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Dear Alumni and Friends,



This is an exciting time to be part of the St. Mary's Ryken community as we culminate the celebration of our 35th anniversary year with graduation of 173 seniors from the class of 2016!

During the past 35 years, we have been dedicated to serving as stewards of the Xaverian Brothers' charism, of their educational ministry. Our shared sense of these spiritual gifts responds to the call of what Xaverian Schools are called to be, and in this 2016 edition of Connections, you will find many examples of some of these gifts—enduring personal relationships, the sense of Christian stewardship and a demanding educational program. These qualities are part of the core philosophy and traditions of Xaverian Brothers Sponsored schools.

The stories and images throughout the magazine help to demonstrate the core spiritual gifts of the Xaverian charism and the Xaverian qualities that guide us day to day: Humility, Trust, Zeal, Compassion, and Simplicity. Student and faculty service projects, our enhanced Scholars Program, advances with use of technology in the classrooms, and our spiritual direction program showcase that our community is formed around these qualities.

I'm also very excited to share with you that after months of planning, involving hundreds of key stakeholders, we are launching the St. Mary's Ryken High School Capital Campaign: Vision, Belief, Pride! The first priority of the campaign will be the construction of a new Student Activity Complex. The Student Activity Complex will provide modern, spacious facilities for various school, community and

sports activities, to include a gymnasium, locker rooms, training rooms, concessions, gathering spaces, a stage, an outdoor patio, and common area for students. We will keep you updated over the coming months about the development of the project, which is slated for completion in 2018.

In the coming school year, I invite you to attend St. Mary's Ryken events and visit our website to stay informed about student success stories, athletic and alumni events, and your SMR community. I look forward to seeing you on campus.

God Bless,

Mary Joy Hurlburt
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Grandparents Visit St. Mary's Ryken!

We were thrilled to host the grandparents of our freshman students. Smiles all around! Thank you to all grandparents for the support and love you provide to St. Mary's Ryken students.



Daniel Keith and his grandmother



Mary, Colin and Lily Thomas with their grandparents

Scholarship Day

Through the continued generosity of alumni, parents and friends, St. Mary's Ryken is able to offer merit-based scholarships and tuition assistance to academically talented students. Thank you for your support of our students and Catholic education. Pictured here are some photos of St. Mary's Ryken scholarship award winners and the generous scholarship fund donors.

To learn more about how to set up an academic scholarship, please call the Advancement Office at 301-475-7679.



Above: Camryn Morris, Elizabeth Morgan, Anastasia Kopan, Joyce Gabrelcik, Krista Schmidt, Christina Ramos and Thomas Showalter; Left: Susan Mudd-Vogel (SMR '85), Ciara Ward, Carolyn Buffington and Victor Bonilla





St. Mary's Ryken Teacher, Misty Frantz, Wins Award for Technology in the Classroom

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By: Gretchen Phillips, SMR Class of 2000

With a one-to-one student to iPad ratio at St. Mary's Ryken High School, it's not unusual to see technology incorporated in the classroom.

The way it is incorporated in English teacher Misty Frantz's classes, though, earned her the nod for Maryland Outstanding Educator Using Technology award by the Maryland Society of Educational Technology.

The one-to-one iPad program is in its fourth year for the 710 students at the

Catholic high school in Leonardtown, and Frantz said the use of iPads was a springboard to various ways to use technology in education. In her classes, for example, students use Twitter to communicate with authors, use Instagram to communicate with classmates about books and use applications

to design movie posters in connection to a book they have recently read.

According to information provided by the school, each year the Maryland Society of Educational Technology honors leaders and teachers for their outstanding use of innovative and effective practice of



Misty Frantz, SMR teacher for 7 years

Earlier this year, students used technology to design and write their own children's books. Once completed, they took their books to Lexington Park Elementary School to read to students.

Frantz said technology helps to level the playing field as it hits on different student talents.

"It's not just a kid writing a paper anymore," she said, adding that while the student will still do the writing part, he or she can also use technology as a tool to show their knowledge of the subject matter by creating a poster or participating in a discussion blog.

Frantz said the use of technology in teaching and learning is taking place in all classes at St. Mary's Ryken in some form or another.

Frantz said the use of Google Docs, where people can create and share online documents, revolutionized her classroom.

"They can be writing, and I can be correcting it in real time," she said, noting that before, students would turn in an assignment and maybe a week later they would get it back with notes and corrections.

Dean of Academics Brad Chamberlain said he has seen the various uses of technology in all subjects. He said he's seen students make and edit movies for a history class and create raps to help learn different math formulas.

Frantz said technology doesn't have to be the only tool but it does "connect to the world that [students] were born into and the world that they're going to compete in."

Using technology in the classroom, Frantz said, is "probably one of the most important things you can be doing at this stage in the society that we live in."

educational technology. Frantz was nominated by SMR's principal, Rick Wood. Wood said the first two years of the one-to-one iPad program focused on the productivity piece of the iPads for organization and note-taking.

He said the last two years have concentrated on how iPads and technology change teaching and learning.

"Misty is an awesome example," he said, adding that the teacher has "redefined the way that she teaches and the way that the students are learning in the classroom."

Winners of the technology award are recognized at a conference and move on to the national award process for the International Society of Technology Educators.

True Sandoval, 17, said students in Frantz's AP language and composition class are constantly on their iPads working on a project. "She's always incorporating technology into our lessons and uses it as an outlet to learn the material," Sandoval said.

This week students were using an application to create their own books based on an essay.

Gretchen Phillips

Gretchen Phillips is a SMR graduate of the Class of 2000. She studied journalism at Edinboro University of



Pennsylvania and went on to pursue a career with community news reporting, landing her first job at *The Calvert Recorder* in 2005. Since then, Gretchen has remained a staff writer for Southern Maryland Newspapers, a part of APG Media of Chesapeake. She has covered education and various beats for the *Recorder*, the *Maryland Independent* and is currently the education reporter at *The Enterprise*.

Over the years, she has volunteered with various organizations including Big Brothers Big Sisters and helped out on several different youth soccer teams. She enjoys spending time with family and friends, and making birthday cakes for her nieces and nephew.



SMR students and faculty greeted Pope Francis outside the Papal Nunciature. Pictured from left: Kayla Collins, Adriana Facchina, Thomas Showalter, Gabrielle Moore, Chris Feist, Kendall Murphy, Joseph Brown, Emily Rawson, Christine Jaffurs, Christopher Matthias, Stephen Schwartz and Madisson Wood.

St. Mary's Ryken Students #WalkWithFrancis

During the pope's recent visit to Washington, D.C., St. Mary's Ryken students were in the crowd to welcome him around the city. The event and sightings of Pope Francis were both enlightening and life-changing for our students.

Student Selfies Received National Attention

Thanks to the exposure from social media posts, XBSS Stewards Christopher Matthias, Stephen Schwartz and Madisson Wood made national attention with their Pope Francis selfies. The students were interviewed on television by MSNBC and NBC Channel 4.

Stephen Schwartz's selfie after meeting Pope Francis

Students Reflect on Meeting Pope Francis

Kayla Collins (SMR '16)

"We got on the bus long before the sunrise and arrived at our bus stop, bags under our eyes and smiles on our faces. It was the day we had been awaiting for weeks; we were going to see the pope. We knew that the chances of seeing him up close were slim, but we were buzzing with excitement just to be in his presence. Our guide motioned us forward, sat us on our shuttle bus, and we were on our way.

As we walked towards the embassy, we saw two gated-off sections; one on the front lawn, and another on the sidewalk across the street. It wouldn't seem likely that 11 students from a small high school in Southern Maryland would end up in arm's length of Pope Francis, and yet, there we were.

Excitement grew as we stood waiting to see the Holy Father emerge from the embassy, chanting words of praise. The sunlight spilled over the front lawn as it rose, and the more security moved around, the more excited we became. Suddenly, the doors to the embassy flew open, and all of the time spent waiting felt as if it had flown by. There he was, smiling and waving, already moving towards the crowd on the lawn. We were awestruck, completely filled with the love and peace of Pope Francis' presence. If that had been the only thing we experienced that day, we all would have been completely content, but then we saw the pope making his way towards us.

Suddenly, Pope Francis was there, smiling at us and shaking our hands. "Pray for me," he said multiple times. The joy we felt at that moment was immeasurable, but we will hold it in our hearts forever. The chance to meet Pope Francis was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, and the chance to go with our XBSS family was a blessing that we will be eternally thankful for."

Christopher Matthias (SMR '16)

"Meeting Pope Francis was very special to me. Seeing him in person is something I will never forget. After I encountered him, I felt this sudden urge to grow more in my faith. I didn't realize he would have this lasting effect on me to grow in my faith. Just being in the presence of Pope Francis made a huge impact on me."

Emily Rawson (SMR '16)

"Meeting Pope Francis was exhilarating. We hadn't really known what to expect, but we could feel the excitement building as time went on, and then when Pope Francis actually came outside, it was

incredible. You could just feel this tangible joy in the air. I smiled so much that day, and I couldn't stop smiling. It was one of those moments where you knew you were in the presence of someone amazing, someone holy and alive in Christ. It was a day I'll never forget, a day I'll always be so grateful to have experienced."

Stephen Schwartz (SMR '16)

"The day we went to Washington, D.C., as XBSS Stewards is one that I will remember for the rest of my life. It was a surreal experience and truly one of the best days of my life."

Waiting to see Pope Francis on the lawn of the U.S. Capitol, SMR students met Ann Marie Doory, a '72 St. Mary's Academy alum. Ann Marie was a member of the Maryland House of Delegates for 24 years!



Top row, from left: Cameron Dziekiewicz, Sheryce Gabriel, Patrick Bouchard, Sydney Armitage, Michaela Guy, Ann Marie Doory and Rebecca Jerome. Bottom row, from left: Abigail Wood and Theresa Matthias.



Students and Faculty Participate in 43rd Annual March for Life Rally

Even though schools were closed and the weather was snowy, St. Mary's Ryken students hopped on buses to Washington, D.C., for the March for Life Rally, Mass with Cardinal Wuerl and the 43rd annual March for Life to the U.S. Supreme Court. Despite the snow, there were thousands of youth, including many students from Southern Maryland and from all over the United States.

Pictured, from left: Christian Jewell (math teacher, SMR '10), Josh Kim (SMR '19), Mikaela Bailey (SMR '16), Jacob O'Hara (SMR '17), Patrick Bouchard (SMR '16), Patrick Schwartz (SMR '19), John Olon (theology department chair), Joan Stevens (theology teacher) and Rachel Seep (SMR '19).

Andrea Baker Found Joy Through Service Hours

Andrea Baker (SMR '17) first started playing music for Cedar Lane Senior Living Community in Leonardtown, Maryland, and the Center for Life Enrichment in Hollywood, Maryland, as a way to obtain service hours for her school requirement. But as time went on, she found that by playing music for the residents, she was able to develop a bond with them because not only was she enjoying playing, she was helping them to enjoy music as well. Whenever Andrea volunteers to play music for the residents, it's enjoyable for everyone!



Andrea Baker played guitar during a recent visit to the Center for Life Enrichment.

Service in the Community— Inspiring Lives of Service

Every day our Catholic community is full of hope and compassion. And nowhere is that hope more evident than with our students—in their daily achievements, in their relationships with God, and for their future—that they become respectful, giving members of their communities and find strength in their spiritual lives.

Throughout the school year, the St. Mary's Ryken community is constantly showing mercy for others in difficult situations. Students have opportunities to participate in service activities through Campus Ministry-sponsored programs and through club memberships.

Some 2015–16 service activities include:

In November, National Honor Society students donated 110 homemade baked goods to the military personnel at **Naval Air Station Patuxent River** who worked on Thanksgiving. The NHS also sponsored a tree for the annual **St. Mary's Hospice Festival of Trees** fundraiser, and it helped raise over \$2,000! The tree was on display at the Naval Air Museum.

While in Camden, New Jersey, on a mission trip, students spent service time at the Neighborhood Center, where they cleaned,



and prepared and served meals to 100 homeless people from the neighborhood. Later, they spent the day at a nursing center, providing manicures, serving food and visiting with residents.

In December, through our annual **Santa Knights program**, students and staff fulfilled the wish lists for 63 needy children in Southern Maryland.

Throughout the Christmas season, our Campus Ministry students volunteered at the **Ridge Volunteer Fire Department** Christmas events (including the tree lighting, face painting, crafts, games and pictures with St. Nicholas); played bingo with the residents of the **Charlotte Hall Veterans Home**; prepared lunches for the **WARM Days** project at Lexington Park homeless shelter; and participated in



The Future Business Leaders of America collected over 250 pairs of jeans to donate to **St. Mary's County Public Schools** and **LifeStyles**, a nonprofit organization that provides emergency assistance to people in crisis.





Jane Connelly, Tara Everly, Paula McGuigan, Carol Edick and Selva Kumar prepare new canoes for use at Camp Maria Retreat Center.

Wreaths Across America, placing Christmas wreaths on the graves at **Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery**. They also provided a Christmas dinner for six needy families.

National Honor Society members delivered over 700 baby items to **Care Net Pregnancy Center** in Leonardtown during the Christmas season. This is the seventh year that NHS has provided the center with items to help support young mothers. Items included car seats, breast pumps, formula, food, diapers and wipes. Care Net shared with us that our Christmas project is the largest donation they receive year-round from any church or school!

In March, students in the creative writing class wrote and illustrated a children's book and then read the book to students at **Lexington Park Elementary School**.

During Lent, our students worked tirelessly to show mercy for others and help those less fortunate:

The junior XBSS Stewards, while on retreat in Hartford, Connecticut, spent a day working with the poor throughout the city.

The senior XBSS Stewards arranged and assisted at daily Mass for the school. SMR partnered with **Yahweh International Ministries** to provide weekly snack packs for students at **Lexington Park Elementary** and **Dr. Samuel A. Mudd Elementary**. SMR students provide meals for families of those schools on a monthly basis.

Students packed 1,000 breakfast bags and 1,000 lunch bags for **Catholic Charities** to be delivered to the less fortunate.

National Honor Society students presented 36 handmade blankets to **Care Net Pregnancy Center** of Southern Maryland. The blankets are given to expectant mothers as they prepare for the birth of their baby. Also, NHS students, along with eight faculty members, attended the Care Net Pregnancy Center Benefit Dinner. Students and teachers served dinner, bussed tables and helped with cleanup.

World Language students made several hundred beautiful Easter cards for the residents of the **Cedar Lane Senior Living Community**.



Sara Butcher and MaryRose Depperschmidt (not pictured) help residents with their morning exercises at Cedar Lane Senior Living Community, located in Leonardtown, Maryland.

Throughout the spring, the St. Mary's Ryken Student Government Association and Chick-fil-A at First Colony Center have partnered to provide free tutoring to **elementary and middle school** students every Thursday. The younger students receive tutoring at no cost.

For the third year in a row, SMR students served as escorts during the annual **Special Olympics** Spring Games.

Our faculty and staff have endless gifts of mercy for our students—from the after-school tutoring sessions to compassion when a student needs advice. They are all examples of small acts of kindness that show students that they are valued as a whole person and not just for their successes. In addition to our students, faculty also participate in service projects in our community.

In the local community, faculty volunteer at the **Camp Maria Retreat Center**, **Cedar Lane Senior Living Community**, **Immaculate Heart of Mary Church Thrift Shop**, **Point Lookout State Park**, **SMILE Ecumenical Ministries**, **Three Oaks Center Soup Kitchen** and on the St. Mary's Ryken campus (preparing packaged meals for those less fortunate in our community).

STEM and Robotics Teams Place in Regional Competitions

Computer Animation Class Wins First Place

Students in the fall 2015 Computer Animation class won first place in Mercer University's Alice Programming competition. The students had to complete three computer programs in five days using the Alice Programming Software. Using an innovative programming environment to support the creation of 3D animations, the Alice Project provides tools and materials for teaching and learning computational thinking, problem solving and computer programming. The students received 485 points out of 500. The class worked after school, during their lunches and at home.



Front row, from left: Meredith Emmart, Sohyun "Marie" Kwon, Justin Owens and Megan St. Clair. Second row, from left: Anthony Wallace, Nick Ragland and Aleksander Glut.

VEX Team Wins League Sportsmanship Award

In February, the St. Mary's Ryken VEX robotics team, led by science teacher Ed Szymkowiak, made it to the semifinal round at the Southern Maryland VEX League Championship at the College of Southern Maryland in La Plata. The SMR team won the League Sportsmanship



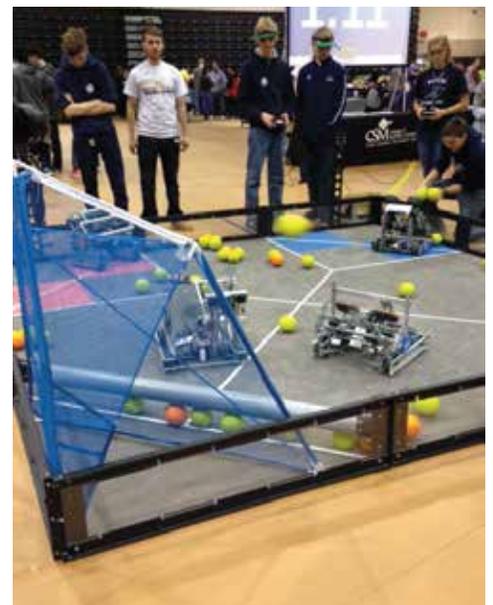
Chandler Moore stands with Mr. Szymkowiak after the VEX team received the sportsmanship award.

Award. Participants at the event were: David DeLuca, Chandler Moore, Laurie Ruhlmann and Michael Wilson. Other participating team members during the season were Beverly Braswell, Kelly Bergmann and Wenjun "Jackie" Ning.

As part of the robotics team, students design, build and program their own robot to accomplish a predefined task and then compete with other schools. This is Mr. Szymkowiak's fourth year helping the group.

Robotics Team Competes in Clarksville

Earlier this year, the St. Mary's Ryken Late Knights FTC 4218 robotics team, led by James McPartland, a parent of a St. Mary's Ryken alum, competed at the Howard 1 qualifier at River Hill High School in Clarksville, Maryland. The team came in seventh place out of a field of 25 teams and earned an honorable mention for the Judge's Award. Congratulations to team members Beverly Braswell, Jesse Parreira, Chris Skane and Wenjun "Jackie" Ning.



The robotics team tests their robots during a competition.

The team has been established for six years. They learn about tools, tool safety, how to organize and plan a project and how to adjust plans in real time. They also focus on building robots, learning programming languages, software environments and how components connect to one another.



Local Catholic elementary school students perform as the von Trapp children in *The Sound of Music* alongside SMR students Elizabeth Bullard (bottom row), Jessica Thompson, Sergio Nazzaro and Erin Carroll (top row).

Fine Arts Department Students Shine in Performances

The St. Mary's Ryken theatre students tackled a contemporary drama and a classic musical in the 2015–16 school year. “The students were able to stretch their performance abilities beyond what they had done before,” said Tessa Silvestro, theater teacher and director. “Both productions required a certain level of professionalism that our students not only met, but surpassed. The fine arts department continues to grow by encouraging our young performers to push themselves. Each production presents a unique performance challenge, allowing the students to learn with each and every production,” said Ms. Silvestro.

2016–17 Fine Arts Productions— SAVE THE DATE!

Fall 2016 • *Murders in the Heir* by Billy St. John
An audience interactive murder mystery

Spring 2017 • *Thoroughly Modern Millie*
Music by Jeanine Tesori,
Lyrics by Dick Scanlan



The complete *Sound of Music* cast following a weekend of sold-out performances.

Students Perform *The Sound of Music* with Local Catholic Elementary School Students

In March, St. Mary's Ryken students performed *The Sound of Music* to sell-out audiences. Three students from Father Andrew White School (Leonardtown, Md.) and one student from St. John's Catholic School (Hollywood, Md.) performed as the von Trapp children.

Students Tackled Emotional Drama

In the fall, SMR students performed *These Shining Lives*, a highly dramatic and

Elizabeth Bullard (SMR '16) played the role of Maria in *The Sound of Music*:

"Maria's struggle to hear God's voice and find her calling in life is something I think is very relatable. It came with hardships, but she trusted in the Lord that He would take care of her, and He did! Playing her character helped me to better know myself and brought me so much joy through working with such a familial and encouraging cast, as well as with our amazing director, Ms. Silvestro."

emotional production. Based on a true story, the play depicted women in the 1920s and 1930s whose health gravely deteriorates from radium poisoning after years of painting different size hour markings on watch dials. "Our students did a remarkable job of portraying these courageous women and telling their heroic story," said Ms. Silvestro.

"The fine arts department collaborates for each production," said Andrew Smouse,

fine arts department chair and director of Band and Orchestra. "As the artistic director, Ms. Silvestro oversees the production, as well as directs and coaches the actors. The vocals are taught by our choir director, Mrs. Kim Norris, and the choreography is created by dance teacher Mrs. Julie Daley. I assist by preparing instrumentalists for the pit orchestra and direct the orchestra."

Visual arts students are also involved with painting and building the set. All fine arts performances are held in the Romuald Hall Theater on the lower campus.



The complete *These Shining Lives* cast, top row: Joseph Brown, Elijah Green and Dominic Delcoco; bottom row: Jessica Thompson, Elizabeth Bullard, Rachel Stauffer and Erin Carroll

Rachel Stauffer (SMR '16) performed lead character Catherine Donohue in *These Shining Lives*:

"Becoming Catherine Donohue was one of the most difficult, and life changing things I have done in my 17 years. I wanted to honor her; Catherine was a real person, she lived, loved, suffered and died. I worked tirelessly, reading old newspaper articles, court papers, letters, anything I could get my hands on to help me understand what she went through. Two months and nearly 200 articles later, I was finally able to understand her. I felt her pain from bone cancer and necrosis of the jaw. I traveled through her emotions. I felt her anger, depression, happiness and guilt. I was able to become this woman I had virtually nothing in common with, and she left her mark on my soul."



Erin Carroll, Rachel Stauffer, Joseph Brown, Jessica Thompson and Elizabeth Bullard perform a scene in the watch factory.



Students Participate in Honors Chorus Performance

In February 2016, Jessica Thompson, Elizabeth Bullard, Erin Carroll, Brendan Harper, Claire Smith, Meaghan Travis and Valentina Nazzaro were nominated and participated in the 3rd annual Catholic University Honors Chorus. (Not pictured: Alyssa Jones)



Fine Arts Students Attend Monumental Trip to New York City

During the winter semester, 65 fine arts students attended a field trip to New York City. During the trip, the students had the opportunity to visit the Metropolitan Museum of Art, see a Broadway performance of *The Lion King*, visit Central Park, Radio City Music Hall and Rockefeller Center and hear a New York Philharmonic performance of Mahler's Sixth Symphony.

During their field trip, fine arts department students went to Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral that was celebrated by the Cardinal of the New York City Archdiocese.

International Students Host Lunar New Year Event

In early February 2016, international students and SMR student helpers hosted the annual Lunar New Year event for the SMR community. It was a fun-filled event with crafts, dances, music and delicious international fare.

Sophomore Jisoo (Judy) Kim from South Korea serves a popular soft drink with a cinnamon flavor.



Seniors Sixiao (Sisi) Chen and Zhilan (Melody) Wang demonstrate how to create origami.



Mrs. Nathalie McDermott, French teacher, shows off her name that was written by students in Chinese calligraphy.



The group of SMR students who hosted the Lunar New Year event. The hosts included international students, Chinese language class students and a few SMR students who represented their family's country of origin.



Bottom row, from left: Madisson Wood, Mallory Davilla, Tyra Coombs, Jadden Stewart, Moriah Hunter, Lindsey Keller, Samantha Wettengel, Isabella Evans-Riester; middle row: Kobe Campbell, Bradley Beckman, Tyler Cryer, Bryan Towers, Madison Aughinbaugh, Deja Ford; top row: Andrew Rothstein, Jarrett Moore, Matt Hunt, Phillip Hane, Evan Van Der Snick, Deivydas Kuzavas, Stephen Klotz. (Not pictured: Grace Hammel, Damien Jones and Luke Pratson)

Congratulations to the Class of 2016 Signed Student-Athletes

24 seniors from the Class of 2016 have signed letters of intent to play their respective sport at the collegiate level:

Baseball

Bradley Beckman /
University of Maryland Baltimore County
Tyler Cryer / Randolph-Macon College
Bryan Towers / Lebanon Valley College

Boys Basketball

Deivydas Kuzavas / St. Francis (PA)

Girls Basketball

Tyra Coombs /
University of the District of Columbia
Deja Ford / College of Charleston

Football

Kobe Campbell / Cheyney University

Matt Hunt / Lincoln University

Damien Jones / Shepherd University

Stephen Klotz / Mercyhurst University

Jarrett Moore /
Washington and Lee University

Andrew Rothstein / Dayton University

Boys Lacrosse

Jadden Stewart / Stevenson University

Evan Van Der Snick / University of Tampa

Girls Lacrosse

Mallory Davilla / Stevenson University

Isabella Evans-Riester /
Virginia Commonwealth University

Samantha Wettengel /
Christopher Newport University

Madisson Wood / Shenandoah University

Boys Soccer

Philip Hane / Arcadia University

Softball

Madison Aughinbaugh /
Fordham University

Moriah Hunter / Immaculata University

Lindsey Keller / Ithaca College

Tennis

Grace Hammel / Shenandoah University

Luke Pratson / Randolph-Macon College

Congratulations Are in Order for the Following Alums Who Recently Married!



David F. Woodburn (RHS '76) married Margaret Rittenhouse on May 21, 2016, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Richmond. Father Michael Renninger presided. Margaret is a social worker at VCU Medical Center, and David teaches fifth grade at St. Mary's Catholic School.



Graham Bonifant ('06) married Allison Evans of Leonardtown on Oct. 10, 2015, in a private ceremony at Holy Angels Church in Avenue, Maryland. A waterfront, sunset reception followed at Riverbrink, the home of Ed ('75) and Beth ('77) Bonifant. The couple currently resides in Alexandria, Virginia.



Ami Shah Lovell ('01) married Adam Shah Lovell in September 2015 (the newlyweds turned Ami's maiden name into their middle names). The couple celebrated the nuptials with a traditional Indian wedding including dancing, musicians and ceremonies.



Barbara (Horn) Ferguson ('09) and Matt Ferguson ('09) married on Sept. 26, 2015, at River's Edge at Naval Air Station Patuxent River. The couple is very grateful to SMR because they met in their freshman year and have been together ever since.



Alicia Lennon ('04) married James McFadden of Pittsburgh on April 23, 2016. They will reside in Ashburn, Virginia, where Alicia co-owns and works as a speech pathologist at Children's Speech Therapy Center, and James works in event planning.

Stay Connected With St. Mary's Ryken

Want to stay in touch with your St. Mary's Ryken classmates and learn about SMR events—including fundraisers, the annual gala and networking opportunities? To keep us up to date:

Visit: smrhs.org/AlumniNews

Email: advancement@smrhs.org

Call: 301-373-4162

Career and Family News from Alumni

Class of 1965

George Raley ran in the 2016 Boston Marathon. George finished the course in 4 hours, 24 minutes and 19 seconds. He placed 21,116 out of 30,000 participants.

Class of 1973

For the past three years, Christopher McCoy has been employed at the Asian Development Bank in the United States Executive Director's Office, Manila, Philippines.

Class of 1974

Leonard Raley, SMR Board president, was recently appointed by Gov. Larry Hogan to serve on a new state wide board, The Maryland Public-Private Partnership (P3) Marketing Corp. Leonard was elected treasurer.

Class of 1984



Dedie (Jones) Campbell was awarded the President's Medal from Mount St. Mary's University in recognition of her service, leadership, generosity and dedication to her community and her alma mater.

Class of 1987

Shannon (Smith) Jarboe recently joined St. Mary's College of Maryland as the director of Human Resources. Shannon resides in St. Mary's City, Maryland, with her husband, Tom Jarboe ('87) and their three sons who are also SMR alums; Nicholas ('11), Christian ('13) and Luke ('16).

Class of 1991



Kimberly (Gretton) Dallas recently gave birth to her second child, Teresa Ellen Dallas, on Jan. 29, 2016. Teresa has a 2-year-old brother, Ronald Edward.

Class of 1993

Damien Costa is a partner at Plank Industries, the holding company for Under Armour CEO Kevin Plank's personal business ventures.

Class of 2001



Kaitlin Farrell recently accepted a position as assistant United States attorney of the Eastern District of New York. She is working in the criminal division. Several attorneys general have served in this district (including current Attorney General Loretta Lynch). For more information, visit: debevoise.com/kaitlinfarrell

Class of 2010

In May 2014, Joe Webb received his Bachelor of Science degree in exercise science with a minor in athletic coaching. He graduated with his master's in applied health physiology in May 2016. Both degrees were earned from Salisbury University.

Class of 2012

Alex Wyvill was accepted into the Saint John Paul II Seminary for the Archdiocese of Washington. He will enter the seminary next fall after graduating from Vanderbilt University.

Class of 2013



photo: Mount St. Mary's University

Rachel Heinze plays on the softball team at Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Recently, Rachel broke the northeast softball conference single season home run record with her 17th home run of the season!

Class of 2015

Mackenzie Tourville is finishing up her freshman year at Ave Maria University. She is a member of the Ave Maria Lacrosse team and was named an NWLL First Team All-American and an NAIA Second Team All-American. She was named NWLL South Region Player of the Year and NAIA Independent Conference Newcomer of the Year. Tourville also received First Team All-South Region recognition and First-Team All-Independent Conference honors.

Alums Gathered to Celebrate



SMR Basketball Alums

A big thank you to our SMR basketball alums who came out last season in support of the boys basketball team. The SMR boys varsity team defeated Bishop Ireton! Pictured from left: Tommy Mattingly, Mike Thompson, Tom Mattingly, Unknown, Bob Russell, Becky Schaefer, Joe Bell, Joseph "Teeny" Guy, Bob Wiggington, Leslie Jones, Bill Russell, Chuck Lancaster, Carl Raley, Dave Densford, Frank Taylor, Pete Himmelheber, Gordon O'Neil, Suzanne Taylor, Steve Raley, Dickie Steffans, Steve Carroll, Dawn Carroll and Rick Wood.



Class of 2005

Members from the Class of 2005 had a great time celebrating their 10-year reunion in November 2015 on the St. Mary's Ryken campus. Pictured from left: Alan Bowie, Ahmed Ghani, Jenna Roselle, Greg Worcester, Danny Welch, Justin Noonan, Jason Buda, Diana Stellway, Lindsay (Mummaugh) Anthony, Lauren Day, Steph Senn, Spike Meatyard, Sarah (Simpson) Senftle, Patrick O'Brien, Mike Shea, Ryan Reuter, Alexa Ashworth, Alex Hernandez, Mike Lee, Steve Quershi, Erica Settle, Laura (Wiggington) Moore, Katherine O'Brien, Keith Gleason, Gibran Abifadel, Greg Valenta, John Kelly, Alison Weigel, Shannon Durkin, Tim Walsh, and Matt Ives.



Alums Gather in Leonardtown

In February, various SMR, SMA and RHS class members reconnected at the Olde Town Pub (owned by SMR alums John MacDonald ('85) and Joe Drury ('85) in Leonardtown.

Interested in attending St. Mary's Ryken alumni events? Please email your contact information to advancement@smrhs.org or call 301-373-4162.

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Go Knights!

During the 2015 football season, alums gathered to cheer on the Knights! Pictured from left: Melanie (Huseman) Batemen, Steve Bricker, Libby Mikulewicz, Kim (Norris) Gray and Ryan Pheulpin.



Class of 1962

In July 2015, the Class of 1962 enjoyed their annual luncheon. Pictured from left: Mike Thompson, Susanne Wise Campbell, Betty Davis Hill, Wanda Roache Valiante, Patricia Ann McKay Murr, Patricia Herbert Sanchez, Kay Norris D'Esposito, Mary Agnes Cheseldine Henderson, Clarence Guy, Betty Ann Ridgell Gray, Judith Wathen DiGiovanni, Brenda Garner Alvey, Carl Raley, Mary Helen Abell Bowles, and Ann Drury Bell.

In Memoriam



4/30/2016 Dr. Benedict D. Thompson (RHS '57)

11/21/2015 Ms. Patricia Landivar (SMA '74)

8/23/2015 Mr. William D. Long (SMA '49)

7/10/2015 Mrs. Mary E. Zeller Beavan (SMA '49)

6/1/2015 Mr. Robert C. Combs (RHS '60)

3/15/2015 Mr. Ernest Pfeiff (RHS '79)

3/3/2015 Mr. Robert H. Dorsch (SMA '55)

2/12/2015 Mr. Lawrence O. Hayden (SMA '44)

2/7/2015 Mrs. Catherine A. Ford Stone (SMA '55)

2/3/2015 Mr. Casey A. Czarzasty (SMR '06)

1/15/2015 Mrs. Catherine H. Clarke Wallace (SMA '44)

SMA – St. Mary's Academy alum

RHS – Ryken High School alum

SMR – St. Mary's Ryken alum

5th Annual Blaine Whorl 5K a Resounding Success!

St. Mary's Ryken held its 5th annual Blaine Whorl Run/Walk on Saturday, April 16. On a beautiful crisp day, 140 participants came out in support of the Blaine Whorl Memorial Scholarship Fund. The scholarship was created to remember and honor a dear son, brother and friend, Blaine Whorl, a 2002 graduate of St. Mary's Ryken.

The diverse group of runners and walkers included SMR friends, alumni, staff, students, current parents and many of Blaine's family and friends. A breakfast sponsored in part by Dunkin' Donuts, Carol Edick and The Good Earth was provided as well as a pre-race warm-up session by CrossFit Lakas. Bicyclist David Dolezel then led participants through the town of Leonardtown and back to

campus. Lively music provided by DJ Marc Shubrooks kept everyone energized as the race results came in.

Thank you again to our generous sponsors and amazing volunteers who helped make this year's event a success. For more information about the next Blaine Whorl 5K, visit us online at www.smrhs.org. We look forward to seeing you on the next race day!



Walkers and runners enjoyed the beautiful day on the SMR campus and the course that traveled through downtown Leonardtown.

Alums Travel Internationally to Build Homes and Provide Services to Others

Susan McDonough ('90) and Becky Schaefer ('94) recently traveled to Belize on separate mission trips to build houses for those less fortunate. Below are their personal stories about why they chose to volunteer their time and how their St. Mary's Ryken education impacted their desire to serve in the community—locally and internationally!

A Passion for Volunteer Work by Becky Schaefer

When I was asked recently to reflect on my service experiences in my adult life, I clearly remember when I discovered my passion for volunteer work. I was in eighth grade at St. John's School in Hollywood, Maryland, where we had a volunteer hour requirement prior to graduation. I helped organize a bake sale fundraiser-benefiting Hospice. And so my journey began. I was hooked! Doing something to benefit Hospice touched my heart. I continued a variety of volunteer activities during high school at St. Mary's Ryken. I have volunteered for the St. Mary's Animal Welfare League, the WARM Program helping the homeless, the St. John's Charitable Society, food distribution events via Farming for Hunger, St. Paul's Soup Kitchen and as a youth basketball coach for the last 15 years. I have always received more than I gave from these opportunities. My career has also guided me into a position where I can help people.

In 2014 my mom, Laverne Schaefer (SMA '65), coordinated a collection at our church to benefit the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth

(SCN), who had taught at our local schools for many years. It was their 200th anniversary. After the funds were collected, it was decided that the funds would go toward the sisters' mission work. We collected enough money to build a house in Belize! Our parish was then invited to go to Belize and to build a house for a family in need. What an incredible opportunity! I had always hoped to change someone's life in a big way...by way of providing someone with an education or giving someone a home. This was my chance. My mom and I convinced my dad to go, so we turned it into a family event. I had never been out of the country, and I couldn't think of a better way to break in my passport. My parents and I, along with 10 others from our parish, traveled to Nazareth, Kentucky, for orientation and a commissioning ceremony, and then we flew to Belize. We worked very hard and built a house for a wonderful woman, Delvorine, and her son. It is a small, humble shelter that Delvorine was honored to call home. The honor was truly all ours!

During that trip I learned that the SCN's next mission was going to Botswana, Africa. I had always wanted to visit Botswana, and when I learned that the group would be working with hospice, I was sold! I traveled to Botswana in May 2014 to work with the SCNs at a Metsimothabe hospice, in a Lobatse school and in Kanye at a preschool. The people were wonderful, and we were truly immersed in the culture. It was then that I realized that while they had so little, by my standards, they were the most grateful,



joyful people I had ever met. The trip was more than I could have hoped it would be.

When I returned home, I learned my dad had been hospitalized with pneumonia. Sadly he passed away the following month. Our parish, embarking on a second mission to Belize, chose to name the house after my dad. In his honor, I returned with my mom and several parishioners to build the St. John's Bill Schaefer House. We arrived to a flooded Belize City. Because of the floods, it was decided that we couldn't build for the intended person Hand in Hand Ministries had selected. Hand in Hand then selected a young lady, Rosa, with land that wasn't under water. Meeting Rosa and her four children was an absolute blessing. I have no doubt that my dad led us to her. She calls my dad her angel and has his picture hanging in her new home. We keep in touch and are great friends. I have met so many wonderful people through this mission work. I can thank St. John's School and St. Mary's Ryken High School for leading me in my service to others! It is the greatest gift we have to offer—service to others.



If you want to change someone's life, including your own, consider volunteering for a short-term mission, providing disaster relief or participating in community service projects. The SCNs have missions in India, Africa, Belize and various locations within the U.S. If you are interested please contact the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth's Sister Luke Boiarski, director of the Lay Mission Program, at lukescn@scnky.org or 502-348-1581.



On Mission Trip to Belize, I Saw God All Around Me by Susan McDonough

On Saturday, February 6, 2016, my mission trip to Belize began. The route to get to Belize was not direct, by any means. The trip began early in the morning hours, when two other missionaries from Southern Maryland and I packed up a minivan with luggage, laptops, and snacks for the 10-hour drive to Bardstown, Kentucky. Why Bardstown, Kentucky? That is the location of the Mother House for the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth (SCN). It was here that I met with Sister Luke Boiarski, a Sister of the Charity of Nazareth and the director of volunteers for mission trips.

On Sunday, February 7th, the Sisters of Charity had a commissioning ceremony for the 10 missionaries that were going on the mission trip to Belize. It was truly an amazing beginning to this experience. In

the early morning hours of February 8, the 10 missionaries headed to the Louisville airport to begin the next part of this journey—we were on our way to Belize. I truly did not know what to expect once we arrived in Belize.

Over the course of the next week, I was able to take in so much of the beauty of Belize, as well as much of the country's poorest regions. I wasn't sure what I was going to gain from this time in Belize, since this was my first-ever mission trip. The first morning we were up and ready to begin our service, our mission. For this trip, our group was painting a local Catholic School in Belmopan called St. Jude School. The school was a large simple structure with basic accommodations for the students. Since St. Jude School's colors were yellow and green, we decided to paint the school those colors—yellow on the top half of the building and green on the bottom portion. So armed with paintbrushes, rollers, ladders and buckets upon buckets of paint, we set off to transform the school. We spent three days of that week painting St. Jude's and it looked great at the end of the third day. The principal and students of St. Jude's were thrilled with the brand new look of their school, and so was I.

For me, this trip was more than painting and transforming the outside of a school in a remote and poverty-stricken area in

Belize. It was humbling. I saw families who had little or nothing, and in spite of that, they were happy. I saw homes that, by our definition, were anything but habitable. I saw children with distended bellies who were hungry but still had a smile on their faces. Throughout this trip, I saw God. Despite my fears of the unknown, I saw God. Through the sweat and heat of this trip, I saw God. In a 15-passenger van, driving past those who had nothing, I saw God. This trip was not about me, it was about who God was calling me to be. I am so very grateful that I had this opportunity to experience God's grace and to see His face in others. I have plans to travel on mission trips in the future. It's an experience like none other.



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Teachers of the Year are Honored

Mr. Andrew Smouse

Theodore James Ryken Award Recipient

This year, esteemed faculty member Mr. Andrew Smouse was selected by our SMR faculty and staff for the Theodore Ryken Teacher of the Year Award! Mr. Smouse makes a difference in the lives of his students every day, and the SMR community values his work!

Mr. Smouse has been teaching at St. Mary's Ryken since 2011. He received his Master of Music degree in wind band conducting from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and his bachelor's degree in music education from Kutztown University. He served as a percussionist/timpanist with the Kutztown



University Orchestra, Wind Ensemble and Percussion Ensemble, and UNLV Wind Orchestra. He currently serves as the director of Bands and Orchestra and fine arts department chairman at St. Mary's Ryken. In 2014, he earned the High School Principals' Association's Novice Teacher of the Year Award from the Archdiocese of Washington.

Mr. Smouse has appeared as a guest conductor/clinician with various bands and percussion sections throughout Pennsylvania, Maryland and Nevada. He served as a guest conductor of the Kutztown University Symphonic and Concert bands, Percussion Ensemble, and 35th anniversary Kappa Kappa Psi Chapter Band. Mr. Smouse has served as a conductor of the UNLV New Horizons Band, Symphonic Winds, Las Vegas Summer Community Band, rehearsal assistant for the UNLV Wind Orchestra, and as the conductor of the Bedford Symphonic Winds, a semi-professional wind ensemble based in Pennsylvania. An active clinician, he has presented at the Maryland Music Educators Association, the Southern Maryland Catholic Teachers Conferences and various schools.

Later this year, Mr. Smouse will present at the National Association for Music Education annual conference in Grapevine, Texas.

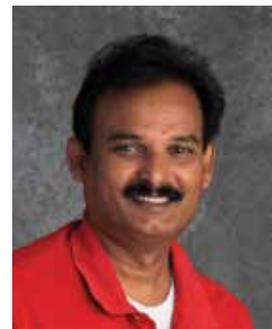
"I am truly honored and humbled to receive the Theodore James Ryken Award especially having been at SMR for only five years. This award inspires me to continue to improve as an educator. The great students and my outstanding colleagues at SMR make the responsibility of an educator a true joy, not a heavy burden. Because of this, I can say I have not worked a single day in the last five years because of the dedication of everyone at SMR and the young men and women who I have the great honor and privilege to call my students." —Mr. Andrew Smouse



Mr. Selva Kumar

Veteran Teacher of the Year

Selva Kumar has been a member of the St. Mary's Ryken mathematics department for five years but has taught math for 22 years. He received his master's degree in math from Loyola College in Madras, India. Mr. Kumar currently teaches honors precalculus, honors trigonometry, AP calculus and AP statistics.



Mr. Edward Szymkowiak

Novice Teacher of the Year

Ed Szymkowiak began teaching at St. Mary's Ryken in 2012. Before that, he taught for 19 years in New York and Virginia as a math and science teacher. Currently, he teaches honors principles of engineering, AP and honors physics, and honors conceptual physics. In addition, for the past four years, Mr. Szymkowiak has supervised the St. Mary's Ryken VEX Robotics Team.



Mr. Brad Chamberlain Welcomed as New Dean of Academics

In the 2015–16 school year, St. Mary's Ryken welcomed Brad Chamberlain as the dean of academics. Mr. Chamberlain came to SMR with a wealth of experience in curriculum development and school administration for high-performing schools in the Ohio area.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting and getting to know the St. Mary's Ryken school community so far this year. It's rewarding to be part of the continued tradition of academic excellence that St. Mary's Ryken has established," said Mr. Chamberlain. "This is a wonderful professional and personal opportunity for me, and I am thrilled to have the chance to work and learn alongside the teachers and students and help them

advance the overall academic program of the school."

Mr. Chamberlain earned his bachelor's degree in English from The George Washington University and his master's degree in education administration from Ohio University. He has a secondary education teacher certification from Denison University.

Mr. Chamberlain began his career at Cardington High School (Ohio) as an English teacher for grades 9–12. Mr. Chamberlain continued his career in the Ohio school system as an assistant principal, assistant principal for academics and secondary curriculum director.



"St. Mary's Ryken is proud of our excellence in academics and strong faculty-student relationships," said SMR Principal Rick Wood. "Mr. Chamberlain is strengthening and progressing our long-standing college preparatory, honors and scholars programs as well as providing exceptional leadership for our students and faculty."

Mr. John Olon Receives Golden Apple Award

During a surprise presentation before a schoolwide Mass in April, Mr. John Olon was presented the Golden Apple award for excellence and dedication to Catholic education from the Archdiocese of Washington. The ADW presented a total of 10 Golden Apple awards, and two were selected from St. Mary's County schools.

"John Olon is a much-loved and highly respected teacher," said Joan Stevens, theology department teacher. "He challenges his students to think more than they want to, and as a result, they leave his class well prepared for college and able to defend their faith. John is well liked by the students and is admirably mentioned every year in the graduation speech."

Mr. Olon has been teaching at St. Mary's Ryken since 2002. He has a master's degree from St. John's College and teaches through a Socratic style. Mr. Olon has taught history

and English at SMR, and currently teaches full time in the theology department (Social Justice and Moral Theology at the junior level). He also started a philosophy class and created the curriculum to fulfill the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops standards. He continues to teach the very popular senior-level philosophy course.

Mr. Olon is a faith-driven teacher at St. Mary's Ryken and demonstrates his passion for the Catholic faith through his theology teaching. Mr. Olon is very influential and active in the Spiritual Direction program he began at SMR. In working with our school chaplain and many priests in the area, Mr. Olon has over 25 percent of the student body and 10 local priests involved in providing spiritual direction to our students and staff. In the past three years, seven students have taken the path for a religious vocation. Each one of the former



students credits Mr. Olon as a large influence in discerning a religious life.

Mr. Olon regularly takes students to college lecture series and started a scholar development club. He is a member of our Faculty Faith Formation committee, which promotes events to strengthen the faith life in faculty and staff at SMR.



Scholars Program Evolves and Adopts Project Lead the Way Curriculum

Beginning with the class of 2020, the St. Mary's Ryken Scholars Program (formerly known as the XPAX program) will feature curriculum from the nationally recognized program Project Lead the Way (PLTW). Currently, 37 incoming freshmen have enrolled in this elite program.

The Scholars Program offers **STEM** tracks in:

- Engineering
- Computer Science
- Biomedical

The Scholars Program offers specialty tracks in:

- Global and International Studies
- Humanities

- Performing Arts
- Visual Arts

The goal of the **Scholars Program** is to offer accelerated curriculum concentrations to our students who want a more rigorous and advanced course of study in a specific field.

“The Scholars Program is unique because it allows students early on in their high school careers to truly focus on a subject or discipline they want to explore in greater depth than is typical for a high school curriculum,” said Brad Chamberlain, dean of academics at St. Mary's Ryken. Beginning with the class of 2020, the STEM curriculum will use PLTW, the nation's leading

provider of STEM programs. PLTW's success in preparing students to succeed has been recognized by many colleges and universities.

“We are excited about partnering with Project Lead the Way to provide our students the opportunity for experiential learning that is applicable to their college and career goals,” said Rick Wood, principal at St. Mary's Ryken. “Students in our Scholars Program will benefit from the college-level course work in engineering and biomedical science. Beginning in the 2017–18 school year, the computer science program will also adopt PLTW curriculum. One of the greatest benefits of PLTW is the

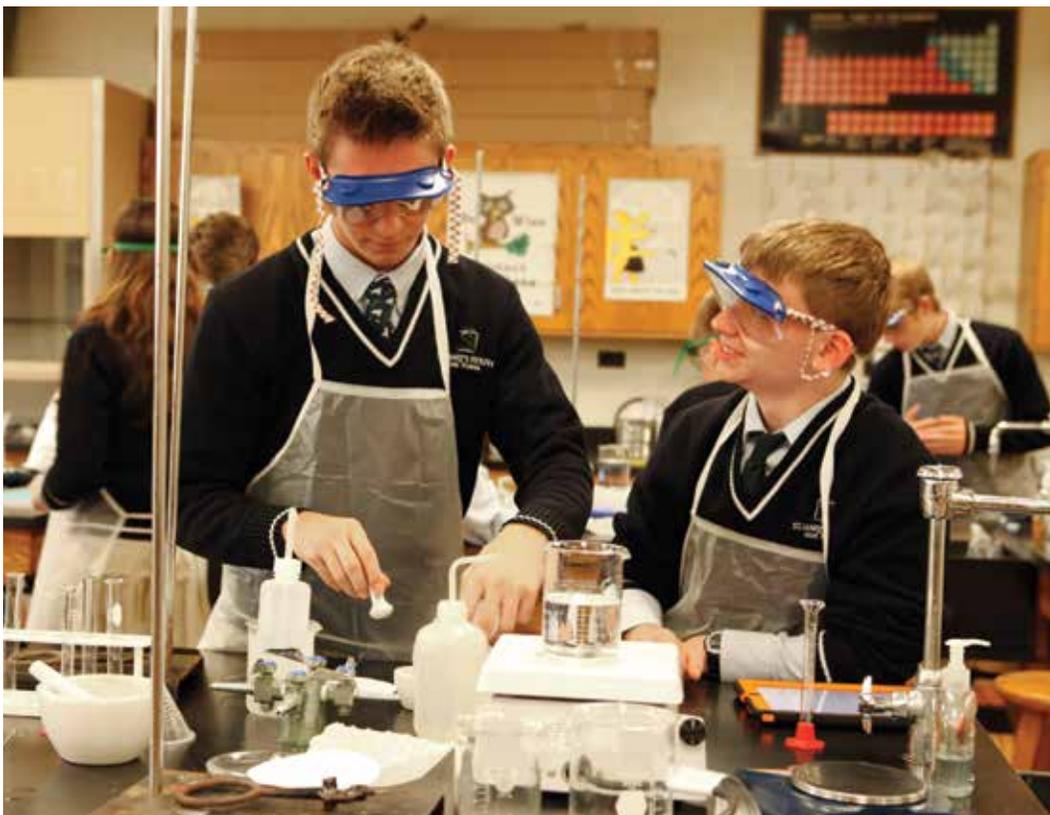
natural fit for our students with SMR's 1:1 iPad program that builds critical thinking skills for our 21st century learners.”

Many benefits exist for students who enroll in the Scholars Program.

- Participation in a selective academic program with specialty tracks
- Internship opportunities
- Flexible scheduling to allow for electives
- Exclusive field trips
- Capstone senior project with presentations to local professionals with consultation and feedback
- Distinguished addition for college applications
- Recognition at graduation and Scholars Program diploma

To be selected for the Scholars Program, a student's high school placement test results, grade-point average, essay submission, and portfolio or audition (performing and visual arts tracks) will be evaluated. In some cases, an interview with the dean of academics may also be required.

For additional information and questions, please contact Mr. Brad Chamberlain, dean of academics: brad.chamberlain@smrhs.org or 301-373-4188.



“Students in the Scholars Program already have an idea about what they want to do after high school, and the Scholars Program lets them explore that choice to find out if it is indeed the direction they want to go.” —Brad Chamberlain, Dean of Academics





Scholarship Gala

On Saturday, March 12, St. Mary's Ryken hosted its 35th Anniversary Scholarship Gala. Over 400 guests joined us "At the Chef's Table" for a unique dining experience by the culinary expertise of guest chef Mike Price (SMR '93), in partnership with Lisa and Mike Kelley from Canards Catering.

This year, SMR commemorated its 35th anniversary of the union in 1981 between Ryken High School and St. Mary's Academy.

Student speakers Gia Beaton (SMR '17) and Emily Rawson (SMR '16) kicked off the evening with remarks about their values-based, college preparatory high

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Mike Price—Chef and Restaurateur

Chef Mike Price is no stranger to the authentic flavors of fresh, simply prepared food. Raised in Southern Maryland along the Chesapeake Bay, Mike planted the seeds of his career early on, tending to his family's farm and cooking at a local crab house on weekends during high school. A Culinary Institute of America graduate, Mike honed his skills at esteemed restaurants including The Harrison and The Mermaid Inn before teaming up with his good friend and business partner Joey Campanaro to open two successful restaurants in Manhattan.

Mike is the chef/restaurateur of two restaurants in New York City, Market Table and The Clam. Since opening the first restaurant in 2007, Mike has received critical and popular acclaim and has been featured in such outlets as *Food & Wine*, *Conde Nast Traveler*, *The New York Times*, *New York Magazine*, *Time Out New York*, *Travel + Leisure*, and the "Today" show.

Visit The Clam (www.theclamnyc.com) and Market Table (www.markettablenc.com) to learn more about Mike's culinary career and restaurants.



Above left: Mike Price with St. Mary's Ryken President Mary Joy Hurlburt and Principal Rick Wood. Above right: SMR fine arts department faculty, Mrs. Kim Norris, Mr. Andrew Smouse (master of ceremonies), Mrs. Winifred Thompson and Mrs. Julie Daley.



Christian Jarboe, SMR '13, Captures the "Join Us at the Chef's Table" Theme for Guests

A key element of the "Join Us at the Chef's Table" theme included video footage of Mike Price in New York City, prepared by SMR alum Christian Jarboe. Christian spent time in NYC capturing elements of Mike's professional life, which included footage of Lower Manhattan, the Brooklyn Bridge, taxis and pedestrians out in the street, and then transitioned into footage of Mike at an open-air market where he frequently shops. Additional footage included food preparation (which involved a number of the items that Mike purchased from the market), shots of the interior/exterior of The Clam and Market Table and the cooking staffs preparing dishes. This footage was supplemented the night of the Gala by live footage broadcast for guests of Mike and the Canards team preparing each course. Guests loved the effect and feeling as if they were behind the scenes.

school education that is rich in community, service to others and camaraderie among their classmates. A four-course, artfully prepared meal followed that included gem lettuce salad, peekytoe crab cakes, black angus short ribs and a crème fraiche panna cotta.

We graciously thank our 35th Anniversary Scholarship Gala sponsors and guests. All

gala ticket sales, donations and sponsorships benefitted the academic scholarship fund for St. Mary's Ryken students. Through our partnerships, we continue to demonstrate the commitment to provide a college preparatory, values-based education to the students in the Southern Maryland community.

"I was happy to be a part of such an amazing event and have the chance to be able to give back to St. Mary's Ryken. It was great to connect with so many wonderful supporters of the SMR community, many of which are familiar faces. I think we were able to capture the energy we were looking for that brought excitement, elegance and genuine fun to the evening. Good times!" —Mike Price



Above left: Matt Bowes, Cindy Bowes, Mark Goddard, Jennifer Goddard, Anne Taylor, Mark Taylor, Tommy Bowes, Joy Bowes, Dr. Karen Bauer and David Bowes. Above center: Gia Beaton and Emily Rawson, student speakers. Above right: Live music performed by the NightLife band.



Welcome, Class of 2020!

As of May 2016, St. Mary's Ryken will welcome over 185 students to the Class of 2020! This group of students comes to us from 40 middle schools in Maryland and Virginia. Thirty-seven students from the Class of 2020 have been awarded academic scholarships. A total of 42 scholarships were awarded.

Each year, as part of our mission, we award over \$1.2 million in financial aid. It's our goal every year to increase the total amount awarded and to offer additional scholarships for fine arts and academics, because we want to attract the best students in Southern Maryland.

Congratulations to the Class of 2020 Scholarship Winners!

Presidential Scholarship for Academic Merit

Joseph Baden
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Garrett Hickie
Olivia Johnson
Marco Magpantay
Emily Massiglia
Dillon Miller
Sydney Neal
Rachael Owens
Laura Papp
Alyssa Salud-Benipayo

Mia Schaefer
Christine Shatrowsky
Margaret Sullivan

Leadership Scholarship

Briana Bowen
Lilly Bull
Jaqueline Dianis
Jamia Hicks
Jamie Kost
Sydney Neal
Mary Margaret Quinn
Amanda Stone

Gavin Willis

Visual Arts Scholarship

Madelyn Bailey
MacCallumn Borghardt
Kaitlyn Brouillette
Liam DeLong
Claire Neace

Instrumental Scholarship

Sean Alderson
(Orchestra)

Michael Mazuc (Band)

Sydney Neal
(Orchestra)

Bryson Russell (Band)

Dance Scholarship

Caroline Daley
Ahryel McManhan

Vocal Scholarship

Jacqueline Dianis
Katherine O'Shields

Blaine Whorl Scholarship

Claire Neace

Community Service Scholarship

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Sloan Koviak
Genevieve Vavrus

Laurie Collins Scholarship

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The Annual Fund

The SMR Annual Fund is a yearlong program that forms the cornerstone of our fundraising activities and gives everyone in the school community an opportunity to make a difference in the life of our school and its students.

How Will Your Gifts to the SMR Annual Fund Impact Our School and Our Students?

The Annual Fund is used exclusively for the current year's operating costs. By contributing to the SMR Annual Fund, you are helping:

- Meet mission-critical operating costs
- Provide tuition assistance for those families in the greatest need
- Grow Campus Ministry programs
- Build revenue for development of new programs
- Improve our classroom and athletic facilities
- Expand academic programs
- Enrich fine arts programs
- Provide professional development for faculty and staff
- Enhance science and technology programs

The SMR Annual Fund helps to fill the annual funding gap between tuition and the actual cost of educating a student. Almost all Catholic high schools have a gap, which is mainly due to our desire to keep tuition as affordable as possible.

Help support the next 35 years! Each year, we ask members of the SMR community to support our students and our mission by committing to donate to the Annual Fund. Each donation—from parents, alumni, grandparents, faculty/staff, board members and the community—strengthens our efforts to provide a premier college preparatory Catholic education to our students. Over 700 students per year are counting on us!

Did you know? In 2014–15, the per-student gap at SMR was \$2,857.

There are a number of ways you can support this vital program:

- Online giving
- Matching gifts
- Submitting a donation by mail or phone
- Gifts of real estate, stock and other securities
- Bequests, charitable remainder trusts, gifts of life insurance

The Annual Fund is the cornerstone of our annual fundraising efforts, and we are counting on your support! When everyone gives a little, SMR gains a lot; your gift, no matter the size, has a positive impact.

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“As an SMR alum and now an SMR parent, I am happy to support the SMR Annual Fund. It is my small way of saying ‘Thank You’ to SMR for providing a ‘world-class’ education to my daughters.”

—John Collins, (SMR '88), with his daughters Ashley ('18) and Kayla ('16)



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