



From the Director

By Ann Comstock, Oblate

"We'll always come to thee again, when Alma Mater calls"



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."



Seated (L-R): Mary Jane Vergotz OSB '66, Development Director; Rosanne Loneck OSB '61, Community Liaison; Mary Ellen Plumb OSB '71; Katie Shewan Young '87, Executive Board President.

Standing (L-R): Marcella (Sue) Andrews Zill '65; Cheryl Vargo Zingelewicz '65; Ann Comstock '64, Alumnae Coordinator; Darlene Harkness Kerstetter '82; Valerie Joint Purzycki '88; Susan Skrzypczak Chase '82. Not present for photograph, Sheila Warner '73.

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!

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.



SBA Annual Christmas Party

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

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	SCHOOL	ALUMNAE	RELATIONSHIP
Antonio Bruni	St. James School	Eleanor Walker	Grandson
Courtney Kindle	Villa Maria Academy	Valerie Purzycki	Daughter
Nolan Lynch	Cathedral Prep	Sue Perry	Great Nephew
Faith Wisniewski	Villa Maria Academy	Susan Wettekin	Granddaughter
Sadie Messer	Mercyhurst Prep	Ann Krauza	Great Aunt
Gracie Murphy	St. Luke School	Connie Watt	Great Niece
Lyrissa Skolnik	Our Lady of Peace School	Ann Marie Skolnik	Granddaughter
Noah & Casey Wagner	St. James School	Nancy Ruffa	Grandsons
Jacob Sank	St. Gregory School	Kathy Mauro	Nephew
Taylor Rose Worsdale	St. Stephens Catholic School	Allene Kraus	Great Granddaughter
Rosalind Roark	St. Dominic School	Amy Roark	Daughter
Matthew D. Bond	Cathedral Prep	Jennifer Bond	Son
Sophia Skrzypczak	Villa Maria Academy	Susan Chase	Niece
Calvin Dunbar	St. Luke School	Margaret James	Grandson
Jordan Prescott	Mercyhurst Prep	Ann Michalski	Niece
Graham Hewitt	Our Lady of Peace School	Catherine Rieger	Grandson
Gianna Marie Corsi	Villa Maria Academy	Dolores Corsi	Granddaughter
Lia Macek	Mercyhurst Prep	Audrey Riazzi	Granddaughter
Amber Torrence	Mercyhurst Prep	Sandra Phillips	Great Niece
Claire Izbicki	Our Lady of Peace School	Sharon Slomski	Cousin
Collin J. Harris	St. James School	Kathleen Runser	Grandson
Emily Marz	Our Lady of Peace School	Helen Titus	Great Niece
Maura Payne	St. James Elementary	Lorraine Wellington	Great Niece
Amiya Husband	St. George School	Kim Balter	Granddaughter
Alisa Marie Bailey	Mercyhurst Prep	Patricia Whitehill	Great Niece



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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@mtstbenedict.org

Please visit our Website

Visit ErieBenedictines.org/sba-alum for event updates and to download sign-up forms, or send your email address to Alumnae Director Ann Comstock at sbaalum@mtstbenedict.org to receive electronic reminders and sign-ups. If you don't use email, write to Ann at Mount St. Benedict Monastery, 6101 East Lake Road, Erie, PA, 16511. Whenever you see or hear about SBA alumnae being honored or highlighted for their achievements, let us know. Clip an article or jot down the details then call, write or email us the information so we can share the news with all our members.

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
Roberta C. Roach Rose	'58
Elizabeth "Betty" A. Dolan Pelletier	'60
Mary Pfadt Lombardozi	'66
Patricia Lorence Paparelli Guthrie	'67
Patricia Heberle Gray	'69
Mary Rose Bernatowicz Szympruch	'69
Holly E. Miller Stephan	'76
Nancy "Annie" Makowski	'87