

VIEW FROM THE HILL

A Newsletter For Alumni & Friends of Schlarman
Spring/Summer 2026



Congratulations Class Of 2026

Schlarman Academy Principal



Dear Friends of Schlarman:

When I first walked through the halls of Schlarman Academy, I quickly realized that this school was much more than classrooms, schedules, and report cards. It is a family rooted in faith, guided by love, and building a mission of spiritual education. I have witnessed the beauty of students growing not only academically, but spiritually, morally, and emotionally. I am so grateful to have been a part of this for the past two years.

To my youngest students: thank you for your smiles, your hugs, your honesty, and the joy you brought to me each day. You reminded me often that faith can be simple, pure, and full of wonder.

To my middle school students: thank you for your energy, curiosity, and determination as you were discovering who you are. Watching you grow in confidence and character has been one of my greatest blessings of my time here.

To my high school students, especially the graduating seniors, thank you for your leadership, resilience, and example. You have faced challenges with courage and have continued to strive for excellence while keeping faith at the center of your lives. I pray you carry the values learned here into the world and always remember where you came from.

To my dedicated teachers, staff, and administrators: there are simply not enough words to express my appreciation. I want to especially thank those who always had my back, and you know who you are. You all gave endlessly of yourselves - your time, talent, compassion, and faith to nurture every child entrusted in your care. I have been honored to serve beside you.

To my parents and families: thank you for your trust, support, and partnership. The strength of this school comes from the commitment of families who believe in the importance of faith-filled education and who sacrifice so much to provide it for their children. Many of you I will never forget because you made me feel a part of this family right from the start.

During these two years, we celebrated accomplishments, overcame obstacles, strengthened traditions, and continued building a school community centered around faith, kindness, and compassion for others. I am proud of what we achieved together through teamwork, perseverance, resilience, but most of all prayer.

As I prepare for the next chapter of my journey, I leave with countless memories that I will forever treasure - school Masses, concerts, athletic events, classroom visits, graduations, laughter in the hallways, and moments of prayer during difficult times. I will miss each and every one of you greatly, but you have left a permanent mark on my heart.

Once a TOPPER always a TOPPER!

Tracy Cherry, Schlarman Academy Principal

Schlarman Academy Welcomes New Principal



A warm Hilltopper welcome to our new principal, Dr. Dan Dentino! With over 25 years of experience at various Catholic colleges and universities, Dr. Dentino is ready to lead the charge into a bright and exciting future for our community.

Most recently, he has served as the Vice President of Student Life at Franciscan University of Steubenville, where he turned the campus into a vibrant hub of student engagement. Dr. Dentino holds a bachelor's degree from Franciscan University, a Master's from Providence College, and a Ph.D. from Duquesne University. His career has been built around innovative strategies guided by a "student first" mentality, leading to success in academics, faith formation, and athletics. His dedication to student well-being and academic excellence shines through in every leadership role he's taken, and he's a firm believer in full human flourishing. "My passion is helping students become the best version of themselves," Dentino says. "Going to school isn't just about figuring out what you want to be when you grow up; it's about discovering who you are meant to be! As most of the blessings in my life come from my faith, family, and the transformative education I received growing up in the Diocese of Peoria, I am grateful to return home and help our students experience the same life changing journey."

Dr. Dentino joins us with his wife, Mary, and their five children, who range from 2 to 13 years old. With a family that large, there's never a dull moment.

Schlarman Advancement Team Leader



Dear Friends of Schlarman:

Congratulations, Class of 2026! We extend a huge congratulations to our newest alumni, the Class of 2026! As the 2025–2026 academic year comes to a close, we are filled with gratitude for the blessings, achievements, and community spirit that defined this milestone year.

A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Schlarman Family. Our success is made possible through the dedication of our entire community. **To our families:** Thank you for your continued sacrifices and for entrusting Schlarman Academy with your children’s education. **To our sponsors and entire Schlarman community:** Thank you for showing up, volunteering, and ensuring every school event was a success. **To our donors:** You exceeded our expectations this year. Bringing

in just under a million dollars is not an easy task, but you made it happen, and we thank you for your generosity!

Fundraising: Year Review. While it is impossible to fit every wonderful memory onto one page, here are the major highlights from this past year. **Annual Golf Outing:** We kicked off the year at the Danville Country Club. Thank you to our alumni, donors, and families who kept this beloved tradition thriving. **The 80th Anniversary Scholarship Fund/Annual Appeal:** Fueled by a generous \$150,000 matching gift challenge, our community responded in a big way. This challenge successfully established a new scholarship fund to directly support our students for the 2026–2027 academic year. **Holiday Wreath Fundraiser:** Our fresh-greenery wreaths and centerpieces filled the mansion with holiday cheer while raising additional funds for operational expenses. **29th Schlarman Raffle:** This annual raffle was a huge success, selling \$281,100 in tickets. Huge thanks to our community partners, ticket sellers, and buyers. We also conducted appeals throughout the year, to include year-end giving, Giving Tuesday, Motsett Society, Top of the Hill, Catholic Schools Week and so much more!

Campus Improvements: Grants at Work. Our Advancement team focused heavily on grant writing this year, applying for over \$375,000 in grants and successfully securing over \$150,000 so far for campus upgrades. Here is how those funds are transforming Schlarman Academy. **Restroom Remodels (South Campus):** The boys' and girls' restrooms outside the main office area will be completely remodeled this summer. We can't wait to see the renovation! **Kitchen Upgrades (North Campus):** Features brand-new windows and upgraded cooking equipment. **New Front Doors (North Campus):** Beautiful, secure new entry doors were installed, courtesy of an extremely generous donor. **Safety & Tech Upgrades:** Faculty and staff received a new Emergency App that links directly to first responders. We also received a grant for updated physical education equipment. We were excited to launch our brand-new website and mobile app this year! The new platform features mobile push notifications so you never miss an emergency update. **New Shot Clocks (North Campus):** Thank you to a couple of generous donors for helping us purchase the required new shot clocks for high school basketball.

Honoring Our Staff. We wrapped up our year by celebrating our incredible faculty and staff with a year-end dinner at the beautiful Danville Country Club, co-hosted by the Advancement team and Fr. Cyr. We honored three incredible women who are heading into retirement. Congratulations to Mrs. Hilleary, Mrs. Bogen and Ms. Cherry. Thank you for your years of dedicated service to our students!

What's Next for 2026–2027? The Advancement team is already hard at work planning fundraising events and grants to help with campus repairs for next year. Schlarman Advancement and the Schlarman Foundation are working with our generous donors, reviewing Scholarships. We have over \$105,000 in Scholarships to award for the 26-27 school year!

Have a safe, blessed, and wonderful summer break!

Jen O'Brien-Advancement Team Leader



78th Schlarman Commencement



On Sunday, May 17, 2026, the 78th Schlarman Commencement took place at Holy Family Catholic Church. Twenty-two graduates and their families, along with administrators and staff, gathered for graduation ceremonies. The commencement speaker was Mrs. Shanell Pharr-Williams, a 1982 graduate of Schlarman High School. Congratulations to our Schlarman Academy Class of 2026 graduates, we wish you the best in your futures.

Konnor Alex Andrew
Highest Honor Graduate
*University of Illinois
Urbana-Champaign*

Jerrius Ceasar-Leo Atkinson
Honor Graduate
John A. Logan College

Jack Marcos Barber
Honor Graduate
*University of Illinois
Urbana-Champaign*

William Charles Billings IV
Honor Graduate
*University of Illinois
Urbana-Champaign*

Isabella Duffy Bogen
Honor Graduate
Coastal Carolina University

Jaiden Joseph Chirayil
Honor Graduate
*University of Illinois
Urbana-Champaign*

Kaitlyn Marie Clark
Honor Graduate
Ball State University

Miles Scooter Lavelle Crosby
Honor Graduate
Olney Central College

Hayden Andrew Fox
Danville Area Community College

Devyn Shea Gose
Highest Honor Graduate
Purdue University

Ana Victoria Johnson
Illinois State University

Jonas Charles Lane
Salutatorian
University of Notre Dame

Anh Hoang Le
Highest Honor Graduate
Illinois State University

Mark Robert Lehmann
Highest Honor Graduate
*University of Illinois
Urbana-Champaign*

Larson Edward McMahon
Honor Graduate
Danville Area Community College

Charles Rainey Medlin
Honor Graduate
*University of Illinois
Chicago*

Noor Kumar Minhas
Danville Area Community College

Dominick Thomas Prall
Highest Honor Graduate
*Danville Area Community College
Pathway to University of Illinois*

Emmah Grace Price
West Texas A&M University

Jamie Melik Stewart Rapier
*United States Army
Military Police Corps*

Kaitlin Elizabeth Stuhr
Valedictorian
Danville Area Community College

Wyatt Carter Wallen
Honor Graduate
Danville Area Community College

Valedictorian and Salutatorian Honors

The Valedictorian is defined as the student who possesses the single highest cumulative Grade Point Average after the fifteenth quarter. This year Kaitlin Stuhr is the Valedictorian for the Class of 2026. The Salutatorian is defined as the student or students who possesses the second highest Grade Point Average after the fifteenth quarter. This year Jonas Lane has earned the honor of being Salutatorian for the Class of 2026.

Highest Honor and Honor Graduates

Highest Honor Graduates are those who have a 4.0 Grade Point Average or higher on a 4.0 scale. This year Konnor Andrew, Devyn Gose, Anh Le, Mark Lehmann, and Dominick Prall achieved this accomplishment. Our Honor graduates have maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or greater during their four years at Schlarman. This accomplishment was achieved by Jerrius Atkinson, Jack Barber, William Billings IV, Isabella Bogen, Jaiden Chirayil, Kaitlyn Clark, Miles Crosby, Larson McMahan, Charles Medlin, and Wyatt Wallen.

President's Educational Achievement Awards-Hayden Fox and Ana Johnson. **President's Educational Excellence Awards**- Konnor Andrew, Jerrius Atkinson, Jack Barber, William Billings IV, Isabella Bogen, Jaiden Chirayil, Kaitlyn Clark, Miles Crosby, Devyn Gose, Jonas Lane, Anh Le, Mark Lehmann, Larson McMahan, Charles Medlin, Dominick Prall, Kaitlin Stuhr, and Wyatt Wallen.

Illinois State Scholar-Konnor Andrew

National Honor Society-Jerrius Atkinson, Jack Barber, William Billings IV, Isabella Bogen, Jaiden Chirayil, Kaitlyn Clark, Miles Crosby, Devyn Gose, Jonas Lane, Anh Le, Mark Lehmann, Charles Medlin, Dominick Prall, Kaitlin Stuhr, Wyatt Wallen

Phi Theta Kappa-William Billings IV, Kaitlyn Clark, Devyn Gose, Jonas Lane, Anh Le, Mark Lehmann, Larson McMahan, Dominick Prall, Kaitlin Stuhr

Senior Class Officers: Devyn Gose - Historian, Kaitlin Stuhr -Secretary, William Billings IV -VP Marking & Advertising, Jaiden Chirayil -VP Activities, Mark Lehmann -VP Service, Anh Le -Executive Vice President, and Jonas Lane -President.

Student Council-William Billings IV-Representative, Devyn Gose-Representative, Jaiden Chirayil-Vice President, Jonas Lane-President.

DACC Presidential Scholarships-Dominick Prall, Kaitlin Stuhr

Governor Bradford Chapter of National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award-Isabella Bogen

AMBUCS Scholarship-Charles Medlin

DCFS-Ana Johnson

DACC College Express Achievement Award-Jamie Rapier

Vermilion County Principals Association Outstanding Students-William Billings IV and Devyn Gose

2026 News-Gazette High School Confidential Award-Isabella Bogen

Roller Skating Foundation-Larson McMahan

Greater Illini Sports Foundation-Charles Medlin

Faith Alive Community Service Award-Dominick Prall

Department Awards-*Voices of Schlarman*: Anh Le, Isabella Bogen, *English*: Wyatt Wallen, *Creative Writing*: Isabella Bogen, *Mathematics*: Konnor Andrew, *Science*: Dominick Prall, *Social Studies*: Jonas Lane, *Spanish*: Jack Barber, *Religion*: Devyn Gose

Student of the Year-Isabella Bogen

Commencement Address

Mrs. Shanell Pharr-Williams

Schlarman High School Class of 1982



Good afternoon graduates, faculty, families, and the Schlarman community. I am so thrilled and blessed to have the opportunity to share this moment in history with you. Why? Because I am also a Schlarman graduate. Class of 1982. Graduates, you are standing in the moment you have all been working toward for years.

And at the exact same time...you're stepping into a future you can't fully see yet and embarking on a journey that will change who you thought you were. If someone would have told me, in 1982, that I would be coaching corporate executives, publish 3 books, and travel around the world speaking and training, I would not have believed it. You see, that was NOT how I saw myself.

Schlarman has created the foundation upon which you will build from. Remember the tenacity it took to graduate. The hard work, the sacrifices, the hurdles, the doubt and fears you all have faced sometime through your high school years. Remember them, because you will need to draw from those experiences. Why? Because, you will not always feel ready. There will be moments where you question yourself. Moments where you feel behind. Moments where you wonder if you're enough – you know, smart enough, strong enough, prepared enough, if this is truly the path you are supposed to take. No matter how things may appear, listen to that voice deep down inside of you, that helped you to get to this moment.

When I enlisted into the US Army, I was stationed in Germany. On my 21st birthday, I was on guard duty, standing outside a hanger in the sleeting rain. I joined the US Army, because I really wanted to “Be All that you can be.” But on that day, I was questioning if I made the right decision. I was not the leader I wanted to be. I was quiet, soft spoken. And I did not command the room when I walked in. I remember, standing in the sleet and snow, praying, asking God to show me a sign that I was on the path HE would want me to walk. Needless to say, He did not give me a burning bush for a sign.... However, a week later, on the bulletin board, there was a notice that teams of 4 could sign up to participate in the Nijmegen march in the Netherlands. The Nijmegen march is a 4 day, 100 mile march and each soldier had to carry a 25lb ruck sack. This year, at least 1 female was required to be on a team to participate. The voices in my head said I was not strong enough, tough enough, popular enough to participate. However, there was another quiet voice, almost like a whisper who said, you can do this. So, I sign up. I was the last female to get selected for a team. The end of the 1st Day 1 of the march: everyone on the team finished together. Day 2: The 2 strongest on the team picked up the pace and left me and the other female behind – but we finished. Feet were blistered and bloody and I had to get them wrapped and treated. Day 3. My teammate was struggling. She kept saying she couldn't finish. The voices were back in my head, telling me I was not built for this. I was too small, weak, and it really didn't matter if I finished or not. Who would notice or care. We finished but our feet were bloody and blistered and we did not dare take our boots off. Day 4: My teammate dropped out before daybreak. I was alone. The voices in my head were on full tilt. Constantly telling me what I wasn't. But that quiet voice. It was just saying, take one step at a time. So I did. I didn't look up, or around, or behind me. I just kept telling myself. Just one more step. Until I crossed the finish line. I'm telling you my story because, I wasn't the fan favorite. I wasn't the strongest, I didn't finish first. I was left alone. There will be people along your journey, who will leave you behind, or drop out and not keep pace with you. That's ok. Your job is to take one more step. The quiet whisper? It is the accumulation of the voices of everyone who helped me get to that point in my life. And that will be the same for you. Your family, your teachers, for friends, your Schlarman community. They set the foundation upon which you will build your life on.

Graduates—Where you come from matters. You come from a long and strong legacy. Schlarman Academy—has prepared you for your most trying moments. For 80 years, this school has been built on more than academics. It's been built on faith. On Strength. On tenacity. Not just something you learn about—but something you live. Faith that says: Trust in the Lord with all your heart...and He will make your path straight. Not always easy. Not always clear. But guided. Graduating class of 2026 You don't need to be perfect, fearless, or fully ready You just need to be willing...to take the next step. And then...one more. Congratulations. Now go build your life—one step at a time.

Salutatorian Jonas Lane



Good afternoon guests, families, friends, faculty, and most importantly, the Class of 2026.

It is truly an honor to stand before you today as salutatorian of this class. When I first walked through the doors of Schlarman, I never imagined that one day I would be given the opportunity to speak on behalf of my classmates at graduation. This moment is humbling, and it is one that reminds me how far we have come; not just as individuals, but as a class.

Today is not just about grades, awards, or titles. It is about perseverance. It is about leadership. It is about gratitude. And above all, it is about faith.

Over the past four years, we have experienced moments of challenge, growth, and achievement. We have faced difficult classes, long nights of studying, early mornings, and moments when things did not go as planned. There were times when success felt uncertain and the path ahead seemed unclear. But what defines us is not the obstacles we faced, it is how we responded to them.

We learned to persevere.

Perseverance is not always loud or dramatic. Sometimes, it looks like showing up to school when you are tired, or studying one more hour when you would rather quit. Sometimes, it looks like continuing to believe in yourself even when others doubt you. Each one of us has a story of perseverance, and each one of those stories has led us to this moment.

Leadership has also been a defining part of our journey.

Leadership is not about titles or recognition. It is about service. It is about stepping forward when others need help. It is about setting an example through your actions. Throughout our time in high school, I have witnessed leadership in countless ways: on the field, in the classroom, in service projects, and in everyday moments when classmates supported one another. These acts may not always be recognized publicly, but they are the true marks of leadership.

However, the greatest lesson we learned is the importance of faith.

Faith is a major foundation in our lives. It has guided us through challenges and reminded us that we are never alone in our journey. In moments of uncertainty, faith gives us strength. In moments of success, faith reminds us to remain humble. And in moments of difficulty, faith gives us hope.

There is a verse from scripture that perfectly reflects the journey we have taken together. In chapter four of Philippians, it says:

“I can do all things through Him who gives me strength.” (Philippians 4:13)

This verse is not about perfection or achievement. It is about trust. It is about believing that with faith, perseverance, and determination, we can overcome challenges and accomplish goals that once seemed impossible.

Now, while there are many people who have supported me along my journey, especially my family, there are a few teachers I want to thank specifically.

First, Mr. Andrew. Thank you for being an outstanding teacher who challenged me to think critically. You pushed me to grow and believe in my abilities. And, for someone who has never been a fan of math, the fact that you made me enjoy it just a little bit is truly impressive. That alone might be your greatest accomplishment at Schlarman!

I would also like to thank Ms. Martin. Thank you for being such a kind teacher who always created a fun and comfortable environment where I could always ask questions. You made learning feel more engaging and enjoyable. Thank you for making a difference in my learning experience.

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CLASS OF 2026 GRADUATION ADDRESSES

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Lastly, I'd like to thank Ms. Woods. Your wisdom, guidance, and constant encouragement have made a lasting impact on my life. And Ms. Woods, you didn't just help me. You helped all of us seniors, whether it was as class sponsor or preparing us for the journey that lies ahead. On behalf of the Class of 2026, we owe you a sincere debt of gratitude for everything you have done for us.

As we prepare to take the next step in our lives, each one of us will follow a different path. Some of us will attend college. Some will enter the workforce. Some will pursue careers in business, education, the armed services, healthcare, or countless other fields.

But regardless of the path we choose, we must remember that God is guiding our journey, and that His plan for us is greater than anything we could plan on our own.

Another verse from scripture reminds us of the promise that lies ahead. In the book of Jeremiah, it says:

"For surely I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord, "plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11)

This verse reminds us that our future is filled with possibility. It reminds us that even when we face uncertainty, we are guided by purpose and hope.

Ultimately, today marks the end of one chapter and the beginning of another. Because, as one door closes, another opens, leading us toward new opportunities and new purposes.

We leave high school not just with diplomas, but with lessons, memories, and friendships that will last a lifetime. We leave with the confidence to face challenges, the courage to pursue our dreams, and the faith to trust in God's plan.

Class of 2026, as we depart down different paths, I'll leave you with this:

Our journey together has prepared us not only for college or careers, but for life. As we step into the next chapter, there will be moments of success, and there will also be moments of challenge. There will be times when things do not go the way we hoped or planned. But in those moments, remember my most favorite line of motivation:

Failure doesn't define you; it refines you.

Those setbacks will shape your character. They will strengthen your resilience. And they will prepare you for the opportunities that lie ahead.

From the bottom of my heart, God bless you all, and thank you to everyone who joined us today to celebrate this milestone and to support the Class of 2026 as we begin the next chapter of our lives.

Congratulations graduates, and GO IRISH!



Billy Michal Leadership Award Winner

Jonas Lane has been selected as the Illinois recipient of the Billy Michal Student Leadership Award after being nominated by teacher Lori Woods. Presented annually by the National WWII Museum, the award honors one student from each state and Washington, D.C., who embodies the American spirit. Through this initiative, the museum celebrates young leaders who demonstrate vital community values like teamwork, tolerance, creativity, and perseverance.

Valedictorian Kaitlin Stuhr



I first joined Schlarman in fourth grade and nothing could have prepared me for the next eight years that it would give me. I joined my class of 2026 that had already been with each other since pre-school. They had an unbreakable bond that I was foreign to, and it was safe to say that I was an outsider. But, they didn't make me feel that way. This class is special like no other, they molded me in when I thought there was no room. They became a family that is irreplaceable. And while it may have seemed so insignificant to them, it was everything to me. I now don't stand before you as the little fourth grader I was when I first stepped foot in this school, nervous to not fit in, intimidated at what seemed like such a big school. I stand here today as a senior, ready to face what's next, and realizing that what once felt so big and new, now feels too small to hold all of the memories we've made here. I am honored to speak here in front of my peers, to commemorate how lucky I am to have the privilege of being a part of the class of 2026 who has given me some of the best years, and memories, of my life.

I have had an amazing experience, I've made some lifelong friends and memories that I will forever cherish and want to relive time and time again. There were good times and bad, much like any other high school experience. Sports, especially, can be a real challenge for people who don't feel that they fit in or that they aren't good enough. However, ending the sports seasons at the top can make you realize that you aren't what other people tell you that you are. Work hard enough, persevere despite the odds, and you will prevail.

I can say that I will miss walking the halls I've spent eight years of my life wandering. I thought I would be ready for this day, to finally start on a new chapter in my life and move on. However, looking out at my classmates' faces as I stand here makes me unsure. No matter how difficult it was, it will be impossible to forget all of the joy that flooded my camera roll, my memories, and my heart. That's why Schlarman is a school like no other, not because it's perfect, but because it's so imperfect. The imperfect parts were the parts that left a mark on me. They were the parts that made me ready to face what's next. Having a perfect high school life isn't what it's cut out to be, because when you're a part of the imperfect crowd, you get a head start in life without realizing it. However, Schlarman always had a way of making me miss it. After this day, I can go on any path I choose in life, but not the one that leads me back to home.

Thus, as Hilltoppers, we all know that the climb here wasn't ever easy. Our name is more than the ground we stand on, it's what we do as a class, as a school, to make a difference and overcome that hill. No matter what grade average or honors classes that you are bearing today, it makes no indication of the difference that each one of you can make in this world. We all had our fair share of struggles through these past four years but we still made it to the top. In fact, they say after you climb a mountain you first experience dizziness and fatigue, but when you come accustomed to the climb your mind is filled with tranquility from the sheer joy of making it to the top.

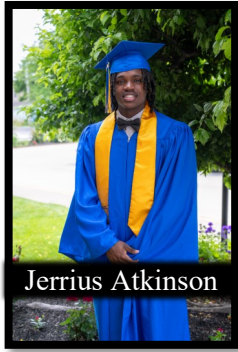
Whether you're sitting here today anxious to get your hands on that diploma so you can leave and never look back, excited to start the next chapter of your life, or completely lost at where to go, just remember that every fight, every struggle, every hill you have to climb after this day will always be worth it. Sometimes you need to get knocked down and feel the pain and sting of defeat to activate the real passion and purpose that God predestined inside of you. As God says in Jeremiah, "I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future".

So, graduating class, when you reach your hilltops again and again, when you look for jobs and what to do next, find your purpose. Purpose is essential, it crosses disciplines and is the reason that you are here, at this specific time, in this moment. As Chadwick Boseman said in his speech at Howard University, "Your very existence is wrapped up in the things that you are here to fulfill. Whatever you choose to do, remember, the struggles you face are only meant to shape you for your purpose." So, in the end, it's not about the money you make, but the challenges you choose to confront. Now, class of 2026, it's our time to find our purpose, and as Winston Churchill said, "This is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning". Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS ALUMNI



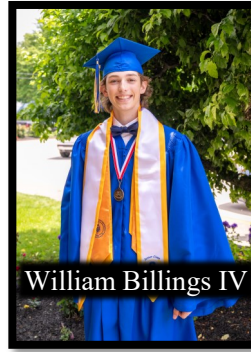
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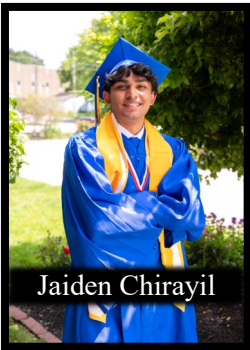
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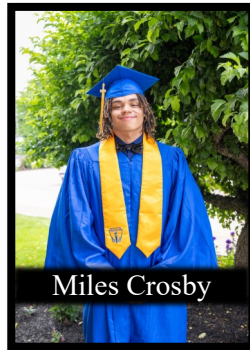
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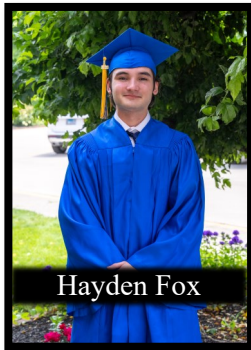
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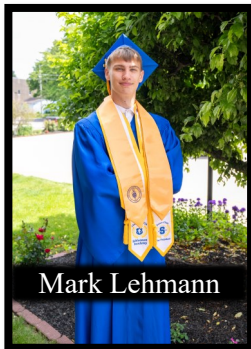
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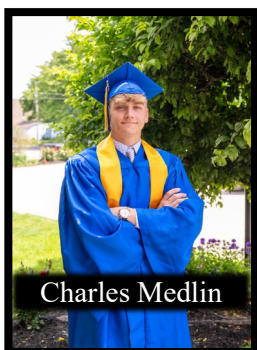
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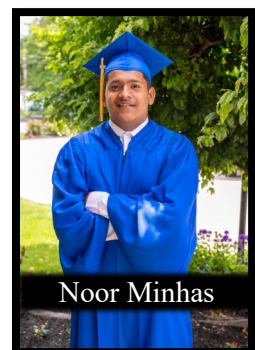
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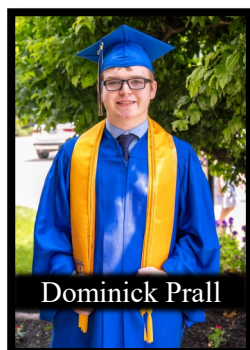
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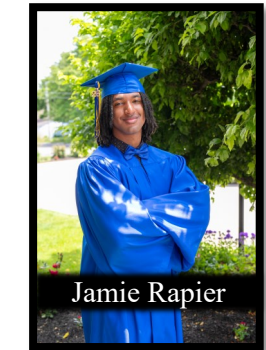
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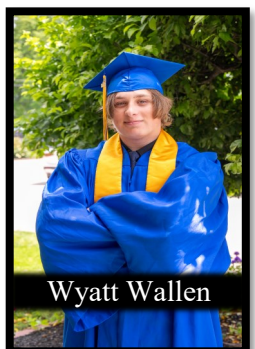
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Being a Hilltopper stays with us forever...

8TH GRADE PROMOTION



Congratulations to the 8th grade Class of 2026! Families, friends, and staff gathered at St. Paul's Catholic Church on Wednesday, May 13th, to celebrate their promotion ceremony. We are incredibly proud of our graduates! Members of the Schlarman Academy 8th grade class are pictured front row L to R: Emily Flores, Hadley Borst, Bentley Morse, Grace Troglia, Olivia Miller, Parman Kaur, and Madylnn Gaugler. Second Row L to R: Francesca Duffy, Jaylen Chirayil, Elijah Brown, Kyle Moore, Tuscany Tucker, Amelia Harden, Anjeline Ocampo-Gallegos, and Mikel Powell. Back Row L to R: Sloan Wagner, Jackson Zorns, Crosby Billings, Aimar Barber, Vicente Guerrero, Connor Smith, Corinne Rundle, Darshaun Wade, Manolito Perez and Fr. John Cyr.

RYAN SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED



David J. Ryan Scholarship

At our 8th-grade promotion ceremony, Dee Ann Ryan and Maggie (Ryan) Crane represented the Ryan Family and awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to Elijah Brown. This will go towards Elijah continuing his education at Schlarman Academy. We thank the Ryan Family for offering this scholarship in his memory.

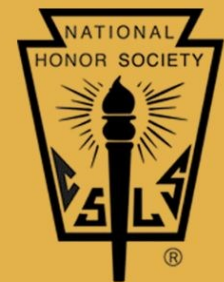
SPECIAL INDUCTIONS

Congratulations to Our Current & New National Honor Society Members

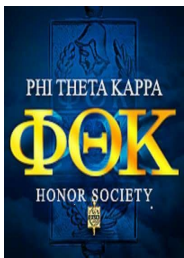


Current members: Isabella Bogen, Irene Rangel, Anastasia DeVore, Je'Lanna Tall, Reagan Troglia, Jack Barber, Liam Billings, Kaitlyn Clark, Jaiden Chirayil, Devyn Gose, Jonas Lane, Anh Le, Mark Lehmann, Charles Medlin, Dominick Prall, Kaitlin Stuhr, Wyatt Wallen.

Inductees: Jerrius Atkinson, Ian Beasley, ShaLayla Briggs, Miles Crosby, Lane Drake, Noah Fowler, Yesenia Guerrero, Anna Janosik, Hayden Miller, Harper O'Brien, Emberlyn Schull, Rebecca Smith, Jaxson Verando, Jocelyn Wear.



Senior
Members



Several Schlarman Academy students were inducted into the Danville Area Community College's Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society this year. Those receiving this honor are pictured from L to R: Devyn Gose, Kaitlyn Clark, Anh Le, Jonas Lane, Mark Lehmann, Larson McMahon, Dominick Prall and Kaitlin Stuhr. Not pictured is Liam Billings.



2026 Prom An Enchanted Evening



Court Attendants left to right: Martello Barnes, ShaLayla Briggs, Noah Fowler, Addison Forsyth, Jacob Lewallen, Irene Rangel, Camdyn Wilson and Reagan Troglia.



2026 Prom King Noah Fowler
Queen Reagan Troglia

A LETTER FROM OUR CHAPLAIN



Dear Parents and Families of Schlarman Academy,

As we come to the close of another school year at our Catholic school, I want to thank you for the trust you place in us to help form your children in faith, knowledge, and character. It has been a blessing to spend time with our students and families throughout this year. Like many people, I look back and wish I had spent even more time with our children and with the elderly.

Together, we have celebrated many Masses and Confessions, the 8th Grade Confirmation at the Cathedral, and First Holy Communion with our second graders. We hosted NET retreats and prayed the Rosary together. This year, we also had the blessing of an all-school Mass with Bishop Tylka. The students were excited to meet him, and he clearly enjoyed his visit with them. All of these special events, along with the daily prayers and routines of Catholic school life, help shape young disciples of Christ. Thank you to our teachers for faithfully teaching the beauty of the Catholic faith each day.

Catholic education is a partnership between school, parish, and home. Your support, sacrifices, encouragement, and witness of faith make an enormous difference in the lives of your children. Thank you for reinforcing at home the values and virtues we strive to teach each day at school.

To our graduating students: congratulations as you begin a new chapter in your lives. Know that you carry with you the prayers of our school community. Remain close to the Lord, stay faithful to prayer and the sacraments, and never be afraid to live your Catholic faith with courage and joy.

As summer begins, I encourage all of our families to continue making Sunday Mass a priority. The summer months offer opportunities for rest and renewal, but our relationship with Christ should never take a vacation. May this season be filled with time for family, prayer, recreation, and gratitude for God's many blessings. I am looking forward to a family reunion on my dad's farm and also to a vacation in Minnesota with some priest friends.

Please know of my continued prayers for all of you. May God bless your families abundantly, keep you safe throughout the summer, and bring us back together refreshed for another joyful school year.

Go Hilltoppers!

Rev. John F. Cyr
Pastor of St. Paul Parish
Chaplain of Schlarman Academy



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Athletics & Activities

Winter & Spring



BOYS BASKETBALL



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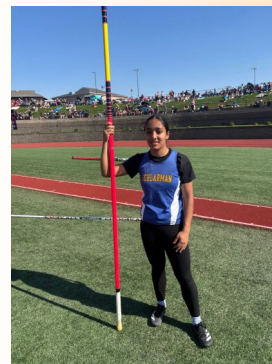


JUNIOR HIGH CHEER

JUNIOR HIGH VOLLEYBALL

IESA STATE TRACK

CONGRATULATIONS to our Junior High Track Team and Coach Brown! Our junior Hilltoppers earned 27 medals, a **State Championship** in the boys 8th-1A SMR (Medley), Girl's 7th-1A runner up in 100m hurdles, and a 6th place overall finish for the 8th grade boys.



We are incredibly proud of your hard work and success this season! Go Hilltoppers!

Athletic Banquet Awards



Sport	MVP	Most Improved	Good Sport	Coaches Choice
Baseball	Jerrius Atkinson	Wyatt Wallen	Liam Billings	Miles Crosby
Boys Basketball	Noah Fowler	Marquan Pinkston	Mark Lehmann	Miles Crosby & Will Fowler
Girls Basketball	Addison Forsyth	Emberlyn Schull	Izzy Bogen	Bayleigh Smith & ShaLayla Briggs
Cheer	Ana Johnson	Bayleigh Smith	Hayden Miller	Yesenia Guerrero
Boys Cross Country	Marquan Pinkston		Demetrius Wade	
Girls Cross Country	Jocelyn Wear	Yesenia Guerrero	Bailey Perez- Robinson	ShaLayla Briggs
Dance	Reagan Troglia	Gayle Clayton	Harper O'Brien	Hayden Miller
Golf	Jonas Lane	Nolan Dixon	Je'Lanna Tall	Waylon Drake
Scholastic Bowl	Jack Barber	Dominick Prall	Reagan Troglia	Ian Fitzgerald
Soccer	Mark Lehmann	Lane Drake	Jaiden Chirayil	Jack Barber
Softball	Irene Rangel	Je'Lanna Tall	Emberlyn Schull	
Swim	Charles Medlin	Lane Drake	Waylon Drake	
Boys Tennis	Mark Lehmann			
Girls Tennis	Reagan Troglia	Jocelyn Wear	Hayden Miller	Devyn Gose & Je'Lanna Tall
Boys Track	Mark Lehmann	Mateo Villaester	Jaiden Chirayil	Marquan Pinkston
Girls Track	Aniyah Dye	Jocelyn Wear	Yesenia Guerrero	ShaLayla Briggs
Volleyball	Izzy Bogen	Aliayha Thomas	Anna Janosik	Irene Rangel

Congratulations Miles & Jerrius! Next Stop: College Baseball

Miles Crosby (joined by his family and coach pictured below) will continue his baseball career at Olney Central College, while Jerrius Atkinson (joined by his family in the bottom photo) has committed to John A. Logan College. We are incredibly proud of everything these young men have accomplished and look forward to cheering them on throughout their collegiate careers.



SOUTH CAMPUS HAPPENINGS

2nd Grade Field Trip to Fair Oaks Farms



Conservation Olympics

The 5th and 6th graders competed in the annual Conservation Olympics at Forest Glen Nature Preserve on Friday, May 8th. They've been studying and working hard since Spring Break! They learned about our environment, natural resources, and Vermilion County plants and animals. In addition to the facts, they had to learn over 80 vocabulary words!

We are SO PROUD -- Schlarman Academy placed 2nd overall and earned the Sportsmanship Award (that's 3 years in a row!) at Conservation Olympics today!!! Students did an amazing job competing and showing true Hilltopper values. Way to go!

1st place: Animal Game Olivia Maring, Anneliese Kuchefski, Nevaeh Smith, Ruby Miller, and Aurora Hightower

1st place: Environmental Relay Race: Jordyn Chirayil, Reina Guerrero, Roman Rodriguez, Wesley White, & Jake Widmann

3rd place: Nature Hike Archie Billings

3rd place: Scavenger Hunt Faith Hurley, Grace Baldwin, Paisley Wolfe, Dalayla Rivera, Ben Cahill, Gabrielle McClendon



Read Across America Week

This past March, Read Across America Week brought a wave of excitement to our South Campus! We had themed days, guest readers, an escape room, and scavenger hunts, all inspired by the imaginative world of Dr. Seuss books. A huge thank you to our Title I Teachers, Mrs. Harvey and Mrs. Moore, for spearheading such engaging activities this week!



“Reading can take you places you have never been before.”-Dr. Seuss



29th ANNUAL SCHLARMAN RAFFLE

Congratulations to the following WINNERS!



\$100,000 Grand Prize
Marian Lutchka
 Westville, IL

2nd Prize-\$20,000
Kevin Legett
 Elkhorn, NE

3rd Prize-\$10,000
Glen Williamson
 Danville, IL

4th Prize-\$5,000
Armando Romero
 Danville, IL

5th Prize-\$2,000
Ronald Hayden
 Monticello, IL



6th-10th Prize-\$1,000 Each

6-Carolyn Burke, Danville, IL	16-Darrin Richards, Fairmount, IL
7-Daniel Serna, Danville, IL	17-Laurie Cullen, Lafayette, IN
8-Alan Sheppard, Hoopeston, IL	18-Corbett Caudill, Indianola, IL
9-James L. Ray, Danville, IL	19-Chris Gerrib, Darien, IL
10-Phillip Wilson, Covington, IN	20-Dave Harby, Fairmount, IL
11th-25th Prize-\$500 Each	21-Alejandro Ocampo, Danville, IL
11-Judy Anderson, Danville, IL	22-Christy O'Brien, Danville, IL
12-Mary Ann Thomas, Catlin, IL	23-Christine Flores, Peoria, IL
13-Deb Fathauer, Catlin, IL	24-Andrew Kelley, Mahomet, IL
14-Greg Tissier, Danville, IL	25-Stephanie Spiros, Danville, IL
15-Janice Kesler, Williamsport, IN	50/50 Winner
	Michael Smiley, Oakwood, IL

29th Anniversary Winners \$2,900 Each	Cassie Flessner, Oakwood, IL	Sarah Miller, Seminole, FL
Cecil McElhoe, Potomac, IL	Mike Clutter, Rossville, IL	Charles Tolley, Covington, IL
Pat Cahill, Danville, IL	James Snyder, Danville, IL	Timothy Sheehan, Danville, IL
80th Anniversary Winners \$800 Each	Teri Marganski, Rossville, IL	
James Pettigrew, Westville, IL	Meggin Cooper, Danville, IL	
	Breannah Watts-Coon, Danville, IL	
	Kenneth Pickard, Danville, IL	
	Toni Stone, Catlin, IL	

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