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KATHY ALLEN CIARLA '87  
KAREN KLUG WHITE '92

## Dear Alumnae, Parents, Students and Friends,

Time is flying by and it's hard to believe that we're in the fourth quarter. We've had so much to celebrate this school year and we have so much to look forward to as well. God has indeed blessed the Seton community, and we are grateful to Him for all of the amazing gifts and opportunities afforded to our students throughout their years here.

Sharing our talents while discovering what God has intended us to be is a journey that both our students and our alums navigate through time after time. You will be inspired as you read about Maureen Coakley Born '67 on page 4 and how her creativity has kept her on a lifelong adventure of sharing her artistic gifts with others. Kaitlin Devoto '16 is using her passion and love of animals as she volunteers with a local rescue organization. As a sophomore in college with plans to become a veterinarian, she has already helped hundreds of animals find forever homes. You can read about her on page 18. On the next page you can see how Christine Oswald '14 is embracing opportunities all while sharing her newly-found gifts of teaching English all over the world.

Our swim team had an undefeated season in dual meets, including Best of the West Champions! What's more, our current Saints broke a handful of records and our head coach Jodie Monnig Schaefer '91 was also named GGCL Coach of the Year! Our Varsity and Junior Varsity Dance Teams both double medaled at the UDA National Championship in Orlando, Florida. Read about these exciting updates on page 10.

Construction begins in April as we head into Phase 3 of the Seton 360 campaign. Thanks to the incredible generosity of an anonymous donor, our cafeteria is getting a full renovation to include outdoor space as well. The new student center is top notch! You can see more on page 6. President Kathy Allen Ciarla '87 spent a few days visiting with alums and their families who live in Florida. It was a great way to share memories of Seton and updates about the construction going on at Seton. Thank you to everyone who has donated! You are helping to provide our students with the best optimal learning environment and we are so proud to offer a well-rounded education to each and every student here.

Enrollment continues to grow at Seton! We are thrilled to welcome 171 freshmen to the Class of 2023. Please pray for our newest Saints as well as our current Saints, staff and administration. Thank you for your continued support and prayers as we live out the mission of our patroness St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

Thank you!

Kathy Allen Ciarla '87  
President

Karen Klug White '92  
Principal

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(Right) The Seton TriHealth Summer Employment Program is an exclusive program between Seton and TriHealth that exposes students to a variety of jobs in the medical profession and is made possible by the SC Ministry Foundation. This past summer, more than 50 students had the opportunity to intern at 50 different TriHealth locations, including Good Samaritan Hospital.

**ON THE COVER:** Maureen Coakley Born '67 uses her talents to touch many lives, including recently illustrating a children's book.



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Seton High School, a Catholic community in the tradition of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, through the mission of the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati, develops a diverse population of young women for a life of faith, service and leadership and engages them in achieving academic excellence in a college preparatory environment.

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# WE ARE EACH *a masterpiece in the making*

For Maureen Coakley Born '67, there has never been a time where she wasn't connected to creativity, children and kindness. From her high school years through today, Maureen has always been up for an adventure. For this mom, grandma, wife, teacher, illustrator, artist and volunteer – there will never be, nor has there ever been, a time when she doesn't seize the moment.

**M**aureen's Seton High School experience was a little different than most. When she graduated from eighth grade, her parents were struggling financially and so she started ninth grade at a public high school. "After attending for two years I knew it was not a good fit for me," said Maureen. "I somehow got the nerve to ask my parents if I could go to Seton, and they made it work! When I walked into Seton that first day, I felt like I was home. My grade school friends greeted me, and I felt like things were falling comfortably into place. I even loved the uniform!"

Maureen became active in clubs, made new friends, got involved with service, chorus, talent shows and of course, everyone's favorite school activity at that time – the paper drives. "For me, Seton was the first step in helping me realize that there is nothing that stands in your way except sometimes yourself," explained Maureen. "God gave us a big world out there to be explored, even if you only start that exploration in your backyard."

Maureen next embraced her college years, where she received her Bachelor of Science in Education from the University of Cincinnati and began working as a teacher. "After graduation I taught second grade at St. Dominic and then moved to Louisville to continue to teach," Maureen said. "I wanted to make a difference in the lives and education of young children. Kindergarten offered me the opportunity to infuse some art into the educational process, and I enjoyed seeing the success that five-year-olds made as they would start to connect letters into words and become readers."

She and her husband, Gene Born (St. Xavier '65), had five children over the next decade: Erin Born Hoffman '91, Colleen Born Schreffler '94, Allison Born Barker '98, John Born (Elder '99) and Ryan Born (Elder '01). "I was blessed to be able to stay home with my children during those years," Maureen said. When Ryan was in second grade she went back to teaching. She taught kindergarten



(L-R): Gene, Allison, Colleen, Erin and Maureen at Seton's Alumnae Father Daughter Dance 2019



Maureen volunteering at Bayley Place

in Cincinnati Public Schools for the rest of her career, and retired five years ago.

This retirement time was her new adventure. "My time was mine to give," she said. "I had read that 'the smallest action, done with love, will lead us towards peace.' I knew I could do a few small things and they didn't have to be grandiose. That became my mantra."

Maureen's dad was in the Bayley Place Memory Care Unit while she was still teaching. "I would bring in art activities or games on my visits with my dad," she said. "For the last five years I have been making weekly visits and engaging the residents in an art activity." Maureen also spends time doing service work through The Literacy Network and Saylor Park School three times a week. "I feel so blessed to help six smiling third graders improve their reading skills, see former students and teachers, and still feel a small part of the educational program."

Retirement has definitely given Maureen more time to pursue her love of watercolor painting and art. "Illustrating a book was always on my bucket list," said Maureen, who has an art studio in her home. "I'm not a writer, but my sister, Johnna Coakley '68, introduced me to Barb Coyle, who was looking for someone to illustrate her book, "Drew and Stu's Adventurous Shoes." She was inspired by a quote that she has

sitting on her art desk. "It's from Bishop Tutu and it says, 'You are a masterpiece in the making.' I knew that this was my opportunity," she said. "I will never paint that masterpiece, but I also can never stop learning and sharing my love of learning and art with others." So Maureen decided to use her talents to tell a story.

The book was successfully released last fall. All profits are being donated to The Literacy Network of Cincinnati and the Franciscan Fathers Get to School Program in Jamaica. "We are enjoying promoting the book and meeting new people, especially the children at local schools where we share our book and publishing story."

Maureen, who is a proud member of the Seton Alumnae Board, Seton's 31 Women Scholarship program, the Westwood Women's Club and Impact 100, also teaches acrylic and watercolor classes to adults and children. Her creativity is abound throughout her home in her abstract paintings, collages and pottery.

Whether she and Gene are spending time with their grandsons that live down the street or visiting with grandchildren that live in Denver, Minneapolis and Chicago, this nana always has her suitcase of crafts and art supplies on those visits and is ready for creativity and fun. As she gets closer to her 70th birthday, Maureen said she knows how truly blessed she and Gene are. "Our lifelong friends are amazing people of joy and kindness," she explained. "My hope is that we can all enjoy a healthy life making new memories, having new adventures, sharing our Catholic beliefs and enjoying our children and grandchildren as they become kind and caring individuals pursuing their unique talents that God has given them. And I guess it's never too late to try – to illustrate another book."

Maureen and Drew and Stu's Adventurous Shoes author Barbara Coyle at a book signing

Maureen talking about illustrating her book to her grandson's class in Colorado



# Planned Giving



Sandra Schroeder Boyle '59 and her husband, Pat, made a bequest to Seton High School leaving Seton in their will.

*"Throughout her life, my sister had many fond memories of Seton. These included the friends she made, the Seton Drama Club that she loved and the many opportunities that Seton gave her," said Sue Schroeder Schotte '66. "That is why she wanted to leave a lasting gift to Seton, so that she could pay it forward."*



Sandra Schroeder Boyle '59

*"We are so grateful to Sandy and her family, and we are honored to carry on her legacy."*

– Kathy Allen Ciarla '87, President

## Questions?

For more information on Planned Giving, please contact Seton High School President Kathy Allen Ciarla '87 at 513-471-2600 or [ciarlak@setoncincinnati.org](mailto:ciarlak@setoncincinnati.org).



Sandra and Pat Boyle

# Florida Trip with Seton Snow Birds

Seton High School President Kathy Allen Ciarla '87 and teacher Mary Ritter spent some time in Florida with several alums and their spouses. They visited Bonita Springs, Orlando and Sarasota. It was such a great opportunity to connect, share memories and learn about all of the upgrades and exciting changes going on at Seton. One reoccurring theme was the positive impact of their Seton education and the Seton Sisterhood. Seton is grateful to the alumnae for their support to continue the Seton legacy.



# Seton 360°

## Construction Update

Thanks to a very generous, anonymous donor, Seton's cafeteria will be undergoing a \$2 million upgrade! Beginning April 2019, the cafeteria will be turned into a Seton student center with a completely renovated cafeteria and courtyard with completion before the beginning of the school year in August 2019. The cafeteria will feature a coffee shop, more dining options, new furniture, charging stations, energy-efficient lights, new windows and HVAC. The redesign will also include an outdoor classroom space, outdoor dining, gathering spaces and a spiritual garden.

"These generous donors value the importance of a Seton education and are dedicated to providing students with the best possible amenities to foster learning, team building, leadership and the overall spirit of the Seton sisterhood," said Seton High School President Kathy Ciarla. "This is part of the Seton 360 fundraising initiative of which Seton is in the third phase. Other upgrades taking place on the first floor and ground floor include HVAC, new windows, new lighting, restrooms, as well as Seton's scholarship and endowment funds." Visit [setoncincinnati.org](http://setoncincinnati.org) to donate to Seton 360.



**We are proud to be providing our students with an optimal learning environment.**

# Seton Spirit

## Congratulations to our newest Saints in the Class of 2023!

We are so excited to welcome our largest class in recent history! We honored and recognized the scholarship recipients at the Evening of Distinction, and we welcomed 171 new Saints to the Seton Sisterhood on the official registration day. Please join us in congratulating these exceptional young women!



Seton High School is continuously very blessed to have incredibly supportive alumnae and friends of Seton. In addition to our Honors Program Scholarships, Admission with Merit Scholarships and 31 Women Scholarship, we are proud to offer additional scholarships. The Alumnae Super Saint Scholarship is awarded to incoming freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors who demonstrate school spirit, leadership and service to others. The Mark Neumann, SC Seton Sisterhood Scholarship honors the legacy of former Seton Principal Mark Neumann, SC, and is awarded to incoming freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors who exemplify the true meaning of the Seton Sisterhood and are active in extracurricular activities. The Spirit of Seton Scholarship is awarded to a current sophomore who exhibits qualities of kindness and impacts others in a positive way. Teachers, coaches, academic advisors or staff members nominate students for the Mark Neumann, SC Seton Sisterhood Scholarship and the Spirit of Seton Scholarship.

# Teacher of the Year

Congratulations to Seton High School's Mr. Jason Berling who was named Teacher of the Year by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, or VFW. Jason was nominated by Seton Principal Karen Klug White earlier this year. He was surprised during class with a presentation by Mike Donnelly of the VFW Post 10380.



(Above) Mike Donnelly of the VFW Post 10380 with Mr. Jason Berling.

"I felt honored to find out that I received Teacher of the Year," said Berling, who is in his third year teaching at Seton. "The experience was very humbling, particularly considering who gave me the award. It seems so backward for the Veterans of Foreign Wars to be honoring me. I have such tremendous respect for their service and sacrifice."

Berling teaches American History and US Government both on the college preparatory and advanced placement levels.

"Jason's passion for helping students understand their duties as citizens is unprecedented by any teacher I have ever worked with in the past," said White. "He has high expectations for his students and works tirelessly to help them meet those expectations. He understands how to reach those who previously may not have had an interest in history and government by using real-life experiences and people."

Berling, who is now in the running for the national VFW Teacher of the Year award, said it was very special just to have been nominated. "I have such profound respect for the administration and the entire Seton family," said Berling. "Seton is a special place to me, and that motivates me to work as hard as I can for it. To know that Karen took the time to recognize me in this way seems totally unnecessary, but is also affirming."

Berling has worked closely with our local VFW chapter to invite veterans and spouses to share their stories with the students, where they are able to interact in a small group format. "Jason also understands how to use data in the



(Above) Jason was surprised with the award during class.



(Left, L-R): Mike Donnelly, Jason Berling, Seton Principal Karen Klug White '92 and Seton Associate Principal Susan Burke Hollenbach '85

classroom to guide his teaching and to ensure the students are learning," added White. "I have often asked him to share his ideas with the other faculty members so that they can benefit from his exceptional teaching skills."

Berling is always striving to do more as an educator. "My goals as a teacher are primarily to empower the students at Seton with knowledge, interest and skills in American History and Government, and to do so in a way that is transferrable to other areas as well. I want them to feel like they know the Constitution and how it can activate their citizenship," he explained. "I want them to take an interest in the lives and stories of veterans and their spouses, whose experiences do not seem quite so distant when they are talking to the students face-to-face. I want them to be able to read, write, think, question and argue for the things that they believe in with confidence and experience. I have all the presidents hanging in order in my classroom, and I expect to one day be hanging their picture up next, or to be teaching from a Supreme Court opinion that they authored. Though they certainly all won't go on to careers in the highest levels of government, I think they will be empowered in anything that they do."



Congratulations to the following Saints who were all winners in the VOA's Voice of Democracy Audio Essay Competition (L-R): 1st place Morgan Mevers, 2nd place Megan Bihl, 3rd place Emma Striebich and 4th place Caroline Mullen.

## Sports Update

### SAVE THE DATE

#### Athletic Boosters Golf Outing

The 10th Annual Athletic Boosters Golf Outing will be held on July 22, 2019 at Aston Oaks. For more information about registration and being a sponsor, please contact Seton Athletic Director Wendy Zureick Smith '90 at [smithw@setoncincinnati.org](mailto:smithw@setoncincinnati.org).



Seton High School is proud to announce that **Kelly Crowley** has been named as the new Head Varsity Volleyball Coach.

Crowley has 18 years of experience at the high school and elite club levels. "I appreciate the opportunity and confidence that Seton has placed in me to lead the Seton volleyball program," said Crowley. "My goal is to create a successful volleyball culture that matches the spirit and leadership of the outstanding Seton community."

## Congratulations Swim Team 2018

**Best of the West Champions and Jodie Monnig Schaefer '91 GGCL Coach of the Year**

We've had several Saints breaking records this season! Congratulations to sophomore Madelyn Hensler who broke Seton's record in the 100 Back, freshman Brooke Kamstra who broke the school record in the 100 Breast, and Molly Pressler who achieved a new school record in both the 200 Free and the 500 Free. Seton's Medley Relay made up of sophomore Anna Tiernan, freshman Brooke Kamstra, sophomore Madelyn Hensler and junior Megan Wills also achieved a new school record! Way to go, Saints!



Molly Pressler



Madelyn Hensler



2018 Swim Team  
Best of the West Champions



GGCL Coach of the Year  
Jodie Monnig Schaefer '91  
and husband Rob Schaefer,  
who is also one of her  
assistant coaches.



Assistant Coach Jill Schumacher  
Timon '96 (left) with Brooke  
Kamstra. Brooke broke Jill's  
200 IM record that was set  
back in 1996.

## Double Medals!

Congratulations to Seton's Varsity Dance and Junior Varsity Dance Teams who competed at the 2019 UDA National Championship in Orlando, Florida. Seton Varsity placed 2nd in Pom and 2nd in Hip Hop! Seton JV placed 1st in Pom and 3rd in Hip Hop! Amazing performances by both teams!



(Above and left) Varsity Dance Team



(Above) Dance Team Family Supporters  
(Left) Junior Varsity Dance Team

## National Merit Scholar

We are very proud of Rachel Meyer '19 who was named as a 2018 National Merit Commended Scholar. Only 3% of high school students are named Commended Scholars.



“Throughout the past four years, Seton’s academics have shaped me into a more motivated and engaged student. I love to learn, and my Dual College Credit courses allowed me to choose courses that interest me, help me explore possible majors, gain college credit and further prepare me for the transition to college.” Congratulations to Rachel

for also being named to the University of Cincinnati’s Carl H. Lindner School of Business Circle of Excellence.

## TAP MD Program

Congratulations to junior Kate Lambert who was accepted into the TAP MD Program through The Health Collaborative. This competitive program gives high-achieving juniors in Cincinnati an opportunity to tap into their talent and explore their potential in what it would be like to be a physician or in a variety of careers in healthcare. “I have wanted to be a surgeon since I was in the 6th grade and I am looking forward to the opportunities and experiences that this program will give me to help me in college, medical school and my career;” said Lambert. “I received great feedback from the current Seton student who was part of this program. I am excited for the possibilities of watching procedures and doing a suture lab, among other unique opportunities.”



## Artist Choice Award

A big congratulations going out to senior Olivia Faillace who was among 47 students and more than 100 entries competing in the 2018 Zoo Plein Air last fall. This competition is put on by Cincinnati Art Club and Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden. Olivia received the Artist Choice Award! Here she is pictured with Thayne Maynard who gave her the award.



(L to R): Daniella Lucas '19, Eagle Bank Executive Vice President Tricia Cunningham Walter '93, Seton's Economics teacher Amber Knolle '12, Eagle Bank President Gary Koester, Eve Ruehl '20

## Seton Students Embrace the Stock Market Challenge

Students in Seton’s Economics & Personal Finance classes had a unique opportunity to participate in an Investment Portfolio Challenge. This field trip was donated by the Eagle Savings Bank Charitable Foundation and took place at Mount St. Joseph University. The experience showed students what stock investments are like and allowed them to dive in and invest game money into companies of their choice, roll dice to show the randomness of the stock market, and see their overall investments grow!! Our Saints gave great feedback about this activity. Congratulations to the winners, Daniella Lucas '19 and Eve Ruehl '20. THANK YOU to Eagle Savings Bank, Gary Koester and Tricia Cunningham Walter '93, and Mount St. Joseph University.

## Outstanding Mentor Teacher Award

Congratulations to Mrs. Ann Colley Jett '84 who was recognized for receiving the Outstanding Mentor Teacher Award from Mount St. Joseph University. Mr. Mike Jones nominated Ann for this award. “Ann’s experience and leadership are very evident in the Science Department;” said Mike Jones. “She always goes out of her way to assist the needs and requests of the other teachers, and she is a true team player.”



(L to R): Mount St. Joseph University Dean of Education Laura Saylor, Seton President Kathy Allen Ciarla '87, Ann Colley Jett '84, Seton Principal Karen Klug White '92, Mount St. Joseph University Dept. of Education Director of Clinical Experience and Assessments Harrison Collier, and Mike Jones.

## Service Update



### Operation Gratitude

Seton students collected candy for deployed troops overseas that will be donated through Operation Gratitude. In total, we collected 446 pounds of candy and over 150 cards.

### Upcoming Service

Join us for these upcoming mission trips! For more information, please email Jennifer Lanter at [lanterj@setoncincinnati.org](mailto:lanterj@setoncincinnati.org).

#### Liberty, Kentucky Rural Plunge

April 11-15, 2019

#### Liberty, Kentucky Rural Plunge

June 18-24, 2019

#### St. Vincent de Paul Urban Plunge

July 7-10, 2019

Some Saints taking the rural plunge in Liberty, KY in summer 2018



### Mental Health Awareness

In order to shed light on positive mental health and wellness, Seton focused on these topics throughout week-long activities and an assembly. Thank you to Sabra Charles '21, with the support of Ms. Mary Agricola and 1in5 for taking the lead on this great initiative! Some of the things that took place were filming students in educational videos, various activities and an all-school stress-free assembly. Throughout the week we focused on mental illness, healthy relationships, stress, positive coping skills and self-esteem and confidence. "During our stress-free assembly, we wanted to show students that a great way to de-stress is to take time to do things you like," said Sabra. "During the assembly, we colored, meditated, listened to music, played card games and board games and enjoyed snacks and drinks provided by our sponsor Thirty Drinks. We also asked the students to put away their electronic devices as social media is often a big stressor for teens." We are proud of our students and hopeful that throughout the week they gained a little more insight into mental wellness and how to de-stress themselves.



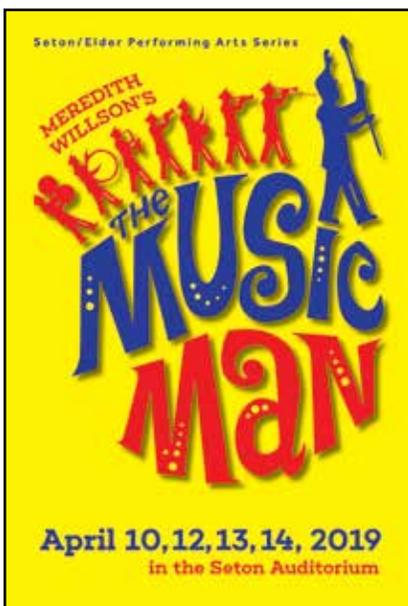
# Performing Arts



The Seton-Elder Drama Club received rave reviews for their fall play, *Peril on the High Seas*. Congratulations to the cast and crew!



Thank you for supporting the Seton-Elder Performing Arts events all year long! Upcoming concerts include the Freshman Spring Concert on Tuesday, May 7 at 7:00 p.m. and the Seton-Elder Spring Concert on Saturday, May 11 at 7:00 p.m.



We would love for you to join us for this year's spring musical, *The Music Man*. There may be trouble right here in River City and you won't want to miss it!

**Wednesday, April 10, 7:00 p.m.**

**Friday, April 12, 7:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, April 13, 7:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, April 14, 3:00 p.m.**

All tickets are \$12 and reserved seating, except the Wednesday, April 10th performance which is \$10 and the seats are general admission.

**For more information, visit [www.setoncincinnati.org](http://www.setoncincinnati.org)**

# Seton Sisters

## Alumnae Father Daughter Dance 2019

It was time for the Alumnae Father Daughter Dance again this year! What a wonderful evening we had hosting over 200 alums and their fathers for a fun night of honoring those dads who are no longer with us, reminiscing, making new memories, dinner and dancing. Thank you to everyone who joined us!



## Saints Take Over the Big Apple

A group of alums and family members headed to New York City for a long weekend packed with entertainment, sightseeing, food and fun. The group enjoyed two Broadway shows – “The Band’s Visit” and “Phantom of the Opera”, as well as dinner at Carmine’s, a city tour on “The Ride” and several other adventures and sites throughout the city that never sleeps. Be on the lookout for the next alumnae trip and hopefully you can join us!



## Class Notes

### 40's

**Mary Ostendorf Rahrig '40** and her husband Luke celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary on January 22, 2019. They have been blessed with six loving and devoted children including their spouses, 15 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. A party was held at Pebble Creek with family and close friends.

### 50's

**Mary Lynne Phillips Rapien '56** married Robert FitzGerald on August 25, 2018. Both had been widowed after over 50 years of marriage. Their relationship is God's surprise gift. Combined, they have eleven children, 35 grandchildren and four great grandchildren (and counting). She will retire from counseling practice in May and is ready for more adventures.

### 70's

**Susan Heinen Hensley '71** stays busy with two kids and five grandkids. She likes to take walks and work outside when it is warm. She loves taking care of her flowers, dancing and taking Zumba classes. Retirement has allowed her to enjoy life to the fullest and she still keeps in contact with some Seton friends.

**Barb Backscheider Meister '73** is an executive administrative assistant at Macy's. She checked off one of her bucket list items in November 2018. After battling breast cancer in 2017 and heart problems in 2018, she overcame all obstacles and auditioned for and won a spot on the Macy's Singing Christmas Tree in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City. Out of 499 auditions, only 92 were chosen from Macy's, so it was an honor and privilege to represent Macy's in the parade.



(Above L to R): Nancy Panaro Kozak '74, Jenny Stephens Bruns '74, Colleen Coakley Lengerich '74, Kathy Currin Aull '74 and Patty Trauth Rollinson '74



**Jenny Stephens Bruns '74** attended a spring break vacation with some of her Seton sisters to Yellowstone. **Nancy Panaro Kozak '74** planned the trip.



**Marianne Buelterman Gleason '77** went on her first Hawaiian vacation with her husband this past year and had an amazing time. She hopes to go back!

**Kimberly Parnell Babel '78** has been married for 38 years. She has two children and four grandchildren.



**Mary Stoehr Herbers '79** volunteered as a balloon handler in the 92nd Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City. There were over 80 people on the team for the Pillsbury doughboy. She loved the experience and was excited to be a part of this annual Thanksgiving morning televised tradition.

### 80's

**Sherri Collins Kirschner '84** started her position at St. Nicholas in Sunman, IN this year. For the previous four years, she was principal at St. Mary in Rushville, IN and prior to that taught literature to junior high students for 15 years at St. Louis School in Batesville, IN. She feels that it is so rewarding to be able to help students grow academically and spiritually. Her entire educational and professional career has been in Catholic schools and she is happy to be able to pass on those values and opportunities to all the students she comes in contact with.

### 90's

**Theresa Diersen '93** provides ongoing support, service learning & guidance for volunteers at the St. Anthony Center. She acts as a single point contact for volunteers involved with all programs, including the Soup Kitchen, Cooking for the Family, Brown Bag Lunch and Sarah Center.



**Bridget Eagan Lieb '95** and husband Jeremy are chefs who opened a new restaurant in OTR called Sacred Beast. The Cincinnati Enquirer's Food Editor Polly Campbell named their restaurant on the Best New Restaurant List.

### 00's

**Katie Eagan '00** was named Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber Vice President of Government Affairs.



# Seton Sisters

## Births

Congratulations to our Seton graduates on the addition to their families.

- Juliet Gamel Jacobs '01, daughter Isabel Ann, October 5, 2017
- Rachael Rogers Doll '08, daughter Prudence Lynn, November 4, 2018.
- Stacy Schweizer Kyde '01, son Nathan William, November 15, 2018.
- Erin Brogan Lind '03, daughter Harper O'Neil, October 2, 2018
- Nikki Sessums Roell '05, daughter McKenzie Rose, August 19, 2018

- 1 - Prudence Lynn Doll
- 2 - Nathan William Kyde with big sister Ainsley
- 3 - Harper O'Neil Lind
- 4 - McKenzie Rose Roell



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## Weddings

Congratulations to our Seton graduates and their spouses on their recent nuptials.

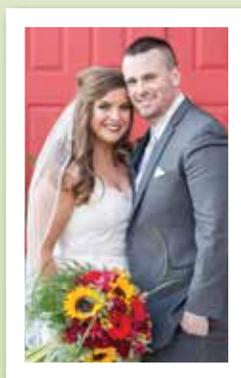
- Juliet Gamel '01 to Andrew Jacobs on October 2, 2010
- Taylor Heim '12 to Andrew Stahlheber on May 28, 2016
- Jennifer Vogel '10 to Zach Holbrock on October 28, 2017
- Courtney Smith '10 to David Doll on December 16, 2017
- Mary Lynne Rapien '56 to Robert Fitzgerald on August 25, 2018
- Leah Linneman '10 to Nathan Witte on September 14, 2018
- Karly Hyland '13 to Tim Ernst on November 3, 2018
- Emily McDonald '12 to DJ Handlon on November 10, 2018
- Lauren Herdeman '09 to Johnny Pabst on November 17, 2018



Lauren Herdeman '09 and Johnny Pabst



Jennifer Vogel '10 and Zach Holbrock



Emily McDonald '12 and DJ Handlon



Courtney Smith '10 and David Doll spent their honeymoon in Rome where they received a special blessing from Pope Francis.



Mary Lynne Rapien '56 and Robert Fitzgerald

## Passings

Our sympathy is extended to the families of the following:

- Rosemary Rieger Hoepfer '42
- Lillian Robbe Pfaller '42
- Norene Wollborn Caruso '44
- Betty Nieszal Engel '50
- Rosemary Schulte '51
- Joan Butler Squeri '51

- Mary Ann Smith Barnett '52
- Margaret Schenkel Moore '52
- Mary Ann Bruns Dolan '57
- Marilyn Hais Green '57
- Maggie Homan Beckmeyer '58
- Gail Grote Ravet '58

- Carol Dickman Stewart '60
- Rose Mattscheck Gonnella '65
- Patricia Farrell Statsky '65
- Patricia Braun '69
- Patricia Nienaber Benken '70
- Donna Eby '77

- Barbara Sandman Wanstrath '82
- Colleen Gavin Michalack '85
- Susan Muenchen Reeves '87
- Deborah Anania Smith '87
- Mary Beth Brauntz Wittich '99



Taylor Heim Stahlheber '12 (far right) manning the rails as her ship pulled into Singapore in October 2018.

**Taylor Heim Stahlheber '12** and her husband have two wonderful fur babies. She has been in the Navy for over three years and is currently stationed in Sasebo, Japan. She enjoys reading about and seeing the new construction that Seton has been undergoing and is looking forward to new spirit wear and visiting once she gets back to the states.

**Claire Witschger '16** took the oath of professional commitment towards her career in pharmacy on September 28, 2018 and received her white coat showing the transition into the professional part of pharmacy school. She is enrolled at Ohio Northern University in the 0-6 pharmacy program, which means that she was given guaranteed admission into the professional program at ONU when she applied during her senior year in high school. She will earn a pharmD, which is a doctorate degree in pharmacy at the end of the sixth year. She believes that the education she received at Seton has allowed her to be successful in her studies and in her career.



**To submit a class note or update, please fill out the "Update Your Information" form at [www.setoncincinnati.org](http://www.setoncincinnati.org), email [alumnae@setoncincinnati.org](mailto:alumnae@setoncincinnati.org) or call (513) 471-2600.**

### Class of 1967

As the classmates from the Class of 1967 turn 70, the class would like to celebrate! For more information, contact Pam Niemeier Thie at [talltownlulu@zoomtown.com](mailto:talltownlulu@zoomtown.com).

**Event #1:** Riverboat Cruise

**Date:** September 3, 2019

**Time:** 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**Location:** Queen City Riverboats  
100 O'Fallon Ave. Dayton, KY 41073

**Cost:** \$80 per person and includes lunch, taxes and gratuities as well as beer, wine and soft drinks.

**Event #2:** Trip to Thunder Bay

Resort and Mackinac Island

**Date:** September 4-7, 2019

More details on Seton website or contact Pam Niemeier Thie.

## Reunion Time...

It's just about time for our 2019 milestone reunions. If your graduation year ends in 9 or 4, please check our website at [www.setoncincinnati.org](http://www.setoncincinnati.org) for updated information. Click Alumnae and then Class Reunions. We are looking for a committee to plan a reunion for 2004 and 2009. Please contact Christina McCarthy at 513-471-2600 x2423 if interested in planning.

### Class of 1949 (70th)

**Date:** Tuesday, October 8, 2019

**Time:** TBD, lunchtime

**Location:** Western Hills Country Club

### Class of 1954 (65th)

**Date:** TBD **Time:** TBD

**Location:** TBD

**RSVP:** Contact Jeanne Herdeman at (513) 347-9245 to plan help plan.

### Class of 1959 (60th)

**Date:** Tuesday, April 2, 2019

**Time:** Mass at 10:30 a.m. with lunch immediately following

**Location:** Seton High School

**RSVP:** For questions or to RSVP, contact Christina McCarthy at 513-471-2600 x2423.

### Class of 1964 (55th)

**Date:** TBD **Time:** TBD

**Location:** TBD

**RSVP:** Contact Anne Kappen at [annek.2924@gmail.com](mailto:annek.2924@gmail.com) or call (859) 341-8221 to help plan.

### Class of 1969 (50th)

**Date:** Friday, September 20, 2019

**Time:** 6:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

**Location:** Receptions, 3302 Westbourne Dr.

**RSVP:** Email Eileen Trauth at [emtrauth@gmail.com](mailto:emtrauth@gmail.com) or Kathy Geluso Klug at [kat.grams9@gmail.com](mailto:kat.grams9@gmail.com) with any questions.

### Class of 1974 (45th)

**Date:** TBD **Time:** TBD

**Location:** TBD

**RSVP:** Contact Marie Salem Conners at [cinconners@aol.com](mailto:cinconners@aol.com), Theresa Zinser Goettke at [tgoettke@fuse.net](mailto:tgoettke@fuse.net) or Peggy Witt Finch at [picklefinch@outlook.com](mailto:picklefinch@outlook.com) to help plan.

### Class of 1979 (40th)

**Date:** TBD **Time:** TBD

**Location:** TBD

**RSVP:** Contact Donna Driehaus Wiechert at [mwiech@fuse.net](mailto:mwiech@fuse.net) to help plan.

### Class of 1984 (35th)

**Date:** TBD, September or October 2019

**Location:** TBD

**RSVP:** 1984 Class Facebook page or email Donna Balsley Bruce at [bruce.dl@pg.com](mailto:bruce.dl@pg.com).

### Class of 1989 (30th)

**Date:** TBD **Time:** TBD

**Location:** TBD

**RSVP:** Contact Angela Misch Yoder at [ayoder05@gmail.com](mailto:ayoder05@gmail.com) to help plan.

### Class of 1994 (25th)

**Date:** TBD **Time:** TBD

**Location:** TBD

**RSVP:** Look for information soon through Facebook.

### Class of 1999 (20th)

**Date:** TBD **Time:** TBD

**Location:** TBD

**RSVP:** Contact Melissa Gruen Herman at [melissaaherman@yahoo.com](mailto:melissaaherman@yahoo.com) to help plan.

### Class of 2004 (15th)

**Date:** TBD **Time:** TBD

**Location:** TBD

### Class of 2009 (10th)

**Date:** TBD **Time:** TBD

**Location:** TBD

### Class of 2014 (5th)

**Date:** TBD **Time:** TBD

**Location:** TBD

**RSVP:** Contact Loretta Blaut at [lblaut34@yahoo.com](mailto:lblaut34@yahoo.com) to help plan.

### Monthly Gatherings

The following classes have monthly gatherings: 1958, 1963, 1964, 1966, 1967, 1968 and 1969. Please visit Seton's website at [www.setoncincinnati.org](http://www.setoncincinnati.org) for more details or call Christina McCarthy at (513) 471-2600 x2423.

# Giving Our Time and Using Our Gifts

Wherever it may be that alumnae choose to live in this world, Seton High School has prepared them to excel in life, to hear God's voice and to do God's will. Here you can read about Saints doing amazing things all over the world.

## Alumnae Spotlight

### Kaitlin Devoto '16

An animal lover since childhood, Kaitlin Devoto '16 is on a path to living out her passion. She started fostering dogs and cats at a young age and has been doing so ever since. "What started out as a love for animals has turned into a lifelong mission where hundreds of lives have already been saved," said Kaitlin, who is a sophomore Biology major at the University of Cincinnati with plans to be a veterinarian.

She said that Seton encouraged her to be the person she is today. "For many of my service hours, I chose to volunteer with a rescue group that I had joined during high school," she said. "I was able to reflect on those experiences and share my love for this service with my classmates. My teachers also loved hearing about my foster dogs, and one even made an appearance at Seton one day for an after school meeting."

For her Senior Project at Seton, Kaitlin focused on animal adoption. "I mimicked a program that was up and running in another country with much success. Cardboard cutouts were placed in IKEA stores showing how that pet fits into a home environment, which would hopefully encourage shoppers to adopt.

They could scan a QR code on the cutout which pulled up Louie's Animal Rescue's website, where I am still very active in rescue and adoption," said Kaitlin, who is the assistant adoption coordinator and has helped save more than 350 animals and counting.

She helps review adoption applications and select families where the pet and the people will be a good fit for each other. She also coordinates weekend adoption events and has anywhere from four to six foster dogs in her home at once. "I typically take on medical or behavioral case animals, which include those with aggression or guarding issues, cancer, broken bones or other special needs," she said. "I've traveled to New York for a mega biannual adoption event, Texas to assist with Hurricane Harvey and West Virginia to visit their local shelters and help animals come into rescue." Kaitlin has even worked with a shelter in California where she arranged for one of the dogs there to be flown from San Francisco to Cincinnati so she could personally be the foster. "It can be exhausting but I wouldn't have it any other way!"

Fostering has been an incredible experience for Kaitlin. "Since I am pursuing a career as a vet, I'm excited to be able to take the knowledge I've learned from my past and present foster pets and dive deeper into the medical aspect in graduate school."



## Christine Oswald '14

It has only been less than five years since Christine Oswald '14 graduated from Seton, where her classes and experiences left an impression on her heart; but in that short amount of time, she has already begun to make her impression on the world. Christine graduated from The Ohio State University and majored in International Relations and Diplomacy with minors in Spanish and Anthropology. She is currently living in Brussels, Belgium, pursuing her Masters Degree in Political Strategy and Communication with a goal to be a Foreign Service Officer with the U.S. Department of State. She also earned her TEFL Certification to teach English abroad. "Doing so gives me more international experience and broadens my language abilities – two things that are very important for the Foreign Service, which is where I hope to be some day," Christine said.

Christine was involved in a variety of activities while at Seton. "I was a member of the Current Events Club, Show Choir and the Seton-Elder Performing Arts Series," she said. "My involvement in the music department was the most meaningful aspect of my high school memories and will always be a part of me. It's where I found the best group of friends from both Seton and Elder. We had so much fun at rehearsals together singing, dancing and doing what we all loved."



(Top Photo) Christine speaking at a closing ceremony for the Chinese summer camp



(Bottom Photo) Christine at the German Marshall Fund's Brussels Forum in 2018

Achieving more academically was also a priority while at Seton. Those skills and drive to achieve more prepared her well for where she is now. "Seton taught me good study techniques and learning processes," said Christine, whose favorite class was AP History with Mr. Villing. "I always had a good understanding of the material we were taught, and I felt very prepared for AP exams."

Now she is teaching others. For the past two summers she has been involved with the American Cultural Ambassadors Program (ACA). "I had always wanted to go to China, and this seemed like a great opportunity,



(Above) Christine in Athens, Greece



(Left) Christine hiking in Cape Town, South Africa where she completed a summer internship in 2016

so I applied and got accepted. We were trained once we arrived in China, and I was an English teacher at Chinese summer camps," Christine explained. "I really enjoyed both summers that I did this, and now I am returning as the program coordinator."

After she submits her dissertation in March, she will return to China with the ACA. "From there, I am hoping to teach in Taiwan for a year or two," Christine said. "I am finding myself more and more interested in international education and since I'm always up for a new adventure, I am excited to see where the world takes me!"





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For more information, contact Christina Coffaro McCarthy '95, Seton Alumnae Relations, at 513-471-2600 ext. 2423.

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