

VIEW FROM THE HILL

A Newsletter For Alumni & Friends of Schlarman
Spring/Summer 2023



Congratulations Class Of 2023



SCHLARMAN
ACADEMY

—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 —

Principal

Barb Rew

Assistant Principal

Jason Woodworth

Athletic Director

Corey Richardson

Advancement Director

Janet Picillo

Business Manager

Scott Shull

Ashley Drake

Chaplain

Fr. John Cyr





Happy Spring/Summer. I hope everyone is able to get out and about and participate in your favorite warm weather activities. It is hard to believe that it is already time for me to sit and write this issue of the View From the Hill. This means that we are almost out of school. The 2022-2023 school flew by.

Schlarman Academy has had a successful school year with the increased enrollment. I am proud to say that our Academy had a 37% increase in enrollment which was the highest in the Diocese by far. It was great to see all the faces walking our halls and learning from some amazing staff.

When I started at the Academy in 2011, the Academy hosted a picnic the Sunday before school started. This was a time for new students and students moving to the North Campus to get familiar with the buildings. This also allowed our families and students to reconnect after break. For one reason or another that event ended. We are excited to bring the picnic back this year. Our first day of school is August 14th so we will host the Back to School Night on August 13th on the North Campus lawn.

As school years end, it may also mean the end of careers as staff members retire and move on to new adventures. This year we say goodbye to four retiring staff members. Mrs. Sharon Oakwood has been in education for 43 years with 31 years between South and North Campus. Mrs. Oakwood has taught and been a confidant for many students. Mrs. Meggin Cooper will be retiring after 23 years of teaching French at the North Campus. She started as a part-time teacher and has been busy ever since. Like Mrs. Oakwood, she has seen many students roam the halls with one of two them being current teachers. Mrs. Joy Bott has been the music teacher at the South Campus for the last six years. She had brought a different teaching style to the music class. Her smile and perky personality brought many smiles to her students. Our final goodbye is to Mrs. Diane Rew. While Mrs. Rew was not an employee of Schlarman Academy, she provided Title 1 services to our students through District 118. Mrs. Rew provided academic support to students at the South Campus to help them reach their potential in math and reading. All four of these teachers have made an impact on our students and will be greatly missed. All of us at Schlarman Academy wish them well on their next adventures.

I will admit this year has not gone as smoothly as we all anticipated. The second semester brought unexpected changes that created some challenges. I would like to thank all those that have and continue to support Schlarman Academy. We have an amazing school and it shows in our students and staff. I am looking forward to the 2023-2024 school year and all that it will bring. I met with the parents of a recent graduate this morning and want to share a thought of his. He said that Schlarman has been there for two of his four children and it is and always will be a "beacon of light at the top of the hill". Myself and others are here to keep the light at the "top of the hill" shining brightly.

Lastly, I want to congratulate our Senior Class of 2023. These students are part of that light and I am excited to see where they will go on their next journey. All of us at Schlarman Academy are proud of you. Please be sure to visit us when you are back in town on break or if you are staying local, just stop by to say hello.

God Bless you all and have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Barb Rew

Schlarman Academy Principal.



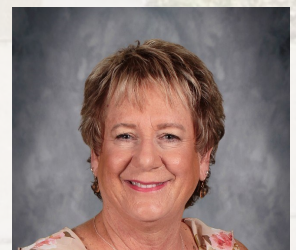
Sharon Oakwood
31 Years



Meggin Cooper
23 Years



Joy Bott
6 Years



Diane Rew

A LETTER FROM OUR ADVANCEMENT DIRECTOR



As I write this letter the Illinois General Assembly spring session has ended and the proposed removal of the sunset on the Invest in Kids Act (Tax Credit Scholarships) did not come up for a vote. In 2017, bipartisan lawmakers passed the Invest in Kids Act. This historic law-the first of its kind in Illinois- transforms lives by providing scholarships annually for kids from low-income and working-class families in Illinois. Scholarships are funded through private donations to scholarship granting organizations, like Empower Illinois, who then administer the application and scholarship process. Donations to the scholarship program are eligible for a 75% state tax credit. The legislative session was supposed to include a vote to extend the program indefinitely, beyond its initial 6 year life. Now we have to wait until the fall to see if the program will be extended.

How it works:

Students apply- Low income and working class families within 300% of the Federal Poverty level apply for a scholarship to a private K-12 school of their choice.

Donors Give-Individuals and corporate donors make contributions to scholarship granting organizations who then fund scholarships. In turn, donors receive a 75% state tax credit.

Scholarships Awarded, lives changed- Scholarships are awarded to families who meet the income requirements, based on available funds at the school of their choice.

Over the last five years of the program donors to Schlarman Academy have given \$950,000.00 to support students at Schlarman through the Invest in Kids program. For the 22/23 school year \$220,000.00 was donated and 62 students received scholarships. Another 45 students had applied and were eligible for funding but there weren't enough funds to provide them scholarships. Currently we have 110 students who are eligible for scholarships for the 23/24 school year and in order to provide all of them funding we need to raise \$424,000.00 in Invest in Kids funds before November 30, 2023.

It is of the utmost importance that this program continues for our students and families beyond the upcoming school year, the fact that over 100 of our students qualify for these scholarships makes it obvious that the program needs to continue.

How you can help:

Illinois Residents-Please contact your legislator to tell them you support removing the sunset on the Tax Credit Scholarship program. If you are interested in donating to the program please contact the Advancement Office at (217) 442-1184, donations for next school year will be accepted until November 30, 2023.

Non-Illinois Residents- Spread the word to your friends and families who live in Illinois about the importance of this program for Schlarman Academy.

Thank you in advance for all your support of Schlarman. For more information on the Invest in Kids Act and how you can help please visit empowerillinois.org.

Best wishes for a wonderful summer,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janet Picillo".

Janet Picillo

75TH SCHLARMAN COMMENCEMENT



On Sunday, May 21, 2023, the 75th Schlarman Commencement took place at Schlarman Academy North Campus. Thirteen graduates and their families, along with administrators and staff, gathered for honors and graduation ceremonies along with commencement speaker Jackie Vincent. Congratulations to our Schlarman Academy Class of 2023 graduates, we wish you the best in your futures.

Class of 2023 Senior Honors

Karlee Belton-Honor Graduate; National Honor Society; DACC Phi Theta Kappa; Senior Class Officer; Voice Of Schlarman; Excellence In Science Award

Makayla Blurton- Honor Graduate; National Honor Society; DACC Phi Theta Kappa; Eric S. Eberhardt Community Service Scholarship; Spiritual Life Award; DACC Dual Enrollment Graduate

Audrey Cejka- President's Educational Achievement Award

Ella Dixon- Salutatorian; National Honor Society; DACC Phi Theta Kappa; Excellence In Mathematics Award

Adam Duncan- President's Educational Achievement Award; National Honor Society; DACC Phi Theta Kappa; Senior Class Officer; Excellence In Spanish Award

Mia Martinez- President's Educational Achievement Award Honor; National Honor Society

Lilli Perez- Honor Graduate; National Honor Society; DACC Phi Theta Kappa; Senior Class Officer; Excellence In Social Studies Award; Summit Yearbook Above and Beyond Award; News Gazette High School Confidential Award

Carson Pollom- Honor Graduate; Excellence In Spanish Award

Dylan Taylor- Honor Graduate; National Honor Society; DACC Presidential Scholarship; DACC Phi Theta Kappa; John Philip Sousa Award; Excellence In Social Studies Award

Natalie Vasquez- President's Educational Achievement Award Honor Graduate; National Honor Society; DACC Phi Theta Kappa; Senior Class Officer

Madison Watson- Valedictorian; National Honor Society; P.E.O. Chapter HX Scholarship; DACC Phi Theta Kappa; Senior Class Officer; Spiritual Life Award; Outstanding English Student Award; Student Of The Year; DACC Dual Enrollment Graduate

Schlarman Academy High School Class of 2023

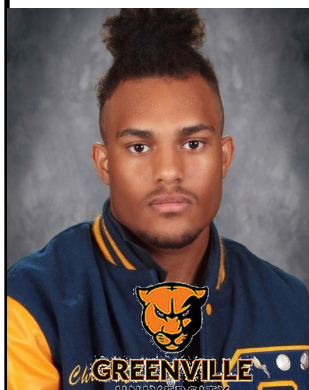
Karlee Belton



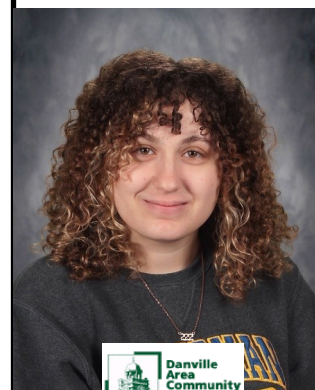
Makayla Blurton



Chris Brown



Audrey Cejka



Ella Dixon



Adam Duncan



C J Lucky



Mia Martinez



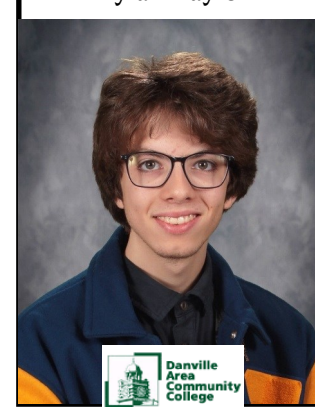
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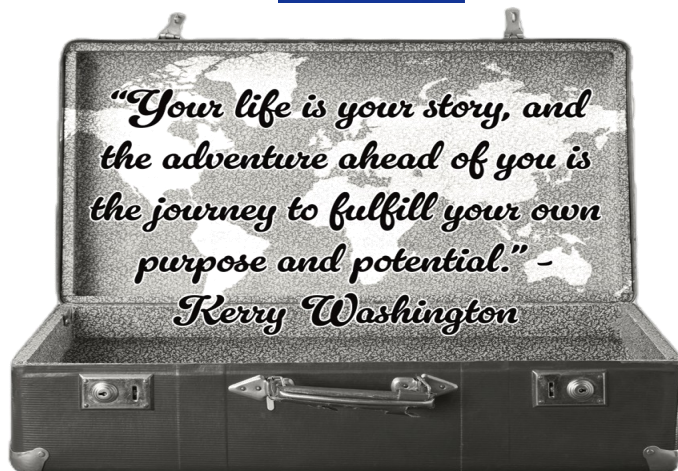
Dylan Taylor



Natalie Vasquez



Madison Watson



CLASS OF 2023 COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS



Mrs. Jackie Vinson SHS Class of 2007

Good afternoon, it is my privilege and honor to join the graduates today. As I prepared to join your ceremony, I asked myself, what do I remember from my commencement speaker 16 years ago? Turns out the answer was nothing. That was a relief, as you can imagine, coming to speak to you today. As I reflected on my graduation, I tried to imagine what you graduates would want to hear from me today. So the following is what I've come up with, I promise to be brief, because I think those gowns are very hot.

Number one, your families, your teachers, your friends, your neighbors are joining you today, because they are proud of you. But more importantly, of everyone else, being proud of you, you should be proud of yourself. For some, this may be your final graduation. For others, this may be one of many more come. But I want you to remember this, education guarantees you nothing. Pursue your education, if that's the choice you make, but pursue it wholeheartedly.

Number two, social media. Social media is not representative of real life. I'm sorry to break this to you, you're not likely to become Instagram influencers. Social media was a tool designed to help people connect, unfortunately, it's gone off that path in some ways. So if I've learned anything from working with my dad, it's that if a tool is not working for you, there's obviously something wrong with that tool, you need to get a new one. Use social media as a tool to help you connect and elevate your life, and in the event it is no longer working for you find a new tool.

Number three, be an enthusiast about your life. The hard part is, no one is going to care as much as you do, about what happens to you, not even your mom. Lukewarm in life is no good, go full bore about whatever it is that you're passionate about. If that's science, or math, or hiking, or photography, or finances, be excited about your future, never stop learning. Every no you hear in life, and there will be a lot, is a redirection towards something else that can be yes.

And finally, I'm going to let you in on a little secret. It's a secret that adults have worked a really long time to try to keep from their kids, nobody really has it all figured out. Your parents, your supporters, your friends, your grandkids even, are still trying to figure out their lives. You should try new things, you should experience new cultures, you should travel to new places, you should say yes to things you're uncertain of because they open the door for new opportunity. So far, you have been a student. You knew the path when you started in preschool or kindergarten, then elementary and junior high, now high school. For some of you college is next and others the workforce is ready for you. Keep trying new things. Your parents or grandparents might have had one or two careers in their lives. I'm a millennial, we will have seven. Not sure what generation you guys are, should have looked that up, but I'm sure you'll have more than seven. You don't have to get stuck, you don't have to stay, continue trying new things and you'll learn along the way. Please let me be just one of the many people to say congratulations. We're proud of you, an exciting future awaits you. Please join me in a round of applause for the graduates.



Being a Hilltopper stays with us forever...



Class of 2023 Valedictorian Madison Watson

We are all here today, eagerly awaiting the movement of our tassels from the right to the left and the time when we will throw our caps in the air, finally pronouncing that we are graduating from high school. We have been through so much together, and now we have all gathered today in the same blue caps and robes, similar in some way to the school uniform we have been instructed to wear every day. Today we receive a certificate greater than any one we have received before. This one will mean much more than a participation award you received for playing the recorder, being in a school play, or participating in basketball. This certificate means that we have finally done it. We have achieved the one thing we have looked forward to for the past four years, we will receive

a diploma. This diploma does not only mean that we do not need to race to beat the 7:40 bell anymore, but it means that we have completed the year that formed and shaped us into who we are as we sit here right now. Everything that we have experienced up to this point have formed us into who we are, and who we will be. Through the many trials we have faced, we have become a very close family. Today's Schlarman class of 2023 does not know exactly what the future holds for them, but I know that we will handle any difficulties with strength, and will become the best versions of ourselves.

From here, who knows where we will be. In 10 years we will probably meet for our reunion and those who said they would have a certain career may not be doing what they originally thought, or lived where they had planned to live. No matter what the future is though, we just have to remember that it is in our power. You are only in control of what you do. If the pandemic or the rest of our time in school taught us anything, we are not in control of what other people decide to do. You are only able to control how you react, and what you decide to do about it. I hope we face the adversities of life with strength and patience. I hope that we are able to remember those times in our lives when we felt helpless, and become grateful for those times when the choice was in our hands.

Honestly, as much as we may have dreaded having to wake up early, many of us will grow to miss this time in our lives, after all it did go by pretty fast. I will not lie, I was skeptical when others told us that these years would fly by, and at times they were correct, others they were not. Some days when we were in quarantine, staring at our zoom screens, time actually stopped. And that was kind of cool because once you realize everyone's faces were frozen, class had actually ended. Some things did go by fast, like all of the time you thought you had to do a seven page essay. We would find out soon that procrastination was not our friend. But we cannot put off the future, and pretty soon we will be thrown out into the world with the knowledge our teachers have given us, and hopefully how to make mac and cheese cups in the microwave. Except one of us, she is still working on that. The memories we have of high school will live with us forever, like the memories we have of the senior lounge. As well as all of our school dances and powderpuff games. In the end, I suppose it did go by fast. I am fairly confident that time continues to go by just as fast as we get older. I mean how many times have we heard "I feel like the last time I saw you, you were only this tall." Like let's be honest, I am pretty sure time never slows down. At our 10 year reunion hopefully we do not say that the years flew by as we reminisce and share what we have been up to with one another.

A wise man with gray hair made the class aware of a bible verse from 1st Thessalonians chapter 5 verse 18. It says "In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus." This comes to mind as these four years have not been easy, but we have had many people that have pushed us and supported us through the difficult times. Today I thank all of our parents and families, who made us go to school and sometimes made us do our work even when we did not feel like it. We could not have done it alone, as how else would we obtain that thing that we forgot, or a ride home when we do not feel good. I would also like to thank our teachers and staff that held us tightly when we were upset, and provided comfort when we were stressing out about our upcoming due dates.

Our teachers were at the most important times our biggest supporters, and always knew what to say at the right time. We also owe thanks to our coaches, who guided us in more than just our athletics, but helped us with our real life experiences and moral values.

Lastly, I would like to thank the senior class of 2023. We have stuck together through the hard times, and have supported each other through everything. We can always make each other laugh, and we will always remember the good times that we had together.

If there is anything I want us to learn from our high school experience, I want us to know how to persevere. God will give us challenges, and it is our job to overcome them, and grow stronger because of them. The senior class of 2023 is full of promise, and I know that we will always do our best and reach the goals that we set for ourselves. Let us all start the next chapter of the rest of our lives today. We made it, all thirteen of us. Congratulations class of 2023!





Class of 2023 Salutatorian Ella Dixon

When I was told that I would be giving this speech, I was very excited. However, that excitement wore off and I quickly became nervous about what I was going to say. So much so that I not only missed one but two of the deadlines for this speech, sorry Mrs. Peck.

I was also told to 'keep it short' by many of my classmates, I don't know if that's because they are ready to get out of here or if they think that Chris is going to fall asleep, but probably both.

Today marks a significant milestone in our lives. This is the only day we will arrive as Schlarman students and leave as alumni. As we gather here to celebrate our graduation, we reflect on the past and look forward to the future. We have worked hard to reach this point, and we should be proud of our achievements. However, we did not get here alone. We owe our success to the support and guidance of our parents, teachers, mentors, and friends. They have challenged us, inspired us, and believed in us. Let us take a moment to thank them for their unwavering support.

I'd like to start by thanking the teachers, for never giving up on us, for being there when we really needed it and for always having words of encouragement that could put us in a better mood. Mr. Cravens once told us that "the world isn't so scary if you are looking at it through sunset orange", Just that short, simple saying will forever follow me through life. We will always cherish the days you just wanted to have fun with us, from volleyball in the gym to a water fight on the front lawn, thank you.

To our parents, we wouldn't be here without you. We are forever grateful for the sacrifices you have made for us and the support you have given each of us through the years. Thank you for choosing this school and these people. It truly is a family, and I wouldn't want to be anywhere else.

To my classmates, getting to spend these 4 long but very short years with you has been great. Except for all the times when the cosmic brownies were all eaten by the boys before first hour was over, and yes, this happened multiple times. Even though we cannot stand one another four out of five days a week, I wouldn't trade any of you (well, maybe a couple of you), but I wish you all the best.

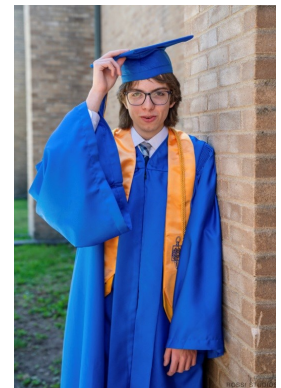
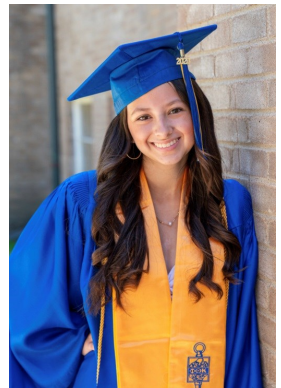
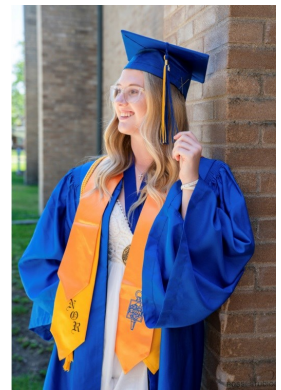
And of course, it wouldn't be a graduation speech without a shout out to Quizlet and Photomath for getting us through the days of long math homework, and by the way, we weren't slick, Mrs. Payne always knew when we were using it.

As we prepare to embark on the next phase of our journey, we must remember that the world is full of challenges and opportunities. We must be willing to take risks, to step outside our comfort zones, and to embrace the unknown. We must be willing to work hard, to persevere through adversity, and to never give up on our dreams. And we must also remember that we are not alone. We have each other, and we have the support of our families and teachers. We have the knowledge and skills to make a positive impact on the world, and we have the determination to succeed in whatever we choose to do.

So let us go forth from here with confidence and gratitude. Let us celebrate our achievements, but let us also remember that our work is not done. We have a responsibility to use our education to make a difference in the world, and to leave it a better place than we found it. Remember that success is not just about wealth, fame, or status. It's about making a positive impact on the world. It's about using your talents and skills to help others and make the world a better place.

Lastly, I'd like to leave you with a quote that's really stuck with me through high school. It has honestly changed my perspective on life. It was said by the most creative, influential, and inspiring men of our time. As the poet and philosopher Pit-bull once said, "Every day above ground is a great day, Remember that."

OUR NEWEST CLASS OF SCHLARMAN ALUMNI



A special thank you to Angela Rossi of Rossi Studios Photography for capturing our seniors special day!

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BLURTON & WATSON EARN DUAL GRADUATE HONORS

Makayla Blurton and Madison Watson earned both their high school diplomas and their Associates Degrees from Danville Area Community College in the same weekend. Both Makayla and Madison were able to achieve this great accomplishment by hard work and dedication to their studies through the dual enrollment program offered at Schlarman Academy thanks to our generous donors.

Makayla plans to pursue a career in nursing and eventually become a nurse practitioner. She was accepted to Louisiana State University and Lakeview College of Nursing.

Madison plans to pursue a career in speech communication disorders and diseases. She was accepted to University of Illinois, Eastern Illinois University and Southern Illinois University.

Congratulations ladies on such a great accomplishment!



SENIOR CLASS TRIP



The class of 2023 took their senior trip to King's Island in Mason, Ohio on May 12, 2023.



8TH GRADE PROMOTION



On Wednesday, May 17, 2023, 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:

Shaw Black	Addison Forsyth	Kamilia Malone	Bianca Rodriguez	Gabriella Zambello
Brody Boyd	Noah Fowler	Hayden Miller	Princeton Rush	Kyler Zarn
Evan Bridgewater	Taylor Galyen	Laydon Moore	Je'Lanna Tall	
Gayle Clayton	Tamia Johnson	Elias Perez	Reagan Troglia	Not Pictured:
Jonathan Colby	Jacob Lewallen	Palyn Provost	Clark Warren	Shalayla Briggs
Anastasia Devore	German Loredo	Lillian Reed	Camdyn Wilson	

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: Morgan Colby, Natalie Vasquez, Ella Dixon, Karlee Belton, Madison Watson, Makayla Blurton, Lilli Perez, Mia Martinez, Anna Lehmann, Maya Jenny, Evy Kelsey, Emma Myers, Emma Osterbur, Teresa La, Dillon Hemker, Cheyenne Lutz, Adam Duncan, Ricky Soderstrom & Dylan Taylor.

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED FOR 2023-2024

Schlarman Foundation Scholarships

O'Rourke Family Scholarship:
Ian Fitzgerald

John and Lois Morrissey Endowed Scholarship:
Shaw Black
Jennifer Torres
Sebastian Starkey

Armand and Mildred Stella Scholarship:
Jonathan Colby

John A. and Kay Ronchetto Scholarship:
Hayden Miller

**Fred Faulstich Endowed Scholarship in
Memory of Paul and Ruth Faulstich:**
Mateo Villaester
Amelia Rome

Richard Beard Davis Scholarship:
Anastasia DeVore

Vicki Vogel Memorial Scholarship:
Aniston Juarez
Lilly Johnson

Paul and Mary Engle Scholarship:
Bianca Rodriguez

Hawes Family Scholarship:
Cheyenne Lutz
Maya Jenny
Noah Berryman
Dillon Hemker
Teresa La
Paul Hurley
Wrigley O'Brien
Deana Linares
Devyn Gose
Konnor Andrew
Aliayha Thomas
Bayleigh Smith
Naveah Smith



Schlarman Advancement Scholarships

Sursum Corda Scholarship:
Reagan Trogia

**Shea Family Scholarship in honor of
Beverly Shea Kesler and in memory of Jack Shea:**
Brody Boyd
Seraphina Coffee
Harper O'Brien

Joseph Lawrence Bernotas Scholarship:
Bianca Rodriguez

Eric S. Eberhardt Memorial Scholarship:
Makayla Blurton
Noah Berryman

Derric Hightower, Jr. Scholarship:
Logan Lancaster

**Eberhardt Family Vermilion County History
Scholarship:**
Evy Kelsey
Teresa La
Emma Osterbur

Margaret Black Memorial Scholarship:
Gayle Clayton

**Edmund "Zeke" Bratkowski
Memorial Scholarship:**
Lincoln Cravens

Class of 1972 Scholarship Fund:
Suzanne Hawker
Dominick Prall



Prom 2023



The junior class held their prom at Willow Barn on Saturday, May 6, 2023. The prom court from left to right: Lauren McMahon, Ricky Soderstrom, Madison Belton, Damian Carmona, Queen Cheyenne Lutz, King Dillon Hemker, Maya Jenny, Marquez Davis, Anna Lehmann & Marcus Provost





ATHLETICS

High School

Winter & Spring Sports



Ladies Basketball



Baton



Boys Basketball



Basketball Cheer



Baseball



Track & Field



Jr. & High School Toppettes



Swimming



Softball



ATHLETICS

Jr. High School

Winter & Spring Sports



Girl's Basketball



7th Boy's Basketball



8th Grade Basketball



8th Grade Volleyball



Basketball Cheer



7th Grade Volleyball



Girl's Track & Field



Boy's Track & Field

CHRIS BROWN SIGNS WITH GREENVILLE UNIVERSITY



Schlarman Academy would like to congratulate Chris Brown (Pictured center) and his mother Sherry Brown and father Wes Brown as he signed his athletic letter of intent to play football at Greenville University. We wish you the best as you further your academic and athletic career at the next level.



Congratulations to Schlarman Academy freshman Jerrius Atkinson! He placed 4th in the 300 m hurdles and 9th in the 100m hurdles at IHSA State Finals. Jerrius was the only freshman in the top 10 of both events, he was in the company of junior and senior athletes.



Archery Nationals



Scholastic Bowl

HILLTOPPERS



Spelling Team

A LETTER FROM OUR CHAPLAIN



As the new Chaplain, I was inspired to learn about Bishop Schlarman. Every institution has heroes and needs new heroes. Archbishop Joseph Henry Leo Schlarman opened Schlarman Academy in the 1950's. Joseph was raised on a simple farm with a large Catholic family. He attended college in Quincy, IL. As a seminarian he studied in Austria where he was later ordained. He then moved to Rome to study canon law. As a priest and bishop, he was committed to helping farmers. He wrote a book on early French explorers and settlers in the Americas and made regular visits to a seminary in Mexico to assist in priestly formation. Prison reform was also a special interest of his. He visited prisons around the world and for several years he served on the Illinois State Prison commission. He was loved by his priests and often preached on the importance of strong marriages and families.

I have been a priest for 20 years with several assignments from Champaign to Rock Island. I grew up in Fowler, IN with my five sisters and two brothers. I have a twin sister who is married to a Naval officer, and together they travel the world on various assignments with their five children. I enjoy visiting my dad who lives on our 5th generation family farm in Indiana. After high school I went to Purdue, St. Louis University, Mount St Mary's, and the University of Notre Dame where I obtained my Masters of Business Administration in 2020. Like most priests today, I have had the opportunity to travel and it has expanded my understanding of various cultures and the global church. I pray that my experience and education can be of service to our academy. My main goal is the spiritual development of the students and faculty. I will do my best to promote a devotion to the Eucharist and Our Blessed Mother. I would like to see more students, teachers and parents receiving the Sacraments. Everyone will study Catholic theology and the sacraments here at Schlarman. There are many good Catholic sources that are accessible online, such as Our Sunday Visitor, that allow us to study and pray on the go.

In the Sacrament of Baptism original sin is washed away. We are marked as a member of the church and we enjoy a new life in Christ. In Confession God is generous with his mercy: we strive anew to live a better moral life. During Mass we are then nourished with the Body and Blood of Christ. When Confirmed, the soul receives the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Most graduates will go on to get married. At Holy Matrimony, husband and wife exchange vows and become one body. May they be blessed with many children and grandchildren. These sacraments are our treasures: the greatest things the Church can offer. At Archbishop Schlarman Academy, we must cherish these treasures with true devotion! Please pray for me as I start this new assignment as chaplain. I look forward to talking with you in person and sharing the faith with you on social media platforms.

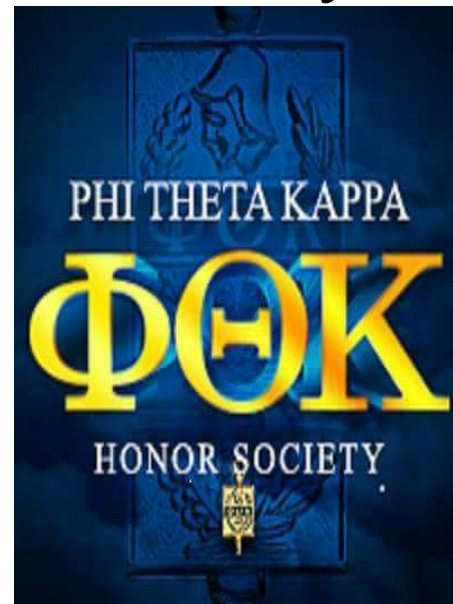
Sincerely,

Fr. John Cyr



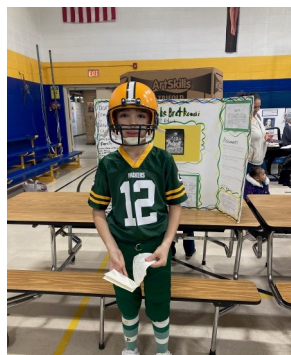
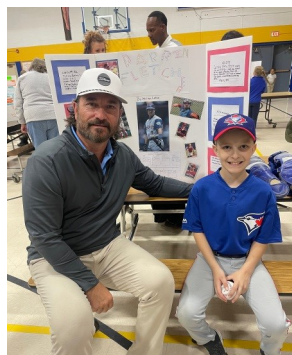
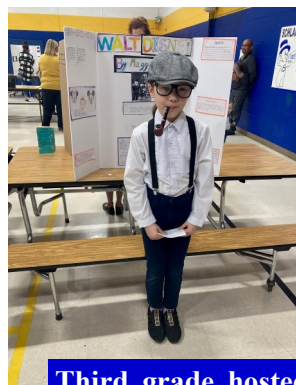
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Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

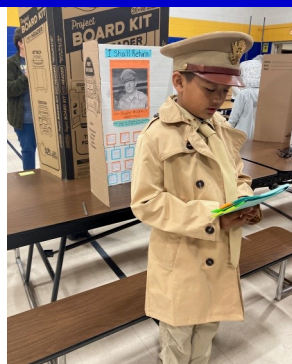
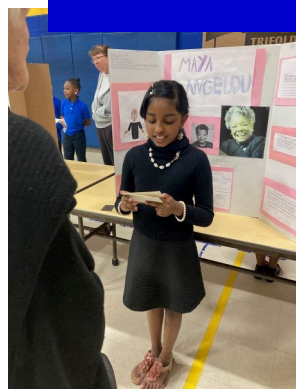


On March 1, 2023 five Schlarman Academy students were inducted into Danville Area Community College's Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. The students inducted from left to right are: Makayla Blurton, Lilli Perez, Natalie Vasquez & Ricky Soderstrom along with Mr. Johnson and State Senator Paul Faraci. Not pictured is Dylan Taylor.

3rd Grade Living Wax Museum



Third grade hosted a Famous Americans Living Wax Museum at the Schlarman Academy South Campus gym. Each third grader dressed as a famous American and some of those famous Americans represented were; Walt Disney, Darrin Fitcher, Zeke Bratkowski, Dolly Parton, Maya Angelou, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Sally Ride and Dick Van Dyke.



Conservation Olympics



The Schlarman Academy 6th graders placed 4th overall at the 38th Annual Conservation Olympics held at Forest Glen Nature Preserve. They also won the sportsmanship award! The participants in the Animal Game earned 1st place and the team placed 3rd in the Environmental Relay. Amelia Rome started the day of the Conservation Olympics by singing the National Anthem.

South Campus Participates In Balloon School



Ms. Erickson's 3rd Grade class enjoyed some perks of being the Balloons Over Vermilion Host Student Ambassadors. They got to participate in a Balloon School at Schlarman Academy South Campus. The entire south campus got to enjoy this event on such a beautiful day and learn about ballooning.



REUNIONS

SAVE THE DATE!



Join the SHS Class of 1965 for their 58th reunion at Turkey Run Inn in Marshall, IN from August 8 through August 11, 2023. Contact Diana Hill at 217-819-2838 or Bob Blagg at 765-344-6414 or 765-562-2990 for more information.

Pictured is the Class of '65 from 2022 reunion. From left: John & Donna Guggemos, James "Fritz" & Christine Koebrich, Michael & Christine Catney, Diana (Lipa) & Dr. Larry Lindahl, John Bial & Cindy, Patty (Graves) Edington, James "Broc" Siefert, Rick & Pat Lanter, Patrick and Jean (Fitzgerald) Grady, Bob Blagg, Dale Owen, Diana (Povelones) Hill and Bob Noone



The SHS Class of 1968 will be having their reunion September 29th through October 1st. They will be at Sleepy Creek Vineyards on Friday the 29th from 4:45pm-8:00pm, then to Possom Trot Supper Club for dinner. On Saturday the 30th the class will have lunch at Charlotte's at 11:30am, then they will meet up again for dinner at Wolf Creek Golf Course from 5:30pm-9:00pm. Sunday, October 1st they will have mass at Holy Family Church at 9:00am.

SHS CLASS OF '72 SCHOLARSHIP

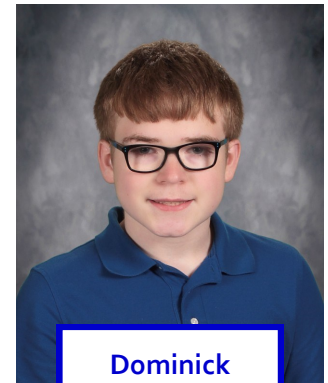


Schlarman High School Class of 1972

The SHS class of 1972 held their 50th reunion in September of 2022. As part of their celebration they decided to raise funds to provide scholarships for Schlarman Academy high school level students. The class was successful in raising over \$10,000.00 and chose to provide two full tuition scholarships for the 2023/2024 school year. Two sophomore students were chosen for the honor, Suzanne Hawker and Dominick Prall.



Suzanne
Hawker



Dominick
Prall

SCHLARMAN TESTIMONIALS

Father Dennis O'Riley, Schlarman Class of 1949

In the spring of 1945 the eighth graders of the area Catholic grade schools were all set to go to their respective public schools. And seemingly out of the blue came the announcement that there was to be a new Catholic High School in Danville. We eighth graders became the very first class of said school, the first year known as Danville Central Catholic high school a year later Schlarman High School. Since then, approaching 80 years, the school has gone through many high hills and many dark valleys. However, one factor has endured, for a reason known only to God a wondrous source of Catholic Christian formation was given to our communities. In our current culture that vocation is even more pressing upon us, in some cases, no spiritual formation is happening at home. Aside from the problems of different personalities and staff, for those whom God called those many years ago, still is calling us now. Catholic or Non-Catholic parents and families pray God that we will continue to fulfill the vocation upon us as true disciples of Jesus, our Divine Teacher. Come Holy Spirit, give us the grace to continue answering our vocation, your call for the children who you have given us.

Kevin Cullen, SHS '72

People have asked, "So why did you go to Schlarman, anyway?" Good question. I had attended only public schools, first in Danville, then in Westville. But as freshman year approached, I set my sights higher. Schlarman was college-prep. I admired the serene and beautiful campus, up on North Vermilion Street. I was Catholic, after all, and St. Mary's School provided bus rides from Westville and back.

I arrived in August 1968. I was a friendless alien, so to speak. But in my first class -- English 1, with Sister Rose Angela -- I was welcomed by Mary McCormick, who sat in front of me, and Pat Kaine, whose desk was to my left. I felt welcome. My quivering, 14-year-old brain sensed that I was standing on the threshold of a new life. And I was.

Schlarman offered a no-nonsense, classical education. Four years of English, required. Four years of religion, required. World history, American history, biology, advanced biology, chemistry, algebra, geometry, civics, Latin or French. We studied the New Testament, Dickens, Shakespeare and Mark Twain. We wrote and wrote and wrote. We didn't have a radio station, a pool or a single shop class. But we stood when an adult entered a room, we prayed together before each class, and on First Fridays, we sipped the blood of Christ from the same golden chalice. We screamed ourselves silly at football and basketball games. Topper Nation? Absolutely! Thanks to selfless administrators, lay teachers, priests and nuns, we left Schlarman prepared for the challenges and trials ahead.

The Class of 1972 held its 50-year reunion last fall. Love was all around ... for classmates, of course, but also for the school that had brought us together, and shaped us, in such important ways. Schlarman is a special place, a light on a hilltop. Always has been, and always will be. To borrow a quote from Proverbs: " Her children rise up and call her blessed."

Patrick and Sarah Bogen, class of 1995

What does Schlarman Academy mean to us? We started our life with Schlarman as young freshmen in the fall of 1991. During the next four years, our Hilltopper pride and spirit was fostered and grew to be engrained permanently into our hearts.

We have three daughters and from the beginning of their lives, there was never a doubt as to where they would attend school. Two have graduated from Schlarman and are currently successful college students at two major universities. Our youngest is a student at the high school. All three of our girls have had a top notch education that has prepared them for their future. As parents, we valued a safe environment with high learning standards and a foundation in our faith. Schlarman has provided that to our children without a doubt.

We firmly believe that Danville and Vermilion County still NEED Schlarman. There are students currently in those classrooms that need the support and opportunity that our school provides. Even after our children have all graduated, we will still gladly and wholeheartedly support this institution.

After 32 years, Schlarman is still and always will be a part of our lives. It is our family. We encourage all alumni and supporters of Schlarman to remember your Hilltopper pride and spirit and continue to support this school that we all love and have fond memories of our time passing in those hallways. Once a Hilltopper, always a Hilltopper!

Schlarman Academy Advancement



WE REMEMBER...

Schlarman Academy is grateful for the many memorial and honor gifts they have received. The following gifts were made from November 23, 2022 through May 15, 2023. 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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Donate retirement plan assets. By making a simple designation on your plans beneficiary form, you could save your heirs from a significant tax burden.

Donate a life insurance policy. You could simply name Schlarman Academy or Schlarman Foundation as the beneficiary of a policy.

Please contact your financial advisor for more information.



14th ANNUAL SCHLARMAN GOLF OUTING

In Memory of Coach Paul Shelby

Join us on **Saturday, September 9, 2023**, 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 raffles/extras (Mulligans, 50/50 and Hole-In-One). The outing was established by the late Zeke Bratkowski ('49), John O'Rourke ('50) and Dr. Ron Girouard ('62).

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 10, 2023. Entry fees will not be refunded if unable to play on rain date.***

**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT SCHLARMAN ATHLETICS WITH
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JUST TO NAME A FEW!**

Golf Registration Form - **Deadline is August 28, 2023**

Contact Person: _____ Handicap/Ave. Score _____

Phone: () _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Email: _____

Team Name: _____

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Please mail registration form & payment to:

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Golf or Sponsorship Payment

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

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**Choose A
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\$500 Lunch

\$250 Cart

\$100 Hole

Please email your company's logo to jblurton@schlarman.com by the Thursday, August 24, 2023 deadline. Thank you!



SCHLARMAN ACADEMY ADVANCEMENT



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Class of 1978

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1968	\$1,000.00	1990	\$500.00	2012-21	\$0.00
1969	\$2,004.00	1991	\$0.00	Staff	\$925.00
1970	\$2,600.00	1992	\$0.00	TOTAL	\$44,309.46



Alums We Want To Hear From You

Schlarman alums we want to hear from you! As years pass often we lose contact with our Hilltoppers as they move on and we would like to keep every alum up to date on all of the happenings on the Hill. If you have a change of address, would like to plan a reunion tour, or have news to share we want to know. You can contact us by logging on to our website schlarman.com, open the Alumni page and simply click Alumni Update and fill out the Alumni Update Form. You can also call us at 217-442-1184. We look forward to hearing from you!

Go Hilltoppers!



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6-Steven Nourie, Danville, IL

7-Betty Lipetzky, Hometown, IL

8-Ed Scaggs, Westville, IL

9-James Wells, Tilton, IL

10-Robert Sumila, Catlin, IL

11th-25th Prize-\$500 Cash

11-Sherry Forshee, Danville, IL

12-Stephen Kuchefski, Danville, IL

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14-Lynnette Bratton, Kingman, IN

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17-Kim Longfellow, Hoopeston, IL

18-Gary Tucker, Odessa, FL

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21-Sarah Bogen, Danville, IL

22-Benjamin Smith, Danville, IL

23-Darlene McNeely, Wellington, IL

24-Brian Randle, Danville, IL

25-Erika Ramsey, Westville, IL

26th-50th Prize-\$250 Each

26-Judy Carlton, Georgetown, IL

27-Kim Webber, Danville, IL

28-Agnel D'Silva, Danville, IL

29-Fr. Timothy Sauppe, Westville, IL

30-Pam Ray, Georgetown, IL

31-Judy Anderson, Danville, IL

32-Dawn Winland et al, Covington, IN

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37-Eddie Heidrick, Danville, IL

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