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A CATHOLIC COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Summer 2012

Connections

A magazine for the St. Mary's Ryken Community

A Family Tradition

The cover photograph shows alumni with their children who are members of the Class of 2012.

1- Amanda Ripple '12
2- Franklin Ripple '90
3- John Ford '80
4- Jared Ford '12
5- Alexandra Cohen '12
6- Kimberly Crowder Cohen '83
7- Robert Mattingly '76
8- Susan Aud Mattingly '77
9- Katelyn Mattingly '12
10- Leigh Ann Candela Keller '83
11- Emily Keller '12
12- Bonnie Hollyer '12
13- Kathleen Goldsborough Hollyer '75
14- Gary Oliver '82
15- Keith Oliver '12
16- Kim Burris Oliver '84
17- Elizabeth Peed Brickman '78
18- Emily Brickman '12
19- Amber Winslow '12
20- Curtis Winslow '83
21- Glenn Gass '67
22- Lisa Cheseldine-Gass '12
23- Beth Knott '12
24- Jill Tennyson Knott '86
25- Casey Cole '12
26- Pamela Gatton Cole '82
27- Patricia Winchester '12
28- Katherine Wentworth Winchester '79
29- Albert Medford
30- Tracy Medford
31- Brandon Medford '12
32- Timothy Cooke '12
33- Christopher Cooke '80
34 - Joseph Gardiner '86
35- Megan Gardiner '12
36- Finlay Cushen '12
37 - Kristin Clark Cushen '86
38- Jeff Mattingly '12
39- Jennifer Wigginton Thompson '82
40- James W. Mattingly Jr. '79
41- Kelsey Mattingly '12
Gerald Mattingly '77 deceased
42- Cheryl Mattingly Thuot '76
43- Danielle Thuot '12
44- Gail Gibson Raley '76
45- Ben Raley '12
46- Patricia Kalnasy Dabbs '84
47- Preston Dabbs '12
48- Scott Bowling '81
49- Olivia Bowling '12
50- Mary Robrecht Hicks '69
51- Lauren Norris '12
52- James Norris '88

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Alumni, Parents and Friends,

By the time you receive this summer issue of "Connections," many of our graduates will be heading off to their universities and colleges to begin a new journey in their lives. Once again, we are tremendously proud of their college acceptances, scholarships and the awards that they have received.

It is truly exciting to see the formation that takes place in the students' lives during their four years at St. Mary's Ryken. I am always indebted to our faculty and staff for creating a mentoring environment within our school community that fosters opportunities for each student to develop their special talents and gifts.

One of the hallmarks of being a Xaverian school is service. Certainly this characteristic was in the hearts of our graduates and permeates throughout St. Mary's Ryken (p.4).

Congratulations to the class of 2012 for their outstanding commitment to making a difference and to individuals from the class of 2012 like Thomas Hunt, Kaitlyn Skeens, Janell Smith and Finlay Cushen whose outreach in their community, church and parish made such a difference.

Plans are well underway as we anticipate the arrival of the class of 2016 in a few weeks. In July, over 85 of them participated in the Summer Knights Freshmen Experience program, getting a jump-start on study and note taking skills. Campus renovations this summer include a new nurse's office in Paschal Hall, relocation of our IT department to Xavier Hall, and an expanded campus ministry center in Rupert Hall.

Thank you for all of your support of St. Mary's Ryken. The generosity of our alumni, parents, friends and board of directors has helped our programs to flourish. You have opened the doors for students who may not have been able to receive a Catholic education and assisted in providing opportunities for our teachers to participate in excellent professional development opportunities. Please know that you are remembered in our prayers and liturgies throughout the year.

Sincerely,

Mary Joy Hurlburt
President

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St. Mary's Ryken is a Catholic coeducational, college preparatory school community operated under the Xaverian Brothers' sponsorship, dedicated to academic excellence and to individualized student growth.

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Class of 2012 Accolades

XBSS Orator

Alex Wyvill
Father Andrew White School
Vanderbilt University
Business Major

Brother Lambert, C.F.X., Award for Academic Excellence

The 153 students in the Class of 2012 received offers of admission from 172 different colleges and universities. In addition, students received 18 offers of admission into college and university honors programs.

Almost 60% of the class received scholarship offers (academic and athletic) totaling over $11.5 million and 38 of these students had offers totaling $100,000 or more.

Six students were recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Program: three were named Commended Scholars (Alex Wyvill, Nathan Luke and Jennifer Pietsch); one was named a National Hispanic Scholar (Michael Booz); and one was named Outstanding Participant in the National Achievement Scholarship Program (Ayrton Starks).

Class Speaker

Chelsie Stanley
Spring Ridge Middle School
The Catholic University of America
Biomedical Engineering (Pre-Med)

Julian Ortiz-Santiago
Lexington Park, Md.
St. Mary's Ryken Knight Award
Voted by students

Finlay Cushen
Port Tobacco, Md.

Sister Sara Ann Abell, S.C.N., Service Award

St. Mary's Ryken Knight Award
Voted by students

Outstanding Catholic Youth Award
from the Archdiocese of Washington

Thomas Hunt
Lexington Park, Md.
Millennium Award
Over 1,000 hours of community service

Amanda Rankin
Brandywine, Md.
Xaverian Award

Kaitlyn Marie Skeens
La Plata, Md.
Cardinal's Citizenship Award

Janell Smith
Brandywine, Md.
Brother Ronald Lang, C.F.X., Community Service Award

Preston Dabbs
St. Mary's City, Md.
Brother Clyde, C.F.X., Student Athlete Award

Five students received athletic scholarships:

Austen Deppe
California, Md.
Monmouth University Football

Katie McCormick
Charlotte Hall, Md.
Georgetown University Basketball

Brother Clyde, C.F.X., Student Athlete Award

Troy Mendenhall
Great Mills, Md.
Wheeling Jesuit University Lacrosse

Connor Summers
Mechanicsville, Md.
Wheeling Jesuit University Lacrosse

Tyler Smith
Port Tobacco, Md.
University of North Carolina Asheville Basketball

Student & Faculty News

(Above photo) Faculty members Joan Stevens, Jason Early and Christa Hayes and 15 students took part in a mission experience in Washington, D.C., through the YSOP (Youth Service Opportunities Project) organization. Prior to leaving for the trip, the students packed 50 shoeboxes full of personal care items to distribute. Their first night in D.C., they served meals to 40 homeless people. The next day, they participated in more service opportunities, which included making meals for 5,000 people, packing 300 grocery bags and delivering them to elderly citizens, and doing yard work for an elderly woman. For students, it was a life-changing experience. They said it was eye-opening to see how the smallest actions can make a difference in the lives of others.

Tara Everly was named an "Outstanding Teacher in Science" by SMECO (the Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative) for her outstanding performance in the areas of creativity, rapport with students, enthusiasm for teaching, professionalism and innovative teaching methods.

(Photo left) Students in the Global Bridges class presented a check for $2,013 (their class year) to the Helping Hands Food Pantry in Hollywood, Md. The students raised the money and over 2, 100 items for the pantry through the Farrell Food Drive at Easter.

The Class of 2012 earned 17,847.5 service hours.

The Class of 2012 enrolled in the following four-year colleges and universities:

Appalachian State University
Bridgewater College
Bryn Mawr College
Campbell University
The Catholic University of America
Christopher Newport University
The Citadel
Clemson University
Coastal Carolina University
Coppin State University
Dickinson College
Drexel University
Elizabethtown College
Flagler College
Florida Institute of Technology
Franciscan University of Steubenville
Frostburg State University
Geneva College
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Gettysburg College
Hood College
Iona College
Jacksonville University
James Madison University
Lebanon Valley College
Louisiana State University
Loyola University Maryland
Mary Baldwin College
Monmouth University
Mount Holyoke College
Mount St. Mary's University
Muhlenberg College
Ohio State University
Oklahoma State University
Old Dominion University
Pennsylvania State University
Radford University
Randolph-Macon College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rochester Institute of Technology
Salisbury University
Shenandoah University
Stevenson University
St. John's University
St. Mary's College of Maryland
Towson University
University of New Haven
University of Alabama
University of Alabama Tuscaloosa
University of Dayton
University of Kansas
University of Maryland Baltimore County
University of Maryland College Park
University of Mississippi
University of North Carolina Ashville
University of North Carolina Chapel Hill
University of Rochester
Vanderbilt University
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Washington College
West Virginia University
Wheeling Jesuit University
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
York College of Pennsylvania

St. Francis Xavier Society

The President's Dinner

The 2012 Pillars of the Community (from left to right): Father William H. Gurnee III, Peter A. and Lillian Fenwick '60 Himmelheber, and Brother Edward F. Driscoll, C.F.X.

At the annual President's Dinner on March 1, 2012, President Mary Joy Hurlburt honored the 2012 Pillars of the Community, men and women recognized for their service and dedication to the community, to St. Mary's Ryken and to Catholic education.

Father Bill Gurnee became chaplain at St. Mary's Ryken in 2007. He says his fondest memories are of celebrating Mass in the gym, attending the March for Life in D.C. with the students, and attending the first football game in the new stadium. He received an honorary SMR diploma in May 2011. In the spring of 2011, Fr. Gurnee received the appointment of director of spiritual formation and spiritual director at Blessed John Paul II Seminary.

Over the past 40 years, Brother Driscoll has served in many capacities in the ministry of the Xaverian Brothers. For more than half of these years, he has served at St. Xavier High School - as a teacher of French, Spanish and theology, a retreat director, an assistant principal and principal. He has served on the boards of Xaverian High School (Brooklyn), Good Counsel and St. Mary's Ryken. His other work in service to the order includes being director of the Brothers' school, Carmen Pampa, in Bolivia; and an assistant to the director of Ryken House, a community for retired Brothers.

Pete and Lillie Himmelheber are firm believers in Catholic education and in serving God and community. Lillie graduated from the Academy and Pete is a member of the first graduating class of Ryken High School in 1957. Their four daughters are all graduates of St. Mary's Ryken. Both are active in their parish of Our Lady's Medley's Neck and volunteer at Historic St. Mary's City and Sotterly Plantation. They regularly enjoy their hobbies of blacksmithing, coopering, reading, watercolor painting and doting on their seven grandchildren.

WCAC Spring 2012 All-Conference Athletes

Baseball 14-12 overall (WCAC 9-7)
Second Team: Austin Guy, Michael Brown
Honorable Mention: Josh Carpenter, Tyler Bond

Softball 4-19 overall (WCAC 4-13)
First Team: Rachel Heinze
Second Team: Jordan Aughinbaugh
Honorable Mention: Tori Hughes, Emily Keller, Lindsey Heinze, Dyana DeVore

Girls Lacrosse 7-11 overall (WCAC 3-6)
Second Team: Lindsay Cimini, Julia Rowse
Honorable Mention: Jackie Boone, Carlee Joseph, Amanda Carroll, Katie Pappas

Golf 7-3-1 overall (WCAC 7-2)
Coach of the Year: Jason Early
First Team: Olivia Bowling
Honorable Mention: Julia Bowling, Jamie Manchak

Boys Lacrosse 14-5 overall (WCAC 6-2)
First Team: Nathan Blondino, Troy Mendenhall, Connor Summers
Second Team: Jack Brandenberg, Romar Dennis, Preston Dabbs
Honorable Mention: Garrett Wayson, Andrew Morgan, Hunter Wilson

Under the direction of Tessa Silvestro, this year's spring musical, "HONK!," quacked up audiences for four performances.

Over 50 students took on many different roles: performers, pit band, stage crew, stage manager, choreographers, props and hair and makeup.

Based on Hans Christian Andersen's "The Ugly Duckling", "Honk!" tells the story of Ugly, his quest for acceptance, and new friends – a military goose, a domesticated hen, a beautiful female swan and dancing frogs. He also encounters Tom Cat, who wants him for a snack, but Ugly is always able to get away. In the end, Ugly realizes there is no place like home and that he isn't the duck he thought he was.

Thank you to the many parent and student volunteers who helped make the show a success.

Athletics: Spring 2012 Season

At a time when most students are winding down the school year and enjoying the nicer weather, the spring athletes start gearing up for the season. Three of the teams got close to WCAC championship titles: the baseball team, with new coach Doug Creek, finished the season ranked fourth overall in the WCAC - the highest ever; the golf team, with new coach Jason Early, finished the season ranked second; and the boy's lacrosse team finished in third.

A Celtic Knight

With the strains of the bagpipe filling the air and the student choir offering a soulful rendition of "Danny Boy," the St. Mary's Ryken Annual Spring Gala transported guests to the Emerald Isle itself.

A Celtic Knight was the theme for the school's major fundraiser for the year. Over 430 tickets were sold to the March 17 event, raising over $100,000 for the St. Mary's Ryken Fund, which provides for tuition assistance, special academic programming and technology, and meets the most pressing needs of the school.

Guests could procure a libation from the "Knight & Clover Tavern," dance to the rousing songs from the band *'Round Midnight*, and peruse the Silent Auction tables to look over the many unique items, including the ever-popular Class Baskets.

Thanks to the efforts of the Spring Gala Committee, the Gala was a beautiful evening in support of our students.

Gala chairs Kim Burris '84 Oliver and Gary Oliver '82 (left) with Ronald and Kathryn Fairfax '86 Nepini (right).

Spring Gala Committee

Honorary Chairpersons
Kim '84 & Keith '82 Oliver P'12

Auction Chairs
Trish Carruth
Cyndi Deppe
Gabrielle Forte
Jill Knott
Christy Lombardi
Katie Nepini

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Laura Egnaczyk

Entertainment Chair
Patty Dabbs

Food & Beverage Chairs
Trish Houck
Beth Joseph

Hospitality Chair
Susan Vogel

Sponsorship Chair
Shannon Jarboe

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Leslie Boone
Susan Bowling
Charles Carruth
Chris Chase
Renee Davey
Anita Drury
Billy Fitzgerald
Sandy Guy
Lisa House
Mary Ellen Howard
Shann Mills
Sam Nazzaro
Denise Pietsch
Julie Snight
Debbie Styles
Ellie Tennyson
Mary Jane Walsh
Sharon Williams
Lisa Yates

Alumni News

Class of 1990

Jennifer Coyne '90, an attorney with the Baltimore firm of Miles & Stockbridge P.C., has been named to the list of 2012 Maryland Rising Stars for the second time in the field of estate and trust litigation. Jennifer represents corporations in general contract disputes, human resources issues and insurance coverage disputes, and has successfully defended individuals in estate and trust litigation matters. Jennifer also devotes a portion of her time to acting as court-appointed counsel for the alleged disabled in guardianship matters.

Class of 1993

Keith Roberts '93 piloted a Coast Guard rescue helicopter with two crew members to save three fishermen whose boat sank Jan. 27, 2012, while fishing about 20 miles off the coast of Northern California. Before the craft sank, the three men were able to get into an inflatable survival boat and floated about nine miles toward land before being rescued by Roberts and his crew.

After earning a degree in mechanical engineering, Roberts spent nine years as a pilot in the Navy before switching to the Coast Guard four years ago. His current location is at Humboldt Station along the Northern California coastline. Roberts said he has rescued 14 people during his time with the Coast Guard.

Class of 1994

Deborah Brown Boyd '94 and her husband, Milton, welcomed their daughter, Mabel Boyd, on August 2, 2011.

Class of 1999

Jonathan Roberts '99, a standardbred driver on the Maryland-Delaware horse racing circuit, completed 2011 with exactly 2,011 victories in his career, steering home 233 winners from 1,550 drives and the horses he piloted earned more than $2.2 million. Last year marked the fourth time in Roberts' career that he won more than 200 races in a single season, with 2007 being his best year in that regard with 306 victories from 1,778 drives.

Class of 2000

Avni Shah '00 is engaged to Rahul Mohapatra

Class of 2004

Brandi Morgan Hutchins '04 and Daniel Hutchins '04 welcomed their daughter, Harper Grace, on November 12, 2011.

Class of 2005

Diana Stellway '05 earned a master's of arts in teaching degree from St. Mary's College of Maryland. Diana will teach general music and chorus at Evergreen Elementary in California, Md.

Class of 2006

Jennifer Chesser Buckler '06 and husband, Dennis, welcomed their son, Colton Jennings Buckler, on Jan. 14, 2012.

Class of 2008

Evelyn Bookwalter '08 graduated *cum laude* from Salisbury University with a bachelor's degree in nursing.

Class of 2010

Madelyn Bookwalter '10 graduated *magna cum laude* from Allegany College of Maryland with an associate's degree in culinary arts.

Cadet Midshipman John Taylor Gregg '10, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, is currently on a Sea Year internship as an apprentice engineer aboard MV National Glory, a 450 ft. container ship that travels the Baltic Sea between the ports of Muuga, Estonia and Bremerhaven, Germany. While responsible for a variety of onboard duties, J.T. had to submit a 500-page report on the ship's engineering systems which included more than 50 hand-drawn schematics.

In Memoriam

Mary Murphy Campbell '49
March 16, 2012

Dr. J. Patrick Jarboe '51
March 11, 2012

Charles Mattingly '61
January 16, 2012

Gerald Mattingly '77
April 29, 2012

Robert Miedzinski '48
May 27, 2012

Kathy Morris '08
May 6, 2012

Joseph Sibler '65
January 3, 2012

Terrance Smith '59
June 13, 2012

George Tennison '75
February 13, 2012

Joseph Wilkinson '50
January 15, 2012

Donald Williams '71
May 17, 2012

Class of 2007

Congratulations to three members of the Class of 2007 who graduated from the Untied States Naval Academy this past May: Bray Dunaway '07, Charles Woodford Rixey '07 and Parris Scott '07.

Charlie (photo, left) graduated with a bachelor of science degree in quantitative economics. He lettered on the varsity rugby team and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps.

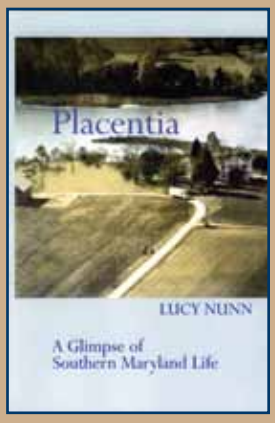
Bray Dunaway (shown far left in the photo below) graduated with a bachelor's of science in aerospace engineering and lettered all four years as the scrum half on the rugby team. He is headed to Pensacola, Fla., in early August to attend flight school, and hopes to fly the EA-18G Growler and live in Washington state.

Author Gives Us a Glimpse of Southern Maryland Life

Lucille Abell Nunn '49 recently dropped by the school campus to bring copies of her "hot off the press" book, "Placentia: A Glimpse of Southern Maryland Life."

Lucy said the entire process - writing, digging up photos and memories - was definitely a "labor of love." The book tells the story of her parents, Bert and Marie Hungerford Abell, and of growing up on Placentia, the farm located on Breton Bay that has been in the Abell family for generations.

Lucy was one of five children, the youngest and the only girl. After her studies at the Academy, she graduated from the College of Notre Dame of Maryland and became a high school teacher.



The book is chock full of memories of growing up in Southern Maryland in the 1940s and Lucy recounts many social events, recalling that some people still begin conversations with "Remember that summer party at the Abells..."

Lucy and her husband, Joe, currently reside in Rochester, New York. To learn how to obtain a copy of the book, please contact Lucy at lnunn@rochester.rr.com.

Alumni News

This past spring, Baltimore and Washington, D.C., area alums got together at F/X Studios in Hunt Valley, Md., to reminisce and catch up. From the left: Audrey Brasel '02; Jennifer Riggs '03; Michael Greer '77; Nate Costa '95; Gina Stefko Costa '97; Danny Somers '98; President Mary Joy Hurlburt; Jeff Radford '96; and Director of Alumni Suzanne Taylor '00.

Two alumni were honored by the St. Mary's County Chamber of Commerce at their annual awards luncheon at the Southern Maryland Higher Education Center in May.

Barefoot Graphics, owned by Harry J. Frauenfelder IV and his son, Josh '00, received the Beacon Award, which is presented to a company with 15 or fewer employees. This award recognizes a company for excellence in its industry, community involvement, and innovative and creative practices in marketing, customer service, management, staff development and product. Josh's mom, Mary Gruss Frauenfelder, is a '78 alum.

Dugan, McKissick & Longmore received the Lighthouse Award, presented to a company with 16 or more employees. Chris Longmore '89 is a principal in the firm which was recognized for its support of many charitable causes and organizations that have had a positive impact on the county's residents and quality of life.

The new mayor of Leonardtown, Daniel W. Burris '76 (left), congratulates new Town Council member J. Maguire "Jay" Mattingly IV '99 (right) after their swearing in ceremony. The two alums were elected in the Leonardtown election this past May.

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Congratulations to the Gold Diploma recipients on the 50th anniversary of their graduation

Members of the St. Mary's Academy Class of 1962 (back row, from the left): Frances "Kathy" Burch Guy, Judy Wathen Di Giovanni, Kay Norris D'Esposito and Wanda Roache Valiante (front row, from the left): Patricia McKay Murr, Elizabeth "Betty" Davis Hill, Margaret Rita Alvey Cullins, Elizabeth "Betty Ann" Ridgell Gray, Anne Drury Bell and Mary Jane Aud Corl

Members of the Ryken High School Class of 1962 (from the left): Carl Raley, Dennis Adams, Leonard Latham, James Stanley Hayden, James "Jim" Fairfax, Richard Effler, George Michael Thompson and Joseph "Teeny" Guy

Congratulations to the Silver Diploma recipients on the 25th anniversary of their graduation

Members of the St. Mary's Ryken Class of 1987 (from the left): Kim Dean Nepini, Robert Cox, Kenna Hathaway Sprague, Patrick "P.J." Keating, Laura Doherty, Lisa Gibbs, Kellie Mills Luurtsema, Nancy Himmelheber, Susan Brown Smith, Tom Jarboe, Shannon Smith Jarboe and Chip Ringo

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SMR Golf Tournament
at Swan Point
September 7, 2012

Homecoming & Reunion Weekend
October 5-6, 2012

Blaine Whorl Memorial 5K Walk/Run
October 6, 2012

Freshmen Grandparents Day
October 17, 2012