

As we began the process of searching for this year's SCS Distinguished Alumni Award recipient, we pondered St. Catherine of Siena School's current mission which is to provide a community of faith that fosters academic excellence and a foundation for a Christ-centered life. While many candidates were reviewed and considered, the recipient of the 2020 award is a true beacon of faith who has dedicated her life to teaching some of our littlest students not only the fundamentals of reading, writing and arithmetic, but of how to be kind, patient and faith-filled. Jan Henry Singletary graduated from SCS in 1979 and has been an integral part of its community ever since. In fact, she's been quoted in a recent Facebook post saying, "In case you didn't know... I bleed blue & gold! Proud to be part of this (SCS) community for most of my life."

After leaving SCS to continue her Catholic education at Seton Academy and earn her degree in education, Jan returned to SCS as a teacher and has been among our faculty for over 30 years. Mrs. Jan, as she is known to hundreds of students (and parents), is a faithful St. Catherine of Siena parishioner and she also spent many years as an SCS parent. Her 3 daughters followed in her footsteps graduating as proud SCS Gators!

Her love and commitment to SCS is clearly demonstrated year after year (even after her girls were no longer students) by her and her husband, Craig's tireless efforts during the annual SCS Parish Fair. If you've ever purchased a Fair raffle ticket, enjoyed a fair hamburger or taken a chance on a basket in the Basket Booth, thank Jan (& Craig) Singletary! They continue to donate the printing of the thousands of fair raffle tickets, help manage the Snack Bar at the fair as they have for 20 years and Jan continues to wrangle faculty members to staff the Basket Booth during fair weekend as she has for at least 10 years.

It's not only the fair and school that reap the benefits of Jan's dedication to her alma mater. The St. Catherine Parish CYO and the Knights of Columbus are among the groups that Jan

and her husband, Craig, serve as true disciples of Christ. Jan coaches CYO volleyball and cabbage ball – leading them to many championships over the years. Jan also assists Craig as he ministers to our community as a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Lastly and most importantly, Jan is always ready to serve her family, students, parents, school, church and community however she is called upon to help. She is the embodiment of what our patron saint taught – “Be Who God Created You to Be and You Will Set the World on Fire.” This community certainly would be missing some if it’s fire without Jan’s passion and love.

So, without further ado... on behalf of Archbishop Aymond and Superintendent Houston. We are privileged and honored to award Jan Singletary the 2020 SCS Distinguished Alumni Award.