

Pirates' Treasure



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ON THE COVER: SMHS alumni **Mike Biondini '66**, **Rebecca Keith '99**, and **Dillon Turpin '03** have all found a home teaching at their alma mater. Several other alumni are teaching at other Colorado Springs-area Catholic schools, thanks in part to their Pirate experience.

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From the President

To Teach As Jesus Did

In 1972 the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops issued a pastoral message on Christian education. *To Teach As Jesus Did* affirmed Catholic school as the "fullest and best opportunity to realize the purpose of Christian education among children and young people." Our culture today needs our young adults—our future church, family, economic, and political leaders—to be prepared in their faith lives as well as their academic lives. Leading this charge are our teachers, the witnesses in front of students seven hours each day.

The teaching faculty at St. Mary's, though not comprised anymore of sisters and priests, are thoroughly committed to their role in teaching with Catholic Passion and Academic Rigor. Their commitment to the profession and love for the Church are daily shared with students. Twenty-two of St. Mary's teachers and staff have more than 10 years of service to Catholic education. As a school community, we total 362 years serving the Catholic Church.

The faculty members of our proud school come from a variety of backgrounds, from those who have spent their entire careers in education to those who found St. Mary's only after retirement. The quality and qualifications of each SMHS faculty member is unrivaled outside of our campus, and perhaps more importantly, our students recognize the gifts they have in the front of their classrooms and respond by working to the very high expectations of the teachers.

Reflect on which teachers directed your path and be sure to say Thank You, and stay connected to St. Mary's. Enjoy this edition of *Pirates' Treasure* Magazine, especially reading about the impact of teachers, and participate in supporting the only Catholic high school serving Southern Colorado. What we do makes a big difference; what you do for St. Mary's makes it possible.

By God's Graces,

John C. Kraus, President SMHS



On Campus

Bukowski Named Outstanding Volunteer



Bukowski '15

Michael Bukowski '15 received the Waldo Canyon Fire and Restoration Outstanding Volunteer Award in June. The award was given in recognition of

the hundreds of community service hours Bukowski worked helping with mitigation in the Waldo Canyon burn scar.



Faculty, Staff Help Fire Victims

Thirty-one SMHS students, faculty, and staff members spent part of their summer helping families affected by the Black Forest Fire, which occurred in June. The students assisted four families who attend Our Lady of the Pines clean up their properties, which included cutting trees and removing 70 tons of metal, 20 tons of brick, and two dumpsters full of ash. Then in September 21 members of the St. Mary's community helped with fire mitigation on Our Lady of the Pines property.



Summer Class Focuses on Local Art Scene

Seven St. Mary's students experienced the local art scene during at new summer Art Appreciation Class. The class took a unique approach, combining a variety of resources including media and local hands-on observation. They also learned about the significance of art in the Church and how to use art in their prayer lives.



Forensic Competitors Find Success

Colton Calandrella '13, Eliana Wackerman '14, Joe McAdams '13, and Kuran Mital '13 competed at the National Speech Tournament sponsored by National Forensic League in June. McAdams brought home a trophy tying for sixth place in Extemporaneous Debate. "Even though I did not do as well in Congressional Debate as I would have hoped, I really enjoyed competing in Extemporaneous Debate," McAdams said. "I didn't expect to receive a trophy from the tournament, so receiving it in an event that I never competed in was really rewarding."



Basketball Team Helps Out Care & Share

On June 17 basketball players and some of their family members teamed up to assist Care & Share. The students learned about food safety, recent food recalls, operated dollies, checked expiration dates on food, and filled boxes with food items. They did such good work that Care & Share employees invited them to come back and help any time.

On Campus

Students Explore China

Sarah Kraus '14 and **Joe Wahl '15** each spent a couple of weeks in China over the summer as part of an exchange with China Project Hope, which has placed Chinese exchange students at St. Mary's for the last few years. In addition to seeing the sites like the Great Wall of China, Kraus and Wahl got to experience a day at school in China during which Kraus presented about what school is like in America.



Science Projects Soar to Edge of Space

In October SMHS science students sent 25 miniature satellites to the edge of space as part of the Pong Sat program developed by JP Aerospace in California. "The experiments included testing to see if popcorn will pop at the lower pressure, seeing if a battery would discharge, or if gelpacks would explode," said science teacher Suzanne Tibbits. The satellites went up in a high-altitude weather balloon. Once back, the satellites were returned to the students for evaluation.



Two St. Mary's students have been invited to share their results at the board meeting of the National Space Science and Technology Institute.



Link Crew Helps New Students

Close to 100 SMHS Ambassadors were on hand in August to welcome and assist new students. As part of the Link Crew, each Ambassador is paired with a new student. Link Crew members help the new students during the first days of the school year as they find their classes and lockers, but also continue to help out through the year if the students need assistance.

Schene Earns Perfect ACT Score

Miranda Schene '14 earned a perfect score of 30 on her ACT test and has been named a National Merit Semifinalist. She feels both accomplishments will help further her plans for the future. "I really want to go into a scientific field, and possibly go to grad school to get a master's degree or doctorate and do scientific research," she said.



Miranda Schene '14

Professional Development Fills Summer for Faculty

Summer proved to be a busy time for several SMHS faculty and staff members as they took advantage of several professional development opportunities. Science teacher Michael Kloenne was one of 90 teachers from across the US who participated in the United States Air Force Academy Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) three-day boot camp in July. Science teachers Nora Frederick and Al Hartzell both completed the Flinn Scientific High School Lab Safety Course. Robyn Cross, admissions director and moderator of the SHINE program, attended a national conference on how to combat girl bullying. Janny Jarvis, who teaches freshman English and writing lab and is new to St. Mary's this year, attended a seminar on the common core requirements in literacy. Rick Champion, senior Theology teacher and Student Senate advisor, attended the CHSAA Student Government Camp with members of the Student Senate. Several teachers attended Advanced Placement teaching workshops and several more stayed on campus to teach the multiple courses offered during summer semester.

Faculty, Staff Attend Catechetical Training

About 35 members of St. Mary's faculty and staff joined teachers and administrators from other local Catholic schools for a Catechetical Institute in late August. For those who are Catholic, it was a chance review the teachings they learned when they were younger, while for those who aren't Catholic, the training provided an opportunity to learn more about the Catholic faith. President John Kraus said the

institute will be a permanent part of the school's calendar going forward.



Pirates Win Food Drive Contest

In September, the Pirates faced off against the Manitou Springs Mustangs both on the football field and off. For the second year of the Pikes Peak Showdown rivalry game between the two teams, the schools added a food drive and competed to see which school could collect more. Naturally, the Pirates won the competition, collecting a ton and a half of food. Food collected

by St. Mary's students was donated to West Side Cares, while the food collected by Manitou went to a local food bank in that community.

Simkiss Receives Educator of Year Award

In November art teacher Karen Simkiss received the 2013 Colorado Private School Art Educator of the Year award from the Colorado Art Education Association. The award was presented during the CAEA Conference in Breckenridge. While Simkiss said she was a bit embarrassed about the attention the award brought, she was honored to receive it. "I do what I do because I love the kids and I love art," Simkiss said. "I'm teaching my passion."



SMHS Students Excel on Standardized Tests

ACT TEST SCORES

5 POINTS HIGHER
than the Colorado and
National Average

AP TEST SCORES 3 OR HIGHER

St. Mary's

88

PERCENT

Colorado

63

PERCENT

Again in 2013 St. Mary's students outpaced both their counterparts in Colorado and nationwide on standardized tests. On the ACT test, St. Mary's students scored on average five points higher than the Colorado average and national average. And on AP tests, 88 percent of SMHS students scored a three or higher, while only 63 percent of Colorado achieved a three or higher.

Local Alumni Drawn to Teach in Catholic Education

By Amy G. Partain

School choice: the relatively recent concept that families can choose a school that best suits their child. But those words have different meanings for teachers. For 10 St. Mary's alumni who are teaching in Colorado Springs area Catholic schools, the choice was clear: Catholic education was where they wanted to be.

And these 10 teachers didn't arrive at that conclusion based on what they'd only heard. Most of them have experienced both public and Catholic education, even if their exposure to public education was through student teaching or substitute teaching. And all said they've seen a big difference between Catholic education and public education. Citing everything from expression of faith to parental involvement, the teachers said the atmosphere in Catholic education is different.

St. Mary's Principal **Mike Biondini '66** found his lifelong passion for education during his sophomore year in college. Then he spent 31 years teaching in public schools before returning to St. Mary's in 2002.


"St. Mary's always intrigued me," he said. "I wanted to come back and give back in some small way for the start the school gave me. But I never thought I'd still be here, and being principal was never on my radar."

Having spent extensive time in the public schools, Biondini said the sense of community is truly different. During his years as a student, Biondini said he wasn't a very good student and at times got into trouble. But at St. Mary's, he said everyone comes together to provide what the students need. That was the case during his time as a student at St. Mary's, and Biondini feels it's still true today.

"I wasn't a straight A student, but I've still been productive in life," Biondini said. "Now I see myself as an advocate for the average Joe. I wasn't stellar in high school, but I found a place at St. Mary's and still felt valued."

"I wanted to come back and give back in some small way for the start the school gave me.."
— Mike Biondini '66

The sense of community found in Catholic schools was something that all of the teachers mentioned. It's a unique atmosphere in which all participants feel they are working toward common goals.

 almost forty years after Biondini graduated from St. Mary's, Dillon Turpin's class of 2003, graduated. Having attended Catholic schools for his whole school career, Turpin always thought he wanted to teach at a Catholic school. But spending time substitute teaching in the public schools served to solidify that decision.

"The parents here at St. Mary's want to see their kids thrive and they want to know what they can do at home to help them do that," Turpin said. "Parents are just more engaged here."



Michelle Bowen '06

For the Burkett family, Catholic education is a family affair. **Kaitlyn Burkett '06** teaches first grade at Pauline Memorial. Her sister **Kelsey Burkett Vance '03** teaches at Divine Redeemer and her father, **Mike, '71** coaches girls' basketball at St. Mary's. Kaitlyn said



Kelsey Burkett Vance '03

she's known her whole life that she wanted to be a teacher but student teaching at a public school solidified her love for Catholic education.

"The sense of community in Catholic schools is so strong," Burkett said. "To be a part of a community where you are fully supported and know that all of the students are supported and encouraged. It's very significant."

Veronica Benish Nuvolini '84 and **Michelle Bowen '06** also see the community aspect of Catholic schools as a major difference in Catholic schools. Nuvolini teaches fifth grade plus third and fourth grade science and social studies at Corpus Christi, while Bowen teaches seventh and eighth grades at Pauline Memorial.


Nuvolini said with smaller class sizes comes the chance to truly get to know not only the students individually but to also know their parents and siblings. She said that family feeling at Catholic schools really makes a difference. Bowen agrees.

"I have 12 kids in my class so I have an

opportunity to know them and really make an impression," she said. "As middle schoolers they are developing their character and truly becoming who they are meant to be."

"To be a part of a community where you are fully supported and know that all of the students are supported and encouraged. It's very significant."

— Kelsey Burkett Vance '03

Bowen knows first-hand what kind of impact  teacher at a Catholic school can have on a student. It's what she experienced at St. Mary's during her first two years there.

"I was influenced heavily by Lois Chance, my freshman English and sophomore AP English teacher," Bowen said. "She gave me the confidence that I could accomplish any goal."

For **Sean Mersman '05**, who now teaches at Divine Redeemer, the teacher who had the most impact was his high school math and physical education teacher, Mr. Luppino. He said that his parents and Luppino helped him always

reach for greatness. Mersman believes that is the kind of support every student should have.

"I believe that every person should feel like they are important and could leave an impression on this world; whether it's a small impression or a big one, because every bit matters," he said.

Turpin said he knew in high school that he wanted to teach, and that choice was influenced heavily by his high school history teacher, Don Lupton.



Veronica Benish Nuvolini '84

"He made history fun and it made sense to me," Turpin said. "I became enthralled with history and majored in it in college because I knew I wanted to be a teacher."

Of course, the faith element of Catholic education is an aspect that is obviously different from public education. And according to the teachers, it is a large part of what makes Catholic education unique.

Catholic education was all **Rebecca Keith '99** knew growing up. But it was during the last year in her graduate program at the University of Colorado at Boulder that Keith got hooked on teaching. Before returning to St. Mary's as a science teacher, Keith spent six years in public schools. That experience gave her a greater appreciation for Catholic education.

"I'm truly grateful to work here," Keith said. "I know that the phrase 'living the dream' is kind of cliché but it's truly what I'm doing."

For Keith, Mass is the best part of working at St. Mary's. While the academics are more rigorous than public school, Keith said the faith component

is key to what makes Catholic schools different.

"How do you teach your students to be good citizens without God," Keith said. "Schools try hard, but to be successful at it, God is needed."

After attending Divine Redeemer and St. Mary's, **Michelle Senger Bowers '93** never wanted to teach anywhere but a Catholic school.

"Once I attended a school Mass and saw how pumped the students are to be learning about God, I knew I'd never again teach anywhere else," she said. "When you meet the students that attend Catholic Schools, they are truly different. They are humble, grateful, and loving: true models of Christ, which makes it so much simpler for the teachers as well."

So the pasts of these teachers—growing up in Catholic education—certainly impacted their futures. Nuvolini credits St. Mary's with beginning her love of Catholic education.

"St. Mary's was really the beginning of my dedication to Catholic education as a whole," Nuvolini said. "Catholic



Kaitlyn Burkett '06

education raises the bar and I believe if you raise the bar higher, kids will meet the bar."

And while Biondini, who attended public elementary and junior high schools, came to Catholic education later than some, that community continues to impact his life today.

"Since I've come back, St. Mary's has given me more than I've given it," Biondini said. "It's renewed my Catholic passion. Whatever small token I've given to St. Mary's has been returned 100 fold to me in my personal and spiritual life."



Sean Mersman '05

Father Carmody Receives Marian Award

In a society where people are looking to be noticed, Father Bill Carmody is an anomaly. His goal: to be like a used penny that is always there but often goes unnoticed. So when he learned that he was to receive the 2013 Marian Award given by St. Mary's High School, he was kind of embarrassed.

"I'm not big on awards," he said. "My goal is to be taken for granted. Instead of having whatever work I do shine the light on me, I want it to shine the light on Christ."

But Tom Resman, the SMHS board member who nominated Carmody, feels he is certainly deserving of the honor. Resman said Father Bill's work with youth and in protection of the unborn, including serving as director of the diocese's Respect for Life office, are two areas where his unselfish service shines.

"I knew Father Bill even before he was ordained as a priest," Resman said. "Ever since I've known him, he has worked tirelessly with the youth in our community and encouraged them to live moral lives according to the teachings of Christ."

"Mary's total gift of herself to serve God is the model of service to the church that this award celebrates."
— President John Kraus

Carmody said that while he'll always be pro-life, he would love to work himself out of the job of protesting abortion by encouraging chastity.

"I'm radical in the true sense of the word," Carmody said. "Radical means root and I want to get to the root of the problem. Abortion is a symptom of the problem. If everyone lived chaste lives, abortion would go away from lack of business."



Fr. Bill Carmody with (l to r) Principal Mike Bionidini '66, Board Member Tom Resman, Board Member Patrice Tafolla, and President John Kraus.

St. Mary's President John Kraus said the Marian Award is given in honor of Mary, the patroness of the school to whom the school consecrates all it does.

"Mary's total gift of herself to serve God is the model of service to the church that this award celebrates," he said. "And Father Bill has lived this model of service especially as he leads his parish and leads the diocesan pro-life office."

In true Carmody style, the priest plans to use receiving the Marian Award to encourage others to get involved in the pro-life movement. One way he'll encourage others to be involved is to help lead the new Students for Life Club at St. Mary's. The club kicked off on Oct. 22, immediately after Father Carmody received the Marian Award.

Past Marian Award Recipients

Leo Smentowski '54, 2001
Father Rawley Myers, 2002
Andrew Middlemist, 2003
Leonard L. Buresh, 2004
Betty Elliott Faricy '70, 2005
John D. McCord, 2006
Bambi Venetucci, 2007
Don Mersman, '71, 2008
Thomas S. Kelly, 2009
Bishop Richard C. Hanifen, 2010
Chuck Murphy '54, 2011
Leroy Hoelting, 2012

Students for Life Club

After Father Bill Carmody accepted the Marian Award, he helped kick off the newest St. Mary's Club, the Students for Life Club at an all-school Mass on Oct. 22.

Mary Simmons, parent advisor for the club, said although the club is in its early stages, it has been well received by the students.

"Among the close to 50 students who immediately signed up for the club is there was great representation from all four classes, freshmen through seniors," she said. "That bodes well for a robust club that encompasses the entire student body while providing the depth that will be needed to carry on year after year."

Simmons said the vision for the club is to promote the sanctity of life from conception until natural death by planning, promoting, and participating in various pro-life activities.

Although the newly formed club has yet to set goals, Simmons said the Saturday after the club's inception some students and parents participated in the candlelight prayer vigil with David Bereit, the director of the international "40 Days for Life" organization, outside a local Planned Parenthood facility.

There are six officers for the club, all seniors. They are Sarah Kraus, Noah Larkin, Anna Pepper, Beth Allen, Erin Geiger, and Jack Clavenna. School Chaplain Father Brian Roeseler is the faculty adviser.

"It's wonderful to see the next generation of pro-life minded young people who are willing to stand up for life at all stages," Simmons said.

Nine Inducted as 2013 Athletic Hall of Fame Class

The third class of former athletes, coaches, and athletic directors were inducted into the 2013 St. Mary's High School Athletic Hall of Fame on Friday, Oct. 25. Contributions from the nine new inductees span 60 years of Pirate athletics.

The late Father Michael Kavanagh served as athletic director from 1943 to 1955 when the school had only three sports. SMHS Principal Mike Biondini said that Kavanagh as the school's first AD is really responsible for our current athletic department.

Jack Holvey '50 was inducted for football from 1947-1949. He set records for all-purpose yards, rushing yards, touchdowns, rushing touchdowns, and receiving yards.

Richard Jewett '63 was inducted for both football and basketball from 1960-1963. Jewett was voted the best all-around athlete and set Pirate records for 1,321 yards rushing in a season and 6.1 yards per carry.

Anthony DuCros '72 was inducted for basketball from 1970-1972. He was the Will Rogers League Scoring Champion with 23.85 points per game and still holds the school record for points per game. "My high school sports career gave me the ability to bounce back from trials," DuCros said.

Jeanette Kelly White '81 was inducted for volleyball between 1977-1980. White made first team 3A All-State Team in both 1979 and 1980 and received several other first team, including the first team Pikes Peak League and first team Gazette-Telegraph All-Area.

David Grenardo '95 was inducted for football from 1991-1994. He still holds the school record for kickoff return touchdowns with seven and the most field goals in a career with 10. Grenardo said his Pirate football career taught him humility and suffering.

"When you face adversity and suffering, embrace it," he said. "God is preparing you for something even bigger so you can succeed in something amazing that's coming, even if you can't see it yet."

Ryan Taylor '97 was inducted for football and track from 1993-1997. In 1997 he was the 3A state 800M relay champion and in 1996 he was twice named the Rocky Mountain News Player of the Week. Taylor said St. Mary's was the right place for him. "I'm happy to be part of something much bigger than four years of high school," he said.

Kathy Runyan Hanshew is currently in her 35th year with St. Mary's, but was inducted for her years as volleyball coach and athletic director between the years of 1977 and 1999. "When she took on the athletic director position in 1990 she was one of the first female ADs in Colorado Springs," said former Athletic Director Ed Latimer.

Christopher Heilman '04 is the first Pirate wrestler to be inducted. Heilman was 2004 3A State Champion (103 pounds) and was Tri-Peak Champion in both 2003-2004. But Latimer said what is unique about Heilman is the sacrifice he made when he decided to compete in a lower weight class to allow other teammates to compete.

The SMHS Athletic Hall of Fame honors those who have made outstanding contributions to St. Mary's athletics either through participation or support and ensures that the history and traditions of the school are celebrated. Athletes must be five years removed from graduation to be nominated. For more information or to submit a nominee for the 2014 class, visit the Athletic Page on www.smhscs.org.



(l to r) Richie Jewett '63, Tony DuCros '72, David Grenardo '95, Ryan Taylor '97, Kathryn Hanshew, and Christopher Helman '04 were recognized at halftime of the annual Hall of Fame football game.

Sports

Soccer Wins Region 1 Title



The 2013 varsity soccer team finished the season with a 6-9-0 record, winning its last four regular season games to clinch the Region 1 league title and make the playoffs. **Tommy King, Kevin Kohlmann, Matt Heery, Diego Zapata, Andrew Grammel,** and **Cedric Buck** earned first team all-conference recognition with **David Venzor** and **Thomas O'Connor** earning honorable mention honors. **Tommy King** was also named Region 1 Player of the Year. Coach Lou Sagastume,

who announced his retirement from a long and storied coaching career, stated he was, "so proud of the boys for their dedication and effort throughout the year."

Girls Cross Country finishes 2nd, Boys Finish 5th at Regionals

The girls and boys teams qualified for state as they finished second and fifth overall in the region, a feat not achieved since 2007. The all-conference first team consisted of **Elena Slavoski, Miranda Mitchell, Bailey Neppl, Morgan Baldwin,** and for the boys **Andy Tapparo**. Slavoski was also chosen as the Tri-Peaks League Female Runner of the Year. The majority of the team also achieved Colorado High School Activities Association Academic Honors. The boys and girls improved their pre-state rankings by more than 30 percent, a tremendous feat considering the course. This year's team was one of the largest in numbers that SMHS has had in the last seven-plus years, with a strong group of underclassman ready to continue the tradition of excellence next year.



Football Wins Last Game

The football team won its last game to end a season in which the team was plagued by injuries. The season record was 1-8. **Connor Rosenoff** and **Dylan Tait** were named first team all-conference while **Patrick Telck** and **Ryan Detert** earned honorable mention status. Also during this season, **Ashley Bradford** (#4 in the photo) became the first female in Pirate football

history to score a point in a game when she kicked an extra point against Florence on Sept. 13.



Girls Volleyball Qualifies for State

The girls volleyball team finished third in the Tri-Peaks League East, and was selected to play in the state regional tournament. Head Coach **Melissa Sweeney** stated that the, "lady Pirates were a young, athletic team this season that came up just short at regionals." First team all-conference went to **Emily Broerman** and **Mollie Schreck**, with **Taralynn Sweeney** and **Jessica Spilman** earning honorable mention.



Softball Season Comes to a Close

The softball team started fall practice with five returning and three new players. The team was able to secure another seven players so it could continue to play, but unfortunately most of the new players had little to no experience. The team worked very hard and showed significant improvement during the season.

Making first team all-conference were **Briana Medina Martinez** and **Mikayla Noack** with **McKenzie Hernez** and **Natalie Godec** earning honorable mention. Coach Hyland expects strong results next year with 11 returning players, including seven rising juniors, and as many as six new players.



Two Qualify for State Golf

Jimmy Velton and **Jakob Bucher** both qualified for the 2013 state golf tournament held in Pueblo. The team had a very successful year under head coach Rick Wilson, finishing in the top 10 in many tournaments.

Class Notes

Seven Classes Hold Major Reunions in 2013

Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and email. It's never been easier to keep in touch with classmates from high school. But that's still no substitute for catching up face to face, which is what several St. Mary's High School classes did this summer.

This year the classes of 1953, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1983, 1993, and 2003 all had major reunions. For one class this year's meeting may be the last. For another it's just the beginning.



Class of '53

Tom Plush '53, helped organize his 60th class reunion this summer. The class had 53 graduates, but only seven returned for the most recent reunion.

"This was the last one we'll have, I think," Plush said. "Many of us are close to 80 and of the seven who attended all but two live in town; one came from Ohio and one from Missouri."

Plush has attended and helped plan all of his class reunions, which have included the class' 35th, 50th, and 55th. He said he's kept in touch with several of his classmates, including four with whom he bowls regularly. But the reunions still provide a great opportunity to reconnect.

"It's nice seeing people I haven't seen in years," Plush said. "Some of us went to Corpus Christi grade school together so we've known each other a long time."

For **Amy Douglas '93**, the 20-year mark snuck up on her. She and **Leah Ramzy '93** had planned the class' 10-year reunion, and it just didn't seem like the 20-year should be here already.

"My favorite part of the reunions is just being able to see how people are evolving," Douglas said. "At our 10-year reunion



Class of '68

there wasn't an overall change. But this year, at our 20-year, the changes were more noticeable. Some of our classmates have kids in high school while others have babies. It was fun to see how everyone is doing."

Douglas said she has a lot of great memories from her time at St. Mary's. The class of 1993 was small class, she said, and a close knit class that made a lot of great memories together. So reconnecting with the school itself is another plus to the reunions, especially since even 20 years after graduation Douglas said she recognizes the part that St. Mary's has played in her life since high school.

"We were the first class to graduate in the new building; we started high school in the downtown building," she said. "It's really interesting to come back and see the structures and how the school is evolving a foundation. Attending St. Mary's dramatically shaped who I am today. It was a foundation in developing me as who I am as an individual."

Dillon Turpin '03 helped plan and attended his first reunion this summer. He was excited about seeing old friends and catching up. And the event exceeded his expectations.

"My favorite part of the reunion was the get-together Friday night," he said. "This was the first time a lot of us had seen each other in ten years. It was a great moment for me personally and I know for others as well."



Class of '93

..... 1950-1979

Dick "Bump" Elliott '61 was named the Region VIII Athletic Director of the Year by the National High School Athletic Coaches Association (NHSACA). Region VIII consists of New Mexico, Utah, Nevada, California, Arizona, and Hawaii. Elliott was one of seven finalists for the National Athletic Director of the Year Award. Elliott continues to be actively involved in the New Mexico State University Tough Enough To Wear Pink Breast Cancer Research and Awareness Fundraiser Program. Since its inception in 2007 the program has raised in excess of \$2 million in cash and in-kind services. Elliott and his wife of 36 years, Erlene, are retired and live in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Michael Seldon '76 moved back to Colorado Springs from Baltimore in August.

..... 1980-1999

Allen Kerby '80 and his wife, Julie, welcomed their second granddaughter, Ashlin, in July 2013 in Colorado Springs. Big sister Skyla, 6, is very excited to have a baby sister.

Wendy Young Reed '92 was profiled in the June 2013 edition of the publication CEP (Chemical Engineering Progress), a publication of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. The article detailed her work with the organization. She is business development manager for Chemstations, Inc.

Sarah (Keith)

Bryarly '97, her husband, Judd, and son, Easton, welcomed Carolyn Lucille into their family on May 17, 2013.



Jodie Kilpatrick '98 and her husband Timothy welcomed their fourth child, Rachel Amleigh, on March 23, 2013. She weighed 9 pounds, 9 ounces and was 21-and-a-half inches long. The couple has three other children: Celeste, 6; Lila 4; and Timothy Conlan, 2, and Jodie's son Darren is 14.

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Lyndsay Essigmann

'02 and Robert Bertram were married May 11, 2013 in Denver. Lyndsay received her BS in Civil Engineering from the University of Wyoming in 2005 and her MBA from the University of Colorado in 2011. She is the owner of Wildland Dog Training in Brighton. Her husband is the Fire Chief of the Fire Protection District in Hudson, Colorado. Sarah Graner '02 of Colorado Springs and Mike McCann '02 of New York City were members of the wedding party.



Nicole Smith '05 has been licensed as a Colorado Real Estate Agent. She is working in the Denver Metro Area with Keller Williams Realty Downtown.



Kevin Garcia '05 was recently promoted to captain in the U.S. Army. The ceremony was performed by Commanding General J.B. Burton in the Rotunda of the National Archives in front of the U.S. Constitution and the Declaration of Independence. Kevin is currently the aide to General Burton and is stationed in Aberdeen, Maryland.



Sarah Schaeffer Cornella '06 graduated in May 2013 from the University of Northern Colorado with a master of arts degree in gerontology. She is working as a case manager for Colorado Access in Denver Colorado.

Jaime Hilligrass Rogl

'06 and her husband, Ryan, welcomed daughter Keira Nicole on July 23, 2013. Here Jaime and Keira are pictured with **Sean Mersman '05** at the Pirates' first home game of the 2013 football season. The Rogls moved to Ramstein, Germany in September in connection with Ryan's career in the Air Force.



Jamie VanGambleare '06 graduated from Creighton University in 2012 with a B.S.N. She had previously graduated from Creighton University in 2010 with a bachelor of science degree in health administration and policy. She is employed as a registered nurse at Aurora Sinai Medical Center in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Maribeth Cloud '07 graduated from Creighton University in May with a Doctorate of Physical Therapy and is currently working as a physical therapist in Prescott, Arizona.

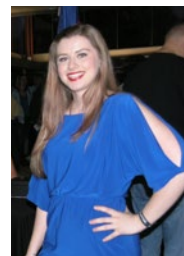
Stephen VanGambleare '08 completed the Omaha Marathon Sept. 22, 2013. His time of 2:42:57 was good enough for a second place finish out of 859 runners. It was his first marathon.

Jeffrey Kelly '08 is now a marine biologist-scientific diver at Seacamp Association, Inc.

Meghan Ortiz '09 graduated last spring from Benedictine College with a degree in biology.

Carlyn Cloud '09 graduated from Texas Christian University in December 2013 with a bachelor of science in nursing.

Anna Hinton '11 spent part of 2013 traveling with the international performing group Up With People. The cast performed in the US southeast before spending two months in Europe, and then ending the tour in Mexico. The cast of 100 used their international performances as a way to communicate and inspire people. In each city they visited the cast gave back to the community through hands-on service projects.



Cathy Cichon '10 was featured in a promotional video for Notre Dame London's study abroad program. You can view the video at <http://vimeo.com/73701523>.

Nick Padrnos '11 ran his second marathon, the Spokane Marathon on Oct. 13, 2013. His time was 2:58:00, placing him eighth overall and second in 20-24 age group.



In the spring, **Jonathan Vall '12** finished his first year of seminary at St. Gregory the Great Seminary in Seward, Nebraska.

A business plan that **Cameron Hickert '12** and a team of classmates at the University of Denver submitted to a social entrepreneurship competition based in Shanghai, China, placed third in the final round of the competition. The competition is called "Better China 100k" and Hickert's plan, titled "Care to Change," focuses on establishing a day-care/preschool/kindergarten program for socioeconomically-disadvantaged children.

As part of his Boettcher Foundation Scholarship, **Ben Cloud '13** nominated teacher Thomas Harder to receive a 2013 Boettcher Foundation Teacher Recognition Award. Harder received a plaque and a \$1,000 grant to be used for the educational benefit of his students.



Charlotte Meert '13 had her first novel, titled *The Cause*, published this past summer by Tate Publishing. The plot centers around a group Russian spies who come to the US posing as exchange students. Now a freshman at Carroll College, Meert is working on her second book.



In Memoriam

Betty Callahan '39, died on Sept. 17, 2013, in Bradenton, Florida, at the age of 92. The former Betty Bishop, she was a retired school teacher and is survived by her son and granddaughter.

William J. Donlon '41 passed away on June 27, 2013, in Pine Island, Florida.

James "Jim" O'Leary '49 passed away on September 14, 2013, at the age of 82. He was a member of Holy Trinity parish in Colorado Springs and the author of *Torn Picture* for which his experiences in China teaching seminarians in the underground Catholic Church from 2002-2003 provided the backdrop. He is survived by his high school sweetheart the former **Dorothea Wilson '50**.

John Paul Dolan '50 passed away on April 29, 2013.

Mrs. Margie Dolan Rickwalt '52 passed away on Aug. 6, 2013.

Travers Booth '61 passed away after not being well for some time.

Lawrence J. Quaney '67 passed away in August 2013.

Daniel Trent Foutch '02 died Aug. 16, 2013, in Colorado Springs.

Helen Dillon, mother of **Mike Dillon '70**, passed away. Her spouse was Dr. Robert Dillon.

Joan Gasser, 80, passed away on Nov. 7. She is survived by her six children, including five alumni, **Paul '86**, **Ray '87**, **Theresa '88**, **Linda '91**, and **Laura '94**. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Corpus Christi Catholic Church or St. Mary's High School.

From the Archives

Who can help us identify the people in this picture? Are you in it? What year was it taken? This is another photo from the archives with no notation. If you can identify when it was taken or any of the people in it, please email amypartain@gmail.com or mwalter@smhscs.org.



Thanks to everyone who helped us identify the archive picture in the Spring/Summer 2013 issue, including **Rex** and **Jane Portner '56**, **Pat (Clark) Warack '57**, and **Paul Mott '56**. Pictured, from left to right, were: **Bonita (Bunny) Strauch '56**, **James (Jim) McCormick '56**, **Sister Mary Christella**, **Sister Mary Charleen**, **Patricia (Pat) Riley '57**, **Frances Allen '56**, **Blair Farrell '56**, and **Paul Mott '56**. Likely taken in the summer of 1955, the photo shows the group as they prepared to leave for a student leadership conference in Chicago. Paul Mott said they took a bus to La Junta, Colo., then took a train to Chicago. Rex and Jane Portner '56 said the photo was taken in front of the Sisters' Convent.



Annual Golf Classic Benefits Tuition Assistance Program

Golf has been described as a good walk spoiled. But the golfers who participated in the 2013 St. Mary's High School Golf Classic would argue that point. This year's event, held at the Country Club of Colorado, brought together alumni, parents of students past and present, school faculty and staff, and other supporters to enjoy a fun filled day.

Tournament chair Penny Heiniger said the event continues to grow and that this year there were more golfers, more sponsors, and more money raised.

This year Freedom Financial was the tournament sponsor and Chuck Murphy '54 sponsored the dinner after the tournament.



Three of those returning golfers came away as part of the overall winning team. The team consisted of three 1984 St. Mary's graduates—**John McGrath**, **Mark Benson**, and **Tim Clune**—and a friend, Mike Strum, who did not attend SMHS.

"Every time we have played we have had a great time," Clune said. "This year was a lot of fun and the course was in great shape. The tournament seems to get better every year."

Heiniger said the final net amount raised by the event exceeded \$25,000. But she isn't going to sit back and be satisfied with this year's success. Shortly after the event ended Heiniger was already thinking about ways to make next year's event even better.

Money raised from the golf tournament goes to help fund the school's Tuition Assistance Program, which enables students to attend St. Mary's who couldn't otherwise financially afford to do so.

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Join the 1885 Society

Tom Kelly stands as one of St. Mary's High School's most respected and generous benefactors. Kelly was instrumental in helping the school navigate the troubled financial waters of the late 1980s and early 1990s. Even though St. Mary's was a risky proposition at the time, Kelly saw a worthwhile investment that matched his faith with his values. He made several substantial loans to the school to help with mortgage payments and then forgave them. He later made consistent contributions to the school's annual fund right up the year of his passing. It is no exaggeration to say that without Kelly, St. Mary's would not have survived.

It is also no exaggeration to say that Kelly's investment paid off. Since his involvement in the school began, St. Mary's has graduated more than 2,000 alumni who have earned more than \$100 million in scholarship offers to colleges of their choice. Among these alumni are eight Boettcher scholars, a Rhodes Scholar, a Fulbright Scholar, and numerous doctors, lawyers, teachers, engineers, financial advisors, CPAs, soldiers, first responders, etc. Simply put, they are some of our community's most respected and productive citizens.

When Kelly passed away in early 2010, the St. Mary's Catholic Education Foundation Board of Directors, with the support of Kelly's wife May and others, established The Tom Kelly Scholarship Fund to provide "ongoing support of St. Mary's High School's financial aid and scholarship program." By doing so, May and her friends became some of the newest members of The 1885 Society.

Please contact the school's development office at 719-635-7540, ext. 38 or development@smhscs.org to learn more about how you can join the 1885 Society through a contribution to the Tom Kelly Scholarship Fund or by partnering with the Foundation for the long-term benefit of St. Mary's High School.

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