VIEW FROM THE HILL

A Newsletter For Alumni & Friends of Schlarman Spring/Summer 2022



Congratulations Class Of 2022



—Schlarman Academy— North Campus

Grades: 7th - 12th 2112 N. Vermilion St. Danville, IL 61832

South Campus

Grades: Pre-K - 6th 1307 N. Walnut St. Danville, IL 61832

— Administration—

PrincipalBarb Rew

Assistant Principal (2021/22)

Mark Janesky

Athletic Director

Jerry O'Neill

Advancement Director

Janet Picillo

Director of Student Services

Mark Croy (2021/22)

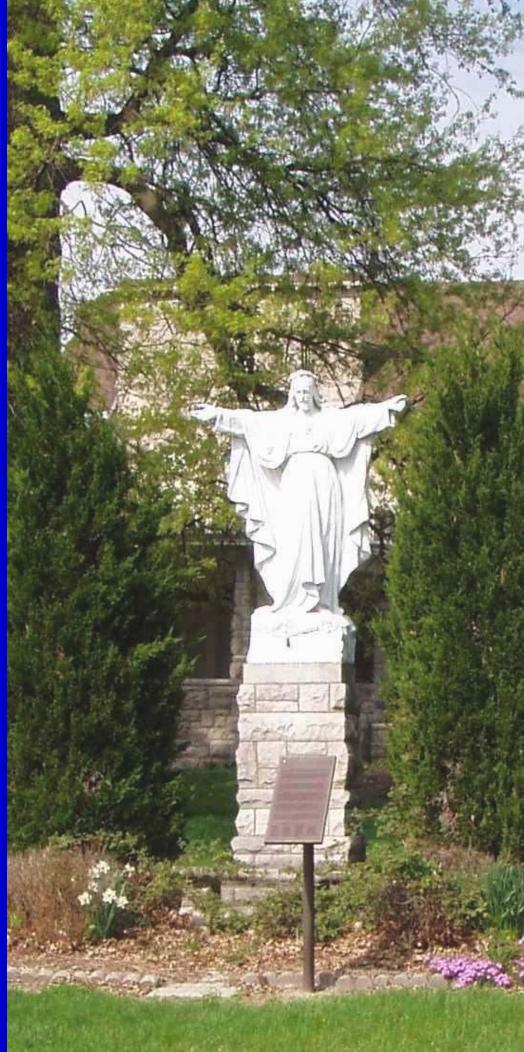
Courtney Hemker (2022/23)

Business Manager

Scott Shull

Chaplain

Rev. Bowen Schmitt (2021/22) Rev. Thomas Szydlik (2022/23)





As I sit here typing this, it feels like Spring may finally be here and it's hard to believe it is time for the Top of the Hill Graduation edition. The 2021-2022 school year has been a successful and eventful one. The year started out with Mr. Janesky unexpectedly returning to the Schlarman Academy principal role and I as Schlarman Academy assistant principal. Many of you may be wondering who is this "assistant principal" and why is she writing this letter? My name is Barb Rew and I have been with Schlarman Academy since its inception in 2011. I graduated from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale with a degree in Therapeutic Recreation. I decided to go back to school and received a Masters in Education and then returned to receive a Masters in Educational Leadership. This second degree was never something I aspired to, but working with Mr. Janesky and following his guidance, I decided to go for it. On a personal note, I am married to Scott Rew who retired in 2011 after 25 years as an Army Officer. We have two grown boys, Cody who lives in Michigan and Riley who after a short Army stint, is back in Danville. He is the proud father of two, Riley and Kamdyn, our twin-

grandsons. While we lived in many beautiful states we decided to return to Danville so we could be near our families.

Now, the why I am writing this letter and not Mr. Janesky. In January he and I switched principal roles so he can once again retire. After over 40 years in education and self business, Mr. Janesky is ready for some down time. But if you know him like I do, he can't sit around doing nothing. Mr. Janesky will still be seen around the halls of Schlarman Academy in a variety of roles on a very part-time basis. I think it is in his blood.

Mr. Croy's role for the upcoming year will change as well. Currently he is the Academy Director of Student Services and located at the North Campus. This next year he will split his time between both campuses taking over Mr. Janesky's role in finance and grants and advising his North Campus replacement as she settles in. I would like to take this opportunity to announce that Mrs. Courtney Hemker will be joining us as the Schlarman Academy Dean of Students. While she will be located at the North Campus, she will be involved with the South Campus when I am unavailable. I look forward to working with her as we continue to grow our school.

In order to grow our school and continue its success, a Strategic Plan is needed. In June it was announced by the Diocese that all six of their high schools would be working with Partners in Mission to create a plan. Since we are unique, our plan involved preschool through 12th grade issues. With the help of many, our plan was created at a "retreat" in April, held at the South Campus with goals and objectives written in eight domains: Catholic Identity, Enrollment, Academics, Finance, Facilities, Advancement, Governance and Student Life. At this retreat, we had 40 faculty members, families, alumni and foundation members to assist in the writing. Our plan is in its final stages and will be rolled out in the fall. The plan will be shared publicly in a brochure, so please be sure to look for it.

This school year has seen an increase in student enrollment. There were about 30 new students enrolled at both campuses. We are fielding calls and receiving prospective student inquiry forms daily for both buildings. It is exciting to see the direction we are going.

Before I end and turn this letter over to Mr. Janesky, I have three shout outs. I want to wish the best of luck to our graduating class of 2022. It has been a pleasure watching you grow and learn. As you leave our hallways for your next adventure, whatever it may be, remember you will always be a Topper. God Bless you all. I want to thank all of you that have been supportive of Schlarman Academy this year (staff, families, alumni, donors and the foundation). Without all of you, we would not be the school we are. Thank you so much and I look forward to, with Mrs. Hemker and Mr. Croy, moving our school forward. Lastly, I want to thank Mr. Janesky for all that he has done for Schlarman Academy, his endless hours and dedication to the school community. Mr. Janesky cannot walk the halls without getting hugs from the kids. He is loved and will be missed by many.

Have a safe & blessed summer,

Barb Rew

Schlarman Academy Principal

A LETTER FROM MR. JANESKY



It has been my absolute pleasure to have spent the past four years with your children. I began my career in the South Campus building in August of 1980. So, to finish the last four years of my career here has been extremely satisfying. One thing I always try to do is to think like the students do. I figure that sometimes I must think as they do in order to totally understand them and be able to communicate with them. I love seeing the kids everyday and that is the part of this job that I will miss the most! I know we all take it for granted sometimes, but the students here are wonderful! They are always polite and caring!

I would like to thank all of our parents for making these past four years so enjoyable. Your support has been priceless. You have entrusted your kids with us. I hope that you are satisfied that we are serving them well. The success of our students is the most important piece of the

final product. To see our graduates doing well at Purdue University, the University of Notre Dame, the University of Iowa, St. Ambrose University, Loyola, Michigan State University, the University of Alabama, the University of Illinois, DePaul University, etc. is a testament to what we do.

I would like to wish Barb the best as she assumes the helm. She is not afraid to ask questions and always has the children in mind when she makes decisions. I feel as if you are all in good hands!

Once again thank you all for your support of Schlarman Academy!!



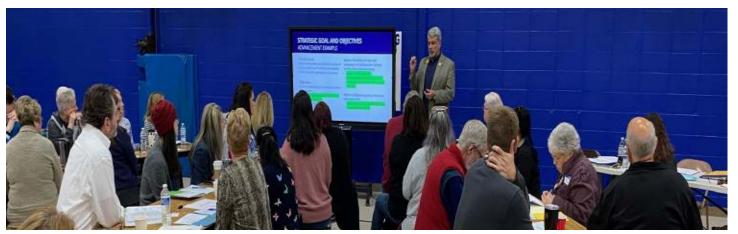
Mark Janesky

Schlarman Academy Principal

SCHLARMAN ACADEMY STRATEGIC PLAN RETREAT



In April over 40 members of our community gathered to compose a strategic plan for Schlarman Academy. Pictured at left are two members of the Partners in Mission group with our steering committee chairs: Mrs. Nancy O'Kane, Mrs. Sarah Bogen and Mrs. Barb Rew. For more information on our planning process please see Mrs. Rew's letter on the proceeding page.



A LETTER FROM OUR ADVANCEMENT DIRECTOR



During the 2021/2022 school year Schlarman Academy has been participating in a strategic planning process that was initiated by the Diocese of Peoria for all Diocesan schools to complete. As part of the process surveys were sent out to our many stakeholders including current families, alumni, donors, faculty and staff. From the responses we received, one issue which surfaced was that the role of the Advancement Office is misunderstood or confusing for many in the community.

A significant area of concern seems to be the difference between the Schlarman Advancement Office and the Schlarman Foundation. Some distinctions are noted below:

- The Advancement Office is an administrative part of Schlarman Academy, while the Foundation is a separate 501 C organization with its own Board of Directors and fiduciary responsibilities.
- The Advancement Office primarily fundraises for short-term current needs, annual operating expenses, while the Foundation focuses mainly on long-term future needs through endowments and asset management strategies.
- The Advancement Director is an employee of Schlarman Academy whose interaction with the Foundation is primarily one of voluntary support and coordination with the Foundation, particularly on the distribution and use of Foundation funds as the need or occasion arises.

The Schlarman Foundation was established in 1974 to serve as an additional income source for the school at a time when educational costs were rising sharply.

- It is managed by a volunteer Board of Directors.
- The Board oversees the investment of its funds and continues to look for new gifts to expand the capital base and increase returns.
- Each year, the Foundation, on behalf of their generous donors, present tuition scholarships, teachers grants and funding for special projects.

The Schlarman Advancement Office serves as the main fundraising arm of the school and is responsible for the annual appeal, which includes:

- Top of the Hill Campaign
- Motsett Society
- Memorial and Honor Donations
- Scholarships and Grants.
- Spring Raffle, Annual Golf Outing, Marketing/Community Outreach and Alumni Relations and Events.

In summary, the Advancement Office works every day to make up the difference between the total cost of educating a child and what we actually charge for tuition. Given how closely The Advancement Office and the Foundation work to address the gaps, some confusion is certainly understandable. Finally, the Advancement Office is available to work with all donors and discuss the many options they have for supporting Schlarman Academy and the Foundation.

Janet Picillo

Schlarman Academy Advancement Director

74TH SCHLARMAN COMMENCEMENT



On Sunday, May 22, 2022, the 74th Schlarman Commencement took place at St. Paul's Catholic Church. Seventeen graduates and their families, along with administrators and staff, gathered for graduation ceremonies along with commencement speaker John Shea. Congratulations to our Schlarman Academy Class of 2022 graduates, we wish the best in your futures.

Class of 2022 Senior Honors

Cody Abernathey-President's Educational Achievement Award; DACC Phi Theta Kappa Inductee; Senior Class Officer Lauren Barnette-President's Educational Achievement Award; National Honor Society; DACC Phi Theta Kappa Inductee; English Student Award; Excellence In Modern American History Award

Caroline Bogen-Salutatorian; National Honor Society; DACC Phi Theta Kappa Inductee; P.E.O. Chapter HX Scholarship; John Phillips Sousa Award

Madisyn Bruens-President's Educational Achievement Award; National Honor Society; Excellence In Spanish Award Brycie Carnahan-Honor Graduate; National Honor Society; DACC Phi Theta Kappa Inductee

Jason Craig-Valedictorian; National Honor Society; Eric S. Eberhardt Community Service Scholarship; Eberhardt Family Vermilion County History Scholarship; President's Educational Achievement Award; DACC Phi Theta Kappa Inductee; Senior Class Officer; Excellence In Mathematics Award; Excellence In Science Award; Voice Of Schlarman; Student Of The Year

Ethan Dunham-President's Educational Achievement Award

Aidan Gallagher-Honor Graduate; National Honor Society; DACC Phi Theta Kappa Inductee

Caleb Kelly-Excellence In Spanish Award

Avery Kelsey-Honor Graduate; National Honor Society; Summit Yearbook Above and Beyond Award

Emari Osaze-President's Educational Achievement Award; Alpha Kappa Alpha, Incorporated Scholarship (Howard University); DACC Phi Theta Kappa Inductee; Summit Yearbook Above and Beyond Award

Evan Sherer-Honor Graduate; National Honor Society; Senior Class Officer

Katherine Smith-Honor Graduate; National Honor Society; Governor Bradford Chapter Of The National Society Of The Daughters Of The American Revolution Good Citizen Award; Mark C. Meyer Memorial Scholarship Recipient; DACC Phi Theta Kappa Inductee; Spiritual Life Award; Marine Band Honor; Excellence In Modern American History Award Outstanding English Student Award; Summit Yearbook Editor-In-Chief Award

Sydney Smith-President's Educational Achievement Award; National Honor Society

Liam Underwood-President's Educational Achievement Award; National Honor Society; DACC Phi Theta Kappa Inductee; Spiritual Life Award

Ethan Vasquez-President's Educational Achievement Award; Religion Award

Benjamin Winn-Katali Scholarship And The NASP Illinois State Archery Scholarship; Senior Class Officer

Schlarman Heademy High School Class of 2022

Brycie Carnahan **Cody Abernathey** Lauren Barnette **Caroline Bogen Madisyn Bruens** Danville Area Community College BALL STATE UNIVERSITY Danville Area Community College **Jason Craig** Ethan Dunham Aidan Gallagher Caleb Kelly Avery Kelsey Undecided **Evan Sherer Katherine Smith Sydney Smith Emari Osaze** Liam Underwood OLIVET Ethan Vasquez Ben Winn The Places You'll Go!
-Dr. Seuss

Danville Area Community College

CLASS OF 2022 COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS



Dr. John Shea SHS Class of 1978

When you love something as a child, those feelings often remain throughout your life, and that is how Schlarman is for me. Growing up I greatly admired my three older sisters and their classmates who went here, and I idolized the Schlarman athletes, of which there were a remarkable number of outstanding ones, especially for a small school. As a student and later as an alumnus, it has always been a privilege to represent the school in any way and to this day my most cherished friendships are with fellow members of the Class of '78. That lifelong affection is why I am so grateful to the Schlarman religious and school leaders, administrators, faculty, staff, family, friends and especially the members of the Class of '22 for the honor of speaking here today.

Putting together a commencement speech led me to reflect on various mottos, sayings and phrases that the graduates would hopefully find both memorable and inspirational. One that came to mind was a favorite of a hard-nosed Captain

whom I served under while in the Navy. One of his many responsibilities was to counsel and often punish young sailors who had gone astray of military law or just made a bad decision. Before delivering their punishment, he would sometimes add the advice that "Life is tough, it's even tougher when you're stupid!" While this quote is certainly memorable, it doesn't really qualify as inspirational.

I'll bet your parents have sayings to get their messages across that you have heard so many times you could recite them in your sleep. My father had a long list of those, many of which were most definitely memorable but often sprinkled with vocabulary a little too colorful to share here in church. However, I can relate his favorite one which contained only seven words: "God of Mercy, teach us to think." This conveys that God is merciful despite all our flaws and imperfections, and He gives us a free will to think for ourselves. It implores us to follow our own instincts and make our own decisions, not just follow the ever-changing winds of the current group consensus. There are plenty of things to doubt and question in this world, but there are also things in life worth believing in and defending. Now graduates, please let me assure you that when I was growing up I often did not heed this advice from my father. In fact, never once in four years at Schlarman did a coach or teacher ever accuse me of thinking too much. But over the years I have come to love this saying because it is a reminder that God is indeed merciful and made us uniquely to think for ourselves, set our priorities and charter our own course in life.

Of course, you can't go wrong at a Catholic school commencement by quoting Saint Teresa of Calcutta. Her sayings are actually quite humbly written, she doesn't use complex sentences or flowery terms. But within her simple messages are profound truths that can be very difficult to follow. Her advice to young people can be paraphrased as, "If you want to change the world, first love your family and friends." Life is all about relationships and maintaining a close, stable connection with your family and friends which will serve as a foundation for a successful life. Without it, no amount of outside recognition, financial success, personal achievement or notoriety will provide satisfaction and contentment. Applying this advice, as a member of the Class of '22 there are literally thousands of little moments, inside jokes, successes and failures, personal shared experiences that only you as a member of this group can appreciate. There are 7.9 billion people in the world, only about 4000 people have ever graduated from Schlarman, of which only 17 can claim to be in the Class of '22, so you are in a highly elite category! Maintain that connection to these remarkable classmates with which you shared so much and to Schlarman that has provided so much to you.

Possibly like you, as a young person I didn't spend a lot of time reflecting on the role models in my life. My parents worked hard, loved each other and their family dearly, and did the very best they could to balance raising their children, living out their faith and serving their community. And I had dozens of friends whose parents lived in similar fashion – they were all people I loved but also frankly took somewhat for granted. At Schlarman were many coaches and teachers who provided support, encouragement and had my best interests in mind, even though at times I was less than deserving of those efforts. It wasn't until I got out in the world a bit that I realized how truly exceptional all these role models were – they lived their lives in a self-effacing manner, devoted to the development and well-being of others. Your parents, families, and mentors here at Schlarman have done the same for you. You'll never be able to adequately thank them or pay them back, but you can honor them by living your life in the same manner and doing for others when your opportunity arises. As Matthew Kelly says, by becoming the best version of yourself.

Focusing on foundational things doesn't mean that you can't also have personal goals and dreams and pursue them to the fullest. Jim Valvano gained fame as a young basketball coach in the 1980s for leading his NC State team to a highly improbable NCAA championship. His legacy endures not because of that victory, but rather how he courageously faced a terminal illness a decade later. Before his death he inspired countless others with his resolve and established the V Foundation for cancer research that remains vibrant today. He once told the story about how in high school he heard a motivational speaker who said, "The Lord must have loved ordinary people because he made so many of us." As a young man yearning to be special, hearing about being ordinary was a little deflating. However, the speaker then turned on his quote and said, "But every single day, in every walk of life, ordinary people do extraordinary things. Ordinary people accomplish extraordinary things." This revelation was life changing for Valvano. As graduates of Schlarman you have the foundation of skills to achieve your dreams. Find your passion, believe in yourself, persevere – and extraordinary things await.

My final message doesn't stem from a clever or funny slogan but hopefully is one that you will take to heart. As you sit here today for the final time as a group before officially graduating, from this moment forward you'll set out on different paths. You may be off to enter the work force, attend a technical school, DACC, or a four-year college in or out of state, and from there many other landmark moments where your choices in life will keep you on your own unique road. These paths are exciting and wondrous; but along the way you will all also encounter adversity, inevitable challenges in life. Remember that no matter what adversity you may face, no matter where in the world life takes you, you can always find a church and the same God that is here today at St. Paul's will be in that church to be a source of support, guidance, and love. Lean on your faith, He will always be there wherever you go and whatever circumstances arise.

With that in mind, may God bless you and may your lives be filled with love and laughter with all your dreams coming true! Congratulations, Class of '22!



CLASS OF 2022 GRADUATION ADDRESSES



Class of 2022 Valedictorian Jason Craig

Good afternoon. I would like to start by acknowledging and thanking many of the people here in attendance that got us to this stage in our lives. Thank you to the Schlarman Academy faculty and staff for all of your work and efforts to get us here. I'd especially like to thank all of the friends, family, and alumni who are here today on our behalf. Mainly to the parents of all of us, you are all so important to us and the biggest reason as to why we're here on this day.

We made it! Now what? Maybe we start by taking a look back on what got us to this moment. From making bread in 2nd grade to making kale chips in health class. We've been through power outages during our days at south campus, the amazing freshman hallway

duo that I know we all remember so fondly, and being able to master the skill of creating a PowerPoint in a week on any topic thanks to help from Mrs Oakwood.

Also recent memories that were beyond normal such as shut downs, masks, our sports seasons all one month long, the longest spring break ever. In that time, we listened to classmates having to be woken up for their turn to read, and we can't forget the constant asking to turn on cameras or unmute our microphones. Then finally, we came back this school year into a normal senior year.

All great memories and moments, and while great, we can't just live in the past. You sure can't change it. There is only one way to go.

And so I say again – Now what? What's next? Where are we going? And what are we going to do? Is it a 2 year or 4 year college? Is it something else? A trade school perhaps? Military?

My message to you isn't what you SHOULD do next or WHEN you should do it – but perhaps HOW you go about it.

In order to succeed we need to:

- 1. Work Hard There is no substitute for hard work— it's a cliché but there is a reason it's always used. Look at us... we all have jobs spread across the area and it proves that our class does work hard. This is a key element to apply for anything we do going forward
- 2. Learn from Mistakes. We will make mistakes. We are human, it's going to happen. But learn from them try not to repeat them.
- 3. Don't stop planning for your future. As mentioned before, memories are great but don't live in the past and drive yourself crazy with what if I had done this or that instead of this or that?? It reminds me of one of my favorite phrases that my Aunt Kathy says..."if ifs and buts were candy and nuts we'd all have a wonderful Christmas". Instead think of what you want to do and don't stop doing it. Your future will forever evolve and you must keep planning for putting yourself in the best possible situation.
- 4. My last point is never take anything for granted. When I was in 4th grade I had a very unexpected event happen out of nowhere while I was playing basketball and I blacked out. I ended up having open heart surgery for a heart issue. After that experience I thought of one thing... I was able to recover and I have all of these opportunities I get to play sports, go to school live the life of a high schooler. But many other kids in the hospital were not as fortunate and didn't know what their futures might hold. But I would see them at the annual picnic having fun, experiencing as much as they could even though some had some serious heart conditions. They were doing all they could to enjoy the moment, because you never know when life will throw something completely unexpected at you. We have to learn to value and appreciate what we have in our lives. Ultimately you have to do what is right for you and those that are important to you. Focusing on the things that you love. I believe that is the key to living our fullest and happiest life

In closing, I just want to say thank you again for all of you here for and supporting us today and in our future endeavors. But there is one man in particular that I want to mention, though we may have not been aware of as much as some of the other staff members. Fr. Bo. He has been with us throughout our entire stint at the north campus and he has done tremendous things for not just our class, but for the entire school. I want to thank him for everything and wish him best wishes in his future. There is no vacation from your vocation. Good luck class of 2022! We are a small class – but we are capable of making a huge difference.



Class of 2022 Salutatorian Caroline Bogen

My friends always tell me that I have no common sense and that I'm just book smart. I never really knew what they were talking about, until now. I'm honestly really surprised but also grateful to be standing up here in-front of my class today. I'm sure Mrs. Payne is surprised too after having to grade all of my math assignments.

This coming fall, many of us will be attending college and trade school and we will all begin making big changes in our lives. Part of this means that we will have to start doing things on our own, making decisions, attending new classes with new people, and for some of my classmates, going to college will also mean packing their own lunches.

High school has taught me a lot. I learned how to write college level essays, how to make useful power points and how to type using home row. One thing, however, I did not learn was geometry. I tried hard though, I will say that.

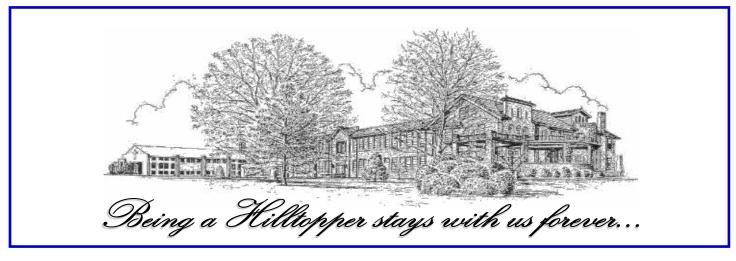
Writing this speech was one of the hardest things I've ever had to do. Not because I wrote it the night before it was due, I'm very good at writing papers the night before the due date, Mr. Oakwood's class gave me a lot of practice with that. But, this speech was difficult for me to write because I could not think of anything to say, which is also probably surprising to most of you because I never stop talking. But there are truly no words to describe how proud I am of all the hard work this class has done to be where we are right now. I mean we didn't sell all of those wreaths for nothing, right?

But seriously, I would not be standing up here today in front of my class, and a bunch of random people, without the help and encouragement from my teachers, support from my family and from the Schlarman staff. I would like to especially thank Mrs. Showers for giving the best advice and always being there to listen to me and I'm sure my other classmates would thank you the same way.

Graduating high school is a huge accomplishment and I could not think of any other group of people I would've rather spent these past four years with. Even though there were probably a few moments when I could've. But in the end, there is no one who can tell ridiculous stories about life like Ethan Dunham, no one who could be good at every single sport out there like Jason, or anyone who can scoop ice cream like Avery and Emari.

I am so grateful for my years at Schlarman because in my time here I met my best friends. If you would've told me in 2012 when I first walked into second grade, the first year of the three schools combining into one, that I would've met my best friends, I probably would not believe you. But it's true, that this year I met Brycie, Cody and Ben. Without them I don't know how I would've made it this far. They give me endless laughs and endless advice, and for them I am grateful.

Going to Schlarman made me the person I am today. I know that every single person sitting here in front of me today, in the class of 2022, has the ability to succeed in life. I have seen it first hand. I am so proud of you all and I wish you all the best. Congratulations guys.



8TH GRADE PROMOTION



On Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at St. Paul's Catholic Church, the 8th grade class celebrated with a promotion ceremony in front of family, friends and staff. Congratulations! Members of the Schlarman Academy 8th grade class are:

Konnor Andrew Jerrius Atkinson Kaitlin Bailey Jack Barber William Billings Madilyn Blurton Isabella Bogen Makynzie Bruens Doyle Carter Jaiden Chirayil Tatiana Cottrell Lincoln Cravens Miles Crosby Jaylyn Esther Devyn Gose Suzanne Hawker Wyatt Helm Grayson Kruger Carson Lane Jonas Lane Mark Lehmann Deana Linares Vivian Ludwig Larson McMahon Charles Medlin Keison Peoples Marely Perez

William Rome Lillian Spalding Ace Sumila Tyeler Taylor Ruth Underwood Erik Vasquez Wyatt Wallen Haylee Watson

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION





On Thursday, May 5, 2022, Schlarman Academy inducted new members to the National Honor Society. The new and current members pictured are from left to right: Madisyn Bruens, Lauren Barnette, Maya Jenny, Makayla Blurton, Liam Underwood, Madison Watson, Jason Craig, Noah Berryman, Katherine Smith, Avery Kelsey, Lilli Perez and Brycie Carnahan.

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED FOR 2022-2023

Schlarman Foundation Scholarships

O'Rourke Family Scholarship:

Larson McMahon

John and Lois Morrissey Endowed Scholarship:

Lillian Spalding

Armand and Mildred Stella Scholarship:

Ruth Underwood

John A. and Kay Ronchetto Scholarship:

Jonas Lane

Fred Faulstich Endowed Scholarship in Memory of Paul and Ruth Faulstich:

William Rome Harper O'Brien

Richard Beard Davis Scholarship:

Jack Barber

Vicki Vogel Memorial Scholarship:

Suzanne Hawker Wyatt Wallen

Hawes Family Scholarship:

Karlee Belton

Mia Martinez

Dylan Taylor

Ella Dixon

Carson Pollom

Cheyenne Lutz

Maya Jenny

Noah Berryman

Dillon Hemker

Ricky Soderstrom

Wrigley O'Brien

Karina Perez

Teresa La

Paul Hurley

Morgan Colby

Aliayha Thomas

Bayleigh Smith

Naveah Smith

SCHLARMAN

Schlarman Advancement Scholarships

Sursum Corda Scholarship:

Vivian Ludwig

Shea Family Scholarship in honor of

Beverly Shea Kesler and in memory of Jack Shea:

Marely Perez Deana Linares Clark Warren

Joseph Lawrence Bernotas Scholarship:

Madison Watson

Eric S. Eberhardt Memorial Scholarship:

Jason Craig Will Stout

Eberhardt Family Vermilion County History

Senior Scholarship:

Jason Craig

Eberhardt Family Vermilion County History

Scholarship:

Anna Lehmann Maya Jenny Noah Berryman

Margaret Black Memorial Scholarship:

Sebastian Starkey

Austin Camareno Memorial Scholarship:

Dillion Hemker

Edmund "Zeke" Bratkowski Memorial Scholarship:

Peyton Kuemmerle

Mark C. Meyer Scholarship:

Katherine Smith

Advancement Essay Winners:

Anastasia Devore Madilyn Blurton Mark Lehmann Amir Beasley Carson Lane



BLACK TIE PROM 2022

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On Saturday, May 7, 2022, Schlarman Academy celebrated their prom at the Woodburry Falls in Danville. Madison Watson was crowned queen & Adam Duncan was crowned king. The prom court pictured from left to right: Lilli Perez, Dayjon Boykin, Natalie Vasquez, Noah Garriott, crown bearer Jorie Bruens, queen Madison Watson, king Adam Duncan, crown bearer Greysan Dixon. In the back row pictured are: retiring queen Avery Kelsey, retiring king Ben Winn, Chris Brown and Ella Dixon.



The Schlarman Academy Class of 2022 took their Senior trip to Six Flags in St. Louis, Missouri. They had a hot, but very fun filled day making memories with their classmates!

ATHLETICS



High School Baseball



High School Track



8th Grade Volleyball



7th Grade Volleyball



Jr. High Track & Field



Toppettes



Archery





Catherine Smith and Ben Winn were celebrated as our Seniors at the 10th Annual Schlarman Shootout. Catherine has participated on the team for 2 years and Ben has been on the team for 8 years.



Rebecca Smith (pictured left) was the top elementary female archer and Maya Jenny (pictured right) was the top female high school archer at the 10th Annual Schalrman Shootout.

ATHLETICS



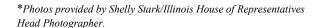
8th Grade Boys Basketball IESA 8-1A State Champions







On Thursday, March 10, 2022, our 8th Grade IESA 8-1A State Championship Basketball Team traveled to Springfield, IL to be recognized with a resolution in the House of Representatives by Representative Mike Marron.







8th Grade Track IESA 8-1A State Champions



Congratulations to the Schlarman Academy Track Team on their 1st Place win at the IESA Class 8-1A State Championship. Jerrius Atkinson placed first in the 100 meters, first in the 400 meters, first in the 400 meters, and second in the long jump. Lincoln Cravens placed first in the shot put. The 4x200 relay team placed fourth. Also, 7th Grader Noah Fowler placed fifth in the High Jump and 8th Grader Vivian Ludwig placed 12th in the Long Jump. Congratulations, Hilltoppers!

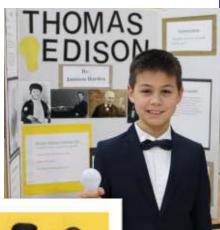
HILLTOPPER HAPPENINGS

3rd Grade Living Wax Museum



Third grade hosted a Famous Americans Living Wax Museum during March in the south campus gym. Each third grader dressed as a famous American and when their button was pushed they "came to life."













Kindergarten Studies Phases of the Moon using Oreos









6th Grade Stations of the Cross

On Thursday, April 7th the Schlarman Academy 6th grade class performed the Living Stations of the Cross at St. Paul's Catholic Church where they walked through the last hours of life of Jesus Christ. The 5th grade class was the choir for the evening.





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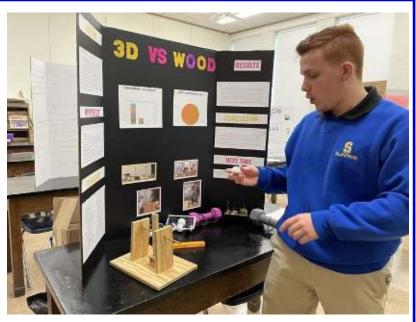
North Campus Science Fair

Congratulations to our Science Fair Winners!

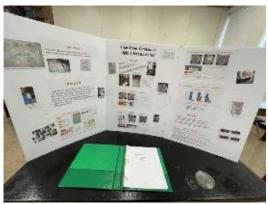
Jr High: Konnor Andrew

High School: Noah Berryman (pictured at

right) & Anna Lehmann (tie)







Scholastic Bowl Takes The VVC Title



The Schlarman Academy Scholastic Bowl became the Vermilion Valley Conference Champions. There are a total of 13 teams in the Vermilion Valley Conference. They won the championship match with a score of 320-160. They have had a great season and finished 11-1 overall. Paul Hurley was the number three toss-up scorer during the regular season with 89 and was the number one toss-up scorer during the VVC championship tournament with an average of 10 toss-ups per match. Congratulations to all!

Members of the SAHS Scholastic Bowl team are: Anna Lehman, Lauren Barnette, Dillion Hemker, Paul Hurley, Wrigley O'Brien, Cheyenne Lutz, Evy Kelsey and Teresa La.



May Crowning

The first in-person K-12 mass in over two years was held on May 5th at St. Paul's, where both campuses gathered together for the May Crowning which is one of the most treasured traditions of our Catholic faith, the ritual of honoring Mary the Mother of God. May is the month traditionally dedicated to the devotion of our Blessed Mother. This event celebrates and recognizes Mary as Queen of Heaven. Students in all grades participated in this procession by placing flowers brought from home into vases at the altar.





Spring Band and Chorus Concert







CHAPLAINS REPORT

"Our God Reigns"

Despite the fact that the Covid 19 virus was still causing havoc in our country during this past 2021–2022 school year, Schlarman Academy was able to remain open and continued to be God's conduit in helping form and mold the lives of our young people. We had a great year! Our students grew in wisdom and in holiness. They continued to foster and develop the wonderful skills and gifts that God has given them.

The chaplains of Schlarman sincerely thank our students and our wonderful staff for their efforts "to walk with Christ" and to allow Him to work in your lives. Thank you for striving each day to be God's ray of light and love. Thanks for seeking to be His flavorful salt which spices up the world with the love of Christ.

One of the greatest joys that we have, as your Schlarman Chaplains, is to assist you in your quest to grow in your knowledge, love, and service of Christ. We are grateful to have had the opportunity again this year, to help you draw closer to Jesus and for you to experience the peace and joy that He alone is able to give. Hopefully, the chaplains have played a part in preparing everyone for success, both in this life, and for eternity.

Remember that, "There is no vacation from your vocation". God is asking each one of us to live as His disciple and to shine bright with His love, regardless of whether we are in school or away on summer break. Let's continue each day to make Jesus "present and visible" through our words and actions. May we daily look for opportunities to help others encounter the God Who dwells within each of us.

Please be sure to take the time during the summer months "to pray each day", to "Worship God on Sundays", and to have a purposeful intent to be God's "light and salt" in your encounters with one another.

Have a terrific summer break. It's certainly good to be a Topper!

God bless you all. The Schlarman Chaplains

FR. BOWAN SCHMITT CELEBRATES SILVER ANNIVERSARY

Father Bowan Schmitt (Father Bo) celebrated 25 years as a priest on May 24, 2022, he was ordained for the priesthood at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland, where he received masters' degrees in divinity and systematic theology. He was ordained by Bishop John J. Myers at St. Mary's Cathedral in Peoria.

His first assignment was as parochial vicar at St. Thomas the Apostle in Peoria Heights. Since 2000

Father Schmitt has served as pastor at St. Joseph, Marseilles and St. Patrick, Ransom; St. Anthony Hoopeston, St. Thomas in Philo, Immaculate Conception in Bongard and St. Mary in Pesotum; and Holy Cross in Mendota, St. Theresa in Earlyille and St. Peter and Paul in Peterstown.

Father Schmitt was named pastor at St. Paul in Danville and vicar of the Danville Vicariate in 2016. He ministers as chaplain at Schlarman Academy, he was also chaplain for Schlarman when he was pastor at St. Anthony's in Hoopeston.

Father Bo has been an integral part of Schlarman Academy and has been known to not only teach religion classes and conduct retreats but he also attends sporting events, works on the grounds, decorates the hallways and chapels —he has even painted the curbs in the parking lots!

His love and support of Schlarman Academy and its students will be truly missed as he leaves for his new assignment at St. Patrick, Seneca and St. Patrick Ransom. God speed Father Bo, please know that you have made a difference and the students will never forget your advice, "There is no vacation from your vocation."







SCHLARMAN ACADEMY ADVANCEMENT

Eberhardt Family Vermilion County History Scholarships

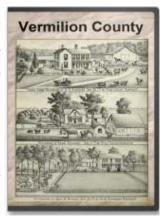


The Eberhardt Family recently established a scholarship fund to help foster an interest in early Vermilion County history. Michael C. Eberhardt (SHS '65) gave the following reasons he and his family decided to create these yearly scholarships: "As a product of what I considered was a very good grade school and high school education at St. Paul's and Schlarman in the 1950s and 1960s, I have nonetheless come to realize (quite to my dismay) over a half century later that there was one significant void in that education—I was taught virtually nothing about the extraordinarily rich history of Vermilion County, particularly during the important period of 1820 to 1920. Granted that it has only been in the last few decades that the noteworthy and important activities of organizations like the Vermilion County Museum

Society, the Vermilion County War Museum, the Illiana Genealogical and History Society, and the Governor Bradford Chapter of D.A.R. have awakened some of the consciousness of Vermilion County history, but nonetheless I suspect still more can be done to promote such awareness in the current local student population."

Sharon Oakwood has added a section to her U.S. History Class, Sophomore level, on Vermilion County history each year. Vermilion County history books have been provided to Sharon Oakwood's classroom by the Eberhardt Family. To receive these scholarships the Schlarman students will be asked to research one or two historical figures from early Vermilion County history (1820-1920) and write one 500 word essay or two 250 word essays about their chosen historical figure (s) /movement in Vermilion County. They will also be expected to take an accompanied tour of the Vermilion County Museum and the Vermilion County War Museum.

- One \$500.00 scholarship and two \$250.00 scholarships will be awarded to three sophomores each year. The scholarships will be awarded to the students who write the top three essays as judged by the history department/ scholarship committee including the Advancement Director. The scholarships will be applied to their junior year tuition.
- One \$1,000.00 scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior who shows an interest in history and fulfills all the other criteria for the scholarship. The scholarship will be sent directly to the college the graduating senior will be attending. The winning essay will be determined by the history department/scholarship committee including the Advancement Director.



Thank you to the Eberhardt Family for making this opportunity available to our students and to Mrs. Sharon Oakwood for her willingness to add a section on Vermilion County history to her U.S. History class.

For further information on establishing scholarship funds please contact Janet Picillo, Advancement Director at (217) 442-1184.

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Schlarman Academy is grateful for the many memorial and honor gifts they have received. The following gifts were made from December 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022. 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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13th ANNUAL SCHLARMAN GOLF OUTING

In Memory of Coach Paul Shebby

Join us on Saturday, September 17, 2022, at the Danville Country Club. Shotgun start is at 9 am. A <u>\$125</u> entry fee per person includes lunch, green fees, golf cart, prizes and raffles/extras (Mulligans, 50/50 and Hole-In-One). The outing was established by the late Zeke Bratkowski ('49) and is hosted by John O'Rourke ('50), Dr. Ron Girouard ('62) and Jerry O'Neill

The event is open to all alumni and friends of Schlarman and will be a four person scramble format. Pick your foursome or sign up as a single. A rain date is scheduled for Sunday, September 18th. Entry fees will not be refunded if unable to play on rain date.

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SHS CLASS REUNIONS

SHS Class of 1970

The Schlarman class of 1970 is gathering to celebrate their 70th birthdays the weekend of September 23rd-25th. Join them for cash bar at Turtle Run Friday night, dinner on Saturday evening and 9 a.m. Mass on Sunday morning at Holy Family. For more information contact Susie Guggemos Parham at seliese@hotmail.com.

SHS Class of 1972

The Schlarman class of 1972 will celebrate their 50th class reunion on the weekend of September 23rd-24th. Join them and renew those high school friendships! For more details, contact Kathy Puhr at (314) 277-1458/katpuhr54@gmail.com or Mary Lehnis at (206) 981-8373/lehnismm@gmail.com.

SHS Class of 1965

SHS Class of 1965 57th Class Reunion will be held from September 13-17th at Turkey Run Inn in Marshall, IN. For more information on the class reunion on coming together to celebrate the SHS Class of 1965, contact Diana (Povelones) Hill at (217) 759-7549 or (217) 819-2838/dianahill0123@gmail.com or Bob Blagg at (765) 344-6415 or (765) 562-2990/rblagg76@gmail.com.



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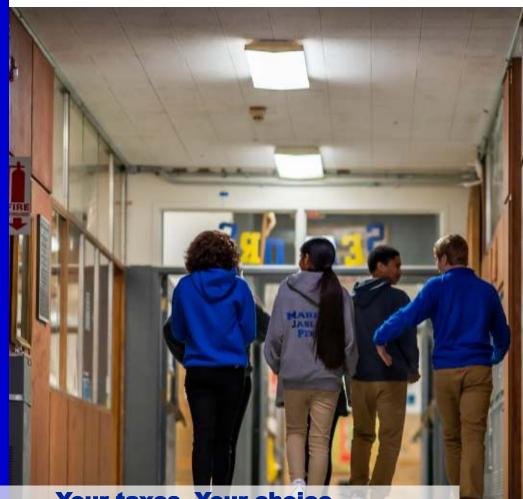
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