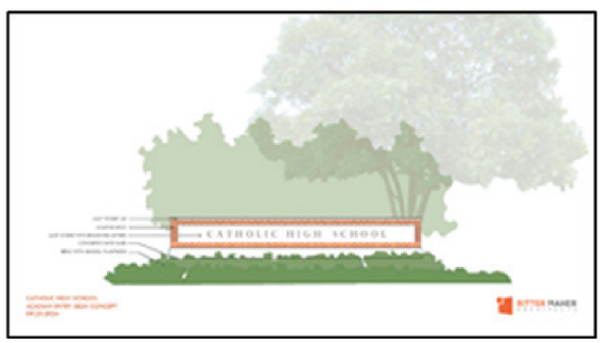


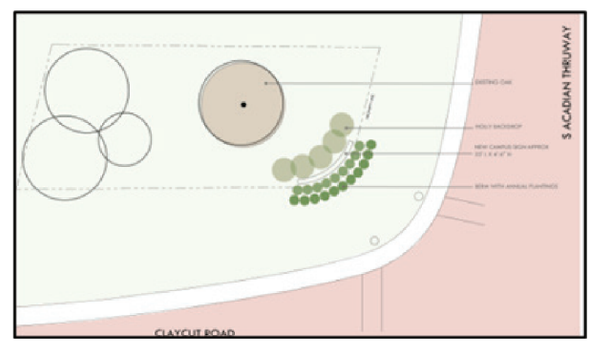
PRESIDENT'S *update*

The Class of 2025 graduated on May 17th in the River Center in Baton Rouge in a wonderful ceremony that was marked by heat, humidity, laughs, tears, and plenty of congratulations. Highlights from that event are included in this issue of Bear Facts and I encourage you to take some time to read just how accomplished these CHS graduates are. I had the opportunity to give the administrative address at the conclusion of the commencement ceremony and chose to speak on the transformation of the Class of 2025 from CHS students to CHS graduates and how that simple change in title is more than symbolic, but instead marks a change in responsibility and place in life.

In my address, I included the various transformations that took place in their four years as a CHS student, including academic, physical, spiritual, and personal transformations. If CHS has done our job properly, our students should grow and mature in all of these areas over their time as a student and it is obvious that the Class of 2025 has benefited from all that CHS has to offer. Not only have they taken advantage of these opportunities by achieving various accolades, but they have decided to leave a visible legacy for future generations to enjoy. Leaders of the Class of 2025 spearheaded a class fund-raising campaign to install an entry sign on the corner of Acadian Thruway and Claycut Road, identifying the entrance to the Catholic High School campus (see diagram below). This ambitious project was wholeheartedly embraced by the seniors and their monetary goal was attained, along with assistance from generous parents who have donated their services to complete the project. What I appreciated about their efforts was the focus on giving something back to the school that has given them so much, leaving a legacy, all while improving the physical appearance of the campus. Initial construction has begun on this Class of 2025 Legacy Project, and I look forward to the completion of this exciting addition to the CHS campus.

The other aspect that I mentioned in my Administrative Address was the obvious transformation that the Class of 2025 has experienced as a class, moving from a group of students who randomly entered CHS together as freshmen into something larger and deeper – the Class of 2025 Brotherhood. Their experiences over the past four years and the relationships they have built have created a bond that will remain with them for a lifetime. I know that all CHS alumni can understand this brotherhood. To the Class of 2025, may God bless you in your future endeavors. Remember: It's More Than Four, It's a Lifetime!





Go Bears!

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Mrs. Lisa Harvey

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PRINCIPAL'S *update*



My Bear Facts entry for this time last year focused on reflections prompted by the questions about my first year as principal. Given that, it is natural to wonder how the second year compared to the first. Interestingly enough, the second year was more different than I think I expected, but the CHS commitment to excellence is unchanged.

When somewhere in the neighborhood of 1300 people gather every day to pursue the education of teenage boys, there are only so many things that can go right and so many things that can go wrong. We have the great blessing of having the "go right" significantly overwhelm the "go wrong" and that is because of the foundation our school has in the charism of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart. We are also blessed with a committed faculty and staff, supportive parents, and students who trust that the Brothers' tradition will help them become the men God created them to be. There is a continuity to what we do, but there is also enough variety in how we choose to fulfill our mission so that it always stays interesting.

As has become the norm, our choir and band students continue to receive outstanding ratings at district and state levels, and our drama program put on a moving production of the musical Godspell in the spring. Both the band and choir spring concerts showcased the incredible talent of our students, as did the spring Art Show for our art students.

We capped a successful athletic season with three state championships in the spring. It was quite a run: our Golf Team won the state tournament for the first time since 2007, our outdoor track and field team won the Division I state meet in thrilling fashion, having to win the 4x400 relay to win the trophy by 1 point; and our baseball team repeated as State Champions in mid-May, winning in two games so they did not have to miss graduation to play a deciding game 3!

Late spring also featured the completion of our work on the Habitat for Humanity Catholic High School build. Dozens of students and faculty worked on the house and in doing so formed a bond with the homeowner who regularly expressed her thanks and appreciation for our students and how they conducted themselves on the build site.

The end of our school year is always marked by our Honors Convocation and Graduation, where we have the chance to honor the achievements of our seniors. It is an annual gift to watch our young men receive the recognition they deserve for their work with us and to celebrate with them the completion of this significant part of their young lives.

One of our mission focused changes for next year is the beginning of our Academic Success Center, to be headed by Mrs. Sherie LeBlanc, formerly our Admissions Director. The center will be in our library and will focus on supporting students who want or need to improve academically. The center will also provide support to teachers by coordinating make-up testing.

The opening of the Academic Success Center contributed to some of the personnel changes we have had to make for the 2025-2026 school year. Collin Ford '98 will be our new Admissions Director, and he will be assisted by Jaime Olinde, formerly our Activities Director. Dr. Jessica Shelton will take on the Activities Director position. Other moves include Mr. Ben DiPalma '00 going from Athletic Director to Advancement Director; Mr. Matt Shelton, who was Ben's assistant AD, becoming our new Athletic Director; and Tommy Prochaska '92 taking on our Assistant Athletic Director position. That sounds like a lot, and it is, but it is also exciting as each of these dedicated educators will bring a new perspective to those roles.

None of the above happens by accident, whether it is the achievements of 2024-2025, or the changes as we prepare for 2025-2026. As I write this, we have eight of our veteran faculty members on a three day retreat at St. Benedict Abbey in Covington, renewing and deepening their commitment to education in the charism of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart. I know they will start the school year with renewed energy and be an inspiration to their colleagues as we all work to remain faithful to our mission. Meanwhile, those of us who are here in the summer continue to plan for faculty formation and professional development, so we all have the chance to grow and better serve our students and their families. Please keep all of us at Catholic High School in your prayers. We will do the same for you.

Ametur Cor Jesu. *Loved be the Heart of Jesus.*

Tom W. Eldringhoff

Dr. Tom Eldringhoff























EARNED
$28,153,592
IN MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS (EXCLUDING TOPS)

141
NUMBER OF COLLEGES OUR GRADUATES WERE OFFERED ADMISSION TO

Class of 2025

77
STUDENTS IN THE CLASS OF 2025 RECEIVED AN ACT COMPOSITE SCORE OF 30+

26
AVERAGE ACT SCORE OF THE CLASS OF 2025 WITH 100% CLASS PARTICIPATION

75
MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2025 WERE ACCEPTED TO AN HONORS COLLEGE OR PROGRAM WITHIN THEIR UNIVERSITY

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By The Numbers

77
ACADEMIC PROGRAM SCHOLARS IN THE CLASS OF 2025

2
MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2025 WILL ATTEND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

70
HONORS PROGRAM SCHOLARS IN THE CLASS OF 2025

10
NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP FINALISTS


Hudson Cole Accardo


Michael Brian Aguillard


Aidan Joseph Albin


Cooper Bradley Allen


Carter Sebastian Alonzo


Reginald Clayton Anderson


Jules Edward Ash


Erikson Andrew Auxt


Miles Joseph Babin


Benjamin Paul Bailey


Ethan James Bailey


Ethan Daniel Bargas


Bennett James Barrow


Brendan Eric Becnel


Thomas Matthew Berthon


Gabriel Michael Beyer


Victor Javier Blanco


Jacob Michael Bodin


Robert Lane Bourg


Jacob Ladon Bradford


Brennan Joseph Breaux


Brady Cole Broussard


Jonathan Michael Broussard


Ian Zachariah Brown


William Price Broyles


Eli Hamilton Bruni


Michelangelo Buogo Jr.


Christian Ryan Busbice


Aidan Joseph Calkins


Connor Elliott Campbell

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THE CLASS OF 2025

Honors Program Scholar
Academic Program Scholar


Hudson Thomas Caraccioli


John Murphy Carley


Matthew Paul Castelluccio


Walter Chase Cathey III


Max Matthew Chamberlain


Stephan Kensett Champney


Andrew Joseph Clapinski


Amari James Clayton


Joshua Douglas Clement


Robert Forrest Conley


Nicholas Stephen Conti II


Gabriel Michael Cordell


Luke Ayres Corsten


Marcus Alexander Couhig


Grayton Bollinger Daigle


Aaron Joseph Danielson


Charles Andrew Dardis


Mitchell Anderson Davis


Davis Fourrier Dawes


Jackson Alexander DeJean


John Owen Delamain


David Gerard DeOliveira


Lee Vincent Dirks


Charles Gillen DuBos



Jayson Lydell Duncan Jr.



Joshua Nasen Dupre



Elliott Harrison Eagleton



Brady Christopher Eldredge



Davis Paul Emonet



Andrew Sheppard Eversberg



Joseph Kelly Feet



Jeremy Jermaine Fisher Jr.



Layton Joseph Fontenot



Jack Anderson Foote



Jack William Fourrier



Porter Thomas Fourrier



Austin Chandler Fruge



Andrew Joseph Gannuch



Ben Ellis Gauthreaux



Jackson Scott Gautreau



Tycen Joseph Gautreau



Noah Charles Gawarecki



Carter Cassidy Gibson



Andrew Louis Girouard



Cameron Marlin Glenn



Athen James Glover



Michael Scott Goodson



David Paul Graham



Michael Trent Griggs II



Charles Walter Grose



Philip Andrew Gueho



Evan Brian Guilbeau



Chase Bernard Hansberry



Benjamin Michael Hardie

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THE CLASS OF 2025

Honors Program Scholar
Academic Program Scholar


Chase Dylan Harris


Corey Jermarcus Hatch


William Michael Hatzis


Edward James Henriquez


Orlando Dominic Henriquez


Max Lambert Himmel


Tristan James Holden


Kyle Andrew Hollifield


Matthew James Hotstream


Luke Alexander House


Noah James Howell


Alex Christopher Huffine


Matthew Aidan Hupperich


Joseph MinhHoa Huynh


Henry Onassys Jimenez Valdez


John Riley Joffrion


Karson Matthew Johnson-Harris


Cayden Jacoby Jones


Finley Rhodes Jones


Nico Bryce Jones


Quinton Carville Jones


Eric James Jurkovic


Colton Blaize Karisny


Benedict Clement Kelly



Caldwell Davidson Kerth



Joshua Haynes King



Ryan Thomas Klester



Brooks Matthew Kogel



Mikai Pericles Lacy



Barat Francis Landry



Hampton Van Landry



Joseph Michael Landry



William Warren Lane



Charles Bradley Lanehart



Martin Metcalfe Lanneau Jr.



Benjamin William Larson



David Evelio Latil



John Kohlsaat Laws IV



Anderson Khanh-Dang Le



Caden Manuel LeBlanc



Cohen Reid LeBlanc



Brein Matthew Ledford



Landon Russell LeJeune



Ayden Thomas Leonardt



Samuel Lane Levy



Noah Alexander Lewis



Wyatt Dean Lewis



Lucien Daniel Lewy IV



Quinn Thanh Luu



Patrick Alexander Macdanel



Jake Frederick Macdonald



David Alexander Marsh



Austin Ray Martinez



Carter Maurice Mashon

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THE CLASS OF 2025

Honors Program Scholar
Academic Program Scholar


Grant Evans Mathes


Quentin Everett Hyrum Maughan


Sean Joseph McCay


Donovan Michael McCormick


Christopher Michael McCullen


Benjamin Tate McCurry Jr.


Andy Jose McDowell


Raz Benoit McRae


James Henry Meher IV


Jonathan Adam Mekari


Griffin Harris Melancon


Diego Mendoza Becerra


Aidan Matthew Miceli


William Jeffery Mickal


Thomas Price Miller


Khoi Antwahn Mills


Alex Mills V


Anthony Perry Mims


Luke Demere Modenbach


Patrick Clifford Moe


Brayden Daniel Morgan


Logan Matthew Nguyen


Ethan Thomas Noel


Samuel Paul Norman



Brennan Wesley Normand



John Avery Ogden



Noah Jon Olson



Garner Bruce O'Neal



Rylan Jamall Parker



John Thomas Pearson



Braxton Christopher Perez



Billy Wayne Perkins Jr.



Sean Michael Perret



Mark Andrew Peterman Jr.



Lawson Jude Petite



Gustave Anthony Piazza III



Hayden James Plauche



Jack Walker Pou



Archer Jack Glenn Pounders



Quinn Marshall Price



Maxwell Thomas Procell



Donald James Proctor Jr.



Cullen Michael Ransome



Shiv Vipul Reshamwala



Davin Patrick Reynolds



Cesar Reynaldo Rico



John Morgan Ritter



Austin Joseph Roberson



Henry Nathaniel Robin



Julian Pierce Rogers



Noah Jacob Romaine



Brennan Scott Rosendahl



Hudson Charles Rounds



Adler Joseph Roussel

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THE CLASS OF 2025

Honors Program Scholar
Academic Program Scholar


Gage Emeric Rowley


John Quin Ruckert


Oliver Jackson Sabine


Hunter Ernest Savoie


Holden Thomas Sawyer


Maxton Ryan Schexnailder


Owen Alexander Schnur


Daniel Middleton Serrano


Gabriel Enrique Serrano


Caleb James Shelton


Austin Taylor Sims


George Matthew Smarada


Kason John Smart


Bennett Thomas Smith


Ervin John Smith III


Jacob Jason Sommers


Owen David Songné


Dawson Michael Stoeckle


Phillip Charles Stephen Street


Lucas Jude Tanner


Kollin Tyrese Rashad Thomas


Jacob Rocco Tompkins Jr.


Matthew Richard Trahan


Evan James Tramonte



Grant Charles Travis ✹



Peyton Quinn Trigo ✹



Joshua Thomas Tucker ⭘



Landon Jacob Tuckerson



Hayes Michael Turner ⭘



Sean Patrick Valluzzo



Oliver Owen Vance ⭘



Juan Sebastian Vargas ⭘



Charles Garrett Venable



Wyatt Mark Vincent



Anthony James Waguespack ✹



Brady Elton Waguespack ⭘



Graham Joseph Waguespack ⭘



Cedric Washington, Jr.



Layton William Welch



Thomas Michael Whaley ✹



Caleb Michael White



Michael Joseph Wilhelm Jr. ⭘



Howard Ray Wilkinson III



Nyles Joseph Williams



John Ryan Winchester ✹



Logan Preston Wong ⭘



Max Joseph Wyble



Joseph Daniel Yessayan ✹



William Joseph Zaunbrecher ⭘



Kevin Yicheng Zheng ⭘

⭘ Honors Program Scholar
✹ Academic Program Scholar

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CEMENTING THEIR LEGACY

The Class of 2025 Senior Project



Over the 2024–2025 school year, a motivated group of senior leaders—guided by Jamie Segar '90 and Shelley Vance from the CHS Office of Advancement—came together at the start of the senior year with a clear mission: to leave a meaningful legacy in honor of the Class of 2025.

Inspired by impactful senior class projects from recent years, conversations began as early as summer 2024 about what the Class of 2025 could contribute. From these early ideas, the Senior Project Committee quickly formed, comprised of eight committed seniors: Jack Ritter, Ben Bailey, Davis Dawes, Oliver Vance, Charlie Lanehart, Gus Piazza, Michael Aguillard, and Carter Alonzo.

After careful review of several proposals, the committee decided to pursue a bold and lasting initiative: a campus beautification project that would be seen and appreciated daily. Their vision? A collegiate-style landmark sign to serve as the new gateway to the CHS campus.

The location for the project—a corner lot once occupied by a Quick Silver gas station—has remained an unused green space for more than 30 years. This highly visible Mid-City intersection will now be transformed with a stunning sign made from classic CHS brick and precast materials. The 57-foot-wide, 5-foot-tall arched design will be beautifully landscaped and illuminated at night, serving as a welcoming symbol of pride for the CHS community.

With the project in place, a small group of skilled professionals formed the construction team made up of supportive parents and alumni. Architect Scott Ritter '93 and Lori Prochaska of Ritter Maher Architects stepped in to lead the design and management. The father/son team of Brian and Billy Aguillard '70 of BJM Construction took on building the foundation. Steven Cheatham '97 generously donated brick and concrete, and managed the ordering of the precast stone. Electrical services were provided by Nathan Alonzo, while George Bofinger, Jeff Carbo, and David Leak contributed their expertise in irrigation and landscaping.

As Jamie Segar '90 remarked, "The driving force behind this project is our students and the volunteers who are donating their time, talent, and treasure. Parents, grandparents, and alumni have come together in support of a shared vision. The estimated project cost of over $45,000 simply wouldn't be possible without this incredible team."

As an important component of any senior-led project, fundraising was a critical element for the project's approval by the administration. Thanks to the support of Ms. Shelley Vance in the Office of Advancement, the online donation portal was up and running, making it easy for students and families to contribute, doing their part for this significant gift back to CHS. Spearheaded by committee member Ben Bailey, the fundraising campaign set out to raise $5,000 from the senior class. To energize the effort, committee member and former parent, Steven Cheatham '97 issued a challenge: if the seniors met their $5,000 goal, he would match it—mission accomplished. Additional gifts were made by alumni and friends who were excited to see the Mid-City intersection beautified.

After months of delays and preparation with planning, and permit approvals, the project finally received the official "green light" from the city. "Generally, a project on this scale is relatively small and no one would imagine it to be a lengthy project to construct. But it will be worth the wait," mentioned Segar. Hampered by additional summer-time weather delays, construction will finally commence.

"After recently celebrating our graduation, the Class of 2025 is beyond excited to announce the initial groundbreaking for the largest and most ambitious class gift in Catholic High School History. The constructed entry sign will literally cement the legacy of the Class of 2025 and prompt our posterity to inspire similar efforts," committee member, Ben Bailey commented.

The Class of 2025 will not only graduate with memories and friendships but will also leave behind a landmark that reflects their pride, vision, and dedication.



GRADUATION

It is an honor to be standing here today. Everyone in the crowd has faced obstacles to be here, whether you are a parent who has worked to send your son to the best school in the state or you are a graduate who has had to work for his diploma or you are a family member or friend who has supported a young man graduating this afternoon.

First, I'd like to thank the parents who have worked so hard for their sons to be able to graduate. I want you to know that even if your son may not seem like it sometimes, he really does appreciate all your sacrifices. I would like to thank my parents for all the times they had to push me to be the man I am today. I remember those math and reading summer workbooks I had to do when I was little. (I'm not gonna lie, Mom, I hated every minute of it.) But, standing here now, I can confidently say I am glad you made me do it. Looking back, I know now it has given me the foundation to become the man I am today

Next, I would like to thank the faculty of Catholic High School. I sincerely appreciate the way you challenged us to be our best. Like when Mrs. Patout assigned three Calculus tests in one week or when it was 8th period and I just wanted to go home and Señora Costela was speaking to me in Spanish like I'm a native speaker. But through all of it, I know that Mrs. Harvey and Dr. Eldringhoff and the entire faculty worked to make Catholic High a safe place for us, a place that pushed us to be our best selves. I want you all to know that you succeeded. I am confident that each student here can think of at least one teacher that he connected with, one person that he felt he could talk to if he needed advice. And teachers, I want you to know that one source of stability can make all the difference. I am grateful to the faculty for cultivating such a positive and uplifting learning environment. I would also like to take a moment to express appreciation for the positive male role models that are at Catholic High. Even though they were each very different, they all have a steady presence, and I knew that I could trust all of them. I'd especially like to thank Coach Kemp, Mr. Gates, Mr. Dulaney, and Mr. Ford for being such amazing role models for me this year.



Now, we are looking forward to the next phase of our lives. And we will all face new challenges as we go forward. I'd like to leave the Class of 2025 with a quote that I think about when I am facing a difficult situation. It's from former Dallas Cowboys wide receiver, Michael Irvin. In an interview on ESPN, he was talking about the Cowboys' season and how this was the year that they were going to win the Super Bowl. He said, "God did not send David to slay Goliath; he sent Goliath to prove to David that what resides in him is a giant slayer."

Graduates, you will face adversity in your lives no matter what career you choose or what path you take. You will ask yourself, "Why does this have to happen to me?" Just remember, God does not let you face challenges because he does not love you, he lets you face challenges because he loves you very much. God wants to show you that you are capable of much more than you believe.

Graduates of the Class of 2025, no matter the struggle or the seemingly insurmountable odds, know that you are loved and you have what it takes to achieve greatness.

Joseph Huynh

VALEDICTORIAN

WE DID IT GUYS!!! THIS IS IT! We survived all the haircut slips from Coach Logsdon, all the stressful nights spent studying for tests, all the hard moments in our social lives, and all the pressures from the outside world.

Catholic High is such a special place. I'm sure all of you in this arena know that. I was told that by my family members who had gone through CHS before me. I am a 4th generation Bear; there have been many Fourriers who have walked the halls of CHS. As a freshman, I felt that I had big shoes to fill. I will admit, I had a rocky start. I struggled at first to find where I fit in.

At the end of the first day of school, I distinctly remember Mr. Hightower saying, "it's more than four, it's a lifetime!" He told us about the brotherhood of Catholic High and how much of a difference it makes in the world.

I also remember Mrs. Harvey telling us, "If you don't get involved at CHS, you will never love it here." I took that advice to heart and dove into many extracurricular activities like Student Council, Choir, and Student Ministry, and many more. That is where I found my people.

One reason why Catholic High is such a special place is the amazing faculty and staff. Teachers, you have made such a positive impact on the lives of all the graduates. I will always remember solving word puzzles with Ms. Chapoy, making an argument for Mr. Wynne, hanging out in the Counseling Center during lunch, hearing Brother Cliff say how he's "a Yankee from up North," getting a heartfelt email from Mr. Galliano, or a bit more "snarky" encouragement from Mr. Manning, and being reminded about how bad the Dallas Cowboys are from Ms. Wanda at lunch. Every student here has memories like these. Our teachers believe in us, and they believe in the mission of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart.

Now onto my 241 brothers for life. Our bonds are so strong, and we build each other up so well. If you ever need anything, know that I will always be there for you.

On Thursday, Mrs. Kessler read the lyrics to the song I sang at the Choir Spring Concert. It is something that I think everyone should know. It is the thing I learned at Catholic High. It goes as follows:

"The truth is I am my Father's child
I make Him proud and I make Him smile
I was made in the image of a perfect King
He looks at me and wouldn't change a thing
The truth is I am truly loved
By a God who's good when I'm not good enough
I don't belong to the lies, I belong to You
And that's the truth"

That message is something that I will never forget, and I would have NEVER found that truth if it wasn't for Catholic High School and the brotherhood I found here. I have cherished and will cherish this for the rest of my life. It IS more than four, it's a lifetime! I love all of you.

Thank you for your attention, that is all.



Davis Dawes
OUTSTANDING GRADUATE

Men of the Year



Pictured front row left to right: Cesar Rico, Charles Dardis, Karson Johnson-Harris, Jack Ritter, Gus Piazza III
Back row left to right: Elliott Eagleton, Nico Jones, Ben Bailey, Davis Dawes, Raz McRae, Nyles Williams, and David DeOliveira
Not pictured: Cohen LeBlanc

5 Year Bears



Aidan Albin, Erikson Auxt, Jacob Bradford, Michelangelo Buogo Jr., Amari Clayton, Gabriel Cordell, Marcus Couhig, Joshua Dupre, Joseph Feet, Noah Gawarecki, Carter Gibson, Charles Grose, Corey Hatch, Max Himmel, Luke House, Alex Huffine, Karson Johnson-Harris, Eric Jurkovic, Mikai Lacy, Hampton Landry, William Lane, Cohen LeBlanc, Noah Lewis, David Marsh, Quentin Maughan, James Meher IV, Thomas Miller, Samuel Norman, Garner O'Neal, Jack Pou, Quinn Price, Shiv Reshamwala, Cesar Rico, Hudson Rounds, John Ruckert, George Smarada, Ervin Smith III, Phillip Street, Jacob Tompkins Jr., Charles Venable, Brady Waguespack, Thomas Whaley, Caleb White, Michael Wilhelm Jr., Kevin Zheng

Eagle Scouts



Michael Aguillard, Benjamin Bailey, Thomas Berthon, Stephan Champney, Nicholas Conti III, Brady Eldredge, Matthew Hupperich, Eric Jurkovic, Joseph Landry, David Latil, James Meher IV, Jonathan Mekari, Brennan Normand, Archer Pounders, Cullen Ransome, Henry Robin, Owen Songné, Peyton Trigo

Faculty/Son Grads



Pictured front row left to right: Ms. Shelley Vance and Oliver Vance, Mr. Sean Rogers and Julian Rogers, Mr. Matt Shelton, Caleb Shelton and Dr. Jessica Shelton, Aaron Danielson and Mrs. Amanda Danielson, Nico Jones and Coach Derrick Jones '96

Legacy Graduates



Robert L. Bourg, Brady C. Broussard, William P. Broyles, Connor E. Campbell, Marcus A. Couhig, David G. DeOliveira, Brady C. Eldredge, Davis P. Emonet, Andrew S. Eversberg, Jeremy J. Fisher Jr., Jack W. Fourrier, Andrew J. Gannuch, Jackson S. Gautreau, Carter C. Gibson, Michael T. Griggs III, Philip A. Gueho, Max L. Himmel, Matthew J. Hotstream, Finley R. Jones, Nico B. Jones, Charles B. Lanehart, Cohen R. LeBlanc, Grant E. Mathes, Brennan W. Normand, Gustave A. Piazza III, J. Walker Pou, John M. Ritter, Hudson C. Rounds, Holden T. Sawyer, Owen A. Schnur, Daniel M. Serrano, George M. Smarada, Sean P. Valluzzo, Anthony J. Waguespack, Graham J. Waguespack

STREAM Certificates

Twenty-one members of the CHS Class of 2025 earned the Catholic High School STREAM certificate. The Catholic High School STREAM Curriculum includes courses in Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Art, and Math. Students earning the STREAM certificate this year have met standard CHS graduation requirements and have taken Religion, Science and Humanity, Engineering Design and Development, and a minimum of three additional semesters of Engineering and Technology coursework. Seniors graduating with a CHS STREAM certificate are:

Reggie Anderson, Ian Brown, Chase Cathey III, Nick Conti II, Joseph Feet, Jack Fourrier, Cam Glenn, Finley Jones, Benedict Kelly, Griffin Melancon, Thomas Miller, Ethan Noel, Noah Olson, Garner O'Neal, Davin Reynolds, Austin Roberson, Henry Robin, Hunter Savoie, Peyton Trigo, Anthony Waguespack, Logan Wong



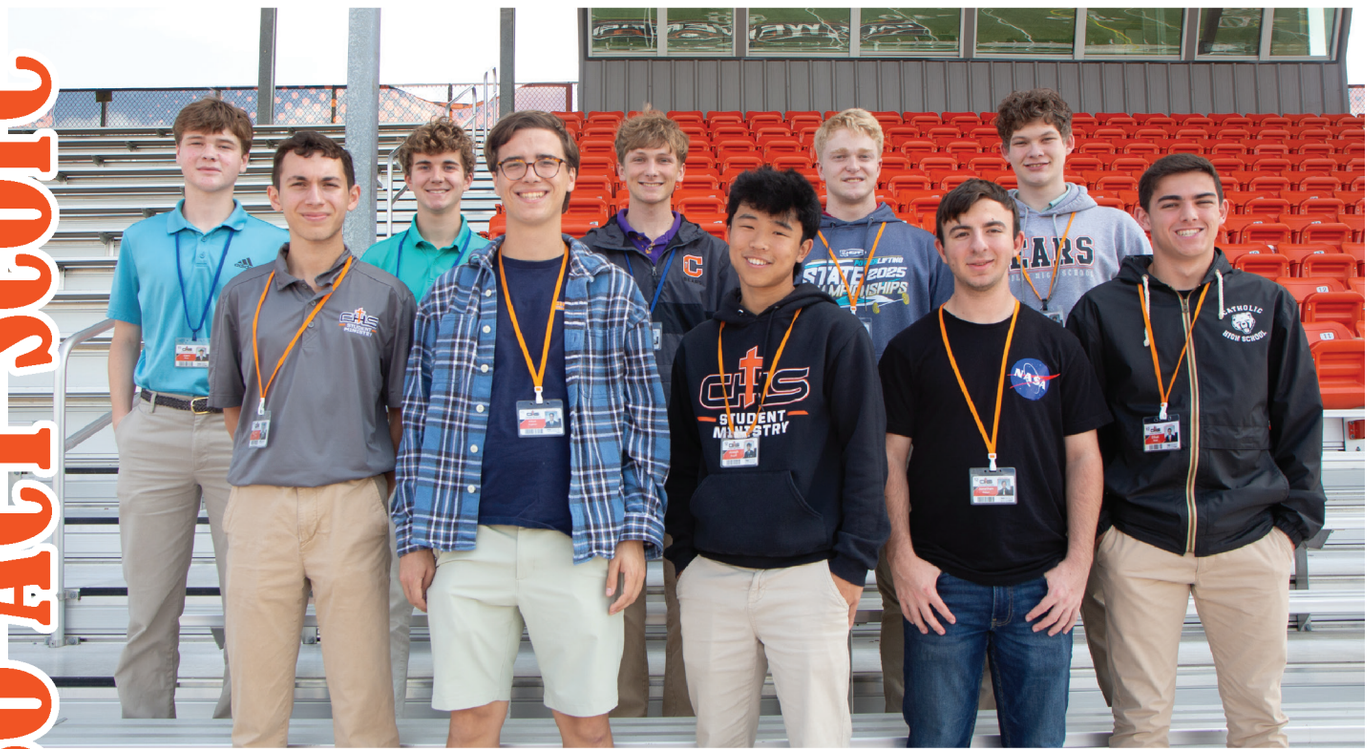


ACT 30+ Club



ONE HUNDRED TWENTY SEVEN—The number of CHS Bears that scored a 30 or higher on the ACT as of May 2025! A few of our Bears were unable to make the group photo, and this number is always rising. For a complete list of our current 30+ Club members, please head to our ACT 30+ page on our website at www.catholichigh.org/30plus. The CHS team will update the page as scores are released.

36 ACT Score



Congratulations to the TEN Bears with an ACT score of 36!

Front row left to right: Cesar Rico '25, Elliott Eagleton '25, Joseph Huynh '25, Jonathan Mekari '25, Ethan Noel '25, *Back row left to right:* Liam Price '26, Jonathan Thompson '26, Henry Mensman '26, Hayes Turner '25, and Michael Wilhelm Jr. '25

Louisiana Seal of Biliteracy

Ninety-One members of the CHS Class of 2025 are graduating with the Louisiana Seal of Biliteracy! This is an award given out by the state of Louisiana to students who have completed four years of foreign language and have achieved a minimum ACT score in both English and reading. Seniors were presented certificates by their foreign language teachers. We are very proud of the seniors who qualified for this award.

Cooper Allen, Miles Babin, Gabriel Beyer, Victor Blanco, Brennan Breaux, Jonathan Broussard, Eli Bruni, Michelangelo Buogo Jr., Connor Campbell, Max Chamberlain, Stephan Champney, Andrew Clapinski, Joshua Clement, Robert Conley, Gabriel Cordell, Luke Corsten, Marcus Couhig, Aaron Danielson, Jackson DeJean, David DeOliveira, Charles DuBos, Andrew Eversberg, Austin Fruge, Noah Gawarecki, Carter Gibson, Andrew Girouard, Athen Glover, Charles Grose, Chase Hansberry, Benjamin Hardie, Orlando Henriquez, Kyle Hollifield, Alex Huffine, Joseph Huynh, Karson Johnson-Harris, Colton Karisny, Benedict Kelly, Caldwell Kerth, Joshua King, Ryan Klester, Barat Landry, William Lane, David Latil, Cohen LeBlanc, Ayden Leonardt, Samuel Levy, Quinn Luu, David Marsh, Austin Martinez, Carter Mashon, Quentin Maughan, Tate McCurry, Andy McDowell, Raz McRae, Diego Becerra, William Mickal, Ethan Noel, Sean Perret, Lawson Petite, Gus Piazza III, Hayden Plauche, Quinn Price, Maxwell Procell, Shiv Reshamwala, Cesar Rico, John Ritter, Henry Robin, Noah Romaine, Brennan Rosendahl, Gage Rowley, John Ruckert, Holden Sawyer, Maxton Schexnailder, Owen Schnur, Gabriel Serrano, Ervin Smith III, Dawson Stoeckle, Phillip Street, Matthew Trahan, Grant Travis, Peyton Trigo, Joshua Tucker, Oliver Vance, Juan Vargas, Wyatt Vincent, Brady Waguespack, Graham Waguespack, Michael Wilhelm Jr., John Winchester, Joseph Yessayan, Kevin Zheng


Spanish

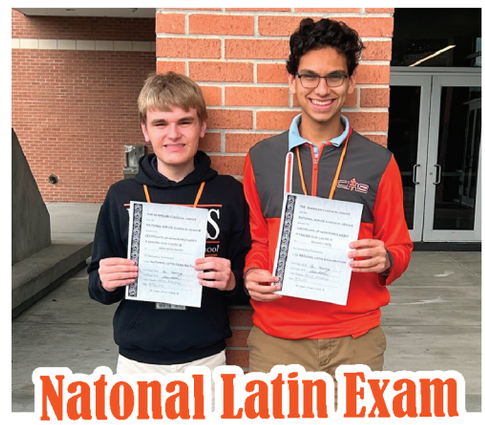

Spanish


Spanish


Spanish


Latin

Congratulations to seniors Benedict Kelly and John Winchester for excelling on the National Latin Exam and earning a Magna Cum Laude certificate of achievement. Sponsored by the American Classical League and the National Junior Classical League, the National Latin Exam aims to promote the study of Latin and encourage individual student achievement.


Natonal Latin Exam

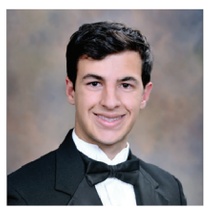
National Merit Finalists



We are proud to announce that 10 CHS seniors have been named 2025 National Merit® Scholarship Program Finalists. Congratulations to Michael Wilhelm Jr., Cesar Rico, Joseph Huynh, Noah Olson, Elliott Eagleton, Thomas Miller, Ayden Leonardt, Caldwell Kerth, Ethan Noel and Hayes Turner.

Advanced Placement (AP) Scholars

Our winter 2025 edition of BearFacts included a spread of the AP Scholars. The followng students were not included in the winter edition, and we acknowledge their accomplishments.



Sean Vidrine
AP Scholar with Honor
Class of 2024



Shawn Vogt
AP Scholar with Honor
Class of 2024



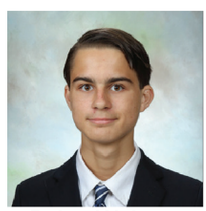
Ethan Vu
AP Scholar with Distinction
Class of 2024



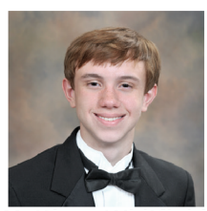
Brady Waguespack
AP Scholar with Distinction
Class of 2025



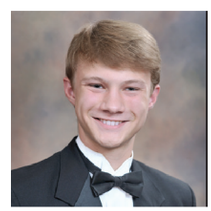
Graham Waguespack
AP Scholar
Class of 2025



Peter Watson
AP Scholar
Class of 2026



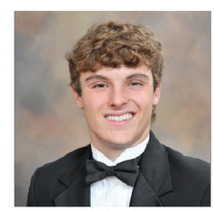
Matthew Whitfield
AP Scholar
Class of 2024



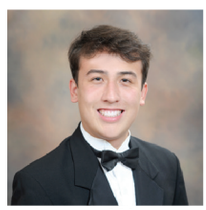
Jackson Whitlow
AP Scholar with Distinction
Class of 2024



Michael Wilhelm
AP Scholar with Distinction
Class of 2025



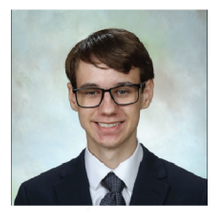
Luke Wimberley
AP Scholar with Distinction
Class of 2024



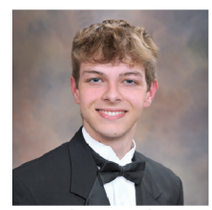
Logan Wong
AP Scholar
Class of 2025



Danny Woods
AP Scholar
Class of 2024



Austin Young
AP Scholar
Class of 2026



Braeden Zeringue
AP Scholar with Distinction
Class of 2024



Kevin Zheng
AP Scholar with Distinction
Class of 2025



Extracurricular Golden Bears

Art Club - Gerald E. Tullier Honorary Award - Gabe Michael Cordell
Bruin Broadcast Network - Brother Barry J. Landry, S.C. Honorary Award - Noah Jon Olson
Bruin - Robert Norman Ferachi '84 Memorial Award - Aidan Joseph Calkins
Fellowship of Christian Athletes - Dale K. Weiner Honorary Award - Cohen Reid LeBlanc
French Club - Norma Dyess Michaud Honorary Award - Miles Joseph Babin
Grizzly Hospitality Group - David and Maria "Re" DiVincenti Sr. '70 Award - Thomas Michael Whaley
JCL - Brother Donnan Berry, S.C. Memorial Award - Michael Joseph Wilhelm Jr.
MAO - Margaret "Peggy" Patout Honorary Award - Kevin Yicheng Zheng
Mock Trial - Warner Joseph Delaune III '12 Memorial Award - Archer Jack Glenn Pounders
NHS - Stanley L. Heine Jr. '44 Memorial Award - Thomas Price Miller
Photography Club - Catholic High School Faculty Award - Henry Nathaniel Robin
Spanish Club - Marta Hernandez McCarron Memorial Award - Joseph MinhHoa Huynh
Student Ambassadors - Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Bologna '45 Memorial Award - Benjamin Paul Bailey
Student Council - Mothers' Club Award - Jack Morgan Ritter
Ultimate - Samuel Michael Barth '13 and Kirklin Paul Roberts '14 Memorial Award - Lee Vincent Dirks
Youth & Government - Benjamin Stanley Jumonville '10 Honorary Award - Elliott Harrison Eagleton



Academic Golden Bears

Art - Dr. John Daniel Shea Memorial Award - Jacob Jason Sommers
Band - J. A. Fourrier Memorial Music Award - Hayes Michael Turner
Chorus - CHS Class of 1952 Honorary Award - David Fourrier Dawes
Engineering & Tech - Mr. and Mrs. Pete Hymel Jr. Award - Joseph Kelly Feet
English - Brother Xavier Werneth, S.C. Honorary Award - Grant Evans Mathes
French - Louis L. and Blanche D. Arceneaux Memorial Award - Miles Joseph Babin
Latin - A. Edward Hardin Sr. Memorial Award - Michael Joseph Wilhelm Jr.
Math - John B. Heroman Sr. '97 (SVA) Memorial Award - Kevin Yicheng Zheng
Religion - William Bradford Kilshaw '50 Memorial Award - Cesar Reynaldo Rico
Science - Greg Sollie Memorial Award- Ethan Thomas Noel
Social Studies - Edmund J. Kennedy Jr. and Patrick B. Kennedy '52 Memorial Award - Grant Evans Mathes
Spanish - Denver Ross Denison '16 Memorial Award - Max Matthew Chamberlain

Congratulations to our Golden Bear Recipients!

The Golden Bear Honors Convocation recognizes many of the students who have honored Catholic High School by their outstanding performance during the past four or five years—performances characterized by diligence in the classroom, perseverance on the field of play, fellowship among classmates, charity through serving those in need, and integrity and kindness in all that they do. Therefore, it is appropriate to give special recognition to these students who have contributed so much toward making this year a memorable one.

CHS SNAPSHOTS



American Legion Award
Raz McRae



Service Award
Ben Bailey



Student Athlete Award
Andrew Clapinski

Meet the 2025-2026 Student Council Leaders



Meet the leadership of the CHS Student Council for the 2025-2026 school year (from left): Secretary Patrick Dawes '28, Vice President Parker May '26, President Matt Maher '26, and PR/Historian Sadek Al Horr '27.
Not pictured: LASC District III Secretary Fredrick Tabor '26.

Class of 2026 Presentation and Mass

The Class of 2026 Presentation and Mass was held Wednesday, May 7, in the CHS Gymnasium. Most Reverend Robert Muench, Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Baton Rouge, served as Celebrant. Ernie Spreen and Michael Schittone served as altar servers. Choir members in the Class of 2026 provided the music. Faculty, staff and students were joined by family and friends in a packed gymnasium to celebrate.

The young men of the class of 2026 were introduced by Mr. Scott Manning '01 while Principal Dr. Tom Eldringhoff, Assistant Principal for Discipline Doug Logsdon '02, Academic Assistant Principal Christy Kessler, and Assistant Principal for Instruction Dr. Charley Silvio '03 presented the young men with their senior rings.

The Catholic High School ring is a symbol of the loyalty, dependability, and courage needed in the never-ending struggle to live up to the ideals of Christianity. The ring indicates that the wearer has successfully handled many challenges in the past, and has accepted the promises of the future.

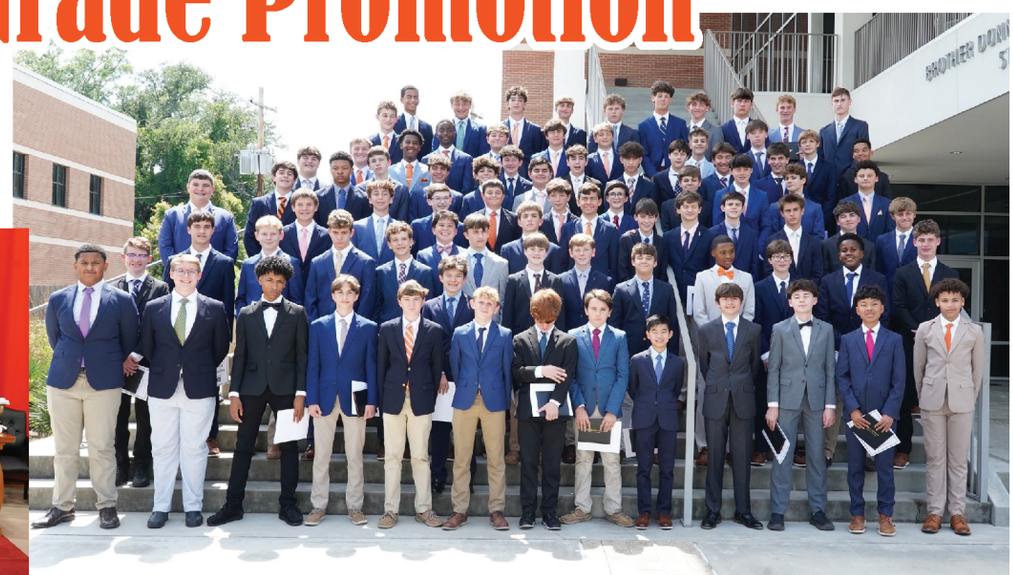




8th Grade Promotion

Congratulations to the members of the CHS Class of 2029 who were honored with a Mass and reception to celebrate their promotion to 9th grade.





Huckleberry Finley received the Pete Boudreaux '59 Courtesy Award which is voted on by 8th grade students and the faculty.



Bruin Band Gears Up for an *Eerie and Enchanting* Season

The Bruin Band is already deep into preparation for next fall, and next year's halftime show is set to be one of the most ambitious and imaginative yet. Titled "The Legend of Kikimora," the production draws inspiration from Slavic folklore and tells the haunting tale of a mischievous house spirit who stirs up chaos when least expected.

Through an atmospheric mix of music, motion, and theatrical design, "The Legend of Kikimora" will explore both the mystery and menace of this lesser-known legend. Audiences can expect beautiful melodies, sudden twists, and striking visual moments that bring the story to life on the field.

While eyes are on the future, the Bruin Band is also celebrating a strong finish to the school year. The Class of 2025 ended their senior year with an impressive string of accomplishments, including superior ratings for Wind Ensemble, Jazz 1, and Solo and Ensemble Festival. Their leadership and dedication have left a lasting legacy, and over a dozen graduating members are spending their summer preparing for college band auditions throughout the SEC–a testament to the strength of the program and the work ethic of the students.

In addition to marching season plans, the band is preparing for summer rehearsals, fall performances, and new community engagement projects. Students continue to lead in areas such as logistics, content creation, and spirit building, proving that the Bruin Band is more than music–it's a student powered force for excellence, unity, and school pride.

Stay tuned. The 2025 season is shaping up to be unforgettable.

To locate the link to the band calendar, please scan the QR code.









Welcome BRAND NEW BEARS

BRAND NEW BEARS

9th Admissions TIMELINE

SEPT-NOV	DAY TOURS
AUG 25 & SEPT 29	INFORMATION AFTERNOONS
SEPT 29	APPLICATIONS ONLINE
OCT 24	BAND& BRUINETTE NIGHT
NOV 13	OPEN HOUSE
NOV 21	APPLICATION DEADLINE

FULL LIST OF EVENTS

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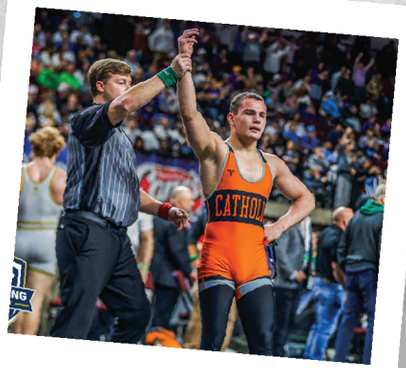


MATTHEW SHELTON
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

A LETTER FROM THE *Athletic Director*

As 2025 began, the Catholic High School athletic program continued to produce elite individual and team performances, highlighting the incredible dedication and sacrifices of our coaches and student athletes.

The wrestling team started the year with a young team that continued to grow throughout the season. CHS went 22-11 during the season, which was highlighted by capturing the Scott Rohrer Invitational in Hoover, Alabama for the fourth season in a row. At the Baton Rouge City Meet, the Bears put on a historic performance to win the program's 34th city championship. Five Bears won individual titles, including Alec Sonnier, the first 8th-grader ever to win a city championship, and two 9th-graders, Caleb Kirk and Michael Hanemann. Sophomore Mark Evans and junior Kristian Scott also won individual titles. The state championship meet saw several standout performances. Kirk, the freshman, shone once again, and captured the state title at 113 pounds. Evans placed second at 126 pounds, and junior Kristian Scott won an individual state championship for the second consecutive year despite moving up a weight class to 157 pounds.



Boasting a veteran roster led by nine seniors, the basketball Bears got off to a roaring start to their season, winning 27 of their first 28 games. The team's fast and exciting style of play drew large crowds in the CHS gym to watch the Bears take down the likes of U-High, Madison Prep, and eventual Division II state champion Archbishop Hannan. CHS secured the No. 2 overall seed in the playoffs but were upset by John Curtis in the quarterfinal round.



On the pitch, CHS soccer once again put themselves in a position to play for a state title. The Bears finished 16-4-3 despite one of the most difficult schedules in the state. After taking some early-season lumps, the team gelled together for an exciting playoff push that saw them go undefeated in district play and steamroll through the first three rounds of the playoffs, defeating Destrehan, Lafayette High, and West Monroe by a combined score of 14-1. The Bears then traveled to No. 1 ranked Denham Springs for the semifinal round. The Yellow Jackets were in the midst of a historic undefeated season, climbing as high as No. 3 in the national rankings. But, a total team effort from CHS sent the Bears to the state championship match for the fifth time in six years with a 3-1 victory over the Yellow Jackets. Unfortunately, for the second season in a row, the Bears came up just short of a state title, losing a tough match to St. Paul's 2-1.



The success continued as powerlifting, bowling, and tennis all saw exciting performances. CHS powerlifters had a strong showing at the state meet as three Bears earned a place on the podium. Seniors Hayes Turner (3rd) and Aidan Calkins (2nd) placed in the 181-pound division, while senior Anderson Le secured the runner-up position at 132 pounds. The bowling Bears finished 10-2 overall and earned their sixth straight district championship. CHS tennis won the regional championship, continuing the program's three-decade-long streak in that event. Senior Charlie DuBos led the way by capturing the regional singles championship.



Although relatively new to the CHS athletic department, the CHS fishing team showcased the unique abilities of a group of students on the water. Traveling across nine states, the Bears competed in nine in-state and four out-of-state tournaments. This season, the team reeled in 12 Top 20 finishes, 6 Top 10 finishes, and 3 Top 5 finishes, marking one of the program's strongest performances to date. Notably, for the second consecutive year, CHS earned the Team of the Tournament title at Doiron's Landing in Morgan City, LA.



CHS lacrosse remained a fixture on the scene of their growing sport, accomplishing great things in 2025. The varsity Bears finished the season 10-4, highlighted by an incredible overtime victory over Newman. But, it was the Greenies that would end CHS's attempt at reaching a fifth straight LHSLL championship game. However, at the D2 level, the Bears continued to develop throughout the season and saved their best for the playoffs. CHS defeated Southside, Archbishop Rummel, and Parkway on its way to a D2 state title.



The track and field program provided two thrilling finishes on their way to capturing both the indoor and outdoor state championships. At the indoor state meet in February, the 4x400m relay team of Amari Clayton, Harrison Lalande, William DeCuir, and Christopher McCullen crossed the finish line just .05 seconds ahead of second-place Scotlandville to win the first indoor title for CHS since 2019. After winning the district and regional meets, the Bears' outdoor team found themselves in a similar position at the state meet. Down nine points going into the final event, it was once again up to the 4x400m relay team to propel CHS to victory. Lalande, DeCuir, McCullen, and Henry Mensman were up to the challenge, finishing first and clinching another state championship trophy for the storied program.

Another program that brought state championship hardware back to Hearthstone Drive was the CHS golf team. The Bear golfers had a historic season, finishing 76-6-2 overall. CHS won the Kelly Gibson Invitational tournament as well as the district, metro, and regional championships, led by a senior-laden roster. At a rain-shortened state tournament, the Bears were the only team to shoot under par and captured the program's first state championship since 2007. Kevin Zheng's fourth-place finish led CHS as the senior shot a brilliant four under par for the tournament. Andres Prieto (9th), David Marsh (11th), and Nyles Williams (15th) all contributed to the victory as well.

Finally, the CHS baseball team capped off 2025 by accomplishing something that no team before them had been able to do: repeat as state champions. Coming off a memorable season in 2024 that saw CHS win the state and national championships, the 2025 Bears were motivated to forge their own path. After finishing the regular season 29-5 and district champions, CHS played their best baseball in the playoffs, sweeping Lafayette High, John Curtis, and St. Thomas More before meeting Brother Martin in the state championship series. Once again, the Bears needed just two games to dispatch the Crusaders and claim the program's seventh state championship.





These groups of young men, along with their coaches, are tremendous ambassadors for Catholic High School and the mission of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart. Their success is the direct result of the commitment to excellence they show daily on the field of play or in the classroom.

Matt Sheets

LACROSSE HEAD COACH



TERRY CORCORAN

LACROSSE

Catholic High School is proud to announce the hiring of Terry Corcoran as the school's new head lacrosse coach. Corcoran brings 40-plus years of high school and collegiate-level coaching experience to CHS.

"Coach Corcoran brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to Catholic High," said Athletic Director Matt Shelton. "His track record of developing and sustaining lacrosse programs across the country is as impressive as you are going to find. We look forward to him impacting our young men on and off the field."

Corcoran, a two-time USILA National Coach of the Year, led eight different institutions during his three decades at the Division III level. He ranks in the top ten on the Division III all-time wins list and has appeared in the National Championship game on four different occasions.

After a college career that saw him become a three-time All-American and National Champion in 1977 at Hobart College, Corcoran entered the coaching profession in 1982 at Princeton University as an assistant. Corcoran began his head coaching career at Washington College, where he spent 12 seasons at the helm. In his time at Washington College, 48 of Corcoran's players were named Division III All-Americans, and one was named Division III National Player of the Year. Washington College inducted Coach Corcoran into its Athletic Hall of Fame in 2010.

From 1996 to 2005, Coach Corcoran successfully rebuilt the lacrosse program at Skidmore College. He brought the program to its first winning season in 1999, and in his final season, Corcoran coached the school to the league title and the Division III quarterfinals.

Corcoran then moved on to Elizabethtown College, where he spent eight seasons coaching the Blue Jays. In 2009, Elizabethtown finished the season as the top defensive team in Division III, allowing just 5.6 goals per game. The following season, Corcoran led the Blue Jays to the Middle Athletic Conference championship and the school's first appearance in the USILA rankings.

In 2015, Corcoran oversaw the inaugural lacrosse season for Wabash College. After two seasons at Wabash, he was hired by UMASS-Dartmouth, where he concluded his collegiate coaching career.

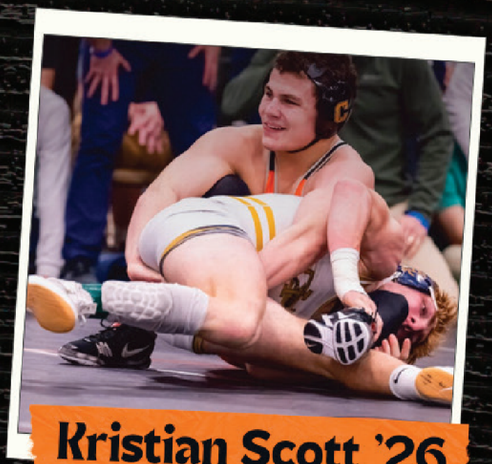
After he retired from the collegiate ranks in 2018, Coach Corcoran spent the last seven seasons at the high school level coaching in upstate New York and, most recently, Westminster Christian High School in Miami, Florida.

We welcome Coach Corcoran to Catholic High and look forward to the continued success of CHS Lacrosse under his direction.

STAR of STARS
SPORTS AWARDS
THE ADVOCATE

PRESENTED BY
GORDON
MCKERNAN INJURY ATTORNEYS

CONGRATULATIONS



Kristian Scott '26
WRESTLING



Logan Pitts '29
GYMNASTICS



Charlie Dubos '25
TENNIS

BEARS 2025 Football Schedule

SCRIMMAGE	AUG 21	SOUTHSIDE HIGH SCHOOL AT SOUTHSIDE
JAMBOREE	AUG 29	AT PARKVIEW VS MADISON PREP
WEEK ONE	9.5.25	MEMORIAL STADIUM VS DESTREHAN
WEEK TWO	9.12.25	MEMORIAL STADIUM VS ST. THOMAS MORE
WEEK THREE	9.19.25	CUB COMPLEX AT UNIVERSITY LAB
WEEK FOUR	9.26.25	REBEL STADIUM AT WEST MONROE
WEEK FIVE	OCT 3	MEMORIAL STADIUM VS MADISON-RIDGELAND
WEEK SIX	OCT 9	OLYMPIA STADIUM VS LIBERTY MAGNET
WEEK SEVEN	OCT 17	CENTRAL STADIUM AT CENTRAL
WEEK EIGHT	OCT 24	MEMORIAL STADIUM VS SCOTLANDVILLE
WEEK NINE	OCT 31	WOODLAWN STADIUM AT WOODLAWN
WEEK TEN	11.6.25	MEMORIAL STADIUM VS ZACHARY

Next-Level

The Catholic High School athletic program continued its tradition of sending student athletes to play at the collegiate level this fall. Sixteen more athletes from the Class of 2025 signed letters of intent to further their athletic careers.



Tate McCurry
Basketball
Trinity Valley Community College



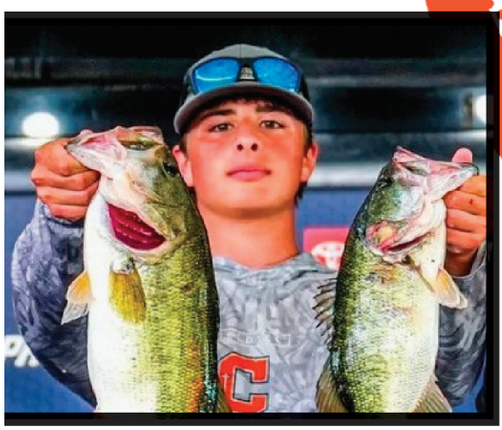
Matthew Trahan
Basketball
Centenary Colllege



Mac Couhig
Soccer
Washington and Lee University



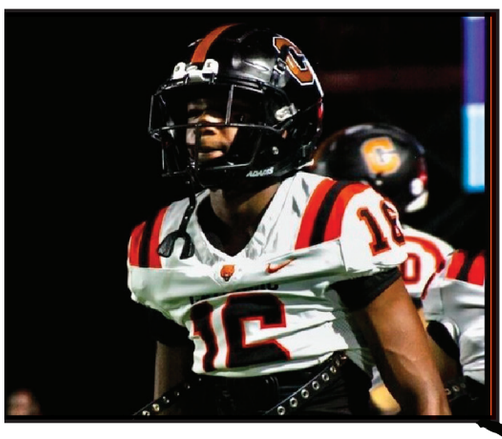
Max Himmel
Fishing
Dallas Baptist



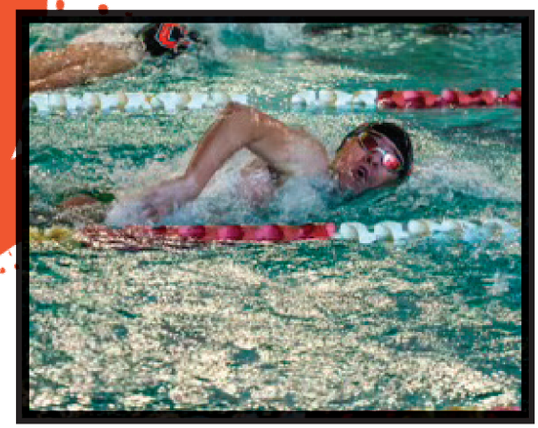
Brayden Morgan
Fishing
Nicholls State University



Gus Piazza
Cheerleading
Louisiana State University



Eric Jurkovic
Swimming
The University of the South – Sewanee



Jayson Duncan
Football
Trine University

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CUR DOGS



Jeremy Fisher
Football
Trine University



Sean Perret
Football
Louisiana State University





Cayden Jones
Football
Southern University

Rylan Parker
Football
Centenary College

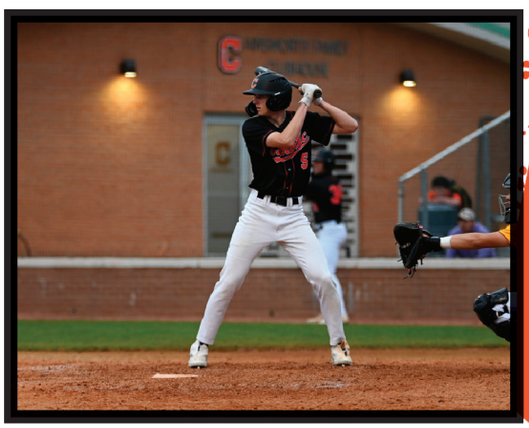




Cohen LeBlanc
Football
Nicholls State University

Karson John-Harris
Football
Millsaps

Michael Griggs
Football and Baseball
Millsaps



Chase Harris
Baseball
Galveston Community College



WINTER SPORTS *Convocation*

Catholic High School honored members of the basketball, bowling, cheer, soccer, and wrestling teams at the Winter Sports Convocation. Along with recognizing lettermen, coaches gave season recaps and distributed individual awards.

Check out our major award winners!

BASKETBALL



Tate McCurry '25
Outstanding Offensive Player



Sam Levy '25
Outstanding Defensive Player



Mikai Lacy '25
Most Improved Player
Robert Selleck Memorial Award



Nico Jones '25 and Matthew Trahan '25
Sloan Deumite Coach's Award

POWERLIFTING



Aidan Calkins '25
Most Valuable Lifter



Hayes Turner '25
Most Improved Lifter



Reggie Anderson '25
Coach's Award

CHEER



Clara Couvillion
Captain's Award



Gus Piazza III '25
Coach's Award



Cullen Ransome '25
Kirklin Roberts '14 Memorial Award

WINTER SPORTS *Convocation*

SOCCER



Cooper Allen '25
Most Valuable Player



Mac Couhig '25
Outstanding Offensive Player



Max Chamberlain '25
Outstanding Defensive Player



Brennan Breaux '25
Coach's Award

WRESTLING



Kristian Scott '26
Most Valuable Wrestler



Bennett Barrow '25
Most Improved Wrestler



Phillip Street '25
Coach's Award

SPRING SPORTS *Convocation*

Catholic High School honored members of the baseball, fishing, golf, lacrosse, tennis, powerlifting, and track and field teams at the Spring Sports Convocation. Along with recognizing lettermen, coaches gave season recaps and distributed individual awards.

Check out our major award winners!

BASEBALL



Andrew Clapinksi '25
Highest Batting Average



Orlando Henriquez '25
Golden Glove Award



Adler Roussel '25
Cur Dog Award
Brent Pecue Memorial Award



Bennett Smith '25
Student-Athlete Award
Clyde Didier Memorial Award

FISHING



Max Himmel '25
Most Valuable Fisherman



Grey Traxler '26
Coach's Award

GOLF



Kevin Zheng '25
Most Valuable Golfer



Nyles Williams '25
Coach's Award

LACROSSE



Erikson Auxt '25
Outstanding Offensive Player



Gabe Beyer '25
Outstanding Defensive Player



Brennan Rosendahl '25
Coach's Award



Holden Sawyer '25
Kirkland Roberts '14 Invictus Award

LACROSSE



William Mickal '25
Most Valuable Player

TENNIS



Charlie DuBos '25
Most Valuable Player



Stephan Champney '25
Coach's Award

BOWLING



Owen Songné '25
Outstanding Bowler



Cole Fisher '26
Most Improved Bowler



Blaize Karisny '25
Most Improved Bowler



Carter Mashon '25
Coach's Award

TRACK AND FIELD



Henry Mensman '26
Outstanding Trackman



Jack Torrance '26
Outstanding Fieldman



Aidan Calkins '25
Coach's Award

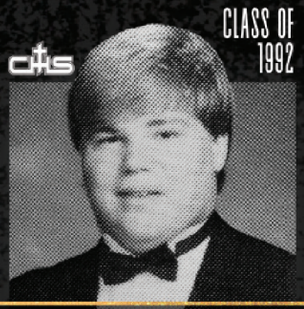


William DeCuir '27
Outstanding Distance Man
Brett Devall Memorial Award

ATHLETICS

Thanks for a wonderful year!

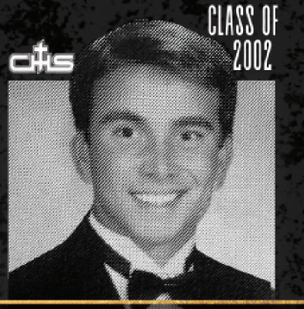
GO BEARS!



DAVID BREWERTON

FOOTBALL & WRESTLING

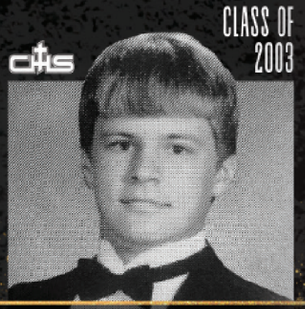
David Brewerton was a standout two-sport athlete on campus from 1988-1992. On the football field, Brewerton anchored the offensive line, garnering first-team All-District honors as a senior. As a wrestler, Brewerton excelled in the upper weight classes, earning city runner-up in 1991 and winning the Baton Rouge city title, regional title, and the LHSAA State title in 1992 at 275 lbs. At the 1992 Sports Convocation, Brewerton was given the Most Improved Wrestler award. However, it is Brewerton's coaching career that places him among the elite in Louisiana athletics. He started coaching in the late 1990s at his alma mater, serving as an assistant on the freshmen football and wrestling staff. His career would take him to Redemptorist as an assistant in both football and wrestling, an offensive coordinator at Catholic-Pointe Coupee and Jesuit, head football coach at Livonia between 2007-2013, and his current position as head football coach and athletic director at Zachary. In his time on the sidelines, Brewerton has won four LHSAA football state championships and two state runners-up as a head coach, while also being a part of two wrestling state championships and four football state championships as an assistant.



DAVID POLLET

GOLF

David Pollet is one of the most decorated golfers in Catholic High School history, earning multiple individual and team awards from 1999-2002. As a sophomore, Pollet burst onto the scene by winning the 2000 individual state championship while garnering All-Metro and All-State honors. He was also named The Advocate's Star of Stars for golf. Pollet's junior year was highlighted by capturing the Louisiana Open Junior Tournament championship in a one-hole playoff and medaling at the state tournament. He was also recognized for the second year in a row as All-Metro, All-State, and The Advocate's Star of Stars. As a senior, Pollet saved his best for last. At the state tournament, his three-under-par final round lifted Pollet to his second individual title in three years and the Bears to their first team title since 1992. Pollet earned All-Metro and All-State honors for the third straight year as well. At the annual Honors Convocation, Pollet culminated his CHS career by being named the school's 2002 Student-Athlete of the Year.

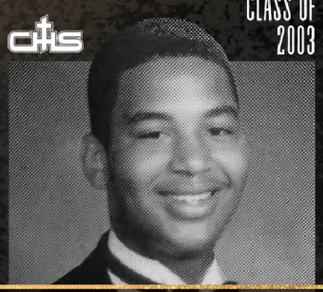


MATHEW MAZOCH

WRESTLING

Mathew Mazoch was a standout student-athlete from 1999-2003. Whether in the classroom or on the wrestling mat, Mazoch excelled by remaining constantly focused on the task at hand. His prowess in the classroom showed as Mazoch earned National Merit honors and was named one of the Valedictorians for the Class of 2003. On the mat, Mazoch began making his mark as a sophomore in the 125-pound division, placing second at the Baton Rouge City Championships and earning State Runner-Up honors. As a junior, he came into his own and put together a breakout campaign wrestling at 130 pounds. Mazoch won both the Baton Rouge City and LHSAA State Championships. He was named the Metro MVP and The Advocate's Star of Stars for wrestling. In his final season, Mazoch's detailed approach allowed him to repeat his success despite moving up another weight class to 135 pounds. Mazoch won the Baton Rouge City and LHSAA State titles for the second consecutive year. He was also named Metro MVP and The Advocate's Star of Stars once more. Mazoch finished his illustrious career with a 130-26 overall record.

CLASS OF 2025

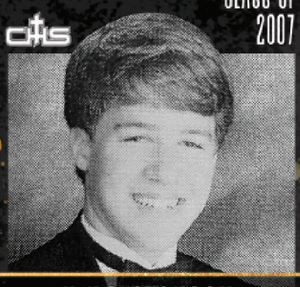


CLASS OF 2003

CHRIS WILLIAMS

FOOTBALL

Chris Williams came into his own late in his CHS football career. His tireless efforts to improve brought Williams into a pivotal role along the Cur Dog offensive line, starting all 12 games of his senior season. The Bears went 10-2 that year en route to a district championship. Williams' performance that season garnered him All-Region honors. He was also selected to the 2002 Academic All-State Team and participated in the East-West All-Star Game. Williams accepted a scholarship to Vanderbilt University, where his success continued. Over the course of three collegiate seasons, Williams started 33 games for the Commodores. As a junior in 2006, he was voted Second-Team All-SEC and was given Vanderbilt's Most Valuable Offensive Lineman Award. In his senior season, Williams was a force, allowing just one sack in 12 games and being named First-Team All-SEC. The NFL took notice of the versatile lineman, and Williams was drafted 14th overall by the Chicago Bears in the 2008 NFL Draft. He would go on to play seven seasons in the NFL for the Bears, St. Louis Rams, and Buffalo Bills.



CLASS OF 2007

KYLE JACKSON †

TENNIS

Kyle Jackson† was a 2007 graduate of Catholic High School where he made his mark as a standout tennis player and student. Jackson returned to CHS just a few years later and joined the tennis coaching staff as an assistant before being named head coach prior to the 2013 season. In his nine years at the helm, the Bears won eight regional championships, one State Runner-Up, and four consecutive Division I State Championships from 2017-2021. Coach Jackson also served as the President of the CHS Alumni Association Board of Directors until his tragic passing in May of 2021. In October of 2021, the Coach Kyle Jackson '07 Scholarship was established to honor Coach Jackson's contributions to the school and provide tuition assistance to future CHS students. He is being inducted posthumously for his innumerable contributions to CHS.



A MESSAGE FROM
The Office of Advancement

Fall 2025 ADVANCEMENT EVENTS

AUG 15	SCHOOL LITURGY IN THE GYM 9:45 AM
AUG 29	ROSARY IN THE CHAPEL 7:45 AM
SEPT 3	NEW PARENT WELCOME SOCIAL
SEPT 19	ROSARY IN THE CHAPEL 7:45 AM
SEPT 30	SCHOOL LITURGY IN THE GYM 9:45 AM
OCT 2	HOMECOMING BINGO
OCT 10	ROSARY IN THE CHAPEL 7:45 AM
OCT 31	ROSARY IN THE CHAPEL 7:45 AM
NOV 4	SCHOOL LITURGY IN THE GYM 9:45 AM
NOV 21	ROSARY IN THE CHAPEL 7:45 AM
DEC 2	NATIONAL GIVE DAY
DEC 4	FOUNDERS BANQUET AND HALL OF FAME INDUCTION
DEC 8	SCHOOL LITURGY IN THE GYM 9:45 AM
DEC 19	ROSARY IN THE CHAPEL 7:45 AM

After four unforgettable years as Athletic Director at Catholic High School, I am honored and excited to begin a new chapter in service to our school as the Director of Advancement.

Serving as Athletic Director has been one of the greatest privileges of my professional life. I have had the joy of working alongside incredibly dedicated coaches, staff, and administrators and most importantly, walking with our student-athletes through moments of victory, challenge, and growth. Watching them develop not only as competitors but as young men of character has reaffirmed everything I believe about the mission and purpose of Catholic High School.

Catholic High is a place where young men are called to greatness—not only on the field, court, or track—but in classrooms, chapels, and communities. As I transition into the Advancement Office, I look forward to helping ensure that this mission continues to thrive.

In this new role, I will work to deepen the connections between our school and the community that supports it—our alumni, families, benefactors, and friends. The Advancement team plays a vital role in helping provide the resources that allow us to offer a transformational education rooted in Gospel values. It is humbling and energizing to now have the opportunity to lead this effort.

To all those I've had the privilege of working with in athletics—thank you. I carry every memory and relationship with me into this next chapter. I step into this new role with great anticipation, and with a firm belief that our best days at Catholic High School are still ahead.

Ever True,

Ben DiPalma '00

SCHOLARSHIPS AND ENDOWMENTS *Updates*

SCHOLARSHIPS AND ENDOWMENTS CREATED DURING 2024-2025 *(07/01/2024 - 5/31/2025)*

- Edward B. Picou Sr. '26 & Edward Picou Jr. '49 Endowed Scholarship
- Andrew L. Adler '82 Endowed Scholarship
- Frank and Jackie Petkovsek Scholarship Fund
- Class of '73 Tomorrow Fund
- Class of '91 Scholarship Fund

CHS TOP 10 SCHOLARSHIPS TOTAL ALL-TIME CONTRIBUTIONS

- CHS Golf Classic Endowed Scholarship *
- Perry Thomas Fischer Memorial Endowed Scholarship
- CHS Alumni Fishing Rodeo Endowed Scholarship *
- CHS Class of 1973 Endowed Scholarship/50 Year Reunion Endowed Scholarship *
- Brother Eldon Crifasi, S.C. '39 Endowed Scholarship
- General Scholarship Fund
- Jacob Matthew Meek '17 Memorial Endowed Scholarship*
- Bryan P. Boudet '92 Memorial Endowed Scholarship
- Mildred Creaghan Robichaux & Gertrude Creaghan Scholarship in honor of Brother Carl Evans, S.C.
- Brent David Pecue '80 Memorial Endowed Scholarship

CHS TOP 10 ENDOWMENTS TOTAL ALL-TIME CONTRIBUTIONS

- Dr. Gregory A. Brandao '73 Faculty and Staff Endowment (Board Designated)
- The Bernhard Endowment
- The Evelyn, Jerry and Brian Davis '89 Endowment
- The Brother Francis David, S.C. Endowment (Board Designated)
- Jared V. Rachal '99 Endowed Fund
- Men's Club Endowment Fund
- The Gerald E. Tullier Faculty and Staff Enhancement Endowment *
- Gary J. and Lynette I. Lacombe Endowment
- Brother Donnan Berry, S.C. Memorial Faculty Enhancement Endowment (Board Designated)
- CHS Class of '75 Endowment

TOP FIVE CLASS SCHOLARSHIPS/ENDOWMENTS TOTAL ALL-TIME CONTRIBUTIONS

(LIFETIME)

- CHS Class of 1973 Endowed Scholarship/ 50 Year Reunion Endowed Scholarship $266,552
- CHS Class of 1982 Endowed Scholarship $123,745
- The CHS Class of 1998 Scholarship $103,719
- The Class of 1975 Endowment $89,435
- The Class of 1970 Scholarship $78,750

TOP FIVE CONTRIBUTIONS TO A CLASS SCHOLARSHIP/ENDOWMENT

(07/01/2024 - 5/31/2025)

- CHS Class of 1973 Endowed Scholarship/ 50 Year Reunion Endowed Scholarship $20,939
- Class of 1998 Scholarship ..... $18,499 *
- The CHS Class of 1971 Scholarship $17,053
- CHS Class of 1990 Scholarship Fund ..... $9,620 *
- CHS Class of 1982 Endowed Scholarship ..... $8,908 *

SCHOLARSHIPS AND ENDOWMENTS RECEIVING THE MOST DONOR CONTRIBUTIONS *(07/01/2024 - 5/31/2024)*

- CHS Golf Classic Endowed Scholarship
- CHS Alumni Fishing Rodeo Endowed Scholarship
- Edward B. Picou Sr. '26 & Edward Picou Jr. '49 Endowed Scholarship
- Andrew L. Adler '82 Endowed Scholarship
- Jacob Matthew Meek '17 Memorial Endowed Scholarship
- Pepper - St. Amant Family Scholarship Fund
- Raymond R. '62 and Randall P. Loup '87 Endowment
- Kate and Dr. Kevin Anderson '91 Scholarship
- Beale Family Scholarship Fund
- The Grizzly Greats Endowment

* Denotes increased ranking.

TOP TEN TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHS BY CLASS

(7/1/2024 - 5/31/2025)

1986	$130,356
1978	$63,400
1973	$58,719
1989	$54,303
1949	$40,000
1998	$37,563
1977	$36,717
1962	$35,000
1992	$32,727
1991	$30,467

TOP TEN CLASS DONATION PERCENTAGES

(7/1/2024 - 5/31/2025))

1989	19.72%
1973	18.75%
1992	18.54%
1991	17.70%
1975	12.50%
1971	12%
1987	11.97%
1996	11.11%
1998	10.99%
1995	10.86%

TOP TEN TOTAL ALL-TIME CONTRIBUTIONS BY CLASS

(LIFETIME)

1991
1986
1987
1973
1978
1970
1985
1949
1989
1975

PERPETUAL FOUNDERS

The following individuals, groups, and businesses are Catholic High School Perpetual Founders. Their ongoing support of the mission of the school and the Brothers of the Sacred Heart is deeply appreciated. They have donated $100,000 or more to CHS during their lifetime. We salute and honor this esteemed group of Perpetual Founders for their continued commitment to the advancement efforts at CHS.

PERPETUAL FOUNDER - SACRED HEART - $500,000 -

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Mr. Charles L. Valluzzo
Mrs. Nancy Valluzzo +
Mr. and Mrs. Chris C. Valluzzo '87
Mr. and Mrs. John C. Valluzzo '78

PERPETUAL FOUNDER - SANCTUARY - $250,000 - $499,999

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*Mr. John G. Turner '78 and Mr. Jerry G. Fischer **
Mr. Milton J. Womack Sr. +

PERPETUAL FOUNDER - COINDRE - $100,000 - $249,999

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+ Deceased
** New Perpetual Founder or Giving Level Increase*



Honoring the Life and Legacy of *Father Mark Beard '79*







The Catholic High School community continues to celebrate the life and legacy of Father Mark Beard '79, a man whose journey of faith, service, and leadership left an indelible mark on all who knew him. A 1979 graduate of CHS, Father Mark was known not only for his dynamic preaching and deep devotion to the Church, but also for the way he inspired others to live with purpose and faith.

Mark had a life-changing pilgrimage to Medjugorje which sparked his call to the priesthood. He was ordained in 2009 and went on to serve as pastor at St. Helena Catholic Church in Amite, where his vision and passion helped revitalize the parish and bring countless people closer to Christ.

In honor of their beloved classmate, the Class of 1979 established the Father Mark Beard '79 Memorial Endowed Scholarship. This scholarship will provide lasting support for CHS students, continuing Father Mark's legacy of compassion, encouragement, and Christian brotherhood.

"Mark was an average, blend in the group type of classmate. He was super friendly with a great sense of humor. However, it was his conversion to a fiery passionate lover of Christ through his impactful, though short, priestly vocation that our class wanted to honor." – *Mr. Doug Nelson '79*

"After being ordained, it was obvious Mark's calling to God was a very intentional one which made an impact in various ways to our entire class which we wanted to honor and pay-forward to future students of CHS." – *Mr. David T. Johnson '79*

The response from the Class of 1979 and the CHS community has been incredible. To date, the scholarship fund has received more than 70 gifts totaling over $40,500, with donations still coming in from classmates and friends moved by Father Mark's impact. The scholarship is a fitting tribute to a man whose life exemplified the values of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart: faith, compassion, and service to others.

THANK YOU for your support!

310 DONORS

326 GIFTS



CLASS DONATIONS RECEIVED FROM THE CLASS OF 1965 TO THE CLASS OF 2024



BEARS BINGO RAISED $30,000



+

1894 CHALLENGE $196,000

RAISED ON CHALLENGE DAY



=

$226,000!!

TOTAL RAISED DURING CHALLENGE WEEK



CLASS OF 1991 FOUNDED A SCHOLARSHIP

$50,000

ANONYMOUS GIFT TO THE **CLASS OF '73 TOMORROW FUND**



1 CHALLENGE DAY TROPHY



BEARS ROCK BINGO

OCTOBER 2ND 2025 | BROTHER DONNAN BERRY, S.C. STUDENT CENTER

CAREER DAY 2025



On March 17, 2025, we welcomed back CHS alumni from a wide variety of professions for our annual Career Day. Bears who work in such industries as accounting, architecture, engineering, entertainment, finance, healthcare, emergency response, law, information technology, marketing, and sales, spent the day with our seniors to offer perspectives on their fields of expertise. After presentations, our seniors were treated to lunch courtesy of CHS corporate partner Raising Cane's. Here are a few of our favorite photos from the day. To read/see more, head over to catholichigh.org/alumni.









NEED TO REPLACE YOUR YEARBOOK?



Catholic High has quite a few copies of yearbooks from years past stored on campus. If you'd like a copy of a yearbook from any of the following years, please contact Director of Alumni Relations, Bart Saia '91, at bsaia@catholichigh.org.

1960	1973	1984	1993	2002	2010
1961	1974	1985	1994	2003	2011
1963	1975	1986	1995	2004	2012
1964	1976	1987	1996	2005	2013
1965	1980	1988	1997	2006	2014
1969	1981	1989	1998	2007	2015
1970	1982	1991	2000	2008	2024
1971	1983	1992	2001	2009	



Make your Mark at CHS

Join the hundreds of Catholic High School Alumni who are "linked to Catholic High School through time" by purchasing a commemorative brick for the CHS Centennial Courtyard.

Brick orders placed before March 1, 2026 will be installed in May 2026. Any order placed after March 1, 2026 will be installed in May of 2027.

To order, visit catholichigh.org/alumni/class-bricks or scan the QR code below.

Questions?

Contact CHS Director of Alumni Relations
Bart Saia '91
at bsaia@catholichigh.org.

CHS ALUMNI

Upcoming EVENTS

AUG 23 Stag Barbecue



SEPT 26 Golf Classic



OCT 3 Alumni Tailgate



NOV 14 Clay Shoot



JAN 24 Gumbo Jam! Mothers' Club Auction



CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

FISHING RODEO





The 18th annual CHS Fishing Rodeo hosted 250 anglers in Fourchon, Louisiana for the 2025 event. CHS alumni, faculty, current students, and friends joined us for two days of fishing, food, and fellowship. Together with our sponsors and anglers, the CHS Alumni Association raised $55,764 which will help fund the CHS Alumni Fishing Rodeo Endowed Scholarship, providing need-based tuition assistance.

A special thank you goes to the CHS Alumni Association Board of Directors and the CHS Fishing Rodeo Committee for all of their efforts that helped to make this year's event a huge success.

ADULT LEADERBOARD WINNERS

REDFISH – 8.4 lb – *Derek Bouziga*

SHEEPSHEAD –3.74 lb – *Lee Browning*

SPECKLED TROUT – 5.84 lb – *Roland Dugas*

RED SNAPPER – 26.08 lb – *Ben LeBlanc*

MANGROVE SNAPPER – 8.26 lb – *Nicholas Raetzsch '21*

GROUPER –60.61 lb – *Drew Landry '05*

FLOUNDER - 2.12 lb - *Ed Sexton*

COBIA – 47.35 lb – *Butch Rea '92*

YELLOWFIN TUNA - 50.55 lb– *Reel Yeux*

DOLPHIN (MAHI) – 15.90 lb – *Travis Cusimano '04*

BLACKFIN TUNA - 20.78 lb - *Travis Cusimano '04*

YOUTH LEADERBOARD WINNERS

BLACKFIN TUNA - 8.78 lbs - *Luis Rodrigue*

DOLPHIN (MAHI) - 2.18 lbs - *Sutton Fourrier*

RED SNAPPER – 12.02 lb - *Sutton Fourrier*

MANGROVE SNAPPER - 8.00 lbs - *Sutton Fourrier*

YELLOWFIN TUNA - 15.51 lbs - *Jude Duplechain*







JACOB MEEK '17 INSHORE GRAND SLAM
Ed Sexton

OFFSHORE GRAND SLAM
Reel Yeux

REDFISH STRINGER
Derek Bouziga

REDSNAPPER STRINGER
Reel Yeux

MANGROVE STRINGER
Team Fourrier

TROUT STRINGER
Level One:
Ed Sexton

Level Two:
Donald Schexnayder

TOTAL NUMBER OF ANGLERS
250

TOTAL DOLLARS RAISED $55,764



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Our annual legacy photographs are a time-honored tradition where Bears of the past accompany their sons, grandsons, and great-grandsons for a photo prior to the incoming student's first year at CHS. It is humbling to see our alumni choose to send their loved ones to walk the same halls they did as young men. It's MORE than 4. It's a Lifetime!



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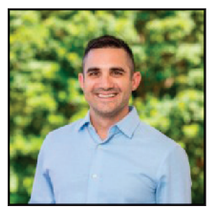
1978

JOHN J.B. BARKER '78 was elected Mayor of The City of Plaquemine in a December 2024 runoff election, securing over 60% of the vote. He officially began his four-year term in January 2025.



2003

LUKE DIPALMA '03 is the Director of Region for North American Sales for On Shoes and Apparel Company. He and his wife, Brittany, recently relocated to Vancouver, Washington, so that he can work out of the company's executive office.



RAOUL MANALAC '03 celebrated the birth of a son, Rafe Emery Manalac, on January 24, 2025.



2004

ELLIOT HUTCHINSON '04 is "creating connections that last a lifetime" as Creative Director of Son of a Saint. This non-profit, mentorship organization provides services and opportunities to young boys in New Orleans that have lost their fathers.



2005

BRADLEY ROMANO '05 and wife, Kathryn, are thrilled to announce the arrival of their third child, a son named Taylor James Romano. Taylor was born on February 27, 2025, at 1:30pm weighing 8 lbs. 12 ounces and was 20 3/4 inches long. Taylor will be a fourth generation CHS legacy.



2008

DILLON MATHIES '08 a Major in the Louisiana National Guard, was recently selected as an Army Congressional Fellow. MAJ Mathies began the four-year fellowship in March, which consists of obtaining a Masters in Legislative Affairs from George Washington University, an assignment to a congressional office as a Military Legislative Aide (MLA), and a two-year utilization tour either on Capitol Hill or at the Pentagon.

2009

HARITH RAZAA '09 accepted a position as Tax Counsel at ExxonMobil in Spring, Texas. He and his wife, J'Neal (SJA Class of 2011), celebrated a special moment in their family's spiritual journey as they had their two-year-old daughter, Naomi, christened and baptized at Wesley United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.



2013

ZACH DELANEY '13 and wife Sarah (Rosenthal), announce the birth of their identical twin girls, Aria Grace and Eliana Rose born on May 8, 2025.



2016

DR. JASON BLAINE ATTUSO JR. '16 graduated with a degree in Podiatric Medicine from Barry University in Miami, Florida where he was a member of the Pi Delta National Podiatric Honor Society. He was presented with the Outstanding Biomechanics/ Orthopedics award for his work in the orthotics lab at BU. Jace and his wife, Lily (SJA '16), will move to Fort Worth, Tx. where he will complete his Podiatric residency at John Peter Smith Hospital.



CONNOR WAITS '16
is one of eleven scientists from Louisiana Tech University who are among the global team of researchers honored with the 2025 Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics, awarded to the ATLAS Collaboration at CERN in Geneva, Switzerland. This recognition, shared with sister experiments ALICE, CMS, and LHCb, celebrates groundbreaking contributions to humanity's understanding of the universe's fundamental structure.

2017

SHELDON "DJ" JOHNSON '17
graduated from Tulane Law School in May 2024. He is currently working as an Associate in the Litigation Practice Group at Jones Walker LLP.



DARYL JOHN ROUSSEAU II '17
graduated from Franciscan Missionaries Of Our Lady University on May 17, 2025.



2018

MASON MAUER '18 AND BROCK MILLER '18 are co-founders of Zook Fishing, Co., which specializes in customized fishing equipment. Recently, Zook Fishing helped sponsor the 2025 CHS Fishing Rodeo in Fourchon, LA.

2021

COLE PRIMEAUX '21 graduated from LSU. While attending LSU, Primeaux participated in science balloon research, including the 2024 High Altitude Student Platform (HASP) program and NASA's RockSat-C is a program for students to design, build, and fly a sounding rocket experiment on a Terrier-Improved Orion sounding rocket. Primeaux will pursue a PhD for Astronomy Instrumentation at the University of Iowa.



2024

MATTHEW MAYNARD '24 AND HUNTER ULLRICH '24 helped the ULL Ragin Cajuns to win the Men's Indoor Sun Belt Conference. It's the first win since 1996 for the university. Matthew won an individual medal placing 3rd overall in the Distance Medley Relay.





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THERE ARE MANY special occasions during our lives when we choose to memorialize or honor in a special way those we hold dear. The following are acknowledged for their gifts to Catholic High School from January 1, 2025 through May 31, 2025 in honor or memory of loved ones. Please remember these alumni and friends, as well as their families, in your prayers.

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IN MEMORIAM

AS OF MAY 31, 2025, the following alumni and friends of CHS have passed away since the last issue of Bear Facts. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

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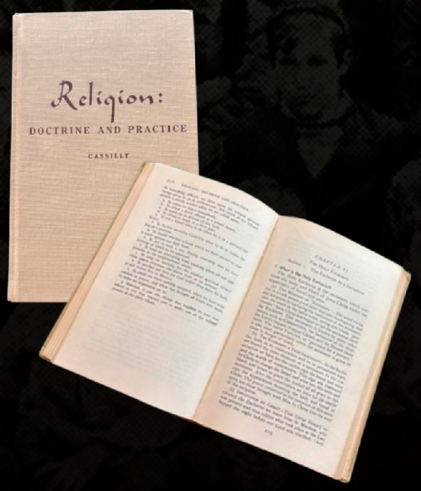
CHS Archives
Treasures of the Past



Various newspaper articles, Catholic High School event programs, letters, awards, and photos. Included in these treasures is a bronze boxing boot worn by Simon Mansur, a Golden Gloves boxer for CHS and member of the football team. Mansur coached boxing at CHS for many years and was a professional boxer with 183 wins and one loss.
Donated by the family of Simon "Kid 4" Mansur '31



Senior Class Memories Book and CHS Handbook for 1954-1955. The Memories book contains name card inserts from the graduation invitations of the young men of the CHS Class of 1955.
Donated by Bob Downey '55



Twelfth edition of the book Religion: Doctrine and Practice by Francis B. Cassilly, S.J. The book was required for the curriculum of Andrew's great, great uncle, Jack Jumonville+, when he attended CHS.
Donated by the family of Andrew Clapinski '25



Letterman jacket and sweater belonging to CHS Alumnus Hallie Delage '55+, who played football and ran track during his years at CHS.
Donated by the family of Hallie Delage Jr. '55+



Before George Hopkins, former lacrosse coach, left Baton Rouge after finishing his 9th year with Catholic High, he donated five lacrosse shirts to the Archives. George has accepted a position coaching and teaching at his alma mater, Gilman, in Baltimore. He embraced the spirit of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart as soon as he arrived at Catholic High and worked to incorporate it into the lacrosse program and the classroom.

Please contact Margie Alexander at malexander@catholichigh.org if you have CHS treasures from years past.

Sports in the PAST



BY DAVID BUTLER '77

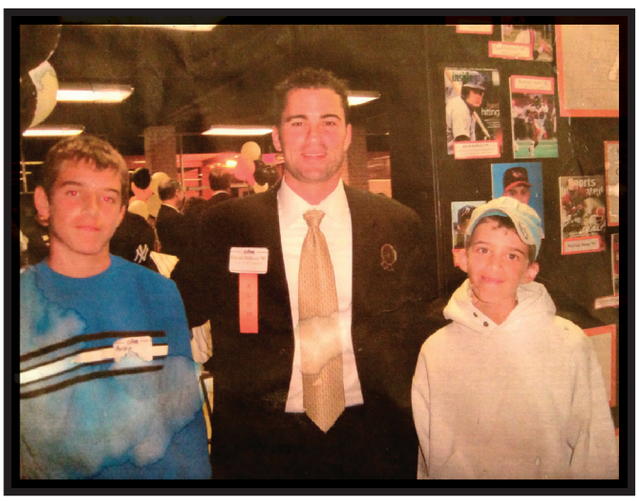
Recently David Dellucci '91 was reminiscing about his thirteen-year baseball career. A question was posed as to whether he encountered Catholic High graduates around the country as he traveled from stadium to stadium. As Dellucci pondered the question he passionately responded, "Over my career I played for the Baltimore Orioles, Arizona Diamondbacks, New York Yankees, Philadelphia Phillies, Texas Rangers, Cleveland Indians and Toronto Blue Jays. I played in every major league ball park including two in Canada. I encountered Catholic High fans in every single ballpark. Almost every single game I played in, I encountered someone from Catholic High, especially during the summer."

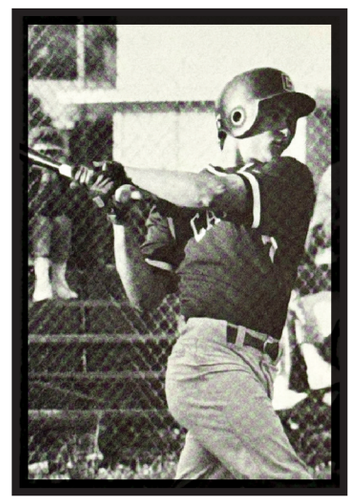
He explained, "When playing in a hostile ballpark you do not turn and acknowledge the crowd. It would lead to further verbal abuse. I only turned around if something significant to me was said that was personal and I knew I had a relationship. If the person said Catholic High I would turn around. It was so cool. I would go out of my way and say 'hello'."

Dellucci has never forgotten the support he received over the years. He recalled, "As a young player it was comforting to encounter Catholic High people being so far away from home. I realized it was such a great opportunity for Catholic High alumni to show support for me and the school. I was proud being part of Catholic High and part of the fraternity of being an alumni of Catholic High."

Dellucci tried to acknowledge and make time for his Catholic High supporters. He said, "It did not matter whether I was in the outfield, in the dugout, or during a pitching change, I was able to encounter Catholic High alumni. It was so wonderful to see how far these people traveled to support you. I could not wait to play in Houston because of all the support. Spring training also gave me the opportunity to encounter so many Catholic High fans."

Dellucci pondered whether he had any particular memory he wanted to share. He is proud of a photograph taken at the Catholic High Open House in 1997 where he posed with future major leaguers Austin and Aaron Nola. He said, "We have that special bond of attending Catholic High and playing major league baseball. We never know what our path may be and the impact others have on us and the impact we have on others. I am proud to be a Catholic High graduate. We have a special bond whether we graduated twenty years before or after someone."







Learning About Life from our Deceased Brothers

BY BROTHER MICHAEL MIGACZ, S.C.

In the last edition of Bear Facts, I eagerly told about Catholic High students and alums visiting and enjoying a meal with us brothers at our small house on Hundred Oaks Ave. Before supper, the young men join us for evening vespers, and during the prayer we share a tradition with them that we brothers find meaningful - reading from "The Lives of the Brothers." On the anniversary of a Brother's passing, we read three short paragraphs that tell about his birth, his profession dates, his death and the various places where he ministered. It tries to capture his personality including his positive attributes and sometimes the idiosyncrasies he had.

As we read these lives, we are touched, realizing that we are enjoying the legacy of these saintly men. Yes, some brothers were clearly "giants," and because of their impact, have had buildings named after them like Brother Donnan and Brother Gordian here at CHS. Most brothers though were ordinary men who joked around and told stories in community, and who tried to make learning interesting for their students as they prepared lessons. Some brothers were not gifted for the classroom, and so they performed a variety of services like cooking, doing laundry, prefecting, or taking care of the farm - making sure there was food on the table for the orphans and brothers. Some brothers shared their talents of carpentry, electricity, or plumbing. They lived out their simple holiness the best they could in humble ways.

Through reading these lives it is interesting to learn about brothers' recreational activities. Many engaged in sports, and enjoyed coaching. Some were occupied by scholarly pursuits, while some were musically or artistically inclined. Diverse hobbies ranged from hunting and fishing, to woodworking, stamp-collecting, art, and photography.

In the descriptions of their lives, the passages can be very candid. Sometimes it speaks about brothers who were "harsh and exacting, too rigid and severe." Some were overly shy, or some gruff and impulsive. It is honest about brothers who dealt with alcoholism. Yet, even with their flaws, they were guided by the Lord toward becoming saints. Most portrayals of course are positive, describing brothers as good-natured, prayerful, cheerful in community, and enjoyable companions. As a whole, most brothers were conscientious and committed. These were men who were joyful and proud to be a brother and be part of an esteemed community that was making an impact on the lives of young people.

Our students today seemed fascinated with this tradition of reading these lives, not only because the humanness of brothers comes across, but also because they learn some interesting history about the struggles the brothers faced in this country the last 178 years. This includes the brothers scrounging around for food for the orphans during the Union blockade in the Civil War.

Looking at history we are encouraged by the stories of missionaries. Catholics in the US during the 19th century were still finding their place and so young zealous brothers from France, left behind their culture, language, and family, in order to be witnesses of God's love in a new land. This missionary fire continued decades later with American brothers answering the Spirit's call to serve the burgeoning Church in Africa.

Our students are intrigued that many brothers joined the community as teenagers. These young lads were courageous as they traveled for days from the South to go to Metuchen, NJ or to Canada to be trained as novices.

We are moved by hearing of brothers facing their final illnesses with grace and calmness. Some had been incapacitated by a stroke or blindness, yet they stayed positive and accepted their circumstances with patience.

Some brothers passed away while young, being stricken by Yellow Fever or Tuberculosis. Our students today are struck when they hear of a brother dying while he was still in his teens. On his deathbed, the dying novice would pronounce his vows of consecration.

As we listen to the lives of these deceased holy men, what comes across was their determination and their love for young people and the community. We brothers and students of today, are moved and inspired by hearing these stories.

The world may not be calling you to become a Brother of the Sacred Heart, but maybe God is!

If you're not already committed, why not consider life as a Brother of the Sacred Heart? Let's talk.

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