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St. Paul's words to St. Timothy remind us of the importance of perseverance. Despite so many difficulties—opposition, mockery, beatings, exile, shipwrecks, arrests, imprisonment (seven times!)—he nevertheless persevered in his witness to the Lord Jesus Christ. In the end, The Apostle gave the ultimate witness of martyrdom in Rome.

St. Paul's use of competitive athletic images is a reminder and inspiration for all followers of Christ to persevere like athletes in our witness. Am I fighting the good fight? Am I running to the finish line?

In athletic activities and competitions, our Shanley student athletes learn and practice the virtue of perseverance despite so many difficulties. Our "Education In Virtue" program defines perseverance as "Taking the steps necessary to carry out objectives in spite of difficulties."

When challenged, tired, discouraged, behind, or beaten—how will the Shanley Deacons respond as individuals and as a team? Will they persevere?

Such is the drama of competition. Such is the drama of life.

May our student athletes persevere this season and in their lives—all the way to the finish line.

#### Go Deacons!

Mike Hagstrom is in his eighth year of service as President of St. John Paul II Catholic Schools and Director of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Fargo. Previously, he taught Religion at Shanley High School for 31 years. He and his wife, Shawn, have two children (Therese '08 and Joseph '16) and two grandchildren (James '32 and Oliver '32).



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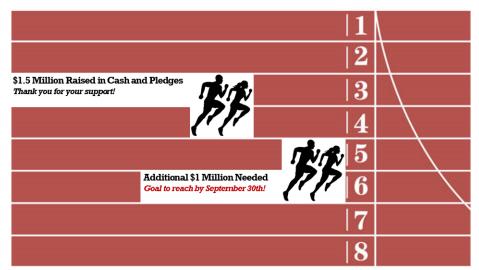
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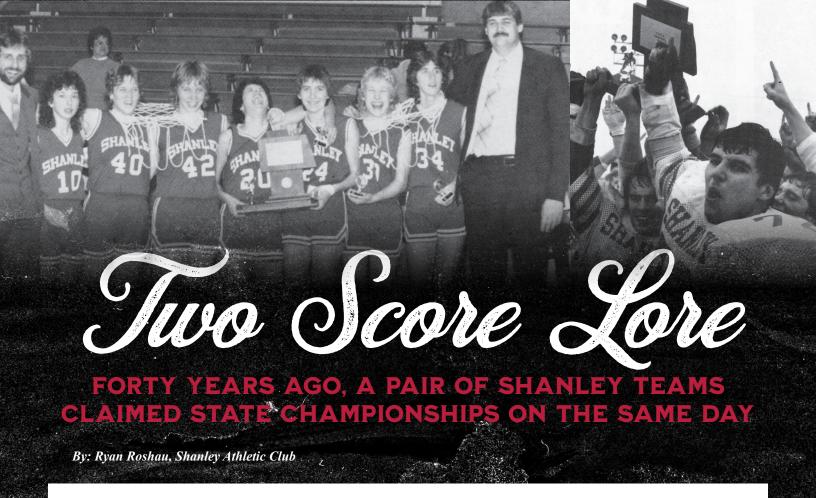


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he day still exists in the memory of those who lived it, and it is a sobering thought to think that four decades have passed since that gray day (and night) in November when the Shanley Deacons pulled off the ultimate doubleheader achievement.

On November 12, 1983, two teams from the same school won respective state championships; a first for the state of North Dakota.

The Shanley football team won their title on a chilly field in Bismarck while the girls basketball team won their crown in a hot gym in Williston. And forty years later, their twin achievements continue to tell a tale of unity, support, and pride for players, family, and fans.

Being a part of a state championship in football was practically a birthright for any young Shanley-bound boy in the 70's and early 80's. From 1967-1981, the Deacons won 11 state championships and the 1983 team stood on the shoulders of those who achieved past gridiron glory.

"We really felt like it was going to be a special year," Senior Tom Noah recalls. "That Shanley tradition, our core wanted to be a part of it."

Coach Bruce Larson, two years removed from his first state title after succeeding the legendary Sid Cichy, recognized early that a common thread would lead to success. "From the athletes to the coaches and staff, the dedication was there," Larson said. "It was a dream team to work with because of the focus and preparation and that played out because we scored on our opening possession in all but one game that year."

"We were methodical and precise," Noah notes. "We ran the football more, a power game, and Coach Larson and his gameplan were the perfect complement to the steady team we were."

The Deacons were steadily smothering in their first three games of the year, blasting opponents by a combined score of 89-6. Included in that run were shutouts over Bismarck St. Mary's and Jamestown. A 14-8 late season win over Fargo North was the closest an opponent came to challenging Shanley.

"There were no hiccups, no scares," Noah recalls. "Plenty of talent but not one person carrying the load." Larson remembers, "There really was no D-I talent on the team, no superstars, just a high-level ability to work well together game after game."

The red train rolled through the postseason as the Deacons remained unbeaten and unblemished. A 41-0 shutout of Mandan in the quarterfinals was followed a week later by a 48-12 trouncing of Bismarck High to reach yet another state championship with an 11-0 record.

As the football team was amid their banner season, the girls' basketball team was in the process of building a tradition of their own. For a high school sport in its relative infancy, the Deacons had won four straight EDC titles and claimed state championships in 1980 and 1982.

And yet, coming into the 1983 season there was skepticism over what was seen as a bit of an inexperienced, unremarkable team. "The Seniors we lost were awesome and as strong as a program as we were, there was some doubt out there that we may not be able to win again," Senior Peggy Wehage recalls. "We felt we had something to prove."

The lack of respect at the outset of the season became an all-in mantra for the Deacons. "I don't think a lot of people thought we could win but we won because we came together early as a team," Junior Debbie (LaBine) Hartman remembers. "Everyone stepped up."

The key driver behind the '83 team's belief was undoubtedly Head Coach Craig Murie, a larger-than-life figure who transformed the team with his coaching style. "He was a big man, he was boisterous at times, yell at you one minute and pump you up the next because he knew when to be a gentle giant," Junior Jennie (Schons) Rivard reflects. He was a great coach and a great leader."



VARSITY First Row: Tonya Bosak, Jennie Schons. Second: Debbie Labine, Stacy Larson, Peggy Wehage, Mary Fischer, Katy Jacobson, Cindy Gruman. Third: Assistant Coach Bill Ford, Sheryl Altobell, Linda Michaelson, Michelle Altobell, JoAnn Baranick, Assistant Coach Becky Ailts, Head Coach Craig Murie, Student Manager Jeanette Zespy.

"Coach Murie was on us from the start, and I think he was the biggest believer in what we could do," Wehage adds.

Despite the shared belief, the Deacons stumbled out of the gate, losing their first game to Devils Lake 49-46. "I think I went 1-for-10, and we went ice cold from the field," Wehage reminisces. "Michelle Altobell was a great outside shooter and that was the first year with the three-point line and we couldn't wait to score, but not on that night." It was in that early setback that the goal came into sharp focus. "We all decided on the bus ride home that we can play better, and we have to turn this around," Wehage notes. "And, as it turns out, we didn't lose another game that season."

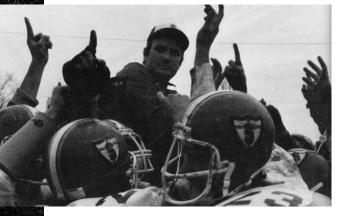
Not only were the Deacons undefeated the rest of the regular season, but they were also unchallenged, finishing the regular season at 15-1 and sweeping through the EDC Tournament to win their fifth straight conference crown. Like the

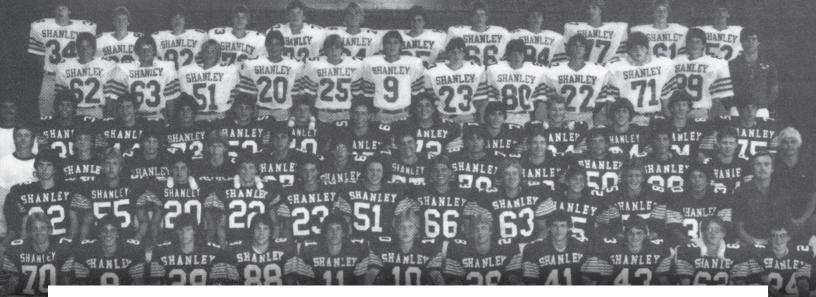
football team and their parallel seasons, everyone had their role, and they formed a collective bond. "It really became our identity," Wehage recalls. "Even when we broke huddle, we put all our hands in and all said, 'together'."

And together, the Shanley community became engulfed in school spirit as it appeared both teams were on the brink of something special. "There was so much school spirit in the fall because girls' basketball was so popular and of course, everyone went to the football games, so it was a constant Tuesday, Thursday, Friday thing," Rivard recalls. "Football players were there for us, and we were there for them."

And with the support came the shared sacrifice, a point that is not lost on Wehage. "We share so many common experiences with the (football) guys. Those days at the old high school we would have practices starting in August. They would be sweating on the practice

field, and we were sweating inside in the gym with no air-conditioning, and we would all walk down to Hardees and order roast beef sandwiches and compared notes on who had it worse."





The cohesiveness was felt among the football team as well, as Senior Mike Wold recalls, "We went to grade school with these girls so for us to be on this ride together, at the same time, it was super special and awesome." Noah agrees. "The girls were a dynasty in those days just like Shanley Football had become, so it was very exciting to go through it together."

With days to go before dual state titles could be won, enthusiasm at the school reached its zenith. "It was a very exciting week at school with the boys and girls preparing," Larson remembers. "The whole school was behind these two teams."

A combined pep rally was held prior to the girls' 425-mile departure to Williston, the remote site of that year's girls' state tournament. "We felt like we were going to the edge of the world," Wehage recalls. "In fact, as a team we sang a song at the pep rally that Coach Murie wrote as a spin off that song, "we're on the edge of the world looking down on creation."

Once the odyssey to the northwest corner of the state was complete, the Deacons continued their winning ways. Held in the Williston High School gymnasium, day one of the state tournament saw the Deacons run roughshod over Dickinson Trinity in the quarterfinals and then overcame a 10-point second quarter deficit to defeat a stubborn Valley City team, 67-60.

It was down to one game remaining for each team to achieve the goal.

#### **GAME DAY**

Mother Nature had the first say on Championship Saturday as wet snow blanketed the Bismarck area before a matchup with Bismarck St. Mary's. In the days before domes and artificial turf, fields like the one at Hughes Junior High played host to the state's biggest game of the year. "I remember waking up that morning with snow on the ground, thinking, 'well, this kind of stinks,'" Wold shares. "The field wasn't great, but the temperature wasn't bad."

Snow needed to be removed from the natural grass field, by whatever means necessary. "I do remember that during pregame warm-ups, one of our players was almost run over by a tractor removing snow," Larson adds with a laugh.

Despite the weather, fans made the trek from Fargo to fill the stands with Deacon Pride. "It was the typical great fan support," Noah reflects. "There was no fan bus or anything, just friends and classmates making the drive because they wanted to be a part of something together."

Mike Wold's parents and siblings were among those who made the road trip. "We had a suburban full of kids," Don Wold remembers. "Our daughter, son, and classmates of theirs all piled in the car."

In the slush (as the November 1983 S.H.A.C.K. reported), the Deacons scored on their opening possession with a 33-yard scamper by Neil Bruns, the first of three of his first half touchdowns. The Deacons led 24-14 at halftime in what was a bit of a see-saw affair. "Once things settled down a bit, that game was a microcosm of the year," Noah remembers. "It was stable, steady, and not too flashy. Eventually we extended our lead."

The Deacon defense buckled down in the second half and won 31-17. The field conditions had deteriorated by the game's end, making for a laundromat's delight.

In the post-game celebration, an impromptu photograph, arguably the most iconic image in Deacon sports history, happened by chance. As the team gathered for photos, Assistant Coach and Mathematics teacher Mel Wahl realized he was out of film. Shanley graduate and long-time theater and sports enthusiast Sandy Thiel stepped in. "I took a

lot of pictures in those days and of course I had an extra roll, so I gave it to Mel and the rest is history," Thiel

remembers. A muddied mass of Seniors converged to produce a frozen moment in time—an image that was displayed prominently at Shanley for years; a symbol of sacrifice, commitment, and reaching a common goal.

What happened next is the straw that stirs this story's drink.

The euphoria of the state championship suddenly carried many red-and-white clad fans northwest to Williston. "So many people in that moment just decided, 'well, let's go to Williston. We must have stopped at a drive-thru somewhere and hit the road," Thiel remembers.

"We won the football game and we planned to go to Williston," Don Wold, a member of the Deacon class of '61 recalls. "Mike and his friend and teammate (Senior) Dave Cagley showered up, jumped in the car and off we went."

The Woldmobile, and others like it, were on the road. "We were all jacked up and we were so confident the girls were going to win, and we were anxious to get there," Don Wold reflects. "The game had already started because I remember listening to it on the radio on the way."

"Just thinking back to that state title game against Bismarck gives me goosebumps," Wehage recalls. "When people came trickling in it almost made me tearful. For all those fans and players to make that extra four-hour drive to Williston. Seeing most of them come in as we were warming up it gave us all an assurance that with this support we were going to win."

"Coming out of the locker room and the football players who had just won made a tunnel for us to run through," Michelle (Altobell) Bianco remembers.

"We had our Shanley jackets, and we walked in the gym after the girls' game had already started and we got a good ovation from those in the gym. That was a special feeling," Mike Wold shares. "We knew the girls couldn't be in Bismarck to watch us, but we could be there for them."

With the game underway, The Deacons trailed by one heading into the fourth quarter. The support of those proved to be the wind in the sails as Shanley outscored Bismarck 17-4 in the final stanza, sweeping its second straight state title 49-37.

The 21-1 season was complete. Two state titles secured.

More memorable photos were taken in the aftermath – basketball and football players combined. After a long day of travel for many, it was safe to say that the hotel industry in Williston had a successful night.

The gym back home in Fargo was packed again a day later as a welcome home celebration was held to hail the conquering heroes and heroines. "Coaches, teachers, parents, classmates, everyone seemed to be there," Rivard reflects. The accomplishment of a completed task painted the school with a pride that has never worn off.

The feat of two state titles in one day was matched by Fargo South in 1992 and West Fargo in 1993. In a move to align with college scholarship timelines and to be consistent with surrounding states, girls' basketball became a winter sport in 2002.

But for one fall, forty years ago, something special happened together. And one memory from those days sums up the entire run of two teams, two titles, and one community who lifted them up.

"That edge of the world song we sang about at that pep rally," Wehage recollected, "it also mentioned, 'the spirit that we found ever since you've been around, your spirit put us on top of the world."





### FOOTBALL



#### **VARSITY FOOTBALL**

**Front Row**: Ian DeVine, Fisher Hannesson, Joe Flaherty, Kaden Christmann, Sam Ovsak, Adam Leininger, Isaac Perkerewicz, Jordan Leininger, Carter Mitchell, Nick Kuehl, Isaac Butler, Luke Rogen, Cam Ahlers, Landon Meier, Boden Meier, Brian Schaan

**Second Row**: Jake Kraft, Luke Motteberg, Gavin Veum, Matt Berg, Max Sornsin, Holden Deutsch, Jackson Nierode, Alisandro Isaac, Andrew Crist, Landon Howe, Layton Rud, Will Hankel, Gabe Walker, Luke Warner, Ethan Nierode

**Third Row**: Brock Carlquist, Derek Boehm, Simon Schwind, Henry Richard, Shawn Kotrba, David Hollcraft, Gabe Danduran, Carson Johnson, Kaden Binek, Jax Mattern, Drew Kadrmas, Briggs Hanson, Carson Busek, Landon Mitchell, Brysen Bloch, Nick Anderson, Joshua Lefor

**Fourth Row**: Mgr. Emily Gietzen, Mgr. Addison Ressler, Mgr. Lucia Ferguson, Brock Syrquin, Zander Anas, Chad Pollock, Ryan Ommen, Joey Jaeger, Kaden Geigle, Eli Emineth, Michael Hollcraft, John Eaton, Austin Flieth, Joey Lepine, Liam Miller, Corban Youngmark, Tyler Wiese, Isaac Madsen

**Back Row**: Coach Anthony Carlquist, Coach Chris Ahlers, Coach Drew Fahrman, Coach Stefan Webber, Coach Peyton Hanzal, Coach Patrick Thiel, Head, Coach Troy Mattern, Coach Cade Busek, Coach Jordan Vadnais, Coach Luke Rustad, Coach Isaac Emineth, Coach Wayne Sargent

Not Pictured: Justin Ajeo, Coach Todd Molden, Coach Chris Prisinzano, Zachary Schmitz

### **ASST. COACHES**



CHRIS AHLERS



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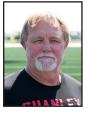
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PATRICK THIEL



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### **TROY MATTERN**

#### **Head Coach**

Coach Troy Mattern and his team are ready to defend their 2022 Class 3A Championship! The Head Football Coach at Shanley since 2017, Coach Mattern has coached high school football for over two decades. In that time, his teams have advanced to the state title game seven times; he has been awarded Coach of the Year four times and has been the head coach of the Shrine and Badlands Bowl games twice each. Originally from Warroad, MN, where he is a member of the high school's Hall of Fame, Coach Mattern graduated from the University of North Dakota, where he was a member of the baseball team. Currently, VP of Operations at Heritage Homes, Coach Mattern and his wife Jamie have four children: twins Lydia and Cooper (2021 Shanley graduates), Jax, and lly.

### **SENIORS**



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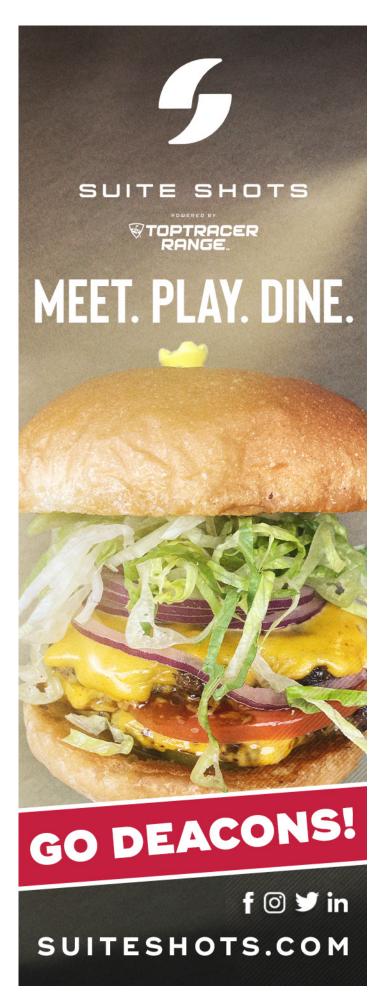
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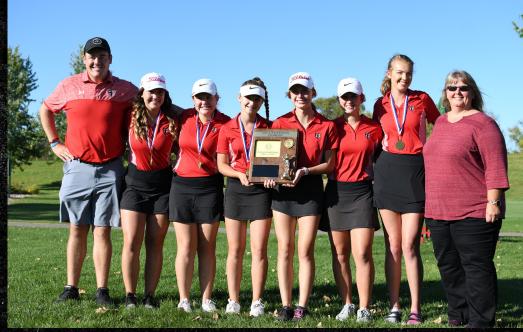












By: Shari Stockmoe, Shanley Athletic Club

**THE UNIVERSITY OF MARY** had been without a men's and women's golf program for over a decade when they announced they would reinstate both programs in Fall 2020. Anna Graveline saw an opportunity.

Anna, a 2020 Shanley graduate, is the daughter of Tim and Jill and has two younger sisters, Elizabeth (Shanley 2024) and Lauren, a sophomore at Shanley. In high school, she participated in golf and soccer.

"I was a two-year golf team captain," Anna says. "Our team took first place at the EDC tournament in 2019." Her 2019 soccer team also won the state championship.

When it was announced the University of Mary would be adding golf, Anna took a chance and reached out to the school. The coach wanted to meet, and when they did, Anna was offered a spot on the team and a scholarship. Anna took that opportunity.

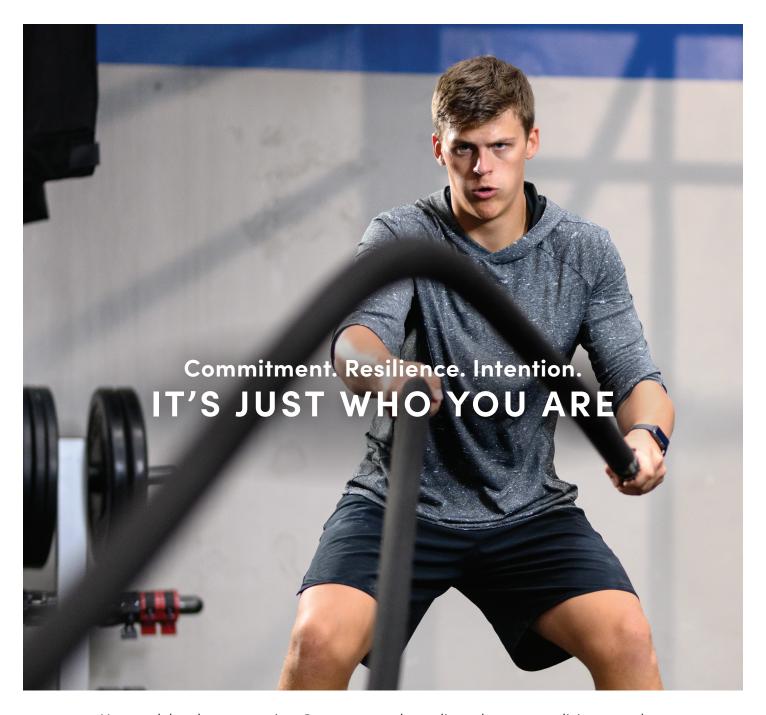
"I chose UMary because of the Catholic education and community, the student population and small class sizes, and the opportunity to continue golf," she says. "I love that golf is both an individual and team sport. You need to be accountable for yourself to keep practicing and improving, but ultimately, your hard work will help your team."

Being part of a new program can be challenging. The program continues to find its footing through coaching changes and rotating teammates.

"Through all of the ups and downs, I have learned to relax and take things as they come," Anna shares. "Not everything will be perfect, and I cannot change that. The most challenging part of golf is the mental side, but it is also the part I have improved the most over my years playing."

Anna is entering her senior season. She will graduate this spring with a degree in Radiologic Technology, but not before golfing one more season and serving as Captain for the second year. The Marauders hope to improve from last season, coming off a school record 7th place finish in the 2023 Northern Sun Women's Golf Championships.

"I am most proud of myself for continuing to work hard for my sport," Anna says as she reflects on her career. "It wasn't always easy, but the time and effort I put in was definitely worth it. Find something you love to do, and work hard at it. Whether you hope to continue your sport in college or just in high school, you will never regret putting time and effort into the things you love."



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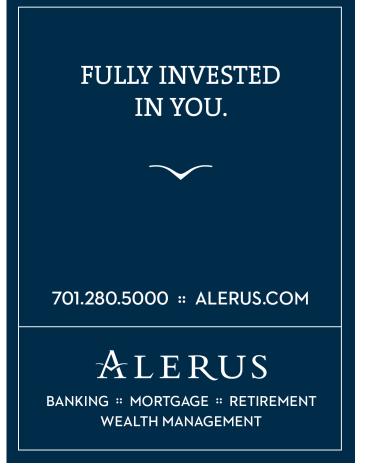
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Front Row: Hannah Kotrba, Ella Stimpson, Brynn McNeally, Clara Robin, Claire Vetter, Paige Renschler

**Back Row**: Coach MacKenzie Van Hoorn, Coach Alexis Bachmeier, Jordyn Paul, Maggie Shorma, Carly Hulstein, Mesiku Hakim, Katelyn Ommen, Coach Maddie Noesen, Coach Taylor Preston

Not Pictured: Brooklyn Bogenreif, Megan Dietz, Sela Roshau

### **SENIORS**



HANNAH KOTRBA



BRYNN McNEALLY



JORDYN PAUL



PAIGE RENSCHLER



MAGGIE SHORMA



CLAIRE VETTER

### VOLLEYBALL



### **ALEXIS BACHMEIER**

#### **Head Coach**

Coach Alexis Bachmeier enters her second season at the helm of the Shanley Deacon Volleyball team. A 2017 Fargo North graduate, Coach Bachmeier continued her volleyball career at NDSU before graduating in 2021 with a business degree. Coach Bachmeier works as a high school Youth Director at First Lutheran Church and is a real estate agent at Trilogy Reality in Fargo. "I'm very excited for this opportunity to coach and mentor young women to find their strength in the Lord," she shares.

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### **C TEAM VOLLEYBALL**

Front Row: Taylor Byrne, Molly Flaherty, Danica Clasen, Molly Kuehl. Kinsley Julik

**Back Row:** Noelle Friederichs, Taya Ressler, Addison Seavert, Megan Dietz, Shya Stockmoe, Anna Strand, Coach Maddie Noesen



### FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL

**Front Row**: Elle Johnson, Kendall Kueneman, Maddie Amundson, Yasmin Zreik, Maya Armstrong, Maggie Schwind

Back Row: Ava Lorsung, Annika Diamond, Coach MacKenzie Van Hoorn, Cambell Evenson, Holly Ovsak

Not Pictured: Katie Kangas



**MARCH 13, 2020.** The Shanley Deacons had earned a trip to the Girls Basketball State Championship game and Reile Payne was as big reason why. Her 27 points and 14 rebounds in the semifinal game gave her team one more game. Reile and her teammates intently waited for the outcome of the other semifinal game that would produce their opponent. They wanted a shot at Devils Lake to avenge their EDC Championship loss. As the game neared completion, a buzz began to fill the arena as phone notifications rang and word began to spread. The North Dakota High School Activities Association had made the decision to suspend play at the 2020 Class A Basketball State Tournament and all remaining winter postseason state tournaments.

It was over. No game tomorrow. No Championship matchup.

"The state championship game being cancelled was a moment that I never want to experience again," Reile shares. "But looking back that experience greatly changed my future."

#### A TRADITION OF WINNING

Deacon athletic success runs deep in the Payne family. Dad Dustin was a 2nd Team All-State basketball player and earned All-Conference honors in football for the Deacons before graduating in 1992. Mom Courtney is a 1998 Shanley graduate and was part of the basketball teams that won back-to-back titles in 1996 and 1997.

For Reile's part, the apple didn't fall far from the tree. In basketball, she helped the Deacons to a state championship in 2016, a runner up finish in 2017, and a Co-State basketball championship in 2020. She was a four-time all-conference selection, earned Second Team All-State honors, was twice named First Team All-State, was nominated for Senior Athlete of the year, and won the 2020 Miss Basketball award.

HOME OF THE BRAYES

On the volleyball court, Reile was equally successful. She was a three-time all-conference performer, was a First Team All-State selection, and was nominated for Senior Athlete of the year.

"My greatest athletic accomplishment at Shanley was winning Miss Basketball," Reile says. "It would not have been possible without all my great teammates and coaches throughout my five years in the program, but it also proved what hard work and dedication really mean and how far it can take you."

And her greatest athletic influence? "My parents," she says. "They have always been there and supported me through and through. I would not have gotten through some of the things I did had they not been there to support me like they do."

#### A LESSON LEARNED

"Going into the state basketball tournament my senior year, I had no intentions of playing college athletics," Reile remembers. "But that game being "postponed" at the time broke my heart in a way I never thought was possible. My high school career was over and more importantly I had just played the last game with my best friends, but I didn't know it at the time. The lesson I took from that experience was, take the leap."

Two days after that last game, Reile committed to play both volleyball and basketball in college. "I did it without telling my parents," she says with a smile. "I was so upset and sad that I didn't get to finish my high school career the way I wanted, that I took the leap and went for college athletics. Taking a leap into something scary and the unknown is truly rewarding if you let it be."

#### **BSC SUCCESS**

Reile committed to Bismarck State College and was ready for the challenge of college, but committing to play two sports? "Honestly, I have no idea how I did it," she says with a smile.

To put it into perspective, playing two sports, not to mention two sports with overlapping seasons, meant Reile played five games a week in addition to practices and completing the coursework required of being a full-time student majoring in Elementary Education. "I don't know what I would have done without my coaches and teammates," she says. "They were always supportive and understood what I was going through and that it wasn't easy."

Taking the leap to BSC turned out to be successful. In basketball she earned all-conference honors and in volleyball her stats speak for themselves. In her three seasons at BSC, Reile had 652 kills, a .206 attacking percentage, 12 assists, 56 service aces, 715 digs, and 84 blocks. She was a two-time First Team All-Conference selection, twice was named First Team All-Region, and earned Region MVP honors. She was also an Honorable Mention All-American selection and twice was named Second Team All-Academic. Reile's BSC Mystics won two conference championships, a regional championship, a district championship, and they made an appearance at the NJCAA National Tournament.

#### **NOT DONE YET**

Reile, who has two years of eligibility remaining, is continuing her volleyball career at Ottawa University. OU is located in Ottawa, KS, about an hour southwest of Kansas City, and the volleyball program has a high pedigree. Over the last decade, OU has won six regular season championships, seven conference tournament championships, eight NAIA national tournament appearances, and five NAIA final site appearances. Reile will fit right in.

"I chose Ottawa because, again I decided to take a leap into a very deep unknown area," Reile shares. "I didn't even know it existed until my coach reached out and I toured. I fell in love with the campus and my coach and decided to take the leap!"

Her athletic career isn't done yet, but to date, Reile is most proud of the fact she never quit. "There were a few times I was ready to turn my jersey in and be done because of numerous things," she confesses. "I am incredibly thankful and proud that I didn't give up when the times were tough because college athletics have been a huge blessing."

#### **TAKE THE LEAP**

Reflecting on all the hours spent in the gym, the good times and the hard times, Reile has some advice for current Deacon athletes.

"It's not always going to be easy and you're not always going to love what you're doing, however it's worth it," Reile says. "All the pressure you might feel, whether from yourself, coaches, wherever it's coming from, it's okay to feel that pressure, but don't let that outweigh and overshadow the blessings that come from putting on a jersey and competing. Sports are a blessing and only last so long. While the end of my career is close, I continuously remind myself to cherish the moment because you just never know when it will end."

"I'm most proud that I never quit when it got hard and I pushed through the difficult times," Reile continues. "Cherish the moments and don't be scared to take the leap into the unknown and try something you might be scared of, because it will usually turn into your biggest blessing.

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### **VARSITY BOYS SOCCER**

Front Row: Ben Tinguely, Jason McAllister, Aiden Fitzgerald, Hayden Braun, Drew Schneider, London Gray, Andrew Kankelfritz

Back Row: Peter Madson, Nathan Andrews, Heney Liebl, Greg Noel, Brock Wild, Charlie Bernhardt, Michael Noack, Peter Noah, Jackson Askew, Nick

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Not Pictured: Cail Astrup

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### **BOYS SOCCER**



### RYAN CHRISTIANSON

#### **Head Coach**

Coach Ryan Christianson leads both the Boys' and Girls' Soccer programs. He has over a decade of soccer coaching experience and has been Shanley Boys' Soccer head coach since 2015. During the 2021-2022 school year, both of Coach Christianson's teams made it to the state championship match, and again during the 2022-2023 school year, both teams advanced to the state tournament, with the boys making it to the championship match again. In fact, during his time at Shanley, Coach Christianson has been a part of seven title games, five as a head coach and two as an assistant. He has received the EDC Coach of the Year award, was named the United Soccer Coaches 2022 North Dakota Coach of the Year for girls' soccer for private/parochial school, and his team has won two EDC conference titles. Coach Christianson is a Positive Behavior Technician at Discovery Middle School in Fargo, and when he's away from the pitch, you can find him enjoying time with his two dogs, Moose and Louie.

### **SENIORS**



**NATHAN ANDREWS** 



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### BOYS SOCCER



### JV BOYS SOCCER (Shanley students in bold)

Front Row: Andrew Bernhardt, Hudson Masseth, Adam Jost, Eli Streitz, Grant Streitz, Oliver Dahl, Zion Tofibam, Simon Schwind

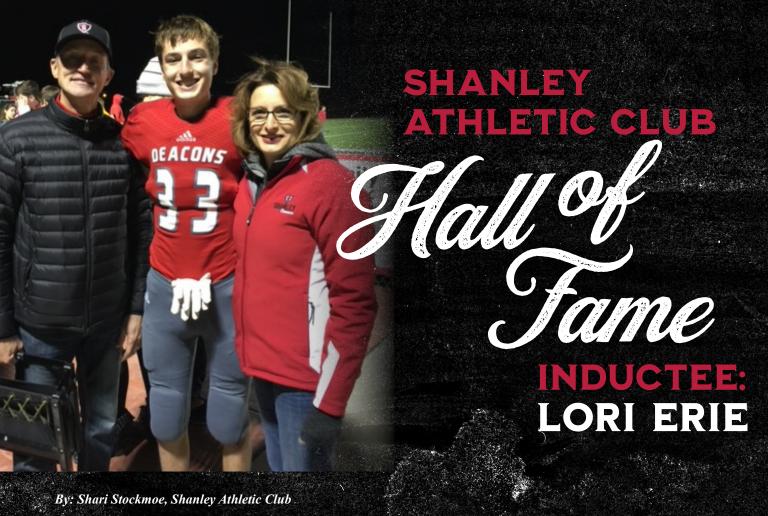
Back Row: Dau Ripo, Ben Qualley, Danik Stevens, Kaden Bennington, Cale Anderson, Max Hofer, Isaac Hass

Not Pictured: Jack Hofer, Zach Skarperud



# CATHOLIC SMILES





**LORI ERIE** is a self-described stay-at-home mom who "isn't very good at staying home," she says with a laugh. Lori's inability to stay at home and her servant's heart are why she is the 2023 Shanley Athletic Club Hall of Fame inductee.

#### **HOW IT STARTED**

Lori and her husband John chose JPII Schools for their kids, Ellen (2016) and Tom (2018), because they wanted an opportunity for their kids to be involved in many things.

"We had a rule that they had to be involved in something every season," Lori says. "Didn't have to be sports, but they had to be in something."

Lori had heard of SAC before. Her uncle was even a board member for some time. While her kids participated in the SAC sponsored Jim Hughes and Murray McManus basketball tournament, she found a reason to contact the board. "I remember they ran out of hot dogs in the concession stand," she shares. "Hot dogs were really the only thing to eat, and then they ran out. I thought we gotta do something with the food here."

Lori offered to take over the concessions stand. She's got it organized and beefed up its options for the next go around. She then reported back to SAC how sales went. They were impressed and asked her to join the board.

"I loved being involved in my kids' schools and activities," Lori confesses. "I'd rather volunteer there than anywhere else."

#### RIPPLE EFFECTS

Lori's volunteer hours are too many to count, but the effects of her involvement are still felt today. In addition to her concession stand duties, she became the coordinator for both SAC sponsored basketball tournaments. When





she spearheaded the membership committee, she inherited boxes of 3-ring binders filled with past years of membership forms. In true organize-loving Lori way, she converted all those forms to a spreadsheet, allowing them to be efficiently used each year. She helped with program ad sales, staff appreciation day, Roger Maris golf tournament, and was key in creating the Deacon Den and expanding its Shanley gear options.

"She's the reason I did SAC," current board member Julie Friederichs says. "I think about the number of people that she recruited by simply saying, 'hey, you know, I think you can...' and we would do it because if Lori thought we could, then we must be able to!"

Outside of SAC, Lori offered her time and talent to JPII Schools through the Shanley auction, chairing the solicitations committee for many years, and was a familiar face during lunch duty.

Julie, again recruited by Lori, also did lunch duty, and was always impressed with her friend. "She just amazed me how she connected with the kids," Julie says. "The kids would share stories with her, and they never had to worry about remembering their lunch number because I think Lori had them all memorized! And Lori was always willing to help when others couldn't fill their shift."

"I can probably still remember some kid's lunch numbers," Lori confirms with a smile.

#### TIME WELL SPENT

"I'm proud of so many things SAC had a hand in, but I think Shanley TV ranks at the top," Lori says." Shanley TV truly meets our mission of taking Deacon athletics to a higher level. It promotes our athletes, allows fans everywhere to watch games, and students who don't participate but love sports can be a part of it too."

And the best part of her time with SAC? "The people," Lori says without hesitation. "The other board members, coaches, and staff were all great. The relationships I gained are what I'm most grateful for."

Lori is a worker. She loves being around people. She hates attention. She brushes off any compliment directed at her, but she deserves many. She is a stay-at-home mom, and SAC and JPII Schools are thankful she wasn't very good at the staying home part!

Thank you, Lori, and congratulations on this much-deserved honor!







### VARSITY BOYS CROSS COUNTRY (Shanley students in bold)

Front Row: Taylan Costello, James Chaffee, Quinn Carroll, Alec Hamm, Joey DeCock, Titus Nelson, Thomas Plant, Cole Foerster

**Middle Row**: Peter Shorma, **Brayden Johnson**, Kemper Edwards, John Biebighauser, Josh Messelt, **Ethan Erickson**, Stuart Nelson, **Jaden Ellsworth, Colin Vink**,

Blake Elmer

**Back Row**: Mgr. **Rachel Andrews**, Coach Eden Legatt, Coach Daniel Savageau, Coach Chris Foerster, Coach Greg Falde, Coach Courtney Banister, Alex Lou, Mgr. **Anna Geffre** 

Not Pictured: Will Sandy, Coach Tommy Conmy

### **ASST. COACHES**



**COURTNEY BANISTER** 



**GREG FALDE** 



**EDEN LEGATT** 



DANIEL SAVAGEAU

### CROSS COUNTRY



### **CHRIS FOERSTER**

#### **Head Coach**

A graduate of Shanley High School, Coach Chris Foerster is currently head cross country coach and co-head track and field coach with Barry Anderson for both the boys' and girls' programs. He has coached at Shanley for 18 years and has proudly grown the cross-country program to a team with 50-60 competitors each season. Coach Foerster was named EDC boys' cross country Coach of the Year in 2005, and in track and field, he has helped numerous state placers in sprints and relays over the years. In 2018, Coach Foerster and Anderson were named girls' EDC and State Class A Coach of the Year. The coaching duo followed that up in 2019, receiving boys' EDC Coach of the Year. A sixth-grade science and STEM teacher at Sacred Heart Middle School, Coach Foerster and his wife Elizabeth, a teacher at Trinity Elementary, have three children: Cole, Miles, and Elsa.



### **VARSITY** GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY (Shanley students in **bold**)

Front Row: Mgr. Anna Geffre, Meg Rogness, Mary Wolf, Mykenna Johnson, Claire Bakke, Kate Nelson, Maci Atchison, Aubree Carlson, Angelina Olivieri, Selah Langenfeld, Mgr. Rachel Andrews

Middle Row: Annika Frueh, Addyson Spaulding, Nora Roney, Odura Isaac, Lily Elbert, Ellika Johnson, Ellie Rogness, Annika Aakre, Madeline Abbott, Kami Dean, Mallory Strand, Claire Roney, Elizabeth Voss, Mara Nielsen

**Back Row:** Coach Chris Foerster, Coach Greg Falde, **Lucy Reisenauer**, **Elle Bernhardt**, **Julia Madson**, **Mia Graham**, Olivia Shorma, **Lucy Grothmann**, **Ruth Michels**, **Shar Koch**, Coach Eden Legatt, Coach Daniel Savageau Coach Courtney Banister

Not Pictured: Coach Tommy Conmy

### **SENIORS**







**MALLORY STRAND** 

# SHANLEY 42 AND 43 CLUB

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Aden Melander
Noel Olsonawski
Sarah Ostlie
Shayna Roach
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The above students graduated having participated in two or three activities for all four years of high school.

The Deacon "42/43 Club" is a recognition program to honor student-athletes that have participated in two athletic activities (42 Club) or three activities (43 Club) each year of their high school career. This is a program that former Athletic Director Michael Breker started at Shanley many years ago and has also been implemented in other area schools. Congratulations to the 2023 Shanley graduates that achieved this recognition!

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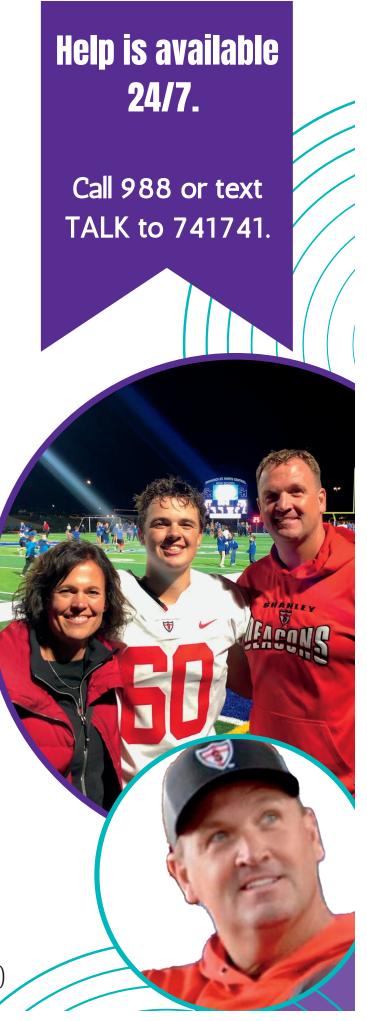
# Close the Gap End the STIGMA

As the 2023-2024 Athletic Season begins, the Boyle Family would like to encourage everyone to take care of your mental health as well as your physical health. It's okay to not always be okay and to talk openly about mental health issues.

Our dad, Russ Boyle, died by suicide on March 10th, 2021, at the age of 46. As a family, we're striving to raise awareness in hopes of preventing others from losing a loved one as we have.

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**Back Row**: Coach Shari McTaggart, Lauren Graveline, Bergin Deutsch, Seely Stockmoe, Vanessa Borr, Leah Meyer, Anika Astrup, Coach Lindsey Astrup, Coach Barry Anderson

### **SENIORS**



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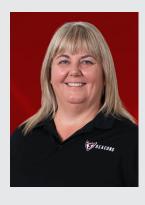


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### GIRLS GOLF



### SHARI McTAGGART

#### **Head Coach**

Coach Shari McTaggart, a Perham, MN native, has led the Shanley Girls' Golf team since 2019. She has coached golf at various levels for over 15 years. Under Coach McTaggart's guidance, the Shanley program has experienced success on various levels, from increasing participation numbers to winning a team Championship in 2020. Coach McTaggart is a business teacher at Shanley and Shanley TV/AV Club advisor, along with fellow teacher Jim Picard. Away from the golf course and classroom, Coach McTaggart enjoys spending time with her husband, Jac, and their three grown children: Torie, an elementary teacher; Carrie, a Campus Recruiting Manager at Eide Baily; and Adam (2018 Shanley Grad), a law enforcement officer. She also enjoys spending time with her 3-year-old granddaughter Aspyn.



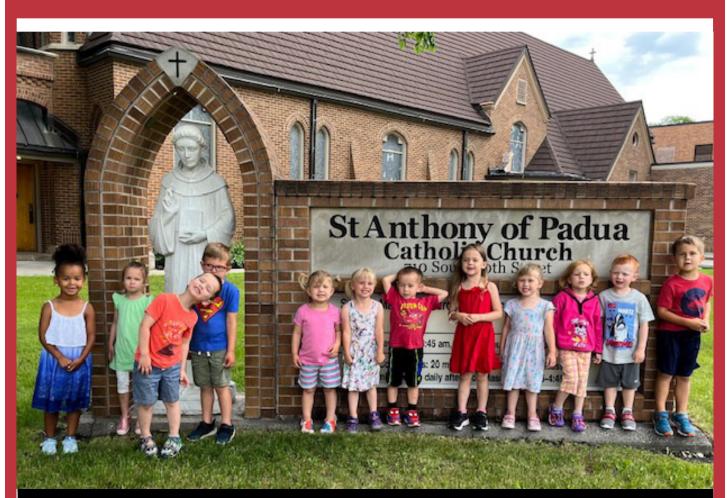
### **JV** GIRLS GOLF

Front Row: Clare Mullally, Alexis Preston, Olivia Dirks

Back Row: Coach Lindsey Astrup, Shay Benson, Emmalise Maher, Liz Biver, Izzy Tillisch, Clara Stumpf, Natasha Gitau,

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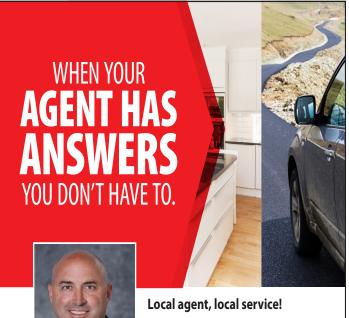




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### **VARSITY** BOYS TENNIS (Shanley students in **bold**)

Front Row: Coach Charlie Perhus, Ivan Reindl, Jack Wolf, Jack Bier, Jeffrey Jung, Coach Dave Drenth

Back Row: Owen Froslie, Ryan Saunders, Luke Swenson, Jack Stumpf, Santiago Buisan

### **SENIORS**



MALACHI DALTON



OWEN FROSLIE



LUCAS GIETZEN



JACK STUMPF



JACK WOLF



### **CHARLIE PERHUS**

#### **Head Coach**

Coach Charlie Perhus enters his first season at the helm of the Boys' Tennis team. While it's his first year as head coach, Coach Perhus is no stranger to Shanley tennis. He graduated in 2018 and qualified for the tennis state tournament three times as a doubles team with his doubles partner Ben Traynor. Coach Perhus serves on the board of Junior Achievement North, an organization that helps teach kids about professional skills and financial literacy. He is a promotional consultant with S&S Promotional Group in Fargo, assisting businesses with branded merchandise and corporate wearables. In his free time, Coach Perhus loves spending time with his family and two dogs, Vinny and Levi.

**ASST. COACHES** 









### JV BOYS TENNIS (Shanley students in **bold**)

Front Row: Micah Werth, Michael Sandin, Gabriel Hauff, Sota Pierce, Caleb Dahl, Ryan Brock, Jacob Guerrero, Jack Pfaff, Mauer Gudding, Colin Hebert, Henry Glynn, Nash Armour

Middle Row: Griffin Lee, Alex Buisan, Leif Juhl, Malachi Dalton, Isaac Beauchamp, Mark Wanner, Pierce Thomsen, Corey Grossman, Max Glynn, Lucas Gietzen, Carter Wendelbo, Logan Duffy, Ethan Bradley, Ben Jost

**Back Row**: Coach Damien O'Donnell, Ahmed Al-Saegh, Elliott Sjurseth, **Noah Johnson**, **Nolan Snyder**, **Kevin Johnson**, Jack Bilstad, Micah Johnson, Noah Sjurseth, Jonah Reindl, **Aiden Och**, Logan Castagna, Coach Raquel Egge

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After each High School Season, the Eastern Dakota Conference (EDC), and Western Dakota Association (WDA) coaches vote on All-Conference and All-Tournament Teams, and Senior Athlete of the Year for their respective conference. All-Conference honors are presented following the Conference Championship. The All-State and All-Tournament Teams, as well as Senior Athlete of the Year, are announced following the State Championship game in each respective sport. The Shanley Athletic Club is proud of the following All-Conference, All-State, and Senior Athlete of the Year Recipients.

### SENIOR ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Ella Frisk - Girls Soccer (EDC Senior Athlete of the Year)

### ALL-STATE

#### **BASEBALL**

Adam Leininger Jordan Leininger

#### **SOCCER 1ST TEAM**

Ella Frisk Mia Metzger

#### **SOCCER 2ND TEAM**

**Aubrey Dew** 

### ALL-CONFERENCE

#### **BASEBALL**

Adam Leininger Jordan Leininger Landon Meier Tommy Simon

#### **GIRLS SOCCER**

Molly Flaherty Ella Frisk Mia Metzger

#### **GIRLS TENNIS**

Madeline Abbott Mary Wolf

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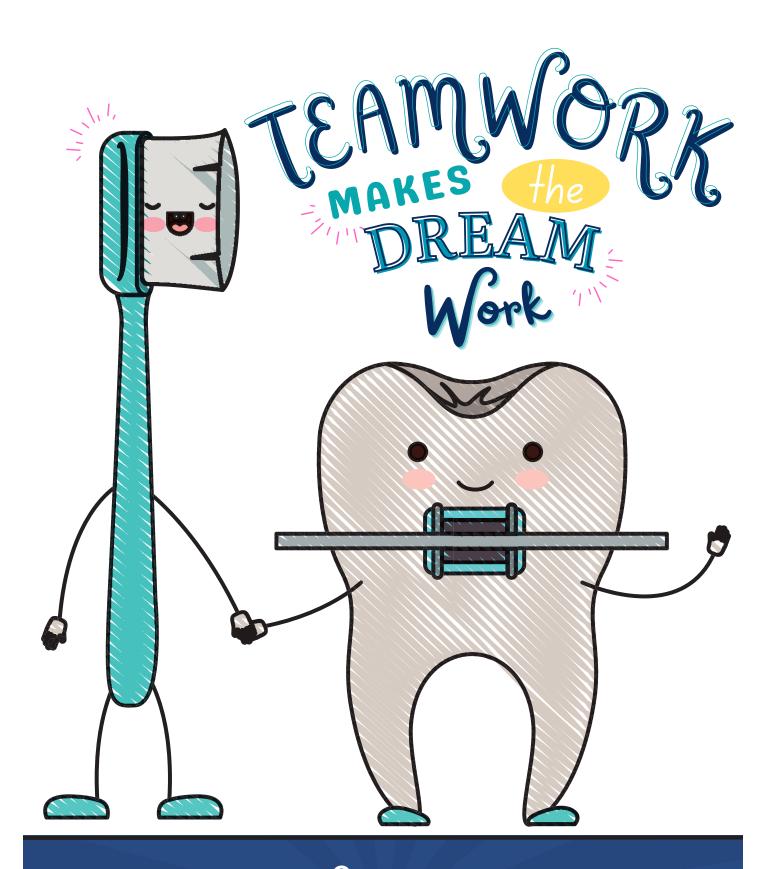
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### GIRLS SWIM & DIVE



### VARSITY GIRLS SWIM & DIVE (Shanley students in bold)

Front Row: Mgr. Allison Ries, Hadley Christianson, Alexa Heckaman, Noelle Richard, Payton Hanson, Alexis Appletoft, Brooklyn Hanson, Mgr. Maddy Kilzer

**Back Row**: Joley Christianson, **Sunisha Tangpong**, **Kendall Jones**, Nora Andrist, Annika Johnson, **Nashatawn Tangpong**, Isla Rogne

Not Pictured: Arianna Hoff, Greta Kegel

### SENIOR MGR



**ALLISON RIES** 

### **ASST. COACH**



DANI HECKAMAN



### JACKIE SNYDER Head Coach

Coach Jackie Snyder has led the Shanley Swim and Dive team since 2019. A Moorhead native, Coach Snyder graduated from the University of Minnesota in Morris, where she was a swim team member. Coach Snyder earned EDC Coach of the Year in 2020 and 2022. She is also an assistant coach

for the NLSA Marlins, a club swim

team based in Moorhead. A high school science teacher at Moorhead High School, Coach Snyder and her husband, Chris, live in Moorhead with their three children, Carter, Amelia, and Henry, and two dogs, Kylo and Obi.





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# SHANLEY ATHLETIC CLUB IMPACT REPORT

2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

### **OUR MISSION**

Taking Deacon Athletics to a Higher Level

### **OUR PURPOSE**

Promote volunteerism and to provide funding for the JPII student athletic needs that go above and beyond the JPII budget.

### **OUR MEMBERS**

Thank you to our generous members! Shanley Athletic Club had 153 memberships in 2022-2023.

### **MAKE AN IMPACT**

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### **OUR EVENTS & INITIATIVES**

**Deacon Den** Store providing Shanley Deacon apparel.

**Back to School BBQ** Served 425 in 2022; provided Freshman students graduation year t-shirts; held program introducing all fall athletic & cheer teams.

**Jim Hughes/Murray McManus Basketball Tournament** 60 girls & boys teams participated in this January 2023 tournament.

**Teacher Appreciation** Provided Thank You cards to Shanley & Sacred Heart teachers for their support.

**Sponsor Appreciation Spring Social** Sponsors, coaches, athletes, and parents gathered to introduce the Winter/Spring teams & enjoyed a treat.

**Roger Maris Golf Tournament** Supported this event with two Shanley tents set up to grill brats.

**Fall, Winter & Spring Programs** Printed & mailed to all JPII families, advertisers & members. Programs include ad sales, featured articles, and pictures of the respective season's athletic teams.

**Hall of Fame** Celebrated the 2022 induction of Justin Paulson into the Shanley Athletic Club Hall of Fame at our Back to School BBQ.

**Concession Stand** Secured supples and built new improved and larger outdoor concession stand.

\*NEW\* Raffle Implemented a new successful Raffle in 2022/2023 to increase funding to support Shanley Athletics.

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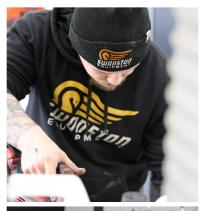
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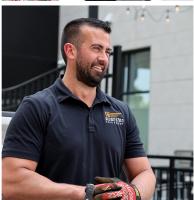


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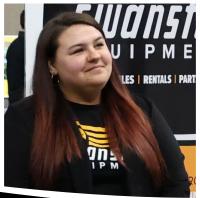
















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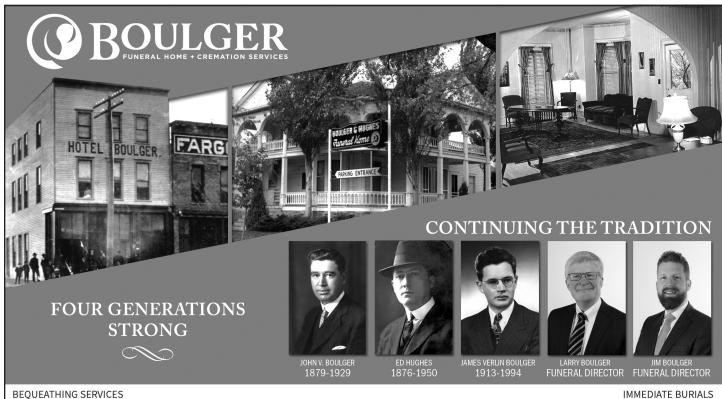


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Front Row: Mairyn Freeman, Nissi Martin

Middle Row: Brooklynn Greening, Josie Paul, Leah Olson

Back Row: Grace Madsen, Rachel Seefeldt

Not Pictured: Anny Bendecta Nshuti







### CHEERLEADING



### **CARRIE BRAZIER**

**Head Coach** 

A Glyndon, MN native and former cheerleader, head Cheerleading Coach Carrie Brazier is in her 13th year leading the Shanley Deacons. Coach Brazier is on the North Dakota Cheer Coach Association board of directors and is a nurse in the Birthing Center at Essentia Health. Coach Brazier and her husband, Billy, stay on their toes with daughters Brighton and Baker and son Breckin.

### **SENIORS**



**BROOKLYNN GREENING** 



**LEAH OLSON** 



JOSIE PAUL



RACHEL SEEFELDT

NOT PICTURED: ANNY BENDECTA NSHUTI

### SHANLEY SCHOOL SONG

Forward for Shanley High,
Never give up and don't say die.
We will cheer our team to victory.
We will keep our spirits high.
U! RAH! RAH!
Forward for Shanley High,
We will fight to win this game.
We will FIGHT, FIGHT,
and we will CHEER, CHEER,
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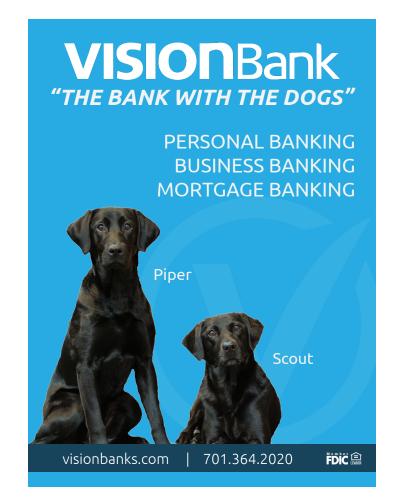
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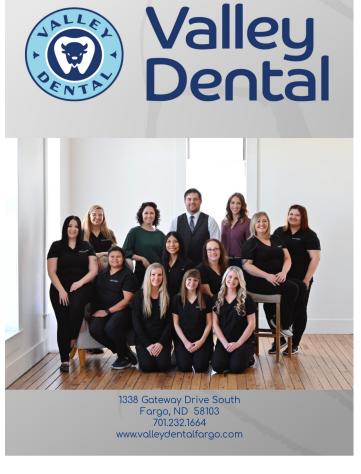
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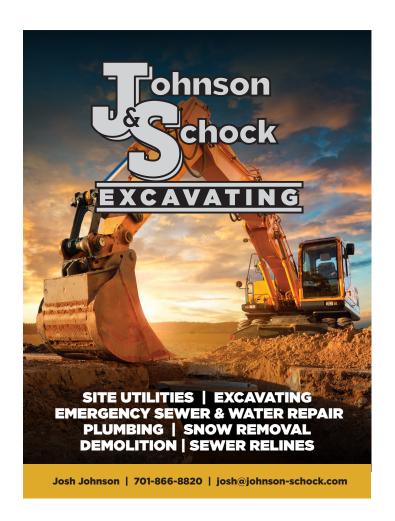


**Back Row**: Coach Cory Marquardt, Owen Froslie, Kaden Binek, Henry Liebl, Lucas Gietzen, Joseph Kotrba, Cale Anderson, Shawn Kotrba, Coach Chad Engels.

Front Row: Corban Youngmark, Jax Mattern, Brock Syrquin, Hunter Larson, John Eaton, Chad Pollock, Ryan Olsonawski

Not Pictured: Joey Lepine, Aaron Olsonawski, Andrew O'Neill, Jack Stumpf, Jack Wolf









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### **MISSION STATEMENT**

To inspire excellence by teaching the total person and fostering the following of Christ, as taught by the Catholic Church.

### THE SHIELD

#### THE DEACONS

Our nickname, "Deacons," was adopted in the fall of 1934 for the teams of Sacred Heart Academy, forerunner of Shanley High School, and has been used ever since.

It is especially fitting for Catholic schools, since it is derived from the Greek and literally means "servants" or "those who serve" (Acts 6). The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that Jesus "made Himself the 'Deacon' or servant of all" (CCC 1570).

In light of our schools' mission, identity, and nickname, we expect our students to excel in serving God and neighbor.



### THE SHIELD

The Shanley Shield first appeared on football helmets in the fall of 1973. It was designed by Shanley art teacher Sr. Mary Virginia Deibert, PBVM with the help of her art students.

The shield signifies strength. The cross of Christ is centered on the shield as it is the center of our Catholic faith. The "S" represents "Shanley" high school, named for Bishop John Shanley (1852-1909), who served as first bishop of the Fargo Catholic Diocese.

Graduation from Shanley High School is the capstone for the St. John Paul II Catholic Schools student experience as Deacons.





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