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EDITOR'S LETTER

Hello Fellow Alumnae and friends of SFA,

So here we are at the halfway point of 2026. Summer is generally the time we take time to slow down, recharge our "batteries" and sometimes travel either locally, domestically or in some case internationally. If you'd like to share your travels with your SFA friends, please feel free to email the details and photos to me at cring768741@verizon.net. We'd love to hear what you and your families have been up to.

Stay well, Chris Ringling '85

ST FRANCIS ACADEMY CLASS OF 1966 CELEBRATED OUR 60TH ANNIVERSARY!



Saturday, April 25, 2026 - 4:00 PM, Bella's on Fort Couch

Dear SFA Alumnae Association Board, This letter comes to thank each of you for the many hours you put into making our Association so vibrant throughout the year. As we celebrate our 60th Anniversary, it is only right to acknowledge all of you too!

What a great time we had at Bella's as 15 of us, including two spouses, came together to recall our high school days, our favorite teachers, fun times at the Grove, and more. We've come a long way since then. Our age is beginning to show, grandchildren are keeping us occupied, travel and caregiving are all part of our daily lives.

We remembered our deceased classmates with a special plaque, as well as those unable to join us. Throughout this process we were able to update a few addresses and send them to Dede for the records.

Eight classmates also shared a meal at the 25th Annual Tulip Luncheon on Sunday. We even had two basket winners! And our class, through the generosity of a good number of classmates, was able to donate a total of \$800.00 to the Alumnae Legacy Scholarship Fund to assist students to attend Seton LaSalle High School. Thank you!

We, the planning committee, wish everyone a blessed year ahead. May we continue to cherish our days at St. Francis Academy, live its ideals each and every day, and cultivate our friendships!

Kathy Handlon Cox
Jeanne Belonis Frass
Ruth Diethorn Gredlein

Lindy Creehan Kravec
Dede Dubich Emery

Sr. Janet Gardner
Mary Robb Carr Jackson-Challik
Susan Devon Smith



Class of 1966:
Back Row: Patricia Trnosky Palermo, Ceceilia Wenisch, Lindy Crehan Kravec, Sr. Janet Gardner, Kathleen Handlon Cox, Barbara Synder Parsons
Front Row: Linda Bero Hickey, Beverly Dunn Hackett, Susan Devon Smith, Ruth Diethorn Gredlein

Alumnae Activities CALENDAR

Plan Ahead Mark your Calendar

Saturday, September 19, 2026

Franciscan Fest (1:00 - 3:30PM)

held by the Sisters of St Francis of the
Providence of God, St Thomas More Church,
Bethel Park, PA. Information can be found
at www.osfprov.org

Sunday, September 20, 2026

**35th Annual Mass for Alumnae, Family,
and Friends of SFA (11:00 - 1:30PM)**

South Hills Country Club

Our longest running event!

Invitation is included in this newsletter!

Saturday, November 7, 2026

SFA Annual Bus Trip (7:30AM - 7:30PM)

**Spirit of the Season in Middlefield Ohio
Flyer in this newsletter!**

Sunday, April 18, 2027

26th Annual Tulip Luncheon

(10:30AM - 2:30PM)

South Hills Country Club

**The most up to date information
can be found on our website:**

Saintfrancisacademyalumnaeandsisters.com

Or call Maria Ammon at 412-874-1188

or Lori Lukich at 412-780-5077.

Look for exciting updates to
the website in the coming months!

This is your Alumnae newsletter!

If you have something you would like
to submit or share, please contact the
Newsletter Coordinator Chris Ringling
cring768741@verizon.net.

**DEADLINE FOR THE JANUARY
2027 NEWSLETTER IS
DECEMBER 1, 2026**

OUR PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND



Traveling to new and exciting places is always a joy, and one that I try to take advantage of whenever I can. Traveling with like-minded folks adds to the fun, as you share common interests and values. This past April, I was able to tour Ireland with my great friend and fellow SFA classmate, Mary Gordon Timko, on a pilgrimage organized by Belinda Held of A Pilgrims Journey. Her company specializes in pilgrimages to places of Catholic and Christian significance, and she offers many trips through the Pittsburgh Diocese. We were blessed to have Bishop Mark Eckman as our spiritual guide.

We arrived in Dublin on April 8 and started to get acquainted with our 56 companion pilgrims. First, we headed to Belfast and Aramagh, the site of St Patrick's Roman Catholic Cathedral. We had our first of the daily Masses celebrated by Bishop Mark and concelebrated with fellow travelers Fr. Malcolm McDonald and Fr. Tom Kadlick. Every day we visited a different church and got to explore the architecture and ambiance that made each worship site unique.

One of the most sacred places on the itinerary was Knock Shrine, site of the 1879 apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph and St John the Evangelist. It is a rich spiritual experience for Catholics to explore, and our tour clergy were able to celebrate mass at the beautiful chapel on the campus.

The landscape of Ireland is green and rugged and there are many places of interest to walk through and enjoy. Giant's Causeway, the Cliffs of Moher and the Ring of Kerry were breathtaking vistas to take in and provided many photo-ops for dazzled travelers. It was still early Spring in Ireland when we arrived, and the weather was often damp and blustery. This added to the experience and helped us appreciate the locals who were accustomed to rougher winds and rain.

When discussing trips to Ireland, a common query is "Did you kiss the Blarney Stone?" and yes, we ticked that off our bucket lists. The quest for eloquence is not for the faint of heart, as the climb to reach the illustrious stone and then back to the ground is quite the challenge. It is a fun experience, though, and one we were glad to include in our travel memories.

Our travels by bus took us on the highways and byways of Ireland, and we saw the rich, rolling green hills and pastures of the countryside. There were many, many sheep and one of the stops we made allowed us to witness

the sheep-herding skills of some frisky canines and spend some time with the docile sheep. Wool was very prevalent in the country and many of the specialty items available for purchase were lovely woven scarves and hand-knit sweaters.

As with any tour, it is fun to sample local cuisine and we were not disappointed with what Ireland had to offer. Many seafood choices were on the menus, and not a meal went by without some type of potato making an appearance. I even came home with a potato cookbook.

We tried to make it a well-rounded experience and indulged in some of the Irish adult beverages. The Jameson Distillery visit was quite impressive, and another optional offering was the Guinness Storehouse. A festive farewell dinner included a sampling of Irish music and dance. And we would be remiss to not mention the Book of Kells.

So many memories were packed into this tour of Ireland, and it was lovely to revisit them as I described the pilgrimage. We gained a better understanding of the patron saints Patrick and Brigid and the long history of Christianity on the Irish island. It was quite the adventure.

Kathy Antoniazzi '78



2027 REUNION ALERTS

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1957 - 70 years

1962 - 65 years

1967 - 60 years

1972 - 55 years
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Don't hesitate! Now is the time to form a committee to plan for your anniversary year. Time to make new memories! Take the initiative to get the ball rolling.

The SFA Alumnae Association will be glad to supply you with an updated class list. Just contact **DeDe Kobosky Metro '69** at dedemetro@comcast.net for an updated class list. Perhaps, you can consider a virtual gathering via Zoom or other platform.

Class reunion committees are asked to send us an article of your happening accompanied by a picture, if possible, so we can share it with other SFA Alumnae.

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1977 - 50 years

1982 - 45 years

1987 - 40 years

1992 - 35 years
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Planning time is NOW! Making new memories!

25TH ANNUAL TULIP LUNCHEON

On April 26, 2026, the SFA alumnae and friends gathered at South Hills County Club for another beautiful day to celebrate not only our shared legacy, but also the 250th birthday of the country we call home. We welcomed alumnae, faculty and friends from Maryland, West Virginia, Virginia, Kentucky, New Jersey, Ohio, Tennessee, Florida and all over the state of Pennsylvania. We also had 14 classes celebrating special reunions, including Helen Becker Hixson '46 celebrating her 80th anniversary with everyone. A special thank you goes out to all those who donated baskets to the Ciscan Raffle and monetary donations to cover the favors, candy and printing of the raffle tickets. The board expresses their sincere thank you. We hope you enjoy this collage commemorating the perfect day we had in Whitehall.



And the winners are:

\$500 Cash – **Mary Lou Nothwang Svoda '61, Jacquie Bidzilya (guest), and Sylvia McIntyre (guest)**, Quilt – **Kathy Kilkeary Fleeher '70**
Basket of Cheer – **Sr Althea Anne Spencer OSF**, Cooler of Cheer – **Colleen Davison (guest)**, Duck pond – **Rosie Boehm Mahouski '69 and Dr Dolores Sweeny Paulson '55 (\$250 each)**, 50/50 – **Donna Dixon (guest) (\$975 – our highest amount ever!)**

Thanks to all Alumnae, families, and friends for paying SFA Dues and donation to the SFA Scholarship Fund so we can keep providing scholarships to these talented young adult students!

Chris Ringling '85



Faye Brennan Fox '54 (middle) with her daughter Vicki Hilliad (left) and Stephanie Sobers '83 looking patriotic!



DeDe Kobosky Metro '69 and Wendy Hines Hayes '78 clearly came in theme



**Class of 1969: Front row: Kathleen Mahoney Collins, Eileen Odato Einloth, Elaine Wilson Pribicko, Rosemary Boehm Mahouski, Linda Ferrari, Joanne Pfaller Daniels
Back Row: Anne Schnippert O'Brien, Karen Cochran Frost, DeDe Kobosky Metro**



Shelly Yimin '84, Tracy Yimin '89, and Christine Richtar DePasquale '89 feeling lucky!



Joann Binek '55 with niece Jennifer DeGrosky and nephew-in-law Stephen DeGrosky



John Binek (nephew of Joann Binek '55) selling wine pull bottles to guest Donna Dixon



Helen Hixson '46 (bottom left) next to daughter Sheri Pizzuti and above: nieces Rose Cunningham and Loretta Uhlmann enjoying the festivities



Sr Joanne Brazinski OSF '65, Karen Sue Dunn Howell '65 smiling pretty for the camera



Class of 1972: Front Row: Terri Larson (guest), Kathleen Grasmick Wirth, Mary Ann Pruss Powers, Dee Kosmach Hartlep, Janet Hillgrove Werme Back Row: Linda Straub Cline, Michele Caponi Petri, Patty McCarthy Simmons



Mary Eileen Schnippert (Faculty), Julia Schnippert '79, Louise Kaiser, Sr Janice Campbell OSF looking good



Scholars with Clare Horne Rex '67



Cathy Geyer, Wendy Hines Hayes '76, Pat Smith taking a break from perusing the auction baskets



Class of '80 - Maureen Martin, Mary Kay Wildenhain Belant, Dorothy McCarthy Antonucci



Class of '81 - Sandy Betasso Macioce, Denise Rotz Bingham, Janet Waldron Kuhn



VP Lori Husak Lukich '85 and her sister Bobbie Rogozinski



Reflections on a wonderful day



Class of '78 Front Row: Kristin Walsh, Jude Spring Gallagher, Ruth Mellett Dilts, Kathy Antoniazzi, Yvonne Olup Knestrick, Cindy Roth Totino. Back Row: Dianne Sturm Perella, Margie Malloy, Lisa Zeher Snyder, Mary Gordon Timko



Paul Farnan '27, James Darcy '26, Samuel Mozes '29, Megan Harris '26, Jillian Pastirik '29, with VP Lori Husak Lukich '85 helping distribute baskets to the winners



Lynn Tedesco Meadows '91, Sr Althea Anne Spencer, Gina Petrone Stewart '91



Quilters Nancy Senn and Patti McMay Thearle '72 – another beautiful masterpiece ladies



Scholars Collin Jacobs '27, Annabelle Watson '28, James Darcy '26, Uncle Sam, Megan Harris '26, Eli Jacobs '26, Natalie Pascarella '28



DeDe's big sister and little sister - Lindy Creehan Kravec '66, DeDe Kobosky Metro '69, and Mary Ann Pruss Powers '72



Angie Zinger Walker '85 and Fr Frederick Cain



Joann Binek '55, Dr Dolores Sweeny Paulson '55 and her daughter Lynn Paulson



One of our lucky winners - Rosie Boehm Mahouski '69



'84 & '85: Yvette Rose Casdorff '84, Sadie Halkias Stang '84, Linette Wirtz Milkovich '84, Christine Wirtz Coyne '84, Tricia Shearer Mahlstedt '84, Shelly Yimin '84, Maria Ammon '84, Lucy Loy Santella '84, Julia Sheridan Gleason '85



A sampling of just a few of our raffle baskets!



Sr Janet Gardner OSF '66, Angie Zinger Walker '85 and Sr Theresa Codispoti OSF '59



DeDe Kobosky Metro '69 selling 50/50 tickets!



Scholars Padraig Reilly '30, Natalie Pascarella '28, and Annabelle Watson '28 with their families.

IN MEMORIAM

Our deepest sympathies to all who have lost loved ones. May the memories of their love and accomplishments live on in your hearts. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Karen McMullin Mullen '63 (4-2-2022) recently informed
Marian Heidenrich Tate '72 (6-30-2023) - sister of Patricia Heidenreich Sikes '66 and Mary Jean Heidenreich Hartman '69 recently informed
Anne Sterner Lynott '49 (6-8-2024) recently informed
Barbara Genster Sharp Miller (8-18-2024) recently informed
Kathleen Eberley Zeiler '63 (2-26-2025)
Shirley Christian Duffy '56 (6-8-2025)
Clara Sicher Hegedus '47 (8-13-2025)
Angeline Bosco (12-12-2025) - mother of Lynn Bosco Denisio '66
Nancy McMillin Stokes (12-19-2025) - sister of Sister Marilyn McMillin C.D.P.'63
Madeline Sheldon Reed '52 (1-3-2026) - sister of the late Marian Sheldon Gossler '51, the late Mary Sheldon Reed '51 and the late Marilyn Sheldon Curtis '54
Barbara McCool Collins '56 (1-12-2026)
Rosemarie Heyer O'Halek '57 (2-19-2026) - sister of the late Janet Heyer Biesecker '61 and late Dolores Heyer Sturm '53
Ann Zinger (2-24-2026) - mother of Angela Zinger Walker '85
Mary Ann Enright Benton '73 (2-25-2026)
Barbara J. Boss (3-12-2026) - mother of Jill Boss Colussy '80
Maureen E. Martin '80 (3-14-2026)
John O'Rourke (4-12-2026) - brother of Michele "Missy" O'Rourke Scalo '77, Maureen "Moni" O'Rourke Stark '78 and brother-in-law of Norma Jean O'Connell O'Rourke '78
Clarence Massery (5-12-2026) - father-in-law of Maggie George Massery '76
Dennis A. Dixon (5-18-2026) - son of the late Mary Ann Checque Dixon '55 and godson of Joann Binek '55
Sister Margaret "Peg" Markey, OSF '57 (6-7-2026) - also a teacher at St Francis Academy
Joy Erny '88 (6-10-2026) - sister of Ann Erny '78, Dolly Erny Camella '85 and Jeanie Erny Fallon '89
Jean O'Malley (social member) (6-15-2026) - mother of Kathleen O'Malley Criss '74, Noreen O'Malley '77 and Eileen O'Malley '80

REMEMBER: Please take the time to let us know if you would like to acknowledge a sick or deceased family member or friend. Please inform our Newsletter Coordinator Chris Ringling, contact information on board list

Dr. Rosemarie Rizzo Parse, SFA Class of '56, Duquesne University School of Nursing Class of '60, former Dean of Duquesne University School of Nursing, has received two national awards. The American Academy of Nursing has honored her with its Lifetime Legacy Award, and the Society of Rogerian Scholars has named her the inaugural recipient of the John Phillips Outstanding Publication Award. (as appeared in the 2025 Winter Edition of Duquesne University Magazine)



KEEPING THE LEGACY ALIVE!

The Legacy Scholarship Committee thanks you for your continued generosity. Every donation is greatly appreciated.

Monetary Donations:

Frank Miller - In memory of his wife, Mary Ellen Powers '66
Joann Binek '55 - In memory of Carol Stasik, aunt of Maria Ammon '84, sister of Joan Ammon (Sisters' associate)
Anna DiPilato '62 - In memory of her sister, Tina Roberto '56
Joseph Reed - In memory of Madeline Sheldon Reed '52
Anonymous - donation
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Susan Smith '66 - In honor of the Class of '66
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Susan Devon Smith '66 - donation
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Sisters of St. Francis - donation Class of '66
Angela Zinger Walker '85 - In memory of her mother, Ann Zinger
John, Joseph, James & Jay Reed - In memory of their mother, Madeline Sheldon Reed '52
Maria Ammon '84 - In memory of Joy Erny '88
DeDe Kobosky Metro '69 - In memory of Jean O'Malley (social member)
 Because of these generous donations and memorials, the Alumnae Association was able to award 2 scholarships earlier this year for the 2026-2027 school year.

If you are able to make a contribution or want to remember a loved one, family member or friend, please make your check payable to SFA Legacy Scholarship Fund. Mail your contribution to: SFA Alumnae Association, P.O. Box 14590, Pittsburgh, PA 15234.

With great appreciation, SFA Scholarship Committee
 Your help keeps the Legacy Scholarships Alive!

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Sisters of St. Francis Corner



Sister Margaret (Peg) Markey, OSF

Sister Margaret Markey, a Sister of St. Francis of the Providence of God for 69 years, died at the age of 87 on June 7, 2026. Born April 4, 1939, in Wheeling WV, she is survived by her Franciscan Sisters in community and her sister Susan (Bernard) Zidar, nieces, nephews and grand nieces and nephews.

Sister Peg was raised in Whitehall, PA where she attended St. Bernard School and St. Francis Academy class of 1957. Upon graduation, she entered the Sisters of St. Francis of the Providence of God in September 1957. Sister Peg earned a B.S. and M.S. in Education from Duquesne University, and a B.A. in Liturgical Music from St. Joseph College, IN. and was a Certified Nursing Home Director.

Always seeking a way to



serve the poor and promote justice, Sister Peg engaged in a variety of ministries, teaching elementary education for 12 years in PA: Mt. St. Peter (New Kensington), St. George (Philadelphia), Holy Trinity, St. Gabriel and St. Valentine Schools (Pittsburgh). She taught 7 years at St. Francis Academy (Pittsburgh) before becoming chaplain at the Youth Development Center in Waynesburg and then counseled at Covenant House in New York. For ten years she cared for the elderly at the Motherhouse and South Minister Place in Washington PA as administrator before spending 7 years as a foster mom for children with HIV-AIDS in Houston TX, and as caregiver in Pittsburgh.

In 2004 Sr. Peg was elected as General Councilor for 2 terms, then returned to work as liturgist and as a volunteer at Beatitude House (Youngstown OH). Her final ministry was as Congregational Archivist, sharing her meticulous organizational skills.

Having donated her body to the Humanities Gifts Registry for medical research, a Memorial Mass was celebrated June 20, 10:00 AM at St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Virgin Church, 5200 Greenridge Drive, Pittsburgh PA.

75th Jubilee

Sister M. Francine McDonald, OSF, was born in Grand Rapids, MI. Growing up on a farm as the youngest and only girl, she was doted on by her 10 older brothers but learned grit and a strong work ethic from her father with the seeds of devotion and faith sowed by her loving and patient mother. Sister Francine attended Saints Peter and Paul Parish School, where she was taught by members of our congregation. Soon after graduating Grand Rapids' Catholic Central High School, Sister Francine entered the Congregation. Sister Francine earned a bachelor's and master's degrees in Education from Duquesne University. Her first teaching assignment was third grade at St. George School in Cleveland, OH. Sister's 44-years as an elementary teacher included serving parish schools in Moon Run, PA; Homestead, PA; Pittsburgh; Coopersville, MI; Elizabeth, NJ; and West Mifflin, PA. After she retired from full-time teaching, she served as a teaching assistant in Beaver, PA then as an auxiliary staff member at our former Franciscan Spirit & Life Center. She currently resides at the Nativity Convent in South Park, PA where she is engaged in the ministry of prayer and presence.



Sisters of St. Francis Corner



60th Jubilee

Sister Janet Gardner, OSF, a native of Denver, CO, attended St. Francis Academy and entered the community upon her graduation in 1966. She earned a bachelor's degree from Carlow University and a master's in social work from Catholic University. Sister Janet's initial assignments included teaching in New Kensington, PA, West Mifflin, PA and Kenosha, WI. She then assumed duties in Vocation and Formation ministry for the Congregation before being assigned as a case worker at Covenant House in New York City. Then, she served with Catholic Charities for three years as director of the county office in Waynesburg, PA. In 1988, Sister Janet was called to Congregational leadership, which included serving as General Councilor with the responsibility of overseeing ministries. In the early 1990s, Sister Janet also helped establish Sisters' Place, a collaborative ministry of Catholic Sisters in Western Pennsylvania that served families experiencing homelessness. She then served as a pastoral minister in Alagoas, Brazil from 1996 through 1999. She was elected Assistant General Minister in 2000, then served as General Minister from 2004-2012. Sister Janet served as executive director at Beatitude House from 2013 until she was elected to General Council in 2017 and assumed the responsibilities as our USA Area Minister. After two terms, Sister Janet concluded her leadership ministry in July 2025 and is presently serving the Community in various support and advisory roles.



SCHOLAR'S SQUARE



March & May 2026
Students of the Month



**NATALIE
PASCARELLA, '28**



**ANNABELLE
WATSON, '28**

SFA Scholar, Natalie Pascarella '28, earned an exciting and impressive accomplishment of her own. Last year marked the first time a Seton LaSalle student placed in Carnegie Mellon University's Spring Creative Task Challenge, and this year Natalie took it even further. Competing against more than 200 entries from around the world, Natalie earned 1st Place in Unit 4 of CMU Academy's Exploring Programming Challenge for her interactive coding project. This is an incredible achievement, especially in a program involving more than 50 high schools and students who excel in technology, math, and science courses.



Anna Fitzgibbon, SFA Scholar Class of 2022, recently graduated from Villanova University with a degree in Chemical Engineering and will soon be starting a graduate program at Villanova for Bio-medical Engineering!



SCHOLAR'S SQUARE



INTRODUCING OUR NEWEST SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



Padraig Reilly '30 exemplifies academic excellence, leadership and community spirit states his teacher, Lisa Radzanowski, at Ave Maria Academy. The Saint Francis Alumnae are so proud to award our scholarship to this well-deserved student. He is an active participant in many school activities, Student Council, basketball and soccer and several parish events that reflect his deep commitment to helping others. Padraig is a member of the St. Paul of the Cross Youth Group, Counselor for the Vacation Bible School, St. Ann's Festival

and fish fry volunteer. Look for Padraig serving 8:00 A.M. at Saint Paul of the Cross. Like Saint Francis, he always tries to put his faith into action. Last summer, Padraig went to the Seton LaSalle service camp. He helped clean up areas in the community and build stalls for the Our Lady of Grace fair. Padraig at the Invention Convention designed an invention called the "Whiteboard Wizards. He loves to build Lego robots at Ave Maria's Lego League. Padraig thrives on being part of a team that is presented with a problem and then collaborates for an innovative solution. As an eighth grader, he takes Honors Biology and Honors Algebra at Seton LaSalle High School This young man is a member of the Diocesan Honor League. Patrick is an exceptional student. He feels that Seton will sharpen his faith and academic abilities. The Saint Francis Alumnae are so glad that we can help towards Padraig's bright future.



Delaney Robinson '30 is a straight A student and an Honor League member. In addition to excelling in her eighth-grade school coursework, she is also a Rising Rebel, an opportunity reserved for those students ready for advanced academic challenges. Through this program, she attends Seton LaSalle High School each morning for Honors Algebra and Biology. Mary (McLinden) Scherer, a graduate of Saint Francis Academy, and her social studies teacher at St. Louise de Marillac gave

her a glowing recommendation. Like Saint Francis she believes that prayer is not something you do when you need help, but something that strengthens your relationship with God daily. This amazing eighth grader volunteers at the pancake breakfast, Fish Fry, and Vacation Bible School. She is known for encouraging her classmates, volunteering to help with being asked and showing gratitude to her teachers. She participates in school liturgies, her own bible study group, Saint Louise's eighth grade girls' group and makes blankets and bread for the homeless. Karley Remlinger, Assistant Principal at Saint Louise, has seen Delaney grow into an exceptional and faith filled young leader in their school community. Saint Francis Alumnae Association is so elated to award our scholarship to Delaney Robinson. We are so honored to support such a motivated future leader.



Congratulations to our Scholar, Eli Jacobs, who earned valedictorian of the Seton LaSalle Class of 2026!



Collin Jacobs '27 (1st row 3rd from left)

Congratulations to our Scholar, Collin Jacobs, Class of '27 (3rd from left in front row), for his arrangement at the International Championship of High School A Cappella Midwest Quarterfinals Third Place Overall award. Scholars Eli Jabobs '26 and Annabelle Watson '28 are also part of this group, called the Trebels! (from the Seton LaSalle Facebook Page)



Samuel Mozes '29, Megan Harris '26, and Jillian Pastirik '29

Samuel Mozes '29 competed at the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of the Sciences (PJAS) competition on February 7, 2026, taking home a special award from the Pittsburgh chapter of the American Vacuum Society, which included a training seminar for a teacher and also new vacuum pump equipment for Seton LaSalle's science laboratory.

Jillian Pastirik '29 has achieved highest honor roll (straight As) in the first and second quarter so far, while taking several honors level classes! She was a starter on the Seton freshman volleyball team. She is also on the Seton Softball team where she starts at 2nd base on JV and is one of only 2-3 freshman who get playtime on Varsity! Outside of Seton, she plays club volleyball for Kokoro where she is also a starter. In the little free time she has left, she has put in about 40 volunteer hours between SHCA Summer Saints, St. Anne's Fish Fry, The Jessie Games, the Charlie Batch Foundation Christmas Toy Drive, Sisters of Saint Joseph, and St. Paul of the Cross Parish Fair.

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Thank you for taking care of our SFA Association!
Barbara Sutton Shine '71

This is a donation and a big thank you for all you Gals do to make a successful luncheon happen. Maybe I'll make it again one of these years.
Phyllis Leonard Galisin '55

Thank you for four amazing years of Tulip Luncheons, Annual Alumnae Masses and everything in between! Words can not explain how grateful I am for all the hard work you put into the St Francis Academy Alumnae Association and every single event. You are truly the best part of attending every event and never fail to bring a smile to my face! I will forever be grateful for your generosity, guidance and kindness. May God bless you!

Love, Megan Harris SLS '26

Thank you. It was such a beautiful celebration of SFA Legacy. We appreciate all the hard work in organizing the event. What a fabulous celebration. The baskets were outstanding. So great to gather with old and new friends. Keeping the SFA spirit alive was such a blessing to us.

Peace & Love, Sr Terry Codispoti OSF '59, Charlotte Codispoti D'Angelo '62 & Natalie D'Angelo

I attended the Tulip Luncheon today and wanted to thank you, the board and also all the volunteers, for a wonderful, as usual, function. Never fails!

It's such a beautiful time for everyone to catch up with our classmates and remember the fond memories we created so many years ago. Please know all your efforts are greatly appreciated.

God bless all of you and see you next year!

Ruth Diethorn Gredlein '66

I am a parent of one of your SFA scholars, freshman Samuel Mozes. I wanted to pass along our thanks for how welcoming your association has been to our family. The invitations to the Tulip Luncheon (which my husband attended with Sam) and the Memorial Mass (which I was able to attend with him) are very kind, and the individual calls and notes that Sam has received since his selection have been so personable.

Your newsletter is full of details that show that you are a special group- and that you have a lot of fun! Your section on the Scholars, the nicely written introduction bio and the notes on their activities, show how much interest you take in your Scholars. We are grateful!

Christina Mozes

In remembrance of our mother, Madeline Reed, who passed away on January 3, we would like to offer a gift of \$5,000 from her estate to the SFA Legacy Scholarship Fund.

Your organization was a constant and meaningful part of our mother's life. She always looked forward to gathering with the group – working on projects, sharing stories, and staying connected with one another.

I was recently sharing some of our mother's papers and pictures with my grandsons when I opened a box filled with memories from her years at St Francis Academy. Inside were numerous photographs and programs from various SFA events over the years, including her 1952 yearbook – the year she graduated. As I turned the pages, seeing her alongside her classmates and reading the comments and captions left me speechless. The depiction of her in that yearbook perfectly reflects how we know her even today: caring, hard-working, creative, a lover of crafts, always willing to help, an excellent seamstress, a loyal friend – and, to our surprise, someone who loved horses.

That collection of artifacts from our mother's early years is a powerful testament to the role Saint Frances Academy played in shaping her life, a connection that remained strong throughout the years.

We would like to express our heartfelt appreciation for the impact SFA had on our mother's life and, by extension, on all of us. We look forward to attending the 35th Annual Alumnae Mass in September.

With gratitude, Joseph Reed
(on behalf of Madeline's sons John, Joseph, James and Jay Reed)