COOL Start at Seton High School
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Seton High School is off to a COOL start to the school year thanks to the incredible support of the Seton 360 campaign from several donors, including the Sisters of Charity, alumnae and friends of Seton! Despite the high temperatures outside over the past month, students and teachers are now focusing on academics in upgraded classrooms throughout the second and third floors. They are now able to work in an optimal learning environment where newly painted classrooms are equipped with energy-efficient HVAC, lighting, whiteboards and beautiful new windows. There is also a new parking lot near the Vincent Avenue entrance to the school to accommodate the 12 percent increase in enrollment.

“I never imagined what a difference these upgrades would make,” said junior Maggie Tepe. “It’s so much easier to focus and learn in an air-conditioned classroom, and what a difference the new windows and lighting make in the classrooms, hallways and stairwells. It looks like a new school!”

The first two phases of Seton 360 have been fully funded. “We are so very grateful for the incredible generosity and abundance of prayers that have made the success of this campaign possible so far,” said Seton High School President Kathy Allen Ciarla. “We are now moving into the general phase and look forward to continued support from the entire Seton community.”

The positive feedback from students, alums and donors who have seen the upgrades has been overwhelming. “This is such an exciting time at Seton! The construction throughout our campus offers our students classrooms and spaces where learning is optimal,” said Ciarla. “Incorporating high-efficient lighting and electricity will also help lower utility costs by 38 percent. Being good ambassadors to our environment and to our generous donors is another example of how we are proud to be green.”

Construction for Phase 3 will resume in spring 2019. Upgrades will take place on the first floor and ground floor and will include energy-efficient HVAC, windows and lighting, as well as renovations to Seton’s Performance Hall, restrooms and cafeteria. For more information on Seton 360, visit setoncincinnati.org.
Bayley where a number of opportunities this summer offered residents and community members time to gather and celebrate the season. In June, Bayley introduced a weekly Farmer’s Market from Willow Branch Farm, offering organically grown fruits, vegetables and meats. The Coffee with the Chiefs event, with Delhi Police Chief Jim Howarth and Delhi Fire Chief Doug Campbell, invited the community to share their thoughts and concerns with those who work to keep us safe. The annual Party in the Parking Lot, hosted by The Fitness Club, brought 250-plus members out for an evening of food, fun and music. In September, the Mother Margaret George Society Mass, officiated by Fr. Rey Taylor, was held with close to 160 in attendance.

DePaul Cristo Rey High School where the capital campaign funding DePaul Cristo Rey High School’s campus transformation is getting closer to its goal. Construction is well underway on the first new building, a student center/cafeteria/gymnasium. When it’s complete, work will begin on a three-story academic building. School leaders launched DPCR’s first capital campaign, Building. Futures. Together. For a Greater Cincinnati, in the summer of 2017. In just over a year’s time, with the awarding of the New Market Tax Credits (NMTC), almost $20 million has been raised in cash and pledges.

Mount Saint Joseph University where the school excitedly reported that it has received a $1,998,585 grant award from the Health Resources and Services Administration for a five-year program in Primary Care Training and Enhancement to support a collaboration between the Mount’s Physician Assistant Program and University of Cincinnati Family Medicine. The Mount also received the Archdiocese Laudato Sí Community Award from Archbishop Schnurr in June. This award is given to ministries that have fulfilled a checklist indicating Green facilities, practices, and community education events. A newly established “Sustainability Committee” will coordinate environmental, economic, and ethical/social justice activities. Representatives currently include Sisters Joyce Richter and Caroljean Willie with someone else to be determined. The employment rate for undergraduates is 98.5 percent and for graduate students, 97 percent, the highest in the Greater Cincinnati Area.

St. Joseph Home where this summer residents, respite guests and day program participants had more opportunities than ever before to enjoy and benefit from the natural delights of the outdoors. Six acres in the northwest portion of the 33-acre campus were transformed into The Green Space, offering a quarter-mile walking trail and a sensory lane, an enclosed picnic shelter, memorial garden, wetland-like areas and scenic overlooks.

The Green Space reflects the overall spirit of St. Joseph Home’s ministry, and the mission of the Sisters of Charity. The walking path also symbolizes SJH’s commitment to the concept of residents belonging to and engaging with the community at large.