

# VIEW FROM THE HILL

A NEWSLETTER FOR ALUMNI & FRIENDS OF SCHILARMAN  
SPRING/SUMMER 2019



# CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2019

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# LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Ahh! Summertime!

I hope everyone is getting the much anticipated rest and relaxation they deserve.

In the meantime, there will be a lot going on here at school. Our Summer Program is underway with about 30 students attending daily. Much thanks to the teachers and to Mrs. Burress for their help in making the program possible. We are also working hard to make numerous improvements in both buildings. The high school will get a new floor in the cafeteria, many floors at the north campus and south campus will be stripped and rewaxed, the grade school gym floor is scheduled to be stripped, repainted and rewaxed, several areas in both buildings will get a fresh coat of paint, and a lot of cleaning will take place in both buildings. I would like to thank Javier Perez, Mark Croy, Brian Welsch, and a number of volunteers for their help throughout the summer months.

There will also be many changes in our curriculum this year. There will be as many as 8 dual enrollment classes offered in which the DACC professors will come to our building to do much of the teaching, several new Advanced Placement classes will be offered including Chemistry, Physics, Calculus, Pre-Calculus, French IV, Spanish IV, an Aviation Science class will be offered as well as an Education class offered for those students thinking of teaching someday, an Accounting class has been offered, and three new writing courses have been added to the curriculum.

This past year at Schlarman Academy has been a good one! We saw another state championship in girl's basketball, a golf team that won their conference championship for the first time in school history, a senior class that received over 10 million dollars in scholarship offers, an enrollment increase of about 30 students, and a group of young people that made us all proud when they decided to put their community and other people ahead of their own personal desires. This past month we graduated a very talented and caring senior class. We will miss them dearly, but it is their time to shine. We wish them all the best in their future endeavors, but also want them to know that we will be here if they ever need us!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Janesky".

Mark Janesky

Schlarman Academy Principal

## EXCITING DUAL ENROLLMENT PROGRAM COMING TO SCHLARMAN ACADEMY

Due to a generous donation Schlarman Academy will be providing additional financial assistance for DACC dual enrollment classes. An anonymous donor has made a generous three year commitment to help defray the cost for Schlarman students taking DACC classes. Previously the school paid a portion, DACC provided a discount and the student paid a portion, each party shouldering a third of the cost of each credit hour, approximately \$220.00 each for a three credit course. The generous donation will decrease the student portion considerably, making receiving college credit while in high school a more affordable option for Schlarman students and their families.

The dual enrollment program at Schlarman will also have new courses offered on our campus beginning with the 2019-2020 school year. Four new course offerings will be added to the three that are currently being offered so that our students will no longer need to leave campus to take these college level courses. The additional courses that will be offered are Geography 134, Speech 102, Poly Science 150 and Psychology along with the current offerings of Rhetoric, Art Appreciation and Humanities. We are excited to offer our students additional opportunities to receive college credit while in high school and are very grateful to the donors who are making this enhanced program a reality.

# LETTER FROM ADVANCEMENT DIRECTOR



The old adage goes that time seems to pass quicker as you get older, and I can really relate to that saying this year. Coming back to the position in November I've felt like we were in a game of catch up all year, trying to pack a year of work into seven months! Now that the school year is over and we are putting together this edition of the View from the Hill, we can remember the highlights of the year that may have gone by in a blur of "on to the next thing."

My favorite parts of the job are connecting with alumni, donors, current students and their families. They are after all our constituents, the reason we come to work every day with a commitment to do the best work we possibly can. Throughout the newsletter you can read about these interactions including the event we held to honor Ray Randall (SHS '56) the Voice of the Toppers for 49 years (page 12), an afternoon spent with Mary Jane Brady and two 2019 graduates who share a life changing connection (page 23), a letter from an anonymous 1965 graduate reminding us of the impact of Father Motsett on this school (page 16) and a family with five graduates from the 1970s that has decided to establish a scholarship fund in honor and memory of their parents (page 23).

All of these stories along with the articles about our current students and the exciting 2018-2019 school year connect us all in our shared experiences of Schlarman. Although times change and Schlarman High School is now Schlarman Academy, our mission and core values remain steadfast. We are challenged by our circumstances of aging buildings, decreasing population in Vermilion County and low enrollment at the high school level but this school rose out of challenge. Hearing Mary Jane Brady, a member of the first graduating class, tell 2019 graduates stories of the beginnings of SHS almost 75 years ago puts our struggles in perspective. Think of the bravery of starting a private Catholic school in the immediate post war era, truly a monumental task taken on by members of the greatest generation.

Our connections to our alumni, donors and current students is what will ensure the future of our school, like threads spun together in fabric, our count needs to be larger in order to be stronger. Currently we depend on a small group of dedicated donors to sustain our mission, we need a larger group of annual donors. Please join our list of annual sustaining donors. It is easy to give online at [schlarman.com](http://schlarman.com) on the Support SA pages, you can even set up a recurring gift. Every gift, large or small, will make a difference for our students.

Lastly, I want to thank my staff, Jennifer Blurton and Lisa Kiddoo, for all their hard work this year, everything that I've asked of them in this shortened year they have done without complaint. The school is very fortunate to have them working in Advancement. I also want to thank Mark Janesky and Mark Croy for their tireless work. The school is truly headed in the right direction under their leadership.

My best wishes for a happy and healthy summer,

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Janet Picillo

Advancement Director



## INVEST IN KIDS SCHOLARSHIPS

Do you pay Illinois State Taxes?

Would you like to receive a 75% Illinois tax credit while supporting Schlarman Academy students who have financial need?

For example if you give \$1,000.00 to a scholarship granting organization through the Invest in Kids program you will receive a \$750.00 credit on your Illinois State taxes!

For more information go to Support SA on our website at [schlarman.com](http://schlarman.com) or call (217) 442-3880.

# SCHLARMAN CELEBRATES 71ST COMMENCEMENT



On Sunday, May 19, 2019, the 71st Schlarman Commencement took place at St. Paul's Catholic Church. Twenty-three graduates and their families and friends, along with administrators, teachers and staff gathered for graduation ceremonies. Mass was concelebrated by Rev. Bowan Schmitt. Congratulations to our Schlarman Academy Class of 2019 graduates.

**Kelli Colleen**

*Danville Area Community College*

**Sarah Craig**

*Loyola University Chicago*

**Daniel De La Hoya**

*Illinois State University*

**Mollie DeBord**

*Danville Area Community College*

**Destiny Dye**

*Concordia University Chicago*

**Ana Fitzgerald**

*St. Ambrose University*

**Carrigan Gard**

*St. Ambrose University*

**Quinn Gard**

*Stout Construction*

**Jalon Glover**

*Danville Area Community College*

**Sydney Gouard**

*Oakland University*

**Sarita Kumpuckal**

*Indiana State University*

**Jasmine Labayog**

*Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology*



# SCHLARMAN CELEBRATES 71ST COMMENCEMENT

**Alexander Lyon**

*Danville Area Community College*

**Chloe Miller**

*Danville Area Community College*

**Janiah Newell**

*Kaskaskia College*

**Anaya Peoples**

*University of Notre Dame*

**Angel Perez**

*Universal Technical Institute*

**Thomas Quick**

*Illinois College*

**Christopher Rongey**

*Danville Area Community College*

**Elizabeth Stimac**

*Indiana State University*

**Emma Wilkins**

*Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis*

**Madaline Winn**

*Danville Area Community College*

**Faith Wright**

*Illinois State University*

## CLASS OF 2019 VALEDICTORIAN & SALUTATORIAN

### Valedictorian Honors

The Valedictorian is defined as the student who possesses the single highest cumulative grade point average after the seventh semester. This year's Valedictorian for the Class of 2019 is Jasmine Labayog.



### Salutatorian Honors

The Salutatorian is defined as the student with the second highest grade point average after seven semesters. This year's Salutatorian for the Class of 2019 is Sarah Craig .



# CLASS OF 2019 HONORS

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**Highest Honor Graduate GPA above 4.0** - Jasmine Labayog.

**Honor Graduates - GPA of 3.5 - 3.9** - Sarah Craig, Ana Fitzgerald, Carrigan Gard, Sydney Gouard, Sarita Kumpuckal, Anaya Peoples, Angel Perez, Christopher Rongey, Elizabeth Stimac and Emma Wilkins.

**President's Educational Achievement Awards - GPA of 3.0 - 3.49** - Destiny Dye, Mollie DeBord, Alex Lyon, Thomas Quick and Faith Wright.

**Painkeshaw Chapter of Illinois Society Sons of the American Revolution Good Citizenship Award** - Ana Fitzgerald.

**Governor Bradford Chapter - DAR Good Citizen Award** - Faith Wright.

**Danville Area Community College Phi Theta Kappa** - Mollie DeBord, Destiny Dye, Ana Fitzgerald, Carrigan Gard, Sydney Gouard, Jasmine Labayog, Elizabeth Stimac, Emma Wilkins and Madaline Winn.

**OSF HealthCare Sacred Heart Medical Center Scholarship** - Emma Wilkins.

**P.E.O. Chapter HX Scholarship** - Emma Wilkins.

**Faith Alive Spirit Awards (Completing over 150 hours of community service over their four years)** - Ana Fitzgerald, Emma Wilkins, Mollie DeBord, Faith Wright, Jalon Glover and Chloe Miller.

**Eric S. Eberhardt Scholarship** - Faith Wright.

**Mark C. Meyer Memorial Scholarship** - Jalon Glover and Carrigan Gard.

**Student of the Year Award** - Jalon Glover.

## Department Awards

**Excellence in English** - Jasmine Labayog.

**Excellence in Mathmatics** - Jasmine Labayog.

**Excellence in Spanish** - Sydney Gouard and Destiny Dye.

**Religion Award** - Jalon Glover, Anaya Peoples and Jasmine Labayog.

**Continuing Spanish Education** - Sarah Craig.

**Voice of Schlarmen** - Sarah Craig.

**Katali Archery Scholarship** - Madaline Winn.

## Danville Area Community College Scholarships

**O'Rourke Family Scholarship** - Mollie DeBord.

**Danville Metal Stamping - J.S. and R.A. Beck Scholarship** - Alexander Lyon.

**Fred Faulstich Scholarship** - Chloe Miller

**Frank and Sylvia Switzer Scholarship** - Chirstopher Rongey

**Thomas and Barbara Crays Scholarship** - Madaline Winn

**The 2019 Schlarmen  
graduating class received  
over 10.7 million dollars  
in scholarship offers.**



# CLASS OF 2019 COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS



## COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS MR. KYLE O'BRIEN

Schlarman Academy Class of 2019, administrators, faculty, family, and friends thank you for allowing me to be here today. It is truly an honor.

When I first got the phone call asking me to speak today, I knew two things immediately. The first was that my answer would be 'Yes,' how could I pass up the opportunity to leave a small impression on your big day? And the second was that they must have made it to the bottom of the list if they were calling me! Seriously, how many people said 'no,' or just didn't answer?

Either way, you guys are stuck with me so let me apologize ahead of time. Although I have lived quite an interesting life in the 21 years since I graduated from Schlarman High School, I've really not done a lot of public speaking. So please, bear with me. What I can offer is some advice that you just might find useful as you continue on to the next leg of your journey.

Today you graduate from Schlarman Academy. You should be proud and don't down play it. I've been in your shoes; I know what it takes to graduate. I'm not just talking about the high academic standards that Schlarman Academy is known for, but all of the struggles that go along with being a high school student. Maybe for you it was academics, maybe it was athletics, or maybe it was the never ending social drama that goes along with being a teenager. The journey is slightly different for everybody, but the theme is still the same, you all fought battles to get here. You all overcame obstacles, moments of crisis where it seemed like things couldn't get any worse, and here you are, still standing and ready to take on the next chapter of your lives. Be proud of that, that's a credit to your character. Be proud, but also realize that we don't face those struggles alone. We are blessed with friends and family by our sides every step of the way.

Stay close with the group of friends that you have right now. As you move forward with your lives, you will live in different cities, meet new people, and make new friends, but nobody knows you like the people that you grew up with, cherish that. People change, that is inevitable. As you begin to notice these changes keep one thing in mind, you are a combination of the five people that you spend the most time with. Your time is a valuable thing. You can't get it back, so be careful whom you give your time to as these are the people that will influence who you become.

Stay close with your family. I cannot stress this enough. As you move on to the next phase of your life, whether it is college, the military, or joining the work force, your family is worried about you. They want to hear from you, so pick up the phone and call. As you get older, there is bound to come a day when those family members are no longer with us. When that day comes, you will regret the phone calls that you didn't make.

Be thankful for the people who helped you get to where you are today. Be thankful for the opportunities that you have been given and be thankful for the opportunities that lie ahead. It is a universal fact that gratitude reciprocates. The more gratitude and positivity that you generate, the more gratitude and positivity will come back to you.

I can vividly remember being in your shoes. Thinking about all of the opportunities in front of me. Excited, a little nervous, a little scared. I would like to tell you that you don't have anything to be afraid of, but I'm not going to do that. I'm actually going to do the opposite. I'm going to ask you to fear one thing, fear being ordinary. Not one of you, in this class or in this room, was put on Earth to be ordinary. You were meant to be amazing, and nothing amazing ever comes from your comfort zone. So take chances and dare to be great. Find what you are passionate about and pursue it with reckless abandon. You won't always succeed. In fact, you will fail, and try again, and fail again. But keep trying, and when you do fail, learn from your mistakes, and keep moving forward. In pursuing these dreams, I will urge you not to wait. The world isn't going to wait on you, and the world doesn't meet anybody half way. The worst lie that we can tell ourselves is that we'll do it, "some day." Believe me when I tell you that nothing is more painful than regret, and we're all running out of "some days."

In summary, be proud, be careful, be thankful, dare to be great, and always bet on yourself. If you can do these things, then I promise that you will be able to look back at a life well lived and a job well done.

Schlarman Academy Class of 2019, I applaud you, I am inspired by you, and I honestly cannot wait to see what you all have in store for the world.

# CLASS OF 2019 GRADUATION ADDRESSES

## **SALUTATORIAN ADDRESS SARAH CRAIG**



Good afternoon everyone and thank you for joining us today in honoring the Schlarman class of 2019, a class that I am beyond blessed to be a part of. The 22 graduates sitting in front of me have become my family, whether I walked into kindergarten with them or just met them a few years ago. While I was writing this speech, I realized that it could not be the generic format where I list inspiring quotes and tell my class how to lead extraordinary lives. They are already making the world a better place, setting an example for the next generation of Schlarman graduates, and inspiring the Danville community.

The class of 2019 includes first class athletes with not just one, but two basketball state championship trophies to prove it. They are incredible scholars who collectively have earned several hundred thousand dollars in scholarships, and have generous hearts that have given our community thousands of hours of voluntary service. To say that I am proud of these accomplishments is an understatement. Each person receiving their diploma today has shaped me into the person I am today and no, unfortunately, that does not mean I am able to shoot a basketball like Anaya, dance like JaNiah, or do math like Chris. It does however, mean that I have learned to put others first, challenge myself, experience life outside of my comfort zone, and find happiness in my everyday life through my faith in God.

I cannot highlight the accomplishments of my class without recognizing the people who got us to where we are today. The teachers taught beyond the classroom and prepared us to serve the world and make it a better place. From day one of high school, they learned what our aspirations were and they worked hard to ensure that each day we were challenged so that we could reach our full potentials. With the exception of waking up and getting out of bed, it was easy going to school everyday, knowing that the faculty was there for the success of the students. There were countless times this past year where I have needed help in an online college class, and found that I didn't have to look any further than the halls of my own school. I was able to receive the help I was seeking from any teacher, regardless of the fact they weren't the instructor. My teachers have proofread numerous essays, applications, and research papers, knowing that it would never have any personal benefits for them. As cliché as it to say, I truly have no idea where I would be today if it were not for them, but it certainly would not be standing at this podium. The community and support system that Schlarman has created is one that is an honor to be a part of.

Today I have the privilege to stand here with my class after four years of memories, both good and bad, happy and sad. In the wise words of Drake, we have started from the bottom, but now we are here. Together we have survived acne and awkward stages, standardized testing, and last and definitely least, federal lunch programs. We learned how to Hit the Quan, JuJu on that Beat, and Bust Down Thotiana. Together, we united as one to convince teachers that they never assigned any homework, or that we certainly did not forget about that project being due tomorrow. We recited soliloquies from Macbeth, memorized the Pythagorean Theorem, and will never forget that mitochondria is the powerhouse of the cell.

Our time together will not be remembered by grades, popularity, likes, or retweets, but instead by our relationships, and legacies. To my fellow graduates, I hope that you leave today's ceremony and embody the mantra, "Once a Hilltopper, always a Hilltopper," simply by being the person you already are today.





# CLASS OF 2019 GRADUATION ADDRESSES



## **VALEDICTORIAN ADDRESS JASMINE LABAYOG**

Salutations one and all and welcome to the graduating ceremony of the class of 2019.

Now as valedictorian, I'm somewhat obligated to give a speech, some parting words to set us off in the right direction as we take such a huge step forward in our lives. But I'm no further along in my life than any of you. I'm in the same position that everyone else is in, with varying differences, so what prophetic, awe inspiring knowledge would I possibly be able to impart to all of you?

I was at a loss for words as well, but don't worry, unlike all my 1-page essays that end up being 5 pages, I'll try to keep this short.

So, since Schlarman doesn't offer philosophy as a class, let's get philosophical. What is the meaning of life? The big question people have debated over since forever. A very odd, and seemingly unrelated topic to bring up. So

why do I bring this up?

Well, we are less than an hour away from actually graduating, we're becoming true adults that have to be functioning members of society. With age comes a certain freedom. You'll no longer be obligated to attend class, you can attend college, you can get a job, you can choose to not leave your bed for a month, the possibilities are endless. You decide what happens next, what you do tomorrow, what you do the day after, how you live your life, what you accomplish, who you build relationships with.

So when we go back to the question of life's purpose, we have our answer. In the end, our lives are the only ones we are directly responsible for. What are your dreams, goals and aspirations? As far as anything is concerned, that is your purpose. The purpose of life, the purpose of our lives is to exist fully, to accomplish our goals, and to live as best we can through the words of God. Since we were in preschool the goal has been to go to school, then graduate. I can almost officially tell you all congratulations for completing that 12-year goal. So now you get to decide what that next goal, what that next purpose is going to be.

So make your life great, I'm excited to hear your names on tv when they're talking about all of your grand future accomplishments.

But before then, we have to get through today. Whether we were waiting for this day since the first day of freshman year, or if we barely made it here by the skin of our teeth, we made it. Well, almost made it, once we cross our tassels over, that's it.

To think, that simple action will end such a huge chapter of our lives. Think back to all those classes you've taken to get here, all the people that pushed you to keep going, parents, teachers, friends, the people sitting to your left, the people sitting to your right. How many times did you see them sitting at their desks in class? When did you first meet them? When was the first time you actually talked to them? When did you truly become friends? How many times have they been there for you when you needed them? How many times were you there for them when they needed you?

And even if we all go our separate ways, lose touch and forget each other's names, years from now we'll have the memories. Although we all had a different high school experience, we went through it all together, all 710 days, that's an estimate. Whether it was barely making the word count in rhetoric or internally crying in math. Cherish those happy memories of nonsensical conversations between you and your friends and hold onto the times you struggled and failed so you won't make the same mistakes and so next time it'll be a victory instead.

It is all those experiences that have made us the people we are today. One difference in it all and we could have been completely different people. And I wouldn't have wanted to graduate with a different group of people besides this one.

This is possibly the last time we'll all be together, in the same building, sitting row by row, right next to each other, so cling onto every second and make sure you let all the people you care about know how much they mean to you.

Congratulations to everyone in the class of 2019, you did it whether you thought you could or not. It's been a pleasure being your classmate, acquaintance and friend from the beginning to the very end.

## 8TH GRADE PROMOTION



On Wednesday, May 22, 2019, at St. Paul's Catholic Church, the 8th grade class celebrated with a promotion mass. Those that were promoted include the following: Front Row: Natalie Vasquez, Madison Watson and Makayla Blurton. Middle Row: Nyomi Waiters, Noah Garriott, Anjoelina Anderson and Lilliana Perez. Back Row: Dylan Taylor, Ethan Rahm, Douglas Myers, Christopher Brown and Ella Dixon.

## SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED FOR 2019-2020

**Scholarships Awarded for the 2019-2020 School year from the Schlarman Advancement Office and the Schlarman Foundation:**

### Schlarman Foundation Scholarships

**O'Rourke Family Scholarship:**  
Natalie Vasquez

**John and Lois Morrissey Endowed Scholarship:**  
Nyomi Waiters and Lili Perez

**Armand and Mildred Stella Scholarship:**  
Dylan Taylor

**John A. and Kay Ronchetto Scholarship:**  
Ella Dixon and Seth Bennett

**Fred Faulstich Endowed Scholarship in Memory of  
Paul and Ruth Faulstich:**  
Salvador Guerrero and Jessalyn Gonzalez

### Schlarman Advancement Scholarships

**Sursum Corda Scholarship:**  
Makayla Blurton

**Shea Family Scholarship in honor of Beverly Shea  
Kesler and in memory of Jack Shea:**  
Anjoelina Anderson

**Joseph Lawrence Bernotas Scholarship:**  
Madison Watson

**Eric S. Eberhardt Memorial Scholarship:**  
Makayla Blurton

**Margaret Black Memorial Scholarship:**  
Jamal Taylor

## 2019 NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY



On April 25, 2019, Schlarman Academy inducted new members to the National Honor Society. The new and current members are pictured to the left. Front row: Conley Bateman, Farah Anderson, Wade Huddleston, Elizabeth Stimac, Jasmine Labayog, Emma Wilkins, Ana Fitzgerald, Suzet Sermersheim, Gabe Huddleston and Kylee Sherer. Back Row: Cece Damilano, Mae Grace Medlin, Isabelle Peters, Jeff Christison, Dawson Dean, Emma Bogen, Andy Craig and Aidin Sthur. Congratulations to all of our National Honor Society members.



# LADY HILLTOPPER SENIORS TALK ABOUT SCHLARMAN



**Janiah Newell - Kaskaskia College**



**Destiny Dye - Concordia University Chicago**



**Sydney Gouard - Oakland University**



**Anaya Peoples - University of Notre Dame**

## Our four Lady Hilltopper senior basketball players talk about what Schlarman means to them off the court.

### **Anaya Peoples: Why do you think students/parents should choose Schlarman Academy?**

I think students/parents should choose Schlarman Academy, because the environment is incredible! If you need extra help with a subject or homework teachers are more than willing to help at any time. They value each student as if he/she was their own child.

### **Destiny Dye: If you attended public school prior to Schlarman, what are the differences?**

The class sizes are smaller, the environment and involvement of teachers are more conducive to learning. There are problems at every school, but here at Schlarman we don't have the same type of disciplinary problems. Mr. Croy, our Dean of Students, and Mr. Janesky our Principal, rarely have to step in to punish students.

### **Janiah Newell: What are some of your favorite things about being a Hilltopper?**

I love how the teachers make you feel, they always want to help no matter what the situation is.

### **Sydney Gouard: Do you think you are academically prepared for college? Have you been academically challenged?**

I am academically prepared for college because the teachers give you harder assignments that require you to think things out and teach you how to use the correct resources to do research.

### **Anaya Peoples: What are some of the reasons (other than basketball) you value your experience at Schlarman Academy?**

The relationships I have made here are amazing, not only with students, but with teachers and parents as well. We are one big family.

### **Sydney Gouard: If you attended a public school prior to Schlarman what are the differences?**

The environment! You know everybody in the school so it feels like a family. The teacher student ratio is better, so the teachers can focus on one student at a time.

### **Destiny Dye: What are some of your favorite things about being a Hilltopper?**

The support that the community gives us. Also, all of the amazing relationships I have made over the years. The reputation that will stay with me forever all because of where I graduated from high school.

### **Anaya Peoples: What are some of your favorite things about being a Hilltopper?**

The love and support our alumni and people in the community show and the family atmosphere.

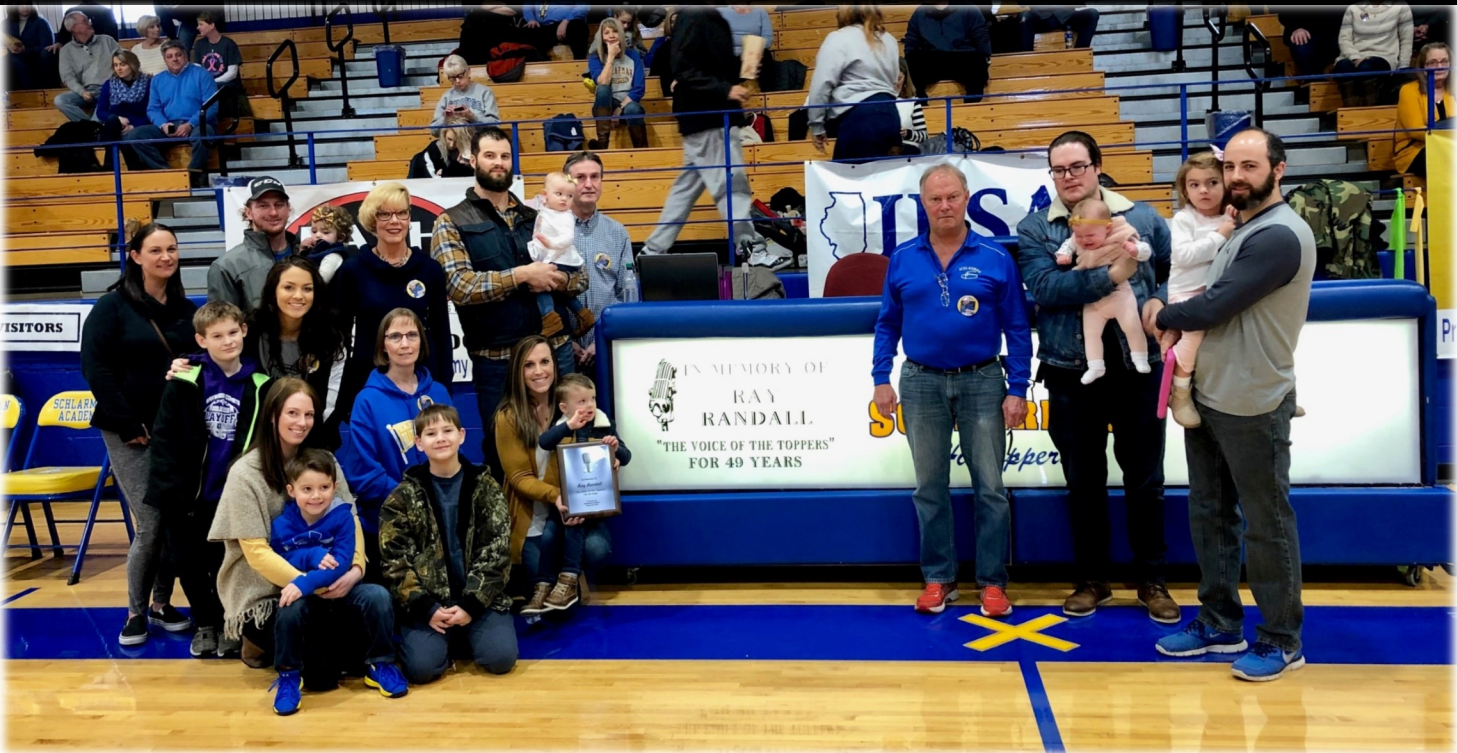


## BACK TO BACK GIRLS STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS



On Saturday, February 23, 2019, the Schlarman Academy Lady Hilltoppers took to the court of Red Bird Arena at Illinois State University in Normal, Illinois, to seize their second state championship trophy, making them back-to-back IHSA Class 1A State Champions.

## HONORING THE MEMORY OF RAY RANDALL



On January 26, 2019, Schlarman Academy honored the memory of Ray Randall, the “Voice of the Toppers”, for his 49 years of announcing Schlarman football and basketball games, as well as many other activities he was involved in while at Schlarman. The scorers’ table was redesigned in his memory. A plaque was also presented to the members of Mr. Randall’s family that were in attendance.



# SCHLARMAN ATHLETIC SIGNINGS

The 2018-2019 school year at Schlarman saw four of our seniors sign letters of intent to play basketball at the college level. These ladies have spent countless hours of hard work and dedication both on and off the court to achieve this accomplishment.



Anaya Peoples signed her letter to the University of Notre Dame Fighting Irish Basketball.



Sydney Gourd signed her letter to Oakland University Golden Grizzlies Basketball.



Destiny Dye signed her letter to Concordia University Chicago Cougar Basketball.



JaNiah Newell signed her letter to Kaskaskia College Blue Angel Basketball.

# HILLTOPPER FOOTBALL IS BACK



Marvin Holman/Commercial-NewsSchlarman Academy football coach Matt Blurton poses by the scoreboard at Drummy Field. The Hilltoppers will have its own football team since 2012 coming up in the fall when they play eight-man football.

With NFL alumni and a championship past, the Schlarman Academy football program built a tradition in the area.

Now after being part of co-op for the past four seasons, the Hilltoppers are ready to start a new tradition ... in eight-man football.

In March, Schlarman made the decision to leave a co-op with Hoopeston Area and Armstrong-Potomac and join the growing ranks of schools in the state in playing this different take of the sport.

"When we joined the co-op, the plan was always to have enough interest from our kids to get

Schlarman football back because it has such a great

tradition and that was the goal," Schlarman football coach Matt Blurton said. "Eight-man football started up and it was a new concept and we saw the success with that and we had a lot of kids interested and they wanted to get their own team and fortunately that has come around."

The move back to being a singular team accomplished a major goal for Schlarman athletic director Phil Sexton.

Eight-man football is a sport that has been introduced in at least 30 states until it finally hit Illinois in 2018. The Illinois 8-man association got started last season with Milford/Cissna Park winning the state championship.

"We will have a full schedule and at least one playoff game, so we will have 9-10 games for the season and we are excited about that," Blurton said. "There will be some travel, but I am excited to travel to places and it is a character-building experience."

The last time the Hilltoppers had a full season as a lone team was in 2012. After a season of inactivity in 2013, Schlarman Academy joined the co-op, where they — along with Armstrong-Potomac — had to make the trip to Hoopeston to practice and to play a majority of the home games.

The co-op was a great opportunity for us because you had kids that are passionate about the game that would not have had the chance to play," Blurton said. "It created friendships between the three schools and it was a great opportunity for them to do that."

"We have seen more kids coming out now because it was a major commitment to drive to Hoopeston after school and come back late at night. It was a lot for them."

The main focus — along with players and schedules — is tradition as the Hilltoppers will have a season that includes more than one game at Drummy Field since that 2012 season.

"There is something special about Friday Night Lights on the hill and the whole game experience and setting up the football field is a unique setting and it is a special place to be," Blurton said. "For the school to not have its own team is heartbreaking and we were fortunate for the co-op, but to get it back after a few years, I think it benefits our community to have another option here."

For Blurton, he has been working hard and with the summer coming up, he and his coaching staff of Spencer Tolson, Chad Harden, Jason Dixon, Jonathan Dixon and Justin Livingston will be working a little harder.

"I am very fortunate to have a great coaching staff in place and we are putting a lot of work in," Blurton said. "We are a little behind where I would like us to be, but we are meeting two-three times a week and we are getting close to that and then it will be summer practice before you know it. With a fan base anxious to recover the days of when the Hilltoppers were fighting for state crowns like the 1980 and 1981 teams did, the chance to start in this section of the football world could bring more opportunities."

"We think it is a great opportunity, I think we as a coaching staff are blessed to have kids that want to play and we are excited about that," Blurton said. "I think 8-man football is going to grow every year. I think you are going to see a lot of small schools go to eight-man, which is going to cut down on travel. I think it is the future of Illinois football to some extent."

*Article by Marvin Holman - Commercial-News*



# SCHLARMAN ATHLETICS

## WINTER ATHLETES



Jr. High Volleyball



High School Girls Basketball



Jr. High 7/8th Boys Basketball



Jr. High 5/6th Boys Basketball



Toppettes



High School Boys Basketball

## SPRING ATHLETES



Jr. High Track



High School Track



High School Baseball



High School Softball

## SCHOLASTIC BOWL & ARCHERY



High School Scholastic Bowl



Jr. High Scholastic Bowl



Archery

# AN INVITATION TO JOIN THE MOTSETT SOCIETY

On January 12, 1908, Father C.B. Motsett was born --- and after a rich and enduring life he passed away at age 96 in December 2006 having influenced so many lives, and certainly mine. It was therefore an easy decision for me, when asked a few months ago in a discussion with the Schlarman Advancement Director, whether I would join the Motsett Society, which was set up shortly after his death and seeks a minimum annual contribution of \$1000 from its members to help fund tuition shortfalls for Schlarman students in need.

As a Schlarman grad from the mid-1960s, and one whose family was from St. Paul's Parish where my five siblings were constantly in his thoughts, prayers, and daily scrutiny (like all other St. Paul's students), we understood him (and feared him, in a good way). And this experience and relationship continued throughout our days at Schlarman. And if I did not get enough of him during the school day, my altar boy duties assured me of more of his attention, sometimes more than I wanted.

Now, about to turn 72 years old, it seems a bit incredulous that I can recall so many details about Father Motsett who would have been 111 years old this past January. Such an extraordinary span of time, one of exceptional accomplishment and endearment. Like others, even after so long, memories of him flood easily. In my case, there are so many, but the last was particularly poignant and memorable. It was at the mass for my mother's funeral in the late 1990s. My brother and sisters had long since graduated from Schlarman and most had left Danville, including myself. Yet, as he addressed us that day upon our return for the funeral, his dialogue about our family included recollections of family events many years gone by.

And we were no exception to his fondness of recollections---all who knew him were similar beneficiaries. He had a remarkable memory.

In thinking about his influence and what qualities he particularly promoted in his students, several obviously come to mind. For each of us those qualities may be different, although I know there is one constant. It is the basic quality of human decency --- something that in today's world often seems lost. Yet, all that knew him understood the importance of this quality and it is one that Schlarman has always nurtured, then and now.

One of our great generational tendencies as human beings is to always look back --- reflecting on how things were and fascinated by personal and historical events. A someone who has researched and published books and articles on historical events, I know this tendency and it is fulfilling. However, I think Father Motsett would like to see his prior students, and now those who will graduate from Schlarman, be a bit more forward-looking than at least I have been. And the continued promotion of human decency throughout the lives of today's Schlarman graduates is one way to do that.

The Motsett Society is an opportunity to not only recognize the impact of one man on the mission and accomplishments of Schlarman, but it also is a means to perpetuate the qualities of its future graduates by ensuring the availability of needed tuition. Today's graduates will unfortunately never know Father C.B. Motsett, at least not directly. Each of us can identify our own quality for which we remember him, but for me his human decency is the most enduring and the one I hope my contribution to the Motsett Society can sustain.

I strongly encourage your own action.

Anonymous '65 Graduate



**You can donate online at [Schlarman.com](http://Schlarman.com) by clicking the menu tab, then click the Support tab followed by clicking the Motsett Society tab. This will take you to our online donation page for the Motsett Society.**

**Thank you for your support!**



# SCHLARMAN ACADEMY ADVANCEMENT



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## WE REMEMBER...



### MEMORIAL GIFTS TO SCHLARMAN ACADEMY

Schlarman Academy are grateful for the many memorial gifts they have received. The following gifts were made from October 1, 2018, through June 19, 2019. All contributions are truly appreciated by the students, faculty, and staff, and are very meaningful to the families of those who are honored. Please accept our apologies for any errors.

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Mrs. Raj Karinattu

# A FEW WORDS FROM OUR FATHERS



## **“Be Salt, Be Light”**

Time flies when you are having fun. It is always amazing to observe how quickly the school year comes and goes.

The Chaplain Team of Fathers Gibson, Loftus and Schmitt closed out the second semester by having the juniors and seniors each attend a separate “one day retreat.”

Our 2019 senior class graduated on May 19th. A wonderful Catholic mass was held in conjunction with their commencement ceremonies at St. Paul’s Church in Danville.

Five speakers gave inspirational addresses. Kyle O’Brien was our keynote speaker. Sarah Craig was our Salutatorian and Jasmine Labayog gave the Valedictorian address. Our principal Mark Janesky and Dean Mark Croy offered very fine reflections, as well.

We are confident that our graduates are ready to move on to exciting “new chapters” in their lives. They are well prepared and have all the tools needed to be God’s “salt and light.” Our teachers and staff have done their job well!

As disciples of Jesus Christ, our great call and commission is to spread his word! We are to spice up, flavor and radiate “God’s love” through the witness of our lives. We are to love others just as Jesus loves us.

Although academic and athletic talent peppered the senior class, the outgoing seniors should be particularly commended for being “selfless” rather than “selfish” regarding a critical aspect of the graduation ritual.

This group of seniors decided to help the people in our community through voluntary community service instead of going on their senior class trip. The class let their light shine in imitation of Christ through self sacrifice. They put the needs of others above their own personal pleasures. What a legacy!

How proud we are to realize that these students are leaving Schlarman with a loving and sacrificial “attitude and demeanor” etched into their character. What a milestone to leave for the senior classes that will follow them.

I want to remind everyone of a truth that is familiar to all of our students here on campus: “There is no vacation from our vocation.”

Even though our staff and students have begun their summer break, each one of us must still respond to God’s call by living our faith daily! We are to be God’s “Salt and Light” and must live a “life of holiness” regardless if we are in school or on summer break.

Please be assured of our continued prayers for the entire Schlarman family, including the numerous alumni and benefactors living across the country. Let’s be unified in our quest “to love and serve the Lord.”

With great “Topper Pride” let’s continue to make Christ’s Light shine bright!

God Bless you all,  
The Schlarman Chaplain Team



# SCHLARMAN FOUNDATION



*"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"*  
++ Prayer of St. Francis ++

Dear Alumni, Family and Friends of Schlarman,

As has been the case since its inception in 1974, there is much good news to tell about the continuing support of the Foundation received by generous, selfless donors, and much support given to the school by the Foundation recently and since 1974. Please see the following pages for volunteer and financial donor listings.

Please keep Schlarman and all of us in your prayers. Will you consider donating your God-given gifts of time, talent and/or treasure to help us fortify this great school? We each have been endowed by God with gifts and a mission that no one else has been given – we invite you to use those gifts to help the Foundation support Schlarman to "Teach as Christ Taught." Thank you and God Bless you! Please feel free to contact us with any questions and/or offers of volunteering or financial donations:

Nancy O'Kane, President, Schlarman Foundation, Inc.  
2112 N. Vermilion, P.O. Box 874, Danville, IL 61834-0874; 217-260-1230; 217-442-2725  
[schlarmanfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:schlarmanfoundation@gmail.com)

The Schlarman Foundation has supported Schlarman High School, and now Schlarman Academy PS- 12<sup>th</sup> grade, since 1974 with over \$4.5 million dollars in financial assistance, scholarships, renovations, necessary sustenance and much more. Driven by its mission, the Foundation Board of Directors continues their strong history of support by *adding exciting new avenues of growth and development for the school, while always encouraging gifts of estates and wills:*

Gifts that can be accepted by the Foundation include:

- Cash and checks
- Gifts in memory or in honor of someone
  - Scholarships and DACC Dual Enrollment Assistance
  - Teacher Grants assistance
- Motsett Society Annual Membership (\$1,000, \$2,500 or \$5,000 unrestricted annual gift)
- Publicly traded Securities
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- Charitable Gift Annuities
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***Receipt of these gifts allow us to build a solid endowment earning interest for future growth, while gifting the Schlarman Academy with much-needed periodic donations\* that sustain their valued educational, spiritual mission.***

\*Since its founding in 1945 Schlarman High School, now Schlarman Academy, has seen costs of educating students rise on a continuing annual basis. Hence, the wise establishment of the Schlarman Foundation in 1974 to supplement the generous support of local parishes, parents' tuition payments, and generous selfless volunteer and financial donors. The Foundation continues to be a true blessing to the school and the community along with the parishes, parents, alumni and friends. Ten years after its inception, the Board of Directors drafted and sent a letter to prospective donors seeking support for the school via the Foundation, and I quote from their letter to "Friends

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and Supporters” dated December 23, 1984:

“In 1974 the Schlarman High School Foundation was created to give financial assistance to Schlarman. Since then, the endowment funds have been invested and all income generated has been given to the school. But, financial needs at Schlarman continue to rise. At the same time, the need for a quality, value-oriented education is more important than ever. We need to increase the endowment fund so that we can generate more income for the school. Therefore, please consider the Foundation when reviewing your annual charitable gifts. Also, we would encourage you to consider the Foundation when planning for charitable bequests in your Last Will and Testament. Any gift to the Schlarman Foundation is tax deductible. Thank you for your continuing support and generosity to Schlarman High School!

Sincerely, John E. Sebat\*

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Thomas A. Bott

Thomas W. Conron\*

Jacob S. Beck

Lester H. Schick\*

John P. O'Rourke\*\*

Members of the Board of Directors Schlarman High School Foundation, Inc.” End quote

Of special Note: Those with asterisks by their names are deceased and left us in their wills, gifts we have received over the years (Sebat and Schick), and the most recent in April of 2019 from the Estates of Thomas and Jeanne Conron. The double asterisk indicates a Member of the Heritage Roll of Honor, John P. O'Rourke, who has indicated his desire to include us in his estate plans. **“The *Heritage Roll of Honor* is established to recognize and honor, during their lifetime, those persons whose vision and inclination move them to perpetuate Schlarman Academy through a special or an estate plan gift.”** We are truly grateful for the Members' foresight and generosity and are stronger and healthier because of their caring.

We would be hard-pressed to add any more true and faithful testament to their belief in and actions toward Schlarman than these magnificent gifts they committed to Schlarman. May we keep them and all who value our work in our prayers of heartfelt gratitude. Amen.

We can heartily underscore that costs of education continue to escalate and endorse that the continued, escalating, need for “a quality, value-oriented education is more important than ever.” Amen.

Sincerely,

Nancy O'Kane, President, and 2019-2020 Board of Directors of the Schlarman Foundation:

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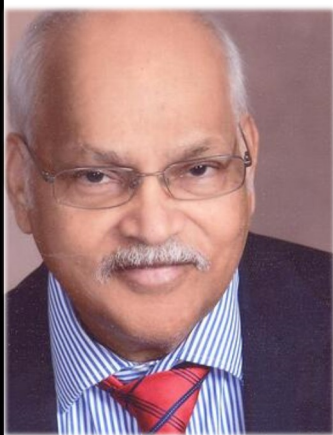
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**Rt. Rev. Msgr. F. A. Cleary - \$500,000 - \$999,999**

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**HERITAGE ROLL OF HONOR** – Robert L. O'Brien - New Member Enrolled



## IN LOVING MEMORY:

On January 9, 2019, Schlarmann and our entire community lost a dear Friend, Medical servant, loving Husband of our Fellow Emeritus Board member Raj Karinattu – Dr. Joseph Karinattu. After a year-long battle of failing health, nurtured by Raj, Dr. Joe passed away and leaves a legacy for us all to emulate. Our Foundation received an outpouring of loving memories for Dr. Karinattu. Those who honored his memory are listed below. We continue to offer our love and condolences to the Karinattu family.

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## GIFTS IN HONOR OF

### Robert L. O'Brien

Beth Kramer

### Kevin Cheatle - 30th Anniversary of Death

Dr. Joseph and Mrs. Raj Karinattu

Please forgive any errors or omissions, and if found, alert Schlarman Foundation so that corrections can be made. Thank you!



# ALUMNI CONNECTIONS

## A CONNECTION 70 YEARS IN THE MAKING



Mary Jane Brady, a member of the class of 1949, the first graduating class of Schlarman High School, recently visited the North Campus to meet two of our 2019 graduating seniors with whom she shares a special connection. Ana Fitzgerald and Carrigan Gard will be attending St. Ambrose University in the fall and have been awarded the Dave Brady Endowed Scholarship. Mary Jane Brady established this scholarship as a loving memorial to her husband, both she and her husband attended St. Ambrose University. Mary Jane attended the all-women's college Marycrest which was opened in 1939 and in its first years was accredited by St. Ambrose.

Dave Brady was orphaned at an early age. Until age 14 he resided in an orphanage, with extended family and finally, in a foster home, while attending Schlarman High School. Dave is considered the very first graduate of Schlarman High School since he graduated early, a year before the first class. St. Ambrose became his college home until he graduated in 1952. He felt deeply that the work/study opportunity provided to him by St. Ambrose was a positive and defining period in his life. Dave passed away August 29, 2005, and his family established the Dave Brady Endowed Scholarship in 2006 to honor his conviction to the school. The scholarship gives preference to students who attended Central Catholic High School in Bloomington, Illinois, or Schlarman. Ana and Carrigan will be the first two Schlarman students to be awarded this scholarship since its inception in 2006.

On May 14, 2019, approximately 70 years after graduating from Schlarman, Mary Jane spent the afternoon visiting with Ana and Carrigan. Sharing stories about Schlarman past and present, the women remind us what being a Hilltopper is all about, the connection that binds all our alumni through their shared experience and the gift of a Catholic education. Ana and Carrigan are excited to continue their education at a Catholic university with the help of a former Hilltopper, a connection that spans 70 years of Schlarman history.

## THE SHEA FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP IN HONOR OF BEVERLY SHEA KESLER AND IN MEMORY OF JACK SHEA



**Beverly Shea Kesler and the late Jack Shea**

It is with great pride and gratitude that we announce a new scholarship fund made possible through the generosity of the Shea Family. The Shea Family established this fund in honor of their mother Beverly Shea Kesler and in memory of their father Jack Shea in order to support at least one student each year, and the scholarship will be awarded for the first time in the 2019-2020 school year.

The Shea family created this scholarship fund because they wanted to support Schlarman Academy and its students both now and for the future. The scholarship fund provides full tuition (Catholic rate) for a student or students who are in need of financial assistance, shows academic promise as well as a strong desire to attend Schlarman Academy.

Schlarman Academy is truly blessed to have this generous scholarship established. It will make the gift of a Catholic education possible for students who might otherwise not be able to attend Schlarman. Our sincere thanks to the Shea Family for supporting our mission here on the Hill, they have truly made a difference for Schlarman and its students.

For further information on establishing a scholarship please contact the Advancement Office at (217) 442-1184.

# SCHLARMAN ALUMNI

Thank you to all who participated in the Top of the Hill Challenge for the 2018-2019 school year (this year's campaign ends June 30, 2019. Thank you for your continued support!



*Congratulations  
to the top three  
alumni classes!*

## The Top 3

1. 1980 \$10,000.00
2. 1956 \$2,500.00
3. 1962 \$1,370.00

## Top of the Hill Challenge Totals

1949	\$0.00	1971	\$745.00	1993	\$110.00
1950	\$0.00	1972	\$0.00	1994	\$250.00
1951	\$500.00	1973	\$688.70	1995	\$0.00
1952	\$525.00	1974	\$450.00	1996	\$0.00
1953	\$500.00	1975	\$100.00	1997	\$0.00
1954	\$550.00	1976	\$750.00	1998	\$90.00
1955	\$950.00	1977	\$250.00	1999	\$200.00
1956	\$2,500.00	1978	\$0.00	2000	\$30.00
1957	\$100.00	1979	\$0.00	2001	\$0.00
1958	\$125.00	1980	\$10,000.00	2002	\$50.00
1959	\$0.00	1981	\$300.00	2003	\$250.00
1960	\$1,175.00	1982	\$300.00	2004	\$30.00
1961	\$0.00	1983	\$250.00	2005	\$30.00
1962	\$1,370.00	1984	\$1,000.00	2006	\$50.00
1963	\$200.00	1985	\$300.00	2007	\$30.00
1964	\$125.00	1986	\$0.00	2008	\$0.00
1965	\$800.00	1987	\$100.00	2009	\$0.00
1966	\$900.00	1988	\$0.00	2010	\$0.00
1967	\$435.00	1989	\$0.00	2011	\$0.00
1968	\$1,000.00	1990	\$250.00	2012	\$0.00
1969	\$50.00	1991	\$250.00	2013-18	\$0.00
1970	\$0.00	1992	\$0.00	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$28,658.70</b>

## THE TOP OF THE HILL CHALLENGE 2019-2020 STARTS JULY 1, 2019.



### Wright Graduates College before High School

Schlarman Senior Faith Wright had a lot to celebrate in May. When she graduated from Schlarman Academy on the 19th, she already had received an Associates Degree from Danville Area Community College two days earlier.

Wright transferred to Schlarman her sophomore year because of the opportunity to take dual enrollment courses. Wright was inspired by Schlarman Academy Graduate, Kristen Cahill, who also graduated with the same honor.

Faith completed such college-level courses such as Math, Science, History and cited Art Appreciation as a favorite. Her advice to students considering dual enrollment is to not be intimidated by the age difference and to give a class a try to see if it is the right fit for you. Faith enjoyed the different teaching styles of college professors and to be able to take career-specific classes.

She credits her Schlarman counselor for helping her balance her schedule for both Schlarman and DACC. Faith enjoys the fact that since she is not in "freshman" standing entering ISU. As a result, she received top pick for her on-campus housing choices and had an easier time choosing classes and creating a schedule. Faith also stated that the best thing about entering college on the junior level is her family will save over \$55,000.00 in tuition expense.

She will be attending Illinois State University this fall to pursue a degree in Special Education. We wish Faith the best of luck in her future endeavors. Congratulations, Faith!

See article on page two about exciting dual enrollment opportunities coming to Schlarman Academy.





## 22ND ANNUAL SCHLARMAN ACADEMY SPRING RAFFLE WINNER LIST

*Thank you for your support!*

*3,482 tickets were sold*

### **Congratulations to the following WINNERS!**

#### **\$100,000 Grand Prize**

**Patricia Fraley**  
Hoopeston, IL

#### **2nd Prize-\$20,000**

**Adam Muehl**  
Danville, IL

#### **3rd Prize-\$10,000**

**Ben Ochoa**  
Naperville, IL

#### **4th Prize-\$5,000**

**Terry Hill**  
Danville, IL

#### **5th Prize-\$2,000**

**Terry Miles**  
Danville, IL

#### **6th-10th Prize-\$1,000 Each**

- 6-Erika Sudlow, Catlin, IL
- 7-Ashley Drake, Danville, IL
- 8-Gail Bojan, New Lenox, IL
- 9-Rachel Sanks, Westville, IL
- 10-Rich Kinder, Catlin, IL

#### **11th-25th Prize-\$500 Cash**

- 11-David Cotton, Clinton, IN
- 12-Dorrie Poulson, Danville, IL
- 13-James Maser, Danville, IL
- 14-Lee Ann Pratkan, Springfield, IL
- 15-Cindy Myers, et al, Westville, IL
- 16-Amy Pratt, Danville, IL
- 17-Larry Liggett, Danville, IL
- 18-Todd Chew, et al, Indianola, IL
- 19-Chuck Leeman, Georgetown, IL
- 20-Debbie Miller, et al, Danville, IL
- 21-Richard Brady, Danville, IL
- 22-Maureen Askins, Danville, IL

23-Jody Boyd, Catlin, IL

24-Harold Butron, Danville, IL

25-Lyle C. Westlake, Danville, IL

#### **26th-50th Prize-\$250 Each**

- 26-Alan Krapf, Brownsburg, IN
- 27-Christina Gritton, Cantonment, FL
- 28-David Hagler et al, Danville, IL
- 29-Patricia Tentilucci, Yardley, PA
- 30-Erika Briggs, Tilton, IL
- 31-Jess Jenkins, Westville, IL
- 32-Chloe Cronk, Covington, IN
- 33-Suzan Winkler, Danville, IL
- 34-Erica Beauriois, Fairmount, IL
- 35-Ken Konsis, Westville, IL
- 36-Charlie Heidrick, Danville, IL
- 37-Michael Mingee, Westville, IL
- 38-Bruce Cunningham, Westville, IL
- 39-Dan Kelly, Danville, IL
- 40-Cheryl Swafford, Danville, IL
- 41-Carol Anderson, Westville, IL
- 42-Bob Lehmann, Westville, IL
- 43-Melinda Watson, Oakwood, IL
- 44-Jonathan Myers, Fithian, IL
- 45-Kimberly Berlin, et al, Hoopeston, IL
- 46-Richard Brooks, Paris, IL
- 47-Norma Kreidler, Danville, IL
- 48-Mike Stimac, Danville, IL
- 49-Silvia Leyh, Danville, IL
- 50-Holly Cahill, Danville, IL

#### **50/50 Winner**

Michael Van Leer, Danville, IL

#### **22nd Anniversary Winners**

**\$2,200 Each**

**Marilyn Sia, Danville, IL**  
**Timothy Falconio, Chicago, IL**

#### **Pay Day Winners-1-\$500 & 2-\$250 Each Pay Day**

Chad Wear, Danville, IL  
Ben Baszis, Danville, IL  
Stanley Peterwas, Westville, IL  
Scott Stanton, Brazil, IN  
John Leverenz, Danville, IL  
Chris Peterwas, Elgin, IL  
Richard Miller, Danville, IL  
Carolyn Summers, Veederburg, IN  
Patricia Madden, Danville, IL  
Katha Plack, Deerfield, IL  
Kathy Knight, Danville, IL  
Richard Dowers, Westville, IL  
John Shea, Hendersonville, TN  
Floyd W. Scott, Jr., Oakwood, IL  
Kenneth A. Harden, Danville, IL  
Lisa Mitchell, Danville, IL  
Cheri Silha, Oakwood, IL  
David Joyce, Normal, IL  
Leah Goodrum, Hoopeston, IL  
Steve Wilson, Danville, IL  
Tom Morrissey, Ottawa, IL

**2020 RAFFLE DRAWING**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 17TH, 2020**

**@ TURTLE RUN!**

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IN EARLY FEBRUARY!**

# HILLTOPPER REUNIONS



## CLASS OF 1969 50TH REUNION SEPTEMBER 27 - 29, 2019

Join us & renew those high school friendships! Please RSVP to Charlene Pelman Shields by July 15, 2019, at (217) 918-1988, or email at [charleneeshields@gmail.com](mailto:charleneeshields@gmail.com).

If you are in contact with other classmates please let them know. Please contact Charlene for more details.

## CLASS OF 1965

SHS Class of 1965 will vacation again at Turkey Run State Park Inn near Marshall, IN. Date is Monday, August 12, 2019, to Thursday, August 15, 2019.

Again we will have a cookout hosted by Bob Blagg. Besides all the outdoor activities that the park affords, we are planning to race go-karts at Speedway, IN.

Contacts are: Diana (Povelones) Hill at 217-819-2838 or [dianahill123@gmail.com](mailto:dianahill123@gmail.com)  
Bob Blagg at 765-562-2990 or [rblagg76@gmail.com](mailto:rblagg76@gmail.com)



**PLANNING AHEAD THE CLASS OF 1965 55TH REUNION IS  
SCHEDULED FOR THE WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2020.**

# Hilltopper Homecoming Football Game 2019

**Friday, September 20th  
at Schlarman Academy's Drummy Field  
Kick-off at 7pm  
vs. Milford**

All Alumni make plans to join us for **SCHLARMAN'S HOMECOMING CELEBRATION**. Watch for game details on our webpage at [www.schlarman.com](http://www.schlarman.com). Stop by the alumni table in the front of Shebby Gym to receive your **FREE** pass to the game, then cheer on our team.



# 10TH ANNUAL SCHLARMAN GOLF OUTING

## SCHLARMAN GOLF OUTING *In Memory of Coach Paul Shebby*



Join us on **Saturday, September 21, 2019**, at the Danville Country Club. Shotgun start is at 9 am. A **\$125** entry fee per person includes lunch, green fees, golf cart, prizes and **ALL** raffles/extras (Mulligans, 50/50, Hole-In-One and Wooden Football). The outing is hosted by Zeke Bratkowski ('49), Dr. Ron Girouard ('62) and Jerry O'Neill

The event is open to all alumni and friends of Schlarmarman and will be a four person scramble format. Pick your foursome or sign up as a single. **New this year...please include your handicap or average golf score with your registration below.**

**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT SCHLARMAN ATHLETICS WITH EQUIPMENT, TOURNAMENTS, HOME GAMES AND MEETS, JUST TO NAME A FEW!**

*A rain date is scheduled for Sunday, September 22. Entry fees will not be refunded if unable to play on rain date. The lunch/auction will be held on Saturday, September 21, with tournament play on Sunday.*

### **Golf Registration Form - Deadline is September 6, 2019**

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap/Ave. Score \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Team Member Names:

_____	Handicap/Ave. Score	_____
_____	Handicap/Ave. Score	_____
_____	Handicap/Ave. Score	_____

**Please mail registration form & payment to:**  
Schlarman Academy Advancement Office,  
2112 N. Vermilion, Danville, IL 61832. Make  
checks payable to [Schlarman Academy](#).  
**Golf or Sponsorship Payment**

\$125.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ # of Players = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Level/Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cash/Check#/CreditCard \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL FROM ABOVE \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Or call 217-442-1184 to use your credit card.

### **Sponsor Registration Form - Deadline is September 6, 2019**

Company/Individual Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

SELLER \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsorship Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cash/Check #/Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ CVC \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Choose A Sponsorship Level**

- ☐ \$500 Lunch
- ☐ \$500 Gift Bag
- ☐ \$250 Cart
- ☐ \$100 Hole



Please include your company's logo and payment when returning this form. Thank you!



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