The viability of any organization depends on several key factors such as the integrity and timeliness of its goals, the effectiveness of its members in achieving those goals and the quality of its endeavors toward those goals. I am pleased to announce that considering those factors, the Spirit of SBA is alive and well.

The purpose of the Saint Benedict Academy Alumnae Association is to promote and maintain the bond of the members, support the ministries of the Benedictine Sisters, promote Catholic education and uphold and encourage members in their service to ministries that promote Benedictine values and traditions.

The success of our alumnae association is due to the hard work and dedication of the many Board members and alumnae who help keep the spirit alive through their work on events and fundraisers and through volunteering on behalf of the association and the sisters. SBA Alumnae members routinely comprise one of the largest blocs of donors to the Benedictine Sisters of Erie. Our alumnae association remains viable and successful because of you.

To all of you – THANK YOU

SBA Executive Board 2019-2020

The Executive Board welcomed three new members this year: Sue Andrews Zill ’65, Sheila Warner ’73 and Cheryl Vargo Zingelewicz ’65. The 10 members of the Executive Board meet five times a year and are responsible for planning and maintaining the many social events that the SBA Alumnae Association sponsors annually. With their help and support, the Annual Christmas Party, the Spring Luncheon and our Cash Bingos have been very successful. The Alumnae Executive Board is tasked with keeping the bonds among alumnae strong while helping to support the Benedictine Sisters of Erie and their ministries. All the Board members are and have been unbelievably generous with their time and efforts. We are so thankful for their help and dedication. God bless the “friends we never can forget.”

A FEW THINGS HAVE CHANGED…

The SBA Alumnae Association Board has added a new event to our yearly roster – Cash Bingo! Beginning last November, the Alumnae Association has held a Cash Bingo every other month on a Sunday afternoon at the Polish Falcons Club on East 3rd Street in Erie. As word has spread, the Bingo has attracted bigger crowds and been more fun each time. Due to the success of this addition, we are able to award not 20, but 25 Catholic School Scholarships of $250 to relatives of alumnae members attending a Catholic school for the 2019-2020 school year for a total of $6,250! In addition, the Alumnae Association was able to offer a $500 sponsorship for the Benedictine Sisters of Erie Charity Fundraiser Golf Tournament on June 17. The Alumnae Association is proud to support its members through Catholic School scholarships and to support the Benedictine Sisters of Erie.

Save the Dates

**SBA BINGO**

- April 28th, July 14th, August 18th, September 22nd, October 13th, November 10th
- Polish Falcons
- 431 East 3rd Street
- Doors open at Noon
- Come with your friends and have some fun!

**SBA Annual Christmas Party**

- Tuesday December 3, 2019
- Ambassador Conference Center
- 7794 Peach St, Erie, PA

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Let us pray...

For our SBA alumnae who passed into eternity—

Marjorie E. Kelley Brown ..................’43
Julia Veronica Maciulewicz Falkewicz ...’45
Mary Dolores Fessler ....................’46
Joan P. Gorny Ragen ....................’47
Claire M. Hanlin Gredler ..................’49
Audrey Ferrick Thomas ..................’54
Kathleen Keegan Haraczy .................’56
Rose Marie “Dolly” Dumala Skrypek ..’56
Janet P. Respecki Benovic .................’57
Robert C. Roach Rose ..................’58
Elizabeth “Betty” A. Dolan Pelletier ....’60
Mary Pfadt Lombardozzi ..................’66
Patricia Lorence Paparelli Guthrie .......’67
Patricia Heberle Gray ..................’69
Mary Rose Bernatowicz Szympruch ...’69
Holly E. Miller Stephan ..................’76
Nancy “Annie” Makowski ..................’87

Keep in Touch...

We want to hear from you! Class reunions every five years are a tradition with SBA alumnae. We will gladly include information regarding your reunion on our website. Send us the facts and we’ll post them as soon as we get them. Please provide us with any follow up stories and photos (digital, please) you might wish to share and we will post them on our website (ErieBenedictines.org/sba-alum). Call Ann Comstock at 814-899-0614 ext. 2573 or contact by email: sbaalum@mtsbenedict.org

Please visit our Website

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2019 Scholarship Winner List

We are pleased to announce that at the Spring Luncheon, held on May 4, 2019, 25 scholarships of $250 were awarded to relatives of alumnae members who will be attending Catholic grade or high schools for the 2019-2020 school year. We are happy to be able to increase the amount awarded this year by $1,250.

WINNER
Antonio Bruni
Courtney Kindle
Nolan Lynch
Faith Wisniewski
Sadie Messer
Gracie Murphy
Lyrisa Skolník
Noah & Casey Wagner
Jacob Sank
Taylor Rose Worsdale
Rosalind Roark
Matthew D. Bond
Sophia Skrzyczak
Calvin Dunbar
Jordan Prescott
Graham Hewitt
Gianna Marie Corsi
Lia Macek
Amber Torrence
Claire Izbicki
Collin J. Harris
Emily Marz
Maura Payne
Amiya Husband
Alisa Marie Bailey

SCHOOL
St. James School
Villa Maria Academy
Cathedral Prep
Villa Maria Academy
Mercyhurst Prep
St. Luke School
Our Lady of Peace School
St. James School
St. Gregory School
St. Stephens Catholic School
St. Dominic School
Cathedral Prep
Villa Maria Academy
St. Luke School
Mercyhurst Prep
Our Lady of Peace School
Villa Maria Academy
Mercyhurst Prep
Mercyhurst Prep
Our Lady of Peace School
St. James School
Our Lady of Peace School
St. James Elementary
St. George School
Mercyhurst Prep

ALUMNAN
Eleanor Walker
Valerie Purzyczy
Sue Perry
Susan Wettekin
Ann Krauza
Connie Watt
Ann Marie Skolník
Nancy Ruffa
Kathy Mauro
Allene Kraus
Amy Roark
Jennifer Bond
Susan Chase
Margaret James
Ann Michalski
Catherine Rieger
Dolores Corsi
Audrey Riazi
Sandra Phillips
Sharon Slomski
Kathleen Runser
Helen Titus
Lorraine Wellington
Kim Balter
Patricia Whitehill

RELATIONSHIP
Grandson
Daughter
Great Nephew
Granddaughter
Great Aunt
Great Niece
Granddaughter
Grandsons
Nephew
Great Granddaughter
Daughter
Son
Niece
Grandson
Niece
Granddaughter
Granddaughter
Great Niece
Cousin
Grandson
Great Niece
Great Niece
Granddaughter
Great Niece

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