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St. Cecilia Academy inducts four new members into Athletics Hall of Fame this Saturday

St. Cecilia Academy will induct four new members into its Athletics Hall of Fame this Saturday including long-time SCA coach and teacher Mr. Francis Horn and Megan Whaley, an SCA student who died her sophomore year but whose spirit lives on in the Megan Whaley Award given to an outstanding athlete each year.

The other two inductees are alumnae Missy Trushel Forrester, SCA '90, and Bridget Boyd O'Bryan, SCA '91. All four members will be inducted into the Hall of Fame Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in the theater. The ceremony will be followed by a reception and a 3 p.m. Varsity basketball game verses Pleasant View Christian School.

Mr. Francis Horn has served more than 20 years on the SCA sidelines, in the dugout and in the classroom. He has coached cross country, basketball and softball as well as taught history. He continues today to coach softball and teach. He is the Scarabs' most loyal fan, supporter, and coach. He has attended more SCA sporting events than any other person — 1,000 SCA games and counting.

Megan Elizabeth Whaley was an outstanding athlete at St. Cecilia Academy being named to the All-Region basketball team and named most valuable player in 2002. She was also the leading SCA basketball scorer in 2001 and 2002. Megan was killed in a car accident her sophomore year, but her memory and spirit live on at SCA. An award is given in her honor and memory each year to the SCA athlete who displays her athletic ability, spirit, determination, effort and attitude. It is the highest honor given to an SCA athlete each year.

Missy Forrester played volleyball, basketball and softball at St. Cecilia Academy. She was named an All-Region volleyball player in 1989 and was a member of the first SCA volleyball team to make it to the state tournament. She went on to play basketball and volleyball at the University of the South – Sewanee.

Bridget O'Bryan played soccer, basketball, softball and track while at SCA. She was a member of the All-Region soccer and All-District softball teams. She went on to play

soccer and softball at Bellarmine College where she was ranked 11th in the nation in the NCAA.

“Last year was our first year for the Athletics Hall of Fame. It was a very exciting event to have our inductees here as well as other alumnae, students, faculty and staff. The ceremony was very moving as athletes came back to St. Cecilia Academy and shared their athletic experiences and memories. They talked about what their experiences meant to them and how it impacted the rest of their lives,” said St. Cecilia Academy Athletic Director Jerry Landers.

“I’m looking forward to this year’s ceremony and look forward to hearing some more of those same stories. I’m also excited to be able to honor such a historic figure within the St. Cecilia community as Mr. Horn. He is truly a beloved figure here on campus and it is an honor for us to still have him as a coach and teacher.”

St. Cecilia Academy is Nashville’s oldest private high school founded in 1860 by the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia Congregation. The Academy has been named to the Top 50 best Catholic high schools in the U.S. list five times since 2004. Ninety-one percent of the Class of 2011 members were offered college scholarships totaling \$7.2 million. SCA is also home to the state volleyball runner up championship team and the state cross country third place championship team.

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