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# TRADITION



Winter 2024





# Letter from the President/Principal



Dear JCA Community,  
 Days are going by fast as we move through another school year. Our first quarter is finished, and we are nearing the holidays, and the end of the first semester. As always, our students are making an impact within the walls of JCA... and out in their communities. We've already had a greatly successful Blood Drive, a Service Day, where our students directly helped several of our community partners, we've raised money for Breast Cancer Research, and we are nearing the end of our annual Food Drive, where we partner with local food pantries to stock their shelves as our days get colder. Service to the community is a hallmark within the Traditions of

the Carmelites and Franciscans, which we adhere to each day...to make our school better, our community better, and each other better.

Looking back at the class of 2024, we again are truly proud of our newest Alumni, as they had clearly made a difference through their voice and actions over their four years at the Academy. With a 100% graduation rate, 97% of our students moving on to college, and over 12 million in college scholarship dollars... this is impressive to say the least. But the more impressive statistic is the amount of dollars that they raised over their four years to service the poor, the amount of hours of service they participated in as students in and out of the classroom, and the amount of time and dedication they showed to JCA in making sure that the Traditions of the school and of past alumni are kept, which will set the standard for future classes.

In this season of Thanksgiving, I cannot say **Thank You** enough to those that have helped our school thrive. Through your generosity each year, we continue to grow our endowment which helps with financial aid, and we continue to set new highs with our Annual Appeal. It is through your kindness, compassion, and commitment to JCA, that we are able to see a strong enrollment and improvements to our building, thus offering the best environment for our students to learn. Over the past 10 years, we have raised over \$14 million for new windows and air conditioning, a new Chapel, a new Innovation Research Center, updates to our cafeteria, a Heritage Quad, honoring our Alumni, and overall improvements to roofs, classrooms, and hallways. I feel that we have the best school...the best students / families...the best faculty and staff...and the best Alumni in the nation.

I offer you nothing but blessings this holiday season, and I encourage you to **visit campus** and see what we are doing here at JCA. This is **YOUR** school, and I know that you are proud and will continue to be proud of our students and our legacy.

Blessings,

*Jeffrey R. Budz*

Dr. Jeffrey R. Budz  
 President / Principal

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## The Tradition of Academic Excellence Continues

The Joliet Catholic Academy Class of 2024 graduated on Sunday, May 19 in the JCA Student Activity Center. Earlier that week, JCA graduates took part in a Baccalaureate Liturgy and Honors Ceremony Mass led by Principal Celebrant the Most Reverend Bishop Ronald Hicks, at the Cathedral of St. Raymond. The Class of 2024 received awards highlighting the numerous accolades they garnered during their high school careers. Sunday's graduation culminated in JCA's newest graduates walking the stage and receiving their diplomas.

JCA's most prestigious award recognizes the two students who have upheld the highest standards of honesty and reliability, courtesy, concern, and respect for others, have carried out their accepted responsibilities with enthusiasm and dedication, influenced their peers by their positive attitudes, and have given witness to the Gospel values.

**JCA Angel of the Year Award:** Claire Blotnik

**JCA Hillman of the Year Award:** Nathan Novak

Each year the Administration of Joliet Catholic academy selects the Valedictorian and Salutatorian of the senior class. This year's outstanding nominees were:

**Valedictorian:** Jordan Reeves

**Salutatorian:** Tristan Paul

Each year the JCA Athletic Department honors students who demonstrated both academic and athletic achievement.

**Scholar Athlete Award:** Jordan Reeves and Jack Oswalt

The JCA Spirit Award recognizes students who have displayed academic excellence, school spirit, cooperation, loyalty, and service to the JCA community.

**JCA Spirit Award:** Tessa Bebar and Jacob Gimbel

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## Joliet Catholic Academy Students Excel On AP Exams

Joliet Catholic Academy is celebrating a remarkable achievement in academic excellence.

The school, which offers a curriculum featuring 15 Advanced Placement courses, has seen exceptional results on the recent AP exams.

A total of 243 exams were completed by students in May of 2024. AP exams are graded on a scale of 1 to 5, with a score of 3 or higher typically granting college credit.

"Joliet Catholic Academy administration and teachers are thrilled that 75% of our students have passed the AP exams with a score of 3 or higher, which means those students will be receiving college credit for those courses," said Jackie Pullara, School Counselor and AP Coordinator.

At JCA, Advanced Placement courses are available to juniors and seniors in various subjects, including English, U.S. Government, Calculus, Biology, European History, U.S. History, Chemistry, Statistics, Spanish, and French.



Joliet Catholic Academy, committed to academic excellence, offers a diverse curriculum designed to meet the unique needs of each student. By placing students in academic programs aligned with their strengths, JCA empowers them to reach their full intellectual potential.

JCA student Heavenly Sarfo, Class of 2025, can attest to this. When she first selected her junior year courses in the spring of 2023, Sarfo immediately checked the box next to AP United

States History.

"Not because of the course itself, but because of the teacher," she said. "I previously had Mr. Midlock as my freshman year World History teacher, and it was by far my favorite class. Though I knew AP U.S. History would be a much harder course than freshman history, I knew that if any teacher would make it exciting and fun to learn, it'd be Mr. Midlock. And I was right. Though I didn't understand a lot of the material in the beginning of my junior year, through practice, feedback, and engaging lessons, I was able to fully prepare myself for the AP exam and pass it."

## Homecoming 2024: "Under the Sea"

The Class of 2025's Homecoming Court was announced during JCA's annual Homecoming Week (September 15-21). The week began with the annual Senior Bowl Flag Football Game and then included "Spirit Days" (daily dress down themes for the student body), and an All-School Homecoming Pep Rally, a Super Shadow Day, Parade, Homecoming Football Game, and the annual Homecoming Dance. JCA students danced the night away with this year's "Under the Sea" themed dance. The JCA Homecoming Court was announced at the beginning of the week and this year's King and Queen were announced in front of the student body at the Pep Rally. JCA seniors Sam Kottman and Ellie Blotnik were crowned King and Queen. Additional members of



this year's JCA Homecoming Court included Nora Buss, Elizabeth Cardwell, Olivia Chovanec, Addison Fanter, Liddia Koren, Michael Brow, Nathan Magrini, Thomas Pawlowski, Nicholas Ronchetti, and Daniel Rouse.

## Day of Service

*Matthew 25:40 ~ Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.*

The students at JCA perform a minimum of 60 hours of community service during their four years of high school. JCA Service Day 2024 was a great success and once again, our senior class showed up and worked hard. This year, they visited the Will County Forest Preserve and helped to remove invasive species and clean up the Theodore Street Marsh. Two groups worked on home builds for Habitat For Humanity, hanging drywall and preparing a walkway. Our group at the Habitat ReStore assembled furniture to prepare for sale. At Sharefest Will County, students packed boxes for an upcoming giveaway for hundreds of families. And at Willow Falls, after some fall landscaping clean up, our seniors helped the residents with a jewelry making craft. Everywhere they went, JCA represented with purpose, compassion and Christ's love to everyone they worked for and met.



## For the 3rd year in a row, JCA has been accepted to be a Microsoft Showcase School!

Showcase Schools are an elite group of schools that exemplify the best of teaching and learning in the world today. Only a few institutions earn this designation. Microsoft Showcase Schools are pioneers in education. They are part of an exclusive global community, recognized and celebrated for educational transformation that includes vision and innovation in teaching, learning, and preparing students for the future.



## Brown and Blue BBQ

On September 14th we had our 2nd Annual Brown & Blue BBQ. Parents, Alumni and Friends joined at the Heritage Quad under the brilliance of our Victory Light. The night was full of live music, food and fellowship. We look forward to bringing everyone together next year!



**AIMEE BATCHELOR** - STUDENT SERVICES COUNSELOR

**THERESA FARIAS** - THEOLOGY TEACHER

**SARINA DURA** - MAIN OFFICE RECEPTIONIST

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**JOSHUA LOPEZ** - SPANISH TEACHER

**SARAH SZAMBELAN** - DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

**MEGAN WILLIAMS** - ENGLISH TEACHER



## JCA Fall Spirit Raffle

The JCA Fall Spirit Raffle concluded yesterday with the official drawing. Each year, the Spirit Raffle is a supporting activity that helps reduce overall tuition by bridging the gap between tuition and the full cost to educate students.

What a great day to spread some happy news to people who support JCA! Congratulations to our winners!

1. **\$15,000 winner – Norma Berman**  
(sold by Cheyenne Kafka)
2. **\$5,000 winner – Corey Allen**  
(brother of Addi Allen)
3. **\$2,500 winner – Kristie Stonebook**  
(sold by Madison Suhadolc)

*Top Student Sellers (one student at JCA):*

- 1st Place - Frank Schuler
- 2nd Place - Sophia Anastopoulos
- 3rd Place - Elijah Pedraza
- 4th Place - Armani Avila
- 5th Place - Carmela Cook
- 6th Place - Brock Melnick

*Top Student Sellers*

- (two or more students at JCA):
- 1st Place - Eleanor & Amelia Knick
  - 2nd Place - Alyssa & Caleb Rowland

A special thank you to the following JCA moms who helped with the Raffle return:

- Katie Leeders
- Paula Beattie
- Suzanne Schuler
- Linda Corsi
- Lisa Roberts
- Natalie Engel and student helper, Maddie Engel

To everyone who sold a raffle ticket, purchased a ticket or supported this fundraising event, JCA sincerely thanks you!



## Heritage All-School Mass

We were blessed to have Fr. Michael Joyce, O. Carm. on campus on October 2nd to celebrate our All-School Heritage Mass along with two Carmelites, Fr. Tracy O'Sullivan and Br. Eduardo Vega Paniagua. Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist were installed, freshmen and transfer students were invested with the Carmelite scapular, and new faculty members were given a San Damiano Cross. We are thankful to all who helped with this liturgy so that our JCA family could come together to honor the contributions of our co-sponsors, the Carmelites and Joliet Franciscan Sisters.



## JCA inducts 10th Hall of Champions-Athletics Class

JCA's Hall of Champions pays tribute to the boys and girls athletes, coaches and contributors from the three schools that make up JCA: De La Salle (1920-1933), Joliet Catholic High School (1933-1989) and St. Francis Academy (1869-1989). JCA was established July 1, 1990. Joliet Catholic Academy has announced its tenth Hall of Champions class, which continues to speak to the depth of tradition and talent on and off the playing fields that the Angels and Hilltoppers have produced over the years.

### Carl Hunckler '76

- Three-sport athlete at Joliet Catholic High School. Earned eight varsity letters in baseball, basketball and football.
- Player on JCHS first State Championship football team in 1975
- Teacher at JCHS from 1980 through 1989. Also coached baseball and football during that time.
- Summer League Coach of the Year in 1996
- 2008 IHSBCA Hall of Fame inductee
- Six DuPage Valley Conference Championships
- 595 varsity baseball victories combined (JCHS / NNHS)



### Christie Seddon '07

- Three-sport athlete at JCA from 2003-2007
- Softball ESCC All-Conference 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007
- Softball Daily Southtown All-Area 1st team 2005, 2006, 2007
- Softball Herald News All-Area 1st team 2006, 2007 & 2nd team 2005
- Volleyball 3rd and 4th Place finishes; Herald News All-Area 2nd team 2006
- UIC Softball 3-year starter; one of fielding percentage leaders in 2010, 2011
- UIC Softball Academic Achievement Award - highest GPA 2009, 2010



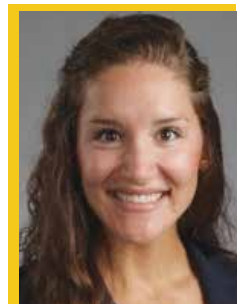
### Joe Rodeghero '72

- 1989-1996 JCA head varsity baseball coach with a record of 172 wins and 52 losses
- 1990 JCA Baseball State Class AA 2nd Place
- 1994 JCA Baseball State AA State Champions
- 1999 IHSA Baseball Class AA Coach of the Year
- 2005 IHSBCA Hall of Fame inductee
- 2013-2024 baseball varsity assistant coach, State Champions in 2013, 2022, 2023
- 2023 Lewis University Coaches Academy Hall of Fame inductee



### Gina Vera '09

- 2006 JCA 3A Girls Volleyball State 3rd Place
- Holds JCA records; 1st in single season assists & 1st in career assists with 1,631
- 2008 JCA 3A Girls Volleyball State Champion
- 2008 JCA Herald News Player of the Year
- 2008 USA Volleyball All-American on the UNO Volleyball team
- 2008 ESCC All-Conference team; 2nd All-State Team Chicago Tribune & Sun-Times
- 2009 Horizon League All-Newcomer Team at Butler University
- 2010 Horizon League Women's Volleyball Champion and All-Tournament Team at Butler University
- 8th All-Time in Butler volleyball history in assists and 10th All-Time in single season assists



### Francis Ruettiger

- Lettered in three sports at Providence High School - football, baseball and wrestling
- Founded "Rudy's Gym" in 1974 and still operates this facility
- From 1985 through 1991, Rudy was the strength coach at Northwestern University
- In 1977, he coached the defensive line and became the strength coach for the Hillmen football team
- Rudy was a member of the football coaching staff when the Hillmen captured eight state championships
- He is a 26-time World Champion Powerlifter holding 72 world records
- Go Hill!

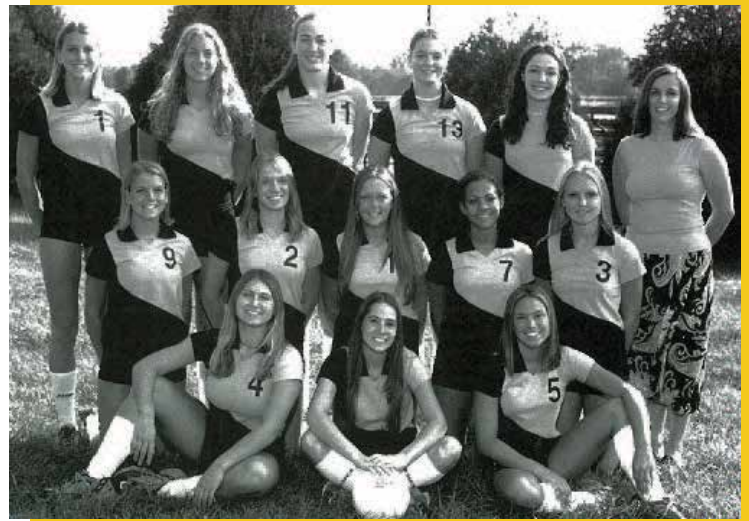




## Pom National Champions '86, '87, '88, '90

Julia Lenci Adamic, Katherine Senffner Atassi, Michelle Lucenta Bohn, Stephanie Myers Bolek, Rebecca Stonitsch Boyter, Kristine Kaducak Cardamone, Colleen Clarke, Kerri Lundeen Courtright, Jennifer DeGeus, Angela Kobe Delgado, Melissa Dixon, Coleen Ward Franklin, Julie Futterer, Rebecca Tyler Graf, Gina D'Amico Huber, Cary Sienko Jenkins, Keri Bruno Johnson, Chris Summerwell Johnson, Angie Ladas Kapellas, Jamie Kempes, Elizabeth King, Sarah Kane Kuehl, Dana Lawnzak, Pamela Lodewyck Leonardy, Debra MacDowell Lockwood, Dana Jaszczak Luedke, Lynn Sako Marchio, Sara Hinze Marconi, Michele Midlock Mason, Missy Masters, Caroline Matheus, Christine Horvat McCabe, Julie Periu McMahon, Jeanne Johnston Meier, Angela Dernulc Munch, Susan Naiden, Kathleen Carey Newcomb, Lisa O'Brien Niewolny, Jennifer Lenci Nowak, Jennifer Morse Pablo, Sara Swinford Papp, Penny Cave Petersen, Susan Coughlin Raasch, Anne Tyler Ricca, Anglie Hondros Rousonelos, Joanne Kao Shirley, Melissa Reeves Stancy, Amy Maday Stefanich, Gina Ragusa Tacchia, Sally Takacs, Kathleen Sengenberger Tezak, Erin Chapman Tibbott, Christine Fitzgerald Toborg, Victoria Dillon Totani, Gina Vancina, Sheri Ladas Voss, Jennifer Kolar Walter, Susan Ward, Lisa Mass Widlowski, Erin McCarthy Zymali, Cindy Thomas, Coach.

- Under the guidance of Cindy Thomas, the dance team won four UDS National Championships in 1986, 1987, 1988, 1990
- Invited by ESPN to perform at the Peach Bowl
- Sara Hinze was named Miss Illinois Pom and Lisa O'Brien was Junior Miss
- In 1988, the Angels finished 2nd in the state and again went to Nationals and took 1st Place in jazz
- In 1990, the Angels were National Champions in both jazz and poms
- Cindy Thomas notes, "The girls represented their school and program and left a positive legacy."



## Girls Volleyball State Champions '03

Maggie Karges, Lauren Las, Kaitlyn Trizna, Allie Quigley (WNBA), Mallory Little, Samantha Quigley, Katie Muren, Emily Soto, Kara Grossklaus, Joslyn Brown, Jayme Fitzgerald, Emily Jungles, Megan Paul, Stephanie Budde, and Kim Paprockas

- The Angels were coached by Christine Scheibe, a Hall of Fame inductee
- The Angels volleyball team became the 1st girls program to win a State Championship in school history
- At that time, it was the best record, the most wins and the 3rd trophy in program history
- Playing in the state's largest class, the Angels went 3-0 in Normal, shocking Mother McAuley, the Angels set the standard for teams to follow



## Baseball State Champions '94

Kai Freeman, Joe O'Brien, Joel Filas, Kevin Quinn, Greg Bailey, Mike Sopko, Jon Fidler, Tony Capista, Scott Parker, Scott Siebert, Brian Brenzewski, Doug Cowan, Steven Stamm, Brian Buchar, Ray Wilda, Matt Narducci, Scott Siebert, Dustin Pirc, Joe Pullara, Greg Brown, Kyle Wills, Courtney Fox, Sean Kennedy, Larry Whitgrove

- Won the Class AA Championship in 1994 with a 10-0 win over Morton in the finals
- Coached by Joe Rodeghero, Jim Thomas, Lee Capista and Leo Michalak, JCA finished with a 35-5 record in 1994
- The 1994 team defeated three number one teams during the baseball season: Andrew, Thornwood and Andean Catholic



## Football State Champions '03

Joseph Adler, Anthony Alonzo, John Anastopoulos, Kevin Bayci, Jason Blatti, Bradley Bourg, Kevin Boyd, Timothy Brown, Robert Buchanan, Sean Burns, Patrick Byrne, Christopher Clancy, Matthew Clementi, Timothy Collins, Daniel Costigan, Zachary Duffy, Alexander Duffy, Jon Eastman, Michael Fabian, Thomas Gruben, Daniel Grubisich, Matthew Gurka, Eric Hibler, John Honiotes, Michael Hooks, Colin Hooks, Nate Hudetz, Elliot Jackson, James Jadron, Jeffrey Janicki, Nicholas Jaworski, Christopher Jeske, Michael Johnston, Sean Kennedy, John Kiernan, Kurt Kleeman, Andrew Kolodziej, Charles Kozlowski, Michael Latz, Nicholas Lynch, Erik Madsen, William McKeon, Daniel Miller, Mark Morris, David Nelson, Kevin Platt, Patrick Prehn, Kyle Prieboy, Matthew Riffel, Scott Robinson, Joseph Salles, Adam Saxen, Eric Sorg, Joseph



# Hall of Champions

Stasko, Dane Thayer, Christopher Thomas, Anthony Tomich, Jacob Trader, Christopher Vidmar, Eric Wetstein, Kevin Wright, Jake Ziesmer

Head Coach Dan Sharp, Coach Mel Deskin, Coach Barry Dean, Coach Dave Douglas, Coach Rick Raasch, Coach Dave Seneker, Coach Cory McLaughlin, Francis Ruettiger

- Loaded with future Division 1 players, the 2003 football team, coached by Dan Sharp, ended the season with a 24-21 victory

- over Sacred Heart Griffin in the Class 5A State Championship game
- Northwestern bound linebacker Chris Jeske along with Kurt Kleeman, Andrew Kolodziej, Jim Jadron, Brad Bourg and Bobby Buchanan were the captains
- Ended season with 8-1 record with the only loss to State 6A Champions, Carmel
- This team allowed only six points in the first quarter all season

## JCA inducts 1st Hall of Champions - Service Class

The mission of the Hall of Champions: Service is to honor SFA, JCHS, and JCA graduates for their commitment to serving others and the overall JCA community. With over 24,100 alumni and counting, the lessons instilled by both the Carmelites and Franciscans over JCA's 155-year history of Catholic education in the Joliet community has consistently cultivated leaders that have produced a world-wide impact. The Carmelite and Franciscan charism of living in service to others inspires the JCA community, its graduates, parents, and staff members to help people find God's presence in their lives and in the world. The God of all life is everywhere and we find — and help others discover — God's presence in every person, experience, and event.

### **Sister Anna Marie Becker, OSF '35** *(in loving memory)*

- Graduated from St. Francis Academy, 1935
- Bachelor's degree from the College of St. Francis, 1939
- Teacher at St. Francis de Sales High School, IL, 1939-1943
- Final profession of vows, August 1941
- Teacher at St. Peter, Mansfield, OH, 1943-1951
- Teacher at SS. Peter and Paul, Chicago, IL 1951-1953
- Teacher at St. Francis Academy, Joliet, IL, 1953-1954
- Master's degree from Marquette University, 1954
- Teacher/Alumnae Moderator at St. Francis Academy, Joliet, IL, 1954-1991
- Assistant in the Alumni Office at Joliet Catholic Academy, Joliet, IL, 1991-1995
- Alumni Consultant at Joliet Catholic Academy, Joliet, IL, 1995-2002
- Special Ministry, 2002-2006



### **Sue Bornhofen**

- Executive Director/Owner of the Jacob Henry Mansion Estate (national, state and local landmark) - 32 years
- Joliet Region Chamber Of Commerce Outstanding Small Business Award - 2005
- The City of Joliet Preservation Award - 2006
- CareerSource Small Business Award - 2008
- Bride's Choice Award of Brides Chicago Weddings Magazine - 2010
- The Best of The Knot Weddings - 2010-2023
- The Best of The Knot Weddings Hall of Fame Award



- Project Acclaim, Hall of Pride Award - 2016
- The Herald News Best of Will County "Best Banquet Hall" Award - 2016-2023
- Recognitions & Awards
- Joliet Township High School Superintendent's Medallion - 2017
- Joliet Catholic Academy President's Award - 2009
- Zonta International, Women of Distinction Award - 2007
- Joliet Catholic Academy Honorary Alumna of The Year Award - 2006
- Joliet Chamber Council for Working Women Athena Award Winner - 2017
- Big Brothers Big Sisters Defender of The Year 2021

### • Community Service

Kiwanis International, Exchange Club, Visitation & Aid Society, City Center Partnership, Joliet Region Chamber of Commerce, Will Buy Locally, Joliet Park District Foundation Board, Will County Center for Economic Development Diplomat, Presence St. Joseph's Hospital Foundation Board, Guardian Angel Home Board Member, First Presbyterian Church Elder and Session Member, Cathedral Area Preservation Association, Joliet Catholic Academy Jubilate Chair - 2007 & 2008

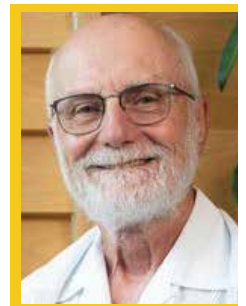
### **Kathy Hibner**

- JCA Parent Association Board 2009-2024
- Served on JCA Strategic Planning Committee
- JCA Parent Board President 3 years
- Mentor to new families
- Cathedral of St. Raymond School Board President 2 Years
- Cathedral of St. Raymond Day of Service Coordinator



### **Dr. John Kahler '65**

- Joliet Catholic High School 1965 graduate
- Pediatric residency at Cook County Hospital, Chicago, 1973 to 1976
- Attending physician Cook County Hospital, 1976 to 2010
- Medical degree in 1973 from the University of Illinois in Chicago
- Medical Director, Will County Community Health Center
- American Human Rights Council, Dearborn, Michigan, Spirit of Humanity Award, April 2016
- Syrian American Medical Society, Sarajevo, Bosnia Humanitarian Award, June 2016
- George Bush Point of Light Foundation, November 2017
- Chicagoan of the Year, Chicago Magazine, 2016







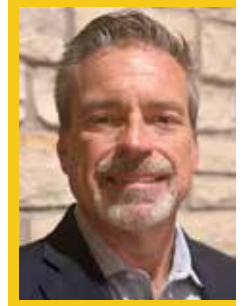
- American Red Cross, Chicago, Disaster Services Hero, 2017
- JCA Alumni Association, Career Achievement Award, 2020

### Amy (Lausch '87) & Ken Mihelich '83

- Ken '83 JCHS; Amy '87 SFA
- They served on the Jubilate Committee for 10 years (including co-chair couple in 2019 & 2020) and 6 years on the JCA Parent Board
- He sits on the JCA Board of Directors and has served on the JCA Finance Committee for over 20 years
- Proud Parents of Jacob ('18), Zora ('19), Olivia ('22), Sophia ('24) & Lila ('27)
- She worked at JCA in the Admissions and Alumni offices from 1996-2001 and later served on the Board of Directors and Marketing Committee



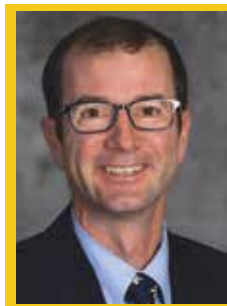
- 2002 MBA from the University of St. Francis
- Husband to Nicole and proud father to Luke ('22) & Emerson ('24)
- Served as President of the JCA Board of Directors
- Volunteers for numerous service & charitable organizations
- Coached and volunteered for his children's athletic, academic and social activities



*"Do you know of someone deserving of a Hall of Champions – Athletics, Business & Industry or Service honor? Nominations for Athletics can be submitted via email to JCA Athletic Director, Jim O'Brien - [jobrien@jca-online.org](mailto:jobrien@jca-online.org) or for Business & Industry or Service to JCA Director of Alumni Relations, Sue Bebar – [sbebar@jca-online.org](mailto:sbebar@jca-online.org). Nominations can also be mailed to their attention at JCA – 1200 N. Larkin Ave., Joliet, IL 60435.*

### Dr. Tim Schuster '90

- Providing medical care for underserved global communities (Global Surgical Expedition Belize Trip Leader, 2013-present)
- American Urological Association Humanitarian Award recipient
- Promedica Innovation Award recipient
- Silver Cystoscope Award for Outstanding Medical Resident Teaching and Mentorship
- Founder, Matt Sicinski Memorial Scholarship at Joliet Catholic Academy



### Rev. Jeffery R. Smialek, O. Carm.

- First vows to the Order of Carmelites: May 2001
- Ordained a Priest: May 2007
- Campus Minister & faculty member at Salpointe Catholic HS, Tucson, AZ 2001-2003, 2007-2011
- Campus Minister, faculty member, department chair, assistant lacrosse coach at Joliet Catholic Academy 2011-2022
- Pastor, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Darien, IL 2022-present



### Max Ziesmer '90

- Third generation and lifelong Hillman
- 1990 graduate, Hillman of the Year and last graduate from the Hill
- 1994 North Central College Graduate



**"JCAcasino Royale"** – Jubilate will be celebrating its 40th Year on **Saturday, March 22, 2025**, at Bolingbrook Golf Club. Please mark your calendars, gather your friends, and get ready for an Elegant Evening of Chance! Having a Vegas State of Mind will open the door for you to enjoy live and silent auctions, raffles, dinner, dancing, and gaming. Get ready to try your luck at roulette, roll the dice when playing craps, and get a winning hand dealt to you in poker and blackjack. Jubilate's Co-Chair couples, *Tracy & Brian Zabel* and *Kristen & Darrel Swienton*, will be your pit bosses at our Casino Night at the Club. The Jubilate committee will open the door for you to experience a Lucky Night Under Vegas Lights as they transform the surroundings of Bolingbrook Golf Club with their creativity and style. So Let the Good Times Roll and get ready for JCAcasino Royale at Jubilate on March 22, 2025! **Please contact Mrs. Christine Voss with questions: [cvoss@jca-online.org](mailto:cvoss@jca-online.org).**

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# Athletics - Winter Wrap-Up

By: Randy Whalen

When discussing winter sports at Joliet Catholic Academy, boys wrestling has taken over at the top of the list.

The Hilltoppers had another great season in 2023-24. But they didn't wrestle for a state championship for the first time in three seasons. They lost to the eventual Class 3A State Champion, Mount Carmel by a score of 33-26 in a quarterfinal matchup.



Individually Dillan Johnson became a four-time state champion by winning another heavyweight title. Also placing at state in the Class 3A individual tournament for JCA was sophomore Jason Hampton, who was second at 120 pounds, freshman Max Cumbee, who was fifth at 113, sophomore Luke Hamiti, who placed fifth at 157, senior Max Corral took sixth at 165 pounds, and junior Nico Ronchetti placed sixth at 190 pounds.

In girls' wrestling, the Angels qualified two people for the State Finals: senior Cheya Bishop, who went 1-2 at 170 pounds, and junior Grace Laird, who went 2-2 at 120 pounds.

Wrestling wasn't the only sport with state success. The JCA Competitive Dance team was outstanding once again, taking fourth in the state in Class 1A with a score of 89.01.

It's the seventh straight season that the Angels have been at state. But this was under the guidance of first-year head coach Maddy Smietanski, who is also simultaneously the head coach of competitive dance at the University of St. Francis.

The Angels made the largest point increase from sectionals to IHSA State Day 1 in history. That was 82.73 at sectionals and 90.40 in the Preliminary Round at State, which put them in first at that time. The finals are a whole separate score and JCA finished fourth.

Following the season, one of the captains, senior Tess Bebar, signed a National Letter of Intent to continue her competitive dance career at Miami of Ohio.

The competitive cheer team made it back to state this past winter. Under the coaching of Kristen Stuckwisch, it was the third straight season JCA made it to state. Advancing in the Small Team Division



out of the Hinsdale South Sectional, the Angels placed 22nd at the State Finals with a score of 81.04. They had a third-place finish in the sectional (86.43).

In boys swimming, junior Adam Kafka won the 200-yard freestyle race with a time of 1 minute:52.01 seconds at the Sandburg Sectional and qualified for state. At the State Finals, he improved his time by nearly two seconds to 1:50.27.



After being around the .500 mark the previous two seasons, the JCA boys basketball team fell to a 10-20 record over the winter. The tough East Suburban Catholic Conference schedule was the culprit.

But the Hilltoppers won their first games at the Class 2A Westmont Regional and gave an undefeated Beecher team all it could handle in the regional title game, before losing 64-55. Senior Drew Wills (18 points) and junior JJ Sterrett (15 points) led the way.

In girls basketball, the Angels had a season of transition and finished 5-27. But they didn't go down in the postseason without a battle, losing 48-40 to Seneca (17-15) in the semifinals of the Class 2A Chicago Christian Regional.



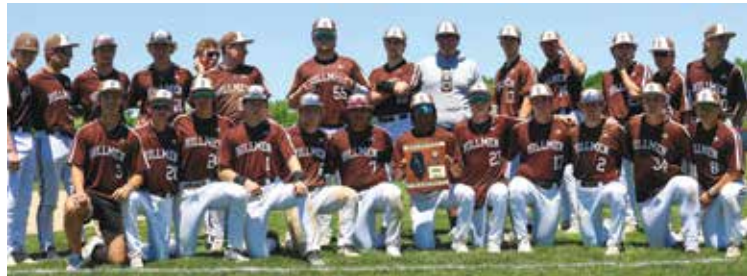
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# Athletics - Spring Wrap-Up



By: Randy Whalen

Every season can't end with a state title. That doesn't mean it still wasn't a success.



The Joliet Catholic Academy baseball team had captured back-to-back Class 2A State Championships. Moving up to Class 3A this spring, the Hilltoppers wanted another one. While they lost in the sectional final, there were still outstanding things in the season.

The Hilltoppers finished 29-6 and won the Class 3A Pontiac Regional Championship. Along the way, JCA repeated as 1340 AM WJOL Will County's News Talk Sports Don Ladas Memorial Tournament Champions. Went 10-2 against a grueling East Suburban Catholic Conference schedule to be runner-up there. The team finished No. 12 overall in the Prep Baseball Report Illinois Final Power 25 Ranking after being ranked No. 2 overall for a majority of the season. The Hilltoppers also Peaked at No. 39 in the National Top 50.

Receiving ESCC accolades were senior left-handed pitcher Jake Gimbel as Pitcher of the Year. Senior first baseman Jake Troyner was named Co-Offensive Player of the Year. Also making All-Conference was senior third baseman Jose Granados, senior outfielder, Zach Beitler, junior catcher Zach Pomatto, and sophomore shortstop Lucas Simulick.

On the lower levels, the Hilltopper junior varsity and freshman teams both finished at the top of the ESCC conference standings. The junior varsity finished 18-8 overall; 10-2 in ESCC play. The freshmen finished 17-5 overall and 7-2 in ESCC play.

In 2021, the Angels softball team played for the Class 2A state championship and finished as runner-up. While this spring didn't bring the same sort of playoff run, JCA still had a nice season, going 17-9, including 8-4, and placing third in the East Suburban Catholic Conference.



Making ESCC All-Conference were senior outfielder Madison Patrick and sophomore infielder Addison Rizzatto, who were both repeat selections. Junior infielder Addison Fanter and senior designated hitter Sydney Walker were both first-time selections.

At the Class 2A Girls Track and Field State Finals, JCA had 8 points. Those were registered by sophomore Symone Holman (5.38 meters) who placed second in the long jump.

Also making the preliminaries at state was Holman in the 100-meter dash, sophomore Ella Heinen in the 800-meter run, senior Claire Blotnik in the 1600-meter run, and the foursome of

freshman Mary Kate Moran along with seniors Sophia Mihelich, Jordan Reeves, and Annie Tibbott in the 4x800 relay.

At the Class 2A Boys Track and Field State Finals, the Hilltoppers had 5 points and made the finals in four events. Those were registered by senior Nathan Ciarlette with a PR time of 4:18.20 and a fifth place finish in the 1600 meter final and junior HJ Grigsby with a distance of 6.50 meters and an 11th place finish in the long jump. Also competing in the finals for JCA was freshman Dylan Travis, who placed 32nd with a distance of 12.42



meters in the triple jump, and junior Nate Magrini, who was 33rd in the shot put with a throw of 13.25 meters.

Individually, Grigsby and junior Michael Brow, who had a PR time of 11.04 seconds, were at state in the 100-meter dash prelims. Also, senior Nathan Ciarlette had a time of 4:26.04 in the 1600-meter 2A preliminaries.

A pair of Hilltopper relays were also at state. Those

were senior TJ Rzasa, Brow, sophomore Craig Peacock, and Grigsby in the 4x100 relay. Also, sophomores Giuliani Verdini and Chris Corsi, along with seniors Darian Arteaga and Nathan Ciarlette came in with a time of 8:39.99 in the 4x800 relay preliminaries.

In boys tennis, both of the Hilltoppers doubles teams advanced to state. That was senior Andy Munoz and junior Ryan Streitz, along with seniors Matthew Sojka and Connor Neville.

JCA hosted its own sectional and finished with 13 points to place second behind Lemont (24). Munoz and Streitz defeated Sojka and Neville 6-2, 7-6 (3) in the sectional third-place match.

In boys' volleyball, the Hilltoppers were hit hard by graduation from the previous season when they went 27-8. But in the spring of 2024, they fell to 8-26 and 2-6 in the East Suburban Catholic Conference.

Miles Czerkies made All-Conference. JCA hosted its own regional but lost to Benet Academy 25-20, 25-16 in a quarterfinal match.

The girls' soccer team had some struggles, finishing 2-18 on the season. But the two victories were both shutouts. Those were a 3-0 win over Marian Catholic in an East Suburban Conference match. Also, the Angels won a regional semifinal game.

That was a 7-0 victory over the host Knights in the Class 1A Chicago Christian Regional. The Angels fell to Peotone 3-0 in the regional title match. Senior midfielder and captain Ella Dwyer led in goals and made All-Conference. Freshman midfielder Syndell Ocegueda was the assist leader.

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## 1990 Catholic High Baseball squad set the tone for three decades of Hilltopper success

By: Gary Seymour

After what could be thought of as a three-year rain delay, the 30-year reunion of the 1990 baseball season at Joliet Catholic High School took place last September at Inwood Golf Course.

Originally slated for the autumn of 2020, the celebration was scuttled due to the nationwide health-related lockdown of social gatherings.

The dinner-and-drinks bash was worth the long wait, though, as players, coaches and well-wishers from that special time met in "The Tent" at Inwood to recount an unforgettable season-long run.

"For a first-year head coach, it was the perfect group," recalled Joe Rodeghero, who led the Hilltoppers to the state championship game in his debut season at the varsity helm. "These guys loved each other."

The good vibes and fellowship among the group were as strong in 2023 as in the spring of '90, when beginnings, endings, pleasant surprises and close calls were the order of the day.

The doors of all-boys Catholic High were closing in 1990 in preparation for the merger with all-girls St Francis Academy to become the co-ed Joliet Catholic Academy by which the school has since been known.

For Rodeghero, it was the start of a coaching career that would ultimately include a win-loss record of 582-214 and induction into both the Illinois High School Association Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame, the East Suburban Catholic Conference Hall of Fame and the Lewis University Coaches Hall of Fame.

For assistant coach Dan McCarthy, it was the final season with the Hilltoppers before moving on to Ottawa Marquette. McCarthy, along with highly respected veteran pitching coach Leo Michalak, was instrumental in the development of the '90 Hillmen club that finished 25-6.

Naturally for the senior players, it was the end of the line as high school athletes ... and what a finishing act they had in store.

"It was the best year of baseball I've ever been a part of," said pitcher Tim Ciesla, the Player of the Year in the talent-heavy ESCC and Most Valuable Player at the state tournament. "Coach Rod believed in us from Day One."

At the reunion Ciesla took his turn behind



the mic after his battery mate, Mike Cardwell, kicked off the evening's festivities as the emcee. Cardwell, the catcher and cleanup hitter in Rodeghero's lineup, recounted the uncommon tightness of the group.

"The guys on the bench all supported whoever was on the field," he said. "It was really a close-knit team."

Nametags may have seemed a needless formality for a group of such close familiarity, but the stick-on IDs removed any doubts about who was whom that the passing of 33 years may have presented. One of those IDs also provided a funny, if wistful, reminder of the pivotal moment on which the outcome of the title game swung.

"The Guy Who Hit The Fair Ball" read the nametag on the shirt of Marc Chignoli, a reference to his would-be extra base hit that was ruled foul and killed a burgeoning Hilltoppers rally.

In addition to Chignoli, Cardwell and Ciesla, all of the other Hilltopper starters – Brett Brenzewski, Dave English, Brent "Curly" McGraw, Mike Pitak and Brian Szerak – were all on board at banquet, as well as valuable utility players Kevin Callans and Max Ziesmer and equipment manager Pat Keating.

Jim Barello, the Hilltoppers' athletic director during that season, also attended, as did Jack Schimanski, who as head baseball coach in 1988 led the Hillmen to the state quarterfinals.

Ciesla and Cardwell detailed the various high points of the season, and how the lack of wider notice from the nominal "experts" served as motivation. Rodeghero may have been all-in with this group from the first day of practice, but for the Illinois pollsters it took a little more convincing.

Nowhere to be found in the Chicagoland Top 25 for much of the season – or even the "Up and Coming" appendix to the Top 25 – the Hillmen finally broke through after wins over ranked powers Mundelein Carmel,

Lockport and Oak Park River Forest.

By the time they'd advanced to the state tournament in Springfield, the Hillmen were at the top of the ratings heap.

The 4-1 extra-inning loss to Edwardsville in the championship game was agonizing enough, in that when it mattered most, Ciesla was at his best. He threw a one-hitter over seven innings against an Edwardsville club that batted .370 as a team and was ranked No. 17 in the country by USA Today.

Making the loss even more disheartening was the feeling that it could have been a different story, and maybe should have been. Chignoli's fifth-inning line shot to left field appeared to be a run-scoring extra-base hit that may have broke open the game, but was ruled a foul ball.

Asked at the reunion about his telltale at-bat, the guy who hit the fair ball was magnanimous.

"You win some, you lose some, and some days the calls don't go your way," Chignoli said. "That's baseball."

It's also a broader allegory. Rodeghero infused in his team the understanding that defeat is a bruise, not a tattoo, and that a strong moral chassis can help absorb the speed bumps that life will be throwing their way.

The coach who believed in his first team from the first day would go on to lead the 1994 JCA squad to the state championship – a first for Hilltoppers baseball – and serve as an assistant to Jared Voss' state title winners in 2013, 2022 and 2023. All were cherished experiences in a rewarding career that began with an extraordinary group in 1990.

"These guys were great kids, and today they're exemplary men," their coach said at the reunion. "Good, honest family men who reflect Catholic values. I'll never forget my first team as long as I live. They're champions in life. That's all that counts in the world."

Fair enough.

*In loving memory of Bill Jenkins*



## Author's Corner:

### Chris Sarcletti - JCA '92

Chris Sarcletti is a Chicagoland area-based author and risk management professional who has a passion for learning. His lifelong experiences have helped him accumulate knowledge and broaden his perspectives on a wide variety of topics. His experiences have brought him to countries on numerous continents as well as across much of North America. This includes National Parks and big cities, but he also enjoys exploring less visited and off the beaten path locations where he can "really" get local. He enjoys spending time with family, particularly when they are being active outside and amidst nature and enjoys finding the aspect of every place that is unique. In addition to traveling and exploring, he loves concerts and all things music and enjoys listening to podcasts on a wide variety of topics, often listening along while taking long walks, exercising and cooking.



Chris Sarcletti

Chris has written three different travel-related books which can be purchased on Amazon: Bits and Pieces of a Tasty World; See, Live, Eat; and A Family Travels As One. Please visit Chris's website at [www.seeliveeat.com](http://www.seeliveeat.com) for further information.

### Pat Sullivan - JCHS '61

Pat Sullivan was a successful basketball coach, teacher and administrator in the Chicago area for 44 years. His high school and college teams won 602 games in his career and he was named Coach of the Year at the conference and state levels on 11 occasions and Coach of the Tournament in the prestigious National Catholic Basketball Tournament in 1986. He was named Coach of the Year in each of the four decades he coached. He has spoken at coaches clinics throughout America for the USA Coaching Clinics and has presented clinics in Belgium, Austria, Ireland, and Greece. He has also spoken to businesses from Boston to San Francisco on leadership. Coach has been inducted into 8 Hall of Fames - the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference Hall of Fame, the Joliet/Will County Hall of Pride, and the Hall of Fames at Lewis University, the University of St. Francis, Providence Catholic High School, and the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association.



Pat Sullivan

Among his many honors are valedictorian of his Lewis College graduating class, NAIA State of Illinois and the Great Lakes Region Athletic Administrator of the Year and Community Leaders of America. Lewis University gave him the Distinguished Alumni Award in Education and the Will County Chamber of Commerce presented him with their Lifetime Achievement Award. His career was recognized with two recent honors. He received the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Buzzy O'Connor Award for lifetime contributions to Illinois basketball and had the recreation center at the University of St. Francis named the Pat Sullivan Center.

He is married to Peg Sullivan and has five children, Colleen, Katie, Pat, Anne, and Bridget, and ten grandchildren.

Pat has written three books which can be purchased on Amazon: Attitude -The Cornerstone of Leadership; Team-Building: From the Bench to the Boardroom; and his newest title, Lessons in Leadership from Athletics.

## Alumni & Friends Golf Outing



The JCA Alumni & Friends Golf Outing was held at The Creek in Morris on Friday, September 27.

164 golfers blew in to Morris for a FUN-filled day! Thank you to the JCA Alumni & Friends community for their support! Thank you again to ALL the sponsors of this year's outing! WE truly appreciate YOU!

## Class Reunion Wrap-Up



### 1959

The SFA Class of 1959 had a wonderful time celebrating and reminiscing at Al's Steak House in July. Thirty-four classmates were in attendance as they revisited fabulous memories!



### 1964

The JCHS and SFA Class of 1964 had a great weekend of celebrations at their 60-year reunion! Big thanks to the organizers, Dr. Bob Stahl, Ron Poplowski and Scott Crowther!





# Alumni What's News

## 1969

The JCHS Class of 1969 celebrated its 55th reunion in October at Jameson's. There were 19



classmates in attendance, including five people who traveled a long distance: Rich Kinney from Colorado, Carlos Valadez from Virginia, John Softcheck from South Carolina, Les Kaniok from Florida, and Joe Haley from Washington. The class received reports from JCA Director of Institutional Advancement, Ryan Quigley and Brett Boyter, the offensive coordinator for the JCA Hilltoppers. The remainder of the evening was spent in fellowship and camaraderie telling tall tales about their years at the school located at 29 North Broadway St.

## 1974

The JCHS & SFA Class of 1974 celebrated 50 years at their reunion in September. A big JCA thank you to members of the '74 reunion committee!



## 1984

The JCHS and SFA Class of 1984 had a great time celebrating their 40-year reunion. Hats off to the committee Rick Hernandez, Lori (Horvath) Wilke, Julie (Humphrey) Kelley, and Angela (Kraus) Estey!



## 1994

JCA's Class of 1994 celebrated two milestones - their 30-year class reunion and their 1994 Baseball State Championship. Classmates met at The Irish Corner Cantina owned by Kevin Kelley '89. The '94 State Champs were inducted in the JCA Hall of Champions: Athletics at JCA. Alums came from near and far to share memories and even made some new ones!



## 2004

Members of JCA's Class of 2004 came together to celebrate their 20-year class reunion! Thank you, Dan Costigan and Jessica (Biro) Martin for your time and effort putting this together!



To ensure you receive information regarding your class reunion, make sure the Alumni Relations Office has your current contact information on file. E-mail [alumni@jca-online.org](mailto:alumni@jca-online.org), call 815.741.0500, ext 269, or fill out the Alumni Contact Information at <https://www.jca-online.org/alumni/reunions/>

WE LOVE TO HEAR FROM OUR ALUMNI! PLEASE SEND SUE BEBAR, DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI RELATIONS AN UPDATE AT [SBEBAR@JCA-ONLINE.ORG](mailto:SBEBAR@JCA-ONLINE.ORG).

# Letter from the Director of Institutional Advancement



Dear JCA Alumni, Community, and Friends,

Last year in the fall, I had the pleasure of attending my 20th high school reunion, celebrating with my fellow classmates from JCA's 2003 class. One of the best parts of working at JCA is attending the SFA, JCHS, and JCA reunions every year, and this past year was no different.



At each of these events, a member of the JCA administration addresses the crowd, typically with a fundraising appeal for the school, be it for capital improvements, or the continued call for tuition assistance. However, my favorite part of these nights is the conversations with alumni. Each time we share stories, it solidifies the value of our shared experience with a Carmelite and Franciscan Catholic education.

It also helps us realize the answer of why we give. Why do we work at or with JCA? Why do we give to JCA? What is it that drives this shared belief in an institution that traces its roots back to 1869 and 1918?

The answer that keeps coming up with our alumni that come back to Joliet, or when we travel to meet in Chicago, Omaha, Naples, Scottsdale, Portland, Indianapolis, Dallas, Washington, D.C., Louisville, is quite honestly "simply Catholic."

Being "simply Catholic" is a shared project according to Bishop Robert Barron. Barron says, "through the power of Christ, who is the Incarnation of the subsistent relation of the Trinity, creation is given the opportunity of participating in the divine life." This transcends culture, political affiliation, or even your favorite sports team. It may be tough to define, but we hear "YOUR WHY" through YOUR memories, experiences, and stories.

Alumni share stories of a favorite class, a favorite teacher, a favorite memory on a retreat, or a big moment in a big game.

We see it when JCA volleyball squares off with Providence Catholic, and unprompted during the postgame, both student sections meet at center court, take a knee, and pray together.

Most recently this past October, JCA football travelled to Mount Carmel, for the inaugural "Carmelite Classic," honoring JCA graduate and Mount Carmel theology teacher Kevin Hansen '99. Hansen, the son of Michael '69 and Beth (Shankland '69) Hansen, was a 1999 graduate of Joliet Catholic Academy, where he was the valedictorian, Man of the Year and Student-Athlete of the Year (he played football and baseball for the Hilltoppers) for the Class of 1999. It was the first time the two programs had met on the field since Kevin's death from acute myelocytic leukemia in 2015.

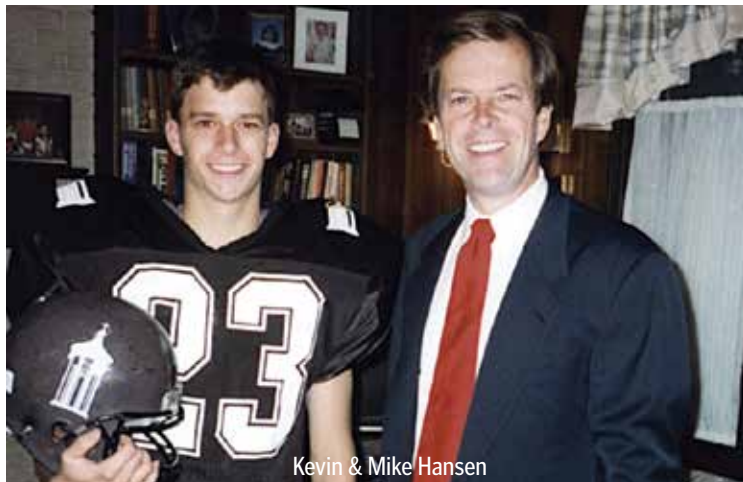
While the Hilltoppers fell to the Caravan 35-21, the night was indeed "Classic" and "Simply Catholic." Parents and alumni from both institutions came together in celebration of our shared mission during a pregame reception in Mount Carmel's "Huddle." JCA plans to return the favor next fall when MC visits Memorial Stadium.

In each of the above examples, we feel God's presence in our lives through our shared experiences: love, laughter, joy, pain, and sorrow. We can't wait to see you soon, to reminisce...and to create new shared memories, inspired by our lived faith.

Go Angels! Go Hill!

*Ryan Quigley*


Ryan Quigley '03  
Director of Institutional Advancement



Kevin & Mike Hansen



Carmelite Classic - Kevin Hansen Night



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## In Memoriam

*With heartfelt condolences, we acknowledge the passing of the following members of our JCA family:*

### **1942**

Robert A. Long  
Eileen (Ruettiger) Paul

### **1943**

Eugene E. Wedic

### **1946**

Marilyn (Mannell) McGuire  
Lawrence D. Weinbrod

### **1947**

Marie (Glad) Fabek  
William L. Plitt

### **1948**

Joan (Britz) Kozar  
Mary (Gray) Stanfel  
Richard C. Tucci

### **1949**

Betty (Stofan) Miner  
Joan (Birsa) Traven

### **1950**

Joan (Hurley) Bourg

### **1951**

Joseph W. Korst  
Joseph Orlovich  
Patricia (Breen) Todd

### **1952**

Barbara (Fiddes) Ferretti  
Lois (Maierhofer) Mance  
Andrew J. Mikuska  
Robert F. Terdic

### **1953**

Mary (McCanna) Gannon  
J. Patrick Shuba

### **1954**

Michael G. Feeney  
Marilyn (Kotowicz) Theobald

### **1955**

Mary (Kirincich) Clennon  
Lois (Grinchuck) Kiep  
LeRoy J. Knowles  
Judith (Krall) Planinc  
John S. Vershay

### **1956**

Robert C. Buldak  
Sheila (Rooney) Funk  
Dorothy (Pope) Henniger  
Richard G. Jaskoviak  
Patricia (Paris) Kapella

### **1957**

Margaret (Russell) Lynch  
Helen (Bazik) Masura

### **1958**

Lawrence R. Grein

### **1959**

Linnea (Hudziak) Buban  
John J. Gabel  
Jude Marie Naiden  
Diane (Deitering) Stalzer

### **1960**

Carole (Sienko) Costa  
Richard W. Fenoglio  
James F. Harrigan  
Sharon Mead  
William J. Mikuska

### **1961**

Karen (Hofer) Allbert  
Joan (Muhich) Colombo  
Judith (Miller) Hobert  
Kathleen J. O'Reilly  
Judith (Miller) Rogers  
Frederick J. Rohder

### **1962**

Marianne (Shroba) Kemp  
Charles E. MacDowell  
Marianne (Zern) Matthews  
Judith (Planinc) Theisen

### **1963**

Lucille (Kucinic) Hickman  
Catherine (Carli) Kostelc

### **1964**

James A. Donnelly  
Ronald W. Jones  
Sandra (Davidson) MacDowell  
Bernard E. Shreffler

### **1965**

William E. Anderson  
Michael R. Archambeault  
Donald J. Blottiaux  
Lynne (Pershey) Elwood  
Patrick T. Gonzalez  
Stephanie H. Krol

### **1967**

Kathleen (Deffenbaugh) Fordonski  
James A. Gray  
Kathleen (Glenney) Kallan  
Judith (Simons) Nagra

### **1968**

Barbara (Smego) Dinoffria  
Patricia (Walsh) Haynes  
Joseph B. Schuster

### **1969**

Thomas L. Friedrich  
Judith (Stefanski) Kuriger  
Judith (Dzurko) Sargent

### **1971**

Nancy (Marenche) Hopp  
Annette (LaRose) Walters

### **1972**

Marie (Plisich) MacZura  
Deborah (Douglass) Paull

### **1974**

Paul T. Yack

### **1975**

Bruce W. Caponi  
Teresa Kuhajda

### **1976**

Norman R. Spencer

### **1978**

Peggy (Loughran) Bartolotta

### **1979**

Michelle (Sitar) Hunckler  
Douglas M. Sasso

### **1980**

Patrick J. Ryan

### **1981**

Larry J. Raspolich

### **1986**

Kenneth M. Kinzler

### **1987**

Joseph E. Higgenbotham  
Jeffrey J. Lapikas  
George J. Sikic

### **1991**

Christopher S. Medvesky

### **2008**

Zachary J. Lofdahl

### **2009**

Alan J. Plese

### **2017**

Constantine X. Salinas

*Eternal rest grant unto them,  
O Lord, and let perpetual light  
shine upon them.*