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Alumnus of the Year

Darcy Lapham '51 has been awarded the Alumnus of the Year honor for 2021. He is part of what could be described as a "classic American success story". Darcy and his nine siblings were born to parents of limited education and financial means and each grew to success in their chosen fields.



Darcy Lapham '51

At the start of The Great Depression, the Ruth & Alger Lapham family moved to Mt. Pleasant from Remus. They lived in what was referred to as a "tent village" on West Broadway Street along the River, where Nelson Park is now located. The Laphams were committed to their Catholic faith and their large family, sending the kids to Sacred Heart Academy even though paying the parochial

school cost was a challenge. Alger was a hard-working laborer employed at the local tire shop. Ruth ran the household and fostered a sense of responsibility in each child. Darcy gives the credit for his personal success to his parents and his siblings.

After graduation from SHA, Darcy studied at Ferris State College (now called Ferris State University). He was a walk-on for the men's basketball team after the Ferris coach sought him out on campus. The coach was also an official and had seen Darcy play in high school games. Darcy didn't go to college thinking he would play, but he enjoyed the experience immensely.

Darcy lived and worked in both Florida and California before returning to Michigan to start several lucrative businesses. He and his younger brother Larry owned a carpet-cleaning business, a variety store, a lawn & garden center, and a real estate business. Today, at 87 years young, Darcy still goes to the real estate office each day. He also never misses daily Mass or the morning Rosary, even if he has to watch it on television because of the pandemic.

Darcy has unwavering support for Sacred Heart Parish and Sacred Heart Academy. He shares his talents and treasure in many ways, including donations for church building programs and annual activities, in addition to support for SHAgala and the SHA STEM Lab. Darcy recently funded 100 percent of a tuition assistance fund in the SHA Foundation called the Lapham Family Fund.

A devout Catholic, Darcy desires for all youth to be "on fire" for Catholicism. He also speaks fondly of all the people he graduated with, saying "We had a class of winners" fondly mentioning 1951 classmates such as **Bill Sowle, Mary Ellen (Sweeney) Brandell** and others.

2021 Grand Marshals

Rick and Mary Beth Roberts will be honored as Grand Marshals of the 2021 Sacred Heart Academy Homecoming festivities scheduled for Friday, October 15. Originally scheduled to preside over the 2020 event, their honor was interrupted by COVID-19.



Mary Beth & Rick Roberts

The Roberts' gave a combined 46 years of service to Sacred Heart Academy. Mary Beth taught pre-school and developmental kindergarten. Rick served as principal for five years, and as a math teacher for 16 years. He also served as athletic director twice and was the head football coach for 23 years, leading the Irish to many titles, including a State Championship in 2010.

COVID-19 also interrupted the recognition of the 2020 Alumni of the Year, **Rosy (Theisen '53) and Bill Buschle '50**. They will be part of the 2021 Homecoming festivities as well.



Rosy (Theisen '53) & Bill Buschle '50

SHA
Homecoming
Friday, October 15,
2021



4:00 p.m. Homecoming Parade
through downtown Mt. Pleasant

7:00 p.m. Football Game
at Community Memorial Stadium

8:30 p.m. Alumni & Friends Reception
at the Sacred Heart Parish Center

Reunion? Contact **alumni@sha.net** for info.

SHA vs Beal City

The Sacred Heart – Beal City rivalry. Does it still exist? How did it start? Does it fade a little more with each new generation, or with each new SHA/Beal marriage? When we put out the call for SHA/BC couples to write a story for the Alumni News, we weren't sure which direction the story would take, or if it would even be worth writing. What we found were a lot of mini stories, all equally wonderful. Enjoy this "inside look" at some SHA grads who married Beal City alums.

The rivalry is alive and well

Annie (Galgoczi '98) and Ryan Sanders (Beal City '03) were introduced by friends when they crossed paths at the Beal City Tavern. They were married at St. Joseph the Worker in September of 2009. "The rivalry is alive and well in the Sanders household," Annie reports, pointing out that her father **Steve Galgoczi '66** is a grad and her mom, Debbie, was the elementary school secretary for more than 20 years, while Ryan's family is Beal City all the way! "We moved closer to Beal City when our kids were young so when we had to decide on what school, we picked St. Joe's. We just had to 'agree to disagree' about which side of field or court to sit on when SHA plays Beal City."

Beal City is probably the most Catholic public school in the state. "That's probably why so many BC-SHA couples end up together," Annie says. Her kids are very much aware of the rivalry, and since they are now Aggies, they cannot believe their mom attended the Academy. "It blows their mind that their mom went to SHA," she said. "They are constantly trying to convert their cousin Casey (son of her sister **Mary (Galgoczi) LaChance '01**, who is a first grader at SHA, to come to the blue side."

Her varsity sweater disappeared

John McDonald '51 met Leona (Schafer) McDonald, a 1953 Beal City graduate, about a year after Leona graduated from high school. Leona's best friend was dating John's brother at the time. That relationship didn't work out, but John and Leona sure hit it off! They married in August of 1956 and all seven of their children graduated from Sacred Heart mainly because John was running the McDonald farm on Lincoln Road. Living in Mt. Pleasant made the school decision easy: **Ann Media '75, Sue Boyer '76, Gary '78, Karen Prater '79, Mary Srodulski '82, Dan '84, and Linda McDonald '85** attended and graduated from SHA.

John and Leona each had a varsity sweater from their respective schools. Leona said some of the kids would wear John's sweater for '50s day during Homecoming Week on dress-up days. But Leona's sweater dis-

appeared. "To this day it remains a mystery where that Beal City sweater went," she said.

Leona tells the story of when her daughter Sue '76 had a basketball game at Beal. Leona attended and sat with some Beal City friends to chat. Sue came out of the locker room with the Irish, stopped in front of her mother and said, "Mom, Sacred Heart is on the OTHER side!" Leona said she thought the kids cared more about the rivalry than their parents. "John and I would always sit on the SHA side, but I would cheer for both teams," she said.

We both became Blue Jays

Ed Smith '74 met Diane (Sheahan) Smith at a Beal City party "back in the day," he said. Diane graduated from Beal in 1974. "Back then, the drinking age was 18 so the parties were pretty fun," Ed said. "Someone introduced us, but I kinda knew her because she was a cousin of **Jerry Sheahan '47**. Ed said there was one year, maybe junior or senior year, when the football score was tight. SHA had the lead by two or three points, and it was late in the game. "Beal City had possession and there was just enough time for them to do something with the ball," he said. "They chucked the ball to their running back and I came around the end and hit him, forcing a fumble so SHA got the ball back. I heard about THAT for a long time."

Ed and Diane were married in 1977 and when it came to football or basketball games, he would sit on the Sacred Heart side, and she would sit on the Beal City side, end of story. The rivalry was real in those days, he said. "She probably took more

grief about dating me, especially after that football game. They all hated me," Ed said, adding that their boys were never really affected by the rivalry. "Ever since we were married, we lived in Shepherd, so our two boys were Blue Jays. Diane and I both became Blue Jays because that's what the boys were."



SHA / Beal City couple Annie (Galgoczi '98) and Ryan Sanders each sport their high school colors. Annie is forever Irish, much to the dismay of her Aggie children.

SHA graduates serve on Beal City Board of Education

Curt Gottschalk '98 and Amanda Pung, a 1997 Beal City High School graduate, met while they were in high school. The rivalry wasn't ever a factor in their relationship; they married in June of 2001. The Gottschalks have always lived in the Beal City area and their three children attend Beal City Public Schools. "Our children are aware of the rivalry but haven't experienced it since Beal doesn't play SHA in varsity football anymore," Amanda said. Curt has been a member of the Beal City Board of Education for several years, currently serving on the executive committee. He is

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one of two members who are SHA graduates. The other is **Ron Neyer '88**.

Catholic faith, family, and community support

Stacy (Larrance '91) Finnerty said she always hung out with kids from Beal City because one of her best friends, Alicia Andres, was a member of the Beal City Class of '91. At a party during high school when she was 16, she met Dominic Finnerty (Beal City '88) and immediately liked him. "I saw him lots of times over the years, but he was always dating someone else," Stacy said. "It wasn't until my junior year of college at Aquinas College during a visit home that we ran into each other and he finally asked me out. The rest, as they say, is history!"

Stacy says she has always enjoyed living in the Beal City community. "I am sure it has to do with the fact that even though they are rivals, Sacred Heart and Beal City are similar because the [values of] Catholic faith, family, and community support are strong in both," she said. Stacy says she cheers for SHA or Beal, depending on who is playing. "If my kids or a niece or nephew is playing for Beal I would root for them of course. But if no one I personally know is playing, I sit on the Beal side, but secretly root for SHA," she said, adding that her kids are well aware of the rivalry and often give her a hard time about it. "My treasured SHA friendships and relationships run deep and are very important. Those friends are with you through everything in life: school years, weddings, babies, and funerals. . . their support is immeasurable."

Their first date was a SHA/Beal City basketball tournament game

Betsy (Pollard) Rau and Ron Rau graduated from SHA and Beal City, respectively, in 1971, and met after high school. "Our first date was interesting," Betsy said. "We went to a Sacred Heart Beal City basketball tournament game in Vestaburg. Beal City won, which was unusual. Surprisingly, I went on a second date with him."

Betsy met Ron at a Beal City party where she knew no one. "This one guy" she said, started talking to her about lots of things. "I specifically recall he told me he and a carload of guys drove by SHA on the day of a big game and egged the school. I was the editor of the yearbook then, and my co-editor and I screamed out the crow's nest window and flung ice cream at them," she said, adding that he was only at the party because his girlfriend was working. Well, something must have clicked because the two married in June of 1974 at Sacred Heart Church.



When she arrived at her Grandpa's house (Bob Thering '76) wearing a Beal City Aggie sweatshirt, one-year-old Adelyn Thering was promptly given a Sacred Heart ball cap and a selection of Irish attire. Adelyn is the daughter of Jake Thering '06 and his Beal-City-grad wife Ashley (Yuncker).

"We used to argue about officials' calls and end results of SHA/BC games," Betsy said. "That was years ago. Now we argue about politics. I preferred the rivalry arguments." She said they always sat on opposite sides of SHA/Beal events, him in Aggie blue and her proudly wearing Irish red and white. One year her young son left her to join his dad on the other side but she didn't know it. "This was way before cell phones," Betsy said. "I had to have **Earl Hartman '66** announce from the press box that we were missing a little boy. Pretty soon, Ron found him. Whew!"

Love who you want to love!

Kelli (Sheahan-Stahl '04) McDonald met her husband, Jason (Beal City '03) at a bowling alley one November evening in 2004. They talked until 7 a.m. and later that morning she told her friends she was going to marry him. "They thought I was crazy, but look at us now," Kelli says. The couple married in 2007 and lived in Colorado, Canada, and Minnesota, before settling in the Beal City area seven

years ago with their four children. "We did not know each other in high school but we have photos from sporting events where we can see each other in the pictures," Kelli said, adding that at first the rivalry was present, especially when introducing each other to our families. "We got a lot of smack-talk from family for a couple of years. Now it is only once-in-a-while."

After they married, when she attended a SHA vs. Beal City football game, Kelli said it was odd to sit with her husband on the Beal side. "But I rocked red, white, and green," she said. "Jason and I both appreciate our upbringings and the educations we were blessed to receive in these close communities. People will love who they want to love!"

Looking back now, I can see how much fun it was

"My wife didn't like the week of the SHA vs. Beal City game each year," Rick Roberts said. "It was stressful for me and she was nervous and didn't get much sleep. Not only was I coaching, but our three sons, **Mike '01**, **Chris '03**, and **John '06** played nine consecutive years in the rivalry game."

Rick was SHA's head football coach for 23 years. He said he could always judge how well the Irish season would go by the opening game against Beal. "People would come up to me at church and say 'Are we going to win Coach?' and 'How much should I bet, Coach?' One lady told me how many pies she would have to make if we lost," he said. "There was a lot of wagering going on, probably more than I knew about! The rivalry game was stressful, but looking back now, I can see how much fun it was, and how exciting it was."



ACADEMY NEWS

Mary Kay Reetz, Admissions/Marketing Director



Why a Catholic education?

As our world continues to change and technology becomes the prime source of communication, the presence and value of a Catholic education is even more important.

During this pandemic year, Sacred Heart Academy not only survived but has not missed a day of face-to-face learning for our youth. *SHA Connect* (our virtual learning option) was offered and we continue to have an average of 40 students in grades 1-12 who chose this option, with the remaining 375 choosing in-person learning. Our teachers have done a phenomenal job meeting the needs of all students, both in-person and virtually. As a result, we have experienced an increase in enrollment this school year.

Our Catholic Schools Week (CSW) celebration was a bit different this year given the pandemic. Our students were not able to visit nursing homes, offer a soup supper fundraiser to benefit a local charity, or any of the other outreach activities we typically host during that week. However, they did create cards for our parishioners. They not only sent love on St. Valentine's Day but also thanked parishioners for supporting our school. The feedback from parish members included many positive comments and several notes of gratitude for the students' kind gesture. Also, during CSW, Mr. Wheaton's social studies classes pooled their funds and purchased gift cards for our custodial staff. During lunch, the students honored and thanked the custodians for doing an exemplary job in keeping our school buildings clean. Because of their dedication, our students have been able to learn in a face-to-face environment all year. Hats off to our Director of Facilities Management Mr. **Andy Theisen, Sr. '78**, for hiring extra staff and ordering necessary sanitization equipment and supplies during the summer so we could be prepared for the school year. His leadership and established procedures for parent drop off and pick up and frequent sanitization processes (not only by his staff, but our teachers between every class) have been crucial to keeping our COVID-19 cases to a minimum.

Volunteerism is an important part of a Catholic education. Not only are our secondary students required to earn 100 hours of community service by the time they graduate, but as a Catholic

school, our livelihood is greatly dependent on volunteers. It is heart-warming to see young graduates return to SHA as assistant coaches, and fish fry and SHAGala volunteers, to name just a few. By volunteering, our students are gaining a sense of self-worth and of responsibility for their own community. Our parents set the example and many of our volunteer organization leaders were profiled in a recent social media campaign. Click [here](https://academy.sha.net/about/volunteers.cfm?publish=1#detailid_396150) to read their stories or visit https://academy.sha.net/about/volunteers.cfm?publish=1#detailid_396150.

A sub-committee within Student Senate called "School Pride" committee has been working to make our school environment more kind and less tolerant of social biases. A half day retreat helped the students develop skills for increasing awareness and redirecting behaviors that might be biased and/or offensive. The students designed and posted positive messages throughout the school hallways reminding students to be kind to each other.

They offered a Valentine's Day cupcake baking contest where two students from each grade 9-12, baked and presented their cupcakes to a panel of in-house judges. The participants were judged on presentation, creativity, and taste. Senior Ashley Plum took first place overall and earned a loungewear day for her classmates.

In today's world, the morals and values taught and modeled by teachers are invaluable. Parents want their children to have positive influences in their lives and SHA teachers and staff model that behavior. Public

education is a satisfactory option, but Catholic education is exceptional. Where else do students get to experience daily prayer and weekly Mass, thus enabling them to develop and strengthen a personal relationship with Jesus Christ? Catholic school students are the future of our Catholic parishes and are more important than ever. We are experiencing a spike in interest this spring with families re-evaluating their children's education and now considering Sacred Heart Academy as a viable option. Welcome Scholarships are available from both Sacred Heart and our Diocese of Saginaw. Funds are limited so contact Admissions Director, Mary Kay Reetz at mkreetz@sha.net or 989.772.1457 to gather more information or to enroll your child.



The SHA Custodial/Maintenance Team was shown appreciation from Mr. Wheaton's classes. Pictured, from left, are Ryan Moore, Grace King, Brittany Pluszczynski, Connie Rease, and Andy Theisen Sr. '78.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Mary Kay Yonker, Principal

Accreditation process is lengthy, but valued

No one really enjoys deep cleaning the house (especially if it involves closets), but we sure feel good when the job is done. I don't know anyone who likes dental work, but when it is completed you feel much better. Every five years Sacred Heart Academy goes through a lengthy accreditation process, which might be considered a dreaded task, but the rewards of the process are many.

Sacred Heart Academy is accredited by the Michigan Non-public School Accrediting Association (MNSAA). When we successfully meet MNSAA standards, we are also accredited by the National Federation of Nonpublic School Accrediting Association.

Founded in 1984, the MNSSA serves nearly 200 Catholic schools throughout the State of Michigan. MNSAA is recognized as an approved accrediting association. MNSAA is nationally recognized through the National Federation of Non-public State School Accrediting Associations (NFNSSAA) and the Council for American Private Education (CAPE).

The 13 required standards describe policies, programs, structures, and processes which should be present in mission-driven, program-effective, well-managed, and responsibly governed Catholic schools. The standards address four domains: Mission and Catholic Identity, Governance and Leadership, Academic Excellence, and Operational Vitality.

There are a total of 70 benchmark rubrics. The rubrics provide concrete descriptors of policies, programs, and procedures which are present in schools. The benchmarks are operationalized on one of four levels: 4=Exceeds the Benchmark, 3=Fully Meets the Benchmark, 2=Partially Meets the Benchmark, and 1=Does Not Meet the Benchmark. Us-

ing these rubrics for self-assessment, schools are guided through an in-depth internal evaluation of the standards within the four domains.

In addition to the descriptors of school performance on four numerical levels, the rubrics suggest possible sources of evidence schools could and should use to provide observable, measurable, "proof" of their self-identified rubric level score for the benchmark. Through the process of gathering and analyzing evidence of school performance on the standards and benchmarks, schools like SHA are provided an opportunity to develop and demonstrate accountability. In addition to demonstrating the quality of an academic program in the eyes of stakeholders and the public, accreditation also offers outside, objective validation that a school has met high standards and is actively engaged in school improvement.

Catholic school accreditation also includes research-based school effectiveness criteria, as well as criteria unique to Catholic school mission and identity. Adhering to Catholic standards and benchmarks results in highly effective and successful Catholic school operation.

What does accreditation look like at SHA?

Teachers and administrators take two or three months to rate the 70 benchmarks and provide substantial evidence for each benchmark score. "Evidence" might include admissions activities, fundraising plans and activities, lesson plans, meeting minutes, teacher or other employee evaluations, and a variety of marketing and communication materials. The administrative team uploads each piece of evidence into the

Accreditrac website. The bottom line is: *If there is no evidence, the rating is a 1.* It was time-consuming and detailed work, but when we uploaded the varied range of materials, we realized how much evidence---and how many effective initiatives---we have happening at Sacred Heart Academy. We saw evidence of our Catholic school difference, excellence in academics, and leading-edge activities.

Next, the diocesan superintendent, Cormac Lynn, comes for a site visit to look at compliance within human resource policies, employee files, fire extinguishers, boilers, safety drills, handbooks, and a host of other related matters. A team of non-public school educators from throughout our diocese reviews the benchmark scores and the uploaded evidence.

The accreditation team (usually in person, but this year over Zoom) meets with the pastor, the administrative team, several teachers, the business manager, a school board representative, and anyone else requested to ask questions regarding the evidence. After that, the diocesan superintendent does a wrap-up with the school staff within a week.

This coming summer, a team of educators will meet for a final review of our evidence and benchmark scores. The school is then officially notified of accreditation status. Sacred Heart expects to hear of our accreditation success well before the 2021-22 school year begins. Once the strengths and any areas for improvement are identified, we will use the information to create a new strategic plan with goals and objectives for the near future. We will also celebrate that we are accredited, and the submission process is complete for another five years. That's a good feeling!

Wedded to God forever

Sister Virginia Joy, SV professes final vows

A very special moment recently took place for a granddaughter of the late **Virginia (McConnell) Cotter '34** and Dave Cotter. The second Virginia Cotter, daughter of **Tim '68** and Mary (Wolcott) **Cotter**, took the name of Sr. Virginia Joy several



Sr. Virginia Joy, SV

"There is great good in this world, yet every promise of pleasure or joy falls short. We are made for more, infinitely more, eternally more, and I hope my life as a religious raises a question in the hearts of all who encounter me. In being totally His, I want everything about me to point to Christ, the One who knows us, understands us, loves us, and fulfills all of our joy."

years ago within the religious community of Sisters of Life. The special moment was experienced last year when she took her final vows within the community.

The Sisters of Life, members from around the world, have a mission of helping pregnant women in troubled circumstances and their newborns. They even welcome women of all faiths, or none, to live with them through the journey. In addition, they help women with their spiritual pain in the aftermath of abortion. The late Cardinal John O'Connor of New York, after a 1975 visit to WW II Dachau concentration camp in Germany, was inspired to found a community of women heavily engaged in protecting the sanctity of life.

The convents for the small community are found strongest in the New York area. The sisters' assignments vary from there to Toronto, Denver, and beyond. The traditional vows for religious are poverty, chastity, and obedience. Sisters of Life take a fourth vow to protect and enhance the sacredness of human life. Heavily connected to the New York Archdiocese, it was Cardinal Timothy Dolan who granted the solemn vows last summer. Sr. Virginia Joy, currently living in Manhattan, has the assignment of heading up the Respect Life office for the Archdiocese. She performs speaking engagements across the U.S. and has been interviewed by EWTN.

After graduation from the Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio in 2003, Sr. Virginia Joy took on several jobs across the country working with troubled teens. She even owned a house in her hometown of Greenville, S.C., where her parents still reside. Her last employment before entering the convent was as a high school counselor at St. Joseph School in Greenville.

Class Notes

1935—Agnes "Eilene" Milloy, who at nearly 104 years of age held the honor of being one of the oldest living graduates at SHA, died February 23 at the Isabella County Medical Care Facility where she had lived for many years. Eilene, who remained single all her life, loved her Catholic faith, her family, and her Irish heritage. She especially enjoyed time with her nieces and nephews, and her Cotter cousins: **Fr. John Cotter '65, Jim Cotter '67, Tim Cotter '68, Father Ray Cotter '69, Margaret Crawford '70, Pete Cotter '75, Therese Cotter '76, and Karen Lamb '80.**

1946—Anna Marie (Mahaffey) Hoffman, age 92, died December 24, 2020 at her residence. In addition to raising her five children, Anna had a daycare in her home for many years. She was a long-time member of St. Vincent de Paul Church in Shepherd. Among her 10 siblings she had four sisters who also graduated from SHA: **Mary Martin '44, Therese Small '48, Helen Grice '49, and Viola Klashak '49.**

1954—James "Jim" McKenna died December 1, 2020 after a short battle with cancer. Jim served in the U.S. Marine Corps as a Private First Class. He owned and operated McKenna's Village Restaurant in Lakeview for more than 30 years. **Michael "Mickey" McKenna '53, Kathryn Steufen '55, and Carolyn Mills '60** are his siblings.

1962—Robert "Bob" Goffnett passed away March 23, 2021 in Mt. Pleasant. He was a feed salesman, working for Farm Bureau, Land O Lakes, and Riverdale Feed. Bob's father was **Robert Sr. '40**. Among his many siblings are three SHA grads: **Sharon Machuta '62, David Goffett '66, and William Goffnett '69**. Bob's son **Chad** is a **1994** graduate, and he has two grandchildren who are SHA Alums: **Cody Anderson '15 and Jordyn Henning '20.**

1965—Charlotte (Theisen) Ramsey passed away April 1 following an eight-year battle with breast cancer. The eternal cheerleader, Charlotte embraced life, treasured her family, and was known by all for her kindness and thoughtfulness. She was the oldest of four siblings: **Jeanie Goneski '68, Ron Theisen '71, and Nancy Klumpp '78.** Their father was **Howard Theisen '39.**

A good slice of SHA heritage is found in her proud aunts and uncles: **Fr. John Cotter '65, Jim Cotter '67, Fr. Ray Cotter '69, Margaret Crawford '70, Pete Cotter '75, Therese Cotter '76, and Karen Lamb '80.**

(Fr. Ray Cotter provided this story, and offers the following resources for information about the Sisters of Life community: publications@sistersoflife.org; YouTube: Sisters of Life; Website: sistersoflife.org. The Sisters of Life are strongly supported by the Knights of Columbus organization.)

1967—David Bollman passed away February 21, 2021 at his home in Mt. Pleasant. He owned and operated a business which serviced office machines and other equipment. David retired in 2010 and enjoyed years of his favorite hobbies, including vintage cars and motorcycles, and traveling to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. His siblings were **Nancy Opdyke '71, Nanette Ward '71,** and Jim Bollman.

1976—Mary Ellen (Cole) McArthur died December 16, 2020 at home in Mt. Pleasant after a brief journey with cancer. Mary Ellen's mother was **Mary (Scully) Cole '39,** and her grandmother was **Anna (O'Hara) Scully '15.** She worked 31 years at the Mount Pleasant Regional Center before retiring in 2009. She is missed by her siblings **Bernadette Herreshoff '67, Kathleen Cole '70, Margaret Fulk '71, Marilyn Cole '72, Jim Cole '73, Joanne Lamb '76,** and **Betty Roethlisberger '79.**

1977—Debra "Debbie" (McCann) Brehm passed away January 20, 2021 at her northern Michigan home with her family by her side. Debbie was the daughter of **Tom McCann '53,** and granddaughter of **Aloysius McCann '11.** She was raised on the McCann Family Farm and was known for incredible creativity. Debbie was an expert seamstress, gardener, and photographer, among many other talents. She is survived by her husband, **Mike Brehm '76** and their three children, along with her sisters **Pattie Baderschneider '73, Cathie Cluley '74, Colleen Beltinck '74,** and **Doreen Fussman '75,** and her brothers **Tom Jr. '81, John '82,** and **Mark '88.**

1981—Tom Huber passed away February 11, 2021 at his home in Rainbow Lake, New York. For 29 years, he helped countless college students succeed in his student support services roles at Hazard Community College, Southwestern Michigan College, and Paul Smith's College. Tom was one of five Huber siblings who graduated from SHA, including **Jay '75, Sue Beaver '77, Carol Konwinski '78,** and his twin brother **Tim '81.** Their mother was **Anna Marie (Fox) Huber '42.**

Randy Massey died March 26 at a hospital in Midland, Michigan. He worked in industrial maintenance most of his life, and spent as much time as he could enjoying the great outdoors.

1988—Andrea (Balogh) Palka (mom **Sharon Hackett Balogh '61,** grandfather **John Hackett '31**) changed careers during the COVID pandemic. She is now a realtor in central Florida and specializes in The Villages and Disney areas, and everything in between. If you are looking for a retirement home or want a break from the Michigan winters, Andrea would be happy to help you. She and her husband, David, have two children, Nicholas, 21, and Dominique, 19.

1990—Lisa Fredericks passed away on April 10 in Broomfield, Colorado, following a brief—but fierce and courageous—battle with cancer. Lisa was a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine

who absolutely loved being a veterinarian. She was the Homecoming Queen of her high school class and the daughter of beloved SHA English teacher, Mrs. Karen Fredericks.

1997—Sarah (McDonald) Kunik passed away March 29 at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor after a short battle with cancer. Sarah was a member of the State Championship SHA Cheer Team in 1997. Her warm personality, loving nature, and giving spirit continued to shine throughout her life. She will be forever missed by many, including her father **Mike McDonald '69,** and siblings **Josh '99, Marie (West) Rawson '93,** and **Lindsay West '98.**

2005—Dr. Ryan Lilly and his wife Amy welcomed baby boy Roman Joseph on September 24, 2020. Roman joins his brother Vincent, age 2, at home. Ryan is an orthopaedic surgeon in practice with his father, Charles J. Lilly, M.D., at Central Michigan Orthopaedics in Mt. Pleasant.

2008—Alex and Rebecca (Miesch '10) Hammerle welcomed their third daughter, Reese Emerson on October 22, 2020. Baby Reese is adored by her big sisters, Harper, 5, and Leighton, 3. Alex, a former Michigan State Trooper, now works in home renovation with his family business. The family resides in Tega Cay, South Carolina.

2009—Jackie (Olson) Geiling and her husband Erick welcomed their third baby boy, Bennett Thomas, on January 5, 2021. Bennett has two older brothers, Grayson, 6, and Owen, 3. The Geilings live in Midland, Texas, where Jackie works as the Regional Development Director for IDEA Public Schools. Proud Nanny and Papa are **Christina (Cook '81) & Tim Sheppard '81.**

2010—Taylor Sheahan-Stahl has a new role at the recently-opened Daisy Hill Crematory in Mt. Pleasant. The Crematorium is owned and operated by the Clark family. Taylor and his wife Emily recently bought a house just two blocks from SHA. They have a son, Jude, who is 1.

2019—Erikah Cudjoe was selected by Go Overseas (a partnership group with Education in Ireland and eight universities in Ireland), to receive a study abroad scholarship. Erikah's application was selected as the winner from 1,500 applicants for the undergraduate award. She will receive tuition for one semester at Trinity Dublin College in Ireland, in addition to airfare and a \$7,000 living stipend. Erikah is currently studying business at the University of Pittsburgh. Accepting the award, Erikah said "To maximize one's global impact, cultural understanding is crucial. Studying abroad is one of the best ways a student can acquire global skills and expand their personal and professional network."



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FRIDAY
LENTEN
FISH FRY*



Winner, winner— fish dinner!

The SHA Athletic Association's annual Lenten Friday Fish Fry received 3rd place honors out of 66 entries in the running for MLive's *Northern Lower Peninsula of Michigan's Best Fish Fry* contest this year.

In the large region spanning from central Michigan to the Mackinac Bridge, the first place Lewiston Hotel & Bar in Lewiston received 25 percent of the votes and second place Keyhole Bar in Mackinaw City received 9 percent of the votes. **Sacred Heart Academy in Mt. Pleasant** received 5 percent, landing in third place ahead of one location at 4 percent, four locations at 3 percent, four locations at 2 percent, and the remaining 44 locations at 1 percent or less of the votes.

The MLive contest article reported it was "not uncommon for the [first place winners] to serve 350 meals on a Friday." The SHA Athletic Association averaged nearly 700 meals each Friday, proudly serving customers in drive-through fashion this year. Proceeds from the annual SHA Lenten Fish Fries benefit student athletes at Sacred Heart Academy.

A virtual victory for SHAgala

Alumni and friends were a big part of the 2021 SHAgala fundraiser for Sacred Heart Academy. The virtual format allowed anyone to participate from anywhere, as long as Wi-Fi internet service was available. Sacred Heart parents, alumni, parishioners, and friends helped the Academy achieve a "virtual victory". In one night, more than \$350,000 was raised, including \$51,725 For the Teachers at the Academy, which was matched by the family of Lee & **Jim Fabiano '61**. The SHAgala Committee, led by **Wendy (McConnell '91) Endres**, extends appreciation to all who bought raffle tickets, bid on auction items, played games of chance, and/or made a donation to SHAgala. It was rewarding to have alumni and parents who fondly remember the excitement of SHAgala over the past 27 years reach out with positive comments and their financial support. In 2022, plans call for the event to be a blend of virtual and live (on-site at the school). The date will be Saturday, February 12, 2022.

SHAgala
with a twist

A SHAgala appreciation message from our SHA Kindergarteners (The Class of 2033)

