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**ON THE COVER:** St. Mary's class of 2016 set a record for merit scholarships earned. The small class of 57 graduates earned \$12.4 million in scholarships. (Photo: Diane Torrence)

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## From the Board & President

Dear St. Mary's High School Family,

As we finish up another outstanding school year, we are grateful and proud of the many accomplishments of our students. St. Mary's has prepared them well and formed them in our Catholic faith to be the salt of the earth. Please keep all of our graduates in your prayers as they start this next exciting stage in their lives!

I am happy to announce that the Board of Directors has appointed Patrick Carter as our full-time Interim President for the 2016-2017 school year effective immediately and completing on June 30, 2017. Over the last few months, during which Mr. Carter served as our Operations Director, he has proven his dedication and passion for St. Mary's High School and established rapport and credibility with the faculty and staff. He brings a strong business background from his years of experience as CEO/CFO of a local company. In addition to his service to our country in the United States Marine Corps, he has served in many non-profit organizations over the last 10 years. His main focus during this interim year will be to prepare SMHS for a permanent president starting



in the 2017/2018 school year. He will work closely with our Development, Admissions, and Business Departments to ensure the future success of SMHS. The Board of Directors will begin a comprehensive search for a permanent President starting in the fall 2016.

Please welcome Patrick Carter aboard!

*Tom Resman*

*Chairman, St. Mary's High School Board of Directors*

What an exciting time to be a Pirate! With so many accomplishments and new, uplifting events daily, it would be difficult not to have a bright outlook on the future of this great institution!

For 130 years, St. Mary's has been a proud beacon for Catholic education in Colorado Springs. I am honored and humbled to have been selected to be a small part of this great community as we begin laying the foundation for St. Mary's to burn even brighter in the next 130 years.

Under the leadership of Jim Felice, our faculty and staff continue to provide innovative, creative ways to meet the needs of our student body as exhibited by the unmatched achievements of the class of 2016. I couldn't be prouder of our students, and I know that the future holds great things for St. Mary's.

Please, if you have not had the opportunity of late to experience for yourself the wonderful happenings at St. Mary's, come by and join us for an hour or two. Whether you are an alumnus, the family of an alumnus, or a friend to St. Mary's, I invite you to stop in and meet those who will shape our future both at St. Mary's



and in our Catholic community. Many of you have not visited our current campus or The Grace Center, and I know if you join us for any amount of time, you will be impressed with how our students honor all that Christ has afforded.

I look forward with great anticipation to another monumental school year at St. Mary's and hope that you will be a part of it! Go Pirates!

*Patrick Carter*

*Interim President*



Spending time with residents at the Sunny Vista Living Center was one of the first service opportunities offered through the Mercy Alive program.

### Mercy Alive Provides New Community Service Opportunities for Students

Students now have more opportunities to fulfill their community service requirements, thanks to the school's new Mercy Alive program. Motivated by the Jubilee Year of Mercy, which began during the Feast of the Immaculate Conception in December 2015, St. Mary's started the Mercy Alive program to provide students with opportunities to reach out to the poor and abandoned in society.

The program focuses on community, prayer, and reflection. Students who wish to participate must complete a brief application stating why they desire to serve, then upon completion of their service they are required to write a brief reflection on their experience. In developing Mercy Alive, Robyn Cross, director of student life, and Sister Bernadette Mota, who is helping with the program, hoped to provide some unique service experiences that would help deepen the faith of the students and expand their worlds.

### Baldwin Travels to Greece in City Delegation

Nicholas Baldwin '16 traveled to Ancient Olympia, Greece, in April with a Colorado Springs delegation that included Mayor John Suthers '70 and two other area students as part of the Young Champion Ambassador Program, which is run by Colorado Springs



photo: Christine Baldwin

Nicholas Baldwin '16 with Colorado Springs Mayor John Suthers '70 in Greece

Sister Cities International.

Young Champion Ambassadors are charged with promoting Colorado Springs in general and its Olympic connection in particular. In October 2014, Baldwin entered Colorado Springs' first Young Champion Ambassador essay contest, writing on what he would tell the world about Colorado Springs.

"That was the most productive homework assignment I've ever done," Baldwin said of the essay he wrote.

### Torrence Receives State Band Honors

Abby Torrence '17 was selected for the Colorado All-State Band by The University of Denver Lamont School of Music. She has also been selected for the Top of the Nation Honor Band and is currently first chair flute and piccolo for the Pikes Peak Winds Ensemble with the Colorado Springs Youth Symphony.



photo: Diane Torrence

Christina Haile '17 talks with a Divine Redeemer student about her science fair project.

### AP Students Judge Elementary Science Fair

In April, students in Suzanne Tibbits' AP Chemistry class took their turn judging the Divine Redeemer Science Fair and Invention Convention. Several years ago, Divine Redeemer asked St. Mary's students to help judge the fair, as a way to provide role models for the younger students and build bridges between the two schools.

### Wahl To Participate in Notre Dame Seminar

Anna Wahl '17 was one of 100 students accepted to the Notre Dame Leadership Seminars program for rising seniors. She'll attend the Science, Ethics, and Responsibility seminar this summer. Notre Dame Leadership Seminars explore topics affecting the global community and are centered on vibrant discussion and a robust exchange of ideas.

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## On Campus



photo: Amy LaCost

Team Marshall Islands stand by the Oceania National Olympic Committee flag in Fiji. Team Marshall Island are, from left to right: Giordan Harris, Colleen Furgeson, Ruthie Long, and Anne-Marie Hepler.

### Senior Represents Marshall Islands in Swim

Ruthie Long '17 was invited to Swim in the 2016 Oceania Swimming Championships in Suva, Fiji, held June 19-25. She was part of Team Marshall Islands competing for the opportunity to swim in the 2016 Summer Olympics. Swimming under the Marshall Islands Swim Federation, Ruthie joined the team and trained with her previous swim coach, Amy LaCost. Her team was joined by other nations and island countries including Fiji, Samoa, Palau, Tonga, Guam, Cook Islands, Mariana Islands, Australia, New Zealand, Hawaii, Papua New Guinea, New Caledonia and FSM. This competition was the last qualifying event before the Summer Olympics held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

### 7 Qualify for the National Speech Contest

Continuing its success in forensics, St. Mary's had seven students qualify for the National Speech and Debate Tournament, which was held in Salt Lake City in June. Additionally, one student

qualified as a national tournament alternate. This marks the 12th consecutive year that St. Mary's has been represented at the national tournament. Only the top 3 percent of speech and debate competitors nationwide qualify.

"The team's success is rooted in their ability to work together to sharpen their performances," said Coach Jeff Borst. "It is also the result of a strong educational background that they have received from their coursework at St. Mary's."



This year's forensics team continued the winning ways that have become a tradition at St. Mary's. For the second year in a row, six students qualified for the national tournament.

### Two Advance in Chemistry Olympiad

Leah Hickert '17 and Joe Trechter '17 advanced to the national level of the Chemistry Olympiad this spring. Only the students with the top 14 scores in the state on the local level of the exam qualify to move on. Their success marked the seventh year in a row that St. Mary's has qualified students for the National Chemistry Olympiad. Each school is limited to qualifying only two students; in six of the last seven years, SMHS has qualified two.

### Murphy Wins Second in District Art Exhibit

Allison Murphy '16 was awarded second place for Mixed Media in

## Second SMHS Red Rose Run Set for late September

The second St. Mary's Red Rose Run is set for Sunday, Sept. 25. While the purpose of the run remains the same—celebrating Catholic education and kicking off Respect Life month, some of the event specifics will be different this year.

This year the run will start at 1:30 pm and be held at the Grace Center; the kids' carnival and food service will run from noon to 5 pm. The Grace Center is a more central location and moving the event to the afternoon allows the runners and walkers to participate in their normal worship services, said Mike Kloenne, a St. Mary's teacher who helps organize this event.

Also new this year, the Red Rose Run will honor Father Bill Carmody, who passed away earlier this year. Father Carmody

was a force in the pro-life fight in the Colorado Springs area. Each Red Rose Run shirt will have a symbol on it to honor Father Carmody.

Similar to last year, there will be booths hosted by area Catholic schools to provide information to those interested in attending and booths hosted by local pro-life organizations. This year there will be a kids' carnival with fun games for kids of all ages. Knights of Columbus chapters and food trucks will serve up the food, and there again will be a Pirate Harvest Bake Sale. The band, Life Support, will provide live music.

Those interested in participating will be able to find more information about the event and register on the St. Mary's web site: [www.smhscs.org/rrr2016](http://www.smhscs.org/rrr2016).



the Congressional District Art Exhibit that was held in March. The entries were displayed that month at Library 21c.

### Maal Becomes First-Degree Knight

Andrew Maal '16 became a first-degree member of the Shrine of Saint Therese Parish Council of the Knights of Columbus in December 2015. He began his journey with the Knights of Columbus in 2010.



"It's hard to believe that I've been a Squire for roughly five years. That goes to show just how these organizations walk with you on your faith journey through life, and for me, becoming a Knight is the next

step in that journey," Maal said.

### Students for Life Lead Mass for Life

The St. Mary's High School Students for Life led the Rocky Mountain Mass for Life in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day and the 43rd anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision on Monday, Jan. 18, at Corpus Christi Catholic Church.



The Mass included silent prayer, balloon release, Adoration, and Mass with Bishop Michael Sheridan and Father Bill Carmody.

### Drama Club Stages *Cyrano de BurgerShack*

This spring the Drama Club presented the pop musical *Cyrano de BurgerShack* by Jeremy Desmon. In this modern-day take on *Cyrano de Bergerac*, the score includes popular music from The Go-Go's, Bobby Brown, Bruno Mars, and Katy Perry.



photo: Diane Torrence

### Engineering Club Helps Project Lead The Way Program Self-Sustain

The new Engineering Club at St. Mary's High School is unique in its mission of providing real-life experience in both engineering and business as it brings together students from across the school's demographic. The Engineering Club creates engraved or 3D-printed products using the school's laser engraver and 3D printer. The hope is that the profit brought in by these products will allow the engineering program to be self-sustaining as it moves forward.

"We use lots of consumables in these classes so we thought getting the students involved in the business process of an Engineering Club would allow the students to gain valuable experience, help the program become self-sustaining, and provide another way to promote the school," said Mike Kloenne, engineering teacher.

The Project Lead the Way program is finishing its second year at St. Mary's. The four-year engineering curriculum is being implemented by adding one class each year until all four of the PLTW elective classes are offered. The third class, a computer science curriculum, will be added in the fall.

In addition to offering already produced items, the Engineering Club members take custom engraving orders for trivets, coasters, glassware, as well plastic products made with the 3D printer.

Those interested in Engineering Club products can obtain more information by emailing the club at [customengraving@smhscs.org](mailto:customengraving@smhscs.org).



Richard Wallace '16 was one of the students who was instrumental in helping to establish the Engineering Club.



# Sweet '16

## \$12.4 million in scholarships

*The class of 2016 was one of the smaller classes in St. Mary's recent history. But the 57 seniors left a big mark on their school and the surrounding community. The 2016 seniors earned more than \$12.4 million in merit scholarships, including four military academy appointments, two ROTC scholarships, and countless presidential and other full scholarships. While this fall they will spread out across the U.S., their years at St. Mary's have prepared them for the future. Once a Pirate, Always a Pirate!*

**T**he class of 2016 graduated on May 16, ready to embark on the next chapter of their journey.

Two 2016 graduates will enter one of our U.S. military academies this summer, while two others will attend college on ROTC scholarships. [Kaila Baca](#) will enter the U.S. Air Force Academy and [Jimmy Velten](#) will begin the U.S. Navel Academy (Velten also received an appointment to the U.S. Air Force Academy). [Grady Gosselin](#) received an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, but chose instead to attend Gonzaga on an Army ROTC scholarship. [Nick Baldwin](#) will attend the University of Portland on an Air Force ROTC scholarship.

Three graduates signed on to participate in college athletics. This spring [Dylan Tait](#) and [Ryan Englert](#) committed to play football at Colorado Mesa and [Andrew Maal](#) committed to run for the University of Dallas. And many graduates will attend college on full ride scholarships.

[Sam Pribyl](#) was accepted into and awarded a scholarship to study film at Loyola Marymount University, one of the top three schools in the country for film that has a 12 percent acceptance rate for the School of Film.

In his homily at baccalaureate Mass, Bishop Michael Sheridan emphasized the role of faith in the lives of the graduates.



**Father Vince Kuna, second from right, returned to Colorado Springs to participate in the class of 2016 baccalaureate Mass. The class of 2016 was the last class that Father Vince worked with during his time teaching at St. Mary's High School. He now resides in California and is attending film school at USC.**

"We're here to celebrate what Catholic education is all about, which is forming men and women of faith," he said. "The single greatest gift anyone can receive is the gift of faith."

Bishop Sheridan told the graduates that he hoped that their faith has deepened during their time at St. Mary's. That he hoped their studies have helped them to better understand their faith.

"If you have faith that is grace lived with

conviction and joy, the Holy Spirit will not abandon you," he said. "With faith you can do anything. Everything can be overcome and every day can be lived with joy."

As the graduates move into a more independent phase of their lives, Bishop Sheridan encouraged them to make God a constant in their lives through prayer.

"Prayer shows absolute dependence on God," he said. "Always give thanks for the gift of faith that unites us in Jesus Christ

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photos: Diane Torrence

**St. Mary's small but mighty class of 2016. In the fall they will spread out across the U.S., as about half of the class will attend colleges out of state in 14 different states.**



**Retired U.S. Air Force General Kevin Chilton told the class of 2016 to rely on their faith, be curious, and remain flexible through life's changes.**



**Joy abounded during the class of 2016 graduation ceremonies shown in many smiles to fist bumps.**



## Class of 2016 Student Leaders



Salutatorian Jimmy Velten with valedictorian Maggie Hartman



Senior class officers were, from left: Michael Simmons, treasurer; Brian Trentman, secretary; Ashley Tapparo, president; Daniel Raskob, vice president; Matt Weldele, adviser.



Senior Senate officers were, from left: Sam Ortiz, vice president; Kathleen Resman, president; Ben Stockelman, adviser; Jimmy Velten, treasurer; Lucy Klein, secretary.



Prom Queen and King were Emma Cummings and Luke McCarthy.

# Looking Back @ 2015-2016



(Top left) The year started off with a rainy Back to School BBQ, but the rain didn't dampen the excitement of a new school year. And the rainbow over the campus was a beautiful reminder of God's promises.

(Above) Engineering students got another year of hands-on experience in a variety of aspects in the engineering field.

(Far left) Pep rallies brought out our school spirit and competitiveness.

(Left) Homecoming was a chance for alumni to gather so Pirate families past and present could celebrate St. Mary's together.



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and through the Holy Spirit empowers our lives.”

The class of 2016 chose retired Air Force General Kevin Chilton to speak at graduation. Chilton encouraged the graduates to rely on their faith, to be curious, and keep doors open because often the future isn’t what we have envisioned it to be.

“The next four years will likely be the biggest challenge in your life to your faith,” he said. “I noticed that your class song is ‘Renegades.’ I hope you’ll all be renegades in college by being a strong Catholic.”

Chilton said he started the Air Force envisioning that he’d do five years, learn to fly, and then fulfill his dream of being a pilot for United. Instead he spent 34 years in the Air Force, including 11 years with NASA as an astronaut.

“I failed to accomplish my dream, but if I had to do it all again, I wouldn’t change a thing,” Chilton said. “Don’t be afraid to change. Have dreams and pursue those dreams but know that sometimes dreams change and that’s OK. Do your best in whatever you’re doing. As a Christian it’s your duty to do that.”

Valedictorian Maggie Hartman said she learned so much on the class of 2016’s journey to graduation. And through the highs and lows of high school she learned about the power of prayer.

“I believe everyone here has potential. Everyone has excellence that wants to be achieved, and has already started to be achieved,” she said. “St. Mary’s has helped us achieve excellence. Now it is up to us develop it.”

The ceremony also provided a opportunity for the St. Mary’s family to say goodbye to a few longtime employees. Business office manager Karen Levi retired this spring after 23-plus years of service to St. Mary’s. Mark Beranek, who had served as chief financial officer and boys basketball coach for the last five years, also retired after the basketball season. And Tim Walker, who has overseen St. Mary’s bus program, retired after serving the school for several years of service.

While we will miss those those who retired, we are excited to welcome their replacements to the Pirate family. Andrea Martin came on board in the spring as St. Mary’s new senior bookkeeper, and Tommy Darneal has taken over the school’s business office duties. Dan Mersman ’77 has assumed the duties of director of the St. Mary’s transportation office.

This summer Joe Trechter, who taught social studies at St. Mary’s last year, took over the role of associate director of Advancement/Development. Joe will work with St. Mary’s alumni in their continued support of the school. And joining the faculty to teach world geography is Kim German. ●

### Eric Allen

*Chadron State College*

### Kaila Baca

*US Air Force Academy*

### Julian Bagnas

*University of Colorado–Colorado Springs*

### Sabine Ayina Baier

*Pikes Peak Community College*

### Nicholas Baldwin

*University of Portland*

### Megan Beaudoin

*Colorado School of Mines*

### Sam Chamberlain

*Pikes Peak Community College*

### Gregory Cichon

*University of Notre Dame*

### Emma Cummings

*Rockhurst University*

### Ryan Englert

*Colorado Mesa University*

### Alexander Fauson

*University of Colorado–Colorado Springs*

### Joshua Fowler

*Gonzaga University*

### Nicholas Francis

*Grand Canyon University*

### Grady Gosselin

*Gonzaga University*

### Gabriela Gravelle

*Saint Louis University*

### Maggie Hartman

*University of Colorado–Boulder*

### Samantha Hennessey

*Pikes Peak Community College*

### McKenzie Hemez

*University of Northern Colorado*

### Zoe Jumper

*Regis University*

### Kyler Klein

*Colorado State University*

### Lucy Klein

*Seattle University*

### Andrew Maal

*University of Dallas*

### Alyssa Martin

*University of Colorado–Colorado Springs*

### Marisa Martin-Wegryn

*Pacific Lutheran University*

### Luke McCarthy

*Franciscan University of Steubenville*

### Justus Mestas

*Grand Canyon University*

### Allison Murphy

*University of Colorado–Boulder*

### Isabella Nelson

*Grand Canyon University*

### Samuel Ortiz

*Colorado School of Mines*

### Christine Ott

*Chadron State College*

### Benjamin Padrnos

*Gonzaga University*

### Haley Plush

*Grand Canyon University*

### Samuel Pribyl

*Loyola Marymount University*

### Daniel Raskob

*Creighton University*

### Kathleen Resman

*Creighton University*

### Dagnija Rigano

*Grand Canyon University*

### Conner Sandoval

*Kansas State University*

### Wyatt Sanzo

*Florida State University*

### John Sexton

*University of Colorado–Colorado Springs*

### Elijah Shockney

*University of Colorado–Colorado Springs*

### Michael Simmons

*Loyola Marymount University*

### Mikayla Smith

*Humboldt State University*

### Daniel Sosdian

*University of Colorado–Boulder*

### Angello Soto

*Lake Forest University*

### Benjamin Stockelman

*Gonzaga University*

### Dylan Tait

*Colorado Mesa University*

### Ashley Tapparo

*Creighton University*

### Daniel Torchinsky

*University of Colorado–Colorado Springs*

### Brian Trentman

*University of Colorado–Colorado Springs*

### James Velten

*US Naval Academy*

### David Venzor

*University of Colorado–Colorado Springs*

### Sebastian Villarreal

*Grand Canyon University*

### Thanh Vo

*Regis University*

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### Shannon Welch

*University of Colorado–Colorado Springs*

### Matthew Weldele

*Colorado School of Mines*

### Nicholas Witter

*Fort Lewis College*



## Sports

### Girls Basketball

The girls basketball team continued its winning ways this year, ending the season with an overall record of 20-4 and going 9-1 in league play. The Lady Pirates beat Manitou Springs to take the Tri-Peaks championship, earning them a seven seed in the state tournament and a chance to host a first-round game.



photo: Diane Torrence

### Boys Basketball



photo: Diane Torrence

The Pirates finished 14-10 overall on the season with a league record of 9-3. For the second year in a row, a highlight of the season was beating CSCS in a close finish. The final score was 54-51. **Jimmy Velten '16** was named to the 3A All-State Boys Basketball Team. After the season wrapped up, Coach Mark Beranek stepped down after serving as head coach for five seasons. Pernel Baca will serve as head coach for the next season. Baca was an assistant under Beranek and the head junior varsity coach, providing continuity in the system.

### Girls Golf

**Sarah Hwang '17** had a successful golf season. In April she clinched the victory at the Lady Lancer Invitational, held at the Pine Creek Golf Club. In May, Hwang qualified for the state tournament. She finished tied for 18th place. **Sydney Ballweber '17** was first alternate for the state tournament.

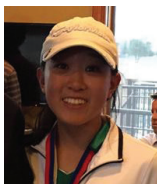


photo: Helen Hwang

### Baseball

Pirate baseball team finished the year as one of the top 5 teams in the state with a 17-7 record and the title of district champs. They earned the right to host a 3A Region 7 state playoff game at the Grace Center; the first time the baseball team has hosted a playoff game. Making the first team for the Tri-Peaks All-Conference League were **Ben Padrnos '16**, **Daniel Torchinsky '16**, **Jacob Brummel '17**, **TJ English '17**, and **Gavin Sturevant '18**. **Jimmy Velten '16** was named to the honorable mention team, and Coach Bill Percy was named Coach of the Year.



photo: Diane Torrence

### Lacrosse

The lacrosse team got its first state playoff win in 10-year history of the program this spring. They lost in the quarterfinals to The Dawson School, the No. 1 team in the bracket. Goalie **Dylan Tait '16** recorded his 500th career save. The team finished with a 12-5 overall record, and 4-3 record in league play.



photo: Cary Gosselin

### Tennis

The girls tennis team finished fifth in 4A regionals this season with a record of 6-4. **Maggie Hartman '16** placed third in regionals in No. 1 singles and was named the Tri-Peaks player of the year.



photo: Diane Torrence

### Girls Soccer

The girls soccer team finished with an overall record of 10-6 and a league record of 3-1. The team lost to Aspen in the first round of the state playoffs.

### Track

Two Pirates qualified for state in track and field. **Jackie Delfeld '17** competed in the 400m and **Hannah McReavy '18** competed in both the 800m event and the 1600m event. McReavy qualified in a third event, but chose to put her focus on two events and not race the 3200m final.



### More Spring Sports News

More than half of the student body at St. Mary's participated in one of the six spring sports that were offered this year. And in May, 18 St. Mary's athletes were recognized as 2016 Rotary Champions, including Ben Padrnos who was the Rotary Champion Medallion winner for boys basketball. The Rotary Champions program honors outstanding scholar-athletes who have placed a high value on academics and leadership in school, community, and home.

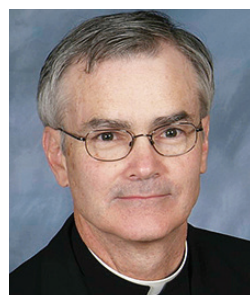


### ..... 1960-1969.....

**Dr. Patrick Faricy '65** retired from his position of chief medical officer at Memorial Hospital in early 2016, a position he had held since February 2011. After graduating from St. Mary's, he decided against joining the family car business and instead attended the University of Colorado School of Medicine and became a urologist. Before becoming Memorial's chief medical officer, Faricy served as president of the Colorado Board of Medical Examiners.

### ..... 1970-1979.....

**Father Greg Kelly '74** was ordained on Feb. 11 to the episcopate at the Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe. He became the 11th priest of the Diocese of Dallas to receive the fullness of the priesthood. Kelly was appointed auxiliary Bishop of Dallas and Titular Bishop of Jamestown by Pope Francis on Dec. 16, 2015. He has served as a priest of the Diocese of Dallas for almost 34 years, including service as the Vicar for Clergy since 2008, a ministry he will continue as well as serving as a vicar general.



The **Class of '77** is looking ahead to its 40-year reunion in 2017, and has created a Facebook group to share news and keep in touch. Just type "St. Mary's High School Class of '77" into the Facebook's search box and request to join! The URL is [www.facebook.com/groups/1549911638645340/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/1549911638645340/). **Greg Ernster '77**, **Mike Elliott '77**, and **Debbie Owen Nelson '77** are administrators for the Group.

### ..... 2000-2009.....



**Michelle (Chavez) Moore '03** and her husband, Scott Moore, welcomed their second child, Elizabeth Moore, on Dec. 1, 2015. Their oldest child, Kayden, is 2 and loving being a big brother!

In April, **Noel Jenkins-Unger '11** directed the Divine Redeemer spring musical, "The Lion King." She has been a volunteer director for productions at Divine Redeemer for nine years.

### ..... 2010-2015.....

**Cameron Hickert '12**, a recent graduate of the University of Denver, has been named to the inaugural class of Schwarzman Scholars. Schwarzman Scholars receive a fully funded one-year master's degree program at Tsinghua

University in Beijing. Hickert was one of 111 students selected from a pool of more than 3,000 applicants. He is majored in physics and international studies at DU and in Beijing will study the geopolitical landscape of the 21st century.



**Jonathan Vall '12** graduated from St.

Gregory the Great Seminary in Seward, Nebraska, in early May.



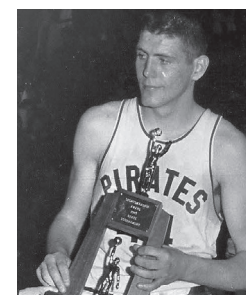
**Jacob Resman '12** and **Mary Kate Knapp '12** are engaged to be married in October 2016.

**Rachel Craft '15** made the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference Soccer All-Academic Team, earning a 3.8 GPA in pre-nursing. Craft plays for Barton Community College in Great Bend, Kansas. This season as a freshman she played in 16 games scoring two goals with two assists and helped Barton advance to the regional semifinals.

### ..... In Memorium.....

**John O'Connell '63** passed away on Dec. 25, 2015, at his home in Albuquerque, N.M. He was 71.

Known as Big John, O'Connell was an outstanding athlete. In his St. Mary's career, he was the career scoring and rebounding leader, a third team All-American, and was first Team All-State, All-League and All-City his junior and senior year. In recognition of those achievements, O'Connell was inducted as part of the first SMHS Athlete Hall of Fame class in 2011. He is survived by his wife, Priscilla; daughters, Jennifer and Carey Rose; son, John Michael Jr.; and granddaughter, Lucia Rose Thomas.



**Kathy (Moss) Munson '62** passed away on May 22 at her home in Atchison, Kansas. She was 71. She attended both St. Mary's elementary school, as well as St. Mary's High School. Survivors include her husband, Stan; daughter, Susie Pfannenstiel; three sons, Rob Munson, David Munson, and Dan Munson; a sister, **Mary Lynn (Moss) Kilibarda '57**; and seven grandchildren.

**Eduardo Venzor '08** passed away on May 15. He was 26. Ed was an accountant and had been living in Falcon. He is survived his parents, Fermin and Soledad; and two brothers, Fermin and David.



# Alumni Gather for Annual Basketball Tourney

**O**n March 26, Pirate alumni gathered for fun, fellowship, and a little competition at the annual Alumni Basketball Tournament. More than 30 St. Mary's alum, representing 14 classes, competed in the tournament.

This year's winning teams were Team Cristelli 2 in the men's division and The Belles of St. Mary's in the women's division. Making up Team Cristelli 2 were: Johnny Thomas '08, Sean Mersman '05, Mike Garcia '07, and Rene Viscarra '07. The Belles of St. Mary's team included: Monica Bussell '07, Kelsey Vance '03, Mollie Fauver '03, and Kaitlyn Burkett '06.

Again this year Ozzie Grenardo '91 headed up the planning committee to organize the event. On the 2016 committee were: Michael Garcia '07, Mickey Elliott '66, Leah Wilkes Ramzy '93, and Jim Felice. And Vic Elliott '92 created an event logo for the tournament.

Ted Peralta '69, who was a 2016 SMHS Athletic Hall of Fame inductee for track, basketball and football, spoke to the competitors briefly before the tournament started. This year's competitors represented the following St. Mary's classes: 1991, 1992, 1993, 1998, 1999, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009.

This year the tournament included a scheduled a lunch break in The Cove. Colleen Wilkes, who has worked lunch at the school for 29 years, served some of the old favorites like meatball subs, smothered burritos, brats, and hamburgers.

The Alumni Basketball Tournament is held on Holy Saturday



photo: Diane Torrence

Alumni from 14 St. Mary's classes participated in the 2016 Alumni Basketball Tournament in March. The tournament, which is held on Holy Saturday each year, gives alumni a chance to catch up with each other and the school.

each year, so next year's tournament will be on April 15.

You can see photos from the tournament on our Facebook page. We thank Diane Torrence for the photos. To find information on next year's event, go to our web site at [www.smhscs.org/alumni/events/alumni-basketball/](http://www.smhscs.org/alumni/events/alumni-basketball/).

If football is more your sport, this year there will be a flag football tournament in conjunction with the Alumni Christmas Social on Dec. 26. The tournament will run 8 am to 3 pm, with 4-on-4 games in men's, women's, and co-ed/family divisions. ●



Team Cristelli 2 was the men's competitive division champions. Team members were, left to right: Johnny Thomas '08, Sean Mersman '05, Mike Garcia '07, and Rene Viscarra '07.



Winning team photos: Leah Wilkes Ramzy

The Belles of St. Mary's team was the women's competitive division champions. Team members were, left to right: Monica Bussell '03, Kelsey Vance '03, Mollie Fauver '03, and Kaitlyn Burkett '06.



## Follow the Pirates on Social Media

Did you know that you can stay up-to-date on all of your Pirate news through social media! In the last year, St. Mary's has worked to bolster its social media presence, posting about Pirate events, student achievements, and sports updates on three different social media platforms.

So, whether your favorite social media outlet is Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram, you can find St. Mary's High School there to keep in touch with the Pirate family.

**On Facebook, you'll find us by searching for @SMHSColorado or St. Mary's High School, Colorado Springs, Colorado.**

**On Twitter and Instagram, we are @SMHSColorado.**

The more you Like, Share, and Comment on our posts, the more people learn about all that St. Mary's has to offer. So Like and Follow us because  
Once a Pirate, Always a Pirate!

## Alumni, We Need You!

Pirate Alumni, we all know that Once a Pirate, Always a Pirate. Since we're all part of the Pirate family, we want to stay in touch with each of you.

We ask that all of our alumni provide us with updated contact information (including email address and mailing address) so that each of you receives the communication that goes out electronically and through regular mail.

You can supply your updated information to us in the following ways:

- Email it to the Development Office at [development@smhscs.org](mailto:development@smhscs.org)
- Mail it to St. Mary's High School, 2501 E. Yampa Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80909, Attn. Development.
- Check the Alumni Page on our web site at [www.smhscs.org/Alumni](http://www.smhscs.org/Alumni) for an online form, which will be coming soon

Another way you can help is to receive the *Pirates' Treasure Magazine* electronically. Given the expenses involved in printing and mailing the *Pirates' Treasure Magazine*, we plan to produce an electronic version of the magazine that will be emailed starting with the Fall/Winter 2016 issue. Choosing to receive the PTM electronically will help save money on printing and postage and reduce paper waste. We'll provide more information about this electronic magazine option on our social media accounts.

## From the Archive

Who can help us identify the people in the picture at right? Are you in it? Or maybe a family member? This cheerleading photo was in the archives but had no identifying information. If you can identify when this photo was taken or any of the people in it, please email [apartain@smhscs.org](mailto:apartain@smhscs.org).



Thanks to **Cathy (Murphy) Troup '76**, **Betty (Elliot) Faricy '70**, **Mike Elliot '77**, and **Mark Elliott '75** for helping us identify the

From the Archive photo that appeared on page 4 in the Fall/Winter 2015 issue of the *Pirates' Treasure Magazine*. The photo appeared on page 99 in the 1974 yearbook, but there was no information with the photo. Thanks to our alumni, we now know that the photo was taken during an authentic French cabaret show, staged by Sister Catherine's French Club in the church basement. Those pictured that were recognized were: back row, from left to right- Phil Langlois, John Bonham, Dave Weinecke; and front row, from left to right- (girl still unknown), Doug Robert, Mark Elliott, (boy still unknown), and Marla Sanders.



# Pirate Family Gathers for Gala to Support, Celebrate St. Mary's

**N**ot even a spring blizzard could stop the St. Mary's High School family from getting out to support the school at its Annual Gala on April 16. The snow started early that morning, piling up on lawns and grassy areas but leaving the roads clear enough for the party to go on. This year's Gala theme was 130 Years of St. Mary's, celebrating the school's lasting legacy.

Colorado Springs Mayor John Suthers '70, spoke to those gathered about the importance of Catholic education, and specifically St. Mary's role in the local community. Colorado Springs, Suthers said, is a great city, and every great city needs the citizens that Catholic education shapes.

"St. Mary's has played an incredibly important role in the history of Colorado Springs," Suthers said. "For the city's first 75 years, there were only three high schools in town—Colorado Springs, which is now Palmer, Cheyenne Mountain, and St. Mary's. St. Mary's has always produced good citizens."

Suthers said the foundation he received at St. Mary's has been tremendously valuable to him in the decision-making roles he has held, including mayor and Colorado Attorney General. He said his faith and his St. Mary's education helped him develop the values that have led to good decisions throughout his life and career.

"Given the cultural shifts we have seen in our country, religious education is more important than ever," Suthers said. "That's why our Catholic grade schools and St. Mary's are so needed in our community. When we begin teaching our children habits of the heart early on, these become a matter of reflection. They learn early to think about how to conduct their lives."

The Gala included all of the traditions that attendees have come to look forward to. The



**Before this year's Gift from the Heart, four St. Mary's seniors took part in a Q&A about what being a Pirate has meant to them. Kaila Baca, Ben Stockelman, Kathleen Resman, and Jimmy Velten spoke about the importance of a faith-based education and how important the Pirate family is to them.**

night began with a silent auction and dinner. That was followed by the Dessert Dash, a live auction, and the Gift from the Heart special appeal. Before the Gift from the Heart, attendees heard four St. Mary's seniors—Kaila Baca, Ben Stockelman, Kathleen Resman, and Jimmy Velten—talk about what their Pirate experience has meant to them.

All four said that the faith aspect of St. Mary's is something they have enjoyed and cherished. Velten, who had attended a public charter school before starting St. Mary's as a freshman, said that being able to begin and end each day with prayer is a special part of St. Mary's for him. Baca, who had also attended public school, agreed that the Catholic passion of St. Mary's sets it apart.

"Nothing compares with what you learn in theology," she said. "St. Mary's is a really special community—to be able to come together with other Catholics and have relationships based on shared values."

And while the students noted that it would be nice to have more updated facilities and additional extra curricular activities, such as choir and more drama, they said that the opportunities they've had to pursue interests in multiple sports and to learn about caring for others through community service adds even more value to their St. Mary's education.

After hearing from the students, Board Vice Chairman Steve Bodnar explained that the 2016 Gifts from the Heart special appeal was going to support exactly those things that the students mentioned they'd like to have more.

"We ask our teachers to do more and more with less and less," Bodnar said. "And despite that our students excel. We say no too often; with this special appeal we can say yes."

This year's Gala raised more than \$125,000, which will help St. Mary's continue its mission of equipping the next generation in their faith and learning. ●





Raffle tickets (left) and the Dessert Dash are Gala traditions. And for the second year in a row, Father Joe Dygert was part of the live auction. More than 50 attendees bid \$25 to hear Father Joe rap.



## ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL FUND

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

The Annual Fund supports all facets of student life at St. Mary's, from academics to athletics to the arts. Your Annual Fund gift will make a difference in the lives of current students and will honor our rich tradition, helping secure the future for generations.

Make your gift today by using the remittance envelope in this magazine or by giving online at [www.smhscs.org](http://www.smhscs.org).

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For more information about the Annual Fund, visit [www.smhscs.org](http://www.smhscs.org) or contact the Development Office at [development@smhscs.org](mailto:development@smhscs.org) or 719-635-7540.

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## Save the Date

August 15 ..... Welcome Back Picnic  
August 17 ..... First Day of School  
September 26 ..... Golf Classic  
September 30 ..... Homecoming  
October 19 ..... Marian Award All-School Mass  
October 21 ..... Athletic Hall of Fame Assembly and Game  
December 8 ..... Mass of the Immaculate Conceptions and Grandparents Mass  
December 26 ..... Alumni Indoor Flag Football Tournament

## The 1885 Society Needs Your Legacy Help!

### What is the 1885 Society?

The 1885 Society is a recognition of the St. Mary's Catholic Education Foundation (SMCEF, a 501c3 non-profit organization) given to benefactors who have remembered St. Mary's High School (SMHS) in their Last Will and Testament (Estate Plan).



St. Mary's  
High School

### Why 1885 Society Needs Your Legacy Help.

Until recently in SMHS's 130 year history, our beloved high school had never sought an endowment to provide for tuition assistance for our students. Like most Catholic schools, SMHS had always depended on the Lord to provide through Diocesan and Parish Budgets, annual fundraising, and modest tuition. With the virtual elimination of Teaching Orders in our Church, and with the rise of State sponsored Charter schools (Government money used to open specialty public high schools competing with private high schools) tuition has increased putting our students' families in greater need for tuition assistance in order to attend our Diocese's only Catholic high school.

### What Can You Do for the 1885 Society?

By remembering SMHS in your Last Will and Testament (Estate Plan) with a gift of your assets, your after-death gift will help grow the St. Mary's Catholic Education Foundation's tuition assistance endowment from \$213,000 to...you choose.

### How Can I Get Started and Help SMHS though the 1885 Society?

SIMPLE, Just call St. Mary's High School Development Office at 719-635-7540, ext. 38, and let them know you'd like to speak with the Foundation Board President, and I will call you back to discuss your desire to help our beloved St. Mary's High School!

Thank you for your help!

Gregory Garcia, President  
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P.S. SMHS is currently undertaking a Capital Campaign and a 2015-16 Annual Fund Drive to support the CURRENT needs of the school. The Foundation seeks not to detract from your current giving, but asks you to prayerfully consider remembering SMHS in your Last Will and Testament today.

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