ROWING
Launches at SCA

BRENDA LEE ROCKS
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**GOOD LUCK, LAURA!**

Follow alumna Laura Black Crawford ’79 as she bikes to her 35th reunion from Flagstaff, Arizona, to Nashville, Tennessee, this summer.

You can follow Laura and her husband John’s cross-country bike ride at:


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**MAIN COVER PHOTO:**

Freshman Abigail Tarquinio - far right, sophomore Katherine Frensley - far left, and other SCA rowers hoist the eight at Percy Priest Lake. Both students are on the new rowing team at SCA. Tarquinio will train with the Women’s United States Junior Olympic Rowing Team this summer.

**OTHER COVER PHOTO:**

Brenda Lee delivers sold-out Christmas concert at SCA. Proceeds benefit the SCA Fine Arts Campaign.
Dear Families and Friends,

Mens sana in corpore sano. We all know that St. Cecilia Academy offers an excellent academic foundation, but this issue of Harpstrings trumpets the fact that, as the Latin adage goes, of equal importance to a total education of the human person is “a sound mind in a sound body.” In other words, we are a unity of body and soul, mind and spirit, and the mission of St. Cecilia is as attuned to the formation of the body and the spirit as it is to the formation of the intellect.

This winter we were happy to launch a new SCA rowing program in conjunction with the Nashville Juniors Rowing Association. After training on ergometers at school during the winter months and hitting Percy Priest Lake this spring, our team is off and rowing, now competing in regattas in Tennessee and throughout the Southeast. The sport of rowing is a great match for SCA girls, combining as it does physical endurance, technical deftness, and an exquisite sense of teamwork.

This issue of Harpstrings illustrates how the commitment to “sound mind and sound body” that begins in the physical education classes and after-school training sessions of mentors like Coach Picklesimer and Coach Kuyper continues even when Scarabs leave St. Cecilia, as evidenced by a number of our alumnae who are integrating their passion for wellness with their business and career interests. Staying healthy and encouraging others to be so has become a way of service for these women.

At Christmas our theater was filled to capacity with friends and supporters of St. Cecilia Academy who turned out in droves to see Brenda Lee in her first-ever hometown concert. Brenda wowed long-time fans and made new ones with a two-hour extravaganza of singing and storytelling. No wonder Little Miss Dynamite is a Country Music and Rock-n-Roll Hall of Famer!

Whether it is in the classroom, at the all-school retreat, in athletics or in the fine arts, education at St. Cecilia Academy is an education of the whole person that provides a foundation for life. As we honor our donors in our 2012-2013 annual report, I want to echo my own thank you for your support of our students and our mission. As St. Irenaeus said, “The glory of God is man fully alive,” and as partners with you at St. Cecilia, together we have the privilege of seeing God’s hand at work as our girls discover their gifts and find happiness and fulfillment by becoming fully alive in Christ.

With prayers for you and your families,

Sister Anne Catherine, O.P.
Principal

St. Cecilia Academy principal, Sister Anne Catherine, O.P. presents Claire Johnson her class ring at the Junior Ring Mass held at the St. Cecilia Congregation Motherhouse this March. Johnson is receiving the SCA class ring that belonged to her mother, Alicia Marchesi Johnson ’82.

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St. Cecilia Academy partners with the Nashville Juniors Rowing Association

This year the St. Cecilia Academy Athletics Department added rowing to its sport offerings through a partnership with the Nashville Juniors Rowing Association (NJRA), an organization that hosts youth rowing and holds four interscholastic league races in the spring. Team practices are held at Percy Priest Lake, just 15 miles away from campus.

Several schools from across Nashville were also involved in winter training at SCA facilities. Throughout the winter, rowers trained on the ergometers and in the weight room for winter competition which began in early 2014.

The new SCA/NJRA partnership is spearheaded by co-directors, Eric Gehrke, a former collegiate rower at Boston College and coach for the United States Junior National Team, and Rob Kuhlman, a former collegiate rower at Purdue University.

"We are very excited to come together with the St. Cecilia community for the betterment of our shared young athletes. Nashville Juniors already had a few SCA Scarabs on the team this fall, who helped lead our girls to a gold medal finish in their first race ever. Together, our organizations will create the nurturing, educational environment needed to best serve the young women at St. Cecilia and all the youth of Nashville," NJRA co-director Gehrke said.

SCA students have shown great interest in rowing at SCA. Last fall, 20 students attended a “Learn to Row” clinic hosted by the Nashville Rowing Club. One SCA rafter, freshman Abigail Tarquinio, led the NJRA to a gold medal finish on Nov. 2 at the Head of the Hooch Regatta, one of the largest fall Regattas in the United States that includes some of the strongest boat clubs from across the country. Abigail will also train with the 2014 U.S. Rowing Junior Women's National Team this summer.

SCA athletic director, Coach Maggie Kuyper, is thrilled about the future of rowing at SCA.

“What is unique to rowing is that it is the purest form of teamwork. The synchronization involved in every athlete in the boat needs to be so precise in order to move, let alone win a race. That's why I am so excited to offer rowing at SCA this spring. I think our girls will learn more about what being a teammate is all about and that is something we really value at SCA," Kuyper said.

The training for the spring season began in February and the interscholastic races began in March. The team has had a strong showing and ended their season winning the Oak Ridge Dual Regatta.
SCA alumna rowing in college

Alumna Laura Lynn Williams ’10 is on the Samford University crew team. She joined the team her sophomore year. Even though SCA did not have a rowing team when she attended high school, it was her experience at SCA that led to her interest in the sport.

“I was on the soccer team at SCA and that always kind of pushed me through more challenging experiences, so when I got to college I missed those challenges and got really restless. When I was asked to try out for the crew team here, I found it even more challenging and even more rewarding than soccer had ever been, and I found a home in that. Additionally, Saint Cecilia fostered a love for tradition, and rowing is one of the most tradition-based sports that there is, so that definitely played a part in it,” Williams explained.

Williams is excited to see St. Cecilia Academy now has a rowing team.

“For the past few years I’ve commented to friends about how perfect rowing would be for SCA girls because it requires a discipline and drive that I’ve always seen coming from St. Cecilia girls,” Williams said.
FIT FOR LIFE
St. Cecilia Academy is committed to teaching students that wellness is not just about physical health and fitness. Being fit means being healthy in all dimensions of your life. Coach Bryan Picklesimer, SCA strength coach, is revolutionizing how our girls think about fitness and is inspiring a lifetime of good habits.

Inspiring a lifetime of good habits

What is the most requested elective course at SCA? Health and Wellness with Coach Bryan Picklesimer. The class meets four times a week and offers students an opportunity to get fit and a whole lot more. The class employs a cross-training, functional-fit-ness approach as girls do Olympic weightlifting, jump on 30 inch high boxes, learn about healthy relationships and even do a little yoga. The class, first introduced this fall, is gaining popularity on campus. Already, four sections of students have listed wellness with “Coach P.” as their first elective choice in the fall semester.

Unlike traditional physical education courses, which focus solely on sports, the goal of Picklesimer’s class is to build the mental, social, emotional, physical, and spiritual aspects of the students. Chief in its objective is that girls acquire the skills of lifetime health.

“Our goal is to educate the girls to live a truly complete and healthy life beyond the weight room. We want them to be healthy for a lifetime, not just while they are here at SCA,” coach Picklesimer said.

“Wellness better prepares girls to be strong women by challenging them to continually grow. It is part of what makes SCA excellent...”

In a given week, students spend two days in the weight room emphasizing high-intensity, functional movements and Olympic weightlifting. They spend one day in the classroom learning about nutrition, healthy relationships and other important aspects of well-being. They spend the fourth day doing an alternative exercise like Zumba, yoga, or jump rope.

“I really like wellness. It’s fun and I feel like I always get a really good workout,” said junior, Maddie Clarke.

Not many SCA girls have weight room experience when they enter as freshman. After this class, they will feel comfortable building their own fitness programs well beyond their years at St. Cecilia.

“It can be intimidating for girls to go to a gym or weight room with a bunch of guys. This class gives them the tools and knowledge to gain confidence and exposure to the equipment,” Picklesimer said.

Additionally, Coach Picklesimer challenges each girl to live her true Christian vocation as God created her to be so that she can become the best version of herself.

“Wellness is consistent and integral to the SCA mission. It is all about enhancing the wholeness of the individual. Wellness better prepares girls to be strong women by challenging them to continually grow. It is part of what makes SCA excellent,” Picklesimer said. “You can be as fit as you want, but you will not have a truly healthy lifestyle if you are not addressing all aspects of your life,” he continued.

“We want them to be healthy for a lifetime, not just while they are here at SCA.”
Inspired by their experience of integral formation at St. Cecilia Academy, several local alumnae now pursue careers in the health and fitness industries. From a *New York Times* best-selling author to fitness and dance studio owners, these alumnae are true embodiments of SCA women who are strong in mind, body, and spirit.
Alumnae health and fitness entrepreneurs

KADY DECKER '04
Owner, Pure Barre, Green Hills
Owner, Pure Barre, Brentwood

“Since I was a little girl I've always had a love for fitness and sports, but it wasn't until high school that my love for competition developed. Running track at SCA to my collegiate track career at Samford, and from that experience I knew I wanted to be involved in fitness professionally.”

Kady Decker '04 earned a degree in Health and Fitness Promotion from Samford University, where she spent four years on a track scholarship. She first learned of Pure Barre the summer before her senior year of college while visiting a friend in Lexington, Kentucky. She fell in love with this ballet-inspired workout, and during her senior year of school looked into franchising opportunities. After getting approval to open a studio in Green Hills, Kady officially opened the doors in March of 2009. One year later she opened a second location in Brentwood, Tennessee. Pure Barre is a group fitness class that works muscles to fatigue utilizing a ballet barre and small isometric movements, thus yielding results very quickly. Decker’s clients are highly dedicated and loyal because of the results that they consistently see and also because of the support teachers provide in every class. To learn more about Pure Barre, Green Hills and Pure Barre, Brentwood, visit: http://purebarre.com/tn-nashville.

ANNA HANCE TEFEL '03
Studio Novo Nashville

“My experience playing soccer and tennis at SCA allowed me to establish my love and passion for fitness. I was involved with sports starting at an early age, but during my time at SCA I really learned the importance of fitness and of maintaining a healthy and balanced lifestyle overall. My experience with SCA athletics led me to play soccer in college and motivated me to maintain that active lifestyle after college as well. The passion for fitness that I established at SCA ultimately led me to the decision to pursue a career in fitness by opening up Studio Novo Nashville.”

Anna Hance Tefel '03 is the owner of Studio Novo Nashville, featuring the popular Lagree Fitness™ technique. The method is a full-body workout done in 50 minutes. Lagree Fitness™ integrates the key elements of resistance and counter resistance in a sequence that allows for periods of zero gravity at peak muscle contraction.

In a relatively short period of time, the workout strengthens the body, tones and elongates the muscles, improves endurance, jump-starts the metabolism, burns fat, increases flexibility and postural alignment and restores the body's natural balance. The composition of this method is significant in that it encourages maximum exertion while allowing for a low risk of injury. This sequence also promotes flexibility and elasticity. Visit www.novonashville.com for more information and for the complete class schedule.

JENNIFER NIEMEYER HARWELL '89
Owner, Tennessee Dance Arts Conservatory
Co-owner, Barefeet Studios

“At St. Cecilia, I was always encouraged in my dancing. More importantly, I developed strong leadership skills in the all-girl environment. I

was able to enjoy leadership roles in many different facets in high school, and I danced in every fine arts assembly, talent show, and even sometimes in the hallways. St. Cecilia provided a nurturing environment for me to grow as an artist and paved the way for me to be a strong female leader in the community.”

In addition to owning Tennessee Dance Arts Conservatory and being co-owner of Barefeet Studios, Jennifer Harwell '89 has a master's degree in English and is the artistic director of a professional nonprofit dance company called Nashville in Motion. In all three of these studios, the instructors believe that wellness is connected to the soul and body. In Harwell's studios, the instructors encourage artistic ways of staying fit with dance in its many forms (ballet, hip-hop, jazz, Zumba, African dance, tap and yoga). Encouraging young souls to dance helps them find joy in fitness. Harwell connects live music and visual art with dance, so both children and adults connect wellness to “art and soul” work. With Nashville In Motion, Harwell creates works for dancers that tell stories about healthy living, such as a rock opera ballet called FIX that addresses addiction and recovery. In every aspect of wellness, Harwell believes dance and art can inspire and change lives. For more information about the Tennessee Dance Arts Conservatory, Barefeet Studios and Nashville in Motion, visit www.tndac.net, www.barefeetnashville.com and www.nashvillemotion.org.

JAMIE POPE PETTY '75, M.S. R.D., L.D.N
Co-author, The T-Factor Fat Gram Counter
Author, Nutrition for a Changing World (to be released Dec. 2014)

“In terms of St. Cecilia, my interest in nutrition as a field of study really began there in my junior year. […] I did a survey on what students ate for lunch in the cafeteria. […] I found that the two most commonly consumed foods by St. Cecilia girls were Cheetos and Milky Way bars (we would melt the Milky Way bars in the microwave and eat them with a spoon). In considering the implications, I began to think about the need for vitamins and minerals and making better food choices.”

New York Times best-selling author, Jamie Pope ’75, has been with Vanderbilt University since 1986, working in the areas of obesity research, weight management, health promotion, heart disease prevention, and, since 2000, as Instructor of Nutrition in the School of Nursing. Jamie's popular classes bring together undergraduate students from a wide range of majors to learn about nutrition science and the application to their personal and professional lives. Beyond the classroom, she has adapted portions of her Vanderbilt courses to produce and offer a Massively Open Online Course (MOOC) that attracts more than 85,000 students from over 149 countries. Jamie holds a Master's of Science degree in Nutrition Science. She is a long-time member of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and served as media representative for the Tennessee Dietetic Association, during which time she was named as Outstanding Dietitian of the Year for the Nashville District Dietetic Association. Jamie co-authored several best-selling books, such as The T-Factor Fat Gram Counter, which spent over three years on the New York Times best-seller list. She has authored or contributed to numerous other scientific and popular press publications and served for over a decade as nutrition consultant for Smart Balance Inc. At present, Jamie continues to teach both in the classroom and online while also authoring an introductory nutrition textbook with WH. Freeman Publishing Company to be released in December of 2014.
SCA Athletics Fall and Winter Highlights

**VOLLEYBALL**
- TSSAA Division II-A All-District team: **Maddie Keller** (pictured), **Caroline McClain**, and **Diane Lee**
- TSSAA Division II-A All-District Tournament team: **Diane Lee**
- TSSAA Division II-A All-Region Tournament team: **Maddie Keller**
- Finished 3rd in the region, competed at Substate (top 8 teams in the State)
- Tennessee Coach of the Year: **Maggie Kuyper**

**SOCCER**
- 4th place in the district tournament
- TSSAA Division II-A All-District team: **Grace Brink**, **Alys Maynord**, and **Blair Ely**
- THSSA Division II-A All-State team: **Grace Brink** and **Blair Ely**
- School record: 115 career goals, **Blair Ely**
- Senior **Blair Ely** signed with Emory University
- Senior **Alys Maynord** (pictured), signed with Andrews College

**CROSS COUNTRY**
- TSSAA DII Region Champions (team)
- TSSAA DII Region Champion: **Emily Peters**
- TSSAA DII State runner-up (team)
- TSSAA DII State runner-up: **Emily Peters** (pictured second from left, top row)
- School record: **Emily Peters** 18:54.07

**SWIMMING**
- Team placed 5th in the region meet
- 5 swimmers competed at state meet: **Kathryn Cole**, **Caroline Cole**, **Clare Smith**, **Shaina Wilburn**, and **Claire Johnson**
- School record: **Kathryn Cole** in the 200 and 500 free and **Caroline Cole** in the 50 free
- Team placed 16th overall at state

**BASKETBALL**
- Finished 3rd in the district tournament, advanced to region tournament
- **Diane Lee** and **Bridget Sullivan** named All-District team; **Allison Hassett** (pictured), named All-District Tournament team

**GOLF**
- **Abigail Dillon** (pictured), competed in the TSSAA DII-A State Golf Tournament
- **Abigail Dillon** recipient of the LPGA Goldie Bateson scholarship

**COLLEGE SIGNING**
Seniors **Blair Ely** and **Alys Maynord** sign to play soccer in college. Pictured on signing day with the dean of academics, **Sister Julia Marie**, O.P., dean of students, **Andres Montana**, parent **Kim Ely**, athletic director, **Maggie Kuyper**, head soccer coach, **Emily Marcoullier**, assistant athletic director, **Francis Horn**, parent **Cathy Maynord**, and principal, **Sister Anne Catherine**, O.P.
St. Cecilia Academy Athletics Director and Head Volleyball Coach Maggie Kuyper was named the 2012-2013 State of Tennessee Volleyball Coach of the Year by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS). This distinction comes on the heels of being awarded the Tennessee Sportswriters Association (TSWA) Coach of the Year award last year when the SCA volleyball team won the state championship and when two of her volleyball team captains were also recognized by the TSWA.

Coach Kuyper took over the St. Cecilia Academy volleyball program seven years ago and in that time has built the most successful athletic program in the school’s 153-year history.

“It is a privilege to be a part of such an accomplished volleyball team. It is an incredible feeling to be identified as coach of the year for a sport to which I have dedicated all my life,” Coach Kuyper said.

“Being a lauded coach is about more than winning games...”

Coach Kuyper was honored for her achievement before a home volleyball game this fall. SCA Principal Sister Anne Catherine presented the award.

“Being a lauded coach is about more than winning games, and it is for these accomplishments in particular that we honor Coach Kuyper. With much patience, hard work, and an unflagging positive spirit, Coach Kuyper has built a strong, consistent volleyball program at St. Cecilia Academy and beyond,” said SCA Principal Sister Anne Catherine.

Coach Kuyper is the co-founder of Ethos Volleyball, a premiere volleyball club in the Southern Region Volleyball Association, and the Tennessee Volleyball Association. She played college volleyball at Belmont University and Gardner-Webb University, where she was named to the Atlantic Sun Freshman All-Conference team in 2003 and served as a captain in 2004 and 2005.

The volleyball team finished their 2013-14 season in the substate tournament. Diane Lee and Caroline McClain were named to the All-District Tournament team, Maddie Keller was named to the All-Region Tournament team, and Diane Lee, Maddie Keller, and Caroline McClain were named to the All-District team.

SCA volleyball coach named State of Tennessee Coach of the Year
Past SCA Dads keep the spirit alive

For the last 22 years, every Monday night at St. Cecilia Academy, long after the girls leave campus and the cleaning crews have retired for the night, a dedicated group of men arrive at the all-girl school to play basketball, a group comprised of past SCA dads and sons.

“It’s a combination of competition and camaraderie. Basketball brings us here, but it’s the company that provides the most benefit to us,” said former SCA dad, Frederick Strobel.

The weekly game started in 1991 when Strobel’s daughters, Paich ’04 and Sarah McKay ’07, were at Overbrook School. They put an ad in the Overbrook bulletin and recruited several dads to play half-court games in the Overbrook gym. They mimicked the heat of the professional basketball season and played from January to March.

In 1994, the guys moved to full-court games, playing three to four 30-point games a night. In the spring of 1996, they made a decision to play year-round. This is when the game moved to the St. Cecilia gym.

“It’s a special shared experience. Many of us have daughters that played sports, many that played basketball on this court. We came to every game and cheered them on, so that makes playing here a lot more special,” Strobel said.

The usual players?

Paul Beavin, whose daughter Susan Beavin ’08, played basketball at SCA, is a regular. He also brings his sons Will and Patrick to play. His late son, Paul, was also a regular.

“It’s the kind of place a dad enjoys so much, that he brings his son. This is multigenerational. I’m 62 and still playing,” Strobel said.

Other former SCA dads that make Monday night basketball at SCA a part of their weekly ritual are Pat Clarke (Cassetty Ann Clarke ’08), Jim Reyland (Maggie Reyland ’05, Emily Reyland ’07), and Henry Geny (Jennifer Geny ’08 and Elizabeth Geny ’08).

While the Monday night games drew many SCA dads in the beginning, they have evolved to include a full roster of about 35 men of former Father Ryan High School basketball players, Montgomery Bell Academy grads, and other friends of SCA fathers.

“We’ve been playing here so long it feels like home,” Strobel said.

Cheers to all the former SCA dads who have helped create a new SCA tradition. This was and always will be your home.
When Mister Rogers Wrote

Every once in awhile, we are fortunate enough to meet people that remind us of our self-worth and importance in the world. These remarkable people have a knack for making us feel special. Alumna Katie Wells ’00 shares a touching story about the unique pen pal relationship she maintained while she was a student at St. Cecilia Academy, a relationship that helped her learn that she, like all of us, is loved unconditionally.

I never would have thought that Fred Rogers in his blue sweater behind the screen would be the one, who taught me that being different is good, and if you are different or have a disability to be proud of. See, I was born with one arm, but I never gave it much thought because my family acted like it was no big deal. When I started daycare, I was not prepared for kids making fun of me. Even at that young age of three or four, it was Mister Rogers on his show Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood who gave me the confidence to know that being different is good and something to be proud of.

I remember sitting in front of the television really close to the screen, so close that I could touch his sweater, and time and time again his recurring sentence was, "Boys and girls, isn’t it good that we are all different? If we all were the same, think how boring it would be. If you have something that makes you different, be proud of this. I am proud to know you." That calm, low, reassuring voice of his was laced with such confidence and assuredness.

Years later, while at St. Cecilia, I decided to write Mister Rogers to thank him for the many ways he had helped me, and he wrote back! In his first letter he wrote, "What you told me about yourself reminded me of one of our songs in our musical story about Josephine the Short-Necked Giraffe. "You're much more than your neck...Well, Katie, you certainly are much more than your one arm...I'm proud to know you." He understood that a disability doesn't define a person. Just the fact that he had a character on the show named Josephine the Short-Necked Giraffe showed that he got it.

He also taught me to have poise, dignity, and composure when kids were making fun of me. He reflected on this in a letter when he wrote, "I can only begin to imagine some of the difficult times you've had, and it was heartwarming to know that you would often think of our Neighborhood messages about being kind to others, especially at times when children were making fun of you."

"Well, Katie, you certainly are much more than your one arm...I'm proud to know you."

I wrote him back, and then he wrote again. Over the next five years we exchanged so many letters I lost count. Now they are all neatly organized in a binder in chronological order. You can see at one point where he transitioned writing the letters on a word processor to a computer. I received his last letter in January 2003, just shy of exactly a month before he died. I didn't know that he was battling cancer, nor did I know this would be his last letter, but I think he knew. He ended his last letter with, "Katie, all of your friends here in this Neighborhood wish you deep peace and simple joys—both given and received."

Mister Rogers, I'm proud to know you.
On Saturday, December 7, the St. Cecilia Academy Athletics Department inducted five new members to the SCA Athletics Hall of Fame. The 2013 inductees are Annie Herbert Daniel ’60, Sister Margaret Andrew Baker, O.P. ’77, Sister Mary Cecilia Goodrum ’89, Marianne Stuart Stoll ’94, and Ashleigh Ann Garman ’04.

The SCA Athletics Hall of Fame was created to recognize extraordinary athletes, coaches, and contributors whose dedication to the mission of SCA Athletics serves as a model for SCA students to emulate.

“It is an incredible honor to be a part of the 2013 Hall of Fame induction ceremony. Each of these women made a unique mark in SCA Athletics and we were honored to share their stories. They each left a legacy for all St. Cecilia girls to emulate on and off the courts,” said SCA Athletic Director, Maggie Kuyper.

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DAUGHTERS AND MOTHERS: An Athletic Legacy


Best known to the St. Cecilia community for her accomplishments as a Scarab cross country runner, senior Emily feels that her pre-running butterflies are most intense just prior to her team’s pre-race warm up drills, directed by head Coach Teresa Marchetti assisted by Coach Bryan Picklesimer. When the starter’s gun booms, Emily’s butterflies depart for Mexico, and her focus narrows at once to matters at hand: performing at her highest level!

Mary, Emily’s Mom, and a former Scarab basketball athlete in her own right, along with Dad, Dr. Mark Peters, are their daughter’s most enthusiastic fans. In fact, all of the Peters are runners, and Mary is training for her first half-marathon (13.1 miles). Mom testifies that Emily is self-motivated in her drive to be her maximum best in her sport, putting together her own training agenda and sticking to it, religiously. Emily has the Will to Win!

Emily says she has developed the “mental toughness to put out of my mind all negative thoughts and images and push my body to the max. Convincing myself that winning is possible,” Emily declares. “Running is a team sport; but it is basically an individual sport.”

Mom agrees. “In other team sports,

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Emily Peters

Above Left: Alumna Mary Holzmer Peters ’82 with daughter, senior Emily Peters. Above Right: Mary Holzmer Peters ’82 with teammates. From top row, Anna Mohola Dale ’82. Bottom from left, Mary Taylor Bernasconi ’82 and Sister John Dominic Rasmussen, O.P. (Cheryl) ’82.
All five of the inductees played at the collegiate level after graduating from St. Cecilia.

**Annie Herbert Daniel ’60** was the SCA volleyball co-captain in 1959 and tennis captain in 1960. She went on to attend Converse College, where she was a member of the aquatic team. She is a graduate of Peabody College of Vanderbilt University where she was also a member of the aquatics team.

“I am forever grateful to St. Cecilia for all the hours of education, discipline, and sports. I am grateful for the fine friends I made who continue to be in my life today,” said SCA Hall of Fame inductee, Daniel, on her participation in SCA Athletics.

**Sister Margaret Andrew Baker, O.P. ’77** played basketball at St. Cecilia Academy. During her senior year in 1977, Sister Margaret Andrew made the Nashville Banner All Nashville Team. She continued playing basketball after graduating from SCA at the University of the South at Sewanee.

**Sister Mary Cecilia Goodrum, O.P. ’89** was a multi-sport athlete during her time at St. Cecilia. At SCA, she was a member of the basketball, soccer, softball, tennis, and track teams. She made the All Nashville Basketball Team from 1987 to 1989, was a member of the Basketball 1000 Point Club in 1989, was named the TACA Player of the Year in 1989, made All Region Soccer from 1987 to 1989, and made All State Soccer from 1987 to 1989.

**Marianne Stuart Stoll ’94** played tennis at SCA, held the number one singles position, and made All Midstate in 1994. She went on to play tennis at the University of Evansville.

**Ashleigh Ann Garman ’04** played golf at SCA. She was the Robert Trent Jones (RTJ) Junior Golf Tour Winner in 2002, Player of the Quarter RTJ Junior Golf Tour in 2002, and the RTJ Junior Golf Tour Championship second place winner in 2002 and 2003. Garman continued to play golf at the University of Memphis in 2005 and at Belmont University from 2006 to 2008.
like basketball, if you’re having a bad day, a teammate may be able to take up the slack, but in cross country, that doesn’t happen,” said Mary. This reality is another of those negative ponderings that Emily’s “mental toughness” must close out.

Once the finish line passes under her feet and the satisfaction of “reaching my goals” is realized, Emily is able to soon let go and begin to focus on the next race. On the other hand, if her hard work “doesn’t pay off,” this tough-minded young lady can likewise push those negative memories aside and move on. Mom says, “Bad races are never discussed at home!”

Those endless miles of solitary running, speed work on a nearby track, and, of course, after-school practice with her Scarab teammates have paid off for Emily. In her freshman year she was Cross Country State Champion, a Region Champion her senior year, and State Runner-up her junior and senior years! Her Scarab team was State Runner-up in both her freshman and senior years. Emily has been named to All-Metro, All-Mid-state, and All-State teams during these four years. She is also the winner, by unanimous committee vote, of the Doug Hall Relays Scholarship and the Brandt & Mandy Snedeker Scholarship which is an award presented by the Nashville Sports Council.

Since cross country is a fall sport, Emily puts her interscholastic competition craving on the back burner until spring when she runs on the SCA Track and Field team. She has qualified for the State meet in the 1600 meters and 3200 meters runs each season thus far, and was State Runner up in the 3200 meters run in her sophomore and junior years.

And lest we forget why we are here at SCA, Emily is an outstanding student, taking four Advanced Placement classes as a senior.

Someone wandering the halls of St. Cecilia Academy during the changing classes, will also notice that Emily is endowed with not just a few leadership traits, the two most obvious being those of confidence and presence! The faculty noticed Emily’s poise her first year as a Scarab and named her Best All Around Freshman. This year her classmates elected Emily President of the Class of 2014 and was also voted by her classmates with the Senior Superlative distinction of Best All-Around. Mary is quick to say Emily’s leadership is an outgrowth of “the complete St. Cecilia experience, with running being just a part.” Chalk up another victory for all-girls education, St. Cecilia style!

The 1982 SCA basketball team. Co-captain Mary Holzmer Peters ’82 pictured on the far right, top row.

Emily Peters (center) with cross-country teammates, Coach Bryan Picklesimer and Coach Teresa Marchetti. The 2013-14 team was the TSSAA DII State Runner-Up and the TSSAA DII Region Champions.

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Brenda Lee performed to a sold-out audience in early December at the St. Cecilia Academy theatre. A long-time SCA supporter, Brenda Lee sang her classic hits, including “I’m Sorry” and “Personality,” in addition to her famed Christmas song, “Rockin’ Around the Christmas Tree.” As an unexpected treat, she also sang a medley of songs she once declined that other artists went on to turn into hit records.

“Brenda told me she turned down the opportunity to sing at prominent venues in town this year. What a privilege it is that she chose to sing at St. Cecilia Academy. She is an entertainer through and through and she gave us a fantastic show,” said Sister Anne Catherine, O.P. principal at St. Cecilia Academy.

Jim Crowe, co-host of the “Woody and Jim” morning show on 107.5 The River, was the master of ceremonies for the event. His daughter, Juliana Crowe ’16, is a student at St. Cecilia.

The Tennessean, writing about the concert, said Lee “remains Christmas magic” even after all these years of performing.

“It was truly a magical evening. But more than magic, it was really the presence of God in that theatre. Brenda Lee’s generosity and her humility, coupled with her wit and talent, entertained us but also inspired us,” said Sister Helen Marie Glaser, O.P. ’76, chair of the Brenda Lee Concert Committee.

During her show, Lee paid tribute to St. Cecilia Academy and its fine arts program. One of her granddaughters is a graduate of St. Cecilia Academy, Taylor Clay ’07 and is now pursuing an advanced degree at Johns

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Father Todd Belardi during a Eucharistic procession at the all-school retreat.

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Junior Sara Arms with her dad Vic Arms at the father-daughter dance.

Alumnae Melissa Lee Lyons ’85 Ashley Gorham Thompson ’85 and Edie Glaser ’85 at the alumnae memorial Mass held at the Motherhouse.
Suzanne, Kelly ’09, and Ian Bodell.

The Jesse and Anita Harris Scholarship Fund

When Ian Bodell retired in 2008, his company had a tradition of donating to the retiree’s favorite charity. Ian chose the St. Cecilia Endowment because he believes St. Cecilia Academy provides a high quality education to young women (his daughter, Kelly, is a 2009 SCA graduate). He also believes a robust endowment is the foundation for an educational institution’s financial success. Together with his wife, Suzanne, they created an endowed scholarship fund. The awards (up to $5000 per recipient, per year) are made to an incoming freshman from Christ the King Parish School with identified and qualified financial need that would like to attend St. Cecilia Academy and would otherwise be unable to enroll due to the financial commitment. Ian and Suzanne named the fund to honor Suzanne’s parents who had a life-long commitment to Catholic education.

Students Blair Ely, Eliza Tarwater, Rosemary McGrady, and Allison Hassett at the winter semi-formal dance.
Asian studies teacher, Linda Braddock, with SCA students and Davidson Academy Chinese Exchange Program students.

Freshman Lyndon Exton reads a note from her senior at her locker during Freshman-Senior Week.

Junior Piersen Briggs presents Ambassador Andrew Young a gift at the Urban League Luncheon.

Senior Sarah Petroni as the lead in "Hello, Dolly!"

Parent chair of the 2013 Golf Classic, George Furlong, with Betty Bader, Director of Admissions, and Maggie Kuyper, Athletic Director.

Freshmen Lauren Watkins, Kaitlyn Fair, Taylor Roach, Margaret Hallock, and their dates at the winter semi-formal dance.
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Seniors Morgan Jackson, Grace Brink, Bridget Sullivan,
and Maddy Marchetti on top of the Eiffel Tower during their interim trip to France.

From left, Eileen Kile, Corinne Wehby, Katie Alexander, Kaitlyn Fair, Shannon Schrenger, Melissa LeClair, Karla Hernandez,
teacher Katie Gibbens, and Faith Apperson in Washington, D.C. at the annual March For Life.
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Agnes Eckhardt Nixon ‘40
Novarese Ballentine Klingenberg ‘41
Frances Sharp Luster ‘42
Peggy Lehman McInden ‘43
Imelda Webby Todd ‘43
Fakie Resha Bracey ‘46
Sue Mannion Simpson ‘46

Paulette Clark Whitworth ‘48
Martha Nell Long Bryant ‘49
Rose Otto Hormberger ‘49

1950-1959
Ramona Schnupp Steltemeier ‘52
Patsy Batson Wrenne ‘53
Geraldine Grissom Hooks ‘53
Emily Sanders Davis ‘54
Shirley Korteuem Westfall ‘55
Helen Hunley Glaser Yates ‘56
Laura Sanders Christy ‘57
Veronica Strobel-Seigenthaler ‘57
Therese Howell Schaffuetzel ‘58
Mary Ammon McMurry Hoenigman ‘58
Veronica Burns Wauford ‘58
Jane Hempel Carney ‘58
Susy Reynolds Thoms ‘59
Sally Lea Nance ‘59
Amelia Biggers Wallace ‘59

1960-1969
Nancy Luckett Richey ‘60
Monica Lewis Nimmo ‘60
Holly Cochrane Anderson ‘60
Mary Ellen Webster Colbert ‘60
Judy Shanks Schenk ‘60
Gail Caudle Caudle ‘60
Clair Pete Ivanov ‘60
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Bolin Kane Stumb ‘60
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Catherine Haid Baltz ‘61
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Mary Ann Roberts Claxton ‘63
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Susan Abbott Leidner ‘63
Pam Hobbs Wood ‘63
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Diana Boyd Boyd ‘63

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Evelyn Petrucelli Spencer ‘64
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Mickey Sutherland Pennington ‘65
Debbie Wallace Craig ‘65
Mary True Polk Alley ‘66
Donna Brown Woods ‘66
Jean McCaffrey Stout ‘66
Hunter Crabtree ‘67
Nonie Carden Sanders ‘67
Mary Lou Kaiser Spurluck ‘67
Kathy Catignani Ramsey ‘67
Jane Grannis ‘67
Joy Bramblett Adams ‘67
Karen Schultz Goodyear ‘67
Anne Wall Christen ‘67
Laurie Stewart Nolan ‘68
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Jo Ann Beavin Thoms ‘68
Sharon Wilson Murphy ‘68
Pam Wilk Crichton ‘68
Sue Ann Simpson Enneis ‘69
Karen Trauernicht Sadler ‘69
Margaret Pickinger Tidwell ‘69
Bev Deal Ammarell ‘69

1970-1979
Comelia Coode ‘70
Cathy Jordan ‘70
Cissa Flanigen Glenn ‘70
Colleen Murray ‘70
Sharon Coode Connor ‘70
Cindy Freeland Martin ‘70
Katie Haltom ‘70
Kitty Beavin Steffenhagen ‘71
Sissy Huggins Allen ‘71
Amy Scruggs McKelvey ‘71
Susan Gracey ‘71
Carol Crutcher Roop ‘71
Rhea Elcan Forte ‘71
Robert Green Wheeler ‘71
Tina Hostetler Whitley ‘71
Molly Miller ‘71
Sheila Davis Duke ‘71

Sophomore Caroline Watkins and graduate Betsy Brewer ’12 perform at Songwriters Night.
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Mary Butcher ’12

In Loving Memory
Frances Sharp Luster ’42 and her sister Mildred Sharp Coode ’42

“I think my Aunt Mildred would like it that I’m making a memorial gift in her honor toward tuition assistance. She was so devoted to St. Cecilia Academy and was so thankful that her daughters could all attend.”

– Mary Jo Luster Dortch ’71

“We have all heard that it will be easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of heaven. That’s true if all your riches are worldly. But our mother was a different kind of millionaire. And we are all so lucky she shared that wealth with us.”

— Fran Coode Walsh ’77, is thankful for all those that made gifts in memory of her mother.

Junior Kat Morgan studying on the new treadmill desk in the library.

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Dear SCA Alumnae,

We have had some wonderful events at SCA this fall which were well-attended by alumnae. We had a great alumnae turnout for the SCA Ladies Tennis Tournament held in November. Alumnae of all ages and tennis abilities came out to support this event. Proceeds for this tournament will go towards resurfacing of some of the courts. It was a beautiful day and fun was had by all.

The first weekend in December we held several alumnae events. Namely the Alumnae Athletic Hall of Fame for a packed crowd. It was amazing to see how much this honor meant to the women that were recognized. Each woman talked about how St. Cecilia had shaped them into the confident women they are today. Also, alumnae came out in droves to attend the Brenda Lee concert. She performed to a sold-out crowd.

We are trying something new this year by starting to have events by the decades. For example, in February we hosted an 80’s decade Art Night. Stay tuned for details of other decade get-togethers.

This spring we have many great alumnae activities. On March 27 we had a Rosary Ceremony in the Chapel to pray for and welcome each senior into the Alumnae Association by presenting them with a rosary. As always, we had the popular Alumnae Easter Egg Hunt on April 12. To finish up this school year of activities, we will host our annual Alumnae Mass and Luncheon on June 7. I hope to see you at these special events.

Blessings,

Cathy Cook Krumm, ’83
President, St. Cecilia Alumnae Association
Q: How did you become an alumna board president in 1952?
A: I want to give Emma Dalton and Agnes Eckhardt all the credit. They were the ones who kept the alumnae luncheon going for many years. They asked me if I would take over for them. So I called the first meeting in the library and Sister Aloysius was our mentor. I called the meeting to order and asked for the reading of the minutes. Sister laughed and said, “We’ve never had minutes.” I went out and bought everyone “Robert’s Rules of Order.”

Q: What is your favorite memory of your time as a student at SCA?
A: There were so many. Sister Mary Luke was my favorite teacher and she was a sculptress. There were 3-4 students in her class and she really enjoyed it. Mount Rushmore called and wanted her to help carve it out, but she declined. I also spent a lot of time in the library. I painted a lot of the binding on the sides of the books.

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SWEET MEMORIES
Connecting with an early alumnae board president

Q & A with Sarah Case Kurek ’39

Contributor: Chenoa Jacobs, director of alumnae relations

Above: Sarah Case Kurek ’39 (center) on graduation day, June 5, 1939 with her mom, Bosie G. Case (left), and Mother Reginald, O.P. who was also Kurek’s cousin.
FRANCIS HORN
"Other than the shock of 9/11, being nominated (another jolt) by an alumna for membership in the Athletics Hall of Fame tops my lengthy list of memorable experiences at this special place."

SUSIE SCHULTHEISS
"The most memorable experience while at SCA was at my husband David’s funeral. The entire school was closed and there was a sea of SCA students in their uniforms at my church. I was deeply moved and touched by the support of the faculty, staff and the entire student body."

CATHIE STAMPS
"My fondest memory is the day Sister Mary David interviewed me for the teaching position. She had the special gift of making one feel at home and appreciated.”
Hopkins University. Another granddaughter, Jordan Snider, is currently a junior at the school.

The concert was a benefit for the St. Cecilia Academy Fine Arts Campaign. SCA is in the major gift portion of a $4 million dollar campaign to significantly enhance their fine arts wing with new art rooms, gallery space, a new dance studio, and music practice and drama rooms.

“It was this school that pushed her and drove her to better do what she wanted and needed to do in her life,” Lee said of her granddaughter during the concert.

More than 500 people attended the concert, including fans from as far away as Wisconsin and Seattle. Also in attendance were Brenda Lee’s family and friends, whom she acknowledged and brought on stage to sing with her and Santa Claus.

Vince Gill, dressed as Santa Claus, surprised Brenda Lee on stage. Together with Overbrook School students, they sang “Santa Claus is Coming to Town.”

Lee was also joined on stage by the SCA choir. She sat on the stage and wiped away tears as she listened to the choir, under the leadership of SCA choir director, Stephanie Hahn Nolan, sing “Somewhere over the Rainbow” and “Silent Night.”

Q: Did you or your classmates ever do any fun pranks?
A: Yes! We short-sheeted beds and raided the kitchen…I think they knew it was us. Freshmen had to open the doors for seniors. I took a test after 8th grade and I was able to skip 9th grade, so some people were upset that I didn't have to do it. Also, only seniors were allowed to live in the “flats,” but my class wanted to be with everyone. So Sister Mary Luke let us live with everyone else in the dorms and decorate with white and pink to make it fun.

Q: How do you stay connected with SCA Alumnae?
A: HarpStrings magazine. It’s a dream come true.

Q: What is the greatest lesson SCA taught you?
A: There was so much, but I always remember Sister Mary Agnes saying, “We (St. Cecilia) can give you facts, but the greatest thing a school can give you is to teach you how to think.” The important thing I learned was how to research.

Sarah now resides in Lexington, TN where she lives with her two daughters and son-in-law. She enjoys the beauty of nature and her grandchildren.
1950s
Sister Maria Cecilia, O.P. visits with SCA alumna, Peggy Waters Collins ’53, in California.

1970s
Jeanne Dortch Rast ’74 was awarded The Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. This award is given annually to outstanding K-12 science and mathematics teachers from across the country. The winners are selected by a panel of distinguished scientists, mathematicians, and educators following an initial selection process done at the state level.

1980s
Rosemary Walsh Plorin ’85 has been named president of Lovell Communications, succeeding firm founder Paula Lovell, who remains with the 25-year-old public relations and marketing communications firm as chairman and chief executive officer. Plorin will share responsibility for the firm’s strategic direction, operations management, and business development while continuing to serve her growing base of clients throughout the country.

1990s
Kristen Price Bung ’98 gave birth to a baby boy, Gunner Price Bung, on October 6, 2013.

Marida Millican ’98 married Thomas Balch at St. Henry Catholic Church on October 12, 2013.

Catherine Stuart Vrettos ’98 gave birth to her second daughter, Cathleen Beasley Vrettos on October 1, 2013. The family resides in Nashville where Catherine is the technology team leader at Harding Academy.

2000s
Katie Wells ’00 launched a new program for veterans called Eagle Forward. The mission of the program is to assist veterans with editing, developing, or creating a resume.

Jill Bader ’01, a former Nashville Girl Scout, whose career in politics was started due to the skills and relationships she developed while in the Scout program, gave a speech at the annual Girl Scouts Luncheon in Nashville.

Members of the class of 2007 in Chattanooga for a wedding last summer. Pictured from left to right are: Bridget Varley ’07, Caitlin Ferguson ’07, friend, Liz Marchetti ’07 and Mary Hancock ’07.

Lauren Lassiter ’04, daughter of Debbie Lassiter SCA director of development, married Zachary Dean Hilbers on September 14, 2013 at the Cathedral of the Incarnation. Her sister, Ashley Lassiter ’06 was the maid of honor and Wallis Williams ’04 was a bridesmaid along with some of her college friends from St. Louis University. The newly married


Lori Patton ’01 is the new principal at St. Pius X Classical Academy in Nashville.

Mary Mattingly Pietrzyk ’02 and Sarah Vorholt Slater ’02 hiking with their puppies at Scott’s Run Nature Preserve in McLean, VA.

Alumnae Heather Honeycutt Yopp ’02, Susan Beavin ’08, Noel Pittman ’01 and Becky Phillips ’05 return to SCA to help at the annual Wake Me Up at SCA admission’s event.

The class of 1988 gathered at the home of Kate Cain McKee ’88 to celebrate their 25th reunion. Congratulations! Pictured are, back row: Kathryn Lane Bershbach ’88, Kate Cain McKee ’88, Anissa Srouji Grant ’88, Sarah Wieck ’88, Leigh Pinson Sinks ’88. Front row: Leslie Newpher Tacheck ’88,
couple honeymooned in St. Lucia. Lauren is a RN and works as the Director of Clinical Services for Precision Healthcare; Zach is the Center Administrator for NHC Oakwood. They are residing in the Middle TN area.

After graduating in May 2013, alumna Liz Dedman ’09 is working as a financial analyst in Richmond, VA. Liz is the 2009 class agent and is busy planning their 5th reunion this year.

Alexandra Koehn ’09 is a news reporter for the ABC affiliate in South Bend, Indiana. She covers news and high school football.

Elise Howorth ’02 married on February 1, 2014. She is pictured here with her SCA friends. Front row, left to right: Sarah Tuke ’01, Jill Bader ’01, Bride Elise Howorth ’02, Laura Price ’02, Heather Yopp Honeycutt ’02. Back row, left to right: Katie Donlon Horvath ’02, Blair Rowan ’02, Jordan Moore Vaughn ’01, Mary Mattingly Pietrzyk ’02, Megan Hatch ’02, Emily Bond ’02, and Lilly Palmer ’02

Leslie Ann Coakley ’03 married Michael Joseph Thallemer (Warsaw, Indiana) on June 1, 2013. The ceremony, held at Cathedral of the Incarnation in Nashville, was officiated by Bishop David Choby and Father Mike Johnston. A reception followed at War Memorial Auditorium. Leslie is the owner of Pure Barre Manhattan and Pure Barre Fifth Avenue in New York City.

2010s
Diana Barton ’10 was chosen to be an intern at Charleston Magazine in the spring of 2014.

Marissa Bulso ’10 is thriving at the University of Notre Dame and is a member of the Notre Dame Women’s Liturgical Choir. Additionally, Bulso was recently featured in a Notre Dame promotional video about her membership with the Liturgical Choir.

Katie Feldman ’13 made the Dean’s List during her first semester at The University of Chattanooga.

Molly Humphreys ’13 was selected to be a Student Ambassador in the University of San Diego’s Student Ambassador Club.

Izzy Jackson ’12 is an intern at a program called “Ignite” through Potters Field Ministries. There are several phases to the program. The first phase is in Antigua, Guatemala where Izzy is now. A group of 16 interns are studying the Bible and learning what it means to be a missionary, preparing them for a life of missions.

Claire Johnson ’15 working at St. Mary’s Catholic Bookstore during Interim along with several SCA alumnae. Pictured from left to right are: Kay Petre Gallagher ’76, Ginger Luster Sullivan ’74, Claire Johnson ’15, Sarah Cragon ’08, Donna Dorch Turner ’77.

Congratulations to Dana Lee ’13 on breaking the Washington and Lee University long jump record. She won the event with a jump of 5.63m (18’05.75”).

Nancy Peterson Hearn ’51, chairman of the board of Peterson Tool Company, has been awarded the prominent Gold Micrometer Award by the Precision Machined Products Association (PMPA) for making significant contributions to the industry during her 40 years of service. Nancy has led Peterson Tool Company for over 30 years. Under her leadership, Peterson Tool Company made exponential gains in sales, production and reputation virtually every year and is today ranked among the world’s premier designers and manufacturers of custom insert tooling.

Mary Kelly Ivanov Vicars ’98 and her husband, Matthew, welcome their new baby boy, Henry, who was born Jan. 17, 2014 at 12:40 pm, 7 lbs 2 oz, 21 inches.

Lindsay Hailey Elliot, ’98, and her husband, Chris, announce the birth of their first child, Emma Ann, born December 12th, on the couple’s 4th wedding anniversary. Lindsay was presented the first Faculty Spotlight by the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce in recognition of Excellence in Education to the students of Bethel University, where she is Associate Professor, and her husband is the head football coach.

Congratulations to St. Catherine of Siena Catholic School in Kennesaw, GA and principal Sister Mary Patrick Connor, O.P. ’92, on recently being awarded the 2013 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Award in Washington, D.C.
MEMORIALS

ALUMNAE
Ida Gatlin Blankenship ‘32
Merri Josephine Kern Bowie-Soncrant ‘41
Mildred Sharp Coode ‘42, mother of Ellen Coode McWhirter ‘65, Mamie Coode McKenzie ‘68, Cornelia Coode Henard ‘70, Fran Coode Walsh ‘77, and Judy Coode ‘85, and sister of Dorothy Sharp Daue ‘38, Evelyn Sharp (deceased) ’42, Frances Sharp Luster (deceased) ’42, and Peggy Sharp Shelton (deceased) ’44, and grandmother of Ellie Walsh ’08 and Elizabeth Henard ’11.

Francis Sharp Luster ‘42, mother of Mary Jo Luster Dorch ‘71 and Ginger Luster Sullivan ‘74, sister of Dorothy Sharp Daue ‘38, Evelyn B. Sharp (deceased) ’39, Mildred Sharp Coode (deceased) ’42 and Peggy Sharp Shelton (deceased) ’44, and grandmother of Kathryn Sullivan Dooley ‘02, Claire V. Dorch ’05 and Betsy R. Dorch ’00.

Barbara Marie Stephens Sullivan ‘44, sister of Mary Catherine Stephens (deceased) ’43
June Marie Catignani Walden ‘43, sister of Aida Catignani McCarver ‘48 and Gertrude Catignani Bennett (deceased) ’52
Mary Jo Schmitt Bates ‘48
Eleanor Ottenville Strickland ‘48
Anna Delores Jackson Wade ‘48
Gail Hooberly Bennett ‘57
Pamela Adkins Stein ‘68, sister of Emily J. Adkins ‘67
Mary Virginia “Jenny” Jordan ‘80
Jill Deitschmann Gustafson ‘84

FAMILY OF ALUMNAE
Stephen E. Biga, father of Andrea Biga Hart ’99 and Robyn M. Biga ’00
William M. Blackie, Jr., father of Elizabeth “Van Lynn” Blackie ’95
Kelli Marie Bond, sister of Emily Bond ’02
Jean F. Clippard, grandmother of Kathryn Clippard McClelland ’01 and Mary Brette Clippard ’05
Dorothy “Dot” Craus, mother of Sherry Craus Berry ’75
Mary Ann Crews, mother of Stephanie Crews Sundock ’83
Georgana Donnelly, grandmother of Hayley Robinson ‘10
Richard F. Dooley, father of Donna Dooley ’72
William Paul “Billy” Drennan, brother of Jean Drennan Dorch ’51
Rose Eugenia “Gene” Foster Dunn, mother of Mary Bess Dunn ’66, grandmother of Genie Dunn Kostrup ’92 and Melissa Dunn ’00
William “Bill” Jackson Elliston, Jr., father of Elizabeth Elliston Josephson ’75 and Kathryn “Katie” D. Elliston ’04
E. Roque Fajardo, father of Mary Therese Fajardo ’71
Evelyn Irick Grannis, mother of Jane Granulis ’67
Howard E. Hannon, Jr., son of Mary Catherine Bradley Hannon (deceased) ’48
Ann Wright Hart, mother of Jane “Malli” Hart Richmond ’72
Dorothy Elizabeth Rollins Hempel, mother of Jane Hempel Carney ’58
Vernon Lucille Herb, grandmother of Jacqueline L. Anderson ’03 and Paige Anderson ’01
James Joseph Kelly, grandfather of Kelly Arrowsmith Van De Ryt ’93
Orlando Sidney Krieger, husband of Sybil Clark Krieger ’49
Daniel Christian Link, husband of Jan Wallace Link ’76
Vito A. Marinelli, father of Marci Marinelli Wayman ’98
Andrew Joseph Martin, husband of Mary DiVittorio ’75
Frances Marve Meeker, grandmother of Angie Meeker ’00
Edith Nye McEntyre, grandmother of Erica Fredricksen Scaramuzza ’03 and Emily Fredricksen Neely ’08
Russel A. Page, grandfather of Margaret “Maggie” Page ’12 and Chloe Page ’13
Marshall Patterson, grandfather of Mary Marshall Anderson ’13

Barbara J. Quillman, grandmother of Megan Kelly ’02
Raymond T. Randolph, Jr., grandfather of Margot E. Gaston ’01
Joan Eleanor Schoenberger, grandmother of Tina Marie Nacarato Eisner ’04
Robert L. Shepherd, father of Nancy Shepherd Lesser ’79 and Susan Shephard McNutt (deceased) ’81
Annie Laura Taylor Stewart, mother of Laurie Stewart Nolan ’68 and Debbie Stewart Buck ’77
Duward Ray Sullivan, grandfather of Jean D. Sullivan ’13
James David Swink, Sr. husband of Linda Kistner Swink ’65 and father of Melissa Swink Mann ’90
Dr. Emil Dewey Thomas, father of Cindy Thomas Crutcher ’77, Gwyn Thomas Spencer ’78 and Patricia Thomas Gilbert ’80
Frank Varallo, brother of Aurelia Varallo Bundy (deceased) ’42 and Teresa Varallo Freeman ’44
Eva Dora Wenczl, mother of Edie Wenczl Simpkins ’73, Eva “Kuki” Wenczl Lewis ’75 and Esther Wenczl Stewart ’78
James R. Wesson, husband of Jenny Holditch Wesson ’75
James Auburn Williams, father of Lyn Williams Sawyer ’79, Anne Williams Hall ’83 and Melissa Williams Anthon ’88

FAMILY OF CURRENT STUDENTS
Robert N. Holzmer, father of Nancy Holzmer Calderon ’73 and Mary Holzmer Peters ’82, and grandfather of Emily J. Peters
Dorothy M. Sturgeon, grandmother of Maddie Sturgeon ’12 and Alex Sturgeon

FRIENDS
Florence Manita McReynolds, grandmother of Krissie Betbeze, counselor at SCA
Rev. John F. Paar
Rev. Dr. Carolyn Spradley Pitts
Edward L. Stepnowski, father of Sister Thomas More, O.P. former SCA faculty
Jeanne McEwen Suffridge

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