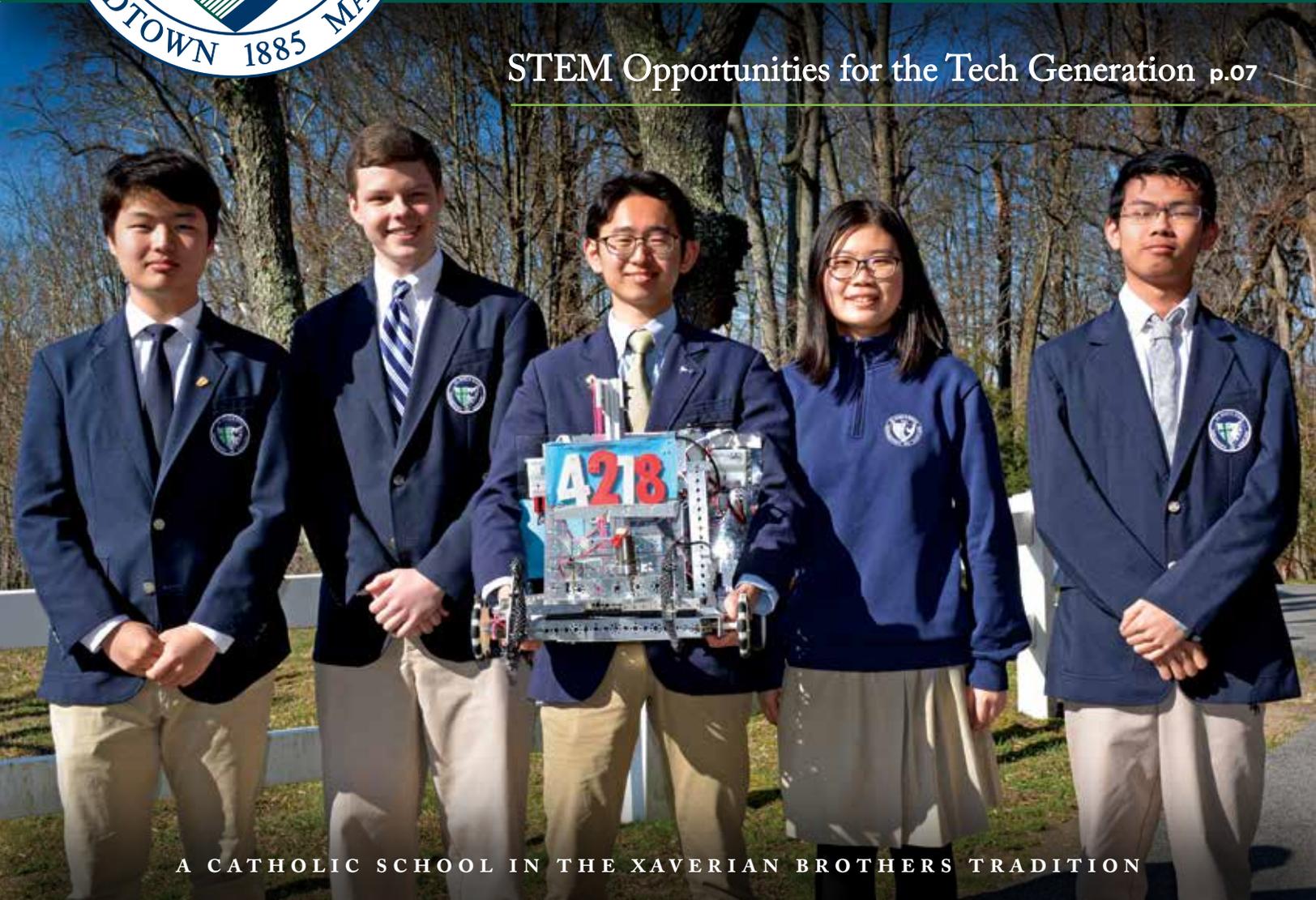




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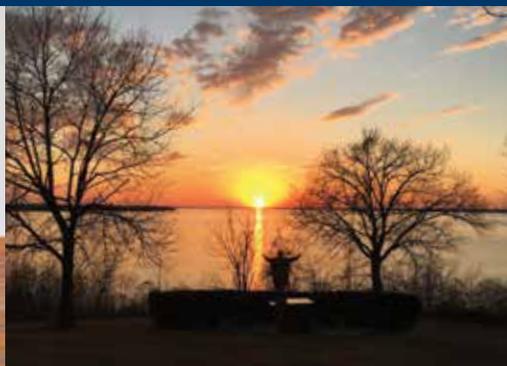
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# Dear Alumni and Friends,



As the 2017–18 academic year comes to a close, there is so much wonderful news to share with you about St. Mary's Ryken students, our alumni, faculty and staff, and the greater SMR community who make an impact on the school every day through their dedication and commitment to the Xaverian charism!

The stories enclosed highlight a few of the amazing people in our community sharing their gifts and who exhibit the fundamental qualities of a Xaverian education and philosophy of living each day with Humility, Trust, Zeal, Compassion and Simplicity. A wonderful example of this is Susan Mudd Vogel, Class of 1985, who has spent her career dedicated to the service of others. She received our Alumni Leadership Award on June 1. You can read more about her on page 58.

Our students continue to excel in our classrooms and in service to our neighbors. Our spiritual direction program enhances

our mission by providing students with a solid foundation for learning and discovering their gifts from God and teaching them how to share those gifts with others. Whether it's through caring for the elderly, the less fortunate, our animals and our environment, or bringing a smile to others through dance, music and the arts, our students and faculty create ways to share their talents!

You will find many examples of their caring and concern for others within these pages.

At our core, we remain steadfast in our commitment to providing an exemplary education to our students. The academic program is reviewed and enhanced each year to respond to the needs of our students and to the future job market. This year we added a computer science program from Project Lead the Way that provides interdisciplinary courses that engage students in compelling, real-world challenges. As students work together to design solutions, they learn computational thinking—not just how to code—and become better thinkers and communicators. Students take from the courses in-demand knowledge and skills

they will use in high school and for the rest of their lives, on any career path they take.

As we welcome the Class of 2018 to the Knighthood, I hope you will enjoy highlights about their accomplishments on pages 29–39 in this magazine.

I am also excited to share with you that the new Donnie Williams Center is taking shape and slated to open in 2019. We look forward to the grand opening. In the meantime, I invite you to attend St. Mary's Ryken events this upcoming school year. Homecoming is a wonderful time to reconnect with classmates and friends! Join us for an alumni tailgating celebration before the Homecoming game at the end of October, join us for the fall play or come to any of the sporting events to cheer on your fellow Knights! Visit our website to learn more at [www.smrhs.org](http://www.smrhs.org).

God Bless,

Mary Joy Hurlburt  
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The Rev. Raymond Schmidt from St. John Francis Regis Catholic Parish in Hollywood, Maryland, talks with Vir'Leah Aldridge during a spiritual direction session.

## The St. Mary's Ryken Spiritual Direction Program Provides Students With Guidance to Become Closer to God

Located in Southern Maryland, St. Mary's Ryken (SMR) is one of 13 Xaverian Brothers Sponsored Schools committed to living the Xaverian charism of fostering an ongoing personal and committed relationship with God.

With the leadership of SMR school chaplain Father Scott Woods, and collaborating with the administration, theology department and Campus Ministry, the spiritual direction program began connecting students with priests to expand their prayer life, strengthen their moral compass and intensify their relationship with God. The program began in a very natural way after SMR theology teachers recognized that some students wanted or needed spiritual and moral direction by a priest. After communicating this need to

Father Scott and by his willingness to visit the school on a weekly basis, the program began in 2012.

Now, five years later, over 200 students voluntarily and actively participate in the program; some are involved daily. The program is successful because Father Scott selflessly meets youth where they are and puts God in front of them. He visits the campus two to three days a week to provide one-on-one sessions to discuss the student's home, school and spiritual life. Coordinated through the Campus Ministry office, students

use 20 to 55 minutes during their theology class or lunchtime to speak with a priest.

Based on those private discussions about relationships with God, family and friends, Father Scott gives advice, prayer suggestions and ideas of spiritual practices to help students grow in their faith.

"During the sessions, we are taught how to use prayer to help manage stressful situations in our lives," said Valentina Nazzaro '18. "I encourage my friends to join the program as well because I've found it's a safe place to be

open about what's happening in my life and to receive guidance from a confidante about how to spiritually navigate a troubling day or situation."

"Our program helps to integrate the faith-life more into the school," said Dr. Rick Wood, school principal. "If students live a more faithful life during the school day, then their morals and values will be more on the forefront of their minds when they go home."

Father Scott said the program attracts all different types of students, and many of them come because of a recommendation from their peers or teachers. "It crosses all of the boundaries of high school to really touch upon all social groups and those of different faiths other than Catholic," he said. Faculty members are also welcome to receive spiritual direction, and many have taken advantage of the program to grow in their faith.

"So many of the students have come to love [God] and know his love for them. And they've just been transformed in that love," Father Scott said. "And it has helped them to lay aside the fears that have kept them back for a long time: the fear of 'What will people think of me?'... The fear of, 'What if I'm not popular?' or 'Will God make me happy? Can I even be happy?' And they found that happiness is not in a thing or a place, but in a person (Jesus) who is always with them."

Spiritual direction is offered to all students regardless of their religious background. Father Scott converted to Catholicism while he was a student at Archbishop Carroll High School in Washington, D.C., and he understands where the students are coming from.

"It helps if I don't assume too much," said Father Scott. "During my first Catholic Mass when I was in high school, I was kind

of lost. I didn't understand why we did what we did, so it gives me a better ability to explain the faith and to understand that it's a journey that doesn't all happen at once. It is a process for the students to encounter Jesus, and He brings them along over time."

"I transferred into St. Mary's Ryken from a school that didn't have a faith-life program," said Lelan Eackles '18. "At first I was nervous to get involved in the spiritual direction program but was encouraged by Father Scott to give it a chance. He offered to be my spiritual father if it helped me to feel more comfortable. Ever since then, I meet with Father Scott on a bi-weekly basis, and he provides me with spiritual and moral guidance, and allows me to confess my sins to him."

Father Scott explains that he doesn't try to "relate to teens" but rather he tries to help them relate to Christ. He knows that they were made for God and He is seeking them. Father Scott tries to help them see the truth.

"I try to help the students to learn how to talk to the Lord and how to listen to the Lord," said Father Scott. "I also try to help students learn how to meditate upon his word and to hear him in the Mass. In this way, they come to know they are loved and sought by the Lord."

One of the many benefits of the SMR high school experience is the faith-based education and opportunity for students and faculty to discuss their faith openly during classes and through the Campus Ministry program. All-school Mass also occurs once a month and every day in the school chapel.

"Spiritual direction and the Campus Ministry are crucial reasons why St. Mary's Ryken is so special," said Greg Lawrence '18. "We're so lucky to have Father Scott and the Campus Ministry to support us on our spiritual journey. They all work so hard to



Spiritual direction comes in many forms, even during a game of chess! Here Father Michael Tietjen, from Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Mechanicsville, bonds with students in Campus Ministry. SMR students are blessed every school day with valuable time spent with local priests who guide, teach and listen.

provide the tools and guidance for us to encounter God.”

With the support of school President Mary Joy Hurlburt and Principal Wood, Father Scott realized the program had huge growth potential if other priests could also volunteer their time and spiritual talents. Due to his positive experiences working with the SMR teens, Father Scott encouraged other priests from the Archdiocese of Washington (ADW) to serve the SMR community. Today, more than 12 ADW priests from Southern Maryland offer daily Mass, as well as reconciliation, so that students can incorporate their sacramental life into their daily life as servants of God.

Some priests visit monthly, others weekly, and some even two to three times per week. Because of the dedication of Father Scott and vision of the school administration, the SMR program has forged an even closer bond between the SMR community and its surrounding parishes. In addition to the growth of many students’ spiritual lives, the spiritual direction program has also made the presence of a priest on campus commonplace.

Father Scott said he and his fellow priests feel that they have grown to be better priests through the process, by allowing Christ to direct them, and through the inspiration of the students.

“We have all been surprised by the incredible growth within the program, especially how many of the teens have encouraged their friends and family members to seek out spiritual direction themselves,” said President Hurlburt. “We’ve been surprised by the number of non-Catholic teens who have found it to be of great value to them, so much so that some of them have wanted to go to a Catholic college so they could continue to receive spiritual direction.”

SMR is committed to following the Xaverian Brothers’ educational goals, which includes forming enduring personal relationships and creating a community that fosters the



SMR chaplain Father Scott Woods (center) in the SMR Chapel of Charity with Father Ken Gill, pastor, St. Catherine of Alexandria and St. Ignatius of Loyola in Port Tobacco, Maryland, and Father Peter Giovanoni, pastor, St. Michael’s Church in Ridge, Maryland

values of Compassion, Simplicity, Humility, Trust and Zeal. The spiritual direction program beautifully aligns to the charism of the Xaverian Brothers by the very nature of how students are involved and by the development of their individual spirituality.

“Father Scott embodies the characteristics and qualities of our Xaverian mission and each of our Xaverian values—Humility, Trust, Zeal, Simplicity and Compassion,” said President Hurlburt. “Spiritual life on campus is alive and robust in large part due to his love and commitment to our school community.”

Through Father Scott’s spiritual leadership and affinity for the students, an environment has been created where uncertain students embrace the opportunity to develop their faith-life and pursue the love of God through personal self-reflection and guidance from a priest.

“Father Scott holds me accountable with the choices that I make,” Lelan said. “Now I think before I act and remember that my morals and values are a big part of spiritual life.”

“When I see a student move towards God, it makes me think, this is the reason why I became a priest,” said Father Scott. “Each morning when I wake up and realize that I will be coming to this campus, I am happy and excited to work with the students and faculty. It is truly one of my best gifts in life.”

Father Scott said he often stays in touch with the students even after they have graduated from SMR, and he has had the opportunity to preside at the weddings of several students who were once part of the spiritual direction program. He has seen the program not only turn around the lives of students, but also their families, who go back to church after seeing their kids do so.

Currently, Father Scott serves as the chaplain of St. Mary’s Ryken High School along with his other roles as the assistant director for priest vocations for the Archdiocese of Washington, and pastor of St. Cecilia Parish in St. Mary’s City, St. Peter Claver in St. Inigoes and St. Mary’s College of Maryland.

*Excerpts taken with permission from a Catholic Standard article dated Jan. 25, 2017.*

# Accolades and Honors

## Principal Wood Becomes Dr. Wood

Congratulations to Principal Rick Wood for completing his Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies at the University of Maryland!

Dr. Wood completed his dissertation on teachers' perceptions of the impact of iPad use in the classroom and their instructional practice. "I choose this topic because the research and findings would benefit the SMR community and greater educational technology community," said Dr. Wood. "Very little research has been done on this topic to date and I wanted to pursue a topic that would help others too."



## Amy Cricchi, Director of Enrollment Management, Honored

During the schoolwide Catholic Schools Week Mass, Amy Cricchi, director of enrollment management, was presented with the highest award in the Xaverian Brothers school community, the Theodore James Ryken Award.

"Mrs. Cricchi received this award because of her unselfish dedication to our school community," said SMR Principal Rick Wood. "She is a valued, mission-centered team member and has helped SMR achieve the highest enrollment in our school history."

After receiving the award, Mrs. Cricchi took a moment to thank the SMR students:

"I want to thank the students, all 700 of you," she said. "It is because of you that I promote St. Mary's Ryken with a passion every day. Before I started working here I had a career in sales, and I never imagined that I'd end up



President Mary Joy Hurlburt presenting Amy Cricchi the Theodore James Ryken Award



From left: Father Colin Poston (Mrs. Cricchi's brother), Brenda Poston (Mrs. Cricchi's mother), Mrs. Amy Cricchi and her husband, Steve Cricchi

working in education. So I'm a salesperson at heart, and no matter what I've sold in the past, I've only ever sold products and services that I believe in. That's why the role I have here is such a good fit for me. I believe in St. Mary's Ryken. I believe in the mission, and I believe in all of you. It's my job to promote the school, and you students are, without a doubt, the best marketing material we've got!"

"Amy takes time to consciously build personal relationships with students, faculty, staff and parents," said President Mary Joy Hurlburt. "She is an advocate for the St. Mary's Ryken community, recognizing that each and every individual is a child of God and brings extraordinary gifts to share. Mrs. Cricchi nurtures the students' personal dignity and integrity as she welcomes them to St. Mary's Ryken. She promotes daily the traditions, values and charism of the Xaverian Brothers. The Xaverian charism, at its core, is relational. Mrs. Cricchi embodies this by forming enduring personal relationships to help create a community that fosters the values of Compassion, Simplicity, Humility, Trust and Zeal."

## Exploring God-Given Gifts & Talents

In the Gospel of Luke, Chapter 12, we are astonished to hear, and even feel, the frustration felt and expressed by Jesus when he exclaims to the crowd, “I have come to light a fire, how I wish it were blazing!”

This quote from Scripture is shared with the juniors during their annual two-day retreat at Loyola on the Potomac retreat center in Faulkner, Maryland. Following tradition, the theme for the retreat experience is “Our God-Given Gifts & Talents,” and the group of 30 students, student-leaders and adult chaperones are encouraged to recognize their gifts and talents, while challenged to use those gifts evangelizing to others about the love of God. Throughout the retreat experience, the group is introduced to quotes and books appropriately leading the students to a deeper understanding, and purpose in action, to rise to the challenge of Jesus and light that blaze.

The two days of retreat are filled with talks and reflections from four SMR seniors sharing about their faith journey. The meditations they share are personal. The juniors are provided with the opportunity to learn from their peers. The seniors are also small group leaders, guiding an eight-member group of juniors in more profound

reflection about faith, who they are, and how they can make a difference in the world.

One of our adult chaperones, Daniel Garland, a theology teacher at SMR, recalled his experience: “I witnessed a sense of joy in the students in their search for God during the two days. It was encouraging to see the students grow in their faith-life.” The students are provided times for recreation, personal prayer, and meditation. Local priests from the Archdiocese of Washington join in offering the sacraments of Reconciliation (confession; a time to make right our relationship with God) and the Eucharist in the form of the celebration of Mass.

“As the retreat leader, I am consistently overwhelmed at a depth of thought and reflection from our students,” said Chris Shea, director of Campus Ministry. “As I guide them along the retreat experience, I experience the transformation they make as they come to a deeper understanding of who they are, not selfishly, but in a broader

sense of their ability to impact the world around them. I speak to the students about Jesus’s frustration at the people’s lack of understanding of His message and the vision of Jesus of a world in which people love each other and God. I encourage, through retreat activities and reflections, the students to be empowered by God, through their gifts and talents, to spread the love of God to all.”

Theodore Ryken, the founder of the Xaverian Brothers, led his Brothers on a life of evangelization and teaching the message of Jesus to others. Theodore Ryken traveled to the United States to set up institutions where he and his Brothers could educate, in mind and heart, the children of our country. “In that spirit, I, the adult chaperones, and senior peer leaders continue his mission in the junior retreat,” said Mr. Shea.

As Theodore Ryken preached and lived, “In harmony, small things grow,” the junior retreat emphasizes our Christian role, promoted by Pope Francis, to evangelize the message of love and service to humanity. A junior retreatant, Gabrielle Bricker, reflects, “I love how retreat opens your eyes to people’s personal lives as you develop newfound appreciations for that person even though you aren’t friends. Be kind. Always.”

To “love one another” we need self-knowledge and understanding of our giftedness. As the junior class completes their retreat journey, they are better equipped to light the blaze wished for by Jesus and understood by Theodore Ryken as he strived to guide others, in harmony, to grow.



Juniors head to the Loyola on the Potomac, a Jesuit retreat house in Faulkner, Maryland.



Annette Bennett (computer science) and David Hamilton (director of college advising) admire the sunset with the students on retreat.

# STEM Opportunities for the Tech Generation

## Community-Supported Clubs | Interactive Labs | **NEW** Aerospace Engineering Course

### UAS Drone Club is Taking Flight!

Under the direction of club moderator Edward Szymkowiak (science department) and two Navy aerospace engineers, the UAS Drone Club is taking flight! Club members are participating in local competitions, learning from experts in the field and benefiting from resources from the Patuxent Partnership.

In April, students attended a Quadcopter Skills Expo sponsored by the Patuxent Partnership's UAS/Quadcopter Initiative.

The Patuxent Partnership (TPP) fosters collaboration between government, industry, and academia to strengthen the economic base of the Southern Maryland region. One of the ways they are achieving that is by building a long-term, self-sustaining program for STEM workforce development. Due to a grant from the Office of Naval Research, TPP is able to support educational initiatives in this area that will benefit



Michael Mazuc and Brady Kinslow at the UAS test site

the current and future workforce in Southern Maryland.

As part of the initiatives, TPP sponsors an annual quadcopter training program for high school teams in the tri-county area. The course includes three in-person training sessions throughout the year and culminates in a skills expo in April, where students and mentors come together to share successes, failures, and learning experiences.

Earlier this year members of the Drone Club attended another event sponsored by the Patuxent Partnership—Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS Drone) training at the University of Maryland's UAS Test Site at St. Mary's County Airport. Students Michael Mazuc, Brady Kinslow, Patrick Devine and James Devine, and Mr. Szymkowiak attended a featured presentation by retired naval Capt. Matt Scassero, director of the test site.

"Participating in the expo was fun because we got to see how our group stacks up to other teams in the area," said Drone Club member Michael Mazuc. "Even though we had a few challenges with flying our drone, we had a good time and learned what we need to do to improve for next year."

"As a fast-growing area of aviation, UAV/UAS education prepares students for a number of possible career paths, including UAV pilot or aerospace engineer in both government/military and private industry," said Bonnie Green, executive director, Patuxent Partnership.

Capt. Scassero presented information about recent research projects and showed the students different drones at the site. He answered the students' questions and also talked about UAS legislation, com-

mercialization and the economic impact of the test site as part of the St. Mary's County technology corridor.

### FTC Robotics Club Competes at the United States Naval Academy



Junsu Park, Reagan Burke and Euikwang "Josh" Kim during a robotics competition

The FTC Robotics Club participated in two qualifier meets at the United States Naval Academy and one in St. Mary's County. The group finished in the top 10 for each meet and has a goal to reach the state competition next year.

### Aerospace Engineering Course Debuts!

Starting in the 2018–19 school year, the Project Lead the Way (PLTW) engineering pathway will debut a new course: **Aerospace Engineering!** In this yearlong course, students will explore fundamentals of flight in air and space through software simulations and hands-on experiences. Students will



Dillon Miller builds and programs a VEX robot.

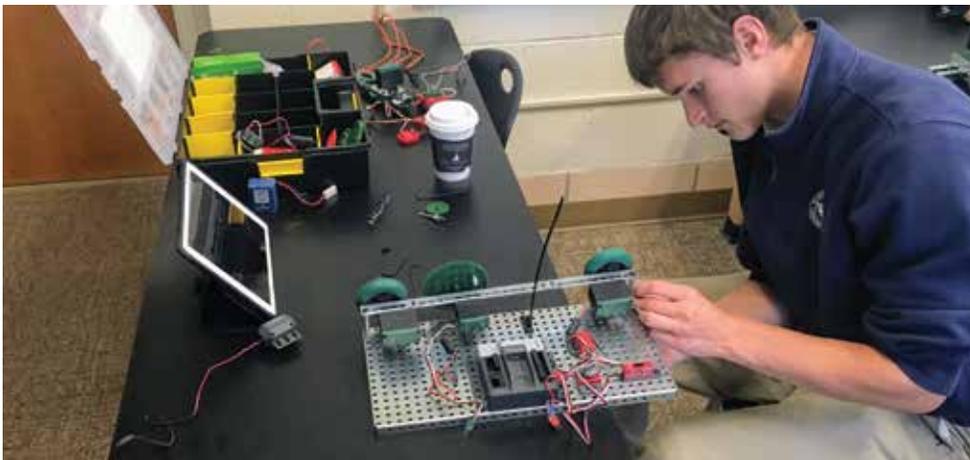
learn how these concepts apply to a career in aerospace engineering and to other engineering fields. Specific units will cover an introduction to aerospace, aerospace design, propulsion and alternative applications.

This is the third of the PLTW required courses within the engineering pathway; the first two for freshmen and sophomores are Introduction to Engineering Design and Principles of Engineering. The pathway will culminate with a senior capstone course.

Intro to Engineering Design (IED) “helps to develop student problem-solving skills with emphasis placed on the development of three-dimensional solid models,” said

Edward Szymkowiak (science department and PLTW engineering pathway teacher). “Students work from sketching simple geometric shapes to applying solid modeling in Autodesk Inventor, a very sophisticated computer-aided design package. They will learn a problem-solving design process and how it is used in industry to manufacture a product. The techniques learned, and equipment used, are state of the art and are currently being used by engineers throughout the United States. In addition, SMR has 3-D printers that allow students to create prototypes of the objects they design.”

Mr. Szymkowiak continues: Principles of Engineering (POE) “is a course that helps



Dominic Taylor tests and programs robotic sensors.



Olivia Johnson uses a remote control to operate one of the student-built and -programmed robots.



“My most inspiring experience at SMR was as a programmer on the FTC robotics team. Working under my team’s head programmer, I was tasked with writing the autonomous programs by myself. Watching the robot and programming work properly during the competition led me to realize how important programming is to engineering. These extracurricular activities provided hands-on application for my STEM coursework. I also took AP courses in physics, computer science and calculus. These academic experiences demonstrated to colleges my interest in challenging STEM coursework.” —Reagan Burke '18

Reagan with computer science teacher Marcos Lindekugel

students understand the field of engineering/engineering technology by exploring various technology systems and manufacturing processes. Students learn how engineers and technicians use math, science and technology in an engineering problem-solving process to benefit people. POE gives students experience in a broad range of engineering topics, including mechanisms, the strength of structures and materials, automation, robotics and programming. Students further develop their IED skills in problem solving, research and design while learning strategies

for design process documentation, collaboration and presentation. The course also includes concerns about social and political consequences of technological change.”

“In the PLTW Engineering course, we have learned many useful applications of engineering skills,” said Dillon Miller '20 (Scholars Program, Engineering Pathway student). “We learn about physics and mechanics, and then how we can apply what we learned in a real-world setting. By using computer programs like Autodesk Inventor to create 3-D models, we can then print the models. Through group projects and competitions, we learn how to work together and utilize specific skills that each individual brings to the class in order to help us complete our projects.”

Considered introductory courses, both IED and POE form a firm foundation for the latter advanced PLTW courses, including Aerospace Engineering.



Jessie Harris, Michael Hayden and Christopher Gleghorn test their designs and measure results during their Conceptual Physics class.

## Physics Project Catapults Students' Creativity

In Bryan Kern's Conceptual Physics class, projectile motion was explored and the SMR stadium became the backdrop.

Students were asked to test projectile motion by creating and constructing a catapult/launching device to fire tennis balls. Using the turf as reference, students were able to measure distance, time, speed, trajectory and velocity of the projectile; they used their iPads to record their results.

Nikia Friday next to a new 3-D printer used to support the Introduction to Engineering Design curriculum



# AP Capstone Diploma Program | Critical for College and Career Success

Beginning in the 2018–19 school year, St. Mary’s Ryken (SMR) is thrilled to participate in the College Board AP Capstone diploma program! SMR is one of approximately 1,500 schools *worldwide* to implement the Capstone program.

The program focuses on:

- Independent college-level research
- Collaborative teamwork
- Communication and writing skills

The program consists of two courses taken in sequence:

- AP Seminar
- AP Research

“This innovative program complements the AP courses that SMR currently offers our students, and will help to better prepare them for the expectations in college and beyond,” said SMR Principal Rick Wood. “Skills such as writing, research, analyzation and presentation skills are critical to college success. AP Research and AP Seminar will both help to strengthen these skills.”

What you need to know:

- Students who earn scores of 3 or higher on AP Seminar and AP Research assessments and on four additional AP exams of their choosing will earn the AP Capstone Diploma.
- This signifies their outstanding academic achievement and attainment of college-level academic and research skills.
- Students who earn scores of 3 or higher on both AP Seminar and AP Research assessments only (but not on the four additional AP exams) will earn the AP Seminar and Research Certificate.
- AP Capstone complements the in-depth, subject-specific study of other Advanced Placement courses and exams.

The **AP Seminar course** is typically taken in 10th or 11th grade and equips students with the ability to look at academic or real-world issues from multiple perspectives. Through a variety of materials—articles to research studies to foundational and philosophical texts—students tackle complex questions; understand and evaluate opposing viewpoints; interpret and synthesize information; and construct, communicate and defend evidence-based arguments.

Teachers have flexibility to cover local, regional, national and global topics relevant to their students, around themes such as education, innovation, sustainability and technology. Students are assessed through a team project and presentation, an individual project and presentation, and an end-of-course written exam. By tapping into students’ personal interests, AP Capstone gives students from a wide range of backgrounds an entry point into stimulating coursework.

In the subsequent **AP Research course**, students design, plan and conduct a yearlong research-based investigation on a topic of individual interest, documenting their process with a portfolio. Students build on skills developed in the AP Seminar course by learning how to understand research methodology; employ ethical research practices; and collect, analyze and synthesize information to build, present and defend an argument.

“Enabling students and teachers to focus on topics of their choice in such great depth will help to keep students engaged and interested in their team projects and independent research,” said Brad Chamberlain, dean of academics. “These courses provide terrific opportunities for students to develop the ability to write and present their work effectively, individually and in groups—the very skills college professors want their students to possess, and the goal we have for all of our graduates.”

## Cybersecurity in 2019–20

As part of the Scholars Program computer science pathway, Cybersecurity will be offered in 2019! Cybersecurity introduces the tools and concepts of cybersecurity and encourages students to create solutions that allow people to share computing resources while protecting privacy.

This is the fourth of the required PLTW courses within the computer science pathway; the first three are Introduction to Computer Science, AP Computer Science Principles and AP Computer Science.





Senior Casey Burke shows off the #KLEO sticker, which stands for “Knights Love Everyone.” #17 is used to commemorate the 17 victims in the recent tragedy at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.

## Creativity, Leadership and Character Define the Experience

On March 14, the St. Mary’s Ryken community expressed its support to stop school violence through a “Walk Up” movement. Students “walked up” to classmates and teachers to spread random acts of kindness.

Julia Vogel, SMR senior and Student Government Association president, spearheaded the event for the school community.

“Walking up supports the mission and values of the SMR community because it allowed students to show our values within our daily routines,” said Julia. “As SMR students, we are always encouraged to do the right thing and emulate the mission of our school. March 14 was another reminder as students to do the right thing, and show our community what it’s like to be an SMR Knight!”

Students were given stickers to share with others as acts of kindness were completed. The campus was buzzing with smiling faces and prayers for a safer future for all schools.

“Witnessing student activism through the random acts of kindness exemplifies how mission-centered our students are and the great benefits of our faith-based education,” said Dr. Rick Wood, SMR principal.

# Service Projects Empower Students to Support the Community

## Show Choir Performs During Catholic Schools Week Mass

The SMR show choir kicked off Catholic Schools Week by performing during Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Lexington Park. Catholic elementary and middle schoolers celebrated Mass in recognition of their Catholic education.

## Thanking Loved Ones on Giving Tuesday

During English classes on Giving Tuesday, students took the opportunity to write a thank you note to someone who has made a difference in their lives.



Senior Frank Furtado



Back row, from left: Sergio Nazzaro, Kevin Grace, Peter Trossbach and Matthew Schreyer.  
Front row, from left: Valentina Nazzaro, Meaghan Travis, Lydia Bowman, Catherine Nguyen, Sarah Skane, Alyssa Jones, Elizabeth Kidwell and Laurentino Ezra Quemuel

## Reading to Local Elementary School Students

Also during Giving Tuesday, St. Mary's Ryken girls basketball players read to Park Hall Elementary School students.



Katie White

## Students Continue Long-Standing Tradition During Easter Season

Continuing an over-10-year tradition, "Letters of Love" were delivered to the residents of Cedar Lane Senior Living Community. These cards were created by the World Language students to show their love and support of the residents during the Easter season. During these experiences, SMR students learn the value of serving others and the blessings that it brings.



## SMR Community Becomes “Santa Knights”

How the SMR community responds to help 40 families and 60 children to have a Christmas that would not have been possible otherwise is nothing less than amazing. Thank you to the St. Mary’s Ryken Student Government Association (SGA) for organizing this event, and to all of the SMR students, faculty and staff for their generous donations!

## Huge Support for St. Mary’s Helping Hands Food Pantry

Students collected over 2,000 food items plus \$815 during the fall food drive for St. Mary’s Helping Hands Food Pantry in Mechanicsville. The SGA packed and delivered the items to assist families during the Christmas season.

During the annual Farrell food drive, 1,143 cans and \$1,400 were donated during the Easter season to benefit the St. Mary’s Helping Hands Food Pantry.



From left: Sarah Skane, Tyara Nguyen, Gavin Willis, Lilly Bull, Julia Vogel and Carleigh Wood help SGA moderator Luke Young prepare the donations.

## Mount2000 | Students Attend Special Retreat

For the last 17 years, Mount St. Mary's Catholic Seminary and University has sponsored a Catholic retreat for high school students. Approximately 20 students from SMR attended this year's special retreat, which gives students the opportunity to encounter Christ. Sacraments of the Mass and confession are frequently offered, as well as Eucharistic Adoration, talks from guest speakers, and music concerts throughout the weekend.

"Mount2000 was absolutely amazing," said student Luke Getson. "Attending this retreat for the first time really strengthened my faith, and it allowed me to see a different perspective on some parts of my religion. I also really liked the music, the upbeat atmosphere and the speakers. One moving experience was going to the grotto by the large statue of Mary. The silence and peaceful environment really encouraged you to reflect and pray."



## National Honor Society Students | Living Our Xaverian Values Daily!

### Knitting Scarves for the Homeless

National Honor Society (NHS) students knitted scarves, hats and mittens and these were given as Christmas presents to those less fortunate who stayed at Camp Maria with Project Warm.



NHS students knitting scarves for those less fortunate

### Cancer Awareness

Over the past eight years, the NHS raised over \$18,000 by sponsoring Cancer Awareness Week fundraisers and hosting SMR used uniform sales. Recently, the student-led group donated the funds from their efforts to the American Cancer Society and received a certificate of appreciation.

"Cancer Awareness Week is one of the most meaningful fundraisers sponsored by NHS," said NHS President Ashley Collins '18. "Cancer has become such a widespread disease, and most everyone knows someone affected."

### Supporting the Care Net Pregnancy Center

For the ninth year, NHS students collected and donated many needed items for the CareNet of Southern Maryland Pregnancy Center. The center supports expecting families in Southern Maryland with supplies for babies and their parents.

# St. Mary's Ryken Well Represented by Student Organizations

## SMR is the Only Private School Member of the Maryland Association of Student Councils

Sophomore Sydney Neal was elected the 1st vice president of the Maryland Association of Student Councils (MASC). As the only private school member of MASC, this is a very prestigious honor for Sydney and St. Mary's Ryken. MASC advocates for students' rights by working alongside the Maryland General Assembly, various interest groups and the State Board of Education.

Additional congratulations to Sydney for also being selected as a member of the National Student Leadership Committee, which is part of the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

## Future Business Leaders of America Compete at State Level

The Future Business Leaders of America club competed at the state competition under the leadership of faculty adviser Paula McGuigan. Eight students participated in six events, and SMR placed in the top 10 in four of those six events.

- Garrett Daczkowski  
Cybersecurity – 5th Place
- Chris Xu  
Advertising – 10th Place
- Krystal Shaw  
Electronic Career Portfolio – 6th Place
- Amanda Thompson & Alexandra Wettengel  
Hospitality Management – 6th Place

“The leadership role I have taken as chapter president has prepared me for the business field,” said Krystal Shaw. “I have learned



From left: Garrett Daczkowski, Jordyn Martin, Krystal Shaw, Allison Thompson, Drew Figueiras, Amanda Thompson, Alexandra Wettengel and Chris Xu.

about responsibility, delegating, and planning. I am acquiring the skills required by business leaders to lead and complete projects, and have gained experience in a business atmosphere by attending and competing at conferences for both the state and regional level.”

## 30-Hour Famine Supported Global Hunger and Malnutrition

For a second year in a row, SMR's Interact Club participated in World Vision's annual fundraiser to combat global hunger and malnutrition. World Vision is a Christian organization that provides food, nutrition education and health care to needy children around the world. SMR Interact Club members fasted for 30 hours, learned about global hunger through various activities, and collected \$3,254, surpassing last year's total. The money will feed over 80 children for an entire month. The Interact Club is proud to make this its annual major event at SMR.



Top, from left: Mr. Luke Young (theology department and SGA moderator), Jared Simon, Jaida Hendricks, Sydney Neal, Clarke Weddington and Julia Vogel. Bottom row, from left: Tyara Nguyen, Carleigh Wood, Briana Bowen, Bryan Jones and Jesse Harris

## Honor Society Inductions

### Thespian Honor Society

Congratulations to six students who were inducted into St. Mary's Ryken High School's Troupe 7517 of the International Thespian Society. Members were selected based on scholarship, character and serving over 100 excellent hours within the St. Mary's Ryken Theatre Department.

### Tri-M Honor Society

Congratulations to six students who were inducted into Chapter 6677 of the Tri-M Music Honors Society. Their nomination for membership was based on musicianship, academic qualification and demonstrated leadership.

### National Honor Society

In ceremonies held in the fall and spring, seventy-one students were inducted into the Theodore James Ryken Chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS). In addition to academic achievement (scholarship), members are selected to NHS based on leadership, service and character.

To read more and view the list of honored students, please visit <https://www.smrhs.org/news>.



Sarah Skane during the induction ceremony



NHS president Ashley Collins explains the pillars of the NHS.



Colin Thomas during the induction ceremony



Sam Silverstone during the induction ceremony

Julia Delcocco was inducted into all three societies!



## Special Accomplishments

Senior Brennan Hudson earned the highest score in St. Mary's County on the University of Maryland High School Mathematics Competition, a two-part test of mathematical insight and ingenuity.

Every fall, the University of Maryland holds a math competition for high school students enrolled in Maryland or the District of Columbia. About 2,000 students take the part 1 exam. Students who score well on part 1 are invited to participate in part 2 of

the competition. Both parts require a sound knowledge of high school mathematics.

St. Mary's Ryken High School students have been the highest scorers in St. Mary's County four times in the past six years.

After graduation, Brennan will attend the United States Military Academy at West Point.

### Rocque Tremaglio Demonstrates Character and Sportsmanship

Freshman Rocque Tremaglio, a member of the SMR junior varsity football team, was selected to carry the United States flag before playing in the USA Football International Bowl in Dallas.

"I felt truly blessed to represent our country on such a grand stage," said Rocque. "I was also thankful to represent St. Mary's Ryken the best that I could during the International Bowl IX."

Rocque participated in the USA Football Regional Development training camp last spring in Montgomery County, Maryland, and then the USA Football National Development Games in Canton, Ohio, in July. He was ultimately chosen to be on the USA International team in Dallas in January. Rocque's team played Team Mexico at the Dallas Cowboys stadium, winning 47-0 for the championship.



Ten minutes before Rocque was to go out on the field, he was chosen unanimously by all five coaches across the teams to carry the USA flag because "Rocque demonstrated character and good sportsmanship—he was described as a true gentleman."

"I had the honor and privilege of coaching Rocque during the 2018 International USA Football games," said Coach Tyree Spinner. "Many times as a football coach, you are excited to see the skill set and talent level of the players for events like this...but with Rocque, I found myself excited to see him every day because he was polite, respectful, portrayed a great work ethic, and he was eager to improve every day. He was awarded as the flag bearer because when I think of what an ideal citizen of this country is, it's



From left: Selva Kumar (math department chair), Brennan Hudson and Principal Rick Wood

a young man like Rocque. Whether it's football or something else, we are looking at a future leader of this great nation.”

“It is a great honor to wear USA on your chest,” said SMR head varsity football coach Aaron Brady. “The opportunity to do this in the sport of football has only been a possibility for a short time, and is quite an accomplishment for a student-athlete of Rocque’s age.”

USA Football is the official representative of the game as sanctioned by the National Football League.

## Student Attends Prestigious Civil Leadership Academy

Last winter, Abigail Wood was selected to participate in the prestigious Civic Leadership Academy (CLA), in Washington, D.C.

The CLA offers students the opportunity to study the federal government, develop leadership skills, and explore public service careers. The program includes seminars, briefings and tours.

“I learned so much about our country and how it operates,” said Abigail. “I experienced and saw many places that often the general public doesn’t get to, and I learned about how the branches of the government come together to run our country. For example, I heard oral arguments at the Supreme Court and met the clerk of the court, toured the White House, Pentagon, Library of Congress, and all the national monuments and memorials, and gave two speeches on behalf of the Civil Air Patrol to staffers from Reps. Steny Hoyer and Dutch Ruppersburger on Capitol Hill. A very special experience was being selected to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery. I had the honor of laying the wreath, and

it was one of the greatest honors of my life. I’ve wanted a career in the government as a planner or strategist before I went to the academy, and by participating in the academy, I now have more motivation to achieve this goal.”

## Internship and Job Shadowing Programs

Many internships and job shadowing experiences are available to students at SMR. Ongoing opportunities in the local area include:

- MedStar Health in Leonardtown and CalvertHealth Medical Center, where students have the chance to become junior volunteers in an area that interests them
- Southern Maryland Orthopaedic & Sports Medicine Center offers shadowing opportunities to learn more about the role of a doctor or physician assistant in the sports medicine field
- C3D Imagery, a local company that specializes in making 3-D walk-throughs of buildings, houses, warehouses and schools, offers internships to learn how to create websites, 3-D videos and renderings
- DCS Corp., a professional services firm providing engineering, programmatic and technical support services to the Department of Defense and other customers focused on national security
- Double T Oyster Ranch has summer internships for students interested in marketing or aquaculture
- The St. Mary’s County Health Department offers hands-on experiences in the field of public health, including clinical services, behavioral health, environmental health, epidemiology, marketing and administration.

“The internship at DCS Corp. has awarded me the ability to look into their latest software project for the F/A-18 called



Abigail (center) after laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier



From left: Tech Squad members Steven Kestler, Alejandro Figueiras, Kahlil Zellner, David DeLuca and Media Specialist Terry Wood

WASP,” said David DeLuca ’18. “I’ve been blessed to work with test pilots, aerospace engineers, software engineers, and business owners. I’ve had the opportunity to sit in on business conferences and meetings, watch code get built, play with software in development and meet people with extraordinary backgrounds. This opportunity has

allowed me to get a strong feeling of what it’s like to be in a working environment and has opened my eyes to business practices.”

David’s internship experience at DCS Corp. is sponsored by alum Todd Jubeck ’84.

## Tech Squad Helps Local Catholic School and Improves Lunch Line Efficiency

With assistance from Media Specialist Terry Wood, the SMR Tech Squad worked with the information technology staff this year to refurbish laptops and projectors to be donated to St. Johns Catholic School in Hollywood, Maryland. Also, by partnering with SAGE Dining Services, the squad improved the speed and flow of the lunch line.

“Ever since the beginning of the school year, congestion in the lunch line was an issue,” said senior Steven Kestler. “As part of a Tech Squad project, I chose to focus on increasing efficiency with the line by rearranging the lunch room layout so that the same options are available on both sides of the kitchen. The new layout was implemented, and the new cafeteria line procedure is in place to allow for faster throughput in the lunch line. Students experience a 50 percent improvement from the time they enter the line to when they are seated to enjoy their lunch. This project was exciting because I realized that if I stepped up to help and fix this issue, it would not only benefit me, but all other students who purchase lunch.”

### Attention Alumni!

Are you interested in offering an internship/job shadow experience to help students decide on their major in college and to help boost their resumes when applying to college?

Please contact  
Aaron Brady at  
[aaron.brady@smrhs.org](mailto:aaron.brady@smrhs.org).

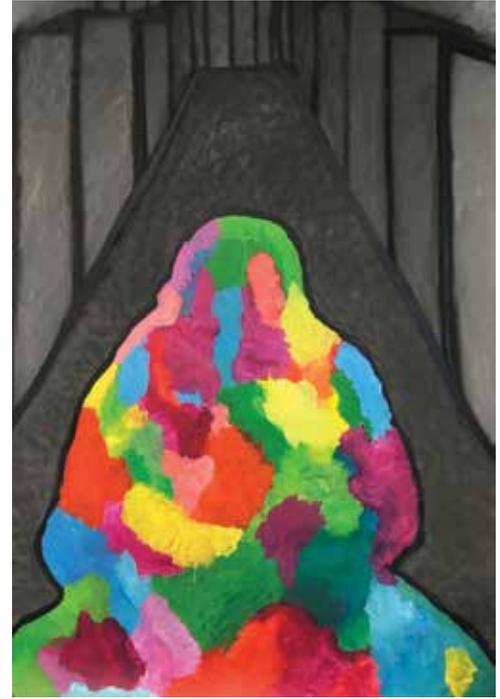


# Fine Arts Students Color Our Community

Artwork created by students in Studio 1,  
AP Studio Art and painting classes



Gabriella Ruhlmann



Olivia Carr '18



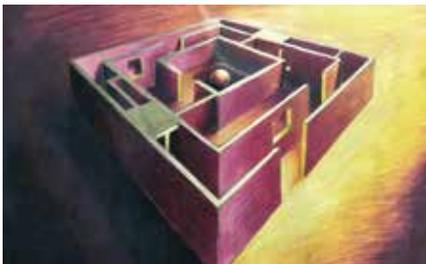
Celine Adams '18



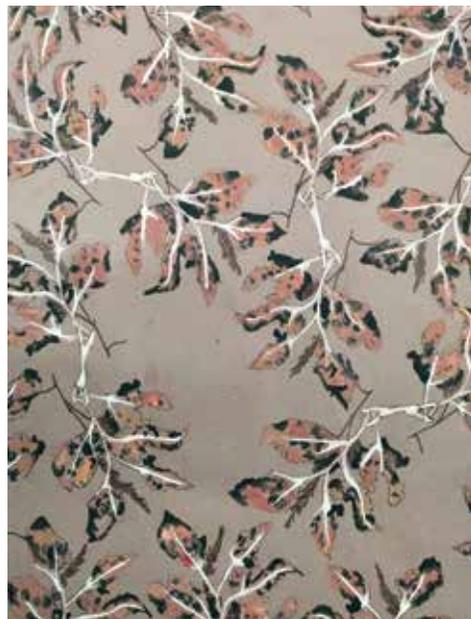
Anna Claire Shevchuk '18



Dakota Seek



Dakota Seek



Sarah Walls



Xintian "Mike" Ma '18



Fine arts and NHS students after celebrating Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral

## Annual Tour of the Big Apple

Fine arts and National Honor Society students visited New York City! Students enjoyed two shows, attended Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, and visited Carnegie Hall, the American Museum of Natural History, Central Park and the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

## Students Selected for Prestigious WAMTC Honors Orchestra

St. Mary's Ryken performing arts students competed for seats in the Washington Archdiocesan Music Teachers Council Honors Orchestra. Demetrius Poole, Julia Hetmansky and Sean Alderson made the violin 1 section.

"It is a very prestigious honor for students to be selected," said fine arts department chair Dante Marmo. According to the WAMTC, "Selected students represent the finest musicians from the Archdiocesan-affiliated high schools."



Demetrius Poole, Julia Hemansky and Sean Alderson



The 2017-18 concert band during the fall concert

## Arts Festivals Showcase Choir, Dance and Instrumental Ensembles



Choral Director Kim Norris with the full choir before their spring festival performance



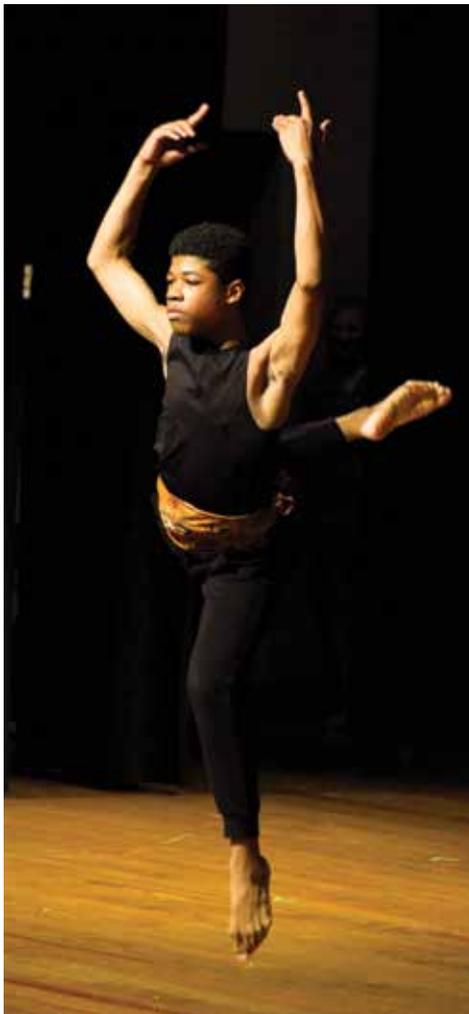
Soloist Jennifer Tennant



## Choral Students Earn Top Honors in State Contests

Students were nominated and participated in The Catholic University of America Honors Chorus.

The following students scored a top score of 1 at the county level for the Maryland Music Educators Association State Solo & Ensemble.



From left: Laurentino Ezra Quemuel, Margaret Sullivan, Laura Papp and Ethan Redding



Top, from left: Margaret Sullivan, Sergio Nazzaro, Samantha Young; Bottom, from left: Sarah Skane, Julia Baddour, Katelyn Kovach. Not pictured: Megan Skane

Students participated in the Maryland County Solo & Ensemble Competition.



Standing, from left: Sergio Nazzaro, Julia Baddour, Margaret Sullivan, Samantha Young, Elizabeth Kidwell, Sarah Skane and Laurentino Ezra Quemuel. Sitting, from left: Blake Meyer, Caroline Tedford and Katelyn Kovach

Earning a top score of 1, the following students also sang for the adjudication at the state level for the Maryland Music Educators Association: Sergio Nazzaro, Megan Skane, Sarah Skane, Julia Baddour, Margaret Sullivan, Samantha Young and Katelyn Kovach. Natalie Fajerski, Catherine Nguyen and Meaghan Travis '18 did a wonderful job accompanying the students.

Brent Bradford's opening jump in an African dance-inspired piece



Valentina Nazzaro records the solo portion of "Oceans."

### "Blessings" and "Oceans" | A Special Gift to the SMR Community

St. Mary's Ryken Chorus students professionally recorded their performances of the songs "Blessings" and "Oceans." These songs became very special and popular during many SMR events, including all-school and Baccalaureate Masses. Now, they serve as a special gift for everyone to enjoy.

To view the music videos and download the audio files, visit [www.smrhs.org/BlessingsOceans](http://www.smrhs.org/BlessingsOceans).

CDs are also available. Please contact Betsy Haley at [betsy.haley@smrhs.org](mailto:betsy.haley@smrhs.org) if you would like one sent to you.



"Fools" cast

## Standing Ovations Throughout the Year!

### "Fools"

In the fall, students acted in and produced a comic fable, "Fools."

"My favorite aspect of participating in an SMR production was working together with the rest of the cast and crew," said student performer Katelyn Kovach. "I made so many new friends, and we all worked so hard together, just like a sports team, to present the best show we could. Finally getting to perform for an audience after working so hard is such a fulfilling part of participating in theatre."

### "Hello, Dolly!"

In the spring, students performed a lively and impressive performance of the musical "Hello, Dolly!"

## SAVE THE DATE for 2018-19 Theatre Productions!

November 8-11, 2018  
"The Miracle Worker"  
by William Gibson

April 4-7, 2019  
"Seussical,  
the Musical"





“Hello, Dolly!” cast

“Classic musical theatre with its large casts, big dance numbers, and gorgeous music is something that every musical theatre student should experience. The students take so much pride in their art form and are constantly striving for excellence,” said SMR theatre director Tessa Silvestro.



SMR faculty and students who participated in the orchestra for the 2018 production of “Hello, Dolly!” from left: Choral Director, Kim Norris, Ryan Garner, Daphne Spencer, Mike Ma, Jennifer Tennant, Sam Silverstone and Director of Bands and Orchestra, Dante Marmo

Gavin Willis, Laura Papp and Valentina Nazzaro in “Hello, Dolly!”

## Faculty and Staff News

### SMECO STEM Teacher of the Year

Tara Everly was honored as the SMECO STEM Teacher of the Year. This is the second time Ms. Everly has been honored by SMECO; she has also been named the SMECO Science Teacher of the Year. SMR is honored to have her leading our Project Lead the Way (PLTW) biomedical pathway, which is part of the SMR Scholars Program.

“What excites me the most about the biomedical pathway is watching the students interact with real-life problems and issues,” said Ms. Everly. “Students get to measure bones, load DNA samples into a gel, observe muscle contractions, and determine range of motion of their joints. All of these activities are applications, and they show science in

action. The PLTW program takes learning and shows students what they can do to have an impact on society.”

### Congratulations to Archdiocese of Washington Teachers of the Year

During a ceremony in October at the Archdiocese of Washington, Mary Rose Depperschmidt '10 and Tara Everly were recognized as Catholic High School Teachers of the Year.

Ms. Everly (science department) was recognized as Veteran Teacher of the Year for St. Mary's Ryken. This award recognizes a veteran teacher who embraces teaching as

a ministry, proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and demonstrates respect for the Catholic identity and the charism of her school. Awardees possess the following characteristics:

- Models a leadership style of respect to all members of the school community
- Manifests a desire for academic excellence through continuous personal and professional growth
- Assumes responsibility for development of the whole student
- Engages in teaching within and outside the classroom that fosters the God-given talents and gifts of every student
- Seeks to transform students by responding to the Gospel call for peace and justice.

“St. Mary's Ryken has so many amazing teachers who are passionate about what they do every day,” said Ms. Everly. “I am humbled to be recognized with this honor.”

Ms. Everly is the lead Project Lead the Way biomedical pathway teacher in the SMR Scholars Program, has been an SMR science teacher for 12 years and has been head field hockey coach for 13 years.

Ms. Depperschmidt (theology department) was recognized as Novice Teacher of the Year for St. Mary's Ryken. This award recognizes a new teacher from each Catholic high school in the Archdiocese of Washington who embraces teaching as a ministry, proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and demonstrates respect for the Catholic identity and the charism of her school. Awardees possess the following characteristics:

- Demonstrates a commitment to the spiritual growth of the school community
- Manifests a desire for academic excellence and commitment to professional standards
- Demonstrates pedagogical awareness that includes both generic and content-specific techniques



Ms. Everly demonstrates the urinalysis experiment during Human Body Systems class with students Jonathan Pappas, Rachele Wakefield and Demetrius Poole.



Teachers of the Year Mary Rose Depperschmidt '10 and Tara Everly

- Recognizes the necessity for development of the whole student
- Cares deeply about the well-being of students, earning the respect of both students and teachers alike.

“I feel blessed just to have the job that I do,” said Ms. Depperschmidt. “I am honored that my colleagues chose to recognize me, and I take it as confirmation that I am in the right place.”

Ms. Depperschmidt is in her fourth year as a theology teacher at SMR. She is also a co-faculty moderator for the Xaverian Brothers Sponsored Schools Stewards program and previously was an assistant cross-country coach.

## Technology and Apps Enhance Instruction for Performing Artists

Dante Marmo, the fine arts department chair and director of bands and orchestra, was featured on SmartMusic, a music

educator’s blog. Mr. Marmo contributed to a blog series about how to use music tech for instrumental programs. He and a colleague described how phone and table apps, along with computer and Web-based apps, can be used effectively in the classroom.



Matthew Schreyer uses an iPad music app to tune the timpani. “This is one of many instances of how music technology, especially with the 1:1 iPad program, is a part of our music education and has enhanced our musicians’ development,” said Mr. Marmo.

## Faculty Lead and Attend Professional Development Opportunities

Jason DeLucco, Education Tech Systems administrator and history teacher, is presenting at the International Society for Technology in Education conference. His topic is “How to Use Quizlet to Review/Activate Vocabulary Knowledge Prior to Assessing.”

David Hamilton, director of college advising, will serve on the faculty for the Summer Institute at the University of Richmond. The institute provides professional development for new and veteran college admission and counseling professionals.

Bryan Kerns (Science) is attending Biomedical Project Lead the Way training.

Ken Scheiber (Theology) is participating in AP Seminar training.

World Language faculty are leading study abroad tours in China.

# The SMR Community Fondly Bids Farewell to These Cherished Faculty Members

## Angie Thompson

History department chair and teacher



Mrs. Thompson began her teaching career at St. Mary's Academy and ends her career 40 years later at St. Mary's Ryken.

"One of my most treasured memories of my experience teaching here is watching my children go through SMR and then graduate from here. Both Jason '97 and Jenna '02 blossomed at SMR. It was a positive experience for them, and therefore, for me."

Mrs. Thompson will greatly miss the students and sharing with them her love of history. "I always tried to infect my students with the passion I feel for history. I wanted to help students relate to the subject. I don't want them seeing history as merely pages in a textbook about years gone by, but instead, the story of real people...interesting people living incredible lives that still impact us today. There is a true cause and effect, and our past echoes through the years to the present. History is a story that students can and must relate to; I tried to help them capture why it matters to us today."

Mrs. Thompson's dedication to our school is unparalleled," said Principal Rick Wood. "She has been undeniably committed to her profession and her students' holistic growth. Our community has been blessed to have her call SMR 'home' for 40 years."

"I will also miss the closeness of my department and the teachers over the years," said Mrs. Thompson. "We have always supported each other and the school. It's a wonderful atmosphere to work in."

"As one of Angie's students, I developed a love for history, which ultimately led me

towards pursuing my degree in history," said Jason Early '04 (history department). "Now as her colleague, I can regularly depend on her knowledge, support and wealth of resources in whatever the endeavor. Angie has been a stalwart on our campus and in the community. Thank you for your service and love!"

Mrs. Thompson has been very active over the years as a meaningful part of the SMR community. From 1981 to 1997, she was the faculty moderator for the social committee, which was part of the Student Activities Council. "I coordinated all the social events for students from the opening mixer to all homecoming events to prom and everything in between," she said.

Mrs. Thompson coached varsity cheerleading for two years and has been the chair of the history department since 1997.

Mrs. Thompson also encouraged students every year to participate in the National Society of The Colonial Dames of America essay contest. Due to her support, at least one SMR student every year during her tenure has been a winner.

She plans to spend her retirement relaxing, traveling with her family and spending time with her two grandchildren. Plus, she hopes to purge her house of all the clutter that comes from teaching for 40 years!

## Carol Edick

Physical education teacher



Ms. Edick will be affectionately remembered for her 37 years of dedication to the SMR community.

Ms. Edick has been teaching for 42 years, 37 of which have been at St. Mary's Ryken.

"I've thoroughly enjoyed teaching at SMR because of the camaraderie, community atmosphere and spirituality that surrounds this campus every day," said Ms. Edick. "I will miss the dedicated teachers who live the Xaverian values and are shining examples of faith and hope for their students."

In her tenure, Ms. Edick's positive energy for the students and school has been witnessed throughout the entire campus, especially in Paschal Hall and on the athletic fields. She has coached athletic teams including field hockey, volleyball, softball and girls basketball. She also has moderated clubs including fly fishing and kayaking, has jumped in to drive school buses, and for a time was the athletic director.

"Carol is a fixture in our community who will be truly missed for her spirit, enthusiasm for our Xaverian traditions and love for the students," said Principal Rick Wood.

"I think of Carol as the 'Historian,'" said Liz Schuck, science department chair. "She has personally witnessed so much that has happened through the years at St. Mary's Ryken. Her memories of the Xaverian Brothers give such insight to the school philosophy. Carol has even taught multiple generations of the same families! I also see Carol model the best of the Xaverian values. Carol truly enjoys her students, and she loves to celebrate them, sharing newspaper articles of their accomplishments with everyone!"

In her retirement, Ms. Edick plans to stay very active with a focus on "paying it forward" and giving back to those who have helped her over the years. "I want to work on gratitude in my retirement and give back to people who helped me become the person I am."

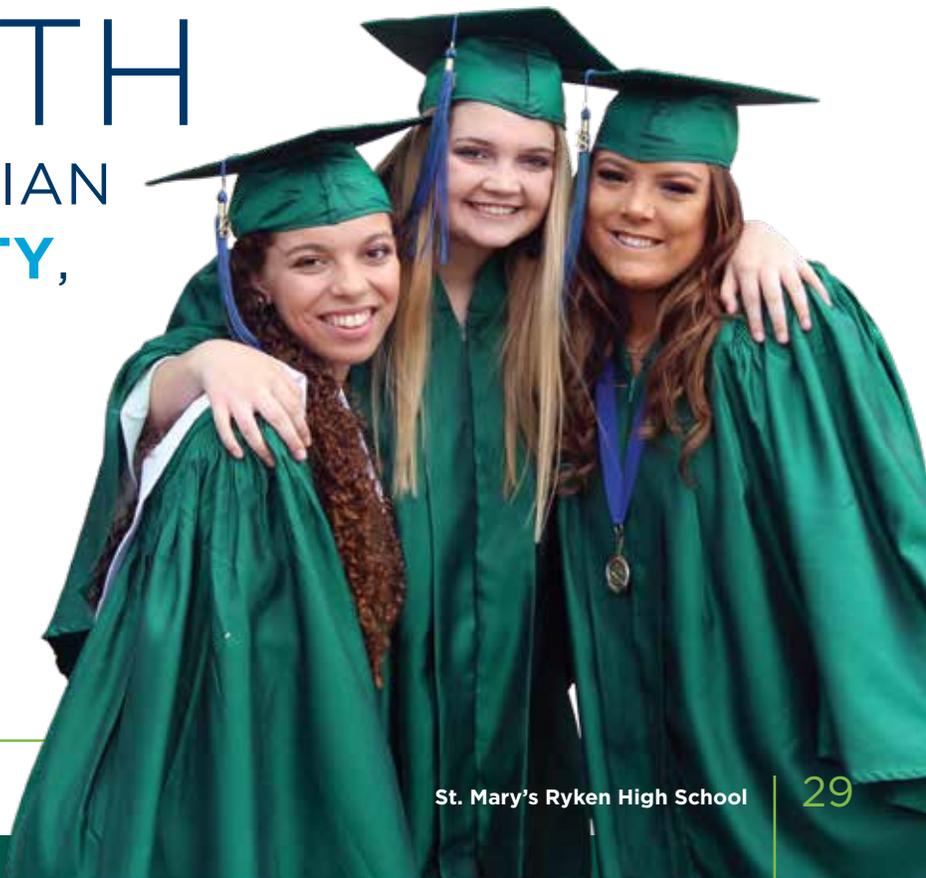
Ms. Edick also plans to continue her energetic ways with activities such as fly fishing, golfing, spending time with family, boating, gardening, taking care of her dog and babysitting her nieces and nephews.

# Congratulations to the Class of 2018!

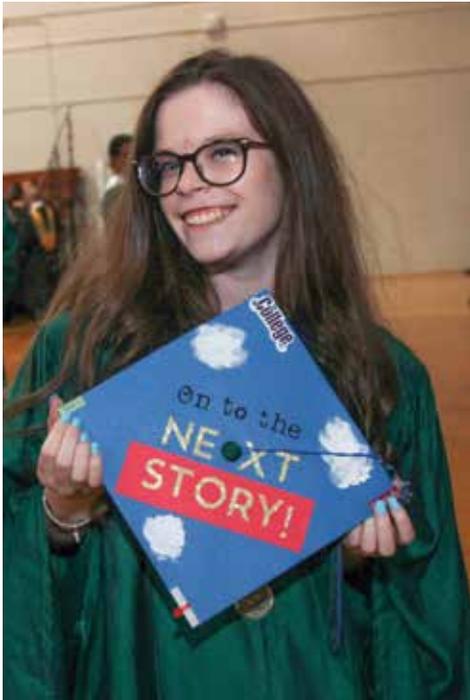


Jonathan Pappas, Rachel Dameron, Shelby Davila, Amy Gateau, Dr. Rick Wood, Brittany Nwadike, Servet "Alperen" Kurnaz, Kutina Carlos and Hannah Papp

GO FORTH  
TO LIVE THE XAVERIAN  
VALUES OF **HUMILITY,**  
**TRUST, ZEAL,**  
**COMPASSION**  
AND **SIMPLICITY.**



Haley Nickerson, Emily Wilt and Mia Creighton



Haley Winslow



Kristian Marks receiving congratulations from a fellow graduate



SENIOR PROFILE

**Rachelle Wakefield**

“From the guidance department to the rigorous coursework, SMR has prepared me very well for college. I was able to shape my schedule to prepare me for the coursework in college, and the variety of Advance Placement classes allows students to obtain college credits. SMR also taught me how to meet deadlines and how to be accountable for completing assignments on time.”

*Rachelle will attend the University of Maryland, College Park, and plans to major in biochemistry and minor in family science. Her career goal is to become a pediatrician.*

SENIOR PROFILE

## Anna Claire Shevchuk

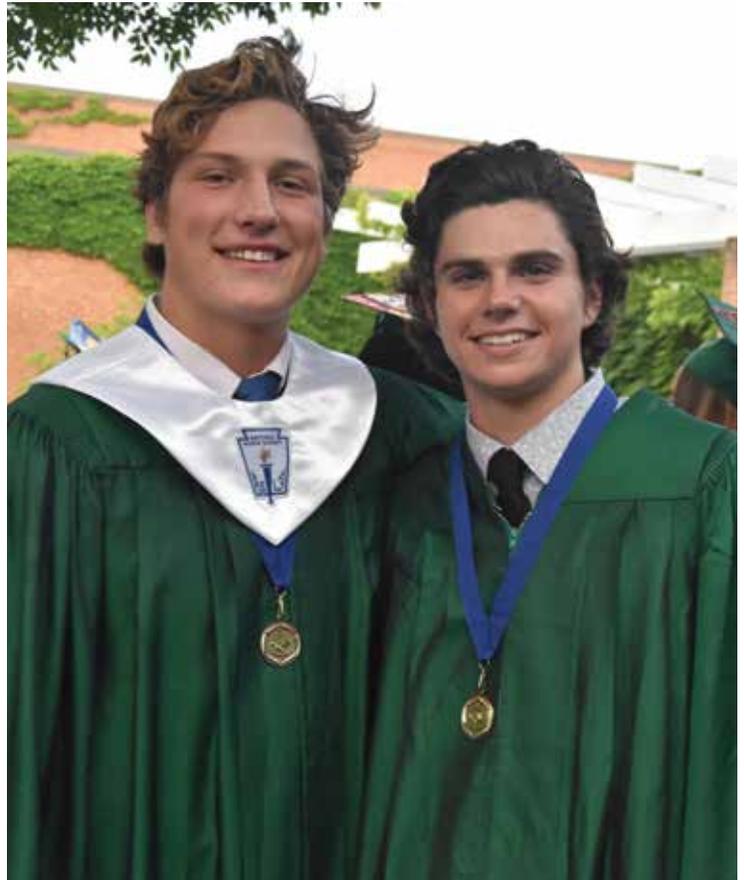
“As an SMR student, I was provided every opportunity to get involved and have an impact on my school community. I participated in student government, Student Activities Council, and alongside another classmate, started a medical-based club for students to learn more about careers in the medical field. Through these positions I gained valuable experience that has helped me grow as a student and leader.

“The Naval Academy demands a lot of its students, and I have had the opportunity to challenge myself while at SMR and feel very prepared for the next level of academics. The numerous honors and AP classes available allowed me to learn how to balance a heavy class load with sports and leadership opportunities.”

*Anna Claire will attend the United States Naval Academy starting in June. She plans to graduate with an aerospace engineering degree.*



Maggie Bennett, Celine Adams and Erin McKenzie



Ty Oehlerking and Tanner Donaldson

## Legacy Families

The Class of 2018 adds 29 graduates to the growing number of Legacy families at SMR. We are grateful that so many alumni make it a tradition to send their children to our school.



Top row, from left: Elizabeth Kidwell, John Raley '87, Cathy McGowan Raley '92, Andy Buscher '89, Alexandra Buscher, George Dameron '85, Rachel Dameron, John Collins '88 and Ashley Collins. Second row: Charles Keller '83, Caroline Keller, Adam Ferrero, Julie Burke Ferrero '87, Susan Mudd Vogel '85, Julia Vogel, Samantha Matthews, Karla Matthews '89, Nicholas Rudman '91, Lara Rudman, Angela Fusaro Rudman '91 and John Sprague '85. Third row: Joe Mudd '75, Sarah Mudd, Jennifer Bos-Donaldson '86, Catherine Moroz Dziekiewicz '88, Gail Burris Sutton '86, Andrew Sutton, Casey Burke, Bobby Burke '85 and Luke Sprague. Fourth row: David Brown '85, Renee Mattingly Davey '86, Tanner Donaldson, Brendan Dziekiewicz, Sarah Hruda '85, David Hruda, Jeff Taylor '86 and Kenna Hathaway '87. Front row: Britney Brown, Lauren Davey, Curtis Winslow '83, Haley Winslow, William Jarboe, Kelly Smith Jarboe '83, Chris Jarboe '83, Murphy Taylor and Michael Sprague



John Mattingly



McKinley Muldoon, Holly McGarvey and Teresa Matthias



John Callaghan and Allison Brown

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### Jelani Gayle

“Over the last four years I have volunteered with many organizations including SHARE food pantry, the Boys & Girls Club, Humane Society, feeding the homeless, and various activities with my church. I have also done a lot of activities with the SMR Campus Ministry including at the Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, Ronald McDonald House and others. Going to a school that embraces service was very important to me, and St. Mary’s Ryken has expanded my service opportunities. You have so many chances to volunteer here! I think that service should be a priority in everyone’s life because God has already given us so much. My mother always told me that God gave us two hands for a reason—one to help ourselves and one to help others.”

*Jelani will attend Johnson & Wales University in Rhode Island, where she plans to graduate as an emergency medicine physician assistant.*





Qiwen "Jimmy" Liu with his parents and host family, the Daveys: Lauren, Renee '86, Patrick, Dakota '13, Travis Mattingly and a family friend



Rachelle Wakefield with her dad



Tennyson family: Ellie, Grace, Christopher '13 and Joseph



Tanasia Miles with her family

#### SENIOR PROFILE

### Faith Davis

"St. Mary's Ryken has excellent facilities and technology, but the greatest resources are the teachers. Through their compassion and dedication I have formed mentorships with teachers that will last beyond high school. They are absolutely committed to student success and are always available for discussions and guidance. The zeal that St. Mary's Ryken teachers have regarding their students is truly unique and is one of the reasons I am proud to be a Knight!"

*Faith will attend the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, in the Meyerhoff Scholars Program. This program builds leaders in the areas of science, technology, engineering and related fields.*





#### SENIOR PROFILE

### Xintian “Mike” Ma

“St. Mary’s Ryken gave me the opportunity to do independent research projects, play instruments with professional musicians and take college-level classes such as AP Art History. With these experiences, I am very prepared to attend the University of St. Andrews in Scotland.”

*Founded in the 15th century, St Andrews is Scotland’s first university and the third oldest in the English-speaking world. While at St. Andrews, Mike plans to study social anthropology.*



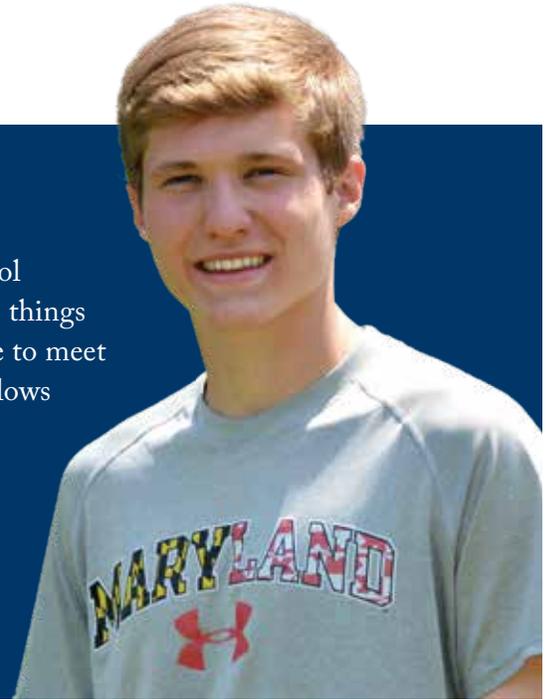
David DeLuca with his parents

SENIOR PROFILE

**Jonathan Pappas**

“I enjoyed the many options for extracurricular activities during high school because being involved allows me to get out of my comfort zone and learn things about myself that otherwise I would not know. The activities also allow me to meet new people, sometimes who I may have never met or talked to, and this allows me to make more connections and think of new perspectives. I’ve enjoyed the challenges along the way, and also have made great friends.”

*Jonathan played on the varsity basketball and lacrosse teams, was an XBSS Steward and member of National Honor Society. He will attend the University of Maryland, College Park, as a member of the College Park Scholars and will pursue an engineering degree.*



Samantha Kestler is presented the Christian Cardinal's Catholic Citizenship award by President Mary Joy Hurlburt.



Lillian Goebel, Cole Hayden and Nicolas Jaffurs

# Congratulations to the Following Graduates for Earning These Prestigious Awards

## Brother Lambert Academic Achievement (Highest GPA) and Xavierian Orator

*Presented to the student with the highest academic achievement over their four years at SMR*

Faith Davis

## Xaverian Award

*Chosen by the SMR faculty, these students best exemplify Xaverian values and serve as role models for their peers.*

Frank Furtado

Jonathan Pappas

## Knight Award

*Chosen by their peers, these students best exemplify Xaverian values.*

Ashley Collins

Kristian Marks

## Sister Sara Ann Abell, SCN, Service Award

Meaghan Travis

Sophia Trentacosta

## Brother Clyde Student-Athlete Award

JaKayla Brown

King Sandoval

## Cardinal's Catholic Citizenship Award

Samantha Kestler

## Brother Edward Driscoll, CFX, Service Award

Jessica Hillian

Gregory Lawrence

## Christian Service Millennium Award

*Awarded for providing over 1,000 hours of community service*

Marisa Brock

Jelani Gayle

## International Student Award

*Awarded to the international student with the highest GPA*

Meihe Chen

## Scholars Program Students Applauded for Diligence and Perseverance

The following students from the Class of 2018 successfully completed a pathway in the St. Mary's Ryken Scholars Program and earned the Scholars Program designation on their diplomas. Each of these students received recognition at graduation and during the senior awards dinner.

"Throughout their years at St. Mary's Ryken, students in the Scholars Program have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement and dedication to a particular content area or discipline," said Principal Rick Wood. "Fifteen seniors in the Class of 2018 have completed the requirements to earn designation as an SMR Scholar, and we applaud their efforts. In recognition, we bestow these stoles upon them to wear at Commencement and to keep as a reminder of their diligence and perseverance."



Back row, from left: Faith Davis, Robert Casey Burke, Brent Blandford, Frank Furtado, Conor Flynn, Jonathan Pappas and Rachele Wakefield. Front row, from left: Paolo Marcellana, Laurentino Ezra Quemuel, Sophia Trentacosta, Sarah Mudd and Lara Rudman



## Congratulations to the Class of 2018 Signed Student-Athletes

Thirty-two graduates have signed to play sports in college.

### Baseball

Jake Kost / Mount Aloysius College  
John Mattingly / Ave Maria University

### Boys Basketball

Servet Alperen Kurnaz / University of Denver  
Wynston Tabbs / Boston College

### Girls Basketball

JaKayla Brown / Hofstra University  
Tanasia Miles / Wilmington University

### Cheerleading

Hannah Papp / Ave Maria University

### Football

Brett Blandford / Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Quinlan Jenkinson / Bloomsburg University

Kristian Marks / Ave Maria University

Michael McIntosh / Randolph-Macon College

Camden Murphy / Virginia Military Institute

Carson Phillips / Ave Maria University

Jalin Phillips / West Liberty University

Ernie Sigmon / Salisbury University

D'Angelo Tull / Salisbury University

### Boys Lacrosse

Tanner Donaldson / Frostburg State University

Ty Oehlerking / University of Tampa

Matthew Sharkey / Salisbury University

Tyler Wright / Limestone College

### Girls Lacrosse

Allison Brown / University of Oregon

Mia Creighton / Winthrop University

Teresa Matthias / York College

### Boys Soccer

Cameron Barford / Ave Maria University

Greg Lawrence / Ave Maria University

Lawrence Shadegg / Ave Maria University

### Girls Soccer

Lauren Davey / Mount Aloysius College

Elizabeth Staufenberger / Shenandoah University

### Softball

Anna Klotz / College of Southern Maryland

### Wrestling

King Sandoval / University of Maryland, College Park

### Women's Track

Kelisa Cain / Harvard University



Elizabeth Kidwell and Alyssa Jones during Baccalaureate Mass



From left: Qiwen “Jimmy” Liu, James Showalter, Cameron Barford, Lawrence Schadegg, Kyung Woon “KW” Yang, Gregory Lawrence; seated: Colin Quinn

## Marion “Jane” Eckenrode McCullough, R.N. (SMA '59) Combined Her Thrill-seeking Hobby of Flying With Passion to Help People

In her professional life, Jane was an orthopedic specialty staff nurse and later a supervising nurse. Jane started her nursing career in 1959 when she enrolled in nursing school and then started her first staff nurse position at St. Agnes Hospital.

Not long after becoming a nurse, Jane’s passion for helping people mingled with her adventurous side when her interest in flying began with friends in the summer of 1964.

“Beginning when I was 23, I started flying with friends who were also in the medical field and who all had just qualified as private pilots. This was also during a time when it was almost unheard of for women to learn to fly. My friends proceeded to buy airplanes, and I learned to fly by watching them,” said Jane. “I spent many, many hours with them sitting in the right seat (left seat was for the real pilot), and they would let

me fly, practice turns, climb and descend. It was very exciting!”

“On Nov. 20, 1965, I was fully prepared to terrorize higher altitudes and started taking lessons with a certified flight instructor,” she said.

Her instructor was personable and funny but also extra cautious (at least where Jane was concerned) since she was his first female student.

“My first solo flight took place one year after my lessons started, and I was scared beyond belief! But, all went well.”

In 1967, Jane completed her first solo flight from Baltimore to Atlantic City.

“Everything was fine until I started back to Baltimore-Washington International Airport,” she explained. “Taking off, I

looked out the window and suddenly all I can see are high-rise buildings that are right in front of me. I didn’t think I would make it over them. I reminded myself that I wasn’t the first pilot to do this! Up, up and over the buildings—it was no problem!”

In 1968, Jane passed the private pilot flight test. “It was a monumental moment in my life. Two and a half years after I started flight lessons, I became a certified pilot. It had been a thrilling adventure.”

After Jane earned her flying license, she combined her hobby with her passion to help others. Along with other medical professionals, she flew to the Eastern Shore of Maryland to evaluate patients.



“I was there as a support nurse. It was a courtesy that we provided, and we flew in to review the patient’s situations when they had a problem. We would visit the islands a couple times a month. This was volunteer medical work. The people in these areas really deserved our help, and they lived in areas where the type of medical care we were providing wasn’t available.”

“I loved my job. It was very rewarding to know that I did a good job and helped someone in the process. Most R.N.s didn’t care to work in the operating room, but I enjoyed it very much.” After 36 years, Jane retired from nursing.

In subsequent years, Jane and her husband spent a lot of private time flying to interesting and fun places in the area, including Tangier and Smith islands, Garrett County, Seven Springs (to see snow conditions for skiing), to watch people catching fish in the bay, buzzing by friends’ homes, and over to the Eastern Shore of Virginia and Delaware for lunch. They currently live on the Eastern Shore of Maryland with their two beloved dogs.

Jane has fond memories of her experiences attending St. Mary’s Academy (SMA) and the boarding school on campus.

“I look back on boarding school at SMA and remember how wonderful the experience was. The bonding experience with other female students was very memorable. The Catholic sisters were very helpful during study halls and very accessible. We excelled in our studies because there was always someone there to help us.”

Jane attributes her success in nursing school to the education she received at SMA.

“I was very prepared for nursing school after high school, especially for the science classes that were part of the nursing school curriculum.”

## Dr. Karen Bauer '94, a Shepherd for Families in Southern Maryland

Karen strives to constantly improve herself and help her community.

Dr. Bauer is a board-certified physician with a private practice in family medicine through MedStar Shah Medical Group and is the assistant medical director of MedStar Hospice of St. Mary’s. In addition she is the chair of the Department of Family Medicine at MedStar St. Mary’s Hospital. She is published in *The Journal of Family Practice* and is a member of both the American Medical Association and the American Academy of Family Physicians.

Growing up as the daughter of a physician, Dr. Bauer witnessed the evolution of medicine and felt that it was important to represent families and her community as she pursued her own career in health care. “Modern health care is clouded with government mandates, regulation and technology. But still what means the most to people are the simple things like safe, quality care and good communication,” said Dr. Bauer. “I feel blessed that the

organizations with which I am involved, MedStar St. Mary’s Hospital and MedStar Shah Medical Group, respect the opinions of physicians, have a strong patient-centered focus, and want to maintain the values and culture of Southern Maryland.”

Dr. Bauer sits on many hospital committees and feels proud to represent the community and family medicine. “In the modern world,

family medicine is mostly an outpatient field. When I sit on hospital committees, I feel that my role in representing family medicine is to ensure that the concerns of the patient, family, community, and community physicians are apparent to the rest of the medical staff. Just as I believe that it takes a community to raise a child, I also believe that community engagement is imperative for good health and quality health care.”

Dr. Bauer finds it rewarding to help people and feels privileged to be entrusted with their health. “The best part of my day is talking to my patients. Despite the challenges of practicing medicine in our modern health care environment, I feel that physicians can still make a difference.”

While a student at SMR, Dr. Bauer was very involved with extracurricular activities from various sports (basketball, volleyball and track) to clubs such as Future Business

*“I am a lifelong learner. Every few years I get the bright idea to try to learn something new.”*

Leaders of America, National Honor Society, Drama and Campus Ministry, in addition to being a top student in her class. Not much about Dr. Bauer has changed in this regard over the past 24 years!

“I am a lifelong learner,” she said. “Every few years I get the bright idea to try to learn something new. In 2012, I decided to get board-certified in hospice and palliative medicine, and then in 2015 I decided to get my masters in health administration. I am sure my family would appreciate if I thought a little smaller!”

When reflecting on her time as an SMR student, Dr. Bauer is most proud of her range of involvement in various activities. “Although I am proud of my academic achievements at SMR, I am most proud of the varying activities in which I participated. Playing sports, being involved in multiple clubs, and taking classes outside my comfort zone (especially in the fine arts—I am no artist!) gave me an exposure to an extremely diverse group of people. I feel that this varied exposure eased my transition to college and makes it easier for me to relate to different people today.”

Dr. Bauer gives much of the credit for her success in college to her SMR experience. “SMR gave me the foundation and study habits needed for a competitive college. I was socially prepared as well due to the wide range of activities I was involved in and the diverse group of students I interacted with.”

One of the hallmarks of an SMR education is that students are given the opportunity to examine and pick apart their faith in a safe classroom environment where discussions are encouraged. Dr. Bauer agrees: “I was also able to question my faith and confirmed my belief in God because I was able to examine my faith at school. I am excited for my children to experience the same openness and opportunity to grow in their faith while in high school.”



Dr. Karen Bauer is pictured here with her husband, David Bowes '88, and their children, Alex, Samantha and Trisha.

Dr. Bauer is married to fellow SMR alum David Bowes from the Class of 1988.

Dr. Bauer graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in chemistry from

Wake Forest University in 1997 and earned her Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Maryland in 2002. She most recently completed a Master's in health administration from Ohio University.

## Breana Short '07, Dancer, Singer, Actress and Creator

After graduation from SMR, Bre trained at the Boston Conservatory and graduated with a BFA in dance from Point Park University in Pittsburgh.

While in Pittsburgh, Bre performed with a variety of artists including The Pillow Project, Gia Cacalano, Maree ReMalia, and Reed Dance (August Wilson Center Dance Ensemble). She frequently collaborated with choreographer and dancer Kaylin Horgan and performed in the newMoves Contemporary Dance Festival at the Kelly-Strayhorn Theater. In 2013, Bre was awarded an artist movement residency at PearlArts Studios. During her residency she composed original music and premiered her choreographic work “The Flight & The Fall.”

Since relocating to NYC, she has performed with The People Movers, Nadine Bommer Dance Company, and Third Rail Projects. She recently joined TPM’s artistic director Kate Ladenheim (Dance Magazine’s “25 to Watch”) on tour to New Zealand’s festival The Performance Arcade. Here they premiered “Glass,” TPM’s latest work about glass ceilings and what happens when women are placed under them.

Bre’s film credits include “I’m a Stranger Here Myself” and “306 Hollywood.” She recently worked with the Kuperman Brothers in NYC and was a featured dancer in a music video for L.A.-based musician Alice Gray. Bre has collaborated with other musicians including Dave Bernabo; PJ Roduta; Oh, Elis (Laura Sisskin Fernandez); and Sontag Shogun. As a vocalist, she has performed at Rockwood Music Hall, The Way Station, and The Ship Speakeasy (Behind the City, Third Rail Projects).

Currently, she can be seen performing as the Red Queen and Mad Hatter in Third Rail Projects’ immersive theatre show “Then She Fell.”

Bre resides in Brooklyn, where she continues to create and share her original music and dance throughout the city.

To view Bre’s performances and other work, visit [breshort.com](http://breshort.com) and [vimeo.com/255275074](https://vimeo.com/255275074).



“I participated in SMR theatre and dance shows, where I had the opportunity to perform, choreograph, and assistant direct productions,” said Bre. “We were a scrappy team at the time, but I met some of my closest friends and loved the community we had together. SMR’s academic classes prepared me for the rigor of college. Entering a BFA program with an already solid education, I was able to truly focus on learning new skills and studying my craft while training at Boston Conservatory and later Point Park’s Dance Conservatory.”

# A Conversation with Leah Mitchell Benedetti '97, a Costumer in New York City

Leah is a costumer on the set of “Madam Secretary,” a CBS drama starring Tea Leoni.

## *What's your favorite part of the job?*

I should first clarify that I am a costumer, not a costume designer. The industry makes a distinction between these two positions. I work closely with costume designers to bring their ideas to fruition—for example, by tailoring or altering, aging, dyeing or distressing the clothes, or working on the set to ensure the integrity of the design throughout the duration of the shoot, among many other tasks.

That being said, my favorite part of being a costumer on this job is dressing the background characters. “Madam Secretary” features many diplomats, politicians and citizens from around the world, so I am responsible for learning in detail about how various cultures dress and understanding how our clothes reveal who we are.

## *What is the most challenging part of your job?*

The schedule. The days are quite long, the mornings pretty early, and the schedule changes constantly. It's kind of like being jet-lagged for a few months at a stretch. It's a challenge to stay focused and productive when you're tired, but at the end of the day it is very rewarding to see the tangible results of the work.

## *What would surprise someone about your job who may know nothing about the career path?*

Perhaps, how much of it actually deals with doing very ordinary things like laundry and ironing! Or, how many different ways there are to tie a tie.

## *Explain an interesting day or situation while working on the set for “Madam Secretary.”*

The days that are most interesting to me are the days on which we work with background characters who are not in western dress. Those days are opportunities to look closely at a particular type of clothing, how it is worn, and who wears it—for example, a sari, a hijab or a kasaya. Knowing the specifics and the proper names for articles of clothing helps gain insight into a culture and its people.

## *What have you learned about yourself or the industry from your current position?*

There is surprisingly little about film production that is as glamorous as it appears on TV. The industry is actually made up of extremely hard-working and dedicated

professionals who brave all kinds of elements around the clock to get the work done. That includes not just the actors and directors, but the whole team, down to truck drivers, hairstylists and caterers. It's been humbling to be a part of a team that hustles as much as this one does.

## *What's the biggest difference between your last position as the stylist for the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra and this one on a television show?*

As a stylist, I selected clothes for the performers to wear during concerts, tours and other performances.

The biggest difference between these two positions is that with Jazz, I coordinated clothing for real people—professional



Leah, pictured fourth from the left, at the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra Gala



Leah's family during the 2018 Knight Gala. From left: James Mitchell '95, Paula and Bill Mitchell, Leah and her husband, Roland Benedetti

musicians who needed advice on what to wear for public appearances—versus at “Madam Secretary,” where we are coordinating clothing for fictitious characters within the context of a broader story arc.

*Where do you see yourself going after your time with “Madam Secretary” is over?*

I'd like to work on a period film or series—a project where the costumes are heavily featured.

*What are the most important characteristics for a costumer to possess?*

From my opinion, an interest in clothing construction, textiles and storytelling; a strong eye for detail and a willingness to work collaboratively.

*How did your experiences at SMR help to prepare you for a career in theatre and the television industry?*

Academically, SMR inspired in me a curiosity about the world and the people outside the community in which I was brought up, and it taught me how to thoroughly research the topics that interested me. Specifically, I recall Mrs. Donna Martinez's World History class freshman year, in which she assigned a long-term research project with a goal to answer a series of questions about current world events. I remember not only how much I learned that was completely new to me, but also that it inspired me to read further on a few subjects. It was a brilliant way to begin high school; it set me up with good study and reading habits that have served me throughout my professional life.

*What is your favorite movie, Broadway show and TV show?*

Movie: Sergio Leone's “Once Upon a Time in America.” These were some of the first images I ever saw of New York, and the beauty of the 19th century architecture made me want to live there.

Broadway: I have seen shockingly few musicals on Broadway, despite having worked there for three years. But if I have to pick one, it's “Cabaret.”

Television: “Six Feet Under.” It's just such a well-told story—so much so that I missed the characters after I finished watching the final season. I still miss them.

In Leah's free time, she enjoys traveling with her husband, reading, thrift store/flea market shopping and dance and yoga classes.

# “Sunshine in Your Heart Goes a Long Way on a Rainy Day!,” Says Guy Brown ’10

Guy is the “weather guy” and weekend anchor on WKOW ABC 27 in Madison, Wisconsin.

“I’m fascinated by the construction of the atmosphere and how weather maneuvers through it,” said Guy. “The science behind weather has always been intriguing to me.”

After graduating from St. Mary’s Ryken, Guy earned his Bachelor’s of Science degree in electronic media from Towson University. He minored in meteorology and is currently in his second year taking meteorology courses at Mississippi State University. He expects to earn his National Weather Association Seal of Approval later this year.

“TV is not all that glamorous as it may seem to be,” said Guy. “You need a serious passion for journalism or weather to climb the ladder in this business. Every once in a while I still try to keep the moment super natural, but usually I get wrapped up in forecasting the weather, and TV just becomes a small piece of the job.”

Prior to joining WKOW in Wisconsin, Guy worked at KGWN News Channel 5 in Cheyenne, Wyoming, as part of the weekend team doing weather and reporting. Prior to KGWN, he worked with accomplished reporters, meteorologists and directors at ABC 7 WJLA in Washington, as a news production assistant.

As any good weatherman should be, he is passionate about weather reporting and weather patterns that impact daily life.

“Living and working in different climates is something that I can never take for granted,” said Guy. “It’s exciting because, not only do I get to forecast in different climates, I get to meet all new and different kinds of people. Forecasting the weather, especially snowstorms and blizzards, are things that



“St. Mary’s Ryken promotes lifelong learning to students, which, in my opinion, is the key to being successful. SMR encouraged me to not only stay on top of my courses and later go to college, but also to gain volunteer experience and join team activities while searching for the right career. This was valuable in creating self-control, responsibility and emotional stability, which are traits that kept me grounded in college. This, and in combination of studying hard, helped me build the big puzzle.”

excite me about my career. I’m always learning, too, and I have learned that you can never master a science, and that keeps me captivated. Even when I’m off from work, I find myself analyzing data and building forecasts, so that the community will always be prepared.”

While at SMR, Guy learned the value of lifelong learning, which he continues to believe in.

In his spare time, Guy enjoys painting, snowboarding, playing golf, visiting museums, and catching up on good books. Guy’s

paintings have received attention domestically and globally, including Ireland, California, and New York City. He is also an active member of the American Meteorological Society, the National Weather Association, the National Association of Black Journalists, and Washington’s RAW natural born artists.

If you live in the Wisconsin area, you can catch Guy on the air every weekend from 6–7 a.m. as an anchor on Wake Up Wisconsin. During the week, he broadcasts the weather for the ABC 27 news app and iHeart radio.

## Robbie Boothe '15: Faith, Family and Country (Music)

Singer/songwriter Robbie Boothe '15 is as down to earth as you would expect from any good country boy. And he is quick to point out that he likes those “redneck” things: hunting, fishing and crabbing—“outdoor stuff.” He chose the “outdoor stuff” over participating in high school sports, but today, you might catch him at a game cheering on one of our teams when he has some free time from recording and writing music.

Robbie’s warm smile immediately draws you in, and you feel like you are about to have a chat with a dear friend. He is a genuine, what-you-see-is-what-you-get kind of guy. He has two CDs out plus several singles, merchandise emblazoned with his name, and a staff, but when asked what three things are most important to him, it was no surprise his first two answers were God and family.

With God, he says, all things are possible. Being raised Catholic and having a large, close-knit family enhances that faith because it is a shared value. His family, large and mighty, takes care of one another and supports each other. He has fond memories of his grandma taking care of him in the morning and making him breakfast. “I am definitely a Grandma’s boy; we have a special relationship.” The love he feels for her radiates from his face. “She’s a spitfire, and I mess with her, too.”

Robbie feels blessed to have been raised surrounded by family—“We still have Sunday dinner at Grandma’s each week.” Robbie lost his Pop-pop a couple of years ago, and in grief, wrote “A Good Man” in collaboration with a family friend, which he sang for his family at the funeral. Today, he is grateful he can help care for his grandma after everything she has done for him.

Before he gives a third answer, he asks if he can include his friends with “family”; after



all, they are family to him. “I am surrounded by amazing people who are a huge part of my life. My best friend, classmate Connor Bullis '15, is more than a friend, he is a business partner who looks out for me in my career. He runs social media and merchandizing for the band, we bounce ideas off each other for songs, and he is a great guy.”

His bandmates, sound guy—everyone associated with Boothe’s Roadies—are family to him. They lift him up and inspire him.

Finally, his third answer—you guessed it—country music! As a kid, he dreamed of hearing his songs on radio station 102.9 someday, but his journey didn’t really take root until high school. You might be surprised to learn he bypassed singing in the school choir (which he has some regret) and made his musical debut at the SMR Talent Show, singing “The Trouble With Girls” by Scotty McCreery. Truly a fitting song for a young man in high school!

Music is his passion, and drawing from his own experiences—good or bad—to write his own lyrics allows him to connect with his fans through his love for everything

that is important to him. Robbie’s earliest influences included Rascal Flatts and Kenny Chesney. Today, he is inspired by performers such as Luke Bryan and Thomas Rhett. “I love to perform and connect with the audience. My favorite performances are family friendly—when the little kids are dancing up front or sing with me, those are my favorite times.”

To say Robbie is humble is an understatement. It is clear that faith and family have shaped this young man into a remarkable human being, one who is caring and thoughtful, and truly grateful for the blessings in his life and the people who are a part of it.

We reckon this Southern charmer will continue to rise in country music. Let’s keep our eye on him and may God bless him with all of his dreams coming true.

Visit [www.robbyboothemusic](http://www.robbyboothemusic) to check out his music and learn more about upcoming shows, including the SOMD Music Fest on June 29 at the St. Mary’s County Fairgrounds and July 28 at the Olde Town Pub in Leonardtown.

# Kathryn Ligday '14 and Mackenzie Tourville '15 Traveled to Calcutta to Serve With Love

The more you are filling yourself with God, the more you can give to the world.

Kathryn (Katie) Ligday '14 and Mackenzie Tourville '15, a senior and junior respectively at Ave Maria University (AMU), had transformable experiences as part of their school's Mother Teresa Project. The goal of the Mother Teresa project is to transform the lives of Ave Maria students through the opportunity to experience the spirituality of Mother Teresa in seminars, retreats, service projects and mission trips.

As part of their college experience, both SMR alums participate in weekly service projects sponsored by AMU, but their mission trip to Calcutta, India, working alongside the sisters of the Missionaries of Charity, truly encouraged them to see the world in a different way.

"Being a missionary in Calcutta opened my eyes to the world in general," said Mackenzie. "Calcutta is beautifully chaotic with so many people, smells, colors and activities. The people are personable, welcoming, social and hospitable, and truly demonstrate a sense of community. I enjoyed being immersed in their culture, but it was also difficult to realize that so many people are fighting every day for basic needs—water, cleanliness and food."

"People were begging for water. Their needs and wants are so radically different than ours in the United States," Mackenzie continued. "Most of us are starving for community, personal relationships and in some sense, love. They are starving for everyday needs."

Even though Katie and Mackenzie went on the mission trips a year apart, their typical experiences while in Calcutta were similar.

They woke early every morning to journal and attend 6 a.m. Mass at the Missionaries of Charity mother house, the original home founded by Mother Teresa. Afterward, their duties began at Mother Teresa's Kalighat Home for the Dying.

*"Most of us are starving for community, personal relationships and in some sense, love. They are starving for everyday needs."*

Many of the city's elderly who are sick or abandoned are taken to Kalighat.

"The culture in India is extremely family-oriented, which makes this nursing home particularly a sad place because it means the people who live there are completely unwanted by anyone and are very broken people," said Mackenzie.

"We would work at the Kalighat from 8 a.m. to noon washing laundry by hand, feeding meals to the elderly, helping with personal care and just providing socialization," said Katie. "At first because of the language barrier, it was difficult for us to understand them and vice versa. Very quickly we acclimated to hand gestures and expressions as a way to communicate."

Katie described a very unique experience for her. "A doctor of physical therapy chose me to help provide therapy for one particular blind and very frail patient. He trained me on how to help her exercise and move her muscles every day. He charged me with the

responsibility of taking care of her daily, and then before I returned home, I had to train someone else to do the same work. I formed a friendship with this woman. We had the most beautiful conversations, and I had the opportunity to teach her about Mother Teresa. Working with her was the best part of my experience."

Every afternoon, their service shifted gears to volunteering at an orphanage for special needs children.

"The work at the orphanage was an amazing experience. The entire purpose was to be with the babies and love them," said Mackenzie. "I am the youngest in my family and was always the one being taken care of. This was my first experience taking care of a child, and these children happened to be abandoned and handicapped. I felt honored to have that role and was very moved."

"The orphanage work tested my patience, but also showed me the value of tough love," said Katie. "The kids were hesitant to accept the help and were often resistant. The sisters showed us how important it was to continue with our work even though it was trying, and we ourselves were being tested."

Most of the volunteer work was physically and emotionally draining. But, during these experiences, the students witnessed the Missionaries of Charity doing the work with such love and care.

"I shocked myself by how I felt in the beginning by some of the more difficult tasks. I assumed I would be easily able to do whatever was asked—but it wasn't so easy. It was inspiring to witness the sisters doing the work with such love. The sisters showed



Katie Ligday and Mackenzie Tourville with a statue of Mother Teresa

us how to provide tough love and to do it with complete love," said Katie.

Katie continued, "Going on a mission to Calcutta was an experience that I will never exhaust learning from. I learned how to love when it's hard and to do it with joy. I also learned the importance of silence in our lives. We couldn't do that work without a strong prayer life and daily holy hour. We needed the time for reflection and to regroup."

Katie's spiritual mantra became, "The more you are filling yourself with God, the more you can give to the world."

When asked how their high school experience influenced their decisions to attend AMU and make service a large part of their lives, Katie and Mackenzie again had similar reflections.

"St. Mary's Ryken served as a gateway to my faith," said Mackenzie. "I converted to Catholicism in high school. Then, overall, my faith was the gateway to service. I plan to always work in my community and to serve others. I want to go back to India to help again there as well."

Katie's inspiration for service started her senior year at SMR when she was a member of the Hope for Haiti club. "I began to take advantage of the faith-based opportunities that SMR had to offer such as attending daily Mass and realizing that I wanted to do more for others. Mr. John Olon's theology classes also helped motivate me to attend a service-based, faith-oriented college. I realized that I wanted to grow spiritually, academically and physically, and AMU was the school for me."

With a degree in theology and minor in philosophy, Mackenzie plans to continue on to a graduate program in philosophy, with a long-term goal to teach apologetics.

After graduating this year with a degree in theology and a minor in business, Katie plans to get married in June and then move to Augusta, Georgia, where her new husband will pursue a master's degree.

## Recent Grads Share Advice about College Life

Juniors and seniors were treated to a special visit by a few of our young alumni from the Class of 2017. The recent SMR grads shared insights about college, including how to balance academic, social and spiritual life in college.



From left with Principal Rick Wood: Sarah Sears (College of Southern Maryland), Jacob Halterman (Saint Anselm College), Dargenae Somerville (Spelman College), Tiffany Tran (University of Maryland) and Jake O'Hara (University of Notre Dame)

“St. Mary’s Ryken prepared me incredibly well for college, in every aspect—academically, socially and spiritually. My teachers and the AP curriculum helped me to move immediately into upper-level classes and take advantage of the opportunities in my college’s Honors Program.”

—Jacob Halterman '17, who currently attends Saint Anselm College and is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree with a double major in international relations and theology

“My husband and I are proud alumni of SMR, and I come from a long history of graduates from St. Mary’s Academy, Ryken High School and St. Mary’s Ryken. Continued support of this school is important to our family because of its academic rigor, the quality of the faculty and staff, and its strong, faith-filled Catholic tradition. The school becomes a home, a safe place to learn and grow, and a comfortable environment to develop lifelong friendships. Our family has Knight Pride!”

—Trish Carruth '88

“I believe that SMR provides the best secondary scholastic education with an extreme emphasis on each student’s responsibility to their fellow man. I am proud to say my children are good examples of Christians, citizens and self.”

—Virginia Hodges Diehm (SMA '61)



Trish Carruth '88 with her mom, Virginia Hodges Diehm (SMA '61)

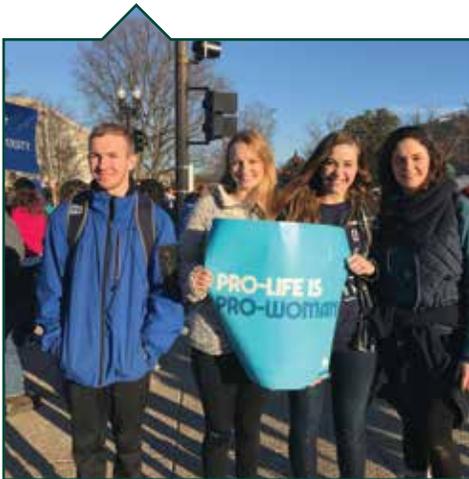
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# Young Alums Active in Faith-life

## March for Life 2018

Alums at Mount St. Mary's University attended the 2018 March for Life celebration.

“My time at SMR provided me the opportunities to attend daily Mass, receive spiritual direction, attend retreats with Campus Ministry, and come to understand morality and ethics in light of the Catholic Church through my theology classes. Now as a sophomore at Mount St. Mary's University, I am majoring in theology and psychology and am a FOCUS student missionary on campus, leading my own Bible study for freshman girls. Looking back to when I first came to SMR as a transfer junior, I never would have expected any of this to happen—neither did my parents! It just goes to show that the community and teachers that SMR provides



From left: Nate Fechtig '15, Madison Norris '17, Elizabeth Bullard '16 and Elizabeth O'Hare '15.

truly invest in their students as human beings, resulting in connections and opportunities that extend beyond the classroom and their time at SMR.”

—Elizabeth Bullard '16

## Alumni Attended Catholic Leadership Conference

Hannah Lawrence '15, Jessiah Rojas '16, Katherine Baile '17, Liz Bullard '16 and Madison Norris '17 attended the Student Leadership Summit, a national young Catholic leadership conference in Chicago.

“This conference helps give you the tools and guidance necessary to truly transform yourself by going deeper in Christ's life and love so that you can then inspire and lead others to Him. The conference offers daily Mass, training sessions, talks by well-known speakers, adoration, confession, concerts, and informational booths about events, vocations, and schools/organizations to gain more insight into the possible opportunities for your future. The best part about it is that you get to be there with thousands of other college-aged students who are all striving for the same thing—heaven.”

—Hannah Lawrence '15, who attends Ave Maria University

To read Hannah's blog post about her experience at SLS, visit:

[avemariagyrenes.com/news/2018/1/15/hannahlawrenceblog](http://avemariagyrenes.com/news/2018/1/15/hannahlawrenceblog)



Jessiah Rojas '16 attends Ave Maria University and is pursuing a degree in theology and a minor in education. “I have continued my faith-life after high school and in college by trying to constantly improve myself but also to be there to share the faith with others around me. I am on the football team at Ave Maria, and not many Catholics are on the team. I make it my obligation to be there for my teammates in any way they need me and to try to give them a solid witness to the faith.”



Jessiah '16 with Father Mike Schmitz during the SLS conference. Father Mike is a priest for the Diocese of Duluth, Minnesota. He runs the Newman Center at the University of Minnesota-Duluth and is also the director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the diocese.

# Homecoming 2017

Throughout the SMR Homecoming Weekend hundreds of alumni gathered in fellowship for various events, including the SMR Golf Classic, Blaine Whorl/SMR 5K Run/Walk, Athletic Hall of Fame induction, and reunions!



Larry Trader '85 performed with his band, Unfinished Business, at the alumni tailgate before the homecoming game.



Patrick Murphy '87, Steve Daczkowski (P '19, '21), Randy Guy (P '12, '17) and Daniel White (P '17, '19 and '22) enjoyed the camaraderie during the SMR Golf Classic.



Chris Heinze '85 and Joe Dinatale '82



Joseph C. "Teeny" Guy (RHS '62) and Sara Abell Brown (SMA '67) enjoyed reconnecting during the alumni tailgate event.



Stephanie Carr, Dave Carr and Leeanne Carr (Blaine's mom and SMR history teacher) during the Blaine Whorl race that benefits the Blaine Whorl Scholarship fund at SMR. Donations from runners and sponsors contributed nearly \$6,000 to the fund this year. Since the race began, over \$144,000 has been raised in Blaine's memory.

## Athletic Hall of Fame

During Homecoming Weekend, six alumni and one former SMR coach were inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame. #GOKnights



From left: Andrew Johnson (RHS '76; soccer and tennis); Pastor Donald Curtis (RHS '68; basketball and track); John Popp (RHS '67; basketball); Christopher Schultz (RHS '73; soccer and track); Danny Sancomb, former men's basketball head coach and athletic director (2004-08); Jane Eckenrode McCullough (SMA '59; basketball); and Ashley Simms Herrmann '01 (basketball, field hockey and lacrosse)

## Reunion Celebrations During Homecoming Weekend

**The Class of 1962** celebrated their 55th reunion.



**The Class of 1987** celebrated their 30th reunion.



**The Class of 1967** from Ryken High School and St. Mary's Academy celebrated their 50th reunion.



**The Class of 1997** celebrated their 20th reunion.





From left: President Mary Joy Hurlburt with the Alumni Leadership panel guests: Chris Longmore '89, Joe Taylor '08, Nick Coucoules '08, Karla Tsigiriotis Matthews '89, Dr. Karen Bauer '94 and Marisa Long Daley '92

## Founder's Week Celebrations

Every year during Founder's Week, St. Mary's Ryken—along with the 13 other Xaverian Brothers Sponsored Schools (XBSS) in the United States—recognizes the dedication and devotion of the faculty and staff in the XBSS community, as well as celebrates the feast of the Xaverian Brothers' patron saint, St. Francis Xavier. Special events and prayers occur during the week to celebrate our Xaverian heritage, including:

### Alumni Leadership Panel

SMR welcomed home six alumni to speak to students about their high school experiences and how those shaped their personal and professional success. Alums also answered

questions from students and explained how they continued their faith-life into college and adult life.

### Giving Tuesday

During Founder's Week, we were grateful to all of our alumni, parents, faculty, staff and friends who joined the Knighthood and donated generously to the SMR Annual Fund on Giving Tuesday! We surpassed our goal and raised over \$11,000!

Students joined in on the fun with a "coin war," which raised over \$2,200. The students' donations were sent to our Xaverian Brothers mission work in Haiti and South Sudan to serve the young people in these regions.

In addition to raising money, our students participated in seven acts of kindness. Below, members of the National Honor Society delivered treats and notes of gratitude to our men and women who serve and protect us each day. Special thanks to alumni Capt. Steve Hall '88 and Lt. Rob Russell '85 for the red carpet treatment!

### Save the Date!

Giving Tuesday is on Nov. 27, 2018. Help us reach our goal to raise \$15,000 for the Annual Fund!



### Attention Alumni!

Interested in speaking to students about faith, leadership and career advice?

Please contact Jerrilyn Borneman, Director of Development, at 301-373-4162 or [jerrilyn.borneman@smrhs.org](mailto:jerrilyn.borneman@smrhs.org).



From left: Lt. Rob Russell '85, Casey Burke, Kutina Carlos, Caroline Keller, Hannah Papp, Andre Bizier, Sophia Trentacosta, Capt. Steve Hall '88, Will Jarboe, Ashley Collins and Allison Brown

# Annual Golden Gathering Brings Together Alumni

Over 75 alumni and friends from St. Mary's Academy and Ryken High School joined us in May for SMR's Golden Gathering to reconnect with old friends and classmates. President Mary Joy Hurlburt welcomed our guests over brunch, followed by a Mass celebration in the Chapel of Charity. Father David Beaubien, pastor from St. Aloysius Church, presided over the service, and was joined by members of the Tri-M National Honors Music Choir, directed by SMR Choral Director Kim Norris.



From the St. Mary's Academy Class of 1967, Jean Thomas Adams and Lynn Mattingly Delahay

## Show Your #KnightPride During Homecoming 2018!

### Saturday, Oct. 20

Blaine Whorl 5K family run/walk

### Thursday, Oct. 25

SMR Golf Classic at Breton Bay Country Club

SMR Happy Hour  
5-7 p.m. at Olde Breton Inn

### Friday, Oct. 26

Homecoming Game – Knights vs. Paul VI Catholic High School

Join us for alumni tailgating before the homecoming game featuring Larry Trader '85 and his band, *Unfinished Business!*



From the St. Mary's Academy Class of 1955, Catherine Davis Fowler and Lorraine Burch Hancock



From the Ryken High School and St. Mary's Academy Classes of 1951, Paul Wathen and Helen Gibson Hewitt

# Thank You for Celebrating With Us!

Alumni from Ryken High School and St. Mary's Academy joined the graduation celebration and received honorary diplomas in recognition of their 75th and 50th years since graduation.

## St. Mary's Academy, Class of 1943

Lucille Bailey Doepkens



Lucille Bailey Doepkens with daughter in-law Rita Hammett Farr (SMA '67)

## St. Mary's Academy, Class of 1968

Barbara St. Clair Alvey  
 Elizabeth Sterling  
 Armsworthy  
 Jane Mattingly Beavers  
 Gay Puchetti Brittain  
 Mary Hill Combs  
 Mary Thompson Foster  
 Linda Gatton Guy  
 Sandra Hill Guy  
 Sue Lawrence Lockhart

Margaret Mary  
 Jarboe Raley  
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 Darlene Norris Russell  
 Brenda Guy Surfield  
 Marian Long Trueman  
 Marilyn Raley Wood

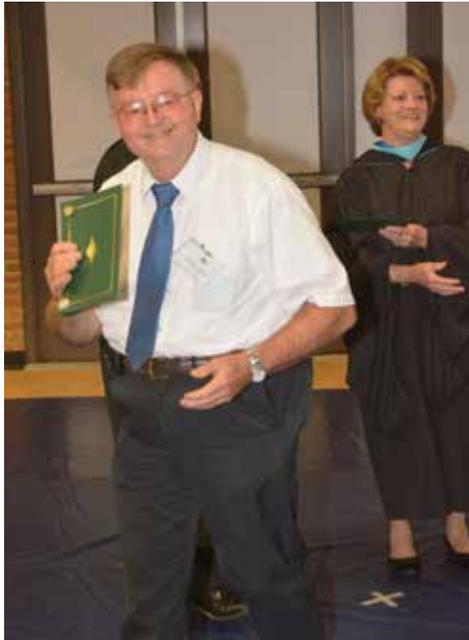
## Ryken High School, Class of 1968

Michael Beavan  
 Pastor Donald Curtis  
 Bernard Mattingly Jr.  
 Thomas Russell  
 George H. Wathen  
 Peter "Rocky" Woodburn





Mary Thompson Foster '68 receives her honorary diploma.



George Wathen '68 receives his honorary diploma.



Peter "Rocky" Woodburn '68 receives his honorary diploma.



Margaret Mary Jarboe Raley '68 and her husband, Ray Raley '69 enjoy the reception following graduation.

# Alumni Leadership Award

## Susan Mudd Vogel '85 is a Tour de Force!

Mrs. Vogel is a nonprofit leader, spouse and mother, daughter and sister, friend, volunteer and mentor. She wears all these hats with great zeal!



On June 1 St. Mary's Ryken celebrated her gifts and contributions to the school and to our Southern Maryland community by presenting her with SMR's Alumni Leadership Award for 2018. This award recognizes outstanding contributions by our alumni who continue to display the Xaverian values of Humility, Trust, Zeal, Compassion and Simplicity in their daily lives through their words and actions.

During the school-wide awards ceremony, Mrs. Vogel had words of encouragement for the students. "As you move up to the next grade level, I want to encourage you to use your talents to lead," she said. "Lend your talents for service. If you keep these two words—leadership and service—and make them your compass, I guarantee you that you will leave your mark on this school, and

more importantly, you will be even more fully prepared for your future."

Mrs. Vogel has been serving since 1999 as the executive director of the Charles Regional Medical Center Foundation, the philanthropic arm for Charles County's only hospital. She leads a 25-member board of directors in building awareness and providing resources to enhance the medical center. With a staff of two, the foundation hosts several annual fundraising events and generates funds through annual, memorial and planned giving contributions. Mrs. Vogel is responsible for raising millions of dollars over the years to support the medical center and allow them to bring much-needed services to benefit the community. She is also an alumnus of Leadership Southern Maryland, where she served as past president and remains on its board of directors.

In her office you will find a ceramic sign that reads: "Life is like a bunch of raisins—raisin' children, raisin' heck and raisin' money!" Quite fitting for Mrs. Vogel! Balancing work and family is something she has done for over 20 years—as she describes: the delicate dance between laptops and lunch-making, strategy sessions and sporting events, and meetings and milestones. Her daughter, Julia, graduated from St. Mary's Ryken on May 29, while her son, Kip '13, is attending graduate school at the University of South Carolina. Julia is joining him there this fall!

Mrs. Vogel's distinguished career serving Southern Maryland reaches beyond her employer. She credits her supportive husband, Keith, for helping her have it

all—a rewarding career in a community where she was raised and deeply loves, two amazing children, and surrounded by family and lifelong friends to share in life's journey.

One of those friends, Jean Kenney Combs '88, and her husband Chris Combs (who graduated with Mrs. Vogel) have remained close since their high school days and can still be found to be "raisin' heck." Mrs. Combs admires her dear friend greatly and remarked, "We witness Susan's love for her family, friends, old and new, her community, and especially her alma mater, St. Mary's Ryken. Our lives have been blessed and enriched by her, and for that I am thankful."

Mrs. Vogel's love of the Knighthood and the friendships she built here is felt all around campus. As an alumna (and parent) she donates time to various campus activities, served on gala and alumni committees, serves as a class agent and is often spotted cheering on the Knights at sporting events with her husband, an avid sports fan as well. When asked to host international students, she and Keith quickly said yes (twice) and added to their extended family!

One might think Mrs. Vogel's greatest challenge will be as an empty nester this fall without all the children's activities. But she will fill her time with family, friends, volunteering, mentoring others in the nonprofit community and many trips to the beach and South Carolina.

This proud Knight and proud mama will be just fine. As Mrs. Vogel would say, "What are you raisin' today?"



Judy Mudd said, "The oldest of six, Susan has always been a leader, achiever, loyal, a good sister, daughter and friend to many!" From left: Susan's dad, Joe Mudd, her husband Keith Vogel, Susan, daughter Julia Vogel '18, mom Judy Mudd and sister Kappy Duke '87

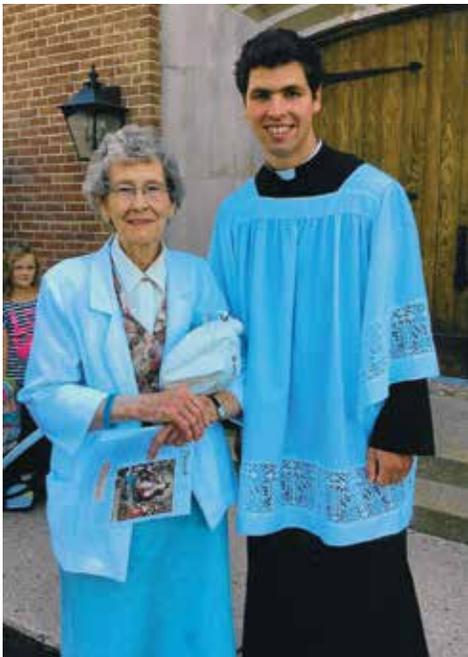


Susan Mudd Vogel receiving her award from President Mary Joy Hurlburt

# Alumni Class Notes

## Class of 1951

**Helen Gibson Hewitt** celebrated her 75th year in Sacred Heart Choir, in Bushwood, Maryland. Sister Elizabeth Ann, SCN, picked her out of the third grade to sing in the choir when she was a student at Sacred Heart School, and she still shares her gift of music with the parish! Helen is pictured with seminarian Jerry Andrews outside of Sacred Heart Parish in 2017.



The Class of '51 was so sorry to hear of the death of **Carol Knight Wathen** on June 22. She will be greatly missed. She was always ready to help us on our reunion get-togethers. She was a great painter, especially of barns. Helen Hewitt is proud to be one of those who have one of her paintings of a barn.

## Class of 1952 & 1953

**Thomas J. Greenwell '52** married **Lois Loughlin Vitt '53** back on Sept. 15, 2015. They are pictured here at Tom's high school graduation in 1952 and then on their wedding day in 2015.



## Class of 1956

In 1994, **Rich Lloyd** retired from his engineering position at the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard and is enjoying life in Hawaii—proving that you don't have to die to go to heaven. Retirement life has been filled for this classic car junkie who acquired his love of Studebakers when he was in high school. He recalls that back then he sold Studebakers for William D. Mattingly in Leonardtown. He sent a photo of his pride and joy, a 1949 Studebaker. If you are planning a trip to Waikiki, look up Rich for a ride on the island in style!



## Class of 1959 and Class of 1961

**Rudolph "Keith" Fairfax (RHS '59)** and **Mary "Berenice" Ford Fairfax (SMA '61)** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 5. Keith and Berenice have three children, who are all SMR alumni, and six grandchildren, three of whom are SMR alumni.



## Class of 1963



**The Rev. Lawrence L. Love, M.D.**, was appointed pastor of St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church, Mineola, Texas (Diocese of Tyler, Texas), in June

2016. He was ordained to the sacred priesthood of Jesus Christ in June 2014. He is also the grandfather of 12 and great-grandfather of one, with two more on the way! The Rev. Love entered the priesthood after his spouse passed away.

## Class of 1967

**Rita Hammett** and Jay Farr celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family in Williamsburg, Virginia. They were married on Sept. 8, 1967.



### Class of 1968



**Donald Curtis** hosts an online podcast, “Good Morning, Mechanicsville.” It can be heard on iTunes, iHeartRadio, Sermonaudio, Mixcloud, Spreaker, and many

other platforms including WBRfm radio out of England. You can connect at: <https://www.spreaker.com/user/doncurtis/good-morning-mechanicsville>.

**Nancy Popp Mercure** is retired and living in North Carolina, enjoying her grandkids, traveling, becoming a Master Gardener, and playing golf, painting and lots of volunteer activities!

### Class of 1974



**Leonard Raley** was inducted into the Central Maryland Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame in May and was recognized with the Lifetime Achievement Award for contributing

to a sustained impact on quality of life that has transformed Central Maryland for the better.

### Class of 1982



**Charlottis Stewart Woodley** is celebrating a 30-year career as an educator in the St. Mary’s County Public Schools system.

Responsibilities include supporting academic achievement, student mentoring, and parental engagement at George Washington Carver, Green Holly, Greenview Knolls, Lexington Park and Park Hall Elementary schools.

### Class of 1985



**Roy McGrath**, the director and CEO of the Maryland Environmental Service, has completed the Leadership Maryland professional development program dedicated to

building a better Maryland. Roy and his fellow graduates from the professional development program were honored at its 25th annual graduation ceremony Dec. 5 at the Lord Baltimore Hotel.

### Class of 1986



This year, **Terri Raley** became affiliated with NM Commercial Real Estate Services, combining her financial education and retail experience to help local business people

secure land deals and business evaluations. She also joined Team SMR as assistant coach to the varsity girls’ softball team!

### Class of 1987

Miracles do happen! **Stirling Gardner** married Laurie Henze on Nov. 4, surrounded by family and some of his best friends from SMR. Their wedding ceremony was held on a horse farm in Asheville, North Carolina. Stirling founded Stackt Digital, a digital marketing company that markets products or services online, utilizing various social media platforms such as Facebook Ads, Google AdWords, Instagram, Pinterest, YouTube, etc.



After a competitive vetting process, **Tom Jarboe** has been appointed to the Maryland/DC District Export Council (DEC). DEC members are appointed by the Secretary of Commerce to four-year terms following recommendation by the DEC chair and the U.S. Export Assistance Center director.

### Class of 1988



Congratulations to **Tamika Langley Tremaglio** (and parent of Rocque, see page 17) for being named to Washingtonian Magazine’s 100 Most Powerful

Women in D.C. list and for being on the cover of Washington Business Journal as a 14th annual Women Who Mean Business Award recipient!

### Class of 1997



**Eric Noble** was in town for his reunion during Homecoming 2017 and had the opportunity to pose in front of the picture he took of Brother Rom that now hangs in Romuald Hall!

### Class of 1999



**Patrick Haley**, a local Nationwide agent with offices in Leonardtown and Lexington Park, has worked in insurance since graduating college in 2003, and earned his

Chartered Life Underwriter designation in 2015. With the blessings of local retiring agents, he was appointed as a primary agent back home in Southern Maryland.

**Aaron Krahling** started Vita Haus Supplements in 2015, a retail vitamin and supplement store in Waldorf. Aaron remains a fitness advocate and now participates in bodybuilding competitions. He placed top 5 in master's men's physique at the NPC Pittsburgh National Bodybuilding Competition last year.



**Class of 2000**

**Suzanne Taylor Brewen** and her husband, Lt. Joe Brewen, welcomed Jacob Francis on Nov. 3, while Joe was deployed with the Navy. They are currently stationed in Everett, Washington.



**Josh Frauenfelder**, his wife Caitlin, and their four children live in Leonardtown. For over 10 years, Josh and his father have owned Barefoot Graphics, a

printing, sign and display company in Lexington Park.

**Class of 2002**

**Leslie Allen** married Rob Jackson on Nov. 11. They reside in Baltimore, where Leslie is the HR director of Learning and Development at Catholic Charities.



**Class of 2003**

**Donishara "Dee Dee" Ross** became an Army Reserve administrator. Already serving 13 years with the Army Reserves, she is on her path to reach 20!

**Class of 2004**

**Jesse Reuter** and **Michelle Rinaldo Reuter** welcomed their baby girl, Cora, to their family on Sept. 21.



**Class of 2005**



**Erin Taylor Jordon** and her husband, Andy, welcomed a son, Andrew Ira Jordan, in January. They reside in Asheville, North Carolina.



**Danielle Gray Fazio** participated in the Collegiate Women in Business (CWIB) Power Panel at her college alma mater, Virginia Tech. Danielle is a manager

at Ernst & Young and graduated from Virginia Tech in 2010 with a master's degree in accounting.

**Class of 2006**



**Judy Spelz Haas** and her husband, Carl, welcomed their baby boy, William, weighing 7 lbs. 7 oz. and 20.5 inches long. They currently reside in Reading, Pennsylvania, where William cheers

on the lacrosse team that his dad, Carl Haas, coaches at Alvernia University.

**Class of 2007**

**Lena Yates Hancock**, her husband Brent, and big sister Peyton welcomed Reid on Dec. 15. *(Photo courtesy of Jessica Lacey Photography.)*



**Ashton Kenney** married Steven Wagner on Feb. 16 in Winter Park, Florida. They are now living in Florida.



**Class of 2009**

**Amanda Meinhardt Cadle** married Jacob Cadle on Nov. 4 in Brandywine. They live in Mooresville, North Carolina, and are expecting their first baby!



**Kyle Hall** is now the manager of Darrell “Bubba” Wallace, who is the highest finishing African-American NASCAR driver to date. He also drives the famous #43 for Richard Petty Motorsports.



**Alexandra Kline Heintzelman** celebrated a beautiful wedding at Chesapeake Beach Resort & Spa in Chesapeake Beach on Sept. 23 with Sean Heintzelman. The two met at the University of Maryland in 2011, and tied the knot with a beautiful ceremony on the Chesapeake Bay surrounded by family and friends. In September, Alex took a position in Marquette, Michigan, as a weekend anchor and multimedia journalist for WLUC TV6. While working in sports

is her ultimate goal, Alex is enjoying her experience delivering the news for the No. 1 station in the Upper Peninsula.



**Tom Matthews** and **Hannah Seaquist** are engaged to be married on June 30.

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Want to stay in touch with your St. Mary’s Ryken classmates and learn about SMR events—including the annual Knight Gala, reunions and networking opportunities? Please share your contact information and alumni news with us.

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**Class of 2010**

**J.T. Gregg** and **Jason Torres**, both former soccer players and classmates, graduated with honors from the U.S. Navy Flight School in Pensacola, Florida, and are now engineers and commissioned officers in the Navy. Both earned their “wings of gold” from the flight school. Lt. j.g. Gregg, below, is now in the Combat Strike Fighter Squadron Blacklions (F/A-18 F Super Hornet), while Lt. j.g. Torres has landed on the Navy’s newest aircraft carrier, Gerald R. Ford.



**Class of 2011**



**Nikolai Yamener** passed the NCLEX, the licensing exam for nurses in February and is currently working as an RN at MedStar St. Mary’s Hospital on the medical, surgical and pediatric unit.

**Class of 2012**



**Amanda Ripple** is working with SMR’s athletic trainer and completed her master’s degree in athletic training with a focus on performing arts medicine from Shenandoah University.

**Class of 2013**



**Lance Casmir** graduated in May 2017 with a Bachelor of Philosophy from The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. In August, he started at the

Antonin Scalia Law School at George Mason University. This summer he has an internship with a judge on the Court of Appeals of Virginia, and he’ll start as a research assistant for a professor at the law school.

**Elizabeth Depperschmidt** married classmate Lynwood Schwartz IV on May 27, 2017. Elizabeth is pictured here with her sisters, Catherine ’08 and Mary Rose ’10.



After graduating from Penn State University last year, **Selina Gong** is now pursuing her Master of Science in business analytics at Washington University in St. Louis.

Selina says the work has been challenging, but she is learning a lot in the field of data analytics, and hoping to land a full-time position in consulting after she graduates in December.



**Kip Vogel** started graduate school at the University of South Carolina pursuing a Masters in Sports and Entertainment Management in Jan. 2017.

Besides taking classes, he is working for the Event Management and Operations

Department as a Graduate Assistant supporting the athletics department.

**Class of 2014**

Congratulations to **Nick Fullard** for earning a full basketball scholarship at Virginia Tech this past year! Nick is an inspiration to his teammates and classmates on and off the court!



**Carlee Joseph** was named women’s lacrosse Player of the Year by the USA South Athletic Conference. Carlee plays for Meredith College.



**Class of 2015**

As a junior at Drexel University, **Katie Pappas** earned Philafieldhockey.com’s Student-Athlete of the Week. Katie, a starting midfielder for the Drexel Dragons field hockey team, is also a member of the women’s lacrosse team. She is a part of the Pennoni Honors Program, on the Dean’s List, and is the recipient of the A.J. Drexel Scholarship.



**Madison Ross** is the public relations director of the Philanthropy Club at LIM College. The club promotes giving back to the community and bringing generosity and responsibility into the fashion industry to help those in need.

**John Winslow** has been accepted into the prestigious Basselin program at The Catholic University of America. The fellowship is a special course of studies for diocesan seminarians preparing for the Catholic priesthood. Candidates for the fellowships must have completed two years of the liberal arts curriculum under diocesan sponsorship; they must also have given evidence of superior performance in their studies. The Basselin Foundation fellowships carry such students through three years of intensive work in philosophy: two years on the undergraduate level in the concentration program of the School of Philosophy, and one year of postgraduate work leading to the master's degree.



Principal Rick Wood attended the Penn State vs. Maryland basketball game and met up with one of our alumni, **Davis Zengulis**, a junior on the Penn State basketball team. Last semester, and for the second year in a row, Davis received the award for the highest GPA on the team.

### Class of 2016

**Kayla Collins** was accepted into the Tau Upsilon Alpha Honor Society at the University of Scranton's Counseling and Human Services Department.



**Isaiah Turner**, who attended SMR with the Class of 2016, continues on his next adventure, taking on the tech world. In 2017, Isaiah was included in Crain's

New York Business magazine's "20 Under 20" list as a breakout tech entrepreneur.

### Class of 2017



**Marion D'Aurora**, a freshman at St. Vincent College (Pa.), was named Rookie of the Week after helping guide the women's

swimming team to a 136-126 victory over the University of Mount Union (Ohio) on Dec. 8. Marion was named by both the Presidents' Athletic Conference and the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference.

**Katie Prebble** was named the Big South Conference softball Freshman of the Week several times this past season. Katie is one of only two Big South student-athletes to earn the honor multiple times. "We're blessed to have Katie as a part of our program," said head coach Tom Cole. "She's an outstanding young lady and ballplayer. We look forward to having her for three more years."



**Christopher Skane** is currently attending University of Maryland Baltimore County and was recently awarded the Navy's Prestigious SMART Scholarship (science, mathematics, applied research for

transformation). The SMART Scholarship for Service Program was established by the Department of Defense to support undergraduate and graduate students pursuing technical degrees in STEM disciplines. This year, only 14 percent of applicants were accepted to the SMART program. The scholarship provides four years of college education expenses and monthly stipends, including his last year in the Master of Science program. During college, Chris will have guaranteed summer employment on the Naval Air Station Patuxent River and after college, Chris will be guaranteed full-time employment as a federal employee.

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# In Loving Memory

## Book of Intentions

Throughout the year during daily Mass, we remember the family and friends of our community who have passed away. To submit a loved one's name into our Book of Intentions, please complete the online form at [www.smrhs.org/BookIntentions](http://www.smrhs.org/BookIntentions) or contact the Development Department at 301-373-4162.

7/6/2017 Dr. John M. Sine (P '78, GP '10, '21),  
Former SMR Board '85-'91

7/14/2017 Mr. J. Anthony Lang '61

7/28/2017 Brother Anthony Joseph Markowski,  
CFX (Brother Lloyd)

8/31/2017 Mr. Timothy R. Reagan '77

8/31/2017 Mr. William J. "Billy Joe" Johnson '63

9/16/2017 Ms. Laurie K. Sanchez '00

9/22/2017 Dr. Christopher M. Wilson,  
Friend to SMR

11/21/2017 Mr. Ronald J. "Jay" Barickman '88

11/21/2017 Ms. Wendi C. Bowling Dean '88

12/7/2017 Mr. George T. Dupont '60

12/12/2017 Mr. Bernard H. Cox Jr. (P '85, '87, '89)

12/17/2017 Mr. Ernest H. "Ernie" Johnson Jr. '67

1/23/2018 Mr. John M. Aunchman '88

2/8/2018 Mr. Robert H. "Bob" Bowes '59,  
(P '79, '80, '81, '82, '84, '87, '88,  
GP '05, '07, '11, '13, '19)

2/26/2018 Mrs. Agnes Wheeler Lang '41

3/10/2018 Mr. Thomas F. "Tucker" Fowler  
(P '78, '79, '82, GP '00)

3/24/2018 Mrs. Barbara J. McLeod Lawrence '60

3/25/18 Mrs. Julia E. Raley Jones '44

4/8/2018 Dr. Eugene J. Guazzo (P '80, '88, '90, '95)

4/13/18 Brother Daniel J. O'Brien, CFX  
(Brother Pacificus)

4/18/18 Mrs. Karen Amy Wood '79

5/2/18 Mr. Maurice I Long Sr. (P '66, '74,  
GP '88, '92, '98)

5/5/18 Brother Cosmas Rubencamp, CFX

5/7/18 Mr. Russell "Rusty" K. Tarleton '80

5/9/18 Mr. David Lee Jameson '06

5/10/18 Mrs. Karen Joyce Bryne (P '22)

5/13/18 Mrs. Patricia A. Croson (P '82, '86,  
GP '00, '01, '03 & '09)

5/19/18 Mr. Matthew S. Aaron '94

5/20/18 Mr. Thomas "Eddie" Stokel Sr.  
(P '66, '66, '70, '74, & '77)

5/30/18 Mr. James "Jim" Gibson '43

6/10/18 Mr. Walter Wise (P '83, GP '20)

P = parent of SMR alum GP = grandparent of alum

## Grateful For Their Service to Our Xaverian School Community

### Brother Daniel O'Brien, CFX

Brother Dan, then known as Brother Pacificus, taught English at Ryken High School from 1960–1963. In 1963, he was assigned to the Novitiate on the campus to teach novices philosophy. He was later transferred to Brooklyn in 1969.

### Brother Cosmas Rubencamp, CFX

Brother Cosmas was on the faculty of Ryken High School from 1958 to 1961 teaching Latin and religion.

# Thank You for Supporting SMR!



From left: Kevin Murphy '91, Peter Behrens, Cody Donaldson, Ernest Sigmon, Tanner Donaldson, Shane Gregan, Nathan Knode, Brett Blandford, Benjamin Ferrell and Matt Murphy '00

## Scholarship Luncheon

Scholarship recipients meet their benefactors to discuss their SMR experience and thank them for their generosity in supporting the scholarship program. SMR is grateful to all of the alumni, parents and friends who have established academic and service-based scholarships to benefit our students today and for future generations.



Lillian (SMA '60) and Pete Himmelheber (RHS '57) with scholarship recipients



From left: Cameron Viator, Camryn Morris, Jan Yamnicky (P '78, '79, GP '11) and Raphael Civil



Alex Figueiras with Bill Reuter (former SMR Board President and benefactor of the William and Frances Reuter Scholarship)

## Freshman Grandparents Day

Freshmen welcomed their grandparents to our annual luncheon to share about life on campus. SMR is grateful to all of our grandparents who offer love and support to our young students. You help shape their future with your wisdom, care and concern. Thank you for supporting their efforts in the classroom and for being their cheerleaders on the athletic field.



Michael Mattingly with his grandfather, Robert Elkins

If you are interested in establishing a legacy that will provide for future Knights, contact the Development Office at 301-373-4162 or [advancement@smrhs.org](mailto:advancement@smrhs.org).



Ruby and Charles Singletary with their granddaughter, Layla Cozart-Amos



Teresa Spaulding with her granddaughter, Ally Boothe

## Jenna Stone Memorial Golf Tournament Raised \$105,000 for Scholarship Fund

Golfers from across the Maryland and D.C. region came together June 7 at the Breton Bay Golf & Country Club in Leonardtown to raise money for the Jenna Stone Memorial St. Mary's Ryken Scholarship Fund. The tournament kicked off with a mid-morning shotgun start. Corporate and individual sponsorships ranging from \$150 to \$10,000 helped bring the total raised to \$105,000. Participants also showed incredible generosity through their contributions to the basket raffles and post-tournament dinner. A special thank you to Joe and Mary Lynn Stone, and the Century 21 New Millennium staff and real estate agents, for all of their support of the SMR community.

Save the date! Registration for the June 2019 tournament opens in April 2019.

## Your Gifts Make an Impact!

Our academic excellence and Catholic identity have been sustained by the commitment and vision of generous donors whose gifts have improved campus facilities, strengthened faculty and academic resources, and provided access for students regardless of their financial backgrounds.

Our mission and Xaverian values are at the heart of our student experience and every decision we make. Your support allows us to say YES as opportunities arise to improve the experience for students and faculty, and to enhance our campus.

### How is the Annual Fund Money Used?

**Academics:** Annual Fund gifts enrich the lives of every Knight by providing supplies for all academic classes, professional development training for faculty and helping to ensure that we are preparing our students for tomorrow's workforce.



Patrick Haley '99, Jim Moran, Steven Carroll '92 and James Struck

**17%**  
of students receive merit-based scholarships

**Scholarships and Financial Aid:** Over \$1.4 million in financial aid and scholarships was distributed for the 2017-18 school year. Your gift allows St. Mary's Ryken to remain affordable for students in the Southern Maryland area and shows your support for keeping Catholic education alive!

**2 in 5**  
students receive financial aid

**Campus Improvements:** Our 87-acre campus houses over 700 students, 90 faculty and staff members and countless events throughout the year. With your support, so far this year we have made improvements such as a new student art gallery, campus security cameras, new café tables and a renovated band room.

**Athletics:** Your gifts allow us to tackle a broad scope of projects to benefit our athletic programs and give our student-athletes a competitive edge.

Join the Knighthood today and start your tradition to directly support St. Mary's Ryken!

There are many opportunities for you to make a difference, and we make it easy by visiting [www.smrhs.org/SupportSMR](http://www.smrhs.org/SupportSMR). Or, if you prefer to talk with us, please call 301-373-4162.

Thank you for your trust and support of our mission as a Xaverian Brothers Sponsored School.



The Bowes siblings, from left: Mark '80, Tommy '82, Anne '81, Jennifer '84, David '88 and Matthew '87

## Knight Gala

Oh, what a Knight! Almost 400 guests joined us for the annual SMR Knight Gala this year—enjoying excellent food by Ken's Creative Kitchen of Annapolis, dancing the night away to sounds by NightLife and raising money to support renovation of Paschal Hall to create new classroom and lab spaces for chemistry and physics.



Enid Sanchez-Bubb and William Bubb (P '21)



Col. and Mrs. Kyle Dewar (P '19, '22)



Terri and David Taylor (RHS '75, P '04, '10, '14)



Guests enjoy music by the band NightLife.



Michelle and Trae Brinsfield (P '17, '21)



Marine Lt. Col. (Ret.) Rich Richardson and Sheryl Kurowsky

*Thank you for  
helping to make a  
difference in the lives  
of our students!*

Save the Date for  
Next Year!

Make plans to join alumni,  
parents and friends for the  
Knight Gala on Saturday,  
March 30, 2019.



# Welcome to the Class of 2022!

 The SMR Community Welcomes the Class of 2022! Watch video message: [www.smrhs.org/class2022](http://www.smrhs.org/class2022)

SMR is pleased to welcome <b>170</b> students	From over <b>40</b> middle schools in Md. & Va.	Average GPA for incoming freshmen: <b>3.51</b>	<b>38</b> were accepted to the Scholars Program	<b>62</b> merit-based scholarships were awarded
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## Congratulations to the Class of 2022 Scholarship Winners!

### Presidential Merit

Claudea Bridgett  
Jordan Campbell  
Kendrick Carlos  
Zaire Carter  
Elise Cecil  
Christopher Dela Paz  
Nina Ferrero  
Catherine Furtado  
Jacob Guerre  
Thomas Howard  
Catherine Kinslow  
Jefferson Kosich  
Kaitlyn Lamb  
Zachary Longmore  
Daniel Papp  
Sofia Sherman  
Kathryn Sohl

### Visual Art

Justin Barth  
Erin McRoy  
Jordan Williams  
Kristina Zarate

### Dance

India Farrington  
Gabrielle Pierpont  
Isabelle Wood

### Instrumental

Jamie Elizabeth Bernardo  
Cole Cantu  
Abigail Cosgrove  
Catherine Furtado  
Sofia Sherman  
Jillian Silverstone

### Piano

Jamie Elizabeth Bernardo

### Vocal

Cora Bessette  
Madison Ervin  
Taylor Quade  
Sofia Sherman

### Leadership

Jay Collins  
Abigail Cosgrove  
India Farrington  
Nina Ferrero  
Ezekiel Gayle  
Ty Jubeck  
Catherine Kinslow  
Karley Lusby  
Lena Martinez  
Terrence McCauley  
Taylor Quade  
Jillian Silverstone  
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Delayne Wood



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India Farrington and her mom, Tiffannie Farrington



**Theatre**

Cora Bessette  
Nyla Brown  
Elise Cecil  
Abigail Hupp  
Londyn Thomas  
Seth Tyson

**Blaine Whori**

Shelby Floehr  
Seth Tyson

**Laurie Collins**

Taylor Alvey  
Therese Annulis  
Thomas White

**Community Service**

Tyler Baskettt



McKenzie Ramsey with her mom, Kimberly, and dad, Dave '92

**Save the Date for These Important Admissions Dates for the Class of 2023**

Application deadline:  
**December 14, 2018**

Scholarship Day: **January 26, 2019**

Questions about the admissions process? **Please contact the Admissions Team at [admissions@smrhs.org](mailto:admissions@smrhs.org) or 301-373-4183.**



Save the Date!  
2019 Registration  
Opens March 1



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**schedule**

It's not too late for students in grades 3-12 to sign up for Summer Camps at SMRH! Learn more by visiting:

**[www.smrhs.org/SummerKnights](http://www.smrhs.org/SummerKnights)**

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- Cheerleading
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- Girls Lacrosse
- Sailing
- Boys Soccer
- Softball

**JULY 16-20**

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- Field Hockey Skills
- Football
- Gaming Through History
- Practical Skills for Middle Schoolers
- Sailing
- Boys Soccer
- Study Skills
- Tennis
- Volleyball



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## Upcoming Events in 2018-19 Please join us!

### Freshmen Grandparents Day

Fall 2018

### Open House for Prospective Families

Sunday, October 14

### Drama Production

"The Miracle Worker" by William  
Gibson November 8-11, 2018

### Founders Week

November 26-30, 2018

- Giving Tuesday—November 27
- Alumni Leadership Panel—  
November 28

### Fine Arts Festival

December 2018

### Deadline to Make an Annual Fund End of Year Gift!

December 31, 2018

### Summer Camp (Summer Knights) Registration Opens

March 1, 2019

### Musical

"Seussical, the Musical"  
April 4-7, 2019

### Knight Gala

March 30, 2019

### Fine Arts Festival

April 2019

### Golden Gathering

May 5, 2019

### Graduation; Diamond, Gold and Silver Diploma Ceremony for the classes of 1944, 1969 and 1994

May 28, 2019

### Jenna Stone Golf Tournament

June 2019

## HOMEcomings 2018

October 20-27, 2018

### Blaine Whorl 5K Family Run/Walk

Saturday, October 20

### SMR Golf Classic at Breton Bay Country Club

Thursday, October 25

### SMR Happy Hour

Thursday, October 25  
5-7 p.m. at Olde Breton Inn

### Homecoming Game

Friday, October 26—Knights vs.  
Paul VI Catholic High School

Join us for alumni tailgating before  
the homecoming game featuring  
Larry Trader '85 and his band,  
Unfinished Business!

Join the following classes as they  
plan to celebrate a reunion during  
Homecoming Weekend:

### Class of 1968

Contact Jini Beavers at  
jinib@d.metrocast.net

### Class of 1973

Contact Susan Mattingly at  
sbmatt@md.metrocast.net

### Class of 1988

Contact Jef Graves at  
gravesjef@gmail.com

### Class of 1998

Contact Chris McClure at  
CMcClure@cwgd.com

### Class of 2008

Contact Joe Taylor at  
joseph.taylor72@gmail.com

If your class year ends in a "3" or  
"8," contact us if you are planning a  
reunion: advancement@smrhs.org