

Pirates' Treasure



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ON THE COVER: During Senior Mass in May, the seniors passed their candles to the juniors.

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From the President



This edition of *Pirates' Treasure Magazine* celebrates another banner year for St. Mary's High School. Recently we announced that the 85 graduates in the senior class have been offered more than \$7.8 million in college scholarships, and three of this year's graduates will matriculate to West Point. We are very proud of this class' accomplishments over the past four years. Among additional good news:

- 2 students qualified for the National Chemistry Olympiad, among only 14 in Colorado
- 3 students qualified to compete in the National Forensics Tournament this summer
- 3 teachers received grant funding for an interdisciplinary study of theology, biology, and physics at Notre Dame this summer
- 24 new members were added into The 1885 Society
- Karen Simkiss was named Colorado's Private-and-Charter School Art Teacher of the Year
- SMHS' five-year accreditation visit was passed with flying colors
- Father Bill Carmody was presented with the school's highest honor, the Marian Award, for his pro-life leadership
- SMHS began a chapter of Students for Life and led the Diocesan March For Life
- Students helped clean up after the Black Forest Fire, served at Marian House on the second Saturdays of each month, and volunteered more than 13,000 hours around Colorado Springs
- The Academic Support Center expanded its hours and now includes peer tutoring
- Students sent science experiments to outer space and reported back to the Board of the National Space & Science Technology Institute
- The Annual Gala set records for sponsorships, Gift from the Heart, and overall funding success

Sadly, the month of March was difficult for our community as we mourned the deaths of junior A.J. Archuleta '15, Michael Zentz '13, and the father of Ashley and Mikel Allbrook '14. Through these tragedies, our Catholic faith and community supported the families and our students. Being part of a faith community makes all the difference, especially through difficulties and sorrow. Thanks for your prayers.

Thank you for all your support this year of St. Mary's High School. Next year we implement online courses; upgrade software, computers, and electrical; add three levels of engineering courses (a full four-year curriculum, a one-semester survey course, and an online course), and begin preparations for a pervasive wireless network.

Keep the Pirates in your prayers as we move forward.

By God's Graces,

John C. Kraus, President SMHS

On Campus



Press Box Added to Baseball Field

This spring a press box and concession stand facility was added to the baseball field at The Grace Center for Athletics and Community Service. The St. Mary's community came together to complete the project. The baseball team pitched in, as did supporters of the baseball team and past Pirate baseball players. Bucher Design Studio developed the architectural plan for the press box, and Murphy Constructors, owned by alumnus **Chuck Murphy '54** oversaw the building process with **Kevin Murphy '79** serving as project manager.

Many other SMHS families, friends and alumni—including **Paul Marthaller '79**—helped put the finishing touches on the facility, including installing doors, cabinets, safety railing and counters, installing the roof, building the split rail fence, seeding and erosion control, and building the retaining wall.

"It was built through the very generous giving of time, talent, and treasure by so many members of the SMHS community," said Matt Walter, vice president of development. "The end result is a beautiful, functional facility for which we are most grateful."

The press box was dedicated on March 20 before the start of the Pirate Invitational Baseball Tournament in which the Pirates defeated the CSCS Lions 17-1.

Wackerman Receives Girl Scout Gold Award

Eliana Wackerman '14 received the Gold Award, the highest award in Girl Scouting, in April. The quest for the Gold Award culminates with a project led by one young woman between ninth and 12th grades who builds a purpose-based team to work to meet a need in the larger community. The focus of the project is to identify and research a community issue, develop a plan to address it in cooperation with her team and community members, and provide sustainability for the project.

Eliana's project addressed the issue of children feeling uncomfortable and frightened in hospitals. She said she knows that young children decide how they feel about things instantly, so to help provide a better atmosphere, she created 32 murals on windows and activities on white board paper for the waiting room at the pediatric clinic in the U.S. Army's Evans Community Hospital. She said she hopes to help children to not be afraid of hospitals and feel completely welcome.

Thomas Receives First at Art Show

Ellen Thomas '14 won first place for her acrylic painting at the Fifth Congressional District Art Show, sponsored by Congressman Doug Lamborn.

Faculty, Staff Recognized for Years of Service

In February, St. Mary's recognized the dedication of four members of the faculty and staff. Kathy Hanshew, current chair of the science department who also teaches biology and anatomy/physiology, was recognized for 35 years of service to St. Mary's. During her

tenure, Hanshew has also serviced as volleyball coach and athletic director. Rebecca Hassanabad, a part-time English teacher, and Suzanne Tibbits, the physics and AP Chemistry teacher, have each served 10 years at St. Mary's. And Robyn Cross, director of admissions, has spent the last five years at St. Mary's, capping 23 years of work in Catholic education.



Rebecca Hassanabad, Robyn Cross, Kathy Hanshew, and Suzanne Tibbits were recognized for their dedication to St. Mary's.

Academic Support Center Expands Its Service

After two years of existing mainly as a study skills class, the Academic Support Center was expanded in January as part of a pilot program. The center is now open during activity period and both lunch hours, offering homework assistance or tutoring to any student who needs some help. Dusty Campbell, the teacher who oversees the ASC, proposed the change. He felt that the expansion would mirror the type of services students will encounter in college. Plus Campbell felt adding peer tutoring was a key step for the ASC's next phase. He said some students feel more at ease asking a fellow student for assistance, and many respond better to help from fellow students.

On Campus



2013 Grad Returns for Book Signing

Published author **Charlotte Meert '13** spoke at St. Mary's and held a book signing for the students in January before returning to Carroll College for the

spring semester of her freshman year. "I talked about how reaching goals is never easy, and it takes more hard work than Hollywood might have us believe, but it's possible if you really strive for it," Meert said. "It was definitely weird to be asked back, and to wander the halls again. Very strange, but in a good way."

New Security Plan Implemented

The 2013-2014 school year brought the implementation of a new security plan for St. Mary's. Dominick Luppino, dean of students, has been working with Larry Borland, retired chief of security for Academy District 20, to update St. Mary's security plan. The plan involves procedures for secure perimeter, lock down, evacuation, and reunification that take into account a variety of potential threats to the school, ranging from inclement weather to an active shooter. In addition to informing students, faculty, staff, and parents of the new plan as implementation began, some physical changes to the school property have also been underway, including updates to fencing, electronic doors and classroom door locks and updating locks.



SNHS Almost Doubles Membership

In December, the Spanish National Honor Society inducted 12 new members for the 2013-2014. Added to the 13 current members, the SNHS now totals 25 members. It takes

dedication to be inducted into the SNHS. Students must be at least sophomores and have taken a minimum of three semesters of Spanish. Nader said members must maintain an A- GPA in Spanish and must continue enrollment in Spanish classes throughout their high school career. But Nader said the students definitely get a return on their investment.

"Highly selective universities like to see that a student can master a foreign language and demonstrate aptitude for difficult concepts. It also gives students an appreciation for another culture and additional opportunities for service in Spanish," Nader said.



Ashley Allbrook '14 (left) and Anna Font '15

Students Volunteer at Marian House

One Saturday each month, students from St. Mary's work two shifts at the Marian House. First shift workers prepare food that will be served for lunch, while second shift

workers serve meals to those in need. The students started volunteering in November, in part to help out Schriever Air Force Base volunteers.

Students for Life Club Begins at SMHS

In October 2013 St. Mary's newest club got its start, the Students for Life club. 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 just getting started, club members found ways to get involved. They participated in a candlelight vigil outside a Planned Parenthood facility in Colorado Springs and took part in the Rocky Mountain March for Life in January.

Noah Larkin '14, vice president of Students for Life, said he joined in hopes of helping the club leave a lasting impact. "I saw this as a way to help set an example and lead this generation that has such a huge impact on our world today and the direction that our world is moving," Larkin said. "Respect for all life is not simply a church teaching but it is a moral principle that needs to be shown."



photo courtesy JP Aerospace

Twenty-five SMHS students had small satellites flown to the edge of space in a high-altitude balloon.

SMHS Expands STEM Offerings

STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) is a buzz word in education circles these days but with good reason. As one looks at the current and future needs in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields, it is easy to see why schools feel it necessary to put an emphasis on STEM. Starting next year, St. Mary's High School joins the ranks of schools adding to their STEM offerings.

"We annually evaluate what we can do to help students become leaders

for tomorrow," said John Kraus, SMHS president. "Certainly STEM fields offer students great opportunities to succeed professionally; these STEM fields are also critical to the growth of our larger economy."

So beginning in the fall, St. Mary's students will have more opportunities to delve into STEM fields with the addition of engineering courses. Earlier this year math teacher Mike Kloenne was charged with looking at STEM programs to find a good fit for the school. After looking at several options, Kloenne decided the Project Lead the Way program would be the best fit. The program will roll out at St. Mary's over four years, starting with the Introduction to Engineering Design course being added next year.

"We do the science and math part of STEM really well at St. Mary's," Kloenne said. "Now we're looking to amp up our T and E, in technology and engineering."

While Project Lead the Way is a big piece of the engineering puzzle for St. Mary's, it won't be the only offering. Kraus said that students can also explore engineering through a one-semester engineering exploratory survey course or by taking an online Engineering 101 course, which is for students who are not on the engineering track but wish to explore the field.



Mrs. Frederick and students in her chemistry class conduct their final lab of the school year.

Those offerings require upgrades to the computer lab, including both infrastructure and software upgrades that are currently being phased in. Kraus said that courses added after next year will include Principles of Engineering, Aerospace Engineering, and a senior exit project in a STEM field.

A funding drive to expand STEM program at St. Mary's began in December 2013. Kraus said that funding for the changes is coming from a variety of different sources.

"The courses will more reflect the real world and will position them much better for college, post graduate work, and careers."

- Mike Kloenne

"Several businesses, philanthropies, and individuals have stepped forward to fund Project Lead the Way," Kraus said. "And patrons at our school's recent Gala also contributed significantly. Proceeds from the Gala will be used to fund the one-semester engineering survey course, purchase computers and engineering software, upgrade technology infrastructure, add wireless capacity through the school, and add online courses including Engineering 101. All these items will be put into place within the next six months."



The new STEM curriculum will allow Mr. Harder's pre-calculus class to put their book knowledge to use in practical applications.

And the school continues to seek funding for the four-year full implementation of the Project Lead the Way program.

Kloenne said the new courses will better prepare the students for what's to come. Instead of lecture courses, these STEM courses are hands-on with the students actively problem solving as they learn.

"Our students come here really motivated. These courses will teach them perseverance and how to work with each other," he said. "The courses will more reflect the real world and will position them much better for college, post graduate work, and careers."

And Kraus said one of the most exciting parts of the new program is mentorships that local STEM companies will provide to St. Mary's students. It's all part of the long-term vision for the school's STEM program.

"The long-term vision for STEM at St. Mary's includes a very active mentorship program for students with local professionals, all students being at least exposed to these dynamic fields through taking one of the curricular options, some students engaged in a four-year intensive engineering study, and a wireless 1-to-1 initiative," Kraus said. "We believe St. Mary's graduates will bring to these fields ethical leadership at a critical time in these industries' growth."

And at some point, physical growth will need to accompany the curriculum and technology growth.

"The physical expansion and remodeling of our Academic Wing for Sciences needs to occur within the next three years," Kraus said. "Our students outperform the facilities, doing incredible work despite outdated labs and equipment, and we must provide modern opportunities to excite our students about becoming leaders in STEM."



photo courtesy JP Aerospace

A JP Aerospace employee collects the Pong Sat balloon after its flight.

Students Experiments Fly High



St. Mary's Pong Sats all ready for flight.

Even before the new additions to the STEM program are made at St. Mary's, some cutting edge work has been done this school year by both students and teachers.

In October 2013, the National Space Science Technology Institute funded an experiment for the physics classes. The experiment challenged students to build small experiments that fit in ping pong balls.

The Pong Sats, as the ball satellite experiments are called, then traveled to the edge of space in a high-altitude hot air balloon. St. Mary's sent up 25 Pong Sats.

After the flight, the students received their Pong Sats back, along with information about the flight (altitude, temperature, and pressure), a certificate, and a DVD of the flight.



Miranda Schene '14 and Sarah Kraus '14 put together their Pong Sat projects in the St. Mary's lab.

Two Qualify for Chemistry Olympiad



In April, **Aman Mital '15** and **Sarah Burns '15** participated in the second round of the Chemistry Olympiad competition.



In recent years, St. Mary's has had a continuous presence at the event.

"I have had at least one

student qualify for the past five years in a row," said Suzanne Tibbits, chemistry teacher. "We were the only school from southern Colorado this year to go to the next level."

Burns and Mital both felt good about the four-hour test, and recognized the benefits of it, even if they don't move onto the next round.

"It tested my limits and was exhausting," Mital said. "But after that, every test

I've gone into has seemed easy. Even the AP Chemistry test was nowhere near as hard. It was a great experience."

Teachers Participate in Interdisciplinary Study

This summer three St. Mary's teachers will travel to the University of Notre Dame to study the merging of physics, biology, and religion. The university is funding the course, which falls under the STEM umbrella.

Science teachers Suzanne Tibbits and Rebecca Keith and theology teacher Tena Jelinek are excited to discover new ways to teach religion and science together. They all hope to bring back ideas that can be implemented next year in their classrooms.



St. Mary's Class of 2014

The Class of 2014 is moving on to new horizons, but the 85 members of this graduating class have certainly left their mark. These graduates have volunteered more than 18,162 hours serving the greater Colorado Springs area. And they've earned more than \$7.8 million in scholarship offers, just shy of the record set by last year's graduating class. They will attend colleges across the U.S., but they'll take with them the memories, experiences, and accomplishments of their time at St. Mary's. *Once A Pirate, Always A Pirate!*

Three 2014 Grads to Attend West Point This Fall



Three students from the class of 2014 have received appointments to a military academy. Tyler Anderson, Conor Gosselin, and Andrew Grammel will all attend the United States Military Academy at West Point in the fall.

The fathers of both Gosselin and Grammel attended West Point, and both sons have long wanted to follow in their fathers' footsteps. But Anderson discovered the school while attending a sports camp.

"My sophomore year I attended a lacrosse camp at West Point and just fell in love," he said. "After being there, I knew the military service life was for me."

Gosselin credits St. Mary's with preparing him for college and for the admissions process. "It's the quality of the teachers and the curriculum, as well as the general focus of the school, that makes the difference," he said.

"St. Mary's helped me reach my potential. The atmosphere here is focused on academics and leadership," he said. "Everything from preparing me for the ACT and SAT to working with the counselors helped put me ahead of the game. That's what allows our students to stand out in the crowd and makes us competitive."

That preparation is likely responsible for allowing the three 2014 graduates to receive appointments. And those three said they are proud of that accomplishment.

"I'm proud of having three of us receive appointments," Anderson said. "It's not very common for a high school to have multiple students appointed, especially a small school like St. Mary's."

Now the three look to what lays ahead. Anderson said he's looking most forward to getting through Beast, the seven-week cadet basic training that most feel is the toughest part of life as a cadet. Grammel is excited to be around others who share his interests.

"I'm looking forward to being around people like me, who have the same goals and passions," he said.

Speaker Gives Insight into Perseverance

Editor's Note: The following article details what David Denniston planned to say at the 2014 commencement address. Unfortunately Mr. Denniston was unable to attend graduation due to a delayed flight, and principal Mike Biondini '66 delivered the commencement address instead.



David Denniston

At the pinnacle of their high school careers, not many graduating seniors want to think about all of the things that could go wrong in life. But the class of 2014 chose to hear about life's challenges from someone who experienced an unthinkable event.

Dave Denniston, a world and college swimming champion, just missed making the 2004 US Olympic Swimming team; one year later a sledding accident left him paralyzed from the waist down. Refusing to allow his injury to stop him, Denniston returned to training and competed for the US at the 2008 Paralympic Games in Beijing, China.

Denniston is now a resident coach with US Paralympic Swimming at the US Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. And he encouraged the St. Mary's class of 2014 to claim Romans 5:3, "...we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance."

As Denniston has observed both his situation and others like it, he said that what he's found is that when something tragic happens in someone's life, that person not only finds a way to get through the situation, but often finds a way to shine. Of course, a tragic event isn't needed for someone to find a shining moment.

"It really comes down to the choices we make," Denniston said. "We can't expect to always make the right choice, but we can always try. The daily choices form who you will become. Daily challenges build our perseverance and character, who we really are deep down inside. And it's that character that will carry us through life; decision after decision, choice after choice. If we hold on to hope and look for that one moment to truly shine, we will find meaning, purpose and joy in our life, regardless of how we look, how much money we make, or where we end up in this world."

Ashley Marie Allbrook <i>University of Southern Florida</i>	Thomas Patrick King <i>Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University</i>
Mikel Lee Allbrook <i>Undecided</i>	Kevin Christopher Kohlmann <i>Dodge City Community College</i>
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Nathaniel Claus Breier <i>Military</i>	Nina Marie McCann <i>Undecided</i>
Cedric James Buck <i>University of Northern Colorado</i>	Miranda Noel Mitchell <i>University Of Colorado-Colorado Springs</i>
Karina Marie Cannon <i>Fort Lewis College</i>	Ashley Annette Modinger <i>University of Colorado-Colorado Springs</i>
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Jack Ryan Clavenna <i>University of Colorado-Colorado Springs</i>	Sean Michael Prinsen <i>University of Colorado-Colorado Springs</i>
Riley James Coco <i>University of Northern Colorado</i>	Robert James Ralston <i>University of Wyoming</i>
Christopher Jonathan Del Campo <i>Adams State University</i>	Henry Clay Raskob <i>St. Edward's University</i>
Benjamin Daniel Delp <i>University of Colorado-Colorado Springs</i>	Katherine Shayla Reid <i>Arizona State University</i>
Jaclyn Rose Drummond <i>Fort Lewis College</i>	Olivia Ann Sainz <i>Colorado State University</i>
Sarah Michelle Egbert <i>St. Mary's University of Minnesota</i>	Miranda Elizabeth Schene <i>University of Oklahoma</i>
Mitch Alan Estal <i>Work</i>	Mollie LauRen Schreck <i>Northern Arizona University</i>
Valerie Marie Estal <i>University of Colorado-Colorado Springs</i>	Rachel Marie Shaw <i>Belmont University</i>
Hannah Joy Faber <i>Regis University</i>	Autumn Funu' Silvas <i>University of Colorado-Colorado Springs</i>
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Keith Gregory Kangiser <i>University of Wyoming</i>	Ziwen Wu <i>University of Denver</i>
Remi Simone Kessler <i>Regis University</i>	

Biondini Retires as Principal, Returns to Counseling Office



Sometimes life provides unexpected opportunities, and a person finds himself where he never expected to be. For Mike Biondini, principal at St. Mary's High School, that place he never expected to be was in the principal's chair. And after serving for three years in that capacity, Biondini is stepping down.

"I never intended to be principal," he said. "I think three years as an interim principal is enough."

Biondini came to St. Mary's in June 2002 as a counselor, after retiring from a 30-plus year career in the public schools. Then in July 2011 the board asked if he would assume the principal position on an interim basis. Although being a principal was never in Biondini's career plan, he assumed the role when asked.

"I took the way I live my life and extended that into the principal's office," he said. "I think my skill set was exactly what St. Mary's needed from a principal during this time."

But Biondini's heart is in the counseling office, and that's where he'll be next year—once again working with students and helping them to accomplish their goals.

"I'm looking forward to having the day to day work with high school students be my one and only focus," he said. "I'm so glad to be returning to that domain because it's what I enjoy the most."

And now he's thrilled to be turning the principal's office over to Jim Felice, who is currently serving his first year as St. Mary's athletic director. Before coming to St. Mary's Felice had spent the last 15 years in administration in the Widefield School District as a dean of students, athletic director, principal, and executive director. He also spent 16 years in the classroom and served as the head football coach at Mesa Ridge.

"Jim has the skill set and the experience to partner with John [Kraus, SMHS president] to take St. Mary's to the next level," Biondini said. "Jim is going to be magnificent."

Class of 2014 Student Leaders



Kelly Heiniger, center, was the 2014 valedictorian. Co-salutatorians for 2014 were Miranda Schene, left, and Kathryn Faidley, right.



Senior class officers were, from left, Andrew Grammel, Erin Geiger, Claire Anderson, Connor Gosselin.



Senior Senate officers were, from left, Mitch Estal, Jaclyn Drummond, Rachel Hemann, and Nina McCann.



Prom King and Queen were Hayden Hourigan and Rachel Hemann.

Sports

Boys' Basketball Team Finishes as League Champions



The boys' basketball team finished as Tri Peaks League champions, with a record of 19-5, 13-1 in league play, and earned a birth in the Colorado State Basketball Sweet 16. Named to the Tri Peaks League all conference team were **Robert Delfeld '15**, **Alex Greenly '15**, **Jimmy Velten '16**, and **Ryan Englert '16**.

Lady Pirates Finish Third in League Tourney



The Lady Pirates finished the 2014 basketball season with a 16-9 (10-4 League) record finishing third in the Tri Peaks League Tournament. Leading the Pirates were **Maggie Hartman '16** and **Olivia Florek '17**, both named first team All-Conference and All-Area. Florek set a new school record with 60 three-pointers in the season. The Lady Pirates graduate **only two** from this year's team, and return 13 varsity players for next year.

Wrestler Makes State Tournament

This was a great year for Pirate wrestling. SMHS alums **Ethan Martinez '08** and **Geoffrey Grayson '08** returned to co-coach the team. The team had a higher head-to-head winning percentage than their opponents, meaning the Pirates won more matches that they wrestled than they lost. And this year, for the first time since 2008, St. Mary's had a wrestler make it to the state tournament. **Miles Keane '14** placed sixth at the state tournament.

Swimming Rebuilds Strong Team

St. Mary's ladies swim and dive team experienced a strong rebuilding year. Notable events of the year include team MVP **Miranda Schene '14** qualifying for the finals at league in the 100 Breaststroke and 50 Freestyle, newcomer **Carter Terry '17** qualifying for league finals in the 50 Freestyle, and the return of diving with **Kestrel Bower '17**.

Lady Pirate Soccer Teams Makes State Semifinals



The St. Mary's Lady Pirate soccer team finished the 2014 season with a record of 15-2-1, losing in the 3A state semifinals. The team won its fourth consecutive Region 1 championship while allowing two goals in eight league matches. **Emily Loof '14** was named Player of the Year for

the second consecutive season with a state high of 33 goals. She was joined on the first team by **Erin Geiger '14**, the team assists leader, as well as **Kylie Cleary '15**, **Maleia Lark '15**, **Michelle Moure '15**, and **Rachel Craft '15**.

Baseball Team Finish Second in Conference

The 2014 St. Mary's Pirate Baseball season concluded in the District Championship game with a loss to No. 1 Eaton. The Pirates finished with a 13-8 record and for the first time since 2009, ended the season with 13 or more wins. Four of this year's five seniors—**Ian Manzo '14**, **Kenny Slominski '14**, **Tristan Kuhn '14**, and **Brad Fanelli '14**—will continue their baseball careers in college.

Six Lacrosse Players Make All-Conference Team



The St. Mary's boys' lacrosse team ended up 7-7 for the year. Six lacrosse players earned All-Conference honors, including **Tyler Anderson '14**, **Connor Gosselin '14**, and **Drew Chesire (Dougherty '16)** who were named first team all-conference. For the second

season in a row Anderson was also voted to the 4-A All-State lacrosse team. The 2014 lacrosse team dedicated its season to A.J. Archuleta, teammate, classmate, and friend, who passed away from a motocross injury in early March.

Tennis Team Improves

The tennis team finished sixth in the regional tournament, and had an overall record of 3-7. But the record doesn't tell the whole story, as each player improved over the course of the season. **Maggie Hartman '16** was a standout and went 8-2 on the season as the team's no. 1 singles. **Haley Plush '16** and **Ashley Tapparo '16** earned third in the regional tournament, finishing 8-3 overall for the year at no. 4 doubles.

Golf Team Finds Success

The 2014 Girls' Golf season at St. Mary's was a huge success. The young team was made up of **Sydney Ballweber '17**, **Sarah Hwang '17**, **Erica Gonzales '17**, and **Kathleen Resman '16**. The team earned several third place finishes in tournaments against 4A and 5A schools, and finished second in several contests against other 3A schools. Ballweber and Hwang both finished in the top 10 at the Rye Invitational, and Ballweber went on to finish in second place at the Southern Regionals shooting a season low of 81.

Track Team Qualifies Six for State Meet

St. Mary's track team welcomed several new athletes this season, which built a strong team when added to the nucleus of returning Pirates. Despite enduring unusually bad spring weather, the track team persevered and turned in numerous monumental performances. In addition to achieving multiple PRs throughout the season, the St. Mary's team boasted the Tri-Peaks League champion 4x800m relay team, had six state meet qualifiers, and won medals in five events at the State Meet, including **Robert Delfeld's '15** school-record-shattering time to win the 3A 800m Colorado State Championship. There were phenomenal personal and team performances in 2014, and 2015 looks to be an even-brighter year for the St. Mary's track program.

Class Notes

..... 1950-1979

Mickey Elliot '63 is celebrating 25 years of employment at Roosevelt University.

..... 1980-1999

Michael W. Abbott '80 has moved to Daytona Beach, Fla., and welcomes St. Mary's alumni to come visit. You can reach Michael at: P.O. Box 9323, Daytona Beach, FL 32120-9323, 719-464-5341.



Colleen Carroll Campbell '92 gave birth in February to a son, Joseph Francis. Joseph joins big brother, John Patrick, and big sisters Maryrose and Clara. Colleen, her husband, and their four children live near Washington, D.C., where she continues her work as an author and TV anchor of "EWTN News Nightly with Colleen Carroll Campbell." Her latest book, "My Sisters the Saints: A Spiritual Memoir" (Random House, 2012), is in its sixth hardcover printing and comes out in paperback this fall.

Wendy Thomas '97 finished 19th in the women's field at the 2014 Boston Marathon with a personal best time of 2 hours, 32 minutes, 49 seconds. Of the elite American women, she was the fifth fastest. Boston was only the third marathon of Thomas' career

Ron Taylor '98 was awarded a Medal of Valor for his assistance to Colorado Springs residents during the Waldo Canyon Fire. The award was presented at the annual Colorado Springs Department Medal of Valor luncheon. Ron is a school resource officer in Academy District 20.

Brad Evans '99 is serving in Afghanistan as an Air Liaison Officer with the 3rd Brigade, 10th Mountain Division. The unit's primary mission is advising and assisting the Afghan National Army and police forces. Brad arrived in Afghanistan in January and should return home in late summer.

..... 2000-2013

Ann Lauricello '03 is working for Uber, a technology company that connects inebriated riders with licensed and insured drivers via an app on a smart phone. Uber is one of the fastest growing start-ups in the world and expanding to Colorado Springs. Lauricello is on the Colorado Springs launch team here and would like to reach out to the SMHS family.

Mindy Duster '05 is now benefits coordinator at Smashburger.

Mark Ernster '06 is now Broker Associate at SullivanHayes.

Matthew D. Hartle '08, a graduate student at the University of Oregon, co-authored a paper titled "Chemically Reversible Reactions of Hydrogen Sulfide with Metal Phthalocyanines," The article was published in May in Inorganic Chemistry, a publication of the American Chemical Society.



Rachel Cinlemis '09 graduated Summa Cum Laude from Wittenberg University in May 2013 with a double bachelor's in biology and French. She will start medical

school in August at Western University in Pomona, California. She also was awarded a four-year Health Professional Scholarship from the United States Air Force. The scholarship covers all tuition costs plus \$20,000 a year for living expenses. She will be commissioned as a second lieutenant and will do a four-year pay back to the Air Force.



In April **Jordan Burns '11** was awarded the prestigious 2014 Truman Scholarship by the Truman Foundation. The scholarship provides up to \$30,000

for graduate study to 59 college juniors nationwide who show

Galiardi Recognized for Contributions to College Football

Legendary college football coach John Gagliardi is more than 60 years removed from his time coaching at St. Mary's, but he's still part of the family. So the St. Mary's community rejoiced with Gagliardi in December 2013 as he received the National College Football Award Association's (NCAA) Contributions to College Football Award.

Gagliardi, who retired from St. John's University in 2012, is college football's all-time wins leader with a collegiate record of 489-138-11 over 64 seasons. But before that

illustrious college coaching career started Gagliardi was a high school coach for six years, first as a player-coach at his Catholic high school in Trinidad starting in 1943. After high school graduation, Gagliardi continued his high school coaching career at St. Mary's, while attending Colorado College. During his tenure at St. Mary's, Gagliardi coached all three of the school's sports: football, basketball, and baseball. He was the first inductee into the St. Mary's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2002.

potential in public service careers. Truman scholars receive priority admission to some premier institutions, leadership training, and a summer program that matches scholars with a government organization of their choice. Burns is also serving as president of the University of Colorado Chapter of Engineers Without Borders-USA.

Joe McAdams '13 is the copy editor for his school newspaper, the Marquette Tribune, and volunteers for a local non-profit that works to break down language and cultural barriers for a sizable Burmese refugee population in Milwaukee.

..... In Memorium

Robert "Bob" Zecha '42 died Feb. 26. A lifelong Colorado Springs resident, Zecha also taught math at St. Mary's.

Mary Kathryn Meyer '49 passed away on Jan. 6 in Colorado Springs.

Margaret A. (Gatterer) Conroy '51 of Lincoln, Neb., passed away on Jan. 13.

Glenn Plush '51 passed away on Dec. 31, 2013, in Colorado Springs.

Mrs. Ellen M. Quigley '52 of Glenwood Springs has died.

Carolyn (Stabb) Carpenter '61 died Dec. 4, 2013.

Shelia (Huffman) Cash '61 died Nov. 24, 2013, in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Mike Adams '70 passed away April 22 after being ill for sometime.

Robert Joseph Boschert '75 died April 14 following long-term complications from a motorcycle accident.

Roger Strempeke '79 died Dec. 21, 2013, after a 14-month battle with cancer.

Beth Marie Renninger '97 died Dec. 24, 2013. She is survived by her mother and step-father, Maureen and Larry Kral; twin brother, **Sean '97**; and sister, **Anne '94**.

Michael Taylor Zentz '13 died February 20, 2014. He is survived by his parents Maureen Zentz and Michael Zentz. **A.J. Archuleta '15** died March 14, 2014, succumbing to injuries suffered in a motocross accident a week before. He is survived by his mother, Valerie Archuleta; his father, Joseph Archuleta; and his older sister, **Natasha Archuleta '12**.

Victor "Vic" Lloyd Lamke, husband of **Linda Saidy Lamke '60** and father of **John Lamke '89**, passed away on Feb. 28 in Colorado Springs.

Thomas Joseph O'Connell, father of **Curtis O'Connell '76** and Cynthia O'Connell **Goranson '77**, died Jan. 2.

Cy Whiteside, father of **Cyndy McGrath '81**, **Jennifer Gwinn '89**, and **Lanny DeRoeck '90**, died Jan. 7.

Cathy Worsham, mother of **Lisa Worsham '09**, died May 1.

Mikel Lee Allbrook Sr. died on March 11, 2014, in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Mikel is survived by his wife, Brenda; daughter, **Ashley '14**, and son, **Mikel Jr. '14**.

Hardy Helps Next Generation of Attorneys

In January, **Franz Hardy '92**, who is a trial attorney and partner at the law firm Gordon and Rees in Denver, gave two future lawyers an inside look into their chosen careers. **Patrick Calhoun '14** and **Jaclyn Drummond '14** shadowed Hardy for the day, getting to hear a case being argued, see the Colorado Supreme Court, explore the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit during a behind-the-scenes tour, and receive advice on how to prep for law school.



Patrick Calhoun '14, Franz Hardy '92 and Jaclyn Drummond '14

"I tried to provide them an overview of how broad the law is and how many areas of our lives it affects," Hardy said. "It is not only about a courtroom, but several aspects of our everyday lives are impacted and influenced by what lawyers do."

Both Calhoun and Drummond said they both felt more confident about their decisions to pursue law after spending the day with Hardy.

"I feel much more prepared," Drummond said. "Nothing seals the deal more than someone who is where I want to be. The day was indispensable to my career, I know that for a fact."

This was Hardy's first time to have students shadow him, and he was happy to be able to help out fellow members of the St. Mary's family. "St. Mary's has a great alumni network and students should take advantage of these opportunities to explore what they may want to do one day," Hardy said.

Alumni in Denver Gather for Reception

The weather outside was frightful, but the atmosphere was warm at an early December 2013 reception for St. Mary's alumni living in Denver. The alumni who gathered for the reception held at Regis University spanned 61 years, but they all had in common a love for their alma mater.

It was the first such event for **Emily Tait '12**, who is currently a sophomore at Regis University. But for others, including **Dick Bonelli '51** and **Jude (Elliott) Sacry '71**, it was the latest in many events that allow them to reconnect and support their alma mater.



Patrick Calhoun '14 (left) and Jaclyn Drummond '14 (right) visited with Dick Bonelli '51 and his wife, Mary, during a reception in Denver in December.

Sacry said the continued bond that alumni have with St. Mary's is one of the things that make it different from other schools. The difference is more evident, she said, after attending reunions with her husband who attended a public school.

"People are puzzled when they hear that I'm going to an event associated with my high school," Sacry said. "So many don't feel a connection to their alma mater and they are just astounded that 42 years after graduating I'm still part of the St. Mary's community."

During the reception, President John Kraus spoke about the school's past, present, and future. He noted that in its 129-year history St. Mary's has weathered a lot—two world wars, the Great Depression, cultural shifts, and the transition from being a diocesan school to being an independent school.

"We're still a scrappy school, and we're not just surviving but thriving under our motto Catholic Passion, Academic Rigor," Kraus said. "We live our Catholic faith first then have the most rigorous academics we can. St. Mary's is the only Catholic high school in southern Colorado and we take that very seriously."

From the Archive

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 apartain@smhscs.org.



Thanks to **Patrick O'Rourke '88**, **Dan Day '88**, and **Mark Bonaventura '86** for helping to identify the students in the

archive photo published in the Fall/Winter 2013 issue. The photo was taken in 1985 in Antler's Park and all of the students pictures were members of the class of 1988. Pictured in the semi-circle are, from left to right: Colin Moran, Fred Nichols, Anna Garza, Kathy Kintz, Angie Romalgia, Natalie Kilkenny, Steve Smith, and Bill Easton. And in the leaf pile are Terry Leeper, on the left, and Philip Kralick, on the right.



Development

Attendees Let the Good Times Roll at a Record-Setting Gala

The St. Mary's High School community "Let the Good Times Roll" at the school's 2014 Gala, and the school came out the clear winner at the Monopoly-themed event. The night of fun and fellowship was enjoyed by 325 members of the St. Mary's family at the Antlers Hilton in downtown Colorado Springs.

"We are so pleased with this year's record-setting Gala," said Brenda Soto, who co-chaired the event with Nichole Munoz. "After expenses, the net contribution to the school was more than \$220,000."

This year a pledge made during the Gift from the Heart challenge by an anonymous donor inspired the attendees. The donor asked what was needed to get to \$100,000. At that point about \$40,000 remained, so the donor pledged to cover half of that amount if the rest of the attendees would come up with the other half. The result was an additional \$60,000 raised, bringing the total for the Gift from the Heart appeal to \$114,980.

It was an emotional moment for many in the audience as they watched the community show its love and appreciation for the school. Each year the Gift from the Heart challenge raises funds for a specific need that the school has; this year's challenge recipient was the school's science, technology, engineering and math infrastructure and programs.

Another unique experience during the live auction at this year's Gala was the offering of a painting of Pope Francis by local artist Devin Montagne. He painted the 30-inch by 48-inch acrylic by hand (without brushes) throughout the evening. Montagne based the painting on an image of the Holy Father in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican, but also incorporated Pikes Peak and the Front Range in the background. The painting sold for \$4,500.

While money raised through the Gift from the Heart challenge is going to support the school's STEM program, the other funds raised at the Gala go to the general operation of the school, including the school's Tuition Assistance Program.



St. Mary's President John Kraus, second from left, and Father David Price, third from left, spent time in the fundraising jail during the Monopoly-themed Gala. Jailers Abby Torrence '17 and Miranda Schene '14 made sure there was no escape without proper bail.

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April 5 Easter
April 18 Annual Gala
May 18 Baccalaureate Mass & Graduation

Join the 1885 Society

Patrice and Jerry Tafolla recently joined The 1885 Society when they established the Tafolla Family Fund endowment with the St. Mary's Catholic Education Foundation. They did so out of gratitude for all that St. Mary's High School has provided their family. More than just an excellent education for their daughter, **Sarah '13**, and son, **Michael '15**, they consider their association with the school to be a lifelong relationship rooted in faith, community, and a strong sense of belonging. "We felt a part of the St. Mary's community before Sarah and Michael arrived," Jerry said. "And we want to be a part of it long after they have graduated." Patrice agreed, "It's a blessing to be part of this community and we wanted to give something back."

The Tafolla Family Fund is a legacy gift that provides a permanent source of funding for debt relief and operational needs. Under the agreement, 5 percent of the balance of the fund at the end of each fiscal year is available to the school for the following school year. The Tafollas intend to be lifelong supporters of the school, through the Annual Fund, events like the Golf Classic and the Gala, and by adding to the endowment fund when they are able. They also hope the fund will encourage other SMHS families to consider a lifetime or estate gift to the foundation that will provide for the permanent financial future of the school.

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



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