Caitlin Smith ’05
While at Saint Joseph Academy, Caitlin Smith ’05 ran track and cross country and played basketball. She earned 10 letters and was a track state qualifier on three occasions. Caitlin earned All-Ohio honors in track in 2004 and remains the school record holder in the 800 meter run. During her Junior and Senior years, she served as the track and field team captain. Caitlin also helped lead the cross country team to a district title, regional runner-up finish and a trip to the state meet in 2004.
Caitlin continued her running career at the Loyola University Chicago, where she earned All-Horizon League Honors and graduated with bachelor’s degrees in journalism and theology.
Running helped Caitlin’s education, professional life and relationships with family and friends. She shared that Saint Joseph Academy taught her that faith is key and can be difficult, yet making efforts towards deepening faith allows us to view the world from other angles.
Caitlin is a producer for Above Average in New York, a digital entertainment company which makes comedy programming. She is the daughter of Celeste Kaloczi Smith ’78.

Alex Miles Stiffler ’06
Alex spent four years competing in track and cross country at Saint Joseph Academy. She enjoyed the opportunity to compete with teammates who became best friends and hone her abilities under coach and Science teacher Mr. Fred Kieser, whom she regards as a world-class coach.
Alex earned eight letters and qualified for state seven seasons. She earned All-District and All-Region honors five times and achieved All-Ohio status with an 11th place finish at the state cross country meet her Junior year.
She helped lead the cross country team to a district and regional title in 2002, along with a 4th place finish at state. She played an instrumental role in the cross country team’s district title in 2003 and 2004 and currently holds the third-fastest time in school history.
In track, Alex was a member of a 4x800 relay team, competing at the state meet three times. She was also a member of relay teams that still hold school records in the 4x800, 4x1600 and the distance medley.
She was team captain for cross country in 2005 and for track and field in 2005 and 2006.
Alex continued her running career at the University of Dayton, winning the Atlantic 10 Cross Country Team Championship. She graduated with a bachelor’s degree in public relations and a master’s degree in communications. She works as a senior marketing strategist at University Hospitals in Cleveland.
She recalls the community of support and camaraderie among students, teachers, coaches and staff at Saint Joseph Academy that gave her strength and a sense of purpose.

Laura Hageman Cobb ’00
Laura played softball, basketball and volleyball at Saint Joseph Academy and lettered in all three sports.
At Saint Joseph Academy, Laura developed a love for volleyball, largely thanks to her coach, Ms. Lori Longo. During her senior year, Laura was named Honorable Mention All-Ohio, First-Team All-District, Team Most Valuable Player and The Plain Dealer Player of the Week.
She continued her volleyball career at Ohio University where she was named Mid-American Conference Player of the Year in 2002 and 2003. As a Senior, she was named...
National Player of the Week and Mid-American Conference Tournament MVP and earned Honorable Mention All-American as she led her team to the NCAA Tournament for the first time in Ohio University’s history. During her Junior and Senior years, Laura was also named to the Mid-American Conference All-Academic Team.

She graduated cum laude with a degree in community health services and went on to play volleyball throughout Europe. Laura continued her education, earning a diploma in Nursing (RN) and a bachelor’s degree in nursing. In August, she will graduate with her master’s in Nursing, with a focus as a Family Nurse Practitioner. She works as a nurse in the Medical Intensive Care Unit at Cleveland Clinic Main Campus and is completing clinical time in a pediatric practice and a family medicine practice. She has competed in road races, triathlons, has completed marathons, Ironman triathlons and 50-mile trail races.

She remembers Saint Joseph Academy as an environment that instilled in her the confidence, faith and ability to pursue and achieve whatever goal she had set.

Leslie Douglas Frye ‘86†
Leslie played volleyball, basketball and softball at the Varsity level for three years. In 1986, she was awarded the Greater Cleveland Catholic Girls Athletic Conference Most Valuable Player Award for basketball after earning an All-Star selection. She was frequently featured as The Plain Dealer Player of the Week.

Leslie played on the women’s basketball team at Kenyon College. In her senior year, she served as captain, was selected Most Valuable Player and was elected to the All-Conference Team.

She graduated from Kenyon in 1990 with a bachelor’s degree in English. She served on development staffs at Wittenberg University and Marietta College and became an assistant dean of development at Ohio University.

In 1993, Leslie was diagnosed with cancer. She became active in cancer-awareness activities, speaking to groups and walking in events to draw attention to the disease. Her ability to look beyond herself and encourage others was an attitude she brought both to battling cancer and playing sports.

According to her family, Leslie’s success in all areas of her life could be attributed back to the values she learned at Saint Joseph Academy. She handled loss and adversity with strength and grace, aptly reflecting the caliber of her character as well as her athleticism.

Leslie passed away in June 1998. The family established the Leslie Douglas Frye ’86 Endowed Memorial Scholarship, an award recognizing a student who demonstrates leadership, shows a strong sense of caring and responsibility, maintains high grades and participates in at least two Varsity sports.

Leslie’s Saint Joseph Academy legacy lives on through her three sisters, all of whom are graduates—Leigh Douglas Fox ’87, Stephanie Douglas Gargiulo ’88, and Tobey Douglas Hanna ’94, as well as her nieces Emma Fox ’18, Elly Hanna ’20 and Abigail Hanna ’21 and other future Jaguars.

Clare Corrigan Woidke ’81
Clare played three sports during the early years of Varsity team sports at Saint Joseph Academy—basketball, softball and volleyball, earning a combined nine letters.

She was captain of the basketball team for three years. As a Sophomore, she helped lead the team to the Greater Cleveland Catholic Girls Athletic Conference (GCGAC) West Division Title and was named a conference All-Star. She earned the All-Star designation two more times, was named All-Ohio Honorable Mention all three years and was named an Ohio Northeast District All-Star for two years.

Clare played four years of softball and was team captain during her Junior and Senior years. She was named a GCGAC All-Star for those two years and during her senior year, was selected as the GCGAC League Most Valuable Player (MVP), marking the first MVP conference award given to any Saint Joseph Academy athlete.

She also played two years of volleyball and was team captain.

“At Saint Joseph Academy, I gained confidence in myself and felt comfortable seeing what I could do. I think it was because of the environment of the school,” Clare reflects. “The Sisters, the teachers and the coaches encouraged us to really push ourselves, and my friends and I really grew as a result.”

Clare attended Georgetown University, playing basketball for one year before electing to pursue other interests. She graduated with a bachelor’s degree in English and later earned a master’s degree in Nonprofit Management from Case Western Reserve University. She works for MJM Services, an association management firm in Cleveland.

Clare comes from a proud family of Saint Joseph Academy alumnae, including three sisters—Mary Ann Corrigan-Davis ’71, Eileen Corrigan Smoot ’74, and Catherine (Kate) Corrigan Tompkins ’87, a niece Megan Corrigan Estes ’01 and a niece who is currently attending Saint Joseph Academy, Cecilia Tompkins ’19.

Previous Athletic Hall Of Fame Award Recipients

2011
Mary Dienes Bender †
Beth Grzybowski-Litten ’99
Linda Ensign Guentert ’79
Jamie Jimenez ’80
Don Kostell †
Maryann Marek

2013
Brigid Arbezniak Radigan ’97
Maureen Fallon Adler ’79
Tressa Satanek Kemper ’91
2000 OHSAA State Qualifying Cross Country Team:
Vanessa Georgeson ’01
Rachel Misur ’02
Miranda Forac Porteius ’03
Jennie Stockdale ’01
Brigid McGhugh Szempla ’02
Sheila Peters Vance ’01
Sarah Welch ’03

2015
Larry Chernauskas
Mary Moloney Sever ’05
Sarah Lehan Walsh ’05
Lindsay Wolff ’05
† = deceased