**Investing in Education**

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Seton High School is heading into the 11th year of their Thirty-One Women Scholarship Program. This unique scholarship is comprised of a group of women who are passionate about the value of Catholic education and are committed to ensuring that a young woman who upholds the values of Seton High School and achieves academic excellence but may have financial limitations can still be afforded the opportunity to receive a Seton education.

Each group of ‘Thirty-One Women’ consists of 30 women who donate each month for four years to cover almost all the expenses for one girl to attend Seton High School. This covers approximately 90 percent of tuition and fees for all four years. The young woman chosen by Seton as the scholarship recipient becomes the Thirty-First Woman and is responsible for the remaining 10 percent of her tuition. She provides updates to her Thirty-One Women supporters throughout her Seton journey.

Allie Streckfuss ’22, Seton High School Thirty-One Women recipient from the Class of 2022, feels that she has been very blessed with the opportunities given to her at Seton. “When I first came to Seton as a freshman, I couldn't wait to watch myself grow,” said Allie. “Looking back, I have seen myself grow so much as a person, student, friend and Catholic. I was pushed every day to be the best person that I can be, and I believe that Seton has shown me how to embody the qualities of faith, academics, leadership and service. My time at Seton would not have been possible without the support of my sponsors.”

In addition to making a Seton High School experience financially attainable for a deserving student, members of the Thirty-One Women community also support each student with prayer, and the sponsors have benefitted from knowing each other and feeling connected to Seton through the support of the student. The students enjoy writing letters throughout the year to let their supporters know how they are doing in school and in other activities and show their appreciation for the gift they have been given.

“It is a blessing to see a group of women who believe in the mission of Seton say ‘yes’ to making an investment in a young woman’s education in such a purposeful way,” said Seton High School President Kathy Allen Ciarla ’87. “The strength and dignity of a virtuous woman was exceedingly evident in the life of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, and she has inspired generations who are willing to serve others in society without personal gain. With those reasons in mind, it is evident why the Thirty-One Women Scholarship is such a successful program at Seton High School.”
Bayley is thrilled to expand its mission, lifestyle options, and care to senior adults, with the building of our new community, Bayley at Green Township. This new building will feature 80 Independent Living apartments, expected to be move-in ready in late 2023. On June 8, 2022, the organization celebrated with a Blessing of the Land program on the site on North Bend Road, featuring Fr. Chris Lack, Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati, Bayley staff and Board members, construction team, Green Township Trustees, and others who made this exciting new community possible. For further information on BAGT, please contact Doris Marks Rodier at doris.rodier@bayleylife.org.

To culminate the yearlong celebration of its 10th anniversary, DePaul Cristo Rey High School invited one of its first graduates to address its current graduates. Aaron Carter ’15 became the first DPCR graduate to give a commencement address. The May 31 ceremony was held in the Mount St. Joseph University Theatre. Aaron entered DPCR in June 2011 as a member of the school’s inaugural class and graduated in May 2015. He earned a four-year, full-tuition scholarship to the Mount where he earned a bachelor’s degree in sociology in 2019. He works as a behavioral health specialist at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital and as a resident manager at Lighthouse Youth Services while pursuing his master’s degree in Counseling and Human Development.

Mount St. Joseph University celebrated the graduation of doctoral, graduate, and undergraduate students in two ceremonies on May 7, 2022. The ceremonies marked the 101st commencement at the Mount. Former Cincinnati Bengal, Anthony Munoz, spoke to the graduates at both ceremonies, urging them to make choices to work through challenges and inspiring them to stay motivated and committed: “When you’re committed to find a way … you do whatever it takes … you do it consistently, you take accountability.”

More than 700 people were at St. Joseph Home on May 21, 2022, to celebrate the return of the Incline to the Finish Line benefit run, which raised more than $40,000. More than 500 runners of all ages tackled the notorious uphill climb to the finish line on Wyscarver Road, including 19 residents supported by their family teams. Other residents completed the 1K Walk & Roll route through the on-campus Green Space. In addition, family members, friends, community leaders and schools turned out to volunteer, helping with everything from preparing and handing out packets for the runners, to giving out water and encouragement along the route, to staffing the breakfast tent after the event.