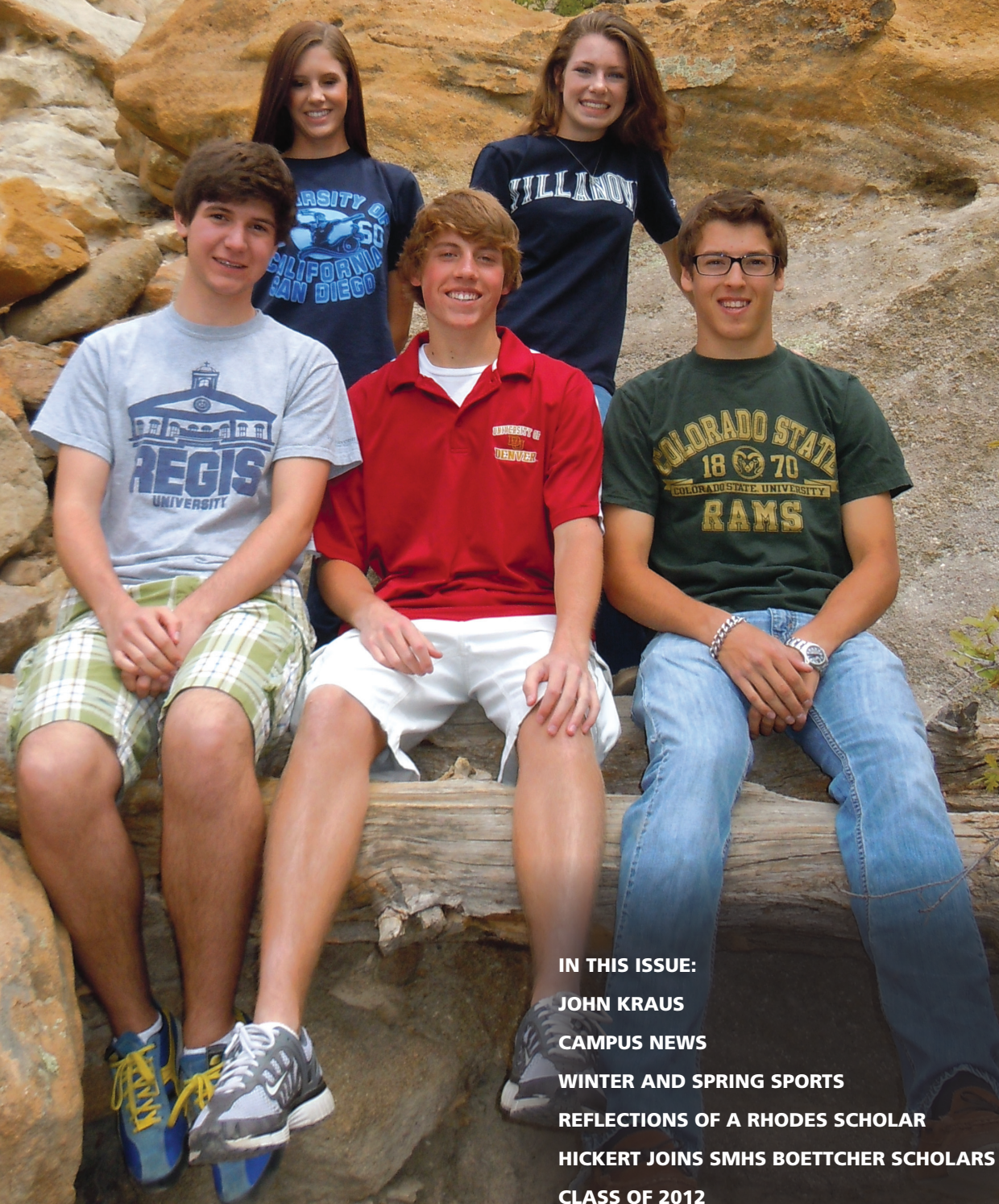


# Pirates' Treasure



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Cover: The members of the class of 2012 are headed to colleges from coast to coast. Pictured (from left) are: Lauren Gardner, who will attend the University of San Diego; Nick Derdzinski, who's going to Regis University; Cameron Hickert, Boettcher Scholar who chose University of Denver; Zachary Tickel who will be at Colorado State University; and Emily Tait, who will attend Villanova. For a list of where all the seniors will be next year, see the senior page.

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## From the Board President

It is that time of year when people put great effort into their gardens and yards. It always amazes me to watch friends and neighbors spend substantial sums of money and hours of time to create and maintain a living space that is enjoyable to them. For them, the work to improve their yards and gardens is truly a labor of love. They willingly invest time and money to create something that will be a source of pride and joy for them and their families in years to come. Trees, bushes, and other foliage planted today will, with proper care, provide shade, flowers, and fruit for generations.

When the Sisters of Loretto established St. Mary's High School in 1885, they were planting the first seeds of Catholic education in Colorado Springs. Since then countless people, including students, parents, faculty members, and diocesan leaders have maintained and supported St. Mary's so that today our children can receive a top-tier education infused with Catholic values. Since its founding, St. Mary's High School has produced thousands of graduates who have gone on to become successful, responsible citizens.

Just as those who came before us did, we also must provide for the long-term growth and stability of St. Mary's High School.

To that end, your board of directors has hired John Kraus to be St. Mary's next president. He has the skills and acumen to take St. Mary's to the next level of excellence. The board is confident that with John's leadership St. Mary's best years are yet to come. In addition, by exploring additional sources of revenue to assist St. Mary's to achieve lasting financial stability, the board has been working hard to keep tuition affordable without compromising the educational experience each and every student deserves.

If sustainable, long-lasting financial stability is to be achieved, St. Mary's High School will need the help of the entire St. Mary's community. It is vital that every member of the community join in the effort to nurture and encourage this very special school for current and future students.

Any contribution of time or money, no matter how small, can make a significant difference in the life of each student who attends St. Mary's. Working together we can create a legacy of Catholic education that will bear fruit for years to come.



Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gordon J. Heuser'.

Gordon J. Heuser

Gordon's daughter  
**Lindsay '05** (left) is at  
CU Medical School and  
his daughter **Hannah  
'08** just graduated from  
Gettysburg College.

## Features

# Kraus Is New SMHS President



**At the April Gala John Kraus (l) was introduced to many alumni and parents by Principal Mike Biondini and board member Rob Rysavy.**

*Kraus earned his B.A. in Journalism and Masters of Education at Texas Tech University, has done post graduate work at Miltown Institute of Philosophy and Theology in Dublin, Ireland, St. Thomas Aquinas Theological Seminary in Denver, and has taken continuing education classes in Special Education, Educational Law, and Technology.*

**PTM:** What do you see as the role of the president of St. Mary's High School? What strengths do you bring to the position?

**JK:** The simple answer is to hire extraordinary people, unencumber them, and provide the resources they need for their programs to thrive. Those familiar with the recent successes at St. Mary's know we are blessed with what we have accomplished through the talents of our faculty, students, and parents. The president's role now is to lead in creating support for our programs and to develop relationships with donors, alumni, area parishes, parents, and students to help make the dreams for our campus reality.

I will be focusing on four areas—growth in enrollment, renovations and upgrades of our physical plant, strengthening relationships with Catholic parishes, and financial stability and endowment development.

**PTM:** You've spent time with St. Mary's staff, students, and board members and you attended the Gala in April. What picture of the SMHS community did you draw from this introduction? What do you perceive to be the community's strengths?

**JK:** At every step along the way I have been impressed. Our parent support is very strong. Bishop Sheridan is an avid cheerleader for the school. Mike Biondini continues to be a great asset as principal. Faculty members are able to inspire greatness from students yet remain humble and honored to

*John Kraus, who assumes the presidency of St. Mary's High School next month, has served since 1999 as an administrator in three Catholic schools, the last being St. Mary's Colgan K-12 Catholic School in Pittsburg, Kansas.*

teach on campus. The students' passion and pride for their school is rare.

At the Gala I spoke with many parents who talked about SMHS alum success stories. These parents told me that without St. Mary's they do not believe their children would have found such success. No parent believes St. Mary's is just another school. Neither do the students.

**PTM:** As president you will be connecting with the community and seeking new avenues of funding. What about SMHS is most important to tell people?

**JK:** SMHS is not only successful academically, and not only do our students serve the community with thousands of volunteer hours annually, and not only do they represent the very best of their generation but more importantly, they are learning to become excellent, moral community and Church leaders. I want to tell everyone about the extraordinary scholarship offers our students receive and brag on the diverse fields and universities our students enter. I want to bring donors to our plays, forensics competitions and athletic events, and I want all donors to know we are conscientious stewards of their dollars. But ending with our academic, fine arts, and athletic programs is not enough. Our donors need to get to know our students. Once they meet our students, they will want to support our school.

**PTM:** What role do alumni play in your vision of St. Mary's future?

**JK:** My hope is that our alumni will stay connected and involved and will be cheerleaders for our school. Our publications and websites will keep you up-to-date; make sure you share the good news. Also, I hope our alumni will reflect that they are part of something that is great in our society—a school with a mission to change the world.

**PTM:** At the Gala your announcement that Mike Biondini'66 had agree to serve as principal for the 2012-13 term received a standing ovation. Talk about your reasons for asking Mike to remain at the helm.

**JK:** Mike is the face of St. Mary's. He represents our mission, loves our students, knows our strengths and weaknesses, is respected by educators across Colorado Springs, and is admired by students and parents. He is THE example of what it means to be a Pirate! I was never as quick to offer a contract as I was with Mike and never as relieved as when he said yes. Mike loves this school; we are all blessed that he has chosen to continue his work at SMHS.

## On Campus

**Cameron Hickert '12, Matthew Sotomayor-Seurer '12, and Conner Gosselin '13**

are 2012 Boy Scout Summit Award recipients. Scouts nominated for this prestigious award are young men who have shown leadership and made significant contributions to Scouting and their communities. All three are Eagle Scouts, active in sports and extra-curricular activities, involved at their church, and leaders in their Scout unit.



**Jaclyn Drummond, Alicia Fish, Sierra Gray, Angela Gunn, Camille Kessler, Remi Kessler, Katherine Reid, Mathias Sainz, Ailaina Salani, T.J. Sjobakken, Kelly Stickney, and Irene Verstraete**, pictured here in front of Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, practiced their language skills and increased their appreciation of great art when they toured Paris, Nice, Pisa, Florence, Assisi, Rome, and the Vatican during spring vacation. They were accompanied by French teacher Judith Fulmer, art teacher Karen Simkiss, and Mr. & Mrs. Bill Salani.



**Sean McGunigal '13** scored a perfect 800 on the SAT math examination. **Colton Calandrella '13** scored a perfect 800 on the SAT verbal examination.

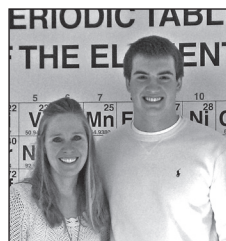
**McGunigal Calandrella**



**Taylor Sandoval, Molly Tornes, Mercedes Santana, Beth Cichon, Cristina Pollock, Laura Wallace, Aleah Erenberger, Annemarie Nicieza, Hanna**

**Stockelman, Beth Allen, Miranda Schene, Cedric Buck, Herb Klopfenstein, and Curtis Torrence** traveled to Costa Rica during spring vacation. They were accompanied by Spanish teachers Gus Nader and Tita Ford.

**Juniors Adam Jung, John Kater, Kuran Mittal, Steven Murphy, Amy Resman, and Cannon Wille** qualified to sit for the American Chemical Society's local competition to select students to sit for the national exam.



**Cannon Wille**, pictured here with chemistry teacher Suzanne Tibbets, scored in the top ten in Colorado and the highest in our region, which qualified him to attend the study camp, compete in the International Chemistry Olympiad, and sit for the 4½ hour national exam.

**Christopher Otteson '15** was a member of the Civil Air Patrol Cyber Patriots computer securities team (nicknamed Wolf Pack) that won first place in the National CyberPatriot IV Competition. In the nation-wide competition, held in March in Washington D.C., they defeated 11 other All Service Division finalists from around the country. The competition pits high school students against highly trained computer hackers in an effort to thwart simulated cyber threats. Each of the five-member team received a \$2,000 scholarship from Northrup Grummon.



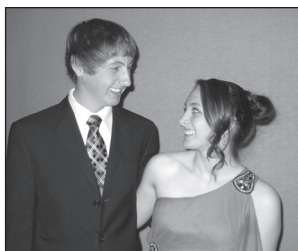
**Former Latin instructor Barbara Belina (2nd from right) attended the presentation to hear former students Ozzie Grenado, Yolanda Fennwick, and Franz Hardy share their experiences and wisdom with students.**

A presentation at SMHS in May, entitled "From High School to the Professional World: How to Make Your Dreams Come True," featured **Franz Hardy '92**, an attorney in Denver, **Ozzie Grenado '91**, a family practice physician in Parker, and **Yolanda Fennick '83**, an attorney in Colorado Springs. The program was for all students, but particularly upperclassmen and those who feel they might face challenges getting from high school to the professional world.

Success came through very different paths for each panelist. Hardy said that academic achievement didn't come easily for him. He entered Colorado State University not knowing what he wanted to do. For Grenado the path to success started with an athletic scholarship to Stanford University. However, at Stanford he didn't do as well academically as he would have liked. He returned to work in health care before getting a masters degree in business administration at CU and then attending CU medical school. Like Hardy, Fennick didn't go to college with a firm idea of her future. She did well academically and graduated with an English degree. She then took the LSAT, did well, and decided to go on to law school. All three panelists encouraged SMHS students to stay focused and persevere in the challenging times as they pursue their dreams.



## On Campus



Colton Calandrella and Michaela Heery's appearance at the Gala showed why their speaking skills earned them trips to the National Forensics Tournament.

Reigning as Public Forum Debate Champions at the 2012 Colorado State Forensics Tournament held in Fort Collins were Seniors **Cameron Hickert** and **Rosie Wayne** while classmate **Micaela Heery '12** won the state title in Lincoln Douglas Debate. In the National Qualifying Tournament, all three also qualified to represent southern Colorado at the National Forensics Tournament in June in Indianapolis, Indiana. Other SMHS students qualifying for the national tournament are **Alexa Jakusovsky '12**, **Jake Keuhlen '12**, who garnered 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Public Forum Debate at State, **Eliana Wackerman '14**, a Lincoln Douglas debater, and **Colton Calandrella '13**, who competes in Foreign Extemporaneous Speaking. Also, at the State tournament **Amy Resman '13** and **Sarah Tafolla '13** won 6<sup>th</sup> place in Duo Interpretation.



Thirty-four students were inducted into National Honor Society in April. They are: Seniors **Alicia Fish** and **Jonathan Hyink**, and Juniors **Mackenzie Barta**, **Sierra Burnett**, **Colton Calandrella**, **Elizabeth Cichon**, **Benjamin Cloud**, **Jacob Emmel**, **Aleah Erenberger**, **Gabriella Florek**, **Maria Font**, **Kelly Gardner**, **Meghan Harder**, **Adam Jung**, **John Kater**, **Alexandra Krause**, **Jessica Leckey**, **Vanessa Martin-Wegryn**, **Joseph Mc-**

**Adams**, **Charlotte Meert**, **Paulina Menichiello**, **Kuran Mital**, **Jacob Morales**, **Steven Murphy**, **Adniel Pardnos**, **Cristina Pollock**, **Amy Resman**, **Taylor Sjobakken**, **Ty Smith**, **Sarah Tafolla**, **Samuel VanGambleare**, **Laura Wallace**, **Cannon Wille**, **Colten Wolf**. Pictured is inductee **Ty Smith** with his parents **Lee '86** and Kari Smith.

**Greg Biondi**, Social Studies Department Chair, has been appointed to serve as a reader for the College Board's 2012 Advanced Placement Government & Politics exam. He will spend a week this summer in Salt Lake City, Utah, with other selected AP readers. Biondi has scored AP exams before and believes the experience makes teachers more effective in the classroom, especially in preparing students to write well-thought-out and well-constructed essays the test requires.

**Advanced Placement Biology** has been added to the St. Mary's class offerings beginning next fall. AP Biology focuses on cellular, genetic, and developmental biology and biochemistry. Besides giving students an opportunity to earn college credit, it will prepare them for college molecular and cellular biology. Twenty-one students have already signed up for the fall class. AP Biology brings the number of AP classes offered at SMHS to eight.



National Art Honor Society participated in the Global art exchange program with a school in Fujian, China. After the students' art work was displayed locally, it was sent to China for display. **Valerie Estal '14**, who is pictured in front of some of the other projects, chose to send her foil relief.



**Kelly Stickney '12** organized the National Art Honor Society's Easter Basket Drive. Students filled over 200 Easter baskets for children of the clients of Partners In Housing. Stickney presented the baskets to Partners In Housing Executive Director Mary Stegner for distribution the week before Easter.

SMHS community service is a significant piece of the St. Mary's experience. Beside every student completing 125 hours of community service by graduation, group service projects take place throughout the year. A partial list of this year's group service projects includes:

- ▶ AP Chemistry students served as judges for the Divine Redeemer Elementary School science fair.
- ▶ Youth Philanthropy Club (YPC) earned money from penny wars, jeans days, and selling homecoming tee shirts. With these funds and a \$2500 grant from the El Pomar Foundation, they gave \$1,000 grants each to Children's Literacy and CHARG, an agency that works with the mentally ill. YPC also gave smaller grants of \$300 to \$500 to

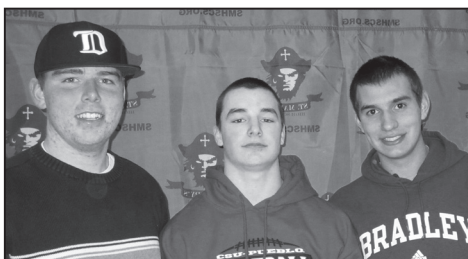
La Puente, One Nation Walking Together, Resource Exchange, Teen Court, The Family Attachment Center, and Los Pobres.

▶ National Art Honor Society painted a mural at the Life Support Center, set up a giving tree in the school to gather gifts for residents of Sunny Vista Care Center, sponsored Vessels for Charity, and collected Easter Baskets for Partners In Housing.

▶ National Honor Society volunteered at the Marian House Soup Kitchen and Care and Share in October. In November their blood drive at school for Memorial Hospital netted 40 pints of blood. In December Partners In Housing was the recipient of the 1400 rolls of toilet paper collected in the NHS Toilet Paper Drive. During Catholic Schools Week the honor society collected 1400 servings of baby food and over \$800 for the Life Support Center. This is the 16<sup>th</sup> year NHS has sponsored the baby food drive. In February NHS prepared and served an evening meal at Roland McDonald House. In April they collected \$190 in the Great American Bake Sale. In May they prepared individual lunches for every SMHS employee.

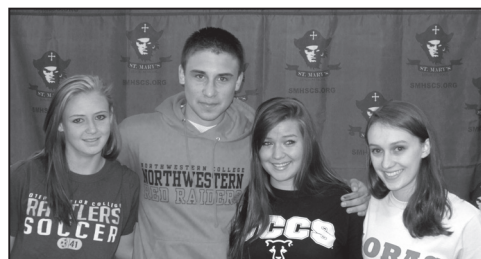


# 9 Pirates Will Continue Athletic Careers in College



► **Charlie Coughlin '12** (left) signed to play **baseball** at Des Moines Area Junior College, **Nick Germano '12** will play **football** at

University of Colorado at Pueblo, and **Joe Morales '12** signed to play **soccer** at Bradley University.



► **Dawn Reachard '12** (left) signed to play **soccer** at Otero Junior College, **Ben Fetter '12** will play **soccer** at Northwestern

College, **Haleigh DuFaud '12** signed to play **softball** at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, and **Heather Black '12** will **swim** for Loras College.

► **Adam Avant '12** will continue his **gymnastics** career at the Division I College of William and Mary. Since 2003 Avant has been on the Colorado Training Center Team at the Olympic Training Center and has been team captain for the last four years. In 2011 he was State vault champion, placed fifth all-around at Black Jack Nationals, and was a Junior Olympic National high bar finalist.



► **Tyler Wegner '12** will join the Arizona State University **gymnastics** team this fall. Wegner, whose favorite event is rings, is a level 10 gymnast. He qualified for the regional championships for the last four years and the national championship once. Like Avant, he is on the Colorado Training Center Team at the Olympic Training Center. Their coaches are the same ones who coach the Olympic Center's elite athletes.



► The **Pirate Cheer Team** earned two third place finishes during regional and league competitions and earned sixth place overall at the 3-A State Spirit Championships.

► **Lacrosse**, a sport in its sixth season at SMHS, had its first winning season. The team has worked hard to build and improve and has strived each year to win more games than they did the previous year. The seniors played on a team that won only one game when they were freshman. This year their record is 8-6 and **Sean Scally '12** reached a career record of over 100 goals.





## Pirate Sports Update

### WINTER SPORTS

#### **GIRLS' BASKETBALL**

- ▶ League record: 10-2
- ▶ Season record: 17-7
- ▶ Advanced to CHSSA 3A -"Sweet 16"

Tri-Peaks East All-Conference

##### **1st Team**

Gabi Florek '13  
Nicole Niles '13  
Emily Whitelaw '13

##### **Honorable Mention**

Laura Broerman '13  
Dawn Reachard '12

Gazette All-Area Peak Performer

##### **2nd Team**

Gabi Florek '13

#### **BOYS' BASKETBALL**

- ▶ League record: 8-4
- ▶ Season record: 12-10

Tri-Peaks East All-Conference

##### **1st Team**

Daniel Padrnos '13  
Jacob Raedel '12

##### **Honorable Mention**

Ben Fetter '12

Gazette All-Area Peak Performer

##### **2nd Team**

Jacob Raedel '12

#### **GIRLS' SWIMMING**

- ▶ League record: 0-4
- ▶ Season record: 2-6

Independent League All-Conference

##### **Honorable Mention**

Heather Black '12  
• 200/500 Freestyle  
Meghan Harder '13  
• 50/100 Freestyle

4A State Qualifier

Heather Black '12  
• 200/500 Freestyle

#### **WRESTLING**

- ▶ Season dual record: 4-8

Tri-Peaks Championships

##### **3rd Place**

Cannon Wille '13  
• 170 lb

### SPRING SPORTS

#### **BASEBALL**

- ▶ League finish: 6-6
- ▶ Overall record: 11-8
- ▶ Advanced to 3A State Districts 1st round

Tri-Peaks East All Conference

##### **1st Team**

Charlie Coghlin '12  
Nate Germano '12

##### **Honorable Mention**

Ty Smith '13  
Logan Elliott '13

Tri-Peaks East Player of the Year

Charlie Coghlin

City-Suburban All-Star Game

Nate Germano, Charlie Coghlin

Colorado Dugout Club Senior All-State Game

Nate Germano, Charlie Coghlin

Colorado Dugout Club Junior Showcase Game

Ty Smith, Logan Elliott

#### **GIRLS' SOCCER**

- ▶ League record: 6-0 League Champions
- ▶ Season record: 15-2 (at press time)
- ▶ Advanced to State semifinals

Region 1 All-Conference

##### **1st Team**

Dawn Reachard '12  
Ashley Bradford '14  
Sarah Egbert '14  
Emily Loof '14  
Nicole Niles '13  
Michelle Moure '15

##### **Honorable Mention**

Kathleen Plamondon '12  
Kylie Cleary '15

Region 1 Player of the Year

Dawn Reachard '12

#### **TRACK**

Tri-Peaks League

1st place 800 meters

Elena Slavoski '14

3rd place 200 meters

Sarah Tentschert '13

4th place 1600 meters

Sam VanGambleare '13

5th place 3200 meters

John Kater '13

3A State Qualifiers

1600 meters

Elena Slavoski '14

Discus

Casey Smith '12

#### **LACROSSE**

- ▶ League Record: 2-5
- ▶ Season Record: 8-6
- ▶ First winning season in the six year history

Pikes Peak Conference

##### **1st Team**

Sean Scally '12  
Ben Cipoletti '13  
Colten Wolfe '13

##### **2nd Team**

Tyler Anderson '14  
Sean McGunigal '13  
Connor Gosselin '14

##### **Honorable Mention**

Kevin McGunigal '12  
Jon Hyink '12  
Cameron Hickert '12

#### **TENNIS**

- ▶ Season Record: 4-10

Regional 2nd Round Qualifiers

Aleah Erenberger '14  
Kelly Gardner '14

- #2 Doubles  
Paulina Menichiello '14
- #3 Singles



# Reflections of a Rhodes Scholar:

*What does a St. Mary's Education Mean?* by William Gohl '06

2006 was only six years ago, but I don't remember how to perform a titration anymore. I can't quite recall how to take the derivative of something, and aside from the Rube Goldberg devices I occasionally jimmy in my room for grins, my knowledge of the laws of physics has slowly slipped away, along with what I once knew of Punnett Squares, Charlemagne's Holy Roman Empire, and tricks on a TI-83 Plus.

As you might imagine, this disappointing realization was initially a bit worrisome, particularly considering the investment my parents put into my four years at St. Mary's, financial and otherwise. But upon further review, my hypothesis (something I still remember how to make) is this: the value of a St. Mary's education is not, at least in large part, in textbooks or lab manuals, in Powerpoint slides or final exams, or even in Mr. Murphy's videos on Eucharistic miracles. This is not a slight on the academic caliber of a St. Mary's education—but instead a reality with which all high schools, not just St. Mary's, must reconcile. High school students eventually forget much of the material mastered and passages memorized, no matter how well taught. But as St. Mary's has realized, alumni don't forget how their high school years shaped who they are. They don't forget how high school taught them to live their lives.

I need look no further than my own brother Peter, who is graduating this year and moving on to serve our country as a Navy ROTC midshipman at Marquette,

**"... alumni don't forget how their high school years shaped who they are."**

and Rebekah, my sister who will be a junior next year, for assurance that St. Mary's is influencing the way in which they live and see the world in a positive way. When I asked them at dinner a few months ago, "What do you think the value of a St. Mary's education is?" their responses were most telling. Both



**Dress code for the matriculation ceremony at the end of Will's first year was more formal than that of his alma mater.**

spoke of opportunities through student government that impressed upon them the importance of servant leadership and team-building. They each mentioned specific teachers who had taken time to work with them individually, not just to impart some specific piece of knowledge, but to teach them how to learn. But the message that came most clearly through their responses was the subtle confidence with which they gave them, coupled with humility, perspective, and maturity that have become all the more pronounced in the two years I've spent away in Oxford.

Most high schools do not (and cannot) go near the area of instructing students in how they should live. But at St. Mary's, formation goes hand in hand with education. This is the true value of a St. Mary's education, manifest in morning prayer, and talking about God in the classroom with pride, and not fear. The value of a St. Mary's education is the leadership opportunities in Senate and clubs, and the vision of teachers and counselors who care for students

individually, challenging and promoting their dreams and ambitions, celebrating in their successes and maintaining relationships long after graduation. A St. Mary's education is the very essence of the project John Henry Newman set out in *The Idea of a University*: "It is the education which gives a man a clear conscious view of his own opinions and judgments, a truth in developing them, an eloquence in expressing them, and a force in urging them." No wonder St. Mary's is so successful in preparing freshmen for academic success at the university level. Ultimately, the value of a St. Mary's education is that it is an education with values. Not many high schools in America, let alone Colorado Springs, educate with such purpose.

Six years after St. Mary's, I still remember quite a bit, titrations and derivatives aside. I remember, and have come to believe, that life's battles don't always go to the bigger or stronger man, but sooner or later, to the man who thinks he can. I remember that a key component of effective leadership is serving those I lead and teaching them to serve each other. I remember that an essential component of an examined life is making priorities and remaining loyal to them, an active

**"I remember [from SMHS] that if I don't live with integrity, the rest simply doesn't matter."**

practice of faith principal among them. I remember that regardless of what I happen to remember, if I don't live with integrity, the rest simply doesn't matter. And as my brother reaches the conclusion of his years at St. Mary's, I remember the mixed emotions that came with that time, in both excitement and nostalgia, and the conviction I felt to make something of the gift a St. Mary's education was. As alumni and members of the St. Mary's family, I hope we can all remember the tremendous value a St. Mary's education holds, and do our part to ensure the school continues in its mission to form men and women of virtue.



## Feature

# Hickert Is 7<sup>TH</sup> SMHS Boettcher Scholar

FROM SMHS PIRATE TO DU PIONEER



Last year Hickert spoke about the importance of scholarships at the SMHS Gala.

St. Mary's seventh Boettcher Scholar is a Renaissance Man—knowledgeable and proficient in a wide range of fields. Cameron Hickert is a skilled debater, co-captain of the soccer and lacrosse teams, yearbook editor, Eagle Scout, and pianist. His achievements are many. Yet a stranger meeting him might not be aware of his many skills and accomplishments. Cam is a humble young man. When he met other Boettcher finalists, Cam couldn't believe he was chosen to be among them. "They were amazing people. They had done so many things, yet they were really down-to-earth. I had anticipated that they might be sort of full of themselves, but they weren't." They are like Cam.

Gus Nader, SMHS Spanish instructor says Cam is a gentleman. "He's very polite, is witty, and has a great sense of humor. I think he is one of the finest young men this school has produced."

Cam had applied to and been accepted to several selective out-of-state schools and thought he would spend his college career at one of them. Then came the Boettcher offer. "At first I wasn't sure I wanted to stay in state. The University of Denver

was the last Colorado school I visited, and I loved it. It was the perfect fit." Cam was accepted for the Pioneers Leadership Program, which includes other Boettcher Scholars. "I'll be living in a residence hall with sixty-five other people in the program. It is a great community to be part of. It's the perfect fit for me." About 75 percent of DU students study internationally for at least a semester, another aspect of college life he looks forward to doing. "The Boettcher program opens up so many opportunities," Cam explained.

Cam appreciates the way St. Mary's has prepared him to explore these opportunities. "I've had great teachers. AP Literature was probably my most challenging class because

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**"... He is one of the finest young men this school has produced." —Gus Nader, Spanish Instructor**

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I don't naturally think the way you have to think to analyze literature, and AP Chemistry had the heaviest workload. But they all helped me." Cam has also enjoyed playing soccer and lacrosse. "It's been exciting to be a part of a lacrosse team that went from winning only one game in a season to having a winning season this year. We really learned how to work through the challenges and play together as a team."

Cam hasn't chosen a college major, but likes the opportunities at DU to perhaps have two diverse majors when he discerns where his interests lie. That's a challenge for a Renaissance man whose skills and interests are as diverse as Cam's.

## BOETTCHER SCHOLARSHIPS SET COURSE FOR LIFE



**Dr. Evelyn Dean Nystrom '66** was St. Mary's first Boettcher Scholar. She attended Colorado State University and earned her MPH and PhD

at the University of Michigan. From 1986 to 2008 Nystrom was a Research Microbiologist for the National Animal Disease Center at Iowa State University in Ames Iowa. She received international recognition for her expertise on bacterial pathogenesis. At ISU she was also a full professor, USDA collaborator in the veterinary microbiology and preventive medicine department, and member of the graduate faculty. "The support and encouragement I received from the Boettcher Foundation and other Scholars was invaluable and has influenced my own efforts to support and encourage others. It's an honor and a privilege to

belong to the Boettcher Scholars family and to watch the growth and successes of this group," Nystrom said. She retired in 2008 and volunteers at hospice, meals on wheels, and as an AARP tax preparer.



**Ed Langlois '82** graduated from Colorado College with a degree in journalism. He has been a stringer for *Newsweek* and *Businessweek* and

studied theology at Notre Dame. Since 1993 he and his family have lived in Oregon where he is on the staff of the Oregon *Catholic Sentinel*. His writing focuses on government and social issues and Catholic schools. He has traveled to Africa twice to write about famine and agriculture. Langlois still marvels at the generosity of the Boettcher Foundation. "It's humbling that they put such trust in

us. It changed my life's course and I am glad for it," Langlois said.



**Amy Schneider Douglas '93** attended the University of Denver where she earned her degree in Finance and Marketing. Until recently she was the Director of Human

Resources at Colorado Children's

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**"[Being a Boettcher Scholar] was the opportunity of a lifetime."**

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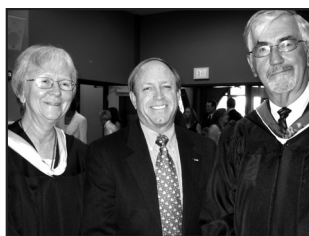
Hospital in Denver. Currently she has chosen to work part-time as an organizational consultant so that she has more time to spend with her family. One of her activities is being in charge of an enrichment program at her son's school.

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# Class of 2012



The class of 2012 leaves its 127 year-old alma mater with memories of Pirate traditions, all-school masses, community service projects, pep rallies, athletic triumphs and defeats, theater productions, essays, and tests to venture into the world and pursue their goals. Engineer, teacher, nurse, priest, doctor, lawyer, journalist, and military career—these are some of the paths they will follow. The sixty-six members of the class leave with more than \$6 million dollars in scholarship offers from colleges across the nation.



The class chose Colorado Attorney General **John Suthers '70** as their

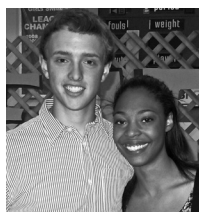
graduation speaker. He is pictured here with faculty members Karen Simkiss and John McCord as they wait for graduation to begin.



**Cameron Hickert** was valedictorian of the class of 2012 and **Michaela Heery** was salutatorian.



Class officers were: **Jon Hyink**, **Alexa Jakusovsky**, **Kelly Stockelman**, and **Hickert**.



The class chose **Peter Gohl** and **Rosie Wayne** to speak at the senior class mass before the candle lighting ceremony when the flame of leadership was passed to the incoming senior class.



**Kelly Stickney** was editor of *The Jolly Roger*.



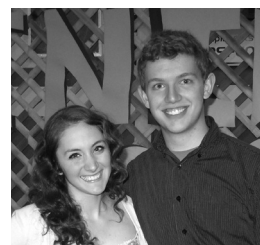
**Hickert** and **Bailey Rainey**, speaking here to Development

Director Matt Walter, agreed to be class agents. They will organize class reunions, beginning with the five-year reunion in 2017.



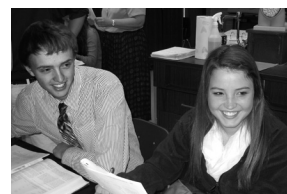
Eucharistic ministers at Senior Mass were (l to r) **Kelly Stickney**, **Molly Tornes**,

**Kelly Stockelman**, **Jonathan Vall**, and **Matt Sotomayor-Seurer**.



Department award winners are selected by faculty members as the outstanding student in their subject matter. Pic-

tured are **Michaela Heery** and **Jake Keuhlen**, who were named outstanding students in social studies and foreign language, respectively. Also recognized were: **Veronica Hrovat** and **Jordan Barney**, performing arts; theater, **Cameron Hickert**, English, science, mathematics, and theology; **Alicia Fish**, art; **Peyton Harris**, physical education; and **Joseph Morales**, business.



At Baccalaureate **Peter Gohl**, pictured here studying with **Megan Chilton** for

an anatomy and physiology exam, was named the Principal's Leadership Award recipient. Gohl was also president of the student senate this year and at graduation presented the senate's gift



to the school, new commercial microwave ovens for the Cove.



Chosen by the faculty for the Spirit of Mary Award were **Cameron Hickert** and **Lindsay Cross**.

This award, the most prestigious award given to seniors, was formerly called Top Boy and Top Girl.



**Alexa Jakusovsky, Grant Smith, Elizabeth Kurata, and Hickert** will not be classmates next year for the first time since they were first graders at Pauline Memorial Elementary.



Since starting elementary school at Corpus Christi, **Brooks Hourigan, Lauren Gardner, Natasha Archuleta, Zach Tickel, Jacob Resman, Fish, Stockelman, Herb Klopfenstein, and Rachel Sheehy** have been classmates.



This year's Marian Award recipient is **Leroy Hoetling** whose service

to St. Mary's High School, Divine Redeemer Elementary School, the diocese, and the community spans many years. Hoetling, shown with his daughter Sandy and wife Colette, was on the SMHS board of directors for six years, serving three years as president, including the time in which the gymnasium was built. After his tenure on the board, he joined the board of the St. Mary's Catholic Education Foundation as treasurer. All four of Hoetling's children, **Sandy '83, Pam '84, Scott '88, and Ben '93**, graduated from SMHS.

**Natasha Ann Archuleta**  
*University of Colorado at Colorado Springs*

**Adam Gabriel Avant**  
*College of William and Mary*

**Jordan Matthew Barney**  
*Adams State College*

**Heather Hunt Black**  
*Loras College*

**Erin Elizabeth Boldt**  
*Xavier University*

**Megan Elizabeth Chilton**  
*Pennsylvania State University*

**Charles Robert Coghlin III**  
*Des Moines Area Community College*

**Lindsey Louise Cross**  
*Saint Louis University*

**Taryn Elise DeBoer**  
*University of Colorado at Boulder*

**Nicholas Patrick Derdzinski**  
*Regis University*

**Haleigh Danielle Dufaud**  
*University of Colorado at Colorado Springs*

**Elizabeth Grace Easton**  
*Pikes Peak Community College*

**Benjamin Robert Fetter**  
*Northwestern College*

**Alicia Allen Fish**  
*University of Colorado at Boulder*

**Laurel Marie Gardner**  
*University of San Diego*

**Nathan Joseph Germano**  
*Colorado State University, Pueblo*

**Peter Andrew Gohl**  
*Marquette University*

**Peyton Hellman Harris**  
*University of Colorado at Boulder*

**Micaela Ann Heery**  
*Salutatorian  
Washington University in St. Louis*

**Cameron Ritzdorf Hickert**  
*Valedictorian  
Boettcher Scholar  
University of Denver*

**Brooks Patrick Hourigan**  
*Colorado State University*

**Veronica Rose Hrovat**  
*Ohio Northern University*

**Jonathan Adam Hyink**  
*Marquette University*

**Alexa Hope Jakusovsky**  
*Lewis & Clark College*

**Joseph Aubrey Keuhlen**  
*University of Colorado at Boulder*

**Herbert Bernard Klopfenstein IV**  
*Colorado State University*

**MaryKate Leilana Knapp**  
*Benedictine College*

**Young-Jin Jin**  
*Michigan State University*

**Elizabeth Downs Kurata**  
*University of California at Berkeley*

**Erik Victor Lindquist**  
*Colorado State University*

**Taylor Renee Lowe**  
*University of Northern Colorado*

**Derek Robert Mazany**  
*Benedictine College*

**Kevin Michael McGunigal**  
*University of Colorado at Boulder*

**John Michael Melnick**  
*Northern Arizona University*

**Joseph Arthur Morales**  
*Bradley University*

**William Andrew Palma**

**Jeffrey Robert Pinkstaff**  
*University of Colorado at Colorado Springs*

**Kathleen Rose Plamondon**  
*Colorado State University*

**Mckenzie Blair Prantl**  
*Colorado State University*

**Jacob Michael Raedel**  
*University of Colorado at Colorado Springs*

**Bailey Anne Rainey**  
*Texas A&M University*

**Dawn Nicole Reachard**  
*Otero Junior College*

**Jacob Thomas Resman**  
*University of Colorado at Boulder*

**Robert Leo Rysavy**  
*Benedictine College*

**Matthias Ray Sainz**  
*University of Colorado at Boulder*

**Taylor Marie Sandoval**  
*University of Northern Colorado*

**Mercedes Santana**

**Gene David Sauder II**

**Sean Michael Scally Jr.**  
*Saint Louis University*

**Rachael Elizabeth Sheehy**  
*University of Colorado at Boulder*

**Duncan James Silver II**  
*Boston University*

**Casey Lee Smith**  
*Colorado State University*

**Grant Michael Smith**  
*University of Northern Colorado*

**Donald Matthew Sotomayor-Seurer**  
*Colorado State University-Pueblo*

**Kelly Anne Stickney**  
*University of Colorado at Colorado Springs*

**Kelly Anne Stockelman**  
*Xavier University*

**Emily Ann Tait**  
*Villanova University*

**Evan James Thomas**  
*Colorado School of Mines*

**Keele Joe Thomas**  
*Gonzaga University*

**Zachary Andrew Tickel**  
*Colorado State University*

**Molly Kathleen Tornes**  
*Colorado School of Mines*

**Jonathan Patrick Vall**  
*Saint Gregory the Great College Seminary*

**Fermin Venzor**  
*Regis University*

**Jordan Rose Wayne**  
*Saint Joseph's University*

**Tyler Kenneth Wegner**  
*Arizona State University*

**Andrea Zapata**  
*Pikes Peak Community College*

## Class Notes

**Dr. Charles "Chuck" Gardner '47** is retired and lives in Eugene Oregon. He has been a widower since 2003. He still misses Sara, the love of his life for 49 years.

**Mary Prior Dambman '53** is a candidate for the 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District seat on the nine-member University of Colorado Board of Regents, which is the governing board for the University of Colorado system.

**David Tryba '73** was the lead architect for the new History Colorado Center in Denver. He is pictured her with his design team at the May grand opening of the center. Photo by Steve Peterson.



**Darlene Kuhni Kroll '77** celebrated her 30-year anniversary with Pfizer Pharmaceuticals where she is a pharmaceutical representative. She and her husband Chuck live in Highlands Ranch, CO. Whit and **Lisa Mayhew Davis '87** are the parents of a daughter Caitlin Grace, born January 5, 2012.

**Meghan Boyd '91** lives in Salt Lake City. She is an early childhood development therapist and works with special needs children. To see the real world of medicine, **Herb Klopenstein '12**, who is considering a career in medicine, shadowed **Dr. Ozzie Grenardo '91** as he saw patients in Southern Colorado. Grenardo, who has a practice in the Denver area, travels to Rocky Ford and Ordway clinics on a regular rotation.

**Colleen Carroll Campbell '92** gave birth in January to her third child, Clara Colleen. Colleen lives with her husband and children in St. Louis, Missouri, where she continues her work as a *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* op-ed columnist, religion and politics blogger for *The New York Times* and *Washington Post*, and host of "Faith & Culture," a weekly television and radio interview show that airs internationally on EWTN, the world's largest religious media network, and on Sirius Satellite Radio and Relevant Radio. Colleen's second book, *My Sisters the Saints: A Spiritual Memoir*, will be published this fall by an imprint of Random House.

**Candace Dieckhaus Krieger '93** lives in Colorado Springs. She owns Lively Minds Tutoring Agency, which tutors students from K through 12. She has four daughters, Delaney, Fiona, Edie, and Pippa ages 12 to 4. After teaching in Phoenix, AZ, for fourteen years, **Megan Kottwitz '93** and her sister

Beverly are currently teaching at the American International School of Abuja (ASIA), a K-12 school, in Abuja, Nigeria. Meg describes living in Abuja, the capital of Nigeria, like living on another planet. "Not only is it a third world country, but it is one of the most corrupt of the third world countries," Meg said. "Through the hard living I've really come to appreciate life on an entirely different level. The everyday struggle that



Nigerians have to go through just to live day-to-day is inspiring." Meg and Beverly have not only learned a very different perspective on life and what is truly important, but have also had the opportunity to travel and see much of Africa, which has always been one of Meg's dreams. During this first year of their two-year contract with AISA they have traveled to other parts of Nigeria and Kenya. During their three-week Christmas break they drove from Johannesburg, South Africa, to Cape Town. "[We] traveled through some of the most beautiful land I have ever seen," Meg said.

**Anne Renniger Hund '94**

and her husband Andy welcomed their fourth son, Nolan Asher, born December 5, 2011.



**Ellie Boyd '95** is a clinical therapist at the VA hospital in Denver.

**Jeremiah Ahrens '94**, a Colorado Springs fireman, was elected to the Cimarron Hills Fireboard.

**Jenna Ward '97** and CW Roe are the parents of Lane Mateo Roe, born April 20, 2012.



**Maggie Green Ham '98** and her husband welcomed their fourth son, Michael Alexander, on February 24, 2012. In April family relocated from Shreveport, LA, to Washington D.C.

**Steve '98** and **Amanda Ortiz-Torres '98** live in Colorado Springs. Steve is project engineer with the Colorado Springs Utilities and Amanda



will be the assistant principal at Sierra High School this fall. They have a 2-year-old son Matthew.

Darin and **Kristel Jelinek '00 Brown** welcomed daughter Charlotte Ella on December 8, 2011. The Browns reside in Brooklyn, NY. Kristel finished her Master's Degree in applied theater (utilizing theater and musical theater in working with high risk and special needs populations) at CUNY this spring.

Darin is an intellectual property attorney.

In May **Nick Ernster '03** graduated from Creighton Law School. He will continue his education with a course in mastering dispute resolution.

**Patricia Hill '04** graduated from Creighton University Medical School on May 12, 2012.

**Andre Papineau '04** and his wife Ruxandra live in Seattle where Andre is a chemical engineer at Air Liquide.

**Captain Hayden Piscal Howell '04**, a Blackhawk helicopter pilot, is deployed to Afghanistan and scheduled to return to the States in January, 2013. She is pictured here with a therapy dog that visited their unit last spring as a morale booster.



**Ashton Nuvolini '06**

graduated from Regis University in May with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology and a Bachelor of Arts degree in music performance. She was commissioned as a 2nd lieutenant in the air force and will be working in the space and missiles field. This fall she will begin technical training at Vandenberg Air Force Base in California.



In January **Laura '04** and **David '07**

**Backlin's** father Mark was honored by the Ecuadorian government for the medical mission he formed in honor of his late wife, the Judith Lombeida Foundation, which delivers medical supplies and services to low income Ecuadorians who live in geographically isolated areas. Laura and David are actively involved in the foundation.

**Nick Clendenen '05** and **Krista Schroeder '05**

were married on January 28, 2011 in Wichita Falls, TX. Nick is in the Air Force, and they will be stationed at Mildenhall AFB in England for three years. Krista worked as





## Class Notes

a third grade teacher for two years, abroad in Bangladesh, and locally in Falcon, CO. In May **Brittany Murphy '05** graduated from Western Law School in Sand Diego, CA. She plans to practice in the area of protective child services.

**Jack Boyd '05** is a professional photographer in Aspen and recently had two photography spreads in *Aspen* magazine.

**Jamie Van Gampleare '06** received her Bachelor's degree in health administration and policy from Creighton University and will receive her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing in December, 2012.

**Sarah Schaeffer '06** and Tim Cornella were married July 23, 2011, in Colorado Springs. They live in Denver. Sarah is pursuing a Masters Degree in Gerontology at UNC.

**Ryan '06 and Angela Voltattorni Craft '06** reside in Hawaii where Ryan is stationed with the USA. He returned this spring from a one-year tour of duty in Afghanistan.

**Alyx Barry '06** graduated from Texas A&M in 2010 with a bachelor of science degree in psychology and minors in neuroscience and business. In May, 2012 she received her master's degree in family therapy from the University of Philadelphia. This month she is moving to Dallas-Fort Worth, TX, to begin her career as a sex therapist.

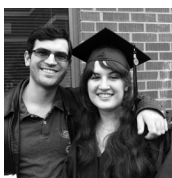


**Mark Ernster '06** is a commercial real estate associate broker with National Highland Commercial Real Estate.

**Dan Volz '07** graduated in May from Colorado State University with a degree in Natural Resources Management. In the fall semester of 2011 he was named a Presidential Scholar.

In May **Mathew Hartle '08** graduated cum laude from the Colorado School of Mines with a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry with an area of special interest in space and planetary science and engineering. On May 25, 2012 he and Diana Wright were married. They will be moving to Eugene, OR where Matt will enter the PhD chemistry program at the University of Oregon.

**Cynthia Jensen '08** received her Bachelor's degree in May from Benedictine College in Atchison, KS, with a double major in English and Theater. She is an associate editor for *Dark Moon Digest*.



**Meghan Pedersen Williams '08** and her husband Ethan were married April 25, 2011. They are the parents of a son Ryker James, born March 13, 2012.

**Jeff Kelly '08**, a senior Marine Biology major at the University of Hawaii-Manoa, was selected for the 2011 summer QUEST (Quantitative Underwater Ecological Surveying Techniques) program. Scuba diving near the Hawaiian coast, Jeff and his fellow QUEST divers used a variety of survey techniques, including photography, to gather data about coral reefs, fishes, and seaweeds. Jeff also participated in MAST (Maritime Archaeology Surveying Techniques) surveying WWII wrecks off the coast of Maui. He will be one of the team leaders for the 2012 QUEST program.



**Joseph Balestrieri '08** graduated from the Police Academy in December, 2011, and works at the Colorado Boys Ranch. He and his wife Tanya live in Pueblo.

**Katherine O'Donnell '08** is a senior at University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. She is majoring in geography and nursing.

**Geoffrey Grayson '08** coaches football and wrestling at Palmer High School and takes classes at Pikes Peak Community College.

In December, 2011, **Elizabeth Haile '08** graduated from St. Benedicts College in St. Joseph, MN. She lives in Colorado Springs.

In May **Brian Walker '08** received his Bachelor's degree in business with an emphasis in computer information systems from Colorado State University. He is employed by Tyler Technology in Denver.

In May **Stephen Van Gamplere '08** received his Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise Science from Creighton University.

**Amy Davidson '08** graduated in May from Emerson College in Boston with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theater Education. She was named Student of the Year for the class of 2012. Amy lives in Los Angeles, CA, and works in film and television production management.

**Nicole Cross '08** graduated from the University of Portland in May with a Bachelor's degree in elementary education. She has been accepted into the Teach for America program and will serve two years in Las Vegas, Nevada, teaching preschool.

In May **Lane Carter '08** graduated from Colorado State University with a major in wildlife biology and a minor in geographical information systems.

**Kelly Davis '08** graduated from Notre Dame in May with a science pre-professional Bachelor's degree. She has been accepted into the I Have A Dream Americorps program as has **Hannah Heuser '08**, who graduated in May from Gettysburg College with a Bachelor's degree in history. Hannah and Kelly have both been assigned to work with underprivileged youth in Boulder, Colorado.

**Josh Whitelaw '08** is a senior at the University of Northern Colorado and works at Sports Authority.

**Stephen Tztizcas '08** is a senior at Colorado State University majoring in Economics and Business Administration. He was recently elected to Omicron Delta Epsilon National Economic Honor Society. After he graduates in December, he plans to attend law school.

**Katy Ruckstuhl '08** graduated in May from Loyola University in New Orleans with a political science major. She works for Hilton Industries.

**Chrissey Carson '08** graduated from St. Mary's at Notre Dame in May with a Business and Marketing degree.

**John Ernster '09**, a civil engineering major at the University of Colorado, Boulder, spent a semester abroad in Argentina. This summer he will spend a month working in Peru with Engineers Without Borders and also do volunteer work in Ecuador.

**Christina Whitelaw '10**, a sophomore at Colorado Christian University and member of their women's basketball team, was named the 2011-12 Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Player of the Year and RMAC 2011-12 Defensive Player of the Year. She is only the second athlete in league history to receive both honors in the same season. This year she has been named RMAC player of the week five times and player of the month once. In NCAA Division II she is second in the nation in steals, and her three triple-doubles this season lead NCAA Divisions I, II, and III. Christina has earned more awards than any other athlete in CCU athletics history.

**Mark Narozanski '11** completed his first year at the Royal Military College in Saint Jean, Quebec. This summer he is transferring to the Royal Military College of Canada in Kingston, Ontario, where he will complete his last three years of education and training.



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“[Being a Boettcher Scholar] was the opportunity of a lifetime. It was such an honor to be selected from a pool of talented young students from all over the state,” Douglas said.



### **Katie Streicher**

**’95** graduated from Colorado School of Mines with a degree in chemical engineering. She earned her PhD from Penn State in

immunology and then spent three years doing breast cancer research at the Karmanos Cancer Institute in Detroit. Currently she is a Scientist at MedImmune, a pharmaceutical company in Maryland, just outside Washington D.C. She works in the Translational Science Department where her group does the work required to successfully move promising drugs forward into clinical trials. “I have the wonderful opportunity to work in diverse disease areas, including cancer, autoimmune and respiratory diseases. We use patient data from clinical trials to develop personalized health care strategies [for patients] to help them get better. I feel really connected to how what I do matters to patients, which

means more to me than anything else,” Streicher said. “Being a Boettcher Scholar provided me with opportunities I never would have received otherwise and connected me to an amazing network of people that extends far beyond the scholarship itself. I still feel incredibly honored to have been selected and welcomed into such esteemed company,” Streicher commented.



### **Ben Fernandez**

**’97** chose Colorado State University and a major in engineering. He then earned his law degree at the University of Colorado. Currently he is a partner in the

Intellectual Property group at the Denver law firm Faegre Baker Daniels LLP. He practices patent law to assist companies in protecting their innovations.

“The Boettcher Scholarship allowed me to focus on academics and community involvement as an undergrad and, along with my St. Mary’s experience, reinforced the importance of community service in life,” Fernandez said. He and his wife **Erin Robinson Fernandez** **’97** have two children.



### **William Gohl**

**’06** earned a Bachelor’s degree from Regis University with a double major in English and Politics and minors in business and Spanish. While

at Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar, he has traveled to Ireland, Scotland, France, Italy, Egypt, and Turkey. Last month he received his degree from Oxford in Juris Prudence and plans to apply to law school after his return home. “Without winning the Boettcher, I would not have enrolled at Regis, and would not feel the calling I do to take the education I received and live as a man in service of others both in Colorado and more broadly. The process of applying for the Boettcher scholarship provided an opportunity to articulate why higher education is important to me and what I plan to do with it, a message I rehearsed again when applying for the Rhodes. Interaction with the Boettcher community introduced me to a number of impressive and hard-working people with whom I remain in contact today,” Gohl stated when explaining what his selection as a Boettcher Scholar meant to him. (See his reflections on his SMHS education on page 8.)

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## **■ Former Faculty ■**

**Sister Mary Frances Boyle**, who taught Spanish at SMHS from 1998 to 2001, volunteers at the Pikes Peak Library District, Pikes Peak Hospice and Palliative Care, and Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic.

**Sister Monica Gundler**, SMHS Campus Minister from 1993 to 1995, now ministers at the House of Charity in New Orleans, LA, an international community of the Charity Federation serving the people of New Orleans. She also assists in vocation work with young adults.

**Doug James**, former SMHS math instructor, is a research associate in the High Performance Computer Group at the Texas Advanced Computing Center at the University of Texas at Austin.

## **■ In Memoriam ■**

**Mary J. Cano Hilmer** **’41** passed away January 1, 2012 in Colorado Springs. Since the 1960s she owned and operated an antique store.

**Mable Greggs Murphy** **’42** passed away

February 15, 2012. She was a lifelong resident of Colorado Springs.

**Charles Winkler** **’45** passed away October 25, 2011 in Montrose, CO. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Frances, a son and a daughter.

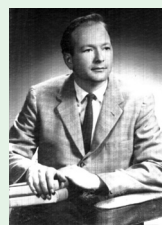
**Josephine B. DelMastro Johnson** **’46** passed away January 30, 2012. She was a resident of Colorado Springs. She had co-owned Poor Boy Inn Restaurant, modeled for department stores, and worked for Fashion Bar.

**Dorothy “Dottie” Moomaw Kubitschek** **’48** passed away February 19, 2012. She is survived by her sister, **Jean Moomaw Zecha** **’46** and brother-in-law **Bob Zecha** **’42**. Dottie had 9 children, 21 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

**Charles R. Nolan** **’49** died November 25, 2011, in Colorado Springs. He owned Nolan Funeral Home for twenty-five years.

**William R. Cox** **’52** passed away on January 9, 2012 in Chula Vista, CA.

**Joe Shields** **’54** passed away in May, 2011. He continued to treat patients as long as he was able to walk.



**Shields**

**Don King** **’56** passed away on September 21, 2011 of Parkinson’s disease.

**Larrie Ann Wiskirchen Theis** **’61** passed away June 30, 2010. She was a Registered Nurse.

**David Gorman** **’64** passed away May 15, 2012. Dave was an executive with Wal-mart for 23 years before becoming an international consultant to the retail industry. He served in the Marine Corps during the Vietnam War and received two Purple Hearts.

**Robert Walsh** **’64** passed away in January, 2012.

**Patty Crossey Ross** **’74** passed away January 5, 2012. She resided in Larkspur, CO and had been a teacher in Colorado Springs District 11 for many years.

**Sister Mary Catherine Kelsey**, SMHS counselor from 1987 to 1990 and 1991 to 1995, passed away in Cincinnati on January 22, 2012. She was 94 years old. Sister Mary Catherine is remembered by staff and students for her indefatigable cheerful spirit and her colorful high-top tennis shoes.



**Kelsey**



## Development

### A Letter to the SMHS Community from the 2012 Gala Co-Chairs

Dear SMHS Family,



Everything came up roses at the 2012 Gala and Raffle. 317 guests enjoyed an evening of fine food, fun, and even a little fellowship. We are so proud to report that the event was a resounding success for the school. The Gala grossed \$168,955 while the Raffle brought in \$74,619. After expenses for both, of which \$20,000 constituted prizes for the Raffle, the net contribution to the school was \$190,705. This contribution includes \$84,550 from the special appeal to provide financial aid

to 40-45 families for whom a St. Mary's education would not otherwise be possible. Raffle winners included current SMHS parent Kim Boyer who won 1st prize, current SMHS staff member Matt Walter who donated 2nd prize back to the school, and current SMHS parent Jeanne Cichon who won 3rd prize.

We are humbled by the generosity of the many volunteers, donors, advertisers, underwriters and attendees whose participation in these two events made these results possible. Their efforts have ensured that St. Mary's will continue its mission of serving our students, alumni and their families, and the broader Front Range community for generations of Pirates to come. We give special thanks to **Micaela Heery '12** and **Colton Calandrella '13** for their beautifully moving speeches about the difference that SMHS has made in their lives and the lives of their classmates.

Thank you again for your support of St. Mary's High School and for making a difference in the lives of our students. Please mark your calendar for next year's event, tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 20, 2013.

In Christ,

Cindy Frothingham & Brenda Soto

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The Annual Fund at St. Mary's High School is the endorsement of the School's mission by people who value the importance of affordable Catholic, college preparatory education for Southern Colorado.

The Annual Fund supports all facets of student life at St. Mary's, from academics, to athletics, to the arts. Our goal for the 2011-2012 Annual Fund is to generate **\$350,000 by June 30, 2012**

Your Annual Fund gift will make a difference in the lives of 330 current St. Mary's students and their families, and it will honor our rich tradition, helping secure the future for generations of Pirates to come.

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For more information about the Annual Fund, visit [www.smhscs.org](http://www.smhscs.org) or contact Director of Development Matt Walter at [mwalter@smhscs.org](mailto:mwalter@smhscs.org) or 719-635-7540, ext. 38.



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## Save the Date

Aug 27 ..... First Day of School

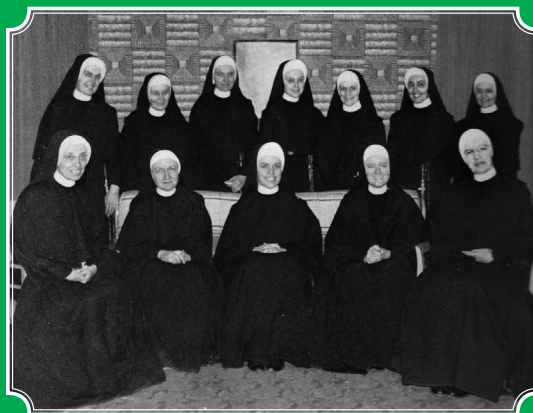
Sep 8 ..... Back to School Mass & Picnic

Sep 21 ..... Golf Classic

Oct 12 ..... Homecoming

Dec 4 ..... Grandparents' Mass

Dec 22 ..... Alumni Christmas Social



From September 16, 2012 to December 31, 2012, the Denver Public Library main branch will feature an exhibit in the Western History Section on the Sisters of Loretto. The exhibit, held in conjunction with the order's 200 year Jubilee, will celebrate the sisters' contributions to education in the west. The 27 schools the sisters started, including SMHS, will be included in the exhibit. Can anyone name the Sisters in this photo and the year in which it was taken?

## Address Corrections

*Your address is important to us! Please send your address and e-mail changes to Matt Walter in the St. Mary's High School Development & Alumni Relations Office by e-mail to [mwalter@smhscs.org](mailto:mwalter@smhscs.org), so we can send publications to you in a timely manner. Thanks for your help!*