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Faith in Action





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Deacon Thomas Strohmetz (P'21, '24, '27) approached the Bishop Shanahan administration with an idea that was very near and dear to his heart. He wanted to help students encounter Jesus Christ through the Eucharist, providing a space for spiritual growth, reflection, and devotion. His idea was to start a club which would offer students an opportunity to focus on life's greater purpose, and celebrate their love for Jesus Christ through the Eucharist. Hence, the Saint Carlo Acutis Faith Formation and Liturgical Devotion Club was born.

Deacon Strohmetz is the founder of the Faith 101 Foundation, an organization whose mission is to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world through the basic, foundational understanding of faith in God rather than complex evangelization. The foundation focuses on our purpose in life, which is to know God, to love Him, and to serve Him in this lifetime, so that we can spend eternity with Him in heaven.

President Teresa Dellicompagni and Principal Robert Moran worked with Deacon Strohmetz to establish the club's six-step spiritual commitment for student participants:

- Attend daily Mass at Shanahan
- Attend Sunday Mass with a family member or friend
- Spend time with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration for 60 minutes per week (2-3 visits)
- Attend bi-weekly club meetings for spiritual reflection, discussion, and growth
- Keep a personal and sacred journal, responding to club-provided prompts and recording personal reflections
- Provide a testimonial on the impact that daily mass and adoration has had on you.

Thanks to participation in the St. Carlo Acutis Club, Kairos retreats, and other ministry initiatives at Shanahan, daily Mass attendance has grown significantly.

Through the generosity of other outside donors, Deacon and Mrs. Donna Strohmetz, and the Faith 101 Foundation, students who actively participate in the club are eligible to apply for the $500 Saint Carlo Acutis Eucharistic Devotion tuition scholarship each quarter. Sr. Megan Capurso, IHM is the club moderator and oversees the club's activities and the scholarship applications.







For students who wish to deepen their connection with Jesus Christ, strengthen their Catholic faith, and inspire and evangelize others through their witness, consider joining the Saint Carlo Acutis Club—you will be happy you did! **Thank you, Deacon Strohmetz, for sharing this faith initiative with BSHS students.**

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



It is a privilege to once again address you in the *Shanahan Magazine*. **The 2025–2026 school year was a year of continued growth, innovation, and faith-filled purpose for Bishop Shanahan High School.**

We continue to enhance the student experience through strategic investments in our facilities and academic programs. This year, we completed several campus improvements, including a new gym floor and scoreboard, replacement of the stadium turf, resurfacing of the track, upgraded stage lighting, and a renovated art room. We also launched the **St. Francis Xavier Academic Achievement Program** to support students with learning differences and introduced the **Civic Leadership Institute**, providing students with opportunities to grow as servant leaders through community service, public policy, and social impact.

None of these improvements or program developments would be possible without the unwavering support of the Bishop Shanahan community. On behalf of our students, faculty, staff, and families, thank you for your generosity and your continued investment in our mission.

This past June the U.S. bishops consecrated the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This sacred moment provides a providential opportunity for our schools to embrace this consecration in a way that is visible, formative, pastoral, and enduring. Inspired by this moment, we have adopted our 2026–2027 spiritual theme: **His Heart; Your Mission**. This theme calls each of us to draw closer to the Heart of Jesus as we continue our mission of forming young men and women of faith, character, and service.

As president, I am looking for new ways to strengthen our connection with our alumni. In the coming year, keep an eye out for local meet-and-greet events and networking opportunities with fellow Shanahan graduates. Together, we can continue to build an even stronger Bishop Shanahan community while living our motto, **"Seek the Things That Are Found Above."**

We hope you will join us for our Community Mass on **Sunday, October 4th**, which kicks off Homecoming Week, and for the Homecoming football game on **Friday, October 9th**. We invite you to prayerfully consider participating in **Give Back Thursday** on **October 8th**, our annual day of giving in support of the Shanahan Fund. Your generosity helps provide extracurricular and educational opportunities for every Bishop Shanahan student.

May God continue to bless you and your family.

With Eagle Pride,

Teresa Dellicompagni
President

"I need nothing but God and to lose myself in the Heart of Jesus."
– St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

Class of 2026 Celebrations

Baccalaureate Mass



On the evening of June 3rd, the Class of 2026 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 2026!

Graduation Ceremony



Bishop Shanahan High School held its commencement exercises on Friday, June 5th at 10:00am in the BSHS auditorium, paying tribute to the Class of 2026. This year's graduating class included 231 students who were accepted to four-year colleges and universities such as Saint Joseph's University, The Catholic University of America, Villanova University, Virginia Tech, and Brown University. The class also received more than $65,000,000 in total college scholarships. The Most Reverend Christopher R. Cooke, Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia, presided over the graduation ceremony.

Gregory Palaia, who will be attending the University of Notre Dame, was the valedictorian. Sophia DiGiovanni, who will be attending the University of Georgia, was the salutatorian. During his speech, Greg reflected, "As we 'go to the heights' we cannot just exist but must live with purpose. We must use the strength of this community and the values we have gained here in order to help not just ourselves achieve greatness but others as well. True greatness is not measured by how high we rise alone, but instead by how faithfully we lift others with us."

During the commencement exercises, the Shanahan Medal was awarded to Mrs. Mary Kay Hennessy '75. Throughout her career, Mary Kay has exemplified the spirit of service. She currently serves as Principal of St. Norbert School, continuing her commitment to Catholic education and providing leadership to schools across our region through her role as President of the Elementary School Administrators Association and her service on the Chester County Advisory Council for Elementary Education. Mary Kay's love for Bishop Shanahan has never wavered. Alongside her late husband, Mike, a fellow member of the Class of 1975, she remained deeply committed to the school's mission. Mary Kay also served on the Bishop Shanahan Board of Directors from 2012 to 2024, chairing the Academic Committee and serving on the Shanahan Society Committee, helping to shape the future of the school she has loved for a lifetime.

Over 65 Years of IHM at Shanahan

Putting Faith into Action

For more than 65 years, the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM) have played a vital role in the Bishop Shanahan community. Through their dedication to Catholic education, faith formation, and service, the IHM Sisters have shaped generations of students, inspiring them to grow in knowledge, faith, and compassion. Their legacy is woven into the history of Shanahan, and their commitment to academic excellence and Gospel values continues to influence the school community today. We are grateful for the lasting impact of the IHM Sisters and celebrate their more than six decades of service to Bishop Shanahan High School.









A Journey of Faith

The Shanahan community is pleased to share that twelve students completed their sacraments of Initiation on April 19!

The following students were baptized, confirmed, and received First Holy Communion: Madelynn Browne '27 (not pictured), Zoe Nesbitt '29 (not pictured)

The following students were received into the Catholic Church, confirmed and received First Holy Communion: Rylee Quinn '29, Olivia Westerfield '26, Isabelle Poppe '27, Alessandra Civera '27, Bryan Venini '26

Additionally, the following Catholic students completed their Christian Initiation and were confirmed and received First Holy Communion: Chase Riccardo '25, Anthony Mascherino '27, Jacob Donovan '29, Trent Radetzky '27 Emily DiBonaventura '27



May God continue the beautiful work He has begun in the hearts of each of these wonderful people.

Saint Francis Xavier Program to Launch 2026-2027 School Year

For the 2026–2027 academic year, Bishop Shanahan is excited to launch the first year of the St. Francis Xavier Academic Achievement Program, a new initiative designed to provide faith-based education and personalized academic support for students with diagnosed learning differences.

The program reflects Shanahan's ongoing commitment to academic excellence, faith formation, and the success of every student. Through targeted support, students will develop the executive functioning and organizational skills they need to thrive while continuing to participate in Shanahan's rigorous academic program.

What is the X-Cel Learning Lab?

All students enrolled in the St. Francis program will be rostered into the X-Cel Learning Lab, a learning support class that provides small-group academic assistance. Students will work on assignment completion, organization, study skills, and time management, all key areas of executive functioning.

Executive functioning is essentially the brain's management system. These skills help students organize their thoughts, control impulses, manage responsibilities, and navigate the everyday demands of school. The X-Cel Learning Lab gives students the opportunity to strengthen these skills and apply them in their regular classrooms.

How is support personalized for each student?

The Director of Learning Support, Mrs. Lauren Wochok, will communicate with St. Francis families every two weeks to check in on student progress and needs. Students will also participate in setting goals and identifying the support they need at different points throughout the academic year.

These regular check-ins allow the team to identify challenges early and make adjustments to each student's level of support and accommodations as needed.

What additional support is available after school?

Students in the St. Francis program will have access to a quiet space Monday through Thursday until 4 p.m. to complete assignments, organize materials, and plan for the following day.

This additional time gives students with executive functioning challenges another opportunity to check in, plan, and prepare before heading home for the evening.

Will students receive support in specific academic subjects?

Yes. Students will have the opportunity to receive targeted support based on their individual academic needs. For example, a student with a diagnosed math learning disability may receive small-group or individual support from a math specialist from the Chester County Intermediate Unit. Similar support is available for students who need additional assistance in reading.

These specialists provide targeted tutoring and academic support that complements the work students are doing in their regular classes.

How many students will participate in the program this year?

The St. Francis Xavier Academic Achievement Program will launch this fall with approximately 20 students. The goal is to grow the program each year and welcome additional students who can benefit from its student-centered approach to learning support.

What does the future hold for the program?

The Shanahan team is excited to see the St. Francis Xavier Academic Achievement Program come to life in the classroom this fall. As students develop new skills in the X-Cel Learning Lab, they will have the opportunity to apply those strategies in their regular classroom environment and build greater confidence and independence.

At its heart, the program is about ensuring that students with diagnosed learning differences have the opportunity to experience a rigorous, faith-based education while receiving the personalized support they need to succeed.

The St. Francis Xavier Academic Achievement Program is made possible by a grant from the Ambassador's Fund for Catholic Education, the successor name to the Archdiocesan Educational Fund. This charitable organization was created and funded by Matthew H. McCloskey, Jr. (1893-1973), building contractor and U.S. Ambassador to Ireland (1962-64), in 1967 to advance Catholic education and evangelization throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Shanahan Celebrates 2025-2026 Fall, Winter, & Spring Sports Accomplishments

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

FOOTBALL
District Champion & State Qualifier

GIRLS' SOCCER
District Qualifier

FIELD HOCKEY
District Qualifier

BOYS' SOCCER
District Qualifier

GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL
District & State Qualifier

BOYS' BASKETBALL
District Runner up

GIRLS' BASKETBALL
District & State Qualifier

SWIMMING
Team
- State Qualifier

Landen Snook
- District I AA and State AA Champion in Diving
- District and State Qualifier in 50 Free

Whitney Kane
- District Champion in 200 and 500 Free
- State Qualifier in 200 and 500 Free

CHEERLEADING
National Qualifier

BOYS' TENNIS
- Team District Champion and State Qualifier
- District Champs in Doubles
- State Qualifier
- District Singles Runner Up: Daniel Gallagher

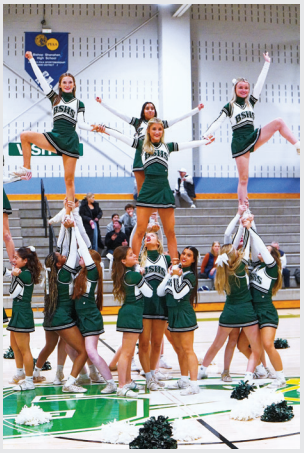
GIRLS' LACROSSE
District & State Qualifier

BOYS' LACROSSE
District Qualifier

BOYS' 4 X 100
District Runner up
Colin Cregan
- 100 meter Ches-Mont Champ
- District and State Qualifier

4 X 100 METER RELAY
Ches-Mont Champs
District and State Runner Up
- Aidan Civitella
- Sebastian Ruth
- Gregory Palaia
- Colin Cregan

GIRLS' FLAG FOOTBALL
Mini Maxwell Award: Caroline Shields


Cheerleading


Girls' Soccer


Field Hockey


4 x 100 Meter Relay


Swimming



Girls' Flag Football


Girls' Basketball


Boys' Tennis

Get all the latest athletics news at shanahan.org/athletics, Facebook or Instagram.

Shining Stars

Shining Stars (formerly known as Gifts of Gratitude) is an opportunity for Bishop Shanahan students and their families to recognize a member of the Bishop Shanahan community (faculty, staff, counselor, coach, etc) for the meaningful role they played during the school year. These families also made contributions to The Shanahan Fund for the benefit of all students. The following were named as honorees for the 2025-2026 school year:

Mr. Joseph Aquilante
Ms. Stephanie Belefonte
Mrs. Carmel Bradley
Sister Barbara Brahl, IHM
Coach Brody Bush
Sister Megan Capurso, IHM
Ms. Dorothy Carbonaro
Coach Matt Decker
Mrs. Teresa Dellicompagni
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Coach Robert Frattura
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Mrs. Lisa Hart
Coach Jon Heisman
Coach Bob Iannello
Mr. Nicholas Ireland
Mrs. Stacey Ivkovich
Mrs. Carnation Karros
Mr. Richard Kauffmann
Mr. Charles Keating
Coach Mike Kilcoyne
Mrs. Mary Beth Kilpatrick
Sister Marianne Lallone, IHM
Coach Nick Lamb
Ms. Ruth Le
Coach Ian Lekawa
Mrs. Sally Lemheney
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Coach Joe McCahon
Coach Cole McCook
Mr. Michael McGinnis
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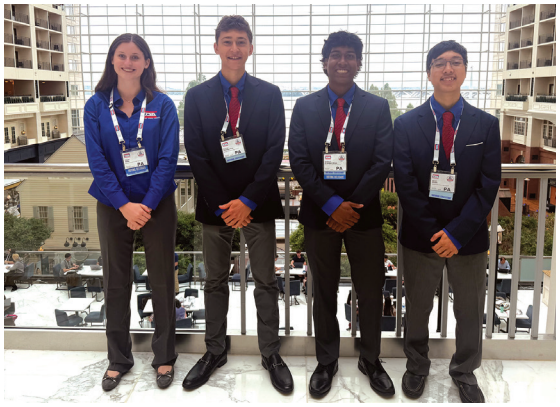
Ministry Mentors

As part of Bishop Shanahan's Ministry Mentor program, seniors in Father Monica's **Faith in Action** class served as mentors to groups of 8–10 freshmen throughout the school year. Meeting once each quarter, the mentors led small group discussions and activities designed to help freshmen grow in their relationship with God, themselves, and others while encouraging involvement in School Ministry programs and activities. **Thank you for putting your faith into action.**



State Champions & National Finalists

Shanahan STEM Students Shine



Few accomplishments better illustrate the strength of Bishop Shanahan's STEM program than the remarkable season enjoyed by the school's Biotechnology Design Team during the 2025–2026 academic year.

Seniors Gideon Praveen Dhas, Minh Pham, Clare Voss, and Daniel Zimmerman advanced through Technology Student Association (TSA) regional competition before capturing the Pennsylvania State Championship in Biotechnology Design at the four-day Pennsylvania TSA Conference near Pittsburgh.

Their success earned them the opportunity to represent Pennsylvania at the 2026 National TSA Conference in the Washington, D.C. area, where they competed against 126 teams from throughout the United States and internationally. Presenting an ambitious project exploring improved antibody-drug conjugate linker stability as a promising approach to cancer treatment, the team earned recognition as one of the Top 10 Biotechnology Design teams in the nation.

The Technology Student Association is a national organization that promotes excellence in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics through challenging competitive events that encourage creativity, innovation, leadership, and collaboration. Shanahan students continue to embrace these opportunities, demonstrating not only technical expertise but also the curiosity and perseverance needed to address some of society's most pressing challenges.

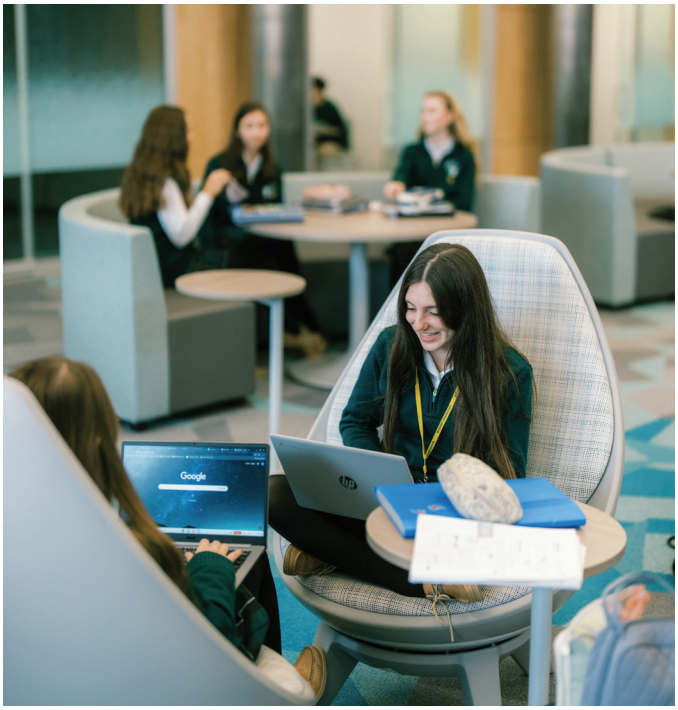
Congratulations to Gideon, Minh, Clare, and Daniel on an unforgettable year of achievement and for representing Bishop Shanahan High School with excellence at every level of competition!



Warfel Construction Earns Excellence in Construction Award for Bishop Shanahan's IHM Center

Bishop Shanahan High School is proud to celebrate the recognition of Warfel Construction, which received the "Best Renovation Award in the $1 million to $5 million category" at the ABC Eastern Pennsylvania 35th Annual Excellence in Construction Awards Gala for the school's IHM Center for Innovation and Creativity. The annual awards honor outstanding construction projects that exemplify innovation, quality, and craftsmanship.

The award recognizes the transformation of Bishop Shanahan's former library and media center into the state-of-the-art IHM Center for Innovation and Creativity, a collaborative learning space designed to inspire creativity, innovation, and hands-on learning. The center serves as a hub for all student collaboration and emerging technologies, supporting Shanahan's commitment to providing students with an exceptional educational experience.



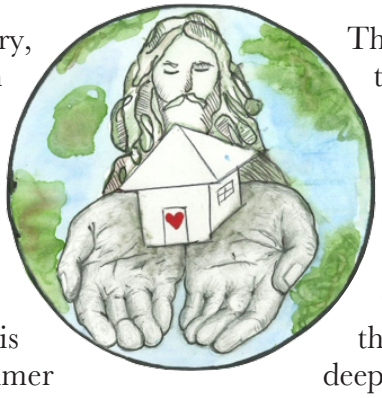
Thank you, Father Monica and Sister Marianne

With deep gratitude, we pause to recognize and celebrate two extraordinary members of the Bishop Shanahan High School community whose faithful service has left a lasting mark on our school. Through their leadership, compassion, and unwavering commitment to our students, Father Louis Monica and Sister Marianne Lallone, IHM have helped shape the spiritual and personal growth of countless members of our Shanahan family.

As this school year comes to a close, we offer our heartfelt thanks to Father Monica and Sister Marianne as they prepare to begin new assignments in service to the Church. While we will greatly miss their daily presence, wisdom, and guidance, we are grateful for the many gifts they have shared with our community and for the example of faith they have provided. We know they will continue to touch lives in profound ways as they answer God's call to serve elsewhere.



Global Awareness Month Allows Students to Put Faith into Action



Through the Month of January, the Bishop Shanahan community participated in Global Awareness Month, an annual initiative designed to foster greater understanding of global issues through education, reflection, and action.

This year's theme, "Where is Home?", was inspired by the summer reading selection, *We Are Displaced* by Malala Yousafzai. The book shares the stories of refugees and displaced individuals from around the world, inviting readers to consider the challenges faced by those forced to leave their homes because of war, violence, persecution, and instability.

To conclude the month, junior **Faith in Action** students designed and facilitated an interactive displacement simulation for theology classes. The experience challenged students to step into the shoes of displaced persons and reflect on the realities faced by millions of people worldwide.

One activity asked students to choose between multiple pathways to reach their classrooms. While one route was longer and more straightforward, the shorter option presented a series of obstacles and challenges. Students were required to make decisions with limited information, mirroring the difficult choices many refugees and displaced families must make when seeking safety and stability. The simulation encouraged participants to consider the uncertainty, risk, and sacrifice often involved in such decisions.

Additional activities introduced unexpected changes to students' daily routines, requiring them to adapt to unfamiliar circumstances. Through these experiences, students gained a deeper appreciation for the disruption and loss that often accompany displacement, while also recognizing the resilience demonstrated by those who navigate these challenges every day.

The month-long program encouraged meaningful conversations about identity, belonging, community, and the meaning of home. Students reflected on the idea that home is more than a physical place, it is also found in our relationships, values, memories, and sense of security.

A special thank you to the junior **Faith in Action** students whose creativity, leadership, and dedication made this year's simulation possible. Their efforts helped bring the theme of *We Are Displaced* to life and challenged their fellow students to grow in empathy and global awareness.

As the Shanahan community concluded Global Awareness Month, students were reminded that while the concept of home may look different for each person, it remains a universal human need and a powerful source of hope, identity, and belonging.







Family's Three Generations Weave Legacy of Faith at Bishop Shanahan High School

When Bill and Pat Lamb graduated from Bishop Shanahan High School as members of the Class of 1964, they could never have imagined that more than six decades later, their family's connection would still be going strong.

This June that remarkable chapter reached a milestone as their youngest grandchild, Henry Lamb '26, graduated from Bishop Shanahan. His commencement marked the completion of a three-generation legacy that has connected the Lamb and McShea families to Shanahan for nearly 70 years.

The family's roots at Shanahan run deep. Pat's sister was a member of the school's very first graduating class in 1958. Over the years, siblings, children, grandchildren and extended family members followed. In total, more than 20 members of the Lamb and McShea families have called Shanahan home.

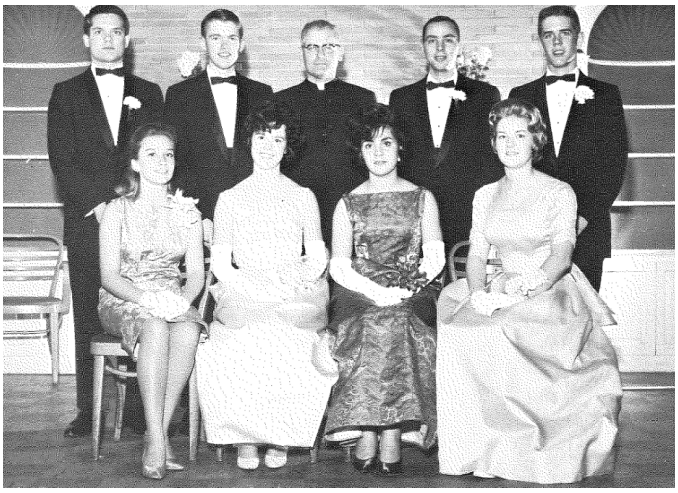
For Bill and Pat, however, the story was never about numbers. It has always been about faith, family, and the values that have connected generations of their family to Shanahan. "Faith is an important part of our life," Bill said. "It has been all along."

That commitment has guided generations of their family. As parents and grandparents, they viewed Catholic education not simply as academics but as an opportunity to help young people strengthen their relationship with God during some of the most formative years of their lives.

"The high school age group is at a time when they're struggling with faith," Bill said. "So it's critical that the guidance and support be there. That's what Shanahan and that environment provides."

Pat has witnessed that impact first hand through their children and grandchildren. "I think it did wonders for our kids," she said. "As Shanahan grew and expanded, so did opportunities focused on faith and spirituality; all of our children and grandchildren benefitted from them.

"I really do believe that all of our kids have the power of prayer ingrained in their heads," Pat said.



Bill and Pat Lamb '64 at their Shanahan Prom, furthest couple on the right

"When they face challenges, they rely on their faith and they draw their strength from that."

Over the decades, Shanahan has changed dramatically. Bill and Pat attended classes in the original West Chester building, where everyone seemed to know one another and the school community felt small and close-knit.

Despite the change in location and scale, the connection to Shanahan has remained strong across generations. That perspective is echoed by their son, Martin Lamb, Class of 1991 and Henry's father, who has watched the school evolve from multiple angles as a student, parent, and alumnus.

"I still feel that connection," he said, noting that although the campus has changed, the spirit of Shanahan has carried through the transition.

For Martin, the family's connection to Shanahan is also rooted in service. His advice to his children centers on carrying forward what the school emphasizes most: using their education and faith as a foundation to serve others. He notes that Shanahan intentionally ties academics, faith, and extracurricular life together in a way that encourages students to look beyond themselves.

For Henry, the newest member of the family's Shanahan story, those lessons have taken shape in his own way. Growing up, stories about Shanahan

were never far away. He heard them from his parents, grandparents, and older siblings, each generation sharing memories from their time at the school.

Like every generation before him, Henry found his own path at Shanahan. While his older siblings were heavily involved in theater and musicals, he gravitated toward athletics and business courses, creating a different high school experience than those who came before him.

His favorite memories come from four years with the Eagles baseball program, where he found success on the field and formed lasting friendships.

Despite the differences in activities and interests, Henry found himself connected to the same values that shaped his family members decades earlier.

"I know they grew in their faith a lot," he said. "I saw a tremendous push through the **Faith in Action** class. It helped me a lot to grow closer in my faith by helping others."

Faith in Action became one of the defining experiences of Henry's journey through Shanahan. Inspired in part by his sisters, who had also taken the course, Henry discovered a deeper understanding of service and the role faith can play in everyday life. "Before that, my faith wasn't that strong," he said. "But that pushed me more."

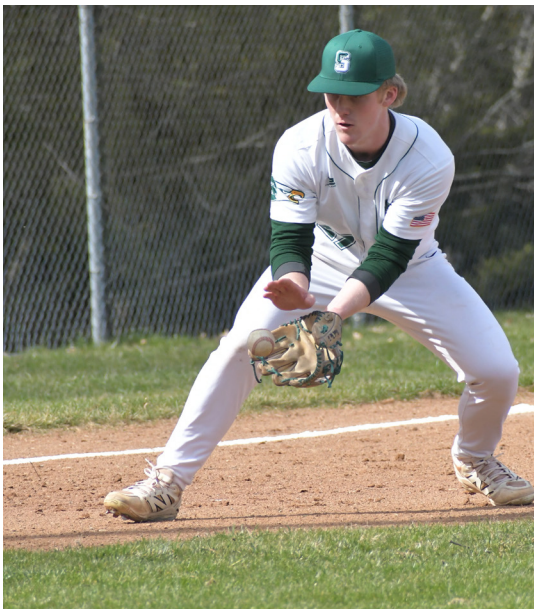
"It pushed me out of my comfort zone a lot, which helped me grow as a person," he said. "It pushed me in my faith, which if I went to any other school, I would not be as close to who I am with God right now."

While each generation of the Lamb family experienced a different Shanahan, Henry sees a common thread running through them all.

For Bill and Pat, one of the greatest joys has been seeing their children and grandchildren choose Shanahan for themselves. "It's pretty cool," Pat said. "You kind of have a feel for what they're getting. It's an entirely different experience than we had, but it's still Shanahan."

With Henry's graduation, Bill and Pat hope he carries forward not only family memories, but also an appreciation for the foundation Shanahan has provided. Their advice is simple: remember what Shanahan has done for you. "Think back to your Shanahan years and how well they formed you," Bill said. "What you got from a Catholic education at Shanahan and what it did for you, it's there for your children, too."

For Bill and Pat, the true legacy of Bishop Shanahan is not measured by the number of diplomas hanging on a wall. It is found in the faith that has been passed from one generation to the next, strengthened by family, sustained by prayer, and nurtured by a school that has remained part of their story for nearly seven decades.

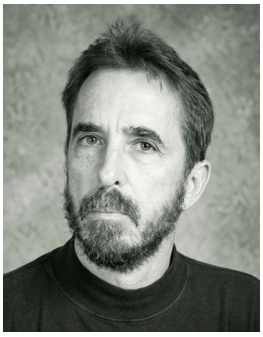


Henry Lamb '26



From left: Bill Lamb '64, Pat Lamb '64, Henry Lamb '26, Hannah Lamb '24, Matthew Lamb '18 and Martin Lamb '91

Longtime Coach and Educator Inducted into Southern Chester County League Hall of Fame



Bishop Shanahan High School proudly celebrates the induction of longtime coach, educator, and athletic administrator Mr. Hank Berardi into the Southern Chester County League (SCCL) Hall of Fame, recognizing a remarkable career that has spanned five decades of service to Catholic education and high school athletics.

His 50-year career in education and athletics reflects an enduring commitment to students, sportsmanship, and the growth of high school athletics. His induction into the Southern Chester County League Hall of Fame is a fitting recognition of the lasting impact he has made on countless student-athletes, colleagues, and the Bishop Shanahan community.

Catholic Collegians Get Credit for Putting Faith in Action



Father Mark Cavara '05 serves as chaplain of the Newman Center at West Chester University, where he ministers to a growing community of Catholic college students. Through the Newman Center, Father Cavara celebrates Mass, leads Eucharistic Adoration, facilitates Bible study, and provides opportunities for students to participate in service projects and community activities.

The Newman Center recently began offering students the opportunity to earn three academic credits through its Faith in Action course, an elective within the Philosophy Department. Under Father Cavara's leadership, students engage in faith, service, and community-building activities throughout the semester while deepening their relationship with Christ.

Father Cavara also helps foster community through events and gatherings, including weekly dinners, holiday celebrations, and service initiatives that connect students with the broader West Chester community.

Emmy-Winning Excellence

Congratulations to Kelci O'Donnell '15 on earning a Southeast Regional Emmy Award for Outstanding Achievement, Hard News Report for "Helene, One Year Later." As an Evening News Anchor for WSPA 7 serving viewers across North and South Carolina, Kelci continues to make an impact through storytelling and journalism. We are proud to celebrate this incredible accomplishment and the work she is doing in her community!



Alumni Connections in Boston

While in Boston, Bishop Shanahan President Teresa Dellicompagni had the opportunity to host a gathering with several Shanahan alumni. She enjoyed reconnecting with Max Anthony Hashem ’21, Maria Dulin ’16, Andrew Sawicki ’13, and Kevin Seifert ’13, hearing about their time at Bishop Shanahan and learning where life has taken them since graduation.

Building relationships with our alumni is an important part of the Bishop Shanahan community. Mrs. Delli looks forward to hosting more alumni meetups throughout the year to strengthen connections, encourage networking, and celebrate the lifelong bond shared by Shanahan Eagles.

Once an Eagle, always an Eagle!





Turning Strategy into Success

In March, Ms. McNichol’s Social Media and Digital Advertising class welcomed Shanahan alum Mr. Joseph Fullam ’18 to speak with students about digital marketing and the strategy behind reaching the right audiences.

Mr. Fullam discussed topics such as identifying target audiences and how marketers use paid social media campaigns and platform tools to reach prospective audiences through specific targeting parameters. He also reflected on his time at Shanahan, how he discovered his interest in marketing, and the path that led him to his role today as Digital Marketing Director at Immaculata University.

Shanahan Alumna Named 3rd Battalion CO at WMI

Virginia Military Institute recently announced the Class of 2027 leaders of the 187th Regiment for the 2026-27 academic year.

The new 3rd Battalion commander (CO) is Katelyn Redlinger ’23 from Downingtown, Pennsylvania. She said she came to VMI to develop the self-discipline for a life grounded in integrity and honor. “I also wanted to take full advantage of the opportunities VMI offers and challenge myself academically and athletically. I knew the lessons taught at VMI would prepare me to navigate both physical and mental challenges, ultimately equipping me to pursue a career in the Army.”

She applied for the CO position for the responsibility, not the title. “I want to be held accountable for both the successes and the setbacks. This position will challenge me to grow not only as a leader, but also as a person. I want to be a role model and inspire cadets to become the best version of themselves, so VMI can continue to produce honorable men and women.” Past positions she held include Golf Company corporal, S2 sergeant, and company rep. Additionally, she is a cyber captain, the cyber club chair of activities, and is a defender on the women’s soccer team.



The Shanahan Legacy Society

There are many ways for you to include Bishop Shanahan in your long-term financial plans, and every contribution helps us maintain and expand on the education we provide to our students. Joining the Legacy Society ensures that your values and passion for Bishop Shanahan High School and its students live on, enriching their lives and making an impact on Shanahan students, now and in the future.

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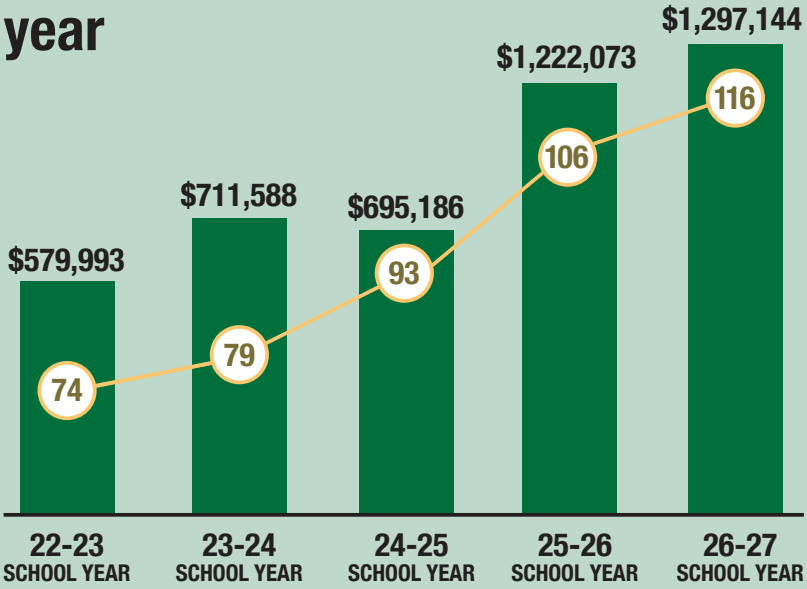
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Lauren Ranalli P'21 and Ryan Warwick '98 presented an EITC check to Mrs. Teresa Dellicompagni, Bishop Shanahan Executive Board Council Officers and Dr. Robert Moran.

106 donors have given $1,222,073 for the 25-26 school year

"Bishop Shanahan is where my wife, Kelsey and I met, where many of our closest lifelong friendships began, and a place that helped shape so much of the life we have built together. Giving back through the EITC program and sponsoring the annual Endowment Golf Outing is our way of supporting a school that has given us far more than an education. Participating in these programs allowed us to see the impact we could have on Shanahan students and families. We're hopeful that through our small contributions, another couple might have an opportunity to attend Shanahan and find their friends!"
— Mike Jamgochian '11



EITC GROWTH OVER THE LAST 5 YEARS

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Learn more about EITC/Tax credit program at www.shanahan.org/eitc

Faith and Belief in Catholic Education Leads to Shanahan's First Endowed Scholarship



Both Vince and I grew up in Catholic homes. I went to Catholic Elementary School, grades 1 through 8 and then public high school. Vince attended Catholic school from grades 6 through 10. We moved to Chester County in 2018 and joined St Peter's Catholic Church in West Brandywine Township. Shortly after joining our new parish Helen responded to a request for reading tutors for Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic Elementary School. Based on our Catholic school experiences and the enthusiasm for Catholic education at PJP II RCES it soon became apparent that we wanted to become more involved.

There are numerous ways to support and to encourage Catholic education. We realized that whichever path would be chosen, the reasoning behind that decision would be based primarily on the following criteria:

- To encourage students, beginning in elementary school, to learn about their Catholic faith
- To ensure sacraments are received at the appropriate time
- To learn the importance of discipline and respect
- To prepare high school students to properly transition into adult life while maintaining Catholic values and principles
- To instill the desire to help others and especially those in need

During the time of Helen's tutoring, and with her interactions with the staff of PJPII RCES, the need for financial support became apparent. We decided on a trial basis to provide short term tuition assistance requested for a family dealing with temporary financial needs. In addition, a contribution to St Peter's Parish tuition fund was also made.

The expressions of thanks and gratitude received were most rewarding and knowing that assisting parents achieve their commitment to a Catholic education for their children encouraged us to do

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more. Our next decision was to sponsor a PJPII RCES 8th grade student's upcoming high school education at BSHS. Two years later the decision was made to sponsor an additional student's continuing Catholic education at BSHS.

At this point we were sponsoring two former PJPII RCES students for their Catholic high school education. Our discussions once again focused on possible next steps. Assisting more students from other Catholic elementary schools with partial scholarships to attend Catholic high school became the direction of choice. Our intention was to make this a permanent financial assistance program that would continue beyond our life span. To accomplish this, the decision was made to create "The Romano Family Endowment Scholarship Fund" within BSHS. This would be the initial BSHS endowed scholarship fund to specifically provide financial assistance to students.

During discussions with the Advancement Office, we were informed of the importance of partial tuition assistance because many families need some assistance to enable their sons / daughters to continue with their Catholic education. Enabling more students to attend BSHS would also help the administration work towards one of their goals of increasing student enrollment.

The endowment fund that has been created will be administered by Bishop Shanahan's Institutional Advancement Office. The funds will be invested with the school's investment firm and the annual return of these invested funds will be used to provide financial assistance for students, as directed by the school's Finance Committee, and to also increase the fund by reinvesting a portion of the annual return.

Bishop Shanahan's administrators will be responsible for identifying and selecting the appropriate candidates using our initial student profile as a guide.

This profile includes:

- Strong desire and commitment to continue their Catholic education
- Commitment to continue practicing their Catholic faith
- Student does not need to be a high achieving student but one who is successful because of making the extra effort
- Creating and maintaining a faculty / student partnership
- Making a commitment to be an engaged student, including helping to assist others to succeed
- Participation in at least one extracurricular activity

Since we will not be involved in the student selection process, our recipient introduction will occur during the annual Benefactors' Breakfast in November. Attending this breakfast has become a tradition that we always look forward to since it provides us with the opportunity to communicate with our recipients. It also enables us to interact with other benefactors and their recipients over breakfast. Seeing and listening to the students discuss their achievements and longer term goals and objectives from year to year is most rewarding. It also brings back memories of our daughters as they were making the journey through their high school years.

In summation, we would like to offer a few thoughts about the legacy that will hopefully be created from the **Romano Family Endowment Scholarship Fund**. We are optimistic that this will encourage others to assist families in need, in any way possible, to provide a Catholic education for young men and women. As these students progress through their Catholic education we hope that it will provide them with the proper foundation to become responsible adults committed to their Catholic faith. We also believe that this will encourage these students to help others, at the appropriate time, so they can follow in Our Lord's footsteps.

Peace,
Vince & Helen Romano

For more information on establishing a scholarship, email giving@shanahan.org

NestFEST 2026

Our annual NestFEST spring fundraiser was held in April. This year's theme was "Denim & Diamonds!" The evening got started with a live performance by the "Shanahan House Band." The students rocked the house before the DJ and line dancing lessons kicked in! Guests enjoyed a great dinner, provided by Serock Catering, raffles, select silent auction items and a live auction. Proceeds from the event are used to support all Shanahan students in their Theology classes, clubs, activities, and more! Thank you to all who participated, volunteered, and donated to this special event.

A special congratulations to the Class of 1975, for bidding the highest of our alumni classes during the Alumni March Madness Challenge! Once again, they were the victors and the bus loop will remain "Class of 1975 Way"! Thank you to all the alumni that participated in this year's challenge! We appreciate your support!





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Capital Campaign Update

During the summer of 2025, the Soaring to New Heights campaign funding allowed for the installation of a new gymnasium floor, new lighting in the auditorium, and a new mixing board for the auditorium.

During the summer of 2026, the installation of a new track and turf was completed.

Soaring TO NEW HEIGHTS

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"With about 35% of Shanahan students receiving tuition assistance, the Endowment Fund Golf Outing Committee makes a significant contribution to our students by hosting this marquee tournament that is memorable to each and every participant. By moving the event to a Top 100 golf course in Stonewall, the excitement has never been higher about our part in the future of co-ed Catholic Education at Bishop Shanahan.

— Steve Manley P'17, '20, '23, '25, Chair of the Endowment Fund Golf Outing Committee

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President's Society Reception

This event brings together all President Society members ($1,000+ donors) and our Shanahan Legacy Society members to Bishop Shanahan on Mardi Gras. This year over 110 people enjoyed the evening, which was catered by Serock Catering – John Serock P'28, '30



Benefactor Breakfast

This annual fall event celebrates the connection between our scholarships, donors, EITC donors and the students whose lives they impact.



Eagle Classic

The 7th annual Eagle Classic golf outing supported the replacement of the track and turf field (Summer, 2026). This Fall 2025 outing had 112 golfers and netted over $12,000.



Craft Show

Early in December 2025, Bishop Shanahan welcomed over 150 vendors and almost 2000 community participants to the school for the annual Craft Show. Save the date for our next Craft Show on December 5th, 2026!



Designer Bag Bingo

Our main Fall 2025 friend and fundraising event was Designer Bag Bingo. This fun evening brought together about 200 people to support Shanahan students!

Your Support Keeps us Moving Forward!

The Shanahan Fund is our annual fund. We use these unrestricted dollars in two major areas. First is to cover expenses that tuition and public funding do not cover such as technology safety, mental health support, new learning opportunities, stronger faith formation, and transportation, just to name a few challenges.

The second is to enhance the experience of our students with extracurricular activities in the fine arts (band, art, musical, etc.), athletics, and in our numerous clubs. The progress and achievements at Shanahan are a direct result of your generosity and partnership. **Thank you for investing in Shanahan!**

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'24-'25	'24-'25
707	262



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on the latest BSHS reunions, alumni events, alumni socials, Homecoming and more happenings. Make sure we have your current home and email addresses. Send us your updated professional and educational information, achievements or awards, marriages, births, and any other news!

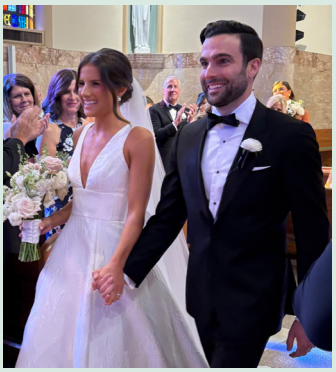
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What's New?

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!

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William J. Dolan '18 to **Sarah A. Fertal '18,** October 4, 2025
Marie P. Shurer '19 to Peter McHugh August 31, 2025



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Alex J. Cecco '13 to **Kate A. Regan '14**, June 6, 2026

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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 alumni, please email the Advancement Office (alumni@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).

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***"Shanahan was fundamental in my development as a Catholic. When my wife Shannon (also Class of 2008) and I married in 2014, we knew we wanted to send our children to Shanahan. Each year we return to Shanahan a few times (Homecoming football game, alumni mass, school play, etc.) with our seven children, who now can't wait to attend. We support the Shanahan Fund so that current and future Eagles get that great Shanahan experience that we received."* — Alex Byard '08**

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