

Spring/Summer 2018

# GAELE NEWSLETTER



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## *President's Message*

It feels like just yesterday that we began the 2017-2018 school year together. This has been a year of changes for all of us. I want to thank the community for their patience and support throughout the year!

From redesigning our logo, to increasing our social media presence, to new event venues we have worked diligently to share the Goretti values with the greater community.

We have developed new business partnerships as well as enhanced our collaboration with our partner Catholic elementary schools in the tri-state area. This year also saw a stronger relationship between the school and the St. Ann parish. Goretti was blessed to welcome many visitors to our campus including his Excellency Archbishop Lori, Bishop Parker, Msgr. Hannon and many pastors from the surrounding parishes as well as members of the Department of Schools.

A new Vision and Mission statement were created to prepare Goretti for the 21st century. After extensive review of the budget, we have been able to make significant cost savings for the school to be financially sound.

We said goodbye to the Class of 2018, who earned an impressive \$7.5 million in scholarships. Goretti acknowledges the sacrifices families make to provide a Catholic education and so have initiated automatic admissions and scholarship agreements to the following institutions of higher education: Mount St. Mary's University, Wilson College, Marymount University, University of Dayton, St. Bonaventure University, Neumann University, Hood College, Randolph College and St. Vincent College.

What a year; with your support I can't wait to see what the future holds for Goretti!

St. Maria Goretti, Pray for us.

Christopher Cosentino  
President



# Principal's Corner

It has been a new day, a new year, and a new school this year at Goretti, one marked by many exciting changes. From our building renovations and the launch of our 1:1 Chromebook program last fall to our admissions and enrollment partnerships with colleges and universities this spring, we have made all kinds of leaps and bounds this year, topped off by ninety three students taking over 140 AP Exams in May and our graduating Class of 2018 earning over \$7.5 million in scholarship offers! As usual, success has not been limited to the classroom: this Spring, after their first-ever Maryland Theater production, our drama students were nominated for eight “Totem Pole” Awards for their work in *The Addams Family*, with Senior Emma Behta winning the prize for Best Actress; over 100 students’ work was on display at the Washington County Arts Council during the month of March; our Rotary Interact and NHS students hosted the impactful “Together We Remember” genocide awareness event in May; and our athletic teams earned All-County honors throughout the year, with 13 of our seniors planning to continue their athletic careers on the collegiate level. In addition, our Catholic identity and commitment to service continued to shine, from our weekly participation in Micah’s Backpack program to our Rosary Walk and May Crowning to the beautiful Service of Light at our Baccalaureate Mass.

In this year of many changes, new traditions have been established, and we’ve been delighted to see our students continue to grow and to thrive. Our students are wonderful ambassadors for the Goretti community, and, as always, we are grateful for the opportunity to be a part of such an important time in their lives.

Blessings to all for a wonderful summer, and we’ll see you in a few short months for another brand new school year!

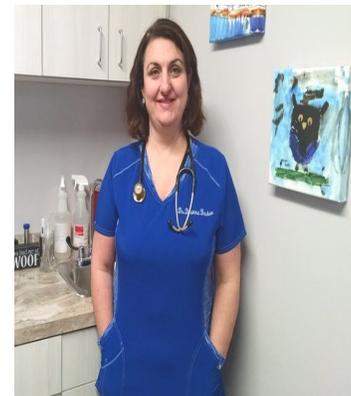
**Mrs. Bridget Bartholomew**



If you would like to help us reach our goal by making a contribution, please mail to 1535 Oak Hill Avenue, Hagerstown, MD 21742 ;  
Attention ~ Jennifer Carbaugh  
Class of 1993  
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**ANNUAL FUND**

# ALUMNI



Dr. Deanna Becker was raised in Hagerstown, Maryland and graduated from St. Maria Goretti High School. In 1995, she graduated from Western Maryland College (now McDaniel College) in Westminster, MD with a degree in Biology. For her first four years after college, Dr. Becker worked full-time as a molecular biologist doing HIV research in Gaithersburg, MD and part-time in the evenings as a Veterinary Technician. Before applying to veterinary school, Dr. Becker worked another two years as a full-time Veterinary Technician. Dr. Becker graduated from the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine in 2005. Dr. Becker was employed for almost seven years at the Waynesboro Veterinary Clinic in Waynesboro, PA. She was then employed by Confederate Woods Veterinary Hospital in Gettysburg, PA for almost six years. She is skilled in small animal medicine and surgery and has a unique interest in avian medicine and surgery. She also has a special interest in orthopedic surgery and geriatric medicine.

She has been married to her high school sweetheart Jason Becker since 2000. They share their home with their three daughters, Isabelle, Addison and Emma. They also have some furry and feathered kids including a dog named Charlie, a military macaw named Millie, a red-fronted macaw named Olive and two schools of guppies. They are in the service of 2 cats, Winnie and Fancy, who allow the rest of the family to share their space in the house.

In her spare time, she likes to read, spend time with her kids and spend time with her parents and in-laws who all live locally. She can also occasionally be found hanging out at the East Coast Exotic Animal Rescue in Fairfield, PA where she is honored to be a small part of their medical team.

Dr. Becker says that she couldn't be happier to be practicing veterinary medicine (her childhood dream) in her hometown. It's great to see so many familiar and new faces when clients and pets walk through the door of the hospital each day! And the best part has been getting to work with the amazing, skilled and compassionate technicians, receptionists and assistants that make up the North Paws Team!

## CLASS OF 2018

<http://View summaries of all the awards & recognitions from this past weekend> ↓ <http://goretti.org/news/commencement-exercises>

THE CLASS OF 2018 HAS EARNED  
**OVER \$7.5 MILLION**  
IN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS!

# Instant Replay

GORETTI ATHLETES TO CONTINUE CAREERS IN COLLEGE



St. Maria Goretti High School is proud to announce that the following seniors will continue their academic and athletic careers at the following colleges and universities:

*Attached photo - back row (left to right)*

Jackson Krasny (Howard Community College Men's Lacrosse)

Josh Mack (Stonehill University, Men's Basketball)

Kiersten Erickson (Hagerstown Community College, Women's Volleyball)

Bryant Shives (Mount St. Mary's University, Baseball)

Brock Penn (Lynchburg College, Baseball)

*Attached photo - front row (left to right)*

Georgia Giannaris (Washington College, Women's Lacrosse)

Victoria Baker (Shepherd University, Women's Soccer)

Hanna Manning (United States Air Force Academy Preparatory School, Women's soccer)

Isabella Longo (Penn State Harrisburg, Women's Soccer)

Maura Hevey (Saint Vincent College, Women's Lacrosse)

Zoe Mutchler (Mount Aloysius College, Women's Soccer, Women's Lacrosse)

Katie Manning (Saint Francis University, Swimming)

*Not pictured: Emma Ober (University of Hartford, Women's Soccer)*



*Congratulations Gaels!*

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