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For their service to the College Springs

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ON THE COVER: Bernadette and Jack Johnston were presented with the Marian Award in October for their support of St. Mary's and their work in the pro-life movement. (Photo: Amy Partain)

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From the President



The end of the fall semester is a time both for analysis of current programs and preparation for the next school year.

I am pleased to report great successes through our new engineering programs. We've had 66 students enroll in one of the new courses. Additionally, community professionals have come together to form an engineering leadership advisory council, and funds have been raised to support additional engineering courses over the four-year rollout.

Read about other academic successes throughout this edition of the *Pirates' Treasure Magazine*, and note the highlights of how our students and community live out faith, service, and leadership.

As we look toward next year and the future of St. Mary's, a capital campaign is being discerned by our Board of Directors. Thanks to all who completed surveys, met in focus groups, and shared experiences during the feasibility study for a possible campaign. The work now shifts to selecting a campaign consultant, creating campaign teams, detailing which specific needs will be funded, and charting timelines. This is a very exciting time for St. Mary's. Please keep in your prayers this process for the development of our school and know that with this community through faith there is nothing St. Mary's cannot achieve.

Early this semester, our marketing committee adjusted our school motto to reflect who we are as a school community. Though the motto we've used over the past two years, *Catholic Passion + Academic Rigor* says a lot, it doesn't reflect the family atmosphere we have or our history. The new motto is *St. Mary's High School...A Catholic, College-Prep Family Since 1885*. This is actually a previous motto with family replacing community. We hope you feel as we do that this captures who we are called to be and how we live this call.

Thank you for reading this edition of the *Pirates' Treasure Magazine* and spreading the word of our incredible school, a school that is changing the world.

By God's Graces,

John C. Kraus, President SMHS

On Campus



Heery Attends Boys Nation

Matt Heery '15 attended Colorado Boys State in June and while at Boys State he was elected to a senator position. As senator, Heery qualified to attend Boys Nation in Washington, D.C., in July. While at Boys Nation he helped formulate the platform for his political party and coached one of the presidential candidates before the debate. Billed as "a week that shapes a lifetime," Heery said he feels that's an accurate description of his experience at Boys Nation.

"I now think about my life as Before Boys Nation and After Boys Nation," Heery said. "It definitely increased my interest in politics. Now I'm thinking of ways to give back to community and make a change. As seniors we are in a position to have a real influence. We can make a difference and we should make a difference."

Two Seniors Recognized by National Merit Scholarship Program

In October, St. Mary's learned that **Michael Klopfenstein '15** had been named a National Merit Semifinalist, and **Aman Mital '15** was named as a National Merit Scholarship Program's Commended Student.

"It's tangible evidence of what I can do," Klopfenstein said. "It's nice to see that I've reached this level of success."

About 1.5 million high school juniors entered the 2015 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2013 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. The Semifinalists, which include students from each state with the highest scores on the test, represent less than 1 percent of U.S. high school seniors.

As a Commended Student, Mital placed among the top 5 percent of the more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2015 competition. He received a Letter of Commendation and could still qualify for scholarship money.

Although Commended Students do not continue in the competition for National Merit Scholarships, some of the Commended Students do become candidates for Special Scholarships sponsored by corporations and businesses.

Summer Forum Helps Burns Explore Engineering

Sarah Burns '15 spent a week at the National Youth Leadership Forum on Engineering & Technology Experience at the University of California, Berkeley.

With a passion for chemistry, Burns jumped at the chance to further

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photo: Diane Torrence

Bishop Sheridan Recognizes St. Mary's Catholic status

In October, Bishop Michael Sheridan renewed an official diocesan decree stating that St. Mary's High School be recognized as a Catholic school.

Since St. Mary's is an independent Catholic school, President John Kraus said he felt it necessary for the school to be officially recognized by the diocese.

"Some people wonder how an independent school can be an authentically Catholic school," Kraus said. "This shows that the bishop of the diocese has canon authority over the theology that we teach. We can call ourselves a Catholic school only with the blessing of the Bishop."

In 1998, Bishop Richard Hanifen signed and promulgated a decree officially allowing St. Mary's to call itself a Catholic school. Bishop Sheridan noted the original decree during his remarks.

"[Hanifen] recognized that the school, though not owned anymore by the diocese, was certainly a faith-filled, faithful school," Bishop Sheridan said.

Kraus and the board of directors asked that the recognition be renewed, and that it be renewed every five years, just as is the school's academic accreditation.

On Campus

explore chemical engineering, which she feels is her chosen field.

"The forum allowed me to experience chemical engineering but also explore other types of engineering. It was a great opportunity to see what else is out there," she said.

And the experience didn't disappoint. The projects she worked on included devising a chamber that would take salt out of water, extracting DNA from milk, building a robot, and working with a group on a concept design for a wheelchair.

Burns' group finished in the top 10 for their wheelchair design out of about 40 teams in the final round.



Work Done to Spruce Up School Grounds

The St. Mary's family, including students, parents and alumni, spent several Saturdays this summer working to beautify the school's exterior areas. They removed tall shrubs, added rocks and borders to rock beds, cleaned the brick, and cleaned and repainted signs and more. After only two work days, Andrew Tait, chairman of the board who headed up the projects, said about 15 tons of landscape rock had already been spread in three areas that needed attention.

Beranek Honored with Col. F. Don Miller Award by Springs Athletic Hall of Fame

St. Mary's basketball coach Mark Beranek was honored in October with a Sports Corp Special Award by the Colorado Springs Sports Hall of Fame. Beranek received the Col. F. Don Miller Award.

The Colonel F. Don Miller Award is presented annually by the Colorado Springs Sports Corporation to the

person who best reflects the commitment exemplified by Colonel Miller in providing a lasting contribution to the Colorado Springs sports community.



Beranek, who is in his third year at St. Mary's, has carved out one of the most successful basketball coaching careers in Colorado high school history. His boys teams won the state Class 4A title in 1997 and 2000 when he was the head coach at Sierra High School. He was selected as the coach for the West team in the 1997 McDonald's High School All-American Game that included future college and NBA stars, some still playing.

"The greatest moment has been all the firsts along the way; from the first win at Sierra High School in 1984 to the Tri-Peaks League Championship last year all have been very memorable," he said. "I have been blessed to have been part of a lot of wins and exciting games. I have definitely enjoyed the entire journey through the years."

Beranek received the prestigious Tom Sutak Award from the Colorado High School Coaches Association in 1994, which was especially meaningful since the award is named after his high school coach at Centaurus High School in Lafayette. Beranek was also honored as the Colorado High School Coach of the Year in 1997-1998 in recognition of his amazing success at Sierra, where he also taught Business Education for the school.

Aside from his coaching success, he served as the Assistant Athletic Director for District 11 in Colorado Springs from 2007-2010. He was inducted into the Colorado High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2009, and for the last three years, he's been the head boys basketball coach at St. Mary's High in Colorado Springs. His 2013-2014 team went 19-5, won a league title, and made the Sweet Sixteen in the Colorado Class 3A state playoffs.

UCCS STEM Academy Helps Prepare Three St. Mary's Students for New Engineering Class

Three St. Mary's High School students got a jump on learning about engineering over the summer when they



Grady Gosselin shows off the rocket he built during STEM Camp this summer at UCCS.

attended the courses at the first UCCS STEM Academy, sponsored by Northrop Grumman. STEM stands for science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Grady Gosselin '16 attended both the robotics and rocketry track at UCCS. The idea behind the robotics course was to understand how we are using robots more in daily life.

Gosselin said he and his robotics partner built a robot that can go into a house in an emergency situation, detect gas, and alert the first responders before they enter the building by sending a message back to a Bluetooth device. They also used the same technology to create a patch that first responders can wear that would change colors if gas was present and first responders would know to get out.

"The mechanical engineering instructor wanted to keep our robot to show the college students," Gosselin said. "That is one of the goals of the courses is to see youth taking an active role in engineering."

Jacob Kerkhoff '17 attended the rocketry course as a way to get some hands on experience in an area he was interested in.

And **Anna Wahl '17** decided to try the cyber camp because it was something new to her. Wahl, who is interested in math and science, said the camp went over basic computer security, including how to secure accounts and showing how hackers get in and steal information.

Falgien Inducted in CS Sports Hall of Fame

Tom Falgien, former St. Mary's High School principal, was inducted into the Colorado Springs Sports Hall of Fame in October. He was recognized for his five decades as a coach, teacher, and community sports activist.

Falgien's career in Colorado Springs began in 1958 at South Junior High and Palmer High and includes stints at Palmer, Wasson, and Mitchell High Schools where he developed outstanding student athletes and served two years as the principal at St. Mary's.

He is the vice president of The Broadmoor World Arena and chairman of the Arena's Youth and Community Assistance Fund for 16 years. Falgien played a major role in the venue's creation, fund raising and support. He serves as the chairman of the Colorado Springs Sports Hall of Fame's F. Don Miller Award committee. There is no doubt that his five decades of service to sport in the city makes him a natural for the Colorado Springs Sports Hall of Fame.

Minneapolis Students Call SMHS Home for a Week

Students from DeLaSalle High School in Minneapolis spent a week in Colorado Springs in June helping with fire restoration projects. The 41 students and six chaperones from the only Catholic high school in Minneapolis found a home at St. Mary's, making the school their home base during the trip, sleeping and making meals there.

During the week-long trip, the students spent time helping the Rocky Mountain Field Institute with rock and dirt work in Garden of the Gods, building log erosion devices at the Flying W Ranch, and working with the Coalition for the Upper South Platte in areas affected by the Waldo Canyon Fire in 2012 and the Haman Fire in 2002. Over four days of work, the students were able to complete 1,600 service hours. In one day alone, they planted 270 new trees.



photo courtesy DeLaSalle High School

Students from DeLaSalle High School in Minneapolis worked clearing and planting new trees in several burn areas in and near Colorado Springs.



Ready to Work

Class of 2010 Digs In

High school may be the end of an era, but it's really the beginning of the journey. When the class of 2010 graduated from St. Mary's High School four years ago, some had solid plans for the future while others had general ideas and waited for more direction.

The 2010 class of 84 students are now spread across the country and enjoying great successes, highlighted below are updates of the valedictorian, salutatorian, and two Spirit of Mary award recipients from the class. These four are now forging ahead in their chosen areas, but all credit St. Mary's with giving them the foundation to succeed.

The Top Two

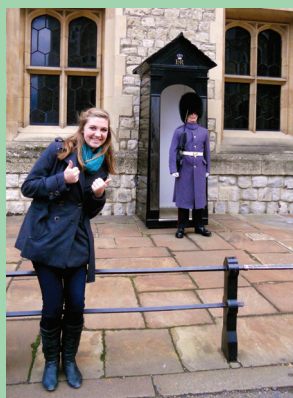
Close friends **Cathy Cichon** and **Katie Raskob** finished St. Mary's numbers one and two in the class, and continued their education together at the University of Notre Dame. Cichon entered Notre Dame with vague plans about her future.

"I knew nothing about what sort of major or career I intended to pursue," Cichon said. "But I had a good experience in the sciences while at St. Mary's, so that absolutely influenced my initial plans to pursue some sort of science degree in college."

Although she was drawn to the sciences, not having concrete future plans allowed Cichon to explore several areas that interested her. That exploration led her to a double major in pre-health and anthropology.

"I started with one foot in the sciences because I had some notion of wanting to pursue medical school at the end of my college career," Cichon said. "But it was only after going through some of Notre Dame's core courses that I was able to experience fields I had never before considered—philosophy, psychology, anthropology, and more—and ultimately pursue my second major in anthropology. My plans continued to evolve and change as I got to know several mentors and grew to better know myself."

Becoming a part of the Notre Dame family—from football to dorm life—had a tremendous impact on her, Cichon said. "The people I met there are some of the most fascinating and wonderful people I know, and they taught me so much over the course of four years," she said. But Cichon's experience at Notre Dame took her further than she'd imagined it would. In fact, it took her to Rwanda.



Cathy Cichon, left, was able to study at Notre Dame's London campus. Above, Cathy (pictured on the right) participates in Muddy Sunday, an annual spring volleyball tournament at Notre Dame.

Katie Raskob, right, spent the second semester of her junior year in Toledo, Spain. Next page, Katie (pictured on the left) spent many hours working as a student athletic trainer, including working the Pinstrip Bowl over Christmas 2013.



“I was able to explore the world as part of my anthropology major,” she said. “I traveled to Rwanda to complete research for my senior thesis, and it opened my eyes to the world of global public health, a field I plan to continue pursuing in my career.”

Now Cichon is pursuing a dual degree that includes an MD and a master’s degree in public health from the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine in Miami, Fla. In four years she’ll graduate with both degrees and start her medical residency, which she hopes will combine medicine with a focus on public health.

Upon entering Notre Dame, Raskob had decided on a science pre-professional (SCPP) major, which allowed her to focus on science without knowing exactly which area she wanted to pursue. But even she’s surprised at where she’s ended up.

“I graduated with my SCPP degree, but as a freshman, if you told me that I would be attending medical school in five years, I would have told you you’re crazy,” Raskob said. “The sports medicine program, which initially was a whim the second week of my college career, became the most impactful experience while I attended Notre Dame.”

Raskob started as a volunteer in the training room and at various sporting events during the second semester of her freshman year. At the end of her freshman year, she was hired as a student athletic trainer and she began working football practices, helping in the training room, assisting with treatments for injured athletes, and working the sidelines during games.

“After being hired, sports medicine would consume my time, my summers, and my relationships,” Raskob said. “My role as a student athletic trainer influenced my discernment of medical school the most because of the interactions with the various physicians and medical professionals and practicing my own crude medicine when interacting with injured athletes. I loved every minute of being a student athletic trainer.”

Another unexpected outcome of her time at Notre Dame was finishing college with a double major that included a degree in Spanish. Raskob said continuing to study Spanish was always part of her plan, but she hadn’t considered majoring or minor in it.

“After reaching the threshold for Spanish classes one could take without being in the department of Romance Languages, I decided to declare a Spanish supplementary major my sophomore year so I could take the higher level classes,” she said. “I never expected to finish the major, let alone compile enough classes to fulfill the requirements for the full Spanish major.”

By February of her senior year, she was informed that she had completed the requirements of a full Spanish major and would graduate with degrees in both SCPP and Spanish. “I never planned to be a full Spanish major, but I was happy to accept that honor so late in my college career,” Raskob said.

Her time at Notre Dame definitely shaped her future, but many of those

experiences were grounded in her time at St. Mary’s. From science to Spanish to theology to community service to extra-curriculars, Raskob credits St. Mary’s with helping her lay the groundwork for success.

“St. Mary’s provided so many opportunities that shaped who I am and prepared me for college and beyond,” Raskob said. “A Catholic education at St. Mary’s, that regards service to be important, influenced me to go to a Catholic university that also finds service to be essential to education and life.”

Having graduated from Notre Dame, Raskob is now spending a year in Denver working with the Colorado Vincentian Volunteers. The CVV is a faith community of 20 full-time volunteers who work with the less fortunate in the city. The group also celebrates Mass together every Monday and reflects on how God is working in their individual lives.

“I am now a full-time volunteer, living service every day,” she said. “If I did not have that basis for service and volunteering



Matthew Bucher receives his first salute as an Air Force officer from his sister.

Lauren Cross graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and is now working toward her doctoral degree in biomedical engineering at Texas A & M University.



from St. Mary's, spending a year devoted to serving others would have been a much more intimidating decision."

Raskob works as a teacher to 3- and 4-year-olds at a pre-K program that includes children who have mental, physical and economic disabilities.

"By living a simple life, we strive to be in solidarity with the poor that they serve," Raskob said. "Since serving at Sewall since August, I have learned to have patience, energy, and compassion in a way that I have never been called to give before. I can only imagine what I will learn and how I will be changed by July."

In four years, Raskob said she sees herself as a third-year medical student, doing rotations with different specialties and types of primary care, working to discern where she is called to be a physician.

"Service through medicine of underserved populations is already where I see my future as a physician, but honing that call on a specific form of care will be the challenge in four years," she said.

The Spirit of Mary Winners

Lauren Cross and Matthew Bucher were given the Spirit of Mary Awards for the class of 2010. The Spirit of Mary Awards are presented to a girl and a boy from the class who exemplify the qualities of Mary, the patron saint of the school.

Cross graduated with plans to attend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and study biomedical engineering with the idea that maybe one day she would do research. Although she was unsure of how she would like the major, her four years at RPI refined her goals and she graduated with a bachelor's degree in biomedical engineering.

"I knew I wanted to help others, and while at RPI, I discovered I loved research and wanted to pursue it," Cross said. "Through research, I have the potential to help a lot of people."

Cross is now working towards her doctoral degree in biomedical engineering at Texas A&M University.

"I am working as a Graduate Research Assistant under the Diversity Fellowship, a university, faculty nominated fellowship, which is funding me for three years," she said. "My research involves bone regeneration using nanomaterials."

The degree will take five years to finish and during that time Cross must decide if she will continue research in academia, industry or work for a national lab.

Cross said that her experience at St. Mary's led to her interest in math and science, introduced her to RPI, and helped her realize the importance of helping others.

Bucher's plan upon graduation from St. Mary's was to enter the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs and go on to be a pilot. In the last four years, things have gone according

to plan for him. In fact, in May he graduated in the top 10 percent of his class and is now starting pilot training in Texas.

"Really it's played out as I pictured it," Bucher said.

And that is thanks in part to the start he got at St. Mary's. Bucher said his high school career prepared

him for the academic challenges and the leadership requirements he would face at the AFA. And his theology classes taught him about prayer, which continues to be a daily part of his life.

"The tough classes at St. Mary's allowed me to pursue whatever major I wanted and helped me be successful as an aeronautical engineer at the Air Force Academy," Bucher said. "And playing on sports teams helped build my leadership abilities, which then grew at the Academy."

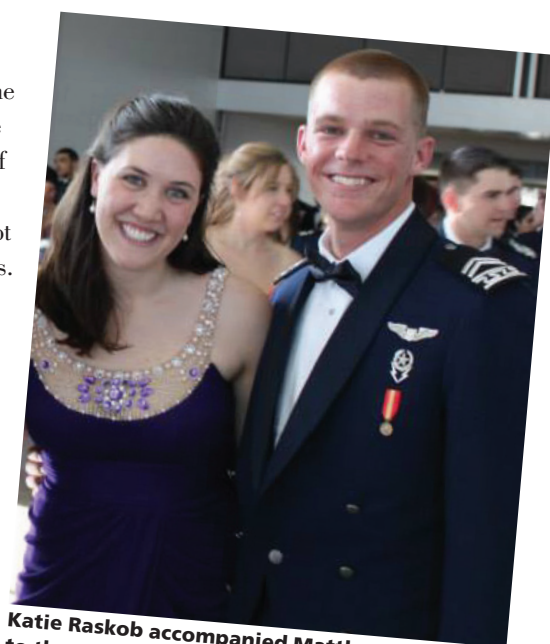
With the risk involved in being a pilot, Bucher said the daily habit of prayer that was taught in St. Mary's theology classes provides a peace in the face of uncertainty.

"Being a pilot comes with risks," he said. "I continually pray and have faith that God will keep me safe wherever I go."

Counselor Mike Biondini said one unique facet of working in the education profession is that it can take years for one to realize the fruits of his labor. He said he knows that the St. Mary's faculty is proud of the accomplishments of the Class of 2010.

"These were truly four shining stars of the class of 2010, and the more wonderful fact is that the 2010 sky was full of so many more stars as well," Biondini said. "Perhaps the best news is that these stories are repeated in every graduating class from the 'Best Kept Secret' in southern Colorado. Year in and year out the community that is St. Mary's High School lives up to its mission of helping to develop responsible, ethical, decision makers while modeling the life teachings of Jesus Christ." ✿

These are just the stories of four extraordinary St. Mary's graduates. We'd love to hear from more of graduates. Please send your updates to apartain@smhscs.org for inclusion in the Class Notes section of the Pirates' Treasure Magazine and for possible article consideration.



Katie Raskob accompanied Matthew Bucher to the Ring Dance at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs.

Johnstons Receive Marian Award

Newton's third law of motion states that for every action there is an opposite reaction. That statement could sum up the reactions of Jack and Bernadette Johnston, the 2014 St. Mary's High School Marian Award winners.

The Marian Award is presented by the St. Mary's High School Board of Directors in recognition of unselfish service to others and outstanding contributions to the community. The award has been presented annually since 2001.

The Johnstons, the first married couple to receive the award, were instrumental in helping to keep St. Mary's High School open in the late 1980s when the diocese decided to close the school, and they have been active in the Right to Life movement for years. Their involvement in both of these movements came about as opposite reactions to decisions that had been made.

"After the announcement came during Catholic Education Week about closing the school, our reaction was 'NO, SMHS will not be closed!'" Bernadette said.

By 1987, the Johnstons had already seen two of their four children graduate from St. Mary's with the third set to graduate in 1988. Their daughter Julie graduated with the class of 1981, son Robert graduated in 1983, Russell was part of the class of 1988, and Jeanice would be part of the class of 1991.

"It is the only Catholic high school in our town, and religious education is a key part of educating the next generation," Jack said. "St. Mary's has high educational standards, but also high moral standards."

He joined with five other men to work to keep the school open. Jack quit his job and he and Bernadette went to work as volunteers recruiting students and raising money. Those efforts helped keep St. Mary's open, allowing the Johnston's last two children to graduate as Pirates.

"It was indeed a special moment when each of our younger children graduated from SMHS," Jack said. "And we felt very blessed to have been part of such a special endeavor.



photo: Diane Torrence

Jack and Bernadette Johnston are the first married couple to honored with the Marian Award. With them are, from left to right: SMHS President John Kraus; board member Tom Resman and board president Andrew Tait.

The Holy Spirit definitely guided the St. Mary's family during this time of duress."

Mark O'Donnell served with Jack in 1987 on "The Committee" to keep St. Mary's open.

"We worked side by side, countless hours, through difficulties only a few were aware of, shouldering the many responsibilities to accomplish the goal," O'Donnell said. "Within our committee group, Jack was our strength by faith."

Andrew Tait, president of the St. Mary's Board of Directors, said it is thanks to the Johnstons and the other dedicated supporters of the school that St. Mary's was able to keep its doors open.

"They helped shepherd in a new chapter of St. Mary's history," Tait said. "We are here today because of their good work, and we owe them a debt of gratitude for the sacrifice they made for the school."

Similarly, the decision to legalize abortion in the U.S. spurred the Johnstons to join the Right to Life movement.

"We were shocked by the Supreme Court decision in 1973 legalizing abortion," Jack said. "Bernadette's mother was very pro-life and had a huge impact on our thinking."

Since becoming active in the Right to Life movement, the Johnstons have served in officer positions with the board, worked

in recruiting and fundraising, and done sanctity of life presentations for area youth groups. They feel their work in supporting Right to Life is some of the most important volunteer work they've done.

"Life trumps everything! Without life, nothing else really matters. It is God's most precious gift," Bernadette said.

Tait said in the past year, Jack has raised more than \$100,000 toward the purchase of a new pregnancy center building to support expectant mothers.

"Saint Mary said 'Yes' to God and gave her life to serving him. Similarly, the Johnstons have given much of their life to save the unborn and to the school that educated their four children," Tait said.

O'Donnell agreed. "Jack and Bernadette are models to emulate," he said. "They project their faith in the good works they do in our community."

The Johnstons said they are "humbled and overwhelmed" to receive the Marian Award, which is more special to them knowing that 27 years ago the school almost ceased to exist.

"We give thanks and praise to Mary, our Blessed Mother for whom the school is named," Jack said. "SMHS is a gem in our Colorado Springs community—a bright beacon of hope now and for future generations!" ❀

9 New Members Inducted

Awards ceremonies can be predictable. But sometimes the unexpected happens too. Such was the case at the 2014 St. Mary's High School Athletic Hall of Fame ceremony. One of those unexpected moments was poignant; others were amusing. But all of those moments pointed to the fact that St. Mary's is a community that cares.

The Class of 2014 inductees are: **Timothy Myers '71**, football; **Michael Ellison '77**, baseball; **Philip Gray '77**, wrestling and football; **Lauren Howe '77**, golf; Joseph Moroski, basketball coach; **Kelsey Burkett Vance '03**, basketball; **Ethan Martinez '08**, wrestling; **Samantha Cardenas '08**, soccer; and Edward Murphy, basketball coach.

During her senior season, Vance led the Lady Pirates to a 24-4 record, winning the league, district, and regional titles. The team reached the Elite 8 at the state playoffs and ended the season sixth in the state. She ended her St. Mary's basketball career holding seven school records, all of which still stand. Vance provided the poignant and inspirational moments of the ceremony.

Through all of the fun, excitement and challenges, Vance said the sports she played helped her to find an inner confidence and strength that she didn't know she had. She doesn't remember the statistics from her playing days, Vance said, but she does remember the lessons learned and the friendships made at St. Mary's.

"One lesson I learned playing was that win or lose, life moves on," she said. "You can either be bitter, and complain when things don't go your way, or you can work hard and no matter how long it takes, eventually you'll get something good out of it."

Vance said that's a lesson she continues to draw on today. Now a kindergarten teacher at Divine Redeemer, Vance is



Photos: Diane Torrence

The 2014 Athletic Hall of Fame class. From left to right are: Seth Myers, accepting for his father, Tim Myers; Philip Gray; Michael Ellison; Lauren Howe; Joseph Moroski; Kelsey Burkett Vance; Ethan Martinez; Samantha Cardenas; and Dave Murphy, accepting for his father, Edward Murphy.

married and has a daughter, Reagan, who has cystic fibrosis. Vance said facing the challenges this disease brings to her family requires her to draw on the same inner strength she found during her basketball days.

"Everything you guys are doing at St. Mary's is preparing you for how you will handle what life has ahead; some of it good and some bad," she said. "I honestly believe that sports gave me the inner strength and determination to not let this disease beat our family, our faith in God, or having fun in life. With God, persistence and hard work, you will be able to overcome any hardship."

Moroski, who served as a basketball coach from 1976-1981 and again in 1983-1984, provided the ceremony with many of its lighthearted moments. Athletic Director Dennis Vigil said that when Moroski arrived at St. Mary's as a business teacher and boys basketball coach, the school had not had a girls basketball team in more than 40 years.

In 1979, during Moroski's tenure, the Lady Pirates went to their first state tournament after finishing the regular season with a 20-2 record. But Moroski said in the beginning things were rocky.

"I knew my Xs and Os. I knew what core

values I wanted to teach, like integrity and perseverance. And I thought I knew girls," Moroski said.

Moroski said he learned how little he really understood the opposite gender when the whole team walked out of practice one day, deciding to quit. After a talk with his wife about what was happening, he said things got better and better. Several of Moroski's former players were in the audience laughing, nodding, and cheering his remarks.

"I'm a victim of Title 9. They said we have to put girls basketball in and taking it on was the best decision I ever made," he said. "I thank God for the gift. I love the Pirates. Once you're a Pirate, you're always a Pirate."

The other inductees also expressed love for the school. Seth Myers accepted the award for his father. In a letter read by Seth, Myers, who was inducted for his football career between 1968 and 1971, said he was deeply honored to be inducted.

"It's marvelous to be admitted and it's marvelous to be a member with my uncle, Father Rawley, who loved Pirate athletics," Myers said.

Ellison said there were many people

who helped him achieve success: his dad, brother, coaches, teammates and his wife.

"I have to thank the players on those teams, but especially my catcher, Greg Ernster," Ellison said. "We've been friends since third grade and we just knew each other so well that we knew what the other was thinking both on and off the field."

Gray's 1976 championship wrestling season almost didn't happen when three weeks after the season started he learned he had mononucleosis. He missed the first part of his junior season and did not return to the team until after Christmas.

"Once I was feeling better, I thought about quitting the team because I'd already missed so much of the season," Gray said. "My dad said he understood. Instead, he said, I could help him with ditches that needed work. I was back with the team the next day."

Gray returned to the team in fine form. He finished the season with a 17-0 record, winning 13 matches by pins. And he became St. Mary's first CHSAA wrestling champion in the heavyweight division.

At 220 pounds, Gray lettered with the football team all four years. He played offensive and defensive backs his first three seasons, but switched to running back for his senior season. And in the fall of 1976, Gray had a breakout football season. He

attributes his football successes to training under a great coach, Bill Rosing.

Gray did not wrestle during his senior year because he graduated early to play football at the University of Arkansas under Coach Lou Holtz.

Since the school didn't have a girls golf team in the 1970s, Howe played on the boys team, sometimes fighting to play in district and state meets.

"I can't tell you how cool it is to be here," she said "In my household we believed in two things: God and golf. I have to thank St. Mary's and my parents for fighting for us to play. We love St. Mary's."

Howe turned pro at age 18 and was named the 1978 Female Athlete of the Year. She played on the LPGA tour for 13 years and had numerous top 10 finishes. But she said her success came down to something she learned growing up.

"My dad has this rule that you had to make your bed, and he would check it and if it wasn't done right, you'd have to do it again," she said. "What that did was teach us that even in the mundane things, you have to do your very best. If you always do your very best, life is simpler."

Vigil described Martinez's senior season as "truly a dream one." That year he won his second state title and finished the season with a perfect record of 36-0. He

was the first wrestler in St. Mary's history to have his singlet retired, and he now coaches wrestling at St. Mary's.

"For my family, wrestling was a tradition," Martinez said. "My dad wrestled at Harrison and my grandfather wrestled in Trinidad. When I was 7, my dad asked if my brother and I wanted to box or wrestle and that's how it started."

During Cardenas' career, the soccer team advanced to the state playoffs four times, and she was selected as the coaches and Denver Post 3A Player of the Year. Cardenas now serves as an assistant coach for the Lady Pirates soccer team.

"I have to thank the St. Mary's community and the support of several people, including my mom, dad and teammates," she said, "and all of the coaches. They pushed me and some times frustrated me, but I know I'm better for it."

The last inductee, Edward Murphy, served as basketball coach from 1960 to 1963. Vigil said he's been called "the most prolific coach in St. Mary's history."

"In his second year as head coach, Murphy brought a state championship to St. Mary's and was named 1961 Gazette-Telegraph/KRDO Colorado Springs Prep Coach of the Year," Vigil said.

But Murphy's life was cut short, and the Parochial League lost what the Gazette called "one of its biggest assets."

"St. Mary's had been a colossal flop when it came to basketball prior to Ed Murphy's arrival in 1960," the Gazette article said. "Coach Murphy dug deep ... to establish a sound program."

Murphy's son, Dave, accepted the award on behalf of his father.

"I can't put into words how happy I am that my father has been included," Dave Murphy said. "What I thought about as I thought about my father was this: small beginnings into great endings. He started small in Iowa. His players described him as tough minded, inspiring, and looking after them both on and off the court." ❁



Several 2014 inductees joined the Pirates at the football game versus Manitou Springs on Oct. 24, the evening after the induction ceremony. The inductees were honored at half time when they were presented with commemorative frames.

Sports

Football Team Finishes with 7-2 Record



photo: Diane Torrence

The football team finished the regular season with a 7-2 record, and played Montezuma Cortez in the first round of the state playoffs. At half time, Montezuma Cortez led 33-7 over St. Mary's. But in the second half the Pirates came back with 30 unanswered points and took the lead 37-33 with two minutes left. Although the Pirates couldn't hold on, losing the game by the final score of 40-37, the game provided an exciting end to an exciting season. Athletic Director Dennis Vigil attributed the success to an experienced squad.

Other big victories for the football team this season were a decisive win over Trinidad on their home field and beating Florence, whom the Pirates hadn't beaten in two decades.

Volleyball Finishes Third in League

Going into the final weekend of the season, the volleyball team was third in the league behind Colorado Springs Christian School and Manitou.

St. Mary's finished the regular season beating Mitchell and Pueblo Centennial in a local tournament. In the Class 3A Region 2 tournament the team beat Colorado Academy 3-0 but lost to Valley from Gilcrest, Colo.

"They are young team, so they haven't enjoyed quite the success that the football team has, but they are building each game," Vigil said.



photo: Diane Torrence

Soccer Ends Season with 4-1 Record in League

The soccer team started fielding only 12 players, leaving little help from the bench. But during the season, the team gained a couple more players and played strong.

Overall the team finished with a 6-9-1 record, but

were 4-1 in league play.

Vigil said their defining moment of the season was beating Fountain Valley School.

The team ended its season with a 3-1 loss in its state playoff game.



photo: Diane Torrence



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Softball Improves Record Over Last Year

The softball team finished the year with an overall record of 6-13 and finished fifth in the league. But Vigil said the team's record doesn't tell the whole story.

"Softball only won one game last year and this year in the first game they won," he said.

Three Cross Country Runners Finish in Top 25

The boys cross country team qualified for the state meet. Robert Delfield finished highest of the team, placing 22nd. Two members of the girls cross country team qualified. Out of 145 runners at the 3A state meet, freshman Hannah McReavy finished 11th and sophomore Ana Muehlbauer finished in 25th place.



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Golf Team Finishes Second in League

The boys' golf team took second in the league, with **Jacob Bucher '15** recognized as the player of the year for the league. Jacob and **Jimmy Velton '15** represented the school in the state tournament.

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Athletes, Coaches Receive Conference Honors

To top off the successful fall seasons that St. Mary's teams had, several St. Mary's student athletes received all-conference honors at the end of their seasons. Additionally coaches Nic Olney for football and Robert Kennedy for soccer were both named coach of the year in their respective sports.

Jakob Bucher '15 received All-Conference honors and was named Golfer of the Year.

Honors received by members of the football team were: **Matt Heery '15**, All Conference, Specialist (Kicker) MVP; **Hayden Smith '15**, All Conference, Quarterback MVP;

Patrick Telck '15, All Conference, Receiver MVP; **Ben Breier '15**, All Conference; **Ryan Detert '15**, All Conference; **Connor Rosenoff '15**, All Conference; **Ryan Englert '16**, Honorable Mention; **Taylor Nelson '15**, Honorable Mention; and **Dylan Tait '16**, Honorable Mention.

Four members of the softball team received All-Conference recognition. They were: **Mikayla Noack '15**, All Conference; **Ashley Vetack '15**, All Conference; **McKenzie Boyer '18**, Honorable Mention; and **Natalie Godeck '17**, Honorable Mention.

The cross country team had three members receive honors: **Robert Delfeld '15**, All Conference; **Hannah**

McReavy '18, All Conference; and **Ana Muehlbauer '17**, All Conference.

Eight members of the soccer team were recognized. They were: **Adam Bull '15**, All Conference; **Josh Fowler '16**, All Conference; **Matt Heery '15**, All Conference; **Thomas O'Connor '17**, All Conference; **David Venzor '16**, All Conference; **Diego Zapata '17**, All Conference; **Greg Cichon '16**, Honorable Mention; and **Joe Wahl '15**, Honorable Mention.

The volleyball team had three players receive All-Conference recognition: **Emily Broerman '17**, All Conference; **Katie Whitelaw '15**, All Conference; and **Tara Sweeney '17**, Honorable Mention.

From the Archive

Who can help us identify the people in this picture? Are you in it? What year was it taken? This photo from the archives appeared in the yearbook but didn't include much identifying information. If you can identify when it was taken or any of the people in it, please email apartain@smhscs.org.

Thanks to **Tina Terry-Marvray '77**, **Cathy (Murphy) Troup '76**, **Matt Ashley '76**, **Al Quintana '75**, **Tracy Cline Adams '79**, **Bill Raskob '78**, **Pamela Karney-Fortner '79**, **David Santistevan '79**, and **Coach Joe Moroski** for helping to identify the students in the archive photo published in the



Spring/Summer 2014 issue. The team photo was of the 1976 girls track team and appeared in that year's yearbook. The photo was taken in the old gym, which was located just north of St. Mary's Cathedral. Tina Terry-Marvray said, "Just got my Pirates Treasure magazine and I looked at the archive and saw me and my BFF! We're the only two African Americans out of 110 graduates in our 1977 graduating class. I can name a few people. So Muffie Hawins is on the top row with the pony tail; I'm next to her. Other Pirates: Jill Cherise, Mary Smith, Becky Chance, Kathy Jowdry, and Mary Logan." Others who responded named more of the athletes that are pictured. Those athletes are: Julie Myers, Julie Robert, Cindy Tadie, Cindy Gowen, Theresa Lorange, Jill Cerise, Kathy Reiser, Michelle Burchell, Ann Giangelli, Dawne Lynch, Kathy Lynch, Shelly Cox, Marie Giangelli, Kay Davis, Jeanine Rodriguez, Lisa Tadie, Kathy Brown, Debbie Mitchell, Coco Comer, Roseanne Smith, Iris Rauscher, Leah Alcorn, Caroline Shengle, Julie Myers, Cathy Brown, Susan Duffy, Shelly Cox, Betsy Devries, M. Smith, Norvilline Hall, Darlene Kuhni, Margaret Smith, Jeannie Reiser, Janet Lucero, Noreen Walters, Julie Bonfiglio, Jorgeann Krtinich, Jane Nolan, and Dawne Lancaster.



Class Notes

..... 1950-1979

Larry Peralta '63, and his wife, Edna, relocated to Las Vegas, Nevada, in January following Larry's retirement from more than 30 years of service to the federal government. On Jan. 31, Larry and Edna became grandparents again with the birth of grandson Logan Doty.

..... 1980-1999

Dr. Shannon M. Gomez '95 began her tenure as the 10th head of Connelly School of the Holy Child in Potomac, Maryland, on July 1. Dr. Gomez has deep experience in Catholic education at the elementary, secondary, and college levels. Holy Child said Dr. Gomez embodies a love of learning and a lifelong passion for educating and empowering young women.

In August, the 2-year-old son of **Nikki (Gauld) Denney '97** was diagnosed with a rare tumor encompassing half of the right portion of the thoracic cavity. He underwent a four-hour surgery on August 26 to remove the tumor and determine the next steps of his treatment plan. To help with the medical bills, friends set up a gofundme account to help. All funds will directly be sent to Nikki and her husband. www.gofundme.com/dhp3so

..... 2000-2013

High school sweethearts **Robert Powers '05** and **Kendall Donegan '06** were married Aug. 31 in Colorado Springs. Robert is in his first year of medical school; Kendall works as a Lean Six Sigma



Engineer for a medical device company. They live in Denver.



Tiffany Busch '06 earned her Fire-fighter 1 certification with the state of Colorado this spring. She hoped to join a fire department in Washington state in the career field as a FF/EMT. Over the last few years, Tiffany has volunteered as an EMT-IV with Black Forest Fire Rescue and worked fighting the Black Forest Fire last summer.

Jordan Burns '11 spent the summer working for the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) at the US Embassy in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.



She interned under the USAID/Ethiopia Mission engineer, overseeing the design and construction of 29 health clinics throughout the country. Most of her time was spent doing field visits to construction sites for independent quality assurance assessments. While there, she also backpacked through the Simien Mountains in northern Ethiopia.

Emily Tait '12 led a medical mission



group to Nicaragua in August. The group was made up of members of Regis Global Medical Brigades, a club based out of Regis University in Denver. Tait serves as president of the club. During the trip, members of the group held a three-day clinic providing medical, dental, and physical therapy to the local residents.

Laura Broerman '13, who plays volleyball for Penn State, was featured in *Volleyball Magazine* in July. You can read the article at: www.volleyballmag.com/articles/43411-play-big

Emily Loof '14 received All-Conference Honorable Mention honors in her first collegiate soccer season at St. Mary's University.

Miranda Schene '14 made the rowing team at the University of Oklahoma.

..... In Memorium

Corinne Cool Dahl '53 died in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on Sept. 2, 2014.

Paul Greene '61 died May 15, 2014.

Col Frank Wisneski, father of **Patrick '83**, **Margaret '84**, and **Michael '82** passed away on June 23, 2014.

After a long illness **Frank Moore '62** passed away on June 12, 2014.

Marilyn Raskob, mother of **Bill '78** and **Tim '81**, grandmother of **Will '08**, **Katie '10**, **Henry '14**, and **Daniel '16**, died on May 12, 2014.

Golf Classic Supports Tuition Assistance Program

Beautiful weather and a great cause brought together the golfers of the St. Mary's High School community for the annual St. Mary's High School Golf Classic. The event was held at the Country Club of Colorado on Sept. 26.

"The weather was perfect," said Penny Heiniger, chair of the event, "a terrific day for golf and dinner outdoors. We had the dinner next to the aquatic center by the lake, great ambiance for our big group."

Heiniger said a lot of repeat golfers participated in this year's Golf Classic, and some new faces took part as well.

Taking first place this year was the foursome of Todd Morris, Ed Doerffel, Rob Levi, and Jim Hendron.

Morris is the vice president of the commercial division for CB Insurance, LLC, which handles some policies for the school. This was the second year that Morris took part in the Golf Classic.

"Both years it's been a great event with wonderful people," he said. "We're very proud to be supporters of St. Mary's."

This was Heiniger's second year to chair the event. And this year the event's past chairs joined in as golfers.

"Betty Faricy played this year; she ran the tournament for many years," Heiniger



photo: Diane Torrence

Taking first place this year was the foursome of Todd Morris, Ed Doerffel, Rob Levi, and Jim Hendron.

said. "Then Judy McCarty took over as chair and ran it until two years ago, and she played this year as well. It was great to have the past chairs with us."

This year's Golf Classic raised around \$23,000. All of the proceeds from the event go to tuition assistance. Heiniger said about one-third of the students attending St. Mary's receive tuition assistance.

Looking ahead to next year, Heiniger doesn't anticipate any major changes.

"People really like the tournament so I don't want to make big changes," Heiniger said. "We just want to make sure the golfers have a great experience and that the real winners are the students at St. Mary's." ❀

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