



Alumni

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ICHS Scholarships and Awards

In an effort to reward some of IC's most dedicated students, numerous scholarship funds and awards have been setup over the years. Many of these scholarships have been awarded over the past couple weeks at either the Senior Graduation Dinner or the Recognition Awards Assembly. We feel it is important to make our alumni aware of all the scholarships offered, as well as the history behind the scholarships. After all, these scholarships have been created and sustained by the alumni, family, and friends of ICHS.

There have been many scholarships established that are need based and require strong academics. The Alumni Association Scholarships, funded through the Annual Golf Outing, the White Knight Society Scholarship for incoming freshman, established by the Ryan family, the Carl A. and Patricia E. Vertovec Scholarship, established in 2007, the ICHS scholarship endowment, and the ICHS general endowment, established by Tom Muisenga, are all scholarships offered based on this criteria.

Furthermore, the Robert Shields Memorial Foundation Award is awarded to an individual who has demonstrated academic scholarship, Christian character, and service to others. Robert Shields was a 1943 graduate of ICHS who also coached at the high school. Through its fundraising, the Robert Shields Foundation was able to award two \$5,000 college scholarships this year, one to a student at ICHS and one to a student at Benet. IC's recipient this year is Charley Vail.

The high school offers two types of scholarships that are strictly based on academic performance. The Placement Test Scholarship is awarded to those who finish in the top ten on the placement exam, while the Math Contest Scholarship is awarded to the top ten performers in the math contest.

Furthermore, the Edward J. Sowa Memorial Award rewards excellence in a foreign language. Ed was a foreign language teacher at IC from 1980-1988. The award is given to a senior with four years of high achievement in foreign language. This year's winner is Meg Kowieski.

Numerous scholarships have been established to honor the memory and legacy of individuals associated with Immaculate Conception. The Carol Rogers Memorial Scholarship was created by Dr. Tom Rogers in memory of his wife, Carol. She will always be remembered as a generous volunteer with the Parents Club and within the Development Office at ICHS. This full tuition scholarship for senior year is awarded to a junior based on academics, need, an essay, and volunteer service. This year's recipient is Megan Barnish.



2008 ICHS ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP GOLF OUTING

ICHS' 16th Annual Scholarship Golf Outing will be held Friday, June 6, at Oak Meadows Golf Club in Addison. The Outing benefits the students of ICHS. For more information, please contact the alumni office or visit <http://www.ichsknights.org/GolfOutingInfo.aspx>.

There is still time to register!

Another scholarship in memorial is the Phyllis K. Wisbrock Service Award Scholarship. Phyllis was a lifetime parishioner of IC, an active member of the CCW, and part of the first class to graduate from the *new* ICHS. This scholarship, sponsored by the Wisbrock family, is awarded to a female sophomore. This year's recipient is Erin Dunne.

The Agape Fellowship Award is given in memory of Paul Kuchuris. He was the grandfather of George Sinioris, a graduate of the class of 2000. The award is given to a senior who creates a sense of belonging for all students and is a person of character who lives Christian values of love and selfless devotion to Christ by showing a selfless love for others. This year's recipient is Charley Vail.

Juniors who are enrolled in their third year of science are eligible for the Michael V. Hogan Memorial Scholarship. Michael was an alumnus of the class of 1968. The recipient of his scholarship must not only exemplify Michael's spirit and enthusiasm for science, but also perform service to others. Laura Hildebrand is this year's recipient.

The Joseph F. Helminiak Jr. Memorial Award is given to a senior recognized for dedication and loyalty to Immaculate Conception. This year's Helminiak recipient is Brendan Ryan.

Another memorial scholarship is the Capt. William D. Cronin Jr. Memorial Scholarship is awarded by the pastor and principals of ICHS and ICGS based on need, academics, and personal character. Capt. Cronin was an alumnus of the class of 1979 who lost his life in Operation Desert Shield in 1990.

A newly formed scholarship is the Peter Dunne Memorial Scholarship. Peter was an alumnus of the class of 1978 who passed away suddenly in April. His family setup the scholarship fund in his name.

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Unfortunately, at this time there are three scholarships that do not currently have funds. The Patrick V. DeMauro Memorial Scholarship was created by Pat's family. He was an alumnus of the class of 2000, and his scholarship is awarded to a resident of Melrose Park, determined by an essay. Also, The Billy Storto Award is a freshman tuition scholarship. Bill was an alumnus of the class of 1987. The final one is the Jimmy Giblin Memorial Scholarship. Jimmy was an alumnus of the class of 1992. The scholarship in his name is given to a student who demonstrates great personal character, as chosen by the principal.

The Linda Tully Scholarship is a college scholarship given to a graduating volleyball or track athlete with strong academics and personal character. Linda was a phenomenal athlete from the class of 1982 who has been in a coma since a car accident in college. This year's winner of the \$1,000 scholarship is Meg Kowieski.

The Thomas O. Myers award was established by Mr. Myers to provide a college scholarship for a senior who was a team manager at ICHS. Mr. Myers wanted to ensure the contributions of the managers are not overlooked, and did so with this \$10,000 scholarship. This year's recipient is AJ Goworowski, a three year manager for both football and softball.

We thank all those who have made the many scholarships offered possible. They play an important role in the advancement of the school. The scholarships awarded by ICHS afford the recipients opportunities they otherwise would not have. Without the scholarships, many students would not be able to afford to attend IC, and consequently miss out on a top-notch Catholic education. With this in mind, if you would like to contribute to any scholarship fund, please contact the development office at 630-530-3485 or mieto@ichsknights.org.

Reunion News: The **Class of 1948** is planning their 60th reunion for October 10-11. On Friday night, they will be gathering for dinner at Cafe Amano. The reunion banquet will be on Saturday at Oak Meadows Golf Club. The **Class of 1958** has plans set for their 50th reunion! Mark your calendars for Homecoming weekend 2008, Oct 3 & 4. A Golf Outing is planned for Friday, along with a casual evening get-together at the Wyndham Drake Hotel in Oak Brook. The **Class of 1988** has finalized details for their Homecoming weekend reunion as well. Friday, they plan on attending the ICHS football game, followed by a gathering at a local bar or tavern to be determined. Both classes plan for a dinner banquet on Saturday night at local hotels. The **Class of 1968** has just started planning their 40th reunion, while the **Class of 1978** is arranging their 30th reunion. Both plan for fall reunions. For more information or to plan your reunion, go to: www.ichsknights.org/alumni.aspx.

The Alumni Office will be closed from June 15-August 15. Email will be checked periodically. The next issue of the Alumni E-Newsletter will be released in September. Please continue to send in your alumni updates over the summer!

Spring Sports Report

The spring sports teams of ICHS recently concluded a record setting season. These teams continued upon the successes of the fall and winter sports teams.

The girl's soccer team finished with a record of 10-10-3, setting a record for wins in a season. They advanced to the IHSA Quarterfinals, making them one of the last eight teams standing in Class A.

Not to be outdone, the baseball team won its first Sectional Championship in school history. The Knights defeated two number one seeds along the way before ultimately succumbing in the Super-Sectional. They also were one of the final eight teams standing in Class 1A.

Although the track team as a whole did not qualify for state, many individuals did. The relay team of Nick DiBrito, Jon Ellis, Andy Larem, and Brendan Ryan qualified in both the 4x100 and 4x200 relay. Furthermore, Marco Medina qualified for state in the discus.

The post-season success achieved by the sports teams all year long make this arguably the most successful sports year as a whole in the history of Immaculate Conception. This is truly a testament to the hard work of the athletes and coaches. Congratulations to all who have attributed to this success.

For a complete list of the accomplishments of all the sports teams, go to: <http://www.ichsknights.org/athletics.aspx>

Congratulations to the Class of 2008! We welcome them to our alumni community. Once a Knight, always a Knight!

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