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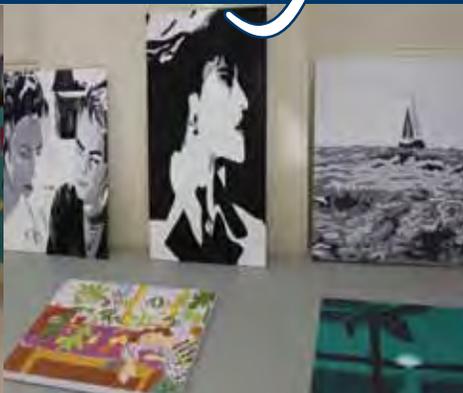
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Connections

A magazine for the St. Mary's Ryken Community



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give as a gift.*



THE ST. MARY'S RYKEN ADVANCEMENT OFFICE: THREE ALUMNI ON A MISSION



The SMR Advancement Team (from the left): Jean Combs, Melissa Carnes and Suzanne Taylor

“Giving back” is a phrase we often use to describe the process of reimbursing someone for the good they have done for you. Three alumni are living the philosophy of giving back as they lead the Advancement Office.

Director of Alumni Relations Suzanne Taylor '00 helps to keep alumni connected through various activities and communications. Director of the SMR Annual Fund Melissa Dorsey Carnes '87 helps to provide an outlet for supporters to contribute to the fund which provides funding for scholarships, technology and professional development for the SMR community. Advancement Database Administrator Jean Kenney Combs '88 works to ensure proper stewardship of all gifts to the school.

All three are proud to return to their high school as part of their professional lives. Their combination of talent and enthusiasm for the mission of SMR will help grow the school's culture of philanthropy. To learn more about giving back through the SMR Fund, planned giving, endowment support or other interests, reach out to the Advancement Office at 301-373-4182 or via email at advancement@smrhs.org.

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Alumni, Parents and Friends,

This school year our theme is “the gift you receive, give as a gift.” The phrase comes to us directly from the fundamental principles of the Xaverian Brothers. In the beginning of the school year, we asked our students, faculty and staff to share their gifts and talents with the St. Mary’s Ryken community every day. This issue of “Connections” captures the message perfectly.

For the past few years, Mr. Wood and I have met with the entire senior class over several lunches in the latter part of the second semester. These small group gatherings give students the chance to speak candidly as they reflect on their four years here.

Without exception, we have found the seniors to be mature and articulate. Their personal testimonies about the impact teachers have had on building their confidence, their faith life and their academic success is evident in the many awards and achievements they have accomplished. The three seniors highlighted in this issue are examples of the way so many of our students have shared their gifts and enriched the school and greater community throughout the year.

We never have to look far to see the outstanding leadership represented all over the country by our alumni. Mr. Sean Buffington, Dr. Usman Zahir and Special Trial Court Judge Daniel Guy share their career journeys which were built upon the mentoring they received from faculty members who touched their lives and encouraged them.

We never have to look far to see how our alumni and friends are inspired by a commitment to serve and are giving back.

Joe and Kathy Garner established a comprehensive scholarship at St. Mary’s College of Maryland for a St. Mary’s Ryken student to ensure that finances didn’t hinder the student’s ability to study abroad and experience all college has to offer.

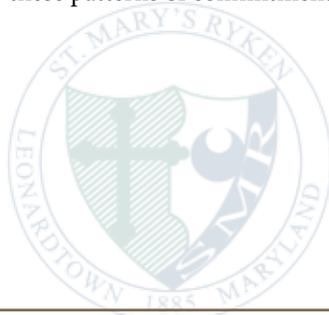
The 2013 St. Mary’s Ryken Pillars of the Community - Sam Baldwin, Jim Cornelsen and Kathy and Carl Franzen - have advanced the mission of our school and have enhanced the lives of our students. They are recognized leaders in our Southern Maryland area.

Without the outstanding work and dedication of our parent volunteers, we would not have been able to enjoy a fabulous evening of networking, seeing friends and fellow alumni and building great financial support for the St. Mary’s Ryken Fund at our Spring Gala “A Knight in Central Park.”

These are the threads of our Xaverian heritage. Woven by the uniqueness of our gifts and talents – “the gift we have received” - these patterns of commitment and dedication are the legacy of St. Mary’s Ryken.

May God bless you and your families.

Sincerely,
Mary Joy Hurlburt
President



On the cover: Over 80 students performed in the Spring Fine Arts Festival in April. The finale featured all of the performers - dancers, mixed chorus, show chorus, jazz band, concert band and orchestra. Prior to entering the theater, guests were treated to displays by the visual arts students.

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Mission Statement*

*St. Mary's Ryken is a
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academic excellence and to
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The Gift You Receive, Give as a Gift

Dedicated to individualized student growth. Those words are an integral part of the St. Mary's Ryken mission statement; yet, what do they mean for students? We introduce you to three students who have tailored their experiences here and who show what is possible for a St. Mary's Ryken student to achieve: Jenna Taylor, Brianna Brophy and Nathan Blondino.

*Inspiring Lives of Learning,
Faith & Service*



Keeping Everything in Balance: Jenna Taylor



Jenna comes from a long line of St. Mary's Academy, Ryken High School and St. Mary's Ryken alumni beginning with her grandfather Robert H. Bowes '59 and her grandmother Patricia Usilton Bowes '61. Both of her parents - Anne Bowes Taylor '81 and Mark Taylor '80 (and their siblings, aunts, uncles and cousins) - graduated from here, as did Jenna's three siblings: Erin '05, Kelsey '07 and Amanda '11.

In fact, it would be difficult for Jenna to find a relative who didn't attend St. Mary's Ryken.

The campus was practically a second home to her from attending her sisters' games and events and it's still one of her favorite places. "My favorite thing to do is hang out with my friends at sports events in the stadium when the weather is warm," she said.

After graduation, she will be headed to Clemson University to major in economics, with a possible minor in a foreign language.

Displaying a maturity that belies her age, Jenna says, "The most important lesson I have learned from St. Mary's Ryken is how important balance is in your life. You have to be able to balance school, friends, family and God. If you are able to do that you will be successful."

Looking at Jenna Taylor's list of accomplishments, it's difficult to believe that she's still in high school.

At her parish, St. George Catholic Church, Jenna has served in numerous mentoring roles whether it's teaching CCD or coaching fourth graders in basketball. Because of her years of service, she was nominated for – and has won – this year's Outstanding Youth Award from the Archdiocese of Washington, which is presented to a high school senior for being a leader to young people within a Catholic Youth Organization (CYO).

At SMR, she's senior leader of the Xaverian Brother Sponsored School (XBSS) Stewards, a member of the Honor Council and the National Honor Society, manager for the boys lacrosse and hockey teams and a freshmen and junior retreat leader. And those are just a few of her activities.

"Jenna is one of the most enthusiastic and dedicated young person I have encountered," said Director of Campus Ministry Chris Shea. "Her love for her faith, community and friends is unmistakable in her dedicated pursuit of perfection in all of the activities in which she is involved. Her dedication has enabled her to successfully engage in activities which have benefited the children of Haiti and the spiritual life of the SMR student body."



Hitting All the Right Notes: Brianna Brophy



She has had leading roles in the spring musicals for all four years, and is frequently called upon to sing the national anthem at assemblies and home sporting events.

“Brianna is one of the most talented and dedicated students I have ever come across,” said SMR Chorus Director Kim Norris. “What speaks to me most is her dedication to stay true to herself and her Christian beliefs. She looks for that in everything she touches and sings.”

When she is not performing, Brianna is a co-captain of the girls varsity tennis team and received the team’s “Most Promising Athlete” her freshman year. She is a member of the National Honor Society, the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) and Students Helping Other People (SHOP).

But, she says the musicals have been “one of the best experiences in my life. I have made so many true friends, grown as a performer, and found what I want to do the rest of my life.” So after graduation, she will be headed to the Shenandoah Conservatory at Shenandoah University to study voice with a minor in arts management.

When Brianna Brophy recalls being nervous about making new friends as a freshman, it’s difficult to believe her. The senior is quite poised and has grown to be one of the stars of the performing arts program here.

“My first day at St. Mary’s Ryken was very nerve racking,” Brianna begins, “because I was coming from so far away and knew only three people from my old school [Cardinal Hickey Academy]. Now that I have been here, I shouldn’t have worried at all because everyone is so nice and it was really easy to make friends.”

Brianna started her singing career as a member of the church choir at her parish, Jesus the Good Shepherd in Owings, Md., and thought it would be fun try out for the musical “Grease” her freshman year. Her talent was obvious to all and she landed the lead role of Sandy.

Spurred on by her love of performance, Brianna became a member of the mixed chorus and, in sophomore year, began taking voice lessons. She has earned top marks each year in the Maryland Music Educators Association competition and in December 2012, she was one of the 150 students selected (out of the 1500 who auditioned) for the Maryland All-State Choir.

Brianna will miss most “hanging out with my friends and coming to events” at SMR. We doubt she’ll have to worry about making new friends at college.



Setting Records: Nathan Blondino

His older brother and sister had attended Leonardtown High School, but Nathan Blondino wanted something different and St. Mary's Ryken was the perfect fit.

"I work well in a small environment and excel in small classes," he begins. "At St. Mary's Ryken, I feel that I am not just a number; all my teachers know who I am and are always there to help me. I enjoy getting to know the whole student body compared to only knowing a small group at a larger school."

Not knowing what to expect freshman year, Nathan was concerned most "about the rotating schedule. It never seemed to make sense, but it was easy to catch on. Now I have no trouble with it and wonder how I was confused. The schedule is very convenient because the class periods change every day, so you are not consistently missing one class when you leave early for a sports game."

Which is perfect for Nathan since he has been a member of both the varsity lacrosse team and the varsity ice hockey team since freshman year. In the attack position for lacrosse, he has earned WCAC All-Conference and All County honors as well as amassed some impressive stats: 15 goals and 18 assists for 33 points as a freshman; 38 goals and 29 assists sophomore year; and 55 goals and 39 assists junior year. This year, so far, he has 45 points and the season is just at the halfway point.

In hockey, he received All-Met and All-Conference honors and broke the state of Maryland record his junior year for most goals in a season. The previous record set in the 1998-99



season was 59; Nathan finished the season with 81 goals and 111 points. He has been beset by a knee injury this year and hasn't seen much playing time, but over his four-year career, he has amassed 143 goals and 80 assists and played 60 games.

"Nathan is the perfect model of a student-athlete," said Ice Hockey Head Coach Chris Palombi, who joined the team Nathan's freshman year. "He is a leader in the classroom and in the locker room. His work ethic is tremendous as he always strives to push himself to be a better person than he was the day before. Part of the team's success comes because of the many qualities he brings. Nathan will have no trouble finding success wherever he goes based on his work ethic, leadership, maturity and, of course, his athleticism."

A member of the National Honor Society, FBLA and the Key Club, Nathan will head to the United States Military Academy West Point this fall, where he will be a member of the lacrosse team.

"I've always wanted to join the military and serve my country," Nathan explains. "The class sizes there are small, and as far as the lacrosse side, the team is really close. Out of all of the schools I have been to, they were a family there. I really like that atmosphere and want to be a part of it."





Engaged thinking and the Late Bus: Alum Sean Buffington

Sean Buffington '87 credits the faculty of St. Mary's Ryken for teaching him to be “a responsible and engaged thinker, a person with the ability to contribute intellectually and the responsibility to do so.”

He calls up a list of mentors: Carolyn Williamson, Dennis Woytowich, Brother Rom, Brother Anthony, Steve Heibel, Brother Richard Angarola. And then, a smattering of memories that stand out: “Four years of Latin (The class getting smaller every year.); learning BASIC with Sarah Kane (back when we barely knew what computers were and you had to save data on cassette tapes); Brother Rom’s reliable inscrutability, in chemistry, in physics, even just in the hallway; and Harry Hafer losing his cool trying to wrangle us into shape for whichever musical was in rehearsal that year.”

He also gives credit to the late bus.

“After your activity ended,” he recalls, “you had the run of the school until the bus left. It was a little bit ‘Lord of the Flies,’ a little bit ‘Last of the Mohicans.’ Those were great afternoons: before you got home and really had to get started on homework, you were free. I’m not sure those moments of freedom can be easily carved out or discovered in secondary schools today; I hope they still can at SMR. I believe that freedom to dream or misbehave is absolutely crucial to the educational experience.”

“SMR was a unique environment; I suspect it still is,” he muses. “The faculty took us seriously—as intellectuals, as emotional beings, as young people with real questions about faith and morality and ethics. Their willingness—every day—to meet us where we were and to help us struggle and muddle through to some semblance of meaning, that still inspires and amazes me.”

Steeped in these unique moments and all of the experiences above, Sean headed to Harvard University after graduation. Yes, that Harvard.

“It was my dad who urged me to apply,” Sean explains. “I knew I had a strong academic record and test scores. But I really didn’t have a sense of the size of the university world and the range of opportunities it offered. More important, I couldn’t see myself—a kid from La Plata, from a modest family—studying and living and succeeding out in that world. I was focused on fine schools that weren’t so far away: William and Mary, Carnegie Mellon. I could see myself there, but not in Cambridge. My dad challenged me to challenge myself. He changed my life.”

Sean graduated from those famed hallowed halls with a string of accolades - summa cum laude with a bachelor’s of arts in English and American literature and Afro-American studies; a Harvard College National Scholar; and a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society.

He continued his academic success as a Regents Fellow at the University of Michigan earning a master’s in American culture, and then headed back to Harvard to serve as assistant director of the alumni association. It was the beginning of a

twelve-plus-year career there that was a steady progression in responsibilities and rising through the ranks, with the common thread being the managing and strategic planning for interdisciplinary and arts programs. His most recent position with Harvard was as associate provost for arts and culture and director of cultural programs.

Yet, he never pictured himself in university administration.

“I suppose I had thought about being a professor,” Sean surmises. “I remember having a fantasy about becoming a writer. But an academic leader? Definitely not.”

“I’m sure I didn’t know that the kinds of positions I’ve held even existed when I was in high school—let alone that they might be interesting and that I might be good at them,” he continues. “I allowed myself to pursue opportunities as they presented themselves. I didn’t follow a plan. Which isn’t to say that having a plan is a bad thing. But I do think, even if you have one, that it’s important to keep your eyes open for those possibilities visible just off the path you’ve plotted for yourself. They may be dead ends; or they may prove to be the opportunity you didn’t know you were looking for.”

In 2007, he was presented with the opportunity to become president of the University of the Arts in Philadelphia. He accepted.

The University of the Arts defines itself as a creative community and, according to the institution’s website, is unique in the higher education world for the collaborative partnerships it fosters among its 2,100 undergraduate and graduate students: “Musicians collaborate with media makers. Photographers work with designers, writers with performers.”

Sean likens being a university president to “being a small town mayor: you have numerous constituencies—students, faculty, parents, alumni, staff—with very different interests and needs and problems... it can be tremendously difficult but is also exciting and terrifically rewarding.”

So, what does he do when he needs a break or to relax? He stays on campus and attends any one of the numerous art exhibitions, concerts, and theater and dance performances. “Attending these events is, I suppose, work,” Sean admits, “but it’s a particularly fulfilling and stimulating sort of work, and I love it!”

Right now, as in many higher educational institutions, Sean’s primary work is tackling the transformation in education – reshaping the curricula and programs of the university to meet the rapidly changing demands of the professional creative and art fields for today and the future. Perfect work for the engaged thinker.

SMR GRAD BEGINS SURGICAL CAREER IN ST. MARY'S COUNTY



Dr. Usman Zahir '98 had many interests when he was at St. Mary's Ryken and his favorite subjects were biology with Mrs. Bauer, art with Mrs. Hurlburt, and history with Mrs. Martinez. But, he wasn't quite sure what he wanted to do for a career.

After graduating, he headed to the University of Maryland College Park and eventually chose to major in physiology and neurobiology with an eye towards medical school.

"I kept an open mind in college," he says. "I pursued interests

in history and archaeology, business, pre-medicine and art. If there is one time in your life to explore your interests, it's in college. I didn't want to waste that experience. Eventually though, after taking classes and doing research, I settled on medicine."

"I wanted to be in a dynamic field that I could do over the long term," he explains. "I was a bit of a shy kid, and found that medicine forces you out of your shell in some ways. You are directly involved with the community, with different people every day, and then you are involved in very direct ways in

people's lives. I felt that with medicine, every day would be different for me; I meet different people every day. It's a challenge and keeps me engaged."

He completed medical school, his residency and a fellowship all at the University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore. His medical training was at the University of Maryland Medical Center with rotations at the Baltimore VA Medical Center and the R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center.

And in December 2012, he became the new full-time orthopedic surgeon and spine specialist with MedStar Georgetown Orthopedic Institute and MedStar St. Mary's Hospital in Leonardtown.

"When it came time looking for jobs, I wanted to stay in the Maryland-Virginia-D.C. region," he said. "It's nice working in a familiar place. People are friendly and hardworking; there's a nice community feel."

Usman was born in New Jersey, but grew up in Southern Maryland, attending Father Andrew White School and St. Mary's Ryken. His siblings attended St. Mary's Ryken as well: his brother, Amir, is a member of the Class of 2000, and his sister, Sabba, the Class of 2004.

At SMR, he "ran cross country and played a little junior varsity basketball, but I wasn't good in either. I got cut from the basketball team one year for missing too many practices,"

he admits. These days, when he has some free time, he enjoys drawing, traveling and even basketball.

For students looking to follow in his footsteps, he says it definitely helps to concentrate in something that holds your interest. "Many of my colleagues [in medical school] had undergraduate degrees in English, history, finance, etc.," he explains. "Medicine is a very flexible tract. The only requirement is that you have to take a certain number of pre-medical courses if they are not already a part of your [undergraduate] major."

"In medical school, two years are spent on lectures/didactics," he continued, "the next two years are more clinical, where you are shadowing physicians, working on the wards, seeing patients, rotating on different medical services. During your third and fourth year, you decide which field of medicine you would like to pursue." Usman pursued orthopedic surgery, which is a five-year residency.

"Once you complete a residency," he said, "you have a choice - you can either go straight into practice and start working, or you can subspecialize and spend extra time in a fellowship. In my case, I wanted to get some more training in spine related disorders, so I spent a year in a spine fellowship."

Although he is a full-time orthopedic surgeon and spine specialist, Usman also offers care and treatment for general orthopedics: foot/ankle, hand/wrist, hip/knee, and shoulder/elbow, and sports medicine and trauma.

SMR introduces Community Concert Series

St. Mary's Ryken announces the inaugural season of the summer Community Concert Series bringing critically acclaimed performers to the Romuald Hall Theater.

First up is a concert with Anthony Kearns of the Irish Tenors. Called the "voice of the century," Mr. Kearns is considered to be the best interpreter of Irish music alive today. The concert is on Saturday, June 15, 2013, at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$59 and are available now. A discounted rate of \$49 is available to St. Francis Xavier Society members. All seating is general admission. Doors open at 6 p.m. A limited number of VIP tickets are on sale for \$100 and include admission to the performance and to a cocktail reception with Mr. Kearns following the concert. To learn more about Mr. Kearns, visit www.anthonykearns.com.

The next concert is "Beatlemania Again: The National Touring Beatles Stage Show" on Saturday, July 13, 2013, at 8 p.m. Tickets cost

\$39 and are available May 1. St. Francis Xavier Society member tickets are \$29. All seating is general admission. Doors open at 7 p.m. Learn more at www.beatlemaniaagain.com



Proceeds benefit the St. Mary's Ryken Fund and sponsorship opportunities are available. For tickets and more information, please contact the Advancement Office at 301-373-4182 or by email at advancement@smrhs.org.

JOAN STEVENS RECEIVES THEODORE RYKEN AWARD

Each December, St. Mary's Ryken, along with the other 12 Xaverian Brothers Sponsored Schools (XBSS), presents the Theodore Ryken Award. Named in honor of the Brothers' founder, the award recognizes an individual for his or her commitment to Ryken's vision and dedication to an XBSS school. This year, theology teacher Joan Stevens received the award.

Joan began her teaching career in children's liturgy at her parish in Montgomery County. In 1995, her family moved to St. Mary's County and she taught CCD at St. John's Church in Hollywood. When an opening to teach religion in the school became available, Joan was asked to step in and she wound up staying for ten years.

In the meantime, she earned a master's degree and came to SMR at the behest of some of her former eighth grade students. "At first, I was hesitant," said Joan, "because I enjoyed teaching eighth grade and I loved my colleagues. But the thought of just teaching my favorite subject really appealed to me, and that's what prompted me to make the move."

In her spare time, Joan enjoys reading, traveling, exercising, and spending time with her family. "Having two runners and a Crossfit enthusiast as colleagues has definitely rubbed off on me," she said. "I'm preparing for a mini-triathlon in September."

This summer, she will be chaperoning a group of teenagers on a 30-day pilgrimage to South America. The group will start off doing missionary work in Uruguay and Argentina,

and will finish their trip at World Youth Day in Brazil.

In her address to the school assembly when she received the award, Joan said it's important to remember that "when we give of ourselves, we get much more back than we ever anticipated. St. Francis Xavier said, 'It is the Gospel of Jesus Christ - preached and lived in its fullness - which is the liberating message the whole world longs to hear.' How true this is and how grateful I am that we can talk about and teach about Christ in this school.



Mrs. Joan Stevens

"Most of all, I want to thank the students. You are the reason I get up in the morning. Teaching you is what brings me joy. I have two goals in life. One is to get to heaven and the second is to take as many people there with me as I can. I know that I only plant seeds, but I pray that those seeds will continue to grow and flourish throughout your entire lives. Never take what you have at St. Mary's Ryken for granted and remember the acronym JOY: Jesus first; Others second; Yourself last. That truly will bring you joy."



During the Mass to celebrate the feast of St. Francis of Xavier, Mrs. Stevens received the Ryken Award and eleven new XBSS Stewards were inducted. Front row from the left: John Caniban, Madison Taylor, Chelsi Marcellana, Clare Tennant and Meagan Schreyer. Back row (from the left): Maggie Connor, Emma Madden, Dakota Allen, Ryan Braam, Brogan Roland and Ethan Rudman.

Student News

SENIOR FIRST RECIPIENT OF GARNER SCHOLARSHIP AT SMCM



From the left: Bridget Bland, SMR President Mary Joy Hurlburt, Jonathan Bland, SMCM President Joseph Urgo and James Bland. (Photo courtesy of SMCM External Relations.)

Senior Jonathan Bland is the first recipient of the Joseph and Kathleen Garner Endowed Scholarship at St. Mary's College of Maryland (SMCM).

The scholarship, established by Ryken High School alumnus Joe Garner '66 and his wife, Kathy, fully supports a student through his/her four-years at SMCM providing for tuition, room and board, study abroad, internships and mentoring opportunities. St. Mary's Ryken seniors who met the admissions criteria for SMCM were invited to apply.

Joe, who graduated from St. Mary's College in 1974, and Kathy understand the value of experiencing other cultures and designed the scholarship to include internship and study abroad opportunities.

"Our students are graduating into a world that is increasingly global, diverse and changing," said President Mary Joy Hurlburt. "The study abroad opportunity included with the scholarship is a fabulous idea. Joe and Kathy Garner are shining examples of respect for and service to St. Mary's County."

"We believe that simply providing people with access to education addresses only a portion of the challenge," said Joe. Kathy added, "We intentionally established our scholarship to provide students with a complete experience, void of the need for supplemental loans, so that their education and the experiences that support it, are their focus. We cannot wait to see the differences it will make."

Jonathan's teachers describe him as 'one of the kindest and most caring young men,' who works hard in the classroom. He plays lacrosse, works several jobs, and volunteers in his church and community.

Junior takes top honors in university math competition



Junior Jane Kwon earned high scores and took first place in St. Mary's County in the 34th Annual University of Maryland High School Mathematics Competition.

The competition is open to all students enrolled in high school in Maryland and the District of Columbia and a total of 2,588 students participated this school year.

Students needed high scores on Part I to move on to participate in Part II of the competition. Jane was among only 252 test-takers to qualify for Part II.

NATIONAL MERIT HONORS FOR SMR SENIORS



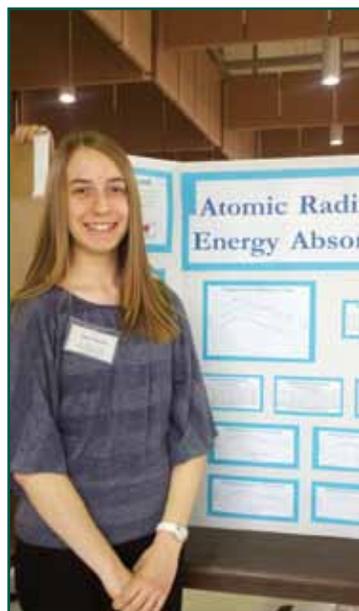
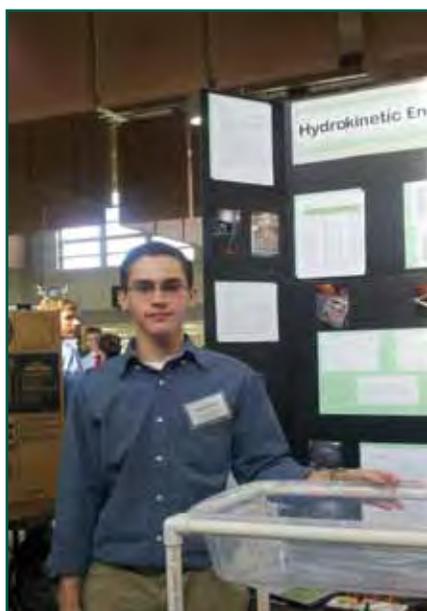
Matthew W. Brown (left) earned Finalist status and a scholarship in the National Merit Scholarship Program, meaning he has placed among the top 1% of more than 1.5 million high school students who entered the competition by taking the PSAT (Preliminary SAT)/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.



Senior Ryan Gray (left, in the photo at right) earned the honor of being named both a National Merit Commended student and a National Hispanic Scholar.

Seniors (from the left) Joseph Heisey, Dominic Wilkins and Conor Walsh have also been named National Merit Commended students. Students earning Commended status are among the top 5% of those who participate in the competition.

SCIENCE & ENGINEERING FAIR ACCOLADES



Junior Michael Lopez (shown left in the photo above) took home the top prize at the 2013 St. Mary's Science and Engineering Fair. He was the Senior Grand Award Winner for his project "Hydrokinetic Energy System." He also took home awards for "Best Use of Inexpensive Materials," "Southern Maryland Resource and Development Board Award," and "Southern Maryland Association of Relators Scholarship for Outstanding Project." Michael went on to compete at the 2013 Prince George's Area Science Fair earning the prize for the Best Senior Division Exhibit in Energy and Transportation.

Also at the St. Mary's fair, junior Clare Tennant (center) won second place in the chemistry division for her project, "Atomic Radii and Energy Absorption," and junior Paul Pietsch (right) won first place in the physics and astronomy category for his project, "The Perfect Flick."

St. Francis Xavier Society

The President's Dinner



The 2013 Pillars of the Community (from left to right): Mr. James Cornelsen, Mrs. Kathy Franzen, Mr. Samuel C.P. Baldwin Jr., Esq. and Mr. Carl Franzen '74

At the annual President's Dinner in February, President Mary Joy Hurlburt honored the 2013 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.

Mr. Samuel C.P. Baldwin Jr., Esq.

Sam Baldwin likes to joke that the St. Mary's Ryken Mock Trial team is "my other law firm." Sam and faculty member Leeanne Carr have worked together for the past eight years coaching students in trial skills such as factual analysis, public speaking and legal research for the annual Mock Trial competition.

"All in all, our efforts have been successful," says Sam. "We have made it to the "Elite Eight" round for four years." He is being modest. For four consecutive years, the SMR team captured the 7th District title, advancing to the final round one year, and had several students garner additional accolades over the years for "Best Defense Attorney," "Best Witness" and "Best Overall Attorney." But, things could have gone a bit differently for Sam.

The Baltimore native was a pre-med major at the University of Virginia, but eventually his interest in law won out and, with a bachelor's in biology in hand, Sam headed to the University of Baltimore School of Law. While there, he met his wife, Janice Briscoe, and the two made the decision to live in St. Mary's County.

St. John's church, has coached soccer and is proud to be a part of our "academic village" at SMR.

"I look back on all the people and organizations that nurtured, coached, mentored, and molded me into the person who I am. Service to the community is both a way for me to give back to the community in thanks for all that has been given to me, and it is also a way that I can be part of mentoring the next generation of community leaders."



Past Pillars of the Community Ernie Bell (left), Carolyn Williamson (center) and Anne Drury Bell (right) at the dinner.

Mr. James Cornelsen

For the 13 years he was on the board of directors and its chair for three of them, Jim Cornelsen has watched with pride the growth and changes at St. Mary's Ryken.

"During my tenure, I witnessed the substantial increase in the level of enrollment and have seen the school property transforming into a truly unique environment," said Jim. "Seeing the school's master plan come to fruition along with the strong financial foundation we have set was indeed a real highlight for me."

Jim is currently, and has been for 19 years, the president and CEO of Old Line Bank. "I am honored to have had the opportunity to build our company from eight employees to a staff of over 300. It has been a blessing to have had an opportunity to have created so many jobs."

But, to Jim, it's not all about business. It's about using the power of business to strengthen our society. He believes that investing in young people now will not only have a big payoff for them in the future, but also for our communities, and ultimately, our country. "I truly believe in investing yourself in the community where you live and work through community service. To quote Winston Churchill 'We make a living by what we do, but we make a life by what we give.'"

And to that end, he serves numerous boards including those of Historic Sotterley Plantation, the Foundation Schools, Maryland Financial Bank and the Maryland Chamber of Commerce, and is the recipient of the 2013 Civic Leadership Award from the Community Foundation of Prince George's County.

A graduate of Gonzaga College High School in Washington, D.C., and Emory University, Jim says he is proudest of his family – his wife, Connie, and daughter, Kathleen – as they are the "honor of my life."

Mrs. Kathy Franzen & Mr. Carl Franzen '74

Kathy always wanted to be a nurse for as long as she can remember.

"Carl and I met at Towson University one night, right after dinner in the food hall. He called me 'Nancy Nurse' for the longest time!" Kathy recalls. "I grew up in Bethesda and was introduced to country living when I came to St. Mary's County. My first job here was in the health clinic at St. Mary's College of Maryland working with Dr. Jarboe and Dr. Fenwick." Kathy also cared for the community through her work at Charles County Health Department and the Southern Maryland Hospital Center.

After the birth of her third child, she decided to stay home, but stayed busy and helped establish the Little Sonbeams Christian Preschool at their parish Trinity Lutheran Church in Lexington Park, and became one of its first directors.

When her youngest started school, Kathy went to work at



Carl and Kathy Franzen

St. Mary's Hospital and is a two-time recipient of their Care Award. She started working for the Hospice of St. Mary's in 2001 and has been its driving force and director for the past seven years. Some call her the "heart" behind Hospice. Kathy also serves on the board of directors of the Hospice & Palliative Care Network of Maryland.

Carl was born in Britton, South Dakota, but raised in St. Mary's County and graduated from Ryken High School.

"I remember forming great friendships with my teachers and the Brothers," he continued. "You always knew that they really had a love and concern for their students even though there was not much tolerance of misbehavior."

After Ryken, Carl headed to Towson University and graduated with a bachelor's of science in finance and marketing. He and his brother, Bradley (an SMR alum), are co-owners of Franzen Realtors – a business their father founded in 1965.

In the community, he has served on numerous boards and commissions for the St. Mary's County government and as a board member of the St. Mary's County Public Schools Building Trades Foundation. Carl is a past president of the Rotary Club Lexington Park and a two-time recipient of the Rotary International Paul Harris Award. He has served as the president of the board of directors for the St. Mary's County Chamber of Commerce and has received their "Business Person of the Year" and "Community Service" awards.

Carl and Kathy are proud to be part of the St. Mary's Ryken community: "St. Mary's Ryken was the right place for our children because of the quality of education, the environment and the emphasis on developing good character," said Kathy. Lindsay graduated in 2003, Christian in 2004 and Kate in 2007.

Spring Gala

A Knight in Central Park



New York City's premier public space was the setting for this year's Spring Gala - *A Knight in Central Park* - on March 23. Guests danced the night away to music from the band *'Round Midnight* and didn't have to leave the dance floor or dinner table to bid on an item in the Silent Auction. This year, instead of writing in a bid, one could up the ante via cell phone. No phone? No worry. Staff were on hand to input a bid for you.

Thanks to the efforts of the Spring Gala Committee, the Gala was a beautiful evening in support of our students, raising over \$100,000 for the St. Mary's Ryken Fund, which supports tuition assistance and faculty professional development.

Missed this year's event? Mark your calendars for next year - March 22, 2014. The Gala Committee is planning *A Hollywood Knight*.

Spring Gala Committee

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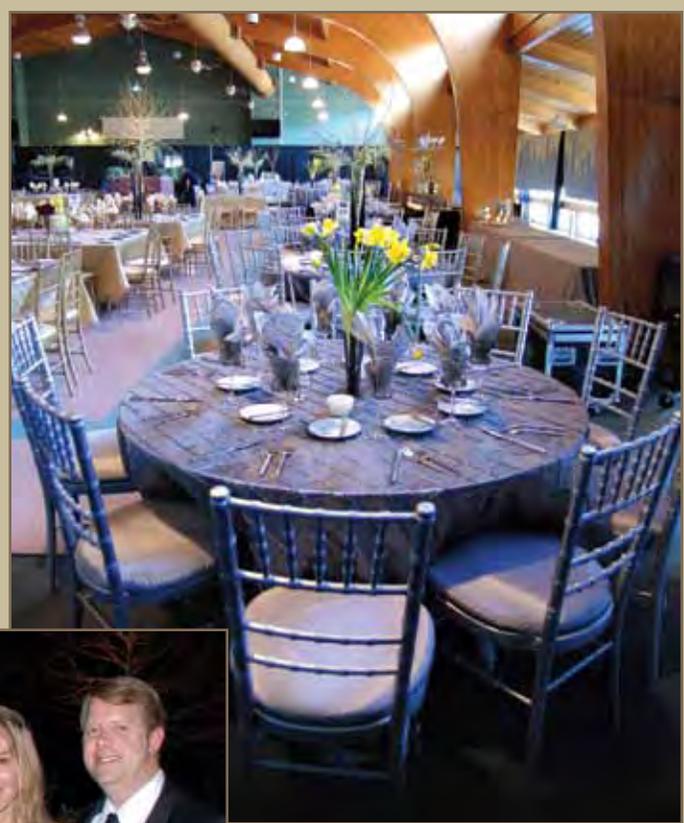
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Class Notes



Ryken High School alumni got together for their annual tailgater in February. They enjoyed dinner together and then watched the boys varsity basketball game. Those attending were Dennis Adams '62, Dr. Jamie Boyd '67, Hon. Dave Densford '69, Joe

Densford '67, Ron Herberg '67, Pete Himmelheber '57, John Ivancik '77, Chuck Lancaster '67, John Mattingly '76, Tom Mattingly '64, Bubby Norris '61, Gordon O'Neill '81, Steve Raley '69, Carl Raley '62, Dan Raley '67, Dr. John Roache '58, Bob Russell '57, Bill Russell '57, Dickie Steffens '80, Brian Tarleton '76, David Taylor '75, Bob Taylor '68, Frank Taylor '67, Bernie Taylor '78, Mike Thompson '62 and Dr. Dick Thompson '57.

2002



Jenna Thompson '02 Payne and Bryan Payne '02 were married in 2008 and welcomed their son, Wyatt, in January 2012. The family currently resides in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

2006

Mary Theresa Muldoon '06 graduated from Barry University and is now in the master of arts teaching program at the State University of New York (SUNY) Cortland. She plans to become a biology teacher and is participating in a pilot program where the graduate students face one of 32 simulations that a new teacher might encounter. The simulations feature actors portraying a student or parent and is used in addition to standard classroom observations.

2007

Earlier this year, Sophia Traven '07 visited the campus to speak with SMR students who are interested in attending medical school. While an undergraduate at St. Mary's College of Maryland, Sophia was selected for NASA's National Space Biomedical Research Institute's Summer Internship Program. She is currently a research intern and student at the University of Virginia School of Medicine and a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force.



2008

DeAndre T. Countiss '08 completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Illinois on April 20, 2012. During the eight-week program, he completed training in first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. DeAndre also completed the capstone event, "Battle Stations," an exercise which gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. DeAndre is currently stationed in Atsugi, Japan, for three years. He is the son of Diane Stewart '84.



In Memoriam

James Clarke '65
Nov. 20, 2012

M. Matthews
Cross '36
May 14, 2012

Gary Curtis '70
Dec. 10, 2012

Douglas DeLozier '65
Jan. 10, 2013

Mary Cryer Foley '47
Nov. 12, 2012

John Gough '61
March 3, 2013

Thelma Quade
Hall '52
Oct. 25, 2012

Robert LaHood '78
Oct. 11, 2012

Aubrey Mattingly '56
April 5, 2013

Maria Morgan
Nov. 14, 2012
Gala committee chair
and mother of
Lauren '10,
Andrew '12 and
Megan, Class of 2015

Reginald Parker Sr.
Nov. 2, 2012
Father of Reggie,
Class of 2015

Cynthia Rohr '79
Nov. 29, 2012

Phyllis Davis
Smith '45
Nov. 2, 2012

Charles Springer '55
Sept. 6, 2012

Tori Stitely '03
Nov. 25, 2012



Jenna
Rayann
Stone
'08
Feb. 16,
2013

Patricia Suit '67
Jan. 22, 2013



Principal, St. John's
School, Hollywood

Described as a
"pillar of strength,"
Pat fought a two
decades-long battle
with cancer. She
began her teaching
career at St. John's
and was its principal
from 1990-2011.

2010



Mark Ragland '10 is currently studying abroad in Italy at the Politecnico di Milan. He is working towards his bachelor's in mechanical engineering from the A. James Clark School of Engineering at the University of Maryland College Park and is the recipient of a Science, Math and Research for Transformation (SMART) scholarship from the Department of Defense, which includes full tuition and fees, a book allowance, plus a \$25,000 per year stipend for room and board, summer internships, mentoring and post-graduation employment. Mark will graduate in May 2014.

REUNIONS

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Class of 2003 - 10th Reunion
September 14, 2013

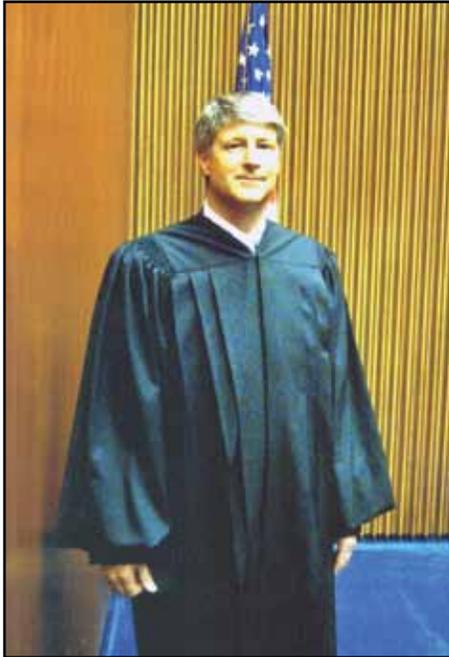
Class of 1993 - 20th Reunion
September 21, 2013

Class of 1983 - 30th Reunion
October 19, 2013

Class of 1973 - 40th Reunion
October 26, 2013

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RISING THROUGH THE RANKS: DANIEL GUY APPOINTED SPECIAL TRIAL JUDGE



Daniel A. Guy Jr. '79

It's not just the challenging academics that makes St. Mary's Ryken unique. It's the grounding of those academics in morals and values. Students are prepared not just for college, but to be a respected voice in their communities—to be a leader.

And Ryken High School alumnus Daniel A. Guy Jr. '79 is the epitome of one who is leading with a strong, ethical foundation and setting an

example for others to follow.

Daniel was sworn in as Special Trial Judge of the United States Tax Court on May 31, 2012. He is only the 32nd individual – and the first in 18 years – to take the oath of office of Special Trial Judge.

“The positive influences in my life during [my high school] years came from a confluence of family, close friends and their parents, the Ryken faculty, and others--essentially the Southern Maryland community,” he said.

After graduation from Ryken High School, he headed to McDaniel College and then to the University of Baltimore School of Law. While there, he served as associate editor of the “Law Review.” After graduating cum laude, Daniel was admitted to the Maryland Bar and the United States Tax Court Bar. He continued his studies at the Georgetown University Law Center, earning a master's in taxation, with distinction, in 1993.

He began his legal career as a law clerk and during his 22 years with the Tax Court, has served under six Chief Judges and assisted in drafting hundreds of opinions for 15 different judges and Special Trial Judges.

“I had the idea at an early age that I wanted to be a lawyer and my legal career has been both challenging and rewarding,” Daniel recalls. “Although being a judge was not necessarily

a career goal, I had the opportunity to work for many fine judges and learned by their examples.”

Judge Guy has impressed many with his integrity and his striving for excellence. One of those is Chief Judge Michael B. Thornton: “In my little time I've worked with Dan, I've come to realize just how much other chief judges have depended on Dan...It's easy to see why he has earned the respect and confidence of the Court...It's a special pleasure to see someone rise up through the ranks of the Tax Court and do so incredibly well through sheer merit and competence and likeability.”

Thinking back on his Ryken days, Daniel says “Two things come immediately to mind: the faculty – a conscientious and extremely patient group who were dedicated to the task of preparing young men for future success; and the great times that I had with a close group of what has turned out to be life-long friends (labeled the ‘riffraff’ by Brother Romuald).”

“Although I have many great memories,” he continues, “my favorite would have to be winning the final soccer match of the season and clinching the Southern Maryland Athletic Conference title my senior year. Ryken for many years had established a tradition of excellence in soccer (with Brother Romuald as head coach) and I was fortunate to participate in a great team effort.”

He continues that team effort today according to Judge Thornton: “No matter what the crisis is, Dan is always as calm as he can be and ready to give you good advice and to deal with it. Anyone who works with Dan comes away being very impressed with him and very impressed with the Tax Court for a person like Dan represent the Tax Court.”



Dan (left) celebrates his swearing in with his son Kevin (second from left) his wife, Jennifer, and sons Dan and Brady. (Photos courtesy of the Guy family.)

Alumni Weekend & The Blaine Whorl 5K





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Calling all New York City area alumni:
Join us on October 23 for an evening at Market Table with
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